

NEWS BRIEFS

Food giveaway set

Beginning at 9 a.m. on Wednesday Sept. 2 and Sept. 9, the public can receive food at the Citrus County fairgrounds at 3600 S Florida Ave., Inverness, FL 34450 — drive-thru only. Monetary donations are needed to continue feeding Citrus County residents. Please consider donating through Citrus United Way (www.citrusunitedway.org), Community Food Bank of Citrus County (www.communityfoodbankofcitruscounty.org) or the New Church Without Walls (www.newchurchwithoutwalls.com).

Register to vote

Every year millions of Americans find themselves unable to vote because they miss a registration deadline or aren't sure how to register. Don't be part of this statistic. Contact the Citrus County Supervisor of Elections office today to check your voter status. Monday, Oct. 5, 2020, is the last day to register to vote in the Nov. 3, 2020, General election. To register online or find additional information about registering to vote, go to www.vote Citrus.com. Voter registration applications in English and Spanish are available on the website to print and deliver in person to the elections office or mail to PO Box 1870 Lecanto, FL 34460. Voter registration applications may also be obtained by calling 352-564-7120 or toll-free 800-655-6645, or by visiting the Supervisor of Elections Office located at 1500 N. Meadowcrest Blvd. Crystal River 34429.

Coastal cleanup set

Keep Citrus County Beautiful and Save Our Waters Week Committee, in partnership with the Citrus County Aquatics Service Division, invites you to participate in the county's 31st annual Lakes, Rivers & Coastal Clean-Up scheduled from sunrise to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19. Groups of two or more are invited to join other volunteers across the county in removing debris from shorelines, waterways and the beaches of lakes, rivers and oceans. For information, contact Lace Blue-McLean at laceblue@gmail.com. — From staff reports

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CITRUS COUNTY VIRUS UPDATE View the latest data on COVID-19 in Citrus County. Page A12

Flu season around corner

Health care officials prepare during coronavirus pandemic

FRED HIERS STAFF WRITER The prospect of flu season during the coronavirus pandemic is chilling. Flu season is coming when many are already vulnerable and

health care institutions are strained. It could not come at a worse time. People's spending on health care is already down nearly 40% as income and the economy is suffering due to the coronavirus

pandemic, according to the non-profit health system tracker Peterson-KFF. Hospitals are already working under the strain of caring for COVID-19 patients filling up beds and ICU rooms, and health care professionals are worried that the

flu, or other respiratory illnesses, could now make us more vulnerable to the deadly coronavirus. "We should be worried about it," said Ernesto "Tito" Rubio, administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Citrus County. "You don't want to be dealing with the flu and COVID-19. You don't want to have two illnesses at once." See FLU/Page A3

Duke passes final hurdle



The Florida Public Service Commission — after a 14-month review — unanimously approved Duke Energy's plan to accelerate the decommissioning of its retired Crystal River Nuclear Plant.

PSC approves Duke's decommissioning request after 14-month review

MICHAEL D. BATES STAFF WRITER

Duke Energy has passed its final hurdle on the way to decommissioning its retired Crystal River Nuclear Plant. The Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) — after a 14-month review — unanimously backed Duke's plan to enter a \$540 million contract with the firm Accelerated Decommissioning Partners (ADP) to conduct what is known as "decommissioning" work. Wait. What?

What does 'decommissioning' even mean?

Decommissioning is the process by

which nuclear power plants are retired from service and the operating licenses granted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) are terminated, according to the Nuclear Energy Institute.

Is this a big deal for Duke?

Yes, because the commission's vote marks the final regulatory approval needed to close the contract this October. It moves up the completion of the decommissioning work from 2074 to 2038. The company said accelerating the process allows for faster restoration and redevelopment of the nuclear plant property for Duke Energy's reuse.

Reuse? To what?

The company has not yet determined how it might re-purpose the property but has no plans to sell it.

Who's paying for this?

Money for the decommissioning project is slated to come from a trust fund that received money from customers from 1982 to 2002, according to the Public Service Commission. "Duke's transaction requires no additional funds from its customers, and mitigates any risk from the plant's otherwise long-term dormancy," commission Chairman Gary Clark said in a prepared statement. See DUKE/Page A5

Joe Romano: Feeding people was his passion

Postscript

NANCY KENNEDY STAFF WRITER

Joe Romano expressed his love through his cooking. Whether it was at his fine dining restaurant that bore his family's name, his pizza and pasta place, the concession stand at

Whispering Pines Park or his dining room table in his home, to Joe Romano, feeding people fed his soul. "Joe cooked everything with love," said Pati Smith, former Inverness Parks and Recreation director and longtime friend. "Joe and I go back a long way ... I especially enjoyed the times when he'd say, I want you to try this dish that I might put on the menu. I'd never know what would end up on my plate, but I was never disappointed. "But before his love of cooking, which was

huge ... first and foremost was his love of family — his family here, his family back in Detroit as well as his family back in Italy where his roots began," Smith said. "That's what meant the most to him." After a long illness, Joseph Anthony Romano died Aug. 16, 2020. He was 67. Joe's grandparents immigrated to the United States in the 1940s from Ponza, a small island off the coast of Italy, to Detroit where his grandfather opened a pizzeria in 1942. See ROMANO/Page A5

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WEEK  
IN REVIEW

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

CELEBRATING COMING TO AMERICA



**Helli Kiiveri, originally from Finland, visits with long-time friend Sue Halstead on Thursday morning at The Royal Dalton House where Kiiveri resides. Each Aug. 28, Kiiveri celebrates Coming To America Day, commemorating the date she arrived in the United States from Finland. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the two best friends must socially distance and talk to one another through a window screen.**

“Our student-athletes, our coaches, our parents, our communities, they have two questions — when are you going to get started and are they going to have a chance to win a state championship?”

— JONNY BISHOP, CITRUS COUNTY SCHOOL ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT AND COUNTY ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, ADDRESSING THE CITRUS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ABOUT SETTING A START DATE FOR FALL ATHLETICS. HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HAVE NOT BEEN PLAYED IN FLORIDA SINCE MID-MARCH DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.

GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

Hernando native Devonte White, a 2010 Citrus High School graduate who just received his doctorate from Texas Southern University in Houston, had an idea for a way to give back to his community: overhaul the basketball court that meant so much to him and his friends growing up. He led the effort to raise the money needed through a 3-on-3 basketball tournament at Citrus High, and with a donation from the Citrus County Hospital Board. The remainder came from county funds. The proposal is for a complete renovation of the court, goals, nets and rims, at a cost of \$18,826. That also includes installing a new, safe, low-maintenance, shock-absorbing tile on top of the



original concrete court. At Tuesday’s county commission meeting, the commissioners enthusiastically voted to provide \$6,831 toward the purchase of a special court surface and two acrylic backboards at the Alexander Park basketball court in Hernando.

HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK

A recent Chronicle poll question about the county’s current discussion of its options for fixing or replacing the animal shelter asked: What would you recommend county commissioners do? As always, readers had opinions:

Bill Watkins: “Get out of the animal rescue business. Leave it to private organizations.”

Christy Laine: “Why do almost 70% of locals feel like building brand new is the answer? Do you tear down your entire house to add more room? No, you build onto it. Save money. It’s not a garbage facility. It’s just small.”

Alexandra Lewis: “They won’t put a lot into the (current shelter at the) airport site because it will probably get torn down eventually for something associated with the airport. Hard to believe there isn’t an existing building, but it seems a new (shelter) ... is the only option. Cannot understand why the price tag for new is so high. The current place really needs more than what they are doing. At some point get creative and quit kicking the can down the proverbial road.”

George Carnevale: “You could easily fund it by enforcing license fees and fines for uncontrolled animals — \$\$\$ for every loose animal that officers need to pick up. Also, require proof of spay/neuter upon issuance of required licenses.”

Jim Heinzman: “There are a lot of large empty buildings already, why build new? The old Publix in Inverness comes to mind. There are a bunch of smaller ones too.”

Luther Willis: “Build a new facility in the center of the county, Lecanto area. Lots of land around the jail is available. Then the inmates could help take care of the facility and animals.”

THE MOST POPULAR STORIES FROM THE WEEK THAT WAS

Indoor shooting range in Crystal River being planned

In 2016, Chad Damron left the Crystal River auto parts business that had been founded by his late father and spent a few years duck hunting. That’s when he got the idea to turn his passion for hunting into a full-fledged business: opening a gun shop. Earlier this month, Mallards Shooting Supply & Apparel opened at 7928 State Road 44 in Crystal River. More than just a gun shop, Mallards also offers an indoor firing range, where folks can shoot in the comfort of air-conditioning. The current location is temporary. Damron plans to build a new 65,000-square-foot facility, with retail space for an expanded line of clothes and an even bigger assortment of supplies and a 100-yard indoor shooting range. He also hopes to include a restaurant and full liquor bar. “As soon as I get the green light (on permits and zoning), I’m moving dirt right away,” he said. “You have a lot of people (who live here) who would love something like this.”



Accusation of witchcraft leads to shooting, arrest

Michael Castillo Carvajal, 40, of Port St. Lucie, was arrested last week and charged with three counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill after he allegedly fired a handgun into a car with two people inside, according to the arrest report. The two victims told Citrus County Sheriff’s Office deputies that Carvajal and others were at a home in Dunnellon, hosting a Sante-ria religious ceremony. The first victim told deputies Carvajal believed she was a witch and had cast a spell on him, according to the arrest report. The victims told arresting deputies that Carvajal blocked them in with his car, got out and leveled his automatic pistol at the passenger window and fired a single round from about 20 feet away. Deputies arrested Carvajal and took him to the county jail. His bond was \$6,000.



CR teen killed in head-on wreck with wrong-way driver

A three-vehicle crash early Sunday, Aug. 23, 2020, on U.S. 19 claimed the life of Carson Guy, the 19-year-old son of Crystal River Councilwoman Cindi Guy. The accident was caused by a 66-year-old Clearwater woman who was driving northbound in the south-bound lanes of U.S. 19 at approximately 6:30 a.m. and hit Carson Guy’s truck head-on. “It’s with a broken heart that I have to say ... my son Carson Guy was killed in an auto accident this morning on his way to work,” Cindi Guy posted on her Facebook page. “The nightmare that all parents can’t imagine. Our family is reeling from this horrific day and cannot imagine the days to come.”



Public reprimand recommended for Howard’s comments

A panel of judges and lawyers from the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission (JQC) is asking for Richard “Ric” Howard to be disciplined over comments he made to dissuade then-judicial candidate Pam Vergara from running against incumbent George Angelidis, violating a handful of rules within the Florida Code of Judicial Conduct. “He not only attempted to dissuade a judicial candidate to abandon her campaign against one incumbent judge, he then subsequently attempted to persuade the candidate to run against a different judge,” JQC Chair Judge Krista Marx wrote. “This, we cannot condone.” According to the JQC’s report, Howard cooperated with commission investigators, “accepted full responsibility and acknowledged that such conduct should not have occurred.” Since his appointment in 2000 to the Florida Fifth Judicial Circuit Court, Howard’s had no prior discipline from the state supreme court as a judge, or from the Florida Bar as a prior attorney, according to the JQC.

Duke returns to regular billing; issues asset charge

According to Duke spokeswoman Ana Gibbs, rates are going up minimally starting Sept. 1 and the company is also returning to regular billing and payment practices, which had been temporarily waived during the height of the crisis. However, the company is willing to work with any customer who may be having financial difficulties, Gibbs said. She added, it is imperative that folks who still need relief contact Duke now because they may not have the option later. “We are definitely asking customers to please reach out to us if they’re having difficulty with their billing or payment,” she said. About 15,000 of Duke’s 47,500 Citrus County customers had taken advantage of the company’s extended payment option. As of Thursday, Aug. 20, Duke has not turned the lights off on any customer. However, the earliest disconnections for non-payment under regular credit and notice timelines will begin Sept. 1.




— compiled by Nancy Kennedy

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# Boy scouts hosting open house

*Special to the Chronicle*

Troop 457, chartered by the Rotary Club of Inverness, will host an Open House from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19.

This drop-in format open house will take place at 428 Davidson Ave., Inverness.

If unable to attend, a live presentation will be held at 10:30 a.m. online at [tinyurl.com/scoutsbsaopenhouse](https://tinyurl.com/scoutsbsaopenhouse).

The scouting experience is for young men and women in fifth grade through high school. In scouting, young people learn leadership by putting the principles of scouting into practice every day.

There will be volunteers available to answer questions at any time during the event.

For more information, call Scoutmaster John Murphy at 352-634-0860.

Be prepared. It's not just a slogan. Be prepared means preparing young people for life. Join Troop 457, Chartered by the Rotary Club of Inverness for an Open House on Saturday, September 19, from 10 AM to 11:30 PM. This drop-in format open house is taking place at 428 Davidson Ave, Inverness 34450. Can't visit us in person, join us for a live presentation at 10:30 AM on our Facebook page <https://tinyurl.com/scoutsbsaopenhouse>

The Scouting



Special to the Chronicle

Members of Troop 457 enjoy whitewater rafting on the Toccoa River include Diver Dyer, Jed Lambright, Kaleb Grant, Michael Kane, Zeke Lambright, Odin Dumas and Trie Kirby.

experience is for young men and women in fifth grade through high school. In Scouting, leadership is learned through adventure, both in the great outdoors and in our communities. In Scouting, young people learn leadership by putting the principles of Scouting into practice every day.

■ Drop-in format 10 AM and 11:30 AM

■ Presentation at 10:30 AM — In-person or online

■ Questions answered,

anytime. We have a host of volunteers that are available to answer questions at any time during the event.

For more information contact Scoutmaster John Murphy (352) 634-0860

About Greater Tampa Bay Council The Greater Tampa Bay Area Council is one of the local councils in western Florida chartered by the Boy Scouts of America. The Council encompasses nine counties and serves more than 15,000 youth in 189 Cub

Scout packs, 192 Scouts BSA and Varsity Scout troops, 36 Venturing Crews, and five Sea Scout Ships. Scouting is completely funded by the generosity of our local communities.

About the Boy Scouts of America, The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations.

The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character,

trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. For over a century, the BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes — and, through over a century of experience, knows — that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible and productive society.

## FLU

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“And we’re asking our citizens to mitigate that by getting the flu (vaccine),” he said.

While many people are trying to avoid public places, Rubio said going someplace that offers the flu inoculations is worth the risk because contracting the flu could be worse than a single, limited possible exposure to COVID-19.

Facing the flu season at the same time that the coronavirus is still entrenched is causing fear among many health experts. That’s because the effect of having both influenza, or another respiratory virus, and coronavirus is still unknown. But preliminary evidence suggests having the two makes things only worse, said Ian Barr, deputy director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Reference and Research on Influenza.

Recent studies indicate the coronavirus could interact with other virus and there could be accumulative effects on patients.

Sema Nickbakhsh of the University of Glasgow reported in the Journal of Infectious Diseases this year that there was a higher infection rate and interaction between Respiratory Syncytial Virus and another virus closely related to the coronavirus which causes COVID-19.

RSV causes lung

infections and is common, but usually not fatal. It can be, however, deadly to older adults, and adults with chronic heart or lung disease.

Niclbakhsh said that based on the 2019 data, COVID-19 could increase a person’s susceptibility to RSV or the other way around.

How one virus may make you more susceptible to another isn’t known, but patients with coronavirus were more apt to also have another respiratory infection.

Earlier this year Stanford University found that among 116 people in Northern California who tested positive for the coronavirus in March, 24 also tested positive for at least one other respiratory pathogen.

That is why Citrus County health officials, as well as national officials, are encouraging people to get their flu vaccinations and to get them early.

Here’s some information about the influenza and the COVID-19.

They are both contagious respiratory diseases and often cause flu-like symptoms. Because many of the symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are similar, it can be hard to tell the difference between them. As a result, testing may be needed to help confirm a diagnosis.

In both cases, it can take one or more days from the time of infection to when the infected person shows symptoms, according to the US Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention. Some studies show that it can take longer for COVID-19 symptoms to appear. In some cases, those infected with the coronavirus complained of a loss of smell and taste.

Both viruses are typically transmitted person to person when they are in close contact, within 6 feet. They are spread through droplets from an infected person’s cough, sneeze, or even simply by talking, according to the CDC. People can also get infected through human contact.

While the viruses spread in similar ways, the coronavirus is more contagious, especially among older populations, according to the CDC.

“Also, COVID-19 has been observed to have more superspreading events than flu. This means the virus that causes COVID-19 can quickly and easily spread to a lot of people and result in continuous spreading among people as time progresses,” according to the CDC.

Local and national health care professionals fear that if someone gets the common flu, they will become more susceptible to the coronavirus and that’s what they want to avoid. Why? The coronavirus is more deadly.

Globally, about 3.4% of reported COVID-19 cases end in death, according to the World Health Organization. The flu is less than 1%, according to the CDC.

There are other potential problems.

If we have another bad flu season, health officials such as Rubio fear that hospitals, already taxed by the coronavirus, could be overburdened.

About 1.3 out of every 100,000 Americans are hospitalized with the flu. But when it comes to the coronavirus it’s 151 per 100,000, according to the CDC. In Citrus County, more than 50 people have been hospitalized.

Currently, about a four out of five Citrus County hospital beds are already occupied. Two thirds of ICU beds are serving patients, according to Florida’s Agency for Health Care Administration.

Health care officials warn during a bad flu season and continued coronavirus pandemic, beds could fill up quickly.

And then there is the economics of vaccinations. As people lose their jobs, many also lose their health insurance. And that leads to fewer vaccinations.

Only 14% of uninsured people received their flu vaccinations compared to 44% of insured people, according to a study published in the American Journal of Preventative Medicine in 2015.

If the United States has a bad flu season such as it had in 2017-2018, the impact on the nation’s health care system, in combination with COVID-19 cases, would be daunting.

On Thursday, August 27, there were nearly 40,000 Americans

hospitalized due to COVID-19, according to the COVID Tracking Project. It’s uncertain how many have been cumulatively hospitalized.

During the 2017-2018 flu season, 45 million Americans got sick with influenza, according to the CDC. Of those, the CDC estimates more than 800,000 were hospitalized. It was the worst flu season since 2009.

The CDC is encouraging, especially this flu season, people get the flu vaccination. The federal agency says those vaccinations will curb the number of people getting sick with the flu, and keep hospital beds available to those who most need them.

The CDC estimates that the influenza vaccination during the 2017–2018 influenza season prevented 6.2 million illnesses, 3.2 million medical visits, 91,000 hospitalizations and 5,700 deaths associated with influenza.

Health officials are hoping that people’s knowledge of coronavirus will convince them to also get the flu vaccine this season.

One in five Americans knows someone who’s been hospitalized or died from the coronavirus, according to the Pew Research Center in May. The ratio is likely up now.

Health care officials will have their work cut out for them.

Less than half of adults are vaccinated against the flu each year.

## 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](mailto:mwright@chronicleonline.com).

■ Dana Cotrell, Democrat for U.S. representative District 11: [www.dana2020.com](http://www.dana2020.com).

■ Daniel Webster, Republican incumbent for U.S. representative District 11: [www.electwebster.com](http://www.electwebster.com).

■ Dushyant Gosai, Democrat for state representative District 34: [www.gosaiforflorida.com](http://www.gosaiforflorida.com)

■ Ralph Massullo, Republican incumbent for state representative District 34: [www.ralphmassullo.com](http://www.ralphmassullo.com).

■ Lee Alexander, no-party affiliation for sheriff: [www.leealexanderforsheriff.com](http://www.leealexanderforsheriff.com).

■ Mike Prendergast, Republican incumbent for sheriff: [www.sheriffprendergast2020.com](http://www.sheriffprendergast2020.com).

■ Cregg Dalton, Republican for property appraiser: [www.votedalton.com](http://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](http://www.votedoty.com).

Last year, 45% of adults in the United States were vaccinated. 55% were not.

According to the Pew Research Center 72% of Americans would get a vaccine for the coronavirus if it were available today. Health care officials say the goal is to tie the enthusiasm for a coronavirus vaccine to that of a vaccine for the common flu.

Rubio told the Chronicle that during the first week in September his local agency will offer free flu vaccinations. He typically has 500 vaccinations on hand but is requesting 1,000 this season. Many pharmacies already offer the vaccinations.

He encourages people get the vaccinations early, especially since the coronavirus pandemic remains a dangerous health hazard.

The DOH in Citrus County will also offer the vaccinations at community events in an effort to protect as many people as possible from the disease.

Asked about the accumulative effect of the flu and coronavirus and its potential effect on the local health care system, Rubio said, “We’re concerned about that ... we are concerned as we go into our winter season.”

“That’s why we’re asking people to mitigate that by getting the flu vaccinations.”

Contact Chronicle reporter Fred Hiers at 352-563-5660 or [fred.hiers@chronicleonline.com](mailto:fred.hiers@chronicleonline.com).




### Join us for the Citrus County Virtual Wellness Challenge

During this time of social distancing, join us for a unique event where you can have fun, keep up your spirits, and raise money for a worthy cause!

**The Citrus County Virtual Wellness Challenge will run from September 13 through October 10 – four weeks when you can conduct wellness activities at your own pace, win recognition, and have fun with your stories and videos on five different Facebook pages. Enter as an individual, within a team, or brand your company through a range of sponsor opportunities. For more information, call 352-422-3663, e-mail [deb@coping.today](mailto:deb@coping.today), or go to our web site: <https://challenge.dementiaedu.org>.**



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**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Verify information that comes your way. Don't rely on others to give you the information you require.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Take the initiative to do what's best for you. Step away from people who lower your self-esteem and toy with your emotions.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Deal with a sensitive issue before it escalates. Pay attention to loved ones and friends you may have neglected due to your busy schedule.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — Look at the possibilities, but don't jump into something without collecting the facts and figures.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — A change someone makes will blindside you. Take a step back and consider your options before you complain. An intelligent approach will ensure that you come out on top.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — Don't feel that you must change to appease others. Do what's best for you, and give others the freedom to do as they please.

**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20)** — Make up your mind and follow through with your plans. Let your intuition guide you to the path that best suits you.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Don't leave anything to chance. It's up to you to take charge and make your voice heard. Arguing won't help, but knowledge, information and a solid plan will.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Your feelings will be hard to hide. Face the facts, address problems and do your best to fix what isn't working.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** — Don't ignore what's going on around you. Being fully aware of what others are doing will give you the edge you need.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** — An unexpected turn of events will leave you scrambling to maintain order. Don't let anger set in when balance and harmony are what's required.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Take time to rest. You need to maintain strength and avoid unnecessary health risks. Take the necessary precautions, regardless of what others do.

NATION & WORLD

'7 bullets, 7 days':  
Protesters march for  
Blake in Kenosha

KENOSHA, Wis. — Roughly a thousand people gathered Saturday in Kenosha for a march and rally against police violence, about a week after an officer shot **Jacob Blake** in the back and left the 29-year-old Black man paralyzed.

Marchers chanted "No justice, no peace!" and "Seven bullets, seven days" — a reference to the number of times Blake was shot on Sunday. Those leading the march carried a banner reading "Justice for Jacob" as they made their way toward the Kenosha County Courthouse, where several speakers encouraged demonstrators to vote for change in November.

"There were seven bullets put in my son's back. ... Hell yeah, I'm mad," said Blake's father, **Jacob Blake Sr.** He said he wants to ask the police "what gave them the right to attempted murder on my child? What gave them the right to think that my son was an animal? What gave them the right to take something that was not theirs? I'm tired of this. I'm tired of this."

Trump surveys Laura  
damage in post-  
convention trip

LAKE CHARLES, La. — President **Donald Trump** got a first-hand look Saturday at the damage from Hurricane Laura on a post-Republican National Convention trip that allowed him to use the trappings of his office to try to project empathy and leadership.

His stops, first in Louisiana and later in Texas, came two days after the Category 4 storm slammed the Gulf Coast, leaving at least 16 dead and wreaking



Associated Press

Hundreds march at a rally for Jacob Blake Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020, in Kenosha, Wis.

havoc with severe winds and flooding. While the storm surge has receded and the cleanup effort has begun, hundreds of thousands remain without power or water, and they could for weeks or months as the hot summer stretches on.

"I'm here to support the great people of Louisiana. It's been a great state for me," he said in Lake Charles. "It was a tremendously powerful storm." He said he knows one thing about the state: "They rebuild it fast."

UAE formally ends  
Israel boycott amid  
US-brokered deal

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The ruler of the United Arab Emirates issued a decree Saturday formally ending the country's boycott of Israel amid a U.S.-brokered deal to normalize relations between the two countries.

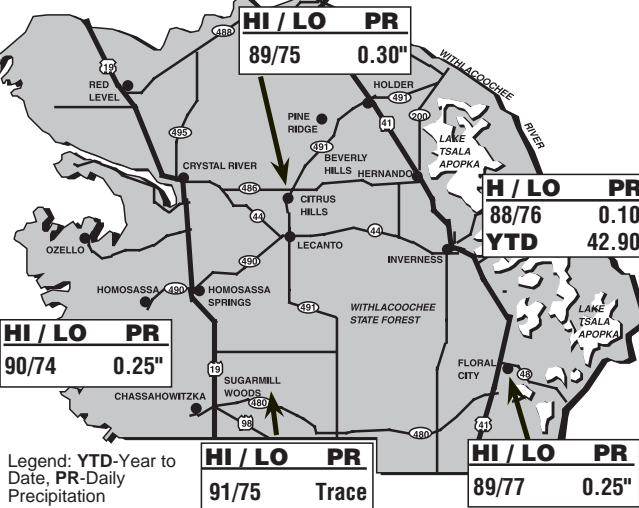
The announcement now allows trade and commerce between the UAE, home to oil-rich Abu Dhabi and skyscraper-studded Dubai, and Israel, home to a thriving diamond trade, pharmaceutical companies and tech start-ups.

The announcement further ce-ments the Aug 13 deal opening up relations between the two nations, which required Israel to halt its contentious plan to annex occupied West Bank land sought by the Palestinians. But Palestinians so far have criticized the accord as undercutting one of its few bargaining chips with Israelis in moribund peace negotiations.

The state-run WAM news agency said the decree formally ending the boycott came on the orders of **Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan**, the ruler of Abu Dhabi and the Emirates' leader.

— From wire reports

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

**TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING**  
High: 86° Low: 74°  
Mostly cloudy, breezy, scattered showers, storms anytime

**MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING**  
High: 87° Low: 75°  
Mostly cloudy, breezy, scattered showers, storms anytime

**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING**  
High: 90° Low: 74°  
Partly sunny, scattered storms

ALMANAC

Data from  
Crystal River Airport

TEMPERATURE

Yesterday91/78  
Record\*97/62  
Normal91/71  
Mean temp.81  
Departure from mean4

PRECIPITATION

Yesterday0.00"  
Total for the month4.03"  
Total for the year15.09"  
Normal for the year38.37"

UV INDEX:7

0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate,  
7-9 high, 10+ very high

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE

29.96

DEW POINT

Yesterday at 3 p.m.77°

HUMIDITY

Yesterday at 3 p.m.65%

POLLEN COUNT\*\*

Today's active pollen:  
n/a

Today's count: n/a

Monday's count: n/a

Tuesday's count: n/a

AIR QUALITY

Yesterday observedGood  
PollutantOzone

SOLUNAR TABLES					Provided by ezfshn.com	
DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)	
08/30	SUNDAY	7:06	11:37	7:52	None	
08/31	MONDAY	7:07	12:02	7:51	12:27	

**CELESTIAL OUTLOOK**

SUNSET TONIGHT ..... 7:52 pm  
SUNRISE TOMORROW ..... 7:07 am  
MOONRISE TODAY ..... 6:40 pm  
MOONSET TODAY ..... 4:30 am

BURN CONDITIONS

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

For more information call Florida Division of Forestry at (352) 797-4140. For more information on wildfire conditions, please visit the Division of Forestry's Web site: [www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Wildland-Fire](http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Wildland-Fire)

WATERING RULES

For established lawns and landscapes, irrigation may occur during only one (1) of the specified time periods, 12:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., or 4:00 p.m. - 11:59 p.m., on the allowable watering days below:

Addresses with house numbers ending in:			
0 - 1	Monday	6 - 7	Thursday
2 - 3	Tuesday	8 - 9 -or- Common Areas	Friday
4 - 5	Wednesday		

Questions, concerns or reporting violations, please call: City of Inverness at 352-726-2321; City of Crystal River at 352-795-4216, Ext. 313; Incorporated Citrus County at 352-527-7669. For more information, visit: [https://www.citrusbocc.com/departments/water\\_resources/watering\\_restrictions.php](https://www.citrusbocc.com/departments/water_resources/watering_restrictions.php)

TIDES

SUNDAY					*From mouths of rivers    **At King's Bay    ***At Mason's Creek	
City	High	Low	City	High	Low	
Chassahowitzka**	5:11 a.m.	0.1 ft	5:14 p.m.	0.6 ft	12:25 a.m.	0.1 ft
Crystal River**	4:27 a.m.	1.3 ft	5:16 p.m.	2.1 ft	9:06 a.m.	0.9 ft
Withlacoochee**	1:35 a.m.	2.9 ft	12:20 p.m.	3.7 ft	7:13 a.m.	1.9 ft
Homosassa***	5:04 a.m.	0.6 ft	3:56 p.m.	1.1 ft	12:19 a.m.	-0.1 ft

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	87	75	sh	Miami	90	80	pc
Fort Lauderdale	91	79	sh	Ocala	86	74	t
Fort Myers	91	78	t	Orlando	88	75	sh
Gainesville	84	73	t	Pensacola	87	77	sh
Homestead	92	77	pc	Sarasota	89	78	t
Jacksonville	89	75	t	Tallahassee	85	73	t
Key West	91	83	pc	Tampa	88	78	t
Lakeland	87	75	t	Vero Beach	90	75	sh
Melbourne	89	75	sh	W. Palm Bch.	88	80	t

MARINE OUTLOOK

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

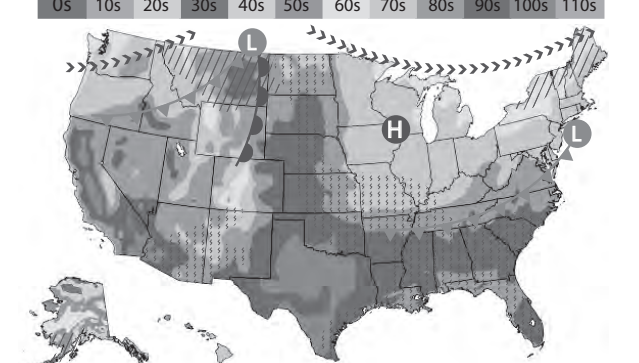
**Gulf water temperature**  
**85°**  
Taken at Aripaka

LAKE LEVELS

Location	SAT	FRI	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	28.13	28.13	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.17	37.18	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	38.42	38.42	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	39.84	39.84	41.37

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. This data is obtained from the Southwest Florida Water Management District and is subject to revision. In no event will the District or the United States Geological Survey be liable for any damages arising out of the use of this data. If you have any questions you should contact the Hydrological Data Section at (352) 796-7211.

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Sunday

City	SAT			SUN			City	SAT			SUN		
	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fcst		H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fcst
bany	79	57	0.97	73	52	pc	New Orleans	91	81	0.03	89	78	sh
buquerque	91	69	0.00	92	63	pc	New York City	81	72	0.01	80	65	s
sheville	84	71	0.17	83	67	sh	Norfolk	89	81	0.06	86	69	s
lanta	90	75	Trace	87	71	sh	Oklahoma City	90	73	0.00	91	74	t
Atlantic City	81	73	0.29	78	67	s	Omaha	82	60	0.00	84	62	s
ustin	103	79	0.00	102	78	s	Palm Springs	108	83	0.00	103	80	s
altimore	86	73	0.50	82	65	pc	Philadelphia	81	72	0.13	81	62	pc
illings	93	54	0.00	69	45	sh	Phoenix	102	91	0.00	98	83	sh
irmingham	85	75	0.45	88	73	t	Pittsburgh	82	68	0.65	79	60	pc
oise	93	60	0.00	76	53	s	Portland, ME	66	59	1.28	72	52	s
oston	76	64	0.08	79	57	s	Portland, OR	76	61	0.00	79	59	pc
uffalo	81	70	0.05	71	56	pc	Providence, RI	78	66	0.07	79	53	s
urlington, VT	76	59	0.51	69	51	pc	Raleigh	88	77	0.03	88	70	s
harleston, SC	92	77	Trace	90	76	t	Rapid City	87	54	0.00	80	46	pc
harleston, WV	84	72	0.93	83	64	pc	Reno	95	60	0.00	92	58	hz
harlotte	90	75	0.16	88	72	pc	Rochester, NY	81	64	0.05	71	54	sh
hicago	83	72	0.05	75	64	pc	Sacramento	90	60	0.00	95	64	hz
incinnati	88	70	0.07	79	63	pc	Salt Lake City	93	71	0.00	88	58	s
leveland	77	70	0.34	71	60	pc	San Antonio	101	74	0.00	101	79	pc
olumbia, SC	91	78	Trace	93	73	pc	San Diego	76	68	0.00	75	65	pc
olumbus, OH	84	70	1.15	78	61	s	San Francisco	72	55	0.00	71	56	sm
oncord, NH	66	57	0.82	74	47	s	Savannah	91	78	Trace	91	75	t
allas	106	80	0.00	101	80	pc	Seattle	72	59	0.00	73	58	pc
enver	76	55	0.05	91	51	sh	Spokane	84	53	0.00	77	53	s
es Moines	81	63	0.00	82	63	pc	St. Louis	85	72	Trace	79	66	mc
etroit	81	68	0.67	76	60	s	St. Ste Marie	67	55	0.56	69	55	pc
El Paso	102	78	0.00	100	78	pc	Syracuse	86	65	0.36	72	54	sh
evansville, IN	88	71	0.03	80	66	t	Topeka	82	68	0.68	83	65	pc
arrisburg	88	73	0.72	80	60	s	Washington	88	73	0.96	83	66	pc

Today in  
HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Aug. 30, the 243rd day of 2020. There are 123 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight:**  
On August 30, 1967, the Senate confirmed the appointment of Thurgood Marshall as the first Black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

**On this date:**  
In 1861, Union Gen. John C. Fremont instituted martial law in Missouri and declared slaves there to be free. (However, Fremont's emancipation order was countermanded by President Abraham Lincoln.)

In 1983, Guion S. Bluford Jr. became the first Black American astronaut to travel in space as he blasted off aboard the Challenger.

In 1993, "The Late Show with David Letterman" premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1997, Americans received word of the car crash in Paris that claimed the lives of Princess Diana, her boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, and their driver, Henri Paul. (Because of the time difference, it was August 31 where the crash occurred.)

**Ten years ago:** Vice President Joe Biden flew into Baghdad, where he sought to reassure Iraq that America was not



# DUKE

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## Is this a good thing for the Duke's 47,500 Citrus County customers?

It is, said Duke spokeswoman Heather Danenhower.

The fixed-price contract with ADP to do the work will lock in today's prices, providing Duke's customers financial protection and transfers the costs and schedule risks of the project to ADP, according to Danenhower.

Danenhower said it allows for a potential opportunity to return most of the unused trust fund dollars back to customers sooner than the 60-year decommissioning model.

"Customers will also benefit from the plan's fixed price and

## JUST THE FACTS

- The process leading up to Duke Energy's approval process for decommissioning its retired nuclear plant started seven years ago.
- In 2013, Duke decided to permanently shut down and retire the damaged plant after years of uncertainty about whether it would ever again produce electricity.
- The plant, which began operating in 1977, faced an initial shutdown after a containment building was damaged in 2009 during a

elimination of continued execution and property maintenance risk," Clark said.

## How long will this decommissioning of the retired nuclear plant take?

It will take seven years to complete but the bigger-picture project extends 18 years. Here's

project to replace a steam generator.

- In early 2011, as the plant was getting prepared to operate again, additional cracks were discovered in different parts of the containment building. Those cracks — damage known in the nuclear industry as "delamination" — touched off a complicated debate about whether the utility, then known as Progress Energy Florida, should permanently close the plant or try to repair it.
- The Florida Public Service Commission approved the decommissioning plan Aug. 18.

## Then what?

From 2020 to 2037, ADP will operate and maintain the on-site dry cask storage facility. Twenty-four-hour security, emergency response and radiological and environmental monitoring programs will continue throughout the decommissioning and ongoing

operation of the dry cask storage facility in compliance with state and federal regulations.

## And the last part of this?

From 2037 to 2038, ADP will restore the site and ask the NRC terminate the license and release the property for unrestricted use.

This phase assumes the U.S. has a licensed interim or federal repository, all used nuclear fuel has been moved from the nuclear plant to that facility and the dry cask storage facility has been demolished.

At that point, the property would return to Duke Energy for the company's reuse.

## Can I get more information about all this?

Yes, by visiting [duke-energy.com/CR3](http://duke-energy.com/CR3).

# ROMANO

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In 1956, Joe's father, Gennaro Romano, opened a restaurant called the Silver Moon, and later a pizzeria called Albert's, where little Joe would help make pizza dough, standing on a milk crate next to his father.

"My brother never wanted to go to school; he always wanted to make pizzas with our dad," said Gina Romano.

Even though Joe went to college to learn architectural design, got his builders license and real estate license by age 21 and also worked at Ford Motor Company, he always wanted to be at a restaurant making pizzas and cooking.

In the early 1980s, when Michigan started to go through economic hard times, Joe and his former wife, Pam, moved from Detroit to Houston, Texas. As they worked doing construction and construction work clean up, they saved their money until Joe could open a restaurant of his own, Romano's Fine Dining in Spring, Texas.

"He was so successful that on weekends he would have a line out the door and around the corner," Gina Romano said. "My brother used our own family recipes and was creative with his dishes. The Texans were impressed and the Northerners were grateful to find a little piece of home in Texas."

In the late 1980s, during a

summer trip to Citrus County, Joe, Pam and their three children were so smitten with the area that they closed their restaurant in Texas and moved to Florida where Joe opened a janitorial service until he could open another restaurant.

The couple divorced in 1991, and in 1993 Joe met Rhonda, his wife of nearly 25 years. Together they opened Romano's Fine Dining in Lecanto, the place where Joe won the hearts of many hungry people throughout Citrus County, as well as other restaurateurs.

"Joe Romano had high standards and took pride in anything he was involved in," said Jason Counsil, owner of Oscar Penn's Restaurant in Inverness. "The food business is tough to please everyone, but I feel he did his best day in and day out ... Joe was a great influence to Italian food in the area ... I was truly lucky to have known him."

"Every time he would eat (at Oscar Penn's) he would always come in the kitchen and share his wisdom and thoughts. He loved what we were doing, and we always valued his views," he said.

"My dad had a passion for flavors, and he loved cooking with fresh ingredients," said daughter Nicole De Line. "He loved wine — he used to make wine in my grandfather's basement — and he just loved cooking for people."

"Every year we'd close the restaurant for two weeks and go on a big vacation," she said. "We

went to the Caribbean a lot — he loved to travel and experience different cultures. Each place we'd go, we'd try different foods. Like him, people took pride in their cooking, and we always appreciated a good meal."

Of Joe's children, Nicole is the one who followed in her father's culinary footsteps, although her brother, Joe Jr., and their father had Cafe 105 in Inverness for a short time.

About eight years ago, health problems caused Joe to close his fine dining restaurant.

"That was the start of him wanting to retire ... and then one day I said, 'Hey, let's open another restaurant,' and that's all it took," Nicole said.

That was Motor City Pasta Company in downtown Inverness.

For this Romano endeavor, Joe purchased a 2,000-pound brick, wood-fire oven, imported from Italy.

"When the oven arrived on this big freight truck, outside of seeing his grandkids the first time after they were born, I'd never seen my dad so excited," Nicole said. "He was so proud of it."

"There was something magical about the oven and the fresh dough and fresh ingredients. On a Friday night, we'd make 50 or 60 pizzas, and he would always say he and I were like the gears in a clock, that when the gears are in sync, they work perfectly," she said.

"Not only was he my father and business partner, but he was my best friend," she said.



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

In this photo from 2015, Joe Romano and his daughter, Nicole, had just opened Motor City Pasta Company in downtown Inverness. Joe Romano did many things in life, but his passion was always cooking and feeding people. He died Aug. 16, 2020 at age 67.

Then in 2016, Joe was diagnosed with cancer.

Two years later, he and Nicole sold Motor City Pasta Company and also MC Wine Bar across the street before it even opened.

"He wanted to spend more time with the family," Nicole said.

Years ago, the Romano family gathered together to help Joe plant an olive tree.

He had wanted to press his own oil, and he wanted to have a living, growing symbol for his family to remind them of where they had come from.

"He always used to tell us: 'Never forget where you came

from' and that if we ever had a problem or something was wrong, we could always go back to the olive tree, which is where we started," Nicole said.

Before he died, Joe told his family he wanted to be cremated and his ashes spread on the beach by the house where his grandfather lived in Italy, and where he used to play as a boy when his family would visit.

"Family was everything to my dad," Nicole said. "On Sundays, every holiday, he would cook at his house, always at his house, and everybody was invited. He HAD to cook. He just wanted to make people happy."



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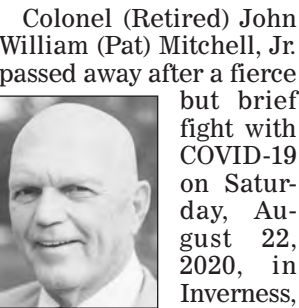
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Obituaries

  
**Col. John William ‘Pat’ Mitchell Jr., 74**  
INVERNESS



**Col. John William ‘Pat’ Mitchell Jr.**

Colonel (Retired) John William (Pat) Mitchell, Jr. passed away after a fierce but brief fight with COVID-19 on Saturday, August 22, 2020, in Inverness, Florida. A military brat from birth, Pat lived all over God’s green earth — from Fort Dix, New Jersey, where he was born on September 29, 1945, to Misawa, Japan, where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout and graduated high school in 1963. He was raised by his mother, Ilileen (Irish) Montgomery and stepfather John (Monty) Montgomery, along with his grandparents, Ora and Onetta McCormick (both deceased) and his father, John Mitchell, Sr. (deceased).

Pat leaves behind his bride of 51 years, his “Ruthie,” Ruth Ann (Dion) Mitchell. Together they raised four children: Monty (Tonna) Mitchell, Dionna (Tom) Ford, Shawna (Mike Plant) Mitchell, and Tamara (Daniel McDonald) Mitchell — all “outstanding,” as Pat said many times himself. Pat was excited to discover a bonus daughter, Beth (Mike) Bostrom, late in life. He delighted in his grandchildren, Tyler, Mackenzie, Kieran, Ailia, Rhonin, Toryn, Ryann, and Logan, who will remember dancing, fishing, and riding in the golf cart with their Grandpa/Papaw. He is also survived by two sisters, Lonnie Hester and Bobi (Jim) Norris, and a host of great-grandchildren, nephews, and nieces. Pat was preceded in death by his brother, Mike Montgomery.

Pat loved each member of his family with a passion, but PTSD sometimes robbed him of the means to clearly express it. We knew, though, especially as the years softened that gruff exterior. With every silly dance, every team coached, every holiday dinner and prayer, and every time he bragged on us until we rolled our eyes in mock embarrassment, we felt his love and pride.

Pat proudly served our country for 30 years. He joined the United States Army in 1964. He spent time as an enlisted man in Missouri, Oklahoma, and Germany, and graduated Officer Candidate School in Fort Sill, Oklahoma in 1965. Pat then served three tours in Vietnam: in Battery B, 6th Battalion, 29th Field Artillery, 4th Infantry Division (1965-1966); in Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery, 4th Division (1966-1967); and 1st Infantry Division (the Big Red One) (1968-1969). He spent three years as Advisor to the Royal Thai Field Artillery in Thailand from 1971-1974, then returned home to serve as an ROTC Instructor at Kansas State University. He left the

Army and earned a criminal justice degree from Park University in Missouri. He spent the final 18 years of his military career as a full-time technician with the Kansas Army National Guard, retiring in 1994.

Pat’s dedication and bravery shone bright throughout his service. He earned a variety of medals and honors, including the Army Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal with Valor (second oak leaf clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (third oak leaf clusters), Air Medal with Valor (fourth oak leaf clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, and many others. He was inducted into the Fort Sill Artillery OCS Hall of Fame and the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara. More important than his formal decorations, Pat was respected and beloved both by those he served under and those he commanded. He was known for meticulous involvement in every detail of his command, his knowledge and diligence, and his fun-loving personality.

Pat remained committed to his fellow service members after retirement — serving in the American Legion Capitol Post 1 and VFW Post 4337, participating in Vietnam veteran (Spotswood Dewitt Chapter) reunions, and fund-raising for the Fort Sill Artillery OCS Heritage Center and Honor Flight of West Central Florida. Moreover, he touched hundreds of lives as a coach with his daughters’ summer softball teams, as well as in the Shawnee Heights school district as assistant coach for the girls’ high school softball team, substitute teacher, and school bus driver.

Pat spent the last six years living his best life with his bride and his cherished service dog, Laddie, at his side in Inverness, Florida. He spent much of that time at the Inverness Golf and Country Club, golfing and joking with his friends, the “Nooners.” In between rounds, he, Ruthie, and Laddie traveled the United States, visiting family, attending reunions, and enjoying the country for which he had given so much of himself. One of his special joys was touring Civil War battlefields, and he faithfully took Ruthie to Decorah each year to see her eagles.

A family-only memorial service with military honors is planned for September 1, 2020, at Chas E. Davis Funeral Home, after which he will rest in Arlington Cemetery, Washington D.C. The service will be live-streamed on Facebook at 11:00 a.m. EST, at <https://www.facebook.com/ChasDavisFuneralHome>.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Col. Pat Mitchell’s name to the Artillery OCS Heritage Center, <http://www.artilleryocsalumni.com/support.html>, or to Honor Flight of West Central Florida, P.O. Box 1046, Inverness, FL 34451.

**Joseph ‘Joe’ Lanzendorfer, 97**  
INVERNESS

Joseph (Joe) Herman Lanzendorfer, age 97 of Inverness, FL passed away August 22, 2020 in Citrus Health & Rehab Center in Inverness.



**Joseph ‘Joe’ Lanzendorfer**

He was born in Punxsutawney, PA on March 28, 1923 to the late Joseph and Rhoda (Stewart) Lanzendorfer. He graduated from Punxsutawney High School in 1941. After graduation, he moved to Philadelphia and worked as a machinist at Sun Ship, Chester, PA. He later moved to Feasterville, PA to raise his family and obtained employment at American Meter, Thiokol Corporation, and Penwalt Corporation in Warminster, PA. He retired in 1988.

In 1961 while living in Feasterville, he became an active member of the Feasterville Fire Station No.1. During his time with the fire company, he served in the capacity of trustee, secretary, president, and assistant fire chief. In earlier years, his home was used as a call center for dispatching the fire equipment. In 2013, the fire company dedicated a fire truck in his honor, and he proudly rode in the 4th of July parades in that truck. He also served one year as the grand marshal of the annual 4th of July parade in Feasterville, PA. At the time of his death, he was the oldest life member of the fire company.

Joe was also a Life Member of Fairless Hills Elks Lodge No. 2023 in Morrisville, PA and the First Lutheran Church of Inverness FL.

Joe was preceded in death by his wife Mildred in 1982. In 1989, he married Louise “Weezie” Doelling. While being a “snowbird”, he enjoyed attending the Phillies spring training in Clearwater, FL. He was an avid fan of both the Phillies and Eagles. During the winter months, he and “Weezie” enjoyed cruising the Caribbean Islands and other trips with the Share Club. In 2019, he and “Weezie” moved to Florida permanently.

Joe is survived by his three children: Cheri (Gerald) Miller; Navato, CA; Patricia (John) Kelly, Bristol, PA; Daniel (Pamela) Lanzendorfer, Furlong, PA; a step-son, Keefe Doelling, Inverness, FL. He had 4 grandchildren: Jeffery, Jennifer, Yvonne, and Jenell; 6 step-grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and 9 great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death in 2018 by his sister, Anna Marie Jordan.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Kirk & Nice Suburban Chapel in Huntingdon Valley, PA with burial following in Sunset Memorial Park. In

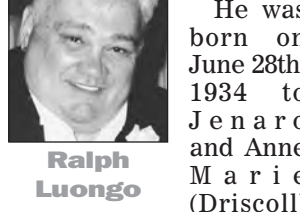
lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Feasterville Fire Company No.1, 20 Irving Place, Feasterville, PA 19053. Local arrangements are under the care of Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, FL

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



**Ralph Luongo, 86**  
GLOUCESTER, MA

Ralph Luongo of Gloucester, MA, passed away peacefully on August 19th, 2020 at the age of 86.



He was born on June 28th, 1934 to Jenaro and Anne Marie (Driscoll) Luongo and grew up in Lexington, MA. Ralph served in the US Navy during the Korean War and upon returning, attended Wentworth Institute. After graduation, he went on to achieve his Master Plumber License.

For over 30 years, Ralph owned and operated a successful plumbing and heating business in both Gloucester, MA and Hillsboro, NH. After retiring from his business, he went on to become the Director of Facilities at the ConVal School District in Peterborough, NH. He also proudly served as a volunteer firefighter for 9 years in Hillsboro, NH.

While living in Gloucester, he developed many homes and properties on Cape Ann, including the Cape Ann Motor Inn which he built, owned, and operated for numerous years.

For 15 years, he served as the Post 59 Commander at the American Legion in Hillsboro and pioneered the new construction of the current facility in 1996. His goal was to increase awareness and expand services for the benefit of the veteran and local communities. In addition to his contributions to the American Legion, he was actively involved with local Amvets, VFW, Moose Lodge, and Elks organizations. Not only was Ralph a leader, but he was also considered a friend to many.

In his free time, Ralph enjoyed travelling, golf, sport fishing and hunting and became an avid Red Sox fan later in life. You could frequently find him in the company of his closest friends, Damon Murray, “Cricket” Hebert, Danny Clow, Carroll Hazen, “Beanie” Broadley, and “Dump” Land getting into mischief wherever they went.

He is survived by Jeanne Clarke, his former spouse and mother of his two children; Scott J. Luongo and his wife Lan “Mimi”; and Lisa A. Doucette and her husband James, all of Gloucester, MA. He also leaves stepchildren Michael Mooney

of Hillsboro NH, Patrick Stickney of Long Island, NY and Julie Talbott of Navarre, Florida and his son-in-law, Ray Brunelle of Enfield, CT.

He was predeceased by his second wife, Mary Stickney and her children, James Mooney, Rosemarie Brunelle, and son-in-law, Jamie Talbott.

He also leaves many nieces, nephews, and grandchildren, in addition to countless friends. He will be missed by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to one of the many Veteran organizations which Ralph was involved with.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Cremation with Care is under the direction of the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, FL.

**Constance Elling, 77**  
INVERNESS

Constance June Elling of Inverness, FL went home to be with her Lord and Saviour on August 11, 2020 at the age of 77. She was a resident of Palm Garden of Ocala.



**Constance Elling**

Constance was born in Mount Clemons, MI on April 5, 1943 to the late Norman and Laura (Devarmond) Teller. Along with her family, she made Citrus County, FL her home 48 years ago after relocating from Michigan.

Constance was a Christian by faith and attended worship services at Covenant Church of God in Floral City. She loved going to the beach. Constance also enjoyed crafting, painting and fishing. Constance traveled extensively throughout her lifetime and had visited Russia, Peru, Bulgaria, the Bahamas, California and Hawaii. She enjoyed taking walks in nature and collected heart shape rocks. Constance also liked spending time with her family.

Those left to mourn Constance’s passing include her daughters: Julie Welshans and her husband Rick of Floral City, FL, Diane Newsom and her husband Jim of Jeffersonville, IN; sons: Robert Elling and his wife Tiffany of Myakka City, FL, Scott Elling of Inverness, FL; sisters: Laura Noel, Linda Dew, Karen Andrews, Dotie Mobley; brothers: Norman, Spencer, Albert and Ed Teller; 9 grandchildren: Jessica Michal, Jason Newsom, Megan Gaule, Evan

Welshans, Dillan Welshans, Huntire Elling, Haleigh Elling, Holden Elling and Ashlee Elling; and 1 great grandchild: Ronan Michal. Constance was preceded in death by her brother, Mark Teller.

A Celebration of Life Service is scheduled for Saturday, September 5, 2020 at 3:00 PM from the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness and will be conducted by Pastor Rick Welshans of Covenant Church of God. Friends are invited to join Constance’s family in visitation beginning at 2:00 PM until the hour of service. Arrangements are under the care of the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

**Arthur ‘Art’ McNally, 59**  
INVERNESS

Mr. Arthur “Art” Thomas McNally, age 59 of Inverness, Florida passed away on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 in Lecanto, Florida.



**Arthur ‘Art’ McNally**

Art was born May 7, 1961, in Pittsburgh, PA, son of Arthur Patrick and Madelyn Jeha McNally. A longtime resident of Inverness, FL, Art worked as a HVAC Technician for many years with Butler Heating and Air, Inc. Art liked to play golf and mostly enjoyed the Tampa Bay Rays, Lightning and Buccaneers.

He was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by daughter, Katelyn McNally, grandchildren Wyatt and Greenlee McNally; his loving girlfriend, Lori Radford; sisters: Kathleen (Jay) Bandi, and Carol Russo, brothers: Thomas (Debbie) McNally and Dennis (Judith) McNally; nieces and nephews: Erin, Jimmy, Kelli, Kacy, Ryan, Brennan, Kaley Rose, Bryanna, Tommy and Meghan.

Art will be missed and always loved by his family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Nature Coast Church in Homosassa, FL.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes donations be made in Art’s name to the HPH Hospice, 2939 N. Gulf to Lake Hwy, Lecanto, FL 34461.

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## William Fischer, 81 HERNANDO

William A. Fischer, 81, of Hernando, FL passed away on May 29, 2020. Bill was born on July 26, 1938 in Erie, PA.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Theresa Ann (Grant) Fisher; his four children Mark Fischer (Patricia), Michelle Desmarais (Kenneth), Michael Fischer (Janice) and Elizabeth Crane (Thomas); eleven grandchildren Kenneth, Ryan, Mackenzie, Sarah, Alexander, Taylor, Jeffrey, Allison, Julie, Justin and Eric.

Bill received his Bachelor in Education from Northeastern University and served as First Lieutenant in the US Army Corps. He then spent the next 30 years working for IBM. Following his retirement in 1993, Bill and Theresa retired to Florida.

Bill was a founding member of St. Scholastica Knights of Columbus Council 14485 in 2008. Bill was a 4th degree Knight and served in several officer positions including Grand Knight.

Bill also volunteered at Daystar Life Center of Citrus County where he served on the Board of Advisors and the Finance Committee. A Funeral Mass is scheduled for 11AM, Thursday, September 3, 2020 at St. Scholastica Catholic Church in Lecanto, FL. He will be laid to rest at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the William Fischer Endowment Fund at Daystar ([www.daystarcitruscounty.org](http://www.daystarcitruscounty.org)). Arrangements are under the

direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, FL.

## Maggie McCarty, 95 HOMOSASSA

Maggie Harbour McCarty, 95, of Homosassa, Florida, passed away Tuesday,



Maggie McCarty

August 25, 2020 at Peyton Hospice House in Lewisburg, West Virginia. She was the youngest daughter of ten children born to Minor Sim Harbour and Mary Etta Sowards Harbour of Huntington, West Virginia. She was preceded in death by her husband and favorite golfing partner, Harold E. "Mac" McCarty who, like Maggie, taught for 30 years in Cabell County Schools. Her sisters, Thelma Warren, Virginia Barker, Edna Barker, Ruth Bunch and Audrey Morgan, as well as her brothers, Lon, Nathaniel (Bud), Ed and Larry Harbour, preceded her in death, as did nephews Dick Morgan, Richard Bunch and Harold Harbour.

She is survived by her only daughter, Leslee McCarty, of Lewisburg and Homosassa, with whom she lived for the last several years. She also has many nephews and nieces, great nephews and nieces and great-great ones, who live all over the U.S., and of whom she was very proud.

After retiring from teaching English (Catcher in the Rye!) and coaching girls golf at Barbourville High, she moved with Mac (who coached boys golf) to Sugarmill Woods, a retirement community near Homosassa, Florida. There she took an active role in women's golf and they enjoyed their adopted community and travelled through out the area playing in tournaments and making new friends.

At this time, there is not a planned memorial service, but there will be memorials and celebrations of life in Homosassa and

West Virginia when the pandemic permits. See [Lantzfuneralhome.com](http://Lantzfuneralhome.com) for an opportunity to leave a memory of Maggie. Donations in her memory can be made to Pocahontas Humane Society (Facebook) or the Greenbrier River Watershed Association found at [www.greenbrier.org](http://www.greenbrier.org).



## Richard Burke, 78 LECANTO

Name: Richard J. Burke  
Residence: Lecanto, FL (formerly Amesbury, MA)

Date of Death: August 15, 2020

Born: April 30, 1942

Parents: Joseph M. Burke and Mary P. (McManus) Burke of Lynn, MA (predeceased)

Richard graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1959. Served in the United States Airforce. Received his Bachelors of Business degree from Northeastern University. Worked at the Lynn General Electric facility as a Manager of Systems Information. Member of Citrus Hills Country Club, Citrus Hills, FL.

Richard is survived by: His brother, Hugh J. Burke and his wife Mary of Tampa FL. (formerly Saugus, MA)

Niece: Erin E Powers and her husband Eric of Boxford, MA

Grand Niece: Claire E. Powers

Niece: Megan M. Brewster and her husband Robert of Tampa, FL.

Grand Niece: Blake M. Brewster

Grand Nephew: Burke R. Brewster

Sister: Mary Jane McQuarrie and her husband Charles of Lynn, MA

Niece: Shannon McQuarrie of Lynn, MA

Nephew: Sean McQuarrie and his wife Nora of Beverly, MA

Grand Nephews: Gavin and Liam McQuarrie

Memorial Services will be announced at a later date due to Covid Virus.



## James 'Jim' Phillips, 71 LECANTO

The Service of Remembrance for Mr. James (Jim) Clinton Phillips, age



James 'Jim' Phillips

71 years, of Lecanto, will be held 11 a.m., Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at the Beverly Hills Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes with Mr. John DuBose officiating. Friends may call from 10:00 am until the time of service Wednesday. Online condolences can be made to the family at [www.HooperFuneralHome.com](http://www.HooperFuneralHome.com). Those who wish, may make memorial donations to the Citrus County Veterans Foundation Inc., P.O. Box 678, Lecanto, FL 34460-2065. Mr. Phillips was born June 10, 1949 in Avon Park, FL and came to Citrus County in 1982 from there. He passed away Wednesday, August 26, 2020 under the care of his family and VITAS Hospice.

Mr. Phillips retired as a planner for Duke Energy after 32 years of service. He served in the United States Air Force and is a Veteran of the Vietnam War.

Mr. Phillips was an active member of the West Citrus Church of Christ where he enjoyed leading song services. He was happiest sharing his time and talents with his family and friends who he loved dearly. His favorite past time was enjoying his passion for hunting, he was a long-time member of Big Jim's Hunting Club, Ehrhardt, South Carolina. When home he enjoyed fishing, gardening and manicuring his lawn.

Surviving are his wife of 44 years: Vicki T. Phillips;

son: Craig S. Johnson, Greensboro, North Carolina; daughter: Traci Phillips, Lecanto; sister: Carlene (Jim) Briggs, Frostproof, FL; 5 Grandchildren: Kurt, Ashley, Cheyenne, Christina, and Brooke; and 2 Great Grandchildren: Camden and Kennedy. Arrangements are under the direction of Hooper Funeral Homes, Beverly Hills Chapel.

## Helen Meyer, 91 INVERNESS

Helen Meyer, 91, of Inverness, FL, died on August 13, 2020 at Vitas Hospice in Lecanto, FL. She was born on January 12, 1929 in Lynn, MA, daughter of the late Constantinos and Aphordite Katsoulis.

Helen Meyer

dinos and Aphordite Katsoulis.

She married Paul Meyer on March 6, 1949. They relocated to Inverness from Stoughton, MA in 1982. Helen lost her husband on December 5, 2015 after 66 years of marriage.

Survivors include her daughter, Harriet E. McCarthy and George M. McCarthy of Hyannis, MA, Helen's two grandchildren, Jessica and Joshua McCarthy, two great grandchildren, Jacynnia and Micha, as well as devoted and caring cousins, Dennis and Jane Contois, a sister Diane, and many nieces and nephews, especially, Barry and Helen Anasoulis.

"I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one. I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun; of happy memories that I leave when life is done." by Helen Lowrie Marshall

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date in Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Hospice of Citrus County, The Heart Foundation or The Cancer Foundation.

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

## Samuel 'Ernie' Cole, 72 BEVERLY HILLS

Samuel Ernest "Ernie" Cole of Beverly Hills, FL passed away at Bayfront Seven Rivers Hospital in Crystal River on August 19, 2020 at the age of 72. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 3:00 PM at the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home and will be conducted by Pastor Mike Chappell of Sycamore United Methodist Church.

Friends are invited to join the family in visitation beginning at 2:00 PM until the hour of service. Chas E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness.

## Diana Lamond, 71 HOMOSASSA

Diana Lynn Lamond, 71 of Homosassa, FL died August 5, 2020 at Haven House Assisted Living in Dunnellon, FL. Strickland Funeral Home of Crystal River, FL is in charge of private arrangements.

### OBITUARIES

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**Saturday, Sept. 19, sunrise to 11:30 a.m. 31st ANNUAL LAKES, RIVERS AND COASTAL CLEANUP.** Groups/organizations are encouraged to volunteer. Registration deadline: Sept 3. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/y7ay9wr7> for an application. More information email [tracey.ivkovic@citrusbocc.com](mailto:tracey.ivkovic@citrusbocc.com) or call (352) 527-7620.

**Monday, Sept. 21, 8 a.m. CHASSAHOWITZKA RIVER KAYAK TOUR.** Special educational guided tour of one of the most primitive and undeveloped rivers in the state. Learn about the history, ecosystems, native wildlife and the importance of keeping our waterways clean! Reservations required. Email [naturecoastecotours@gmail.com](mailto:naturecoastecotours@gmail.com) or call 352-422-1122. Capacity: 12. FREE: \$10 deposit refunded at end of tour.

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**Wednesday, Sept. 23, 8 am. HOMOSASSA RIVER ECO BOAT RIDE.** A 2.5-hour guided tour learning about the history, ecosystems and native wildlife of the Homosassa River. Tour includes cruising to the springs and then to the mouth of the Homosassa River where it meets the Gulf of Mexico. Reservations required. Email [naturecoastecotours@gmail.com](mailto:naturecoastecotours@gmail.com) or call 352-422-1122. Capacity: 6 people per tour. COST: Suggested \$10 donation.

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**Saturday, September 26, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. 2020 VISION: FOCUSING ON FLORIDA'S WATER ISSUES.** Presentation by Quinn Zacharias, Environmental Engineer & Research Assistant, University of Florida Howard T. Odum Center for Wetlands. Florida's most pressing water-related issues and some cutting-edge ideas to address them will be discussed. In keeping with COVID-19 CDC guidelines, the presentation will be offered live at the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum, Inverness and as a virtual event. To register for the live or virtual event, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y6ackdf4> or call (352) 341-6428. Instructions on how to attend virtually will be emailed prior to the event. Capacity: Live event 30 people; virtual event unlimited. Sponsored, in part, by Keep Citrus County Beautiful, Save Our Waters Week, and the Citrus County Historical Society Inverness Cultural Heritage Council. COST: Suggested \$10 donation.



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**Delayed Tour de France finally gets underway**  
NICE, France — Delayed but alive again and out on French roads, the strangest Tour de France ever set off Saturday in a bubble of anti-COVID protocols to try to keep the 176 riders virus-free for three weeks of racing through the country's worsening epidemic.  
Only after riders peeled off their face masks and pedaled off from the start in the Mediterranean city of Nice, serenaded by a uniformed band playing "La Marseillaise," did the Tour begin to look like its old, pre-COVID self, immediately delivering thrills and spills as storms made the roads as slippery as ice.  
But with fans kept firmly at arm's length, told by the government that it was best to stay home and watch the racing on television, the Tour lost much of its festive atmosphere. There was very little of the usual up-close communing between athletes and their adoring public that made the venerable 117-year-old rolling roadshow unique among sports events in more carefree times.

Powering past thin crowds on the finishing straight in Nice that would usually have been crammed with spectators rows deep, Norwegian rider Alexander Kristoff won the first stage with a fearsome final sprint. He celebrated by giving a COVID-sensible fist-bump to a teammate.

**Top sixth man Cliff Robinson dies at 53**  
Cliff Robinson, an early star in UConn's rise to power and longtime top sixth man in the NBA, died Saturday. He was 53.  
Robinson's death was confirmed by UConn. No cause of death was given, though former Huskies coach Jim Calhoun said Robinson had a stroke 2 1/2 years ago.  
"It's really sad to hear of this, because he was one of my kids, my players, a guy I watched grow into a man," Calhoun said. "It's not an easy thing."  
Nicknamed Uncle Cliffy, Robinson played 18 seasons in the NBA and helped the Portland Trail Blazers reach two NBA Finals.  
Clifford Robinson was born on Dec. 16, 1966, in Buffalo, New York. He was the centerpiece of Calhoun's early teams at UConn. He played in Storms from 1985-89, helping guide the Huskies from the bottom of the Big East to the 1988 NIT championship.  
Robinson was the NBA's Sixth Man of the Year in 1993 and made his lone All-Star appearance the following year. At 6-foot-11, he had the size of a center but was a skilled outside shooter, a predecessor of the modern NBA big man.  
He played 1,380 games in the league, ranking in the top 15 all-time. Besides the Blazers, Robinson also played for Phoenix, Detroit, Golden State and the Nets.

— From staff and wire reports

Bolts beat Bruins, lead series 3-1

Palat scores twice in 3-1 victory

Associated Press

TORONTO — Well-rounded winger Ondrej Palat is scoring, reigning MVP Nikita Kucherov is defending and the Tampa Bay Lightning have taken over their series against the Boston Bruins.  
Palat scored two goals to give him four in the past three games, Kucherov was part of a strong defensive effort in the third period and the Lightning beat the Bruins 3-1 Saturday to grab a 3-1 lead in their second-round series. From goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy on, Tampa Bay is clicking like the Stanley Cup contender it was supposed to be and now stands one victory away from eliminating Boston and moving on to the Eastern Conference final for the second time in three years.  
"Right now the guys are feeling it," coach Jon Cooper said. "Let's hope it continues."  
This matchup between the top two, seemingly even, teams in the Atlantic Division has been all Lightning since the Bruins won Game 1. They've taken the past three, notably since Palat scored the Game 2 overtime winner.  
"We're playing with confidence," Palat said. "We don't cheat on the ice. We're doing it the right way. We're staying on the right side of the puck. We try to not turn the puck over, and I think all four lines are playing good hockey and it's huge."  
Vasilevskiy made 29 saves and Norris Trophy finalist Victor Hedman scored a pinball, bouncing goal on Boston goaltender Jaroslav Halak, who has started every game since starter Tuukka Rask opted out of the playoffs in the middle of the first round. Halak, who was pulled last time out Wednesday, allowed three goals on 26 shots in Game 4.  
Bruins coach Bruce Cassidy said of Palat's second goal that went over Halak's glove, "We need that save." His bigger frustration was a 5-minute major penalty called on Nick Ritchie for a questionable hit on Tampa Bay's Yanni Gourde that paved the way for Hedman's goal.  
Ritchie appeared to hit Gourde from behind a few feet away from the boards, and Gourde went left shoulder first into the boards. Officials gave Ritchie the major after reviewing video, and Gourde left before returning early in the third period.  
"Clearly Gourde was down on the play and he's a good player



Associated Press

Tampa Bay Lightning left wing Ondrej Palat (18) celebrates his second goal of the game with teammate right wing Nikita Kucherov (86) during the second period of a Stanley Cup playoff game against the Boston Bruins in Toronto, Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020.

— real good player for them — clever, obviously," Cassidy said. "He got them on the power play for 5 minutes, he finished the game, had no problems in the third period. I didn't agree with the call."  
Ritchie said he was trying to finish his check after Gourde got rid of the puck. Still, he could face suspension, which Cooper said might be the case in the regular season, but he wondered if the major penalty might get Ritchie "off the hook" of missing Game 5.  
Boston got a power-play goal from Jake DeBrusk in the third period to end the shutout but couldn't come back from a 3-0 deficit. The Lightning didn't allow a Bruins shot on goal in the final five-plus minutes, with the line of Palat, Brayden Point and Kucherov playing a big chunk of that time.  
"Kuch was playing a great game

today," Palat said. "You could see it from the beginning when he hit (Bruins captain Zdeno) Chara, when he had a great forecheck. When your star player is doing those little things, everybody's following him and I thought he had a huge game."  
Playing without injured captain Steven Stamkos, the Lightning haven't missed a beat. After they got swept in stunning fashion out of the first round of the 2019 playoffs when the Bruins went to the Stanley Cup final, they look ready to take another big step forward.  
"I think as a group we've really come together and really focused in on the details in our defensive part of the game," Hedman said. "We're still going to score goals. We know that. We have all the skill in the world, so super happy the way we've come together in the defensive part of the game."

**NOTES:** Tampa Bay stuck with the same lineup as Games 2 and 3, which meant using seven defensemen and 11 forwards. ... Boston went back to the traditional 12 forwards and six defensemen lineup, with Karson Kuhlman and Connor Clifton replacing Jeremy Lauzon and John Moore.

UP NEXT

Game 5 is Monday.

Islanders 3, Flyers 1

TORONTO — Matt Martin and Leo Komaro scored in the second period as the New York Islanders rallied to beat the Philadelphia Flyers 3-1, taking a 2-1 lead in their conference semifinal series.  
Anders Lee also scored, and Semmyon Varlamov had 26 saves to rebound after a rocky Game 3 that saw him benched in the first period.

Bucks eliminate Magic

Rockets top Thunder

Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA — Brook Lopez sensed bonds between Milwaukee Bucks players strengthening after their decision to boycott a playoff game sent ripples across the NBA and other major pro sports leagues, which joined in suspending play to protest against racial injustice.  
And when it was time to return to the court, they were in sync.  
Giannis Antetokounmpo had 28 points and 17 rebounds and the Milwaukee Bucks beat the Orlando Magic 118-104 on Saturday to close out the Eastern Conference series in five games.  
The Bucks advanced to face Miami in the second round, beginning Monday. But they showed little interest in congratulating themselves or talking about basketball after the first NBA game played since they declined to take the court on Wednesday night, when Game 5 was originally scheduled.  
Their decision not to play came in response to the police shooting of Jacob Blake, who is Black, in Wisconsin. Before long, games were being postponed in the NHL and in Major League Baseball, while some NFL teams chose to call off training camp practices.  
Khriston Middleton had 21 points and 10 rebounds for Milwaukee. The Bucks had a 21-point lead trimmed to three in the fourth quarter before



Associated Press

Milwaukee Bucks forward Giannis Antetokounmpo (34) keeps the ball from Orlando Magic guard Evan Fournier (10) during the first half of a first round playoff game Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020, in Lake Buena Vista.

regaining control with the help of Marvin Williams' timely outside shooting.  
Williams scored all 12 of his points on 3-pointers for Milwaukee, which won four straight after dropping the opener.  
Nicola Vucevic had 22 points and 15 rebounds for Orlando, while Evan Fournier added 18 points.  
Milwaukee led 74-53 after Middleton's 3 early in the second half.  
Consecutive 3s by Terrence Ross and Wes Iwindu, followed by D.J. Augustin's floater, ignited a 24-7 run that saw the Magic cut it to 96-93 when Fournier hit a 3 with 7:37 to go.  
The Bucks called timeout, starters checked back in, and Milwaukee quickly pulled away again, starting with Williams' 3 after Lopez's offensive rebound.  
Middleton followed with a fade from the top of the key, Williams added another 3 and Middleton's free throw pushed the lead back to 105-93.  
"They're a championship caliber team," Orlando coach Steve Clifford

said of the Bucks. "We hung in there because we had the right approach and we had our chances."

Rockets 114, Thunder 80

James Harden scored 31 points and Russell Westbrook returned to face his former team in the playoffs for the first time, helping the Houston Rockets beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 114-80 for a 3-2 lead in the first-round playoff series.  
Robert Covington added 22 points and Eric Gordon had 20. The Rockets can advance to the conference semifinals with a victory Monday.  
Westbrook, who had played just one game since Aug. 4 because of a quadriceps injury — missing the Rockets' first four playoff games — had seven points, six rebounds and seven assists in 23 minutes.  
Dennis Schroder led the Thunder with 19 points despite being ejected midway through the third quarter for hitting P.J. Tucker in the groin; Tucker also was ejected after retaliating with a head-butt.

Johnson, Matsuyama tied for lead in BMW

Associated Press

OLYMPIA FIELDS, Ill. — Dustin Johnson is 21 shots worse to par than he was a week ago and still looks to be the player to beat.  
Johnson and Hideki Matsuyama survived another demanding day at Olympia Fields, both scratching out a 1-under 69 that felt better than it looked to share the lead Saturday at the BMW Championship.  
Everyone else was over par going into the final round.  
Sunday is one last chance for some players to be among the top 30 who advance to the FedEx Cup finale, and one last round for others — like Tiger Woods — to prepare for the U.S. Open on a course that plays every bit as tough.  
Patrick Cantlay only hit five fairways and didn't make a birdie as he tumbled out of a tie for the lead with a round with a 75 that left him five shots behind and might cost him a spot in the Tour Championship.  
Rory McIlroy had to play left-handed to escape the base of a tree in starting the back nine with a bogey, and he finished with a shot he thought was going to be long, came up 70 feet short and led to a three-putt bogey for a 73. He still was only three shots back.  
Jon Rahm matched the low round of the day at 66 that could have easily been one shot better if not for a blunder that even he couldn't believe.

He forgot to set a marker down on the green before picking up his golf ball on No. 5, freezing in his tracks when he realized what happened.  
"I was thinking of somebody else or something else ... and yeah, I just picked up the ball without marking it, simple as that," Rahm said after a round that left him only three behind. "I can't really give you an explanation. It's one of those things that happen in golf. Never thought it would in my professional career, but here we are."

Walters still in front at the UK Championship

BIRMINGHAM, England — South African golfer Justin Walters doubled his lead to two strokes with a 3-under 69 in the third round of the U.K. Championship on the European Tour.  
Walters is 12 under par overall at The Belfry and has led after every round so far. He is chasing his first European Tour title after being runner-up three times.

Nordqvist shoots 62 on take 3-shot edge in Arkansas

ROGERS, Ark. — Anna Nordqvist shot a 9-under 62 to take a three-stroke lead over Sei Young Kim into the final round of the LPGA Tour's Walmart NW Arkansas Championship.  
Tied for the first-round lead after a 64, Nordqvist hit all 18 greens in regulation at Pine-nacle Country Club in her second straight bogey-free round.



# MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Tampa Bay	23	11	.676	—	—	8-2	W-4	12-5	11-6	
New York	17	13	.567	4	1	3-7	W-1	11-5	6-8	
Toronto	17	14	.548	4½	1½	7-3	W-3	7-6	10-8	
Baltimore	14	18	.438	8	5	2-8	L-4	6-11	8-7	
Boston	10	22	.313	12	9	4-6	L-2	4-11	6-11	

Central Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Cleveland	21	12	.636	—	—	7-3	W-4	9-7	12-5	
Chicago	20	13	.606	1	—	8-2	L-1	10-9	10-4	
Minnesota	20	14	.588	1½	—	4-6	L-4	12-3	8-11	
Detroit	15	16	.484	5	3½	6-4	W-4	8-10	7-6	
Kansas City	13	20	.394	8	6½	4-6	W-1	6-7	7-13	

West Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Oakland	22	12	.647	—	—	6-4	L-2	13-4	9-8	
Houston	19	14	.576	2½	½	6-4	W-2	14-5	5-9	
Seattle	13	21	.382	9	7	6-4	L-1	7-8	6-13	
Texas	12	20	.375	9	7	2-8	L-1	9-9	3-11	
Los Angeles	11	22	.333	10½	8½	3-7	W-2	6-9	5-13	

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Atlanta	18	14	.563	—	—	6-4	L-2	12-4	6-10	
Miami	14	14	.500	2	—	5-5	L-3	5-7	9-7	
Philadelphia	14	14	.500	2	—	5-5	W-5	9-8	5-6	
New York	15	17	.469	3	1	6-4	L-1	7-8	8-9	
Washington	12	17	.414	4½	2½	4-6	W-1	4-12	8-5	

Central Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Chicago	19	14	.576	—	—	4-6	L-1	10-8	9-6	
Milwaukee	15	17	.469	3½	1	4-6	W-2	6-8	9-9	
St. Louis	11	13	.458	3½	1	4-6	L-4	7-9	4-4	
Cincinnati	15	18	.455	4	1½	5-5	W-1	7-8	8-10	
Pittsburgh	9	21	.300	8½	6	5-5	L-2	5-9	4-12	

West Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Los Angeles	25	10	.714	—	—	7-3	W-1	11-5	14-5	
San Diego	20	14	.588	4½	—	8-2	W-1	12-6	8-8	
Colorado	16	16	.500	7½	—	3-7	L-1	7-9	9-7	
San Francisco	15	19	.441	9½	2	7-3	L-3	9-8	6-11	
Arizona	14	19	.424	10	2½	2-8	W-1	9-7	5-12	

## ROUNDUP/MATCHUPS

**Yankees 2, Mets 1:** Clint Frazier scored the winning run on Dellin Betances' wild pitch in the ninth.

**Tigers 8, Twins 2, Game 1; Tigers 4, Twins 2, Game 2:** Miguel Cabrera hit a tiebreaking two-run homer, lifting the Detroit Tigers to a sweep.

**Indians 2, Cardinals 1:** Tyler Naquin hit a go-ahead double in the 12th.

**Phillies 4, Braves 1:** Rhys Hoskins had three hits.

**Royals 9, White Sox 6:** Maikel Franco and Ryan McBroom homered.

**Cubs 3, Reds 0, Game 1; Reds 6, Cubs 5, Game 2:** Nick Castellanos raced home on Craig Kimbrel's third wild pitch, and the Reds avoided a sweep. In the opener, Yu Darvish scattered seven hits over six innings.

**Astros 4, A's 2, Game 1; Astros 6, A's 3, Game 2:** Kyle Tucker hit a bases-clearing triple as Astros swept. In the first game, Lance McCullers Jr. pitched six effective innings.

**Blue Jays 5, Orioles 0:** Taijuan Walker pitched six shutout innings.

**Brewers 7, Pirates 6:** Eric Sogard bailed out closer Josh Hader by hitting his first career walkoff homer.

**Dodgers 7, Rangers 4:** Max Muncy drove in four runs.

**LATE**  
Washington at Boston  
Seattle at L.A. Angels  
San Diego at Colorado  
San Francisco at Arizona

**TODAY'S GAMES**  
**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
Minnesota (Maeda 4-0) at Detroit (Mize 0-1), 1:10 p.m.  
Kansas City (Bubic 0-4) at Chicago White Sox (TBD), 2:10 p.m.  
Oakland (Luzardo 2-1) at Houston (Valdez 3-2), 2:10 p.m.  
Baltimore (López 0-0) at Toronto (Roark 2-1), 3:07 p.m.  
Seattle (Dunn 2-1) at L.A. Angels (Canning 0-3), 4:10 p.m.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
Chicago Cubs (TBD) at Cincinnati (Castillo 0-4), 1:10 p.m.  
Pittsburgh (Brault 0-1) at Milwaukee (Woodruff 2-2), 2:10 p.m.  
San Diego (Paddack 2-3) at Colorado (Castellani 1-1), 3:10 p.m.  
San Francisco (Cueto 2-0) at Arizona (Clarke 1-0), 4:10 p.m.  
Atlanta (TBD) at Philadelphia (Arrieta 2-3), 7:08 p.m.

**INTERLEAGUE**  
N.Y. Mets (Porcello 1-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Garcia 0-0), 1:05 p.m., 1st game  
Tampa Bay (Snell 2-0) at Miami (Alcantara 1-0), 1:10 p.m.  
Washington (Voth 0-3) at Boston (Godley 0-3), 1:35 p.m.  
Cleveland (Civale 3-3) at St. Louis (Wainwright 2-0), 2:15 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers (Gonsolin 0-0) at Texas (Gibson 1-3), 2:35 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (King 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Lugo 1-2), 4:35 p.m., 2nd game

## BOX SCORES

### Tampa Bay 4, Miami 0

Tampa Bay				Miami					
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Meadows dh5	0	1	0	Berti cf	4	0	0	0	
Lowe lf-2b	4	0	0	Villar 2b	4	0	1	0	
Y.Diaz 3b	4	0	2	Cooper dh	4	0	0	0	
Renfro pr-rf0	1	0	0	Anderson 3b3	0				
Choi 1b	3	1	1	0 L.Diaz 1b	2	0	0	0	
Adames ss	3	0	0	Alfaro c	3	0	0	0	
Wendle 2b-3b4	1	2	2	Brinson lf	3	0	1	0	
Margot rf-lf	4	0	0	0 J.Sánchez rf	3	0	0	0	
Kiermaier cf	4	0	1	Rojas ss	3	0	1	0	
Perez c	4	1	1	0					
Totals	35	4	8	4	Totals	29	0	3	0
Tampa Bay					000 001 120 —4				
Miami					000 000 000 —0				
LOB—Tampa Bay 6, Miami 3. 2B—Meadows (6), Wendle 2 (6), Rojas (2).									

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Tampa Bay						
Fleming, W, 2-0	5 1/3	3	0	0	0	6
Thompson, H, 3	2/3	0	0	0	0	1
E.García, H, 2	1	0	0	0	1	0
Loup	1	0	0	0	0	2
Curtiss	1	0	0	0	0	2

**Miami**  
López, L, 3-2 7 6 2 2 0 5  
Vesia 2/3 1 2 2 1 0  
Hoyt 1/3 1 0 0 1 1  
Tinoco 1 0 0 0 0 1  
Umpires—Home, Carlos Torres; First, Randy Rosenberg; Second, Jansen Visconti; Third, Paul Nauer.

### N.Y. Yankees 2, N.Y. Mets 1

New York (N)	New York (A)							
ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi	
Nimmo lf	4	0	0	0	LeMahieu 3b4	0	1	0
Davis 3b	3	0	0	0	Voit 1b	4	1	1
Conforto rf	4	0	0	0	Hicks cf	3	0	0
Alonso dh	3	0	1	0	Tauchman rf	4	0	1
Canó 2b	3	0	0	0	Frazier dh	2	1	0
Ramos c	3	1	2	1	Gardner lf	3	0	1
Smith 1b	3	0	0	0	Mercer ss	4	0	1
Rosario ss	3	0	1	0	Kratz c	3	0	0
Hamilton cf	3	0	0	0	Wade 2b	2	0	0
					Ford ph	0	0	0
					Estrada pr-2b0	0	0	0
Totals	29	1	4	1	Totals	29	2	5
New York (N)	000	000	010	—1				
New York (A)	100	000	001	—2				

E—Gsellman (1). DP—New York (N) 0, New York (A) 1. LOB—New York (N) 2, New York (A) 1.

7. 2B—Gardner (3). 3B—LeMahieu (2). HR—Ramos (2), Voit (1).

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E—Gsellman (1). DP—New York (N) 0, New York (A) 1. LOB—New York (N) 2, New York (A) 7. 2B—Gardner (3). 3B—LeMahieu (2). HR—Ramos (2), Voit (12).

**IP H R ER BB SO**  
**New York (N)**  
Gsellman 4 4 1 1 0 4  
Matz 1 0 0 0 0 2  
Hughes 1 0 0 0 0 1  
Brach 2/3 0 0 0 3 1  
Familia 1/3 0 0 0 0 0  
Wilson 1 0 0 0 0 0  
Betances L, 0-1 1/3 1 1 1 1 1  
**New York (A)**  
Happ 7 1/3 3 0 0 0 5  
Ottavino BS, 0-2 2/3 1 1 1 0 1  
Chapman W, 1-1 1 0 0 0 0 0  
HBP—Chapman (Davis). WP—Brach, Betances.  
Umpires—Home, Ryan Additon; First, Larry Vanover; Second, Chris Conroy; Third, Dave Rackley.  
T—3:00.

### Detroit 8, Minnesota 2

Game 1									
Minnesota					Detroit				
ab r h bi					ab r h bi				
Polanco ss	2	0	1	1	Reyes rf	4	14	0	
Sanó 1b	3	0	0	0	Schoop 2b	4	0	1	1
Cruz dh	3	1	1	1	Cabrera dh	4	0	1	2
Gonzalez rf	3	0	1	0	Paredes dh	0	0	0	0
Vargas 2b	3	0	0	0	Candelario 1b2	21	0		
Rosario lf	3	0	0	0	Goodrum ss	3	22	0	
Adrianza 3b	3	0	1	0	Jones cf	4	12	0	
Kepler cf	3	1	0	0	Stewart lf	1	0	1	2
Avila c	2	0	0	0	Bonifacio lf	1	0	1	2
					Romine c	3	0	1	1
					Castro 3b	3	22	0	
Totals	25	2	4	2	Totals	29	816	8	
Minnesota					001 001	0 — 2			
Detroit					011 222	x — 8			
E—Gonzalez (1), Candelario (3), DP—Minnesota 4, Detroit 0. LOB—Minnesota 3, Detroit 7. 2B—Adrianza (3), Stewart (3), Jones (9), Cabrera (2). HR—Cruz (12). SF—Polanco (1), Stewart (1).									

E—Gonzalez (1), Candelario (3). DP—Minnesota 4, Detroit 0. LOB—Minnesota 3, Detroit 7. 2B—Adrianza (3), Stewart (3), Jones (9), Cabrera (2). HR—Cruz (12). SF—Polanco (1), Stewart (1).

**IP H R ER BB SO**  
**Minnesota**  
Dobnak L, 5-2 4/13 12 6 6 2 1  
Thorpe 12/3 4 2 1 1 1  
**Detroit**  
Boyd W, 1-4 6 4 2 1 0 6  
Garcia 1 0 0 0 0 1  
WP—Boyd.  
Umpires—Home, Todd Tichenor; First, Charlie Ramos; Second, Ron Kulp; Third, Manny Gonzalez.  
T—2:11.

### Detroit 4, Minnesota 2

Game 2									
Minnesota				Detroit					
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Polanco ss	3	0	0	0	Reyes cf	4	0	0	0
Kepler rf	3	0	0	0	Schoop 2b	1	1	0	0
Cruz dh	3	1	2	1	Cabrera dh	3	2	2	2
Rosario lf	2	1	1	0	Candelario 1b3	12	2	2	2
Adrianza pr	0	0	0	0	Goodrum ss	2	0	0	0
Sanó 1b	3	0	1	0	Steward lf	2	0	0	0
Gonzalez 3b2	0	0	0	1	Bonifacio lf	0	0	0	0
Arraez 2b	2	0	0	0	Maybin rf	2	0	0	0
Cave cf	2	0	0	0	Greiner c	3	0	0	0
Jeffers c	1	0	0	0	Paredes 3b	2	0	1	0
Wade Jr. ph	1	0	0	0					
Avila c	0	0	0	0					
Totals	22	2	4	2	Totals	22	45	4	
Minnesota					010 100		0—2		

**Detroit** 002 020 x —4  
DP—Minnesota 1, Detroit 2. LOB—Minnesota 1, Detroit 6. HR—Cruz (13), Candelario (3), Cabrera (5). SF—Gonzalez (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
<b>Minnesota</b>						
Wisler	12/3	1	0	0	3	3
May	2/3	2	2	2	0	1
Clippard	12/3	0	0	0	0	1
Duffey, L, 1-1	2/3	1	2	2	2	0
Alcala	11/3	1	0	0	1	2
<b>Detroit</b>						
Skubal, W, 1-1	5	3	2	2	0	2
Cisnerro, H, 6	1	0	0	0	0	0
Soto, S, 1-1	1	1	0	0	1	1
WP—Alcala.						
Umpires—Home, Chris Segal; First, Ron Kulp; Second, Manny Gonzalez; Third, Charlie Ramos.						
T—2:12.						

### Cleveland 2, St. Louis 1

Cleveland				St. Louis			
ab		r	h	ab		r	h
Hernández	2b4	0	1	0	Edman	2b-lf	4
Ramírez	3b	5	1	2	DeJong	ss	5
Lindor	ss	4	0	1	Goldschmidt	1b5	02
Santana	1b	5	0	0	Miller	dh	2
F.Reyes	dh	4	0	0	Molina	c	5
Freeman	dh	0	1	0	Fowler	rf	4
Naquin	r	5	0	1	Carpenter	3b5	01
D.Santana	lf	2	0	0	O'Neill	lf	3
DeShields	cf	1	0	0	Wong	ph-2b	0
León	c	2	0	0	Bader	cf	3
Chang	pr	0	0	0	Carlson	ph-cf	0
R.Pérez	c	1	0	0			
Allen	cf-lf	4	0	0			



GOLF

BMW Championship

Saturday  
At Olympia Fields Country Club  
Olympia Fields, Ill.  
Purse: \$9.5 million  
Yardage: 7,366; Par: 70  
Third Round

Hideki Matsuyama	67-73-69—209 -1
Dustin Johnson	71-69-69—209 -1
Joaquin Niemann	72-71-68—211 +1
Mackenzie Hughes	69-73-69—211 +1
Adam Scott	72-69-70—211 +1
Jon Rahm	75-71-66—212 +2
Sebastián Muñoz	70-75-67—212 +2
Kevin Kisner	72-70-70—212 +2
Bubba Watson	72-70-70—212 +2
Brendon Todd	73-68-71—212 +2
Rory McIlroy	70-69-73—212 +2
Matthew Fitzpatrick	70-75-68—213 +3
Russell Henley	74-69-70—213 +3
Lanto Griffin	70-73-70—213 +3
Jason Kokrak	74-71-69—214 +4
Brian Harman	72-73-69—214 +4
Abraham Ancer	70-74-70—214 +4
Tyrrell Hatton	73-70-71—214 +4
Tony Finau	70-71-73—214 +4
Patrick Cantlay	71-68-75—214 +4
Byeong Hun An	73-74-68—215 +5
Harris English	75-71-69—215 +5
Corey Conners	76-69-70—215 +5
Billy Horschel	70-71-74—215 +5
Louis Oosthuizen	72-69-74—215 +5
Cameron Smith	75-73-68—216 +6
Dylan Frittelli	72-75-69—216 +6
Daniel Berger	73-74-69—216 +6
Mark Hubbard	70-77-69—216 +6
Max Homa	74-72-70—216 +6
Richy Werenski	74-72-70—216 +6
Paul Casey	73-72-71—216 +6
Carlos Ortiz	70-74-72—216 +6
Patrick Reed	73-71-72—216 +6
Jim Herman	71-72-73—216 +6
Alex Noren	72-71-73—216 +6
Collin Morikawa	76-73-68—217 +7
Kevin Na	72-74-71—217 +7
Michael Thompson	72-73-72—217 +7
Viktor Hovland	71-73-73—217 +7
Matthew Wolff	72-71-74—217 +7
Xander Schauffele	73-70-74—217 +7
Robby Shelton	75-72-71—218 +8
Justin Thomas	73-74-71—218 +8
Brendan Steele	72-71-75—218 +8
Bryson DeChambeau	73-70-75—218 +8
Charles Howell III	75-75-69—219 +9
Joel Dahmen	71-77-71—219 +9
Scottie Scheffler	75-72-72—219 +9
Adam Hadwin	74-72-73—219 +9
Gary Woodland	75-70-74—219 +9
Danny Lee	73-72-74—219 +9
Harry Higgs	70-74-75—219 +9
Tom Hoge	71-73-75—219 +9
Matt Kuchar	75-76-69—220 +10
Tiger Woods	73-75-72—220 +10
Maverick McNealy	77-70-73—220 +10
Nick Taylor	75-72-73—220 +10
Cameron Champ	77-74-70—220 +11
Adam Long	72-77-72—221 +11
Ryan Palmer	71-76-74—221 +11
Tyler Duncan	68-76-77—221 +11
Kevin Streelman	76-80-66—222 +12
J.T. Poston	72-77-73—222 +12
Sungjae Im	77-74-72—223 +13
Talor Gooch	76-79-71—226 +16
Andrew Landry	77-75-74—226 +16
Jason Day	76-74-76—226 +16
Marc Leishman	80-78-79—237 +27

ISPS HANDA UK

Championship

Saturday  
At The Belfry  
Sutton Coldfield, England  
Purse: \$1.65 million  
Yardage: 7,253; Par: 72  
Third Round

Florida

LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected  
Saturday in the Florida Lottery:

<b>PICK 2 (early)</b> <b>6 - 1</b>	<b>FANTASY 5</b> <b>2 - 6 - 13 - 15 - 32</b>
<b>PICK 2 (late)</b> <b>4 - 2</b>	<b>LOTTO</b> <b>12 - 25 - 28 - 31 - 33 - 50</b>
<b>PICK 3 (early)</b> <b>6 - 4 - 8</b>	<b>XTRA</b> <b>4</b>
<b>PICK 3 (late)</b> <b>5 - 1 - 7</b>	<b>POWERBALL</b> <b>5 - 21 - 22 - 29 - 43</b>
<b>PICK 4 (early)</b> <b>6 - 8 - 2 - 6</b>	<b>POWER BALL</b> <b>10</b>
<b>PICK 4 (late)</b> <b>3 - 6 - 8 - 6</b>	<b>CASH 4 LIFE</b> <b>14 - 32 - 39 - 41 - 59</b>
<b>PICK 5 (early)</b> <b>5 - 3 - 3 - 6 - 1</b>	<b>CASH BALL</b> <b>1</b>
<b>PICK 5 (late)</b> <b>5 - 9 - 6 - 9 - 9</b>	

Friday's winning numbers and payouts:

<b>Jackpot Triple Play:</b> 8 – 18 – 19 – 20 – 21 – 42	4-of-5 MB 1 winner \$10,000
6-of-6 No winner	4-of-5 15 winners\$500
5-of-6 23 winners \$448	3-of-5 MB 43 \$200
4-of-6 1,085 \$23	3-of-5 824 \$10
3-of-6 18,708 \$1	2-of-5 MB 772 \$10
Combo 10+ No winner	<b>Fantasy 5:</b> 4 – 8 – 10 – 22 – 23
Combo9 13 \$500	5-of-5 2 winners \$98,139.49
Combo8 78 \$50	4-of-5 338 \$93.50
Combo7 526 \$20	3-of-5 10,298 \$8.50
Combo6 2,796 \$10	<b>Cash 4 Life:</b> 27 – 29 – 33 – 34 – 57
Combo5 10,342 \$5	<b>Cash Ball:</b> 4
<b>Mega Millions:</b> 3 – 9 – 50 – 53 – 64	5-of-5 CB No winner
<b>Mega Ball:</b> 1	5-of-5 No winner
5-of-5 MB No winner	<b>Players should verify winning numbers by calling 850-487-7777 or at <a href="http://www.flalottery.com">www.flalottery.com</a>.</b>
5-of-5 No winner	

Justin Walters, S.Africa	64-71-69—204-12	Aaron Rai, England	71-72-72—215 -1
Martin Kaymer, Germany	68-72-66—206-10	Matt Wallace, England	70-73-72—215 -1
Benjamin Hebert, France	67-69-70—206-10	Wade Ormsby, Australia	68-74-73—215 -1
Laurie Canter, England	71-73-67—209 -7	Tom Gandy, England	73-68-74—215 -1
Jorge Campillo, Spain	69-73-67—209 -7	Aaron Cockerill, Canada	72-69-74—215 -1
R. Hojgaard, Denmark	73-69-67—209 -7		
M. Armitage, England	70-68-71—209 -7		
Marcus Kinhult, Sweden	68-74-68—210 -6		
Min Woo Lee, Australia	71-71-68—210 -6		
Bryce Easton, S.Africa	72-68-70—210 -6		
Andy Sullivan, England	70-72-69—211 -5		
J. Hansen, Denmark	71-71-69—211 -5		
Craig Howie, Scotland	68-72-71—211 -5		
Ryan Fox, New Zealand	71-67-73—211 -5		
B. Wiesberger, Austria	67-71-73—211 -5		
M. Simonsen, Denmark	74-70-68—212 -4		
Graeme Storm, England	70-71-72—213 -3		
Calum Hill, Scotland	68-72-72—212 -4	Anna Nordqvist	64-62—126 -16
S. Gallacher, Scotland	69-76-68—213 -3	Sei Young Kim	65-64—129 -13
Ben Evans, England	71-72-70—213 -3	Nelly Korda	67-63—130 -12
D. Van Driel, Netherlands	72-70-71—213 -3	Jenny Shin	67-63—130 -12
Lee Westwood, England	70-71-72—213 -3	Austin Ernst	65-65—130 -12
Scott Vincent, Zimbabwe	67-72-74—213 -3	Angela Stanford	66-66—132 -10
Matthew Jordan, England	69-69-75—213 -3	Caroline Hedwall	69-64—133 -9
Paul Waring, England	70-67-76—213 -3	Ruixin Liu	68-65—133 -9
Haotong Li, China	74-71-69—214 -2	Katherine Kirk	65-68—133 -9
Dave Coupland, England	73-71-70—214 -2	Esther Lee	64-69—133 -9
T. Olesen, Denmark	70-73-71—214 -2	Kristy McPherson	68-66—134 -8
Thomas Bjorn, Denmark	72-69-73—214 -2	Mi Hyang Lee	67-67—134 -8
Richard Bland, England	70-70-74—214 -2	Inbee Park	67-67—134 -8
Steven Tilley, England	74-71-70—215 -1	Jodi Ewart Shadoff	67-67—134 -8
J. Caldwell, Ireland	71-74-70—215 -1	Maria Fassi	67-67—134 -8
Richie Ramsay, Scotland	75-70-70—215 -1	Stacy Lewis	66-68—134 -8
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FALL LEAGUES: The Friday afternoon TGIF league has two teams with space for one bowler each, either gender. The Monday Night Special and the Wednesday Night Scratch Trio leagues each have space for one team. All of our other leagues have space available for teams and/or additional bowlers.  
LEAGUE MEETINGS/START DATES:  
Monday Parkview Seniors, meeting Aug. 31, 1 p.m., starts Sept. 14.  
Monday Night Special, meeting Aug. 31, 7 p.m., starts Sept. 14.  
Tuesday Morning 7-9-8 NoTap (NEW – 8 weeks), meeting Sept. 15, 7 p.m., starts Sept. 22.  
Tuesday Night NFL Trio, meeting Sept. 15, 7 p.m., starting Sept. 22.  
Wednesday Late Starters, meeting Sept. 2, 1 p.m., starts Sept. 9.  
Wednesday Scratch Trio, 7 p.m., started Aug. 26, 7 p.m.  
Thursday Morning Women's Trio, meeting & starting Sept. 10, 9:30 a.m.  
Thursday Afternoon Good Times, meeting & starting Sept. 10, 2 p.m.  
Thursday Holder Hotshots, started Aug. 19, 7 p.m.  
Friday TGIF, meeting Sept. 4, 1 p.m., starting Sept. 11.  
Saturday Morning Youth, meeting & starting Sept. 12, 9:30 a.m.  
COFFEE CLUBS: The Monday, Wednesday and Friday Coffee Clubs are open to everyone, with no commitment, just show up and bowl. The doors open at 9 a.m., the donuts are fresh and the coffee is hot. Cash payoffs, chances to win free games and special awards, and lots of fun.

Sportsmen's Bowl

Fall-Winter leagues are now forming. If interested in joining a league call the bowling alley to reserve a spot or attend one or more of the meetings listed below. Phone number is 352-726-2873. Most of the leagues have had their meetings but there are additional spots available for teams or individual bowlers except for the Firsnighters which is a full house. Welcome to the Firsnighters new teams.  
Fall-Winter Leagues Meetings Schedule  
His And Hers Mixed, Monday night, Aug. 31st at 6:30 p.m., Mixed Trios Singles, Fridays at 1 p.m. (Continuos)  
**Firsnighters Men**  
Scratch Game: David Caudill 280, Scott Brown 268, Michael McKendry 267  
Scratch Series: Tim Lawrence 744, Scott Brown 663, Jace Peterson 651  
Handicap Game: David Caudill 300, Michael McKendry 299, Scott Brown 278  
Handicap Series: Tim Lawrence 750, Michael McKendry 742, Jim Bergman 721  
Senior Fun Bowl, Thursdays at 1 p.m.; Aug. 27 was end of summer and split-pot day. Bill Spreen, Alan Rice and Peg Murdock all bowled the exact 21 pins needed in 3 shots to win and split the \$118 pot. Senior Fun Bowl moves to Saturdays starting Aug. 29 at 1 p.m. Come on out and join the fun. Prizes for high game and series for both men and women, colored pins, mystery frames, mystery game, Bingo, side pots, 50/50. Entry fee is \$10. High Scratch Game: Mark Ash 214, Cathy Pollari 199. High Scratch Series: Mark Ash 585, Kathy Pollari 530.  
Mixed Singles, Fridays 1 p.m: Pay only if you bowl. Prizes paid each week for both men and women. Handicap is 100% of 210. Entry fee is \$10 which includes coffee, tea and water. High Handicap Scores: Tom Frost 690, Nick Montalvo Jr 675, Alan Rice 669.

TODAY'S SPORTS

AUTO RACING

9:05 a.m. (ESPN) Formula 1 Belgian Grand Prix  
12 p.m. (FS1) NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series WWT Raceway 200  
3:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) IndyCar Bommarito Automotive Group Race 2  
10 p.m. (ESPN2) Formula 1 Belgian Grand Prix (Same-day Tape)

MLB

1 p.m. (FSNFL) (SUN) Tampa Bay Rays at Miami Marlins  
1 p.m. (TBS) New York Yankees at New York Mets  
4 p.m. (ESPN2) New York Yankees at New York Mets  
7 p.m. (ESPN) Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies

NBA PLAYOFFS

1 p.m. (ESPN) Boston Celtics vs Toronto Raptors, Game1  
3:30 p.m. (ESPN) Los Angeles Clippers vs Dallas Mavericks, Game 6  
8:30 p.m. (TNT) Denver Nuggets vs Utah Jazz, Game 6

BICYCLING

7:30 a.m. (NBCSPT) Tour de France Stage 2

EQUESTRIAN

2:30 p.m. (FS1) Saratoga Live

GOLF

7:30 a.m. (GOLF) European PGA Tour ISPS HANDA UK Championship, Final Round  
1 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour BMW Championship, Final Round  
3 p.m. (8 NBC) PGA Tour BMW Championship, Final Round  
3 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Korn Ferry Tour Championship, Final Round  
5 p.m. (GOLF) LPGA Tour Walmart NW Arkansas Championship, Final Round

NHL STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

6 p.m. (NBCSPT) Colorado Avalanche vs Dallas Stars, Game 4  
8 p.m. (8 NBC) Philadelphia Flyers vs New York Islanders, Game 4  
10:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) Vegas Golden Knights vs Vancouver Canucks, Game 4

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1 p.m. (ESPNU) Champions Cup: Major Force (OH) at Yellow Jackets (VA) (Taped)

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10 p.m. (FS1) Los Angeles FC at Seattle Sounders FC

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# Chadwick Boseman, ‘Black Panther’ star, dies at 43

RYAN PEARSON  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — First Chadwick Boseman slipped on the cleats of Jackie Robinson, then the Godfather of Soul’s dancing shoes, portraying both Black American icons with a searing intensity that commanded respect. When the former playwright suited up as Black Panther, he brought cool intellectual gravitas to the Marvel superhero whose “Wakanda forever!” salute reverberated worldwide.

As his Hollywood career boomed, though, Boseman was privately undergoing “countless surgeries and chemotherapy” to battle colon cancer, his family said in a statement announcing his death at age 43 on Friday. He’d been diagnosed at stage 3 in 2016 but never spoke publicly about it.

The cancer was there when his character T’Challa visited the ancestors’ “astral plane” in poignant scenes from the Oscar-nominated “Black Panther,” there when he first became a producer on the action thriller “21 Bridges,” and there last summer when he shot an adaptation of a play by his hero August Wilson. It was there when he played a radical Black leader — seen only in flashbacks and visions — whose death is mourned by Vietnam War comrades-in-arms in Spike Lee’s “Da 5 Bloods.”

“A true fighter, Chadwick persevered through it all, and brought you many of the films you have come to love so much,” his family said. “It was the honor of his career to bring King T’Challa to life in Black Panther.” Boseman died at his home in the Los Angeles area with his wife and family by his side, his publicist Nicki Fioravante told The Associated Press.

Boseman is survived by his wife and a parent and had no children, Fioravante said.

Born and raised in South Carolina, where he played Little League baseball and AAU basketball, Boseman graduated from Howard University in Washington, D.C. He wrote plays, acted and directed in theater and had small roles in television before landing his breakthrough role.

His striking portrayal of the color-line-demolishing baseball star Robinson opposite Harrison Ford in 2013’s “42” drew attention in Hollywood and made him a star. A year later, he wowed audiences as Brown in the biopic “Get On Up.”

Boseman died on a day that Major League Baseball was celebrating Jackie Robinson day. “His transcendent performance in ‘42’ will stand the test of time and serve as a powerful vehicle to tell Jackie’s story to audiences for generations to come,” the league wrote in a tweet.

Expressions of shock and despair poured in late Friday from fellow actors,

athletes, musicians, Hollywood titans, fans and politicians. Viola Davis, who acted alongside Boseman in “Get On Up” and the upcoming Wilson adaptation, said: “Chadwick.....no words to express my devastation of losing you. Your talent, your spirit, your heart, your authenticity.”

“He was a gentle soul and a brilliant artist, who will stay with us for eternity through his iconic performances,” said Denzel Washington, who funded a scholarship Boseman used to study theater at Oxford and produced the upcoming Wilson film.

Disney executive chairman Bob Iger called Boseman “an extraordinary talent, and one of the most gentle and giving souls I have ever met.” “Captain America” actor Chris Evans called Boseman “a true original. He was a deeply committed and constantly curious artist. He had so much amazing work still left to create.”

His T’Challa character was first introduced to the blockbuster Marvel cinematic universe in 2016’s “Captain America: Civil War,” and his “Wakanda forever” salute became a pop culture landmark after the release of “Black Panther” two years ago.

“I don’t think the world was ready for a ‘Black Panther’ movie before this moment. Socially and politically, it wasn’t ready for it,” he told AP at the time.

The film’s vision of Afro-futurism and the technologically advanced civilization of Wakanda resonated with audiences, some of whom wore African attire to showings and helped propel “Black Panther” to more than \$1.3 billion in global box office. It is the only Marvel Studios film to receive a best picture Oscar nomination.

Boseman said he more easily identified with the film’s antagonist, played by Michael B. Jordan, who had been cut off from his ancestral roots: “I was born with some Killmonger in me, and I have learned to T’Challa throughout my studies,” he told AP while promoting the film.

“It’s the place where you start. All African Americans, unless they have some direct connection, have been severed from that past. There’s things that cannot be tracked,” he continued. “You were a product, sold. So it’s very difficult as an African American to connect at some points directly to Africa. I have made that part of my

search in my life. So those things were already there when I got into the role.”

The character was last seen standing silently dressed in a black suit at Tony Stark’s funeral in “Avengers: Endgame.” A “Black Panther” sequel had been announced, and was one of the studio’s most anticipated upcoming films.

Even at the outset of his Hollywood career, Boseman was clear-eyed about — and even skeptical of — the industry in which he would become an international star.

“You don’t have the same exact experience as a Black actor as you do as a white actor. You don’t have the same opportunities. That’s evident and true,” he told AP while promoting “42.” “The best way to put it is: How often do you see a movie about a black hero who has a love story ... he has a spirituality. He has an intellect. It’s weird to say it, but it doesn’t happen that often.”

In addition to Robinson and Brown, Boseman portrayed the future U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall in 2017’s “Marshall.” He humanized the larger-than-life historical figures with the same soulful, reserved



Associated Press

Chadwick Boseman arrives at the Oscars on March 4, 2018, at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles. Actor Chadwick Boseman, who played Black icons Jackie Robinson and James Brown before finding fame as the regal Black Panther in the Marvel cinematic universe, has died of cancer.

dignity — interrupted by public appearances and flashes of sparkling wit — that he would later bring to T’Challa.

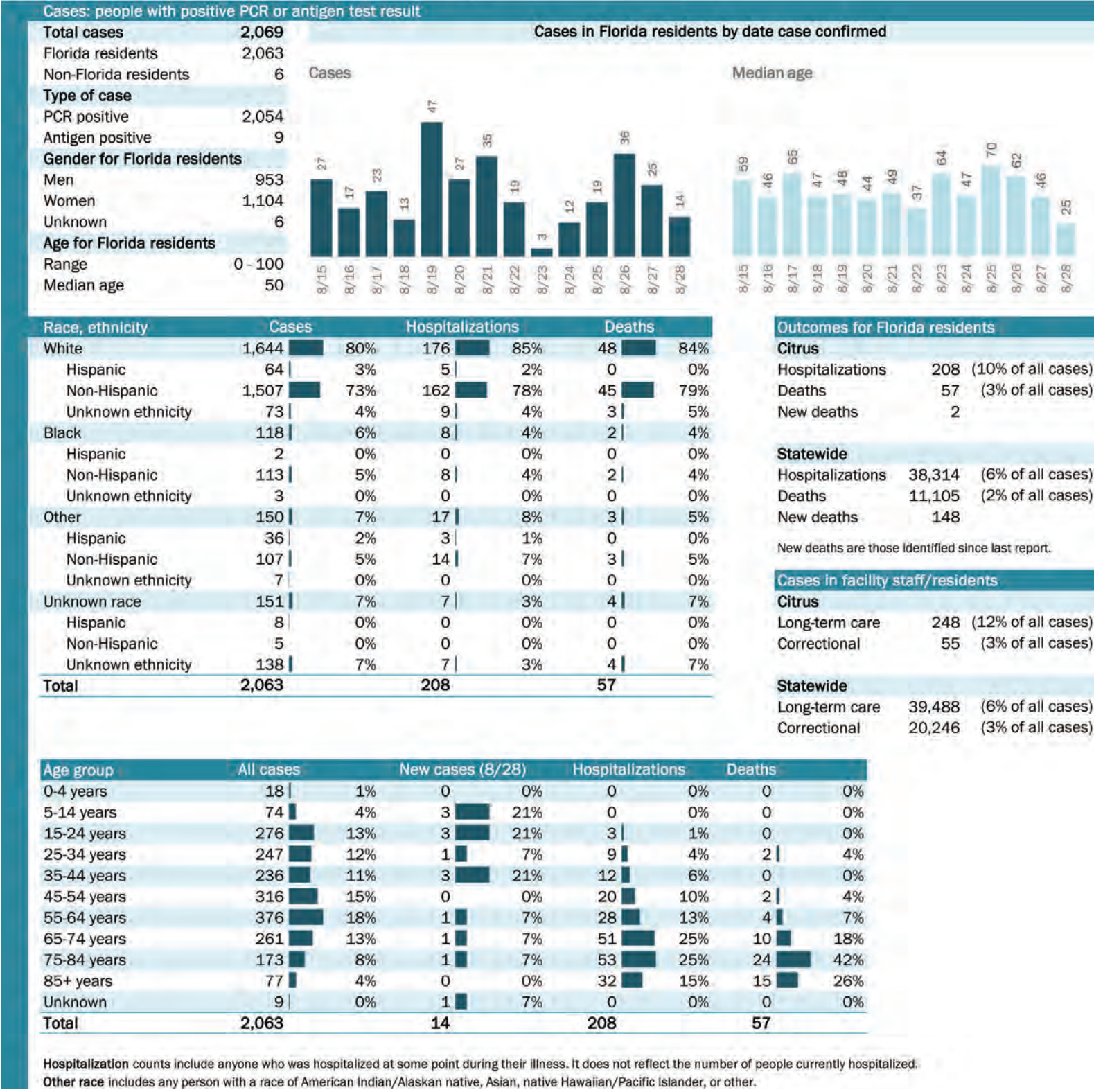
While deeply private and often guarded in his

interviews, he made clear that he understood the significance of his work and its impact on the broader culture.

## COVID-19: summary for Citrus County

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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

### Military Tribute Bike displays remember 9/11

Military Tribute Bikes will be on display to honor and remember 9/11.

The Army Tribute Bike "Sgt. Maj.," inspired by a retired captain who enlisted shortly after the 9/11 attacks, will be at Plaza Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram on State Road 44 in Inverness from Thursday, Sept. 10, to Tuesday, Sept. 14.

The Air Force Tribute Bike "The Chief," or the newly finished Navy Tribute Bike "Top Gun," will be on display at Trick Concepts at the same time located at 7147 E. England Blvd., Inverness.

### AMVETS Golf Tournament benefits local veterans

AMVETS Post 89 will host their annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020, at the Citrus Springs Golf and Country Club at 8690 N. Golfview Drive, Citrus Springs.

Registration starts at 7 a.m. with the scramble beginning at 8 a.m.

Cost is \$50 per player and includes a day of fun and a great meal. All funds raised go to veteran programs, youth programs and the community.

For more information, contact Arnold Rodriguez at 352-746-6288. Checks should be made out to: AMVETS Post 89.

### Donate to Wreaths Across America, honor veterans

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](http://wreathscrossamerica.org/FL0227P), click on Sponsor a Wreath. Group ID No. FL0227P, the cemetery is FLNCBU. Online, you can request site specific to be honored. Cost is \$15 per wreath.

For more information or assistance, email [mom4sba@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mom4sba@tampabay.rr.com).

## COMING UP

### Auxiliary hosting school supply drive

VFW Auxiliary Post 7122 will be collecting school supplies for Floral City Elementary. If you would like to donate items for the school, drop them off from 2-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday at the VFW Post 7122, 8191 S. Florida Ave., Floral City.

Due to the delay in getting this project started, it will run for the remainder of the year. Once a box has been filled, the supplies will be delivered to the school by volunteers.

For more information, email [pris2mike@yahoo.com](mailto:pris2mike@yahoo.com).

### Donate school supplies to Citrus students

American Legion Auxiliary Post 155 is collecting school supplies for Crystal River Primary and Rock Crusher Elementary.

If you would like to donate items for the school, you can drop them off at the American Legion Post 155, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River.

Items can be dropped off on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. only.

Members will divide the supplies up between the two school and deliver them. Due to the delay in getting this project started, it will go through the end of August for collection.

If you have any questions, email your questions to [joyceanncentrella1957@gmail.com](mailto:joyceanncentrella1957@gmail.com).

### Learn about Citrus County VSO services

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Citrus County Chapter is sponsoring a virtual speaker presentation event at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 10.

Philip Watson, the Citrus County Veterans Service Office (VSO) manager, will provide an overview of the VSO services and issues followed by a question and answer session. County veterans and the public are welcomed to attend the virtual presentation.

Registration, to include the attendee's email address, is required in order to provide a link to the virtual presentation. For registration go to the chapter website "Upcoming Events" section at: <https://moaaffl.org/Chapters/CitrusCounty/>. Click

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## VFW, Auxiliary members show appreciation to CCSO



Special to the Chronicle

To show appreciation to the Citrus County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), VFW Post 8189 and Auxiliary members recently purchased Publix box lunches for the officers and staff of the West Side Patrol. CCSO staff was also presented a certificate of appreciation from the VFW for all they do in the community. The best gift of all was from the kids at the YMCA. Kids were asked by the Auxiliary Youth and Scholarship Chairman Joel Steele to create thank you cards for the officers, and they did not disappoint. The cute cards were a huge hit and everyone loved them. Pictured from left, are: Auxiliary Historian Kathy Ingall, Detective Josh Doctor, Auxiliary Secretary Renee Tennant, Detective Matt Steelfox, Auxiliary Hospital Chairperson Nona Pesnell, Auxiliary Youth and Scholarship Chairman Joel Steele, Auxiliary Trustee Grace Moshier, Auxiliary Jr. Vice Brenda Williams, Auxiliary Patriotic Instructor Mariann Cornwell, Auxiliary Treasurer Juliene Crowe, Auxiliary Trustee Gail Youngs, Post Cmdr. Jim Fuller, Auxiliary President Roger Ingall, Sgt. Gregg Dalton and Detective James Hughes.

# After the Armed Forces



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**Success in business ownership, much like the military, takes ambition, drive and focus to accomplish the goal at hand. Often, veterans choose to begin their own businesses after service because they are uniquely suited to entrepreneurship.**

## Business ownership appealing to vets seeking post-military careers

### Family Features

Once their service ends, veterans often expect to start a new career. In many cases, the same skills and characteristics that helped make them successful in the military, such as ambition and a drive to succeed, make veterans uniquely suited for entrepreneurial endeavors like business ownership.

Franchising is a path toward business ownership that requires strong leadership skills, so veterans

are often some of the most qualified and successful prospective franchise owners. According to the Veterans Transition Franchise Initiative (VetFran), a strategic initiative of the International Franchise Association and the Franchise Education and Research Foundation, at least 97% of franchisors believe veterans would make excellent franchisees; 70% have brought on a veteran franchisee or employee in the last year alone.

"The skills veterans develop through their military experience

are integral to pursuing a new career," said Tim Davis, president of The UPS Store, Inc. and former U.S. Marine Corps captain and Gulf War veteran. "Franchising presents a great opportunity for veterans to utilize the unique skillsets they developed in the service while also developing additional traits necessary for business ownership."

Leadership. Work ethic. Discipline. These qualities are exactly what help more than 200 veteran

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# VA hosts 'Warrior Moms' Baby Shower

## Readies expecting military spouses

### Special to the Chronicle

GAINESVILLE — The Malcom Randall Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center hosted a "Warrior Moms" Baby Shower on Aug. 22, 2020.

Twenty-four Warrior Moms attended the baby shower from all over the area including Tallahassee, Florida and Georgia.

"We received various donations from local Veteran Service Organizations and others which added up to over \$13,000 in value" said Cheryl Tillman, Women Veterans program manager. Items donated included handmade blankets and bibs, diapers, baby wipes, clothes, strollers, car seats, pack-n-plays, stuffed animals, gift cards, and a special gift just for the new mom or mom to be, and much more.

Warrior Mom Samantha Corriell, from Valdosta, Georgia, expressed her

gratitude towards the VA and the Women Veterans Program for inviting her to the event.

"Because of COVID-19, I was not able to have a large baby shower. This event is so helpful to so many expectant mothers," Corriell said.

Samantha received a stroller and car seat set, which she had not been able to purchase yet.

"I hadn't purchased a stroller or car seat yet; with COVID-19 my hours at work were cut severely, so receiving this will help my husband and I prepare for the baby," Corriell said.

The event took place in the hospital's valet circular driveway. This allowed for the Warrior Moms to stay in their vehicles while VA staff took pictures and others loaded baby items into their vehicle back seats and trunks.

"Women veterans are the fastest growing group within



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**Samantha Corriell of Valdosta, Georgia, receives a stroller and car seat during the drive-thru Warrior Moms Baby Shower on Aug. 22, 2020, at the Malcom Randall Veterans Affairs Medical Center.**

the veteran population. It is great that we are able to provide support as they prepare for the new addition to their family," said Thomas Wisnieski, MPA, FACHE, health system director. "The event was a huge success".

The North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System's Women Veterans Program serves roughly 16,000 women a year.

"Our program addresses

the health needs of women veterans and works to ensure that timely, equitable and high-quality comprehensive health care services are provided in a sensitive and safe environment at VA health facilities nationwide. We look forward to next year's event," said Tillman.

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	C	S	D/I	F	H	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30			
22 (WESH) NBC	19	19				PGA Golf		Canonball (N) PG	NHL Hockey Conference	Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N)						News			
6 (WEDU) PBS	3	3		14	6	African American: Many Rivers	African Americans: The Rivers to Cross (In Stereo) PG	African Americans: Many Rivers	African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross (In Stereo) PG	Riverdance 25th Anniversary Show Irish music and dance. G						3 Steps to Pain Free Living 86			
4 (WUFT) PBS	5	5				African	African Americans: Many Rivers	John Sebastian Presents: Folk Rowind		Suze Orman's Ultimate Retirement Guide									
8 (WFLA) NBC	8	8	8	8	8	PGA Golf	Canonball (N) (In Stereo) PG	NHL Hockey Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N)	(In Orman's Ultimate Retirement Guide)							NewsChannel 30 Super Sports			
9 (WFTV) ABC	20	7	20			News	World News America's Funniest Home Videos PG	Celebrity Family Feud (In Stereo) 14	Press Your Luck *101* (DVS)	Match Game 14 86	News Sunday	Spo Night on 9							
10 (WTSP) CBS	10	10	10	10	10	Weekend Bay	10 Tampa Bay 60 Minutes (N) (In Stereo) PG	Big Brother (N) (In Stereo) PG	Love Island (N) (In Stereo) PG	NCIS: New Orleans 14 (DVS)	10 Tampa Bay	In Touch							
13 (WTVT) FOX	13	13			13	FOX13 6:00 News (In Stereo) 86	Last Man Standing 14	Duncanville 14	The Simpsons	Bless the Harts 14	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy 14	FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo) 86	FOX13 11:00 News (N) (In Stereo) 86					
20 (WCJB) ABC			11			WCJB T	Michael	Funny Home Videos	Celebrity Fam	Press Your Luck	Match Game 14	WCJB T	Greta Van						
22 (WCFL) IND	2	2	2	22	22	Steve	Real Life	Great Awakening, Rodney Brown	Have a Child G	Bill Graham	Jewish Jesus G	Mark T. Barley	Jesse Duplantis	Global-3		Great			
22 (WYKE) FAM	16	16	16		15	Bible Say?	Old Florida	Heartland Poker Tour	Your Citrus County Court		Movie								
23 (WFTS) ABC	11	11			11	ABC Action News	America's Funniest Home Videos PG	Celebrity Family Feud (In Stereo) 14	Press Your Luck *101* PG	Match Game 14 86 (DVS)	ABC Action News	The Race News							
62 (WMOR) IND	12	12		5		Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Last Man Standing	Chicago P.D. An alderman is killed. 14	Soledad O'Brien	Greta Van Susteren						
62 (WTTA) MNT			6	6	9	Carbon	Carbon	FamFeud	FamFeud	NewsChannel 8	Nation Seinfeld	Murdoch Mysteries	Born Brien	New YOU!					
40 (WACX) TBN	21		21			In Touch		Rejoice in the Lord	Divine Bill W.	S.Channel Chris	Jentzen Jean Raley	Paula	Richard						
43 (WTOG) CW	4	4	4	12	12	Mike & Molly 14	Mike & Molly 14	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	Fridge Wars (N) (In Stereo) PG	Supernatural The Trap 14 86	NCIS: New Orleans The Last Mile 14	NCIS: New Orleans The Last Mile 14	Paula	Empathy 14				
10 (WVEA) UNI	15	15		15	14	Politics	Noticiero	Aguil y a hora (N)		¿Quién es la máscara? (N)		Vecinos	Maria	Noticiero					
11 (WOGL) FOX			13	7	7	NFL Football	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	Duncan	Simpsons Bless	Burgers Fam, Guy	FOX 51 News	TMZ (N) PG 86						
65 (WXPX) ION			17									Chicago P.D. 14	Chicago P.D. 14	Chicago P.D. 14					
(A&E)	54	48	54	25	27	Grant Grant serves as president. (In Stereo)			Rise Up: The Movement-America	Voices Magnified: Policing in America	Rise Up: The Movement-America	Voices Magnified: Policing in America							
(ACCN)		99				College Football G	Women in the ACC		The Leg	All Ac	Upon Further Review								
(AMC)	55	64	55			The Walking Dead Rick emerges from a coma. MA		The Walking Dead Gals' MA	The Walking Dead MA 86	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead			
(AMN)	52	35	52	19	31	Lone Star Law (In Stereo) 14		Lone Star Law Thrill of the Hunt 14		Lone Star Law: Bigger and Better 14	Lone Star Law (N) (In Stereo) 14	Lone Star Law (In Stereo) 14	Lone Star Law (In Stereo) 14	Lone Star Law (In Stereo) 14	Lone Star Law (In Stereo) 14	Lone Star Law (In Stereo) 14			
(BET)	96	71	96			*** "Barbershop: The Next Cut" (2016, Comedy) Ice Cube. PG-13 86				2020 MTV Video Music Awards (N) 14		Martin PG	Martin PG	Martin PG	Martin PG	Martin PG			
(BIGTEN)	742	809				Michigan State Football Classic 86	Minnesota Football Classic 86		Big Ten Football	Penn State Football Classic 86	Ohio State Football Classic 86	Big Ten Football	Ohio State Football Classic 86						
(BRAVO)	254	51	254			Housewives-Atlanta	Housewives		Housewives	Housewives		Housewives	Chrisley	Chrisley					
(CC)	27	61	27		33	*** "Knocked Up" (2007, Romance-Comedy) Seth Rogen, Paul Rudd. R 86				2020 MTV Video Music Awards (N) 14 86		2020 MTV Video Music Awards (N) 14 86							
(CMT)	98	45	98	28	37	* "Coyote Ugly" (2000, Romance-Comedy) Piper Perabo. PG-13 86				2020 MTV Video Music Awards (N) 14 86		2020 MTV Video Music Awards 14 86							
(CNN)	40	29	40	41	46	CNN Newsroom	Situation Room		Situation Room	United Shades (N) (Live)	United Shades	State of the Union	SportsCenter (N)	State of the Union					
(ESPN)	33	27	33	21	17	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves		Atlanta Braves	Philadelphia Phillies. (N) (Live)		Formula 1 Racing Belgian Grand Prix							
(ESPN2)	37	28	34	43	49	MLB Baseball	MLB Baseball (N) (Live)												
(FBN)	106	149	106	99	41	Maria Bartiromo	Lou Dobbs Tonight		America vs. China	History of Socialism	Return: Apollo 13	Maria Bartiromo							
(FLIX)		118	170			*** "Chicago" (2002, Musical) Catherine Zeta-Jones. (In Stereo) PG-13 86			*** "The Birdcage" (1996, Comedy) Robin Williams. (In Stereo) R 86		*** "Good Will Hunting" (1997, Drama) Matt Damon. (In Stereo) R 86								
(FNC)	44	37	44		32	Fox Report	Fox News Sunday		Life, Liberty & Levin	The Next Revolution	Watters' World 86	Life, Liberty & Levin							
(FOOD)	26	56	26			Guy's Games	Guy's Games		Guy's Games	Chopped (N) G	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play					
(FREEFORM)	29	52	29	20	28	*** "Catching Fire" (2014) Jennifer Lawrence. (In Stereo) PG-13 86	*** "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1" (2014) Jennifer Lawrence. (In Stereo) PG-13 86			*** "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2" (2015, Science Fiction) Jennifer Lawrence. (In Stereo) PG-13 86									
(FS1)	732	119	732			Motorcycle Race	PBC Collection 86		Boxing		MLS Soccer								
(FSNFL)	35	39	35			Stronman	World Poker		World Poker		The Kings Celebrity Poker Challenge PG		World Poker						
(FX)	30	60	30		51	*** "Deadpool" (2016, Action) Ryan Reynolds, Ed Skrein. (In Stereo) R 86	*** "Deadpool 2" (2018, Action) Ryan Reynolds, Deadpool joins forces with a team of mutants to fight Cable. R			*** "Deadpool 2" (2018, Action) Ryan Reynolds, Deadpool joins forces with a team of mutants to fight Cable. R		*** "Deadpool 2" (2018, Action) Ryan Reynolds, Deadpool joins forces with a team of mutants to fight Cable. R							
(GOLF)	727	67	727			PGA Golf	Central Central	PGA Tour Golf BMW Championship, Final Round. G		My One & Only" (2019, Romance) Pascalle Hovart, Sam Page. NR 86									
(HALL)	59	68	39	45	54	"Sun, Sand & Romance" (2017) NR	"My Summer Prince" (2016, Romance) Taylor Cote, Jack Turner. NR 86												
(HBD)	302	201	302	2	2	Real, Bill Maher	Room 104 Affleck, Al Madrigal. (In Stereo) R 86	"The Way Back" (2020, Drama) Ben Affleck, Al Madrigal. (In Stereo) R 86		Lovcraft Country "Holy Ghost" MA 86	The Vow "Viscera" (N) MA 86	Last Week To.	Lovcraft Country						
(HB02)	303	202	303			*** "Glass" (2019) Bruce Willis. PG-13	Lovcraft Country "Renovation" MA	Lovcraft Country (In Stereo) MA 86		*** "Scary Movie 3" (2003) Anna Friel. PG-13 86	*** "Signs" (2002) Mel Gibson. (In Stereo) PG-13 86								
(HGTV)	23	57	23	42	52	Home Town "Town or Country" G	Renovation Island (N) G	Renovation Inc (Series Premiere) (N)	Mexico Life Mexico Life	Caribbean Life	Caribbean Life	Bahamas Life G	Bahamas Life G						
(HIST)	51	54	51	32	42	American Pickers PG 86 (DVS)	American Pickers PG 86 (DVS)	American Pickers PG 86 (DVS)	Apocalypse Earth	Frozen Fury	Avalanche survivors and cheating death. (N) PG 86	American Pickers "Beer Factor" PG							
(LIFE)	24	38	24		21	"My Husband's Secret Life" (2017, Suspense) Kara Killmer. NR 86		"Secrets in the Woods" (2020, Suspense) Brittany Underwood. Premiere. NR 86		"Sorority Secrets" (2020, Suspense) Brytnee Ratledge, Elisabetha Fantone. NR 86									
(LMN)	119	50	119			"The Secret Sex Life of a Single Mom" (2014, Docudrama) Ashley Jones. NR 86		"Flirting With Forty" (2008, Drama) Heather Locklear. NR 86		"Dying to Be You" (2020, Suspense) Natalie Dreyfuss, Michael Patrick Denis. NR 86									
(MSNBC)	42	41	42			MSNBC Live (N)	Kasie DC (N) (Live) 86			MSNBC Live (N)	Meet the Press	Dateline Extra PG							

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	C	S	D/I	F	H	6:00 PM Proving Grounds	6:30 American Flat Track (N) 'G'	7:00 NHL Live (N)	7:30 NHL Hockey Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA. (N) Live	8:00 9:00	8:30 9:00	9:30 10:00	10:00 10:30	10:30 11:00	11:00 11:30										
(NBCSN)	448	26	730																						
(NGEO)	109	65	109			Wicked Tuna '14' ½	Wicked Tuna 'Ride the Lightning' '14'		Wicked Tuna: Outer Banks or Bust '14'	Wicked Tuna: Outer Banks 'Your Own Luck' (N) '14'		Wicked Tuna: Outer Banks (N) '14'	NHL Overtime	Mecum Auto Auctions 'Kissimmee'											
(NICK)	28	36	28	35	25	*** <b>"SpongeBob Movie"</b> ***				2020 MTV Video Music Awards (N) '14'		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends										
(OWN)	125	24	103			Jyanla, Fix My Life	20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'										
(OXY)	123	44	123			Snapped PG ½	License to Kill PG ½	Snapped PG ½	Snapped PG ½	Snapped PG ½	Snapped PG ½	Snapped PG ½	Snapped PG ½	Snapped PG ½	Snapped PG ½										
(PARMT)	37	43	37	27	36	Bar Rescue "Turtle on its Back" PG	Bar Rescue (In Stereo) PG ½	2020 MTV Video Music Awards (N) (In Stereo) '14' ½		2020 MTV Video Music Awards (In Stereo) '14' ½		2020 MTV Video Music Awards (In Stereo) '14' ½													
(SEC)	745	72				SEC Rewind From Sept. 19, 1998.				SEC Rewind From Nov. 30, 1985.		SEC Rewind From Dec. 2, 1989.													
(SHOW)	340	241	340			We Hunt Together (In Stereo) ½	The Chi Ronnie finds absolution. MA'		The Circus The Circus	Love Fraud (Series Premiere) (N) MA'		We Hunt Together (N) (In Stereo) ½		Love Fraud (In Stereo) MA' ½											
(SUN)	36	31	36			Inside the HEAT	Ship Shape TV	Sport Fishing	Sportsman Sportsman	Addictive Fishing Flats Class G		Sport Fishing Dreamboat		Silver Kings G	Reel Animals G										
(SYFY)	31	59	31	26	29	** <b>"Harry Potter"</b> ***	*** <b>"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"</b> (2005) Daniel Radcliffe, Voldemort lays a trap for Harry at the Triwizard Tournament. PG-13' ½ (DVS)				Wynonna Earp "Holy war: part 2" (N) '14'		** <b>"Harry Potter &amp; Sorcerer's Stone"</b> ***												
(TBS)	49	23	49	16	19	*** <b>"27 Dresses"</b> (2008) PG-13' ½				*** <b>"We're the Millers"</b> (2013) Jennifer Aniston. R'		*** <b>"Couple's Retreat"</b> (2009)													
(TCM)	169	53	169	30	35	*** <b>"Ben-Hur"</b> (1959, Historical Drama) Charlton Heston. G' ½ (DVS)				**** <b>"Touch of Evil: Extended"</b> (1958, Crime Drama) Charlton Heston. NR' ½		*** <b>"Khartoum"</b> (1966, Historical Drama) Charlton Heston. NR' ½													
(TDC)	53	34	53	24	26	Alaskan Bush People: Off the Grid PG	Alaskan Bush People: Off the Grid PG	Alaskan Bush People: Off the Grid PG	Expedition to the Edge (N) '14' ½		Naked and Afraid: Foreign Exchange	Naked and Afraid: Baked Alaskan' '14'													
(TLC)	50	46	50	29	30	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N) '14'		Darcey & Stacey '14'	90 Day Fiancé													
(TMC)	350	261	350			*** <b>"The Professional"</b> (1994, Suspense) Jean Reno. (In Stereo) R' ½				**** <b>"Casino"</b> (1995) Robert De Niro. A mob employee makes a play for power in 1970s Las Vegas. (In Stereo) R' ½		*** <b>"Mike 22"</b> (2018) R' ½													
(TNT)	48	33	48	31	34	** <b>"Austin Powers"</b> * <b>"Identity Thief"</b> (2013) Jason Tate they fight back. R' ½ (DVS)				Bateman. A victim of iden-	* <b>"Blended"</b> (2014) Adam Sandler. Two single-parent families are stuck together at a resort. PG-13'		** <b>"Identity Thief"</b> R'												
(TOON)	38	58	38	33		Gumball Gumball	We Bare We Bare	We Bare We Bare	Home Burgers	American American	American American	American Bel	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy										
(TRAV)	9	106	9		44	Paranormal Ca	Paranormal Ca	Paranormal Ca	Paranormal Ca	Paranormal Ca	Paranormal Ca	Osbournes-Rick	Paranormal Ca	Paranormal Ca	Paranormal Ca										
(truTV)	25	55	25	98	55	Jokers Jokers	Jokers Jokers	Jokers Jokers	Jokers Jokers	Jokers Jokers	Jokers Jokers	Jokers Jokers	Jokers Jokers	Jokers Jokers	Jokers Jokers										
(TVL)	32	49	32	34	24	Two Men Two Men	Two Men Two Men	Two Men Two Men	2020 MTV Video Music Awards (N) '14'		2020 MTV Video Music Awards (N) '14'														
(USA)	47	32	47	17	18	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family										
(WE)	117	69	117			Law & Order "True North" '14' ½	Law & Order "Hate" (In Stereo) '14' ½	Law & Order "Ramparts" '14' ½	Law & Order "Hunters" '14' ½	Law & Order "Hunters" '14' ½	Law & Order "Haven" '14' ½	Law & Order "Sideways" '14' ½													
(WGN-A)	18	18	18	18	20	Last Man Last Man	Last Man Last Man	Last Man Last Man	Last Man Last Man	Last Man Last Man	Last Man Last Man	Last Man Last Man	Nation	Married											

## Sunday PUZZLER

## ACROSS

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|-----|-----------------------|-----|---------------------------|
| 1   | Sketches              | 112 | Put up with               |
| 6   | Baby bed              | 114 | The Forbidden City        |
| 10  | Hit some high notes   | 115 | Fished with hook and line |
| 14  | Pillar                | 117 | Part of MIT (Abbr.)       |
| 18  | Arm bone              | 119 | Always                    |
| 20  | Eastern queen         | 120 | Concealed                 |
| 21  | Indigo                | 121 | — Minor                   |
| 22  | Not at all hidden     | 123 | Instructor                |
| 24  | Charm                 | 125 | Eager                     |
| 25  | Defunct alliance      | 126 | Expert airman             |
| 26  | Sch. out west         | 129 | Car for hire              |
| 27  | Liniment              | 131 | Performing groups         |
| 29  | Unfreeze              | 132 | Costly fur                |
| 30  | Go very fast          | 133 | Old kind of display       |
| 32  | Verdi's "— Carlo"     | 136 | Bun                       |
| 34  | OT book               | 138 | Monocle                   |
| 36  | Competent             | 140 | Kilmer the actor          |
| 37  | Small colonist        | 141 | Await judgment            |
| 38  | Buy a pig in a —      | 142 | "Begone!"                 |
| 39  | Lessen                | 143 | Monet or Debussy          |
| 41  | Nobleman              | 145 | Small shark               |
| 43  | Tokyo's former name   | 147 | — — -yourself             |
| 44  | Privileged one        | 149 | Ontario city              |
| 45  | Shoes                 | 151 | Caper                     |
| 47  | Mottled               | 152 | Discord personified       |
| 49  | Mar the look of       | 153 | Gaelic                    |
| 52  | Damage                | 154 | Bellowed                  |
| 53  | Quantity of paper     | 155 | Fender mishap             |
| 55  | Tomato and tartar     | 156 | Latvian                   |
| 59  | Love                  | 157 | Approach                  |
| 60  | Stewart or Washington | 158 | Contest submission        |
| 62  | Pincer                |     |                           |
| 64  | Outward appearance    |     |                           |
| 65  | Filament              |     |                           |
| 66  | Do a certain dance    |     |                           |
| 67  | Encountered           |     |                           |
| 69  | Roman household god   |     |                           |
| 71  | Opposing one          |     |                           |
| 72  | Seine                 |     |                           |
| 73  | Grows wan             |     |                           |
| 74  | Costa del —           |     |                           |
| 75  | Ebb and neap          |     |                           |
| 77  | Sesame                |     |                           |
| 78  | Symbol on a card      |     |                           |
| 80  | Clay, fired           |     |                           |
| 82  | Dress                 |     |                           |
| 84  | Neckwear              |     |                           |
| 85  | Portal                |     |                           |
| 87  | Make more tractable   |     |                           |
| 88  | Eddy or Allman        |     |                           |
| 89  | Dross                 |     |                           |
| 90  | Pledged to be married |     |                           |
| 92  | Bender                |     |                           |
| 93  | Sleeve                |     |                           |
| 94  | From the time that    |     |                           |
| 96  | Seed vessel           |     |                           |
| 97  | Insert indicator      |     |                           |
| 99  | Wood pin              |     |                           |
| 102 | Young or Armstrong    |     |                           |
| 104 | Stalemate             |     |                           |
| 105 | Elfin                 |     |                           |
| 106 | Dried                 |     |                           |
| 107 | Recipe direction      |     |                           |
| 108 | Male voice            |     |                           |

**DOWN**

- 1 Stage play
- 2 Japanese noodles
- 3 Mature
- 4 Lose freshness
- 5 Take legal action
- 6 Small bottle
- 7 Too hasty
- 8 — and outs
- 9 Basin in a garden
- 10 Walk with ease
- 11 Business abbr.
- 12 River in Africa
- 13 Shiny covering
- 14 The North Star
- 15 Ab —
- 16 Plant bristle
- 17 Large family group
- 19 Endeavored
- 23 Related
- 28 Role in “The Matrix”
- 31 Stringed instrument
- 33 Clod
- 35 Knock
- 38 Rate of movement
- 39 Big blood vessel
- 40 Build
- 42 Plant part
- 44 Runner in a fable
- 45 Lies in wait
- 46 — soda
- 48 — mater
- 49 Daybreak
- 50 Adams or Falco
- 51 Soon to happen

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| 52 | Healthy           | 81  | Insane              |
| 54 | Ill-will          | 83  | Schoolyard game     |
| 56 | Of western Europe | 84  | Filter              |
| 57 | Complete          | 85  | Dishonest doings    |
| 58 | Set of steps      | 86  | United              |
| 60 | Shed              | 89  | Word in place names |
| 61 | Love god          | 91  | Spanish painter     |
| 63 | Mass of bills     | 92  | Born and —          |
| 66 | Ice cream dessert | 95  | Zero                |
| 68 | Filled with joy   | 97  | Fruity drink        |
| 70 | Prepared          | 98  | Mimicking one       |
| 73 | Judgment of —     | 100 | River in France     |
| 74 | Mexican shawl     | 101 | Onetime student     |
| 75 | Burton or Conway  | 103 | "Blue Angel" girl   |
| 76 | Tricky feat       | 105 | Aspect              |
| 79 | Pinna             | 106 | Spouses             |
| 80 | Gear tooth        | 107 | Cut of meat         |

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| 81  | Insane              | 109 | Remainder         |
| 83  | Schoolyard game     | 111 | Term in tennis    |
| 84  | Filter              | 113 | Indebted          |
| 85  | Dishonest doings    | 114 | Onionlike veggie  |
| 86  | United              | 116 | Language variant  |
| 89  | Word in place names | 118 | Gather crops      |
| 91  | Spanish painter     | 120 | Seller            |
| 92  | Born and —          | 122 | Cutting tool      |
| 95  | Zero                | 124 | N.S.A. cousin     |
| 97  | Fruity drink        | 125 | Kith and —        |
| 98  | Mimicking one       | 126 | Curved path       |
| 100 | River in France     | 127 | Soft drink        |
| 101 | Onetime student     | 128 | Antelope          |
| 103 | "Blue Angel" girl   | 130 | Info              |
| 105 | Aspect              | 132 | Measure of length |
| 106 | Spouses             | 133 | Map               |
| 107 | Cut of meat         | 134 | Man with a scull  |

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| 109 | Remainder         | 135 | Fawning one        |
| 111 | Term in tennis    | 137 | Old instrument     |
| 113 | Indebted          | 139 | Achy               |
| 114 | Onionlike veggie  | 141 | Leaning tower town |
| 116 | Language variant  | 142 | Getz the           |
| 118 | Gather crops      |     | saxophonist        |
| 120 | Seller            | 144 | Racket             |
| 122 | Cutting tool      | 146 | Stone              |
| 124 | N.S.A. cousin     | 148 | Mineral            |
| 125 | Kith and —        | 150 | Foot digit         |
| 126 | Curved path       |     |                    |
| 127 | Soft drink        |     |                    |
| 128 | Antelope          |     |                    |
| 130 | Info              |     |                    |
| 132 | Measure of length |     |                    |
| 133 | Map               |     |                    |
| 134 | Man with a skull  |     |                    |

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# Annie gives advice

**Dear Annie:** My husband and I have been together almost six years and married for three. He has two kids, a daughter, 15, and a son, 13. I have always had a pretty good relationship with my stepkids. They are the closest to having kids of my own. Anyway, ever since COVID-19 my marriage seems to be going downhill, and I don't know what to do.

relationship has actually gotten much better, and they are closer than ever. I think it is wonderful that they have bonded again, but now he is all about her, and he pushes me away

She is the only one who seems to make him smile.



## DEAR ANNIE

He sleeps on the couch now because he says he can't get a good night's sleep in our bed anymore. I absolutely hate him sleeping there, but he won't budge, even though I said I would buy a new mattress. He says they are too expensive and doesn't see what the problem with sleeping on the couch. His mood has changed. He pushes me away; we hardly ever snuggle; and when he kisses me, it is not the same. He doesn't tell me he loves me as much as he used to. It almost feels like we are roommates.

They are like two peas in a pod now, and I'm starting to feel jealous. I'm at a loss right now because I don't know how to bring my relationship back to the way it was, and he is NOT the easiest person to talk to.

Am I wrong for feeling jealous toward my step-daughter even though I am happy for them? Is there anything I can do to help my husband realize I miss the way we used to be? — **Missing My Husband**

**Dear Missing My Husband:** You are not wrong to feel jealous of your stepdaughter. And you are right to feel happy for them.

Their relationship is actually not the issue at all. The real issue is the way he is treating you by insisting on sleeping on the couch, snapping at you, and always being in a bad mood toward you. That's no way to live. Although he is not the easiest person to talk to, that is the only way you are going to resolve this. Suggest that you go see a marriage counselor together. If he wants to make the marriage work, he will.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

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## AFTER

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The UPS Store franchisees succeed.

■ **Working as a team:** The success of an organization relies on its members working together and a recognition that the business is greater than the sum of its parts. Many veterans learn to rely on their fellow service men and women; franchise owners must embrace teamwork at multiple levels, from employees of the local franchise to the franchise's national and regional leadership team.

■ **Executing a plan:** Although a franchise owner typically has access to a proven business model and ongoing support, executing the plan is the franchisee's responsibility. Putting the pieces together and developing a working business plan requires an entrepreneurial approach similar to the military training veterans received.

■ **Thriving under pressure:** Things don't always go according to plan, and service members possess the training and discipline to remain calm in pressure-filled situations. For best results when navigating situations like disgruntled customers or employees, a level-headed approach often prevails.

■ **Working hard to accomplish a goal:** Not all business owners have the level of commitment and work ethic necessary to accomplish their entrepreneurial goals. Service members are trained to understand the requirements of a mission and work diligently to achieve them.

### Financing a franchise dream

Through its participation in VetFran, The UPS Store, Inc., makes it easier for veterans to attain their post-military professional goals.

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**Starting your own business can be daunting, but many veterans find they thrive under the pressure.**

"Mission: Veteran Entrepreneurship" program offers nearly \$300,000 in financial incentives to assist qualified U.S. military veterans in opening their own franchise locations. In addition, the first 10 eligible veterans to submit a complete buyer's application packet and initial application fee by Nov. 11 will receive a waiver for their franchise license fees.

To learn more about franchise opportunities and special incentives for veterans, visit [theupsstorefranchise.com/veteran](http://theupsstorefranchise.com/veteran).

### Before you buy a franchise

Becoming a franchise owner is a big decision, which means it's important to thoroughly research potential opportunities and carefully review all the available documents. In most cases, you will have an interview with the franchisor, which is not only a chance for him or her to assess your abilities but also for you to ask questions like these that can give you more perspective.

1. How mature is the brand?

Some franchise systems are backed by a nationally renowned brand name and decades of franchise experience. A mature brand with a proven track record

of success can be especially beneficial for a first-time business owner.

2. Will training be provided?

A good franchise will be committed to helping you succeed by providing the tools and training necessary to get you started on the right foot. The best franchise opportunities will offer a comprehensive training program that covers more than just basic operational procedures, but also provides ongoing assistance. Ask if there is a support team you can reach out to with questions. Also find out how the brand's franchisees work collaboratively to learn from one another and help each other succeed.

3. How stable is the industry?

It's impossible to guarantee the success of a business regardless of the state of the economy. However, some industries are more recession-resistant than others. Those that offer essential products and services that remain in demand or those that flourish due to tough economic conditions are typically among the best franchise opportunities. If you're exploring opening a franchise business as a means of controlling your own employment and financial security, consider an industry that can thrive even in

the face of market volatility.

4. What type of marketing, advertising and promotion do you provide?

While you can generally expect to receive marketing assistance and grand opening guidance when first opening a franchise business, the type of marketing and advertising support provided beyond that can vary greatly among franchisors.

5. What is the total short and long-term financial commitment?

It's important to discuss all initial and ongoing fees in depth with the franchisor before committing to buy. Keep in mind that you will also need enough operating capital to support the business until it breaks even. The franchisor should be able to give you an idea of how long it typically takes franchisees in the network to become profitable.

6. Do you offer funding, incentives or deals?

The costs associated with opening a franchise business can be a significant factor in finding the right opportunity. Some franchisors offer financing options, as well as special incentives for veterans, women and minorities; certain business models; or opening a location in specific geographic areas.

## Auxiliary members donate gift to Avante



Special to the Chronicle

**Members of VFW Auxiliary Post 4337 recently presented a gift basket made to be given to a veterans nursing home, and donated it to Avante in Inverness. Pictured are Michelle Goldstein, Georgette Bass of Avante, Prish Hanson (conductress), Carol Davis (president) and Gloria Lane (patriot instructor).**

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69th ANNIVERSARY



The Cates

William and Carol Cate of Crystal River Village celebrate their 69th wedding anniversary on Aug. 31, 2020.

The couple married on Aug. 31, 1951, in Miami. They have resided in Citrus County for 40 years. They are both retired.

Together they have three children: Bill Cate Jr. of Mauk, Georgia; Jim Cate of Crystal River; and Patti Suits of Plant City. They have four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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on the "September MOAA Sponsored Speaker Event" link.

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.

Save the date for Military Card Party

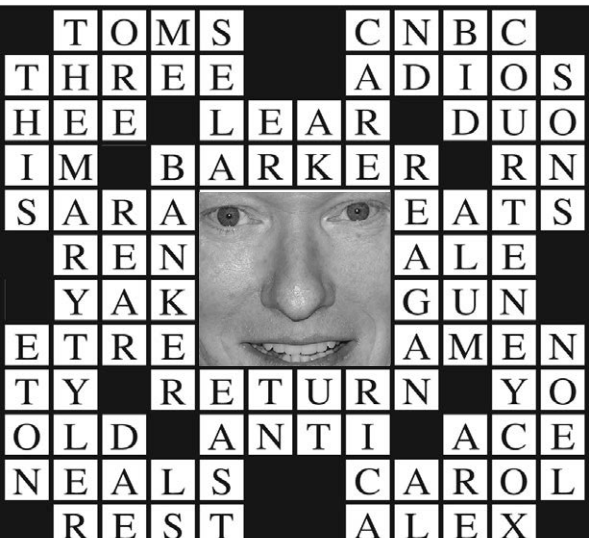
Members of VFW 4252 are hosting a Military Card Party to benefit the Veterans Villages of Fort McCoy Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020, at the post at 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway (U.S. 200), Hernando.

Details will be published in early October in the Chronicle.

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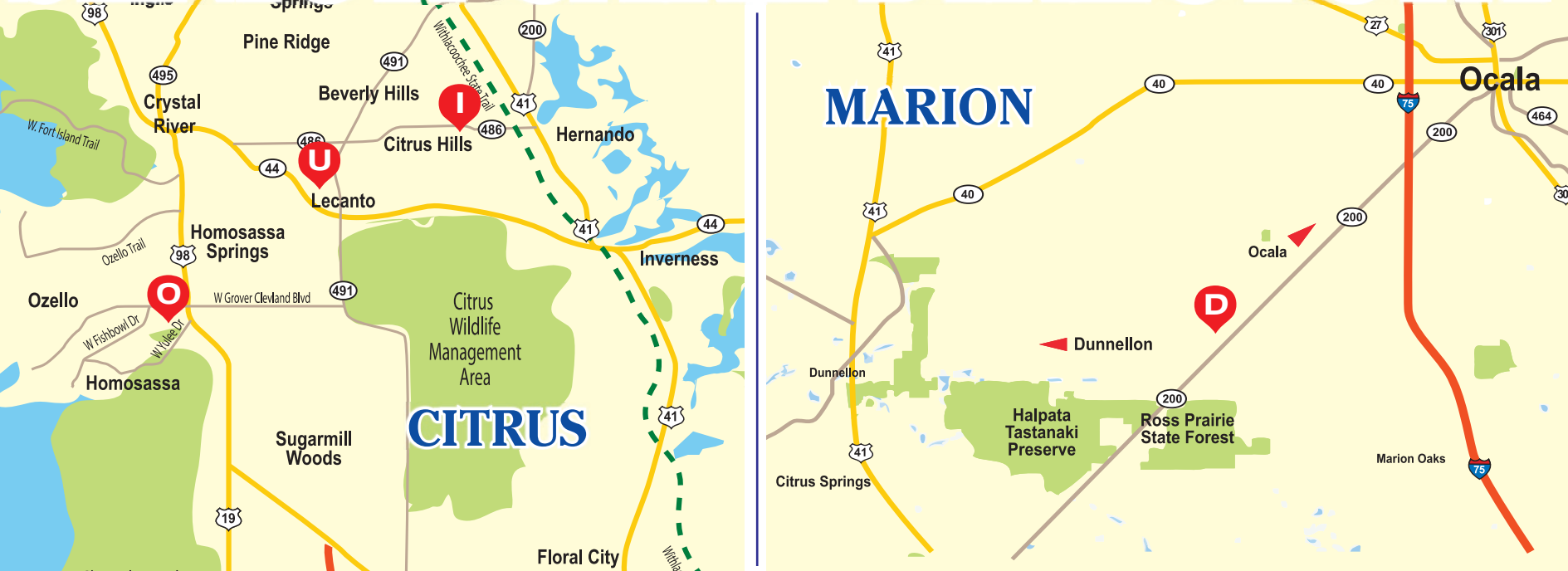
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Gerry Mulligan  
**OUT THE WINDOW**

Many decades ago an elected official in Citrus County had a mental health crisis that became public. During this lapse in rational thought, he got a weapon, boarded himself up in a house and took hostages. I happened to be on the outside in the street during the standoff while the police department tried to figure out what to do. When the police tried to communicate with the elected official, the hostage taker said:

“Send Mulligan in.” Since I was not the one having the lapse in rational thought, I quickly decided to reject the offer for a home visit with the armed council member. Coverage had not been so positive at the time. The incident was resolved later that evening without anyone getting hurt and the elected official was taken away for some intense mental health guidance. Most assuredly, he was taken out of Citrus County to get that mental

health counseling. For decades our community has done a miserable job of providing mental health services to people in crisis. Most of us, at one time or another, find ourselves or a family member in some intense situation where counseling or mental health support is needed. While the majority might work through the problems, others are not so fortunate. There are very real medical and physiological issues that cause people to have

erratic behaviors. But finding assistance in Citrus County has been next to impossible. For decades our answer to mental health problems was two-fold. First, many people with mental health issues were arrested and taken to the county jail because their behavior manifested itself in an incident that may have violated the law. Putting people with mental health problems in jail is not going See **WINDOW/Page B3**

# WATER WARRIORS ANTED

## Grassroots groups protect waterways



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Kayakers paddle the Chassahowitzka River earlier this summer.

## Waterkeeper Alliance patrols 2.5 million square miles of rivers, lakes and coastal waterways

I’ve been a big fan of the Waterkeeper Alliance ([www.waterkeeper.org](http://www.waterkeeper.org)), a worldwide organization headed by Robert F. Kennedy Jr., comprised of more than 300 grassroots groups involved in patrolling and protecting over 2.5 million square miles of rivers, lakes and coastal waterways on six continents. It includes 13 groups of dedicated community stakeholders in Florida — [www.waterkeepersflorida.org](http://www.waterkeepersflorida.org) — engaged in efforts to restore and maintain drinkable, fishable and swimmable water on the Indian River Lagoon, Suwannee River, St. Johns River, Apalachicola River, Lake Okeechobee, Biscayne Bay and other waterways. I’ve often wondered why no Waterkeeper organization exists in our area to assist in addressing concerns associated with our precious underground

aquifer and to help restore and protect our outstanding surface waters. Recently, I decided to investigate what it would take to create a Waterkeeper Group for the Nature Coast. I reached out to Alliance officials and was advised that approval of a Nature Coast Waterkeeper Organization would make sense providing it could meet a number of established criteria. Chief among them is the requirement for a full-time — 40 hours or more per week — paid person serving as the group’s Waterkeeper who also would have access to a Waterkeeper patrol boat. The group would have to establish its own 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or be sponsored by one, and the Waterkeeper’s salary would have to be derived solely through donations or grants to the group. Like the other groups, it would operate autonomously

within the Alliance. Should such a formal Waterkeeper Organization and Waterkeeper Position not be readily feasible, an optional Waterkeeper Affiliate Group could be established comprised of one or more paid employees and/or volunteers who would be expected to put in at least 20 or 30 hours per week. Such a group would also have to establish its own 501(c)(3) organization or be sponsored by one. Its members would have to adhere to all Waterkeeper quality standards and guidelines, including attending Alliance meetings and training at least once a year, and, importantly, have a desire to eventually become a fully licensed Waterkeeper Organization. Should persons be found agreeing to assume the roles and responsibilities of one of these organizations, the next step would be to direct a letter of intent to Waterkeepers Florida for approval. Among other things, the letter would include the biography and résumé of the person who would serve

as Waterkeeper or Affiliate, the area of proposed jurisdiction, and a financial plan, annual budget and fundraising strategy. If approved, the application would be submitted to the Waterkeeper Alliance Recruiting Committee for further review. I had initially thought about perhaps applying to become a Waterkeeper for the Nature Coast, but found the process and requirements a bit too much to take on. Any thought I entertained about following up on the idea evaporated after learning about the time commitment involved and the lead role I’d have to play in establishing/participating in a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For one thing, I’m retired and certainly not looking for anything approaching full time employment. And, I don’t think my kayak would qualify as a Waterkeeper patrol boat. Even the time requirement relative to serving as a volunteer Affiliate would seemingly cut far too much into my fishing time. See **WATER/Page B3**



Gary Rankel  
**GUEST COLUMN**

# New changes in the community bring new mental stress



Cortney Stewart  
**SEEING BEYOND**

Over the past decade, there has been a significant shift in the way we talk about mental health in this country. It’s addressed in our schools, our workplaces and even our entertainment industry. The moves to reduce stigma, encourage honesty and provide places where people can get the help they need have grown by leaps and bounds. But we aren’t there yet. In fact, dealing with a worldwide pandemic has made the effort to

address mental health even more urgent. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, the number of Americans dealing with anxiety and depression is increasing at a rather unnerving rate. In May, 34.5% of adults reported symptoms of these mental health issues. In June, that number rose to 36.5%. By July, we’d hit 40.1%. That’s a pretty steady incline. Even as schools get back in session and some aspects of life look a little

more “normal,” the new challenges we face in our old settings are bound to cause new ripples and new disruptions for parents and kids alike. Wearing masks all day is becoming more normal but we aren’t quite there yet. Plexiglass between desks, keeping distance from our colleagues, temperature checks — we may be back at work and back at school, but these new changes are bound to bring new pressure points for stress, anxiety and depression. Our focus for the past six months

has swung heavily to the physical health side of things. And rightfully so. A global pandemic is nothing to underestimate. But now, more than ever, it’s imperative that we pay attention to what is happening in our families and communities both mentally and emotionally. The pandemic has taken its toll on us economically in ways we were not expecting. Moving into March, things looked and felt pretty normal. And then out of nowhere, See **BEYOND/Page B3**



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### MENTAL HEALTH

# County, hospital board need to join mental health effort

The state of Florida provides \$3.2 million for LifeStream, a nonprofit, to provide mental health services in Citrus County.

The CEO of LifeStream, John Cherry, believes a county our size needs \$10 million to \$15 million of services each year. There's a large gap between the level of services offered and the need of our citizens.

Lifestream just took over the contract last year and has successfully been reaching out to county residents in need. They have been shocked by the level of response from our underserved community.

Florida is one of the worst states in the nation for providing mental health services as measured by per capita spending. Citrus County is one of the lowest funded counties in Florida. That makes us one of the worst places to live in the nation if you or a family member suffers from a mental health problem.

LifeStream is attempting to step up to the challenge, but they are going to need the assistance of different levels of government and the philanthropic community.

To start, LifeStream has requested the county donate 30 acres of land near the county jail in Lecanto for the construction of a psychiatric facility and possibly a Baker Act complex. The 30-acre tract is now surplus land that has been discussed as a possible site for a future animal control facility.

Citrus County government needs to come to the table and figure out a way to donate this land for mental health purposes or come up with another site that will meet the need of the nonprofit agency they have contracted with to provide this important care.

Our local government must be a stakeholder in developing strategies to address the mental health dilemma in our community. Using surplus county land to locate a complex on would be an easy and inexpensive place to start.

Lifestream's efforts to use existing buildings close to residential neighborhoods has been met with objections from local communities. Using property next to the county jail is an excellent location because no one wants to be in the county jail.

The second part of LifeStream's "ask" from the community is for the Citrus County Hospital Board to step

up and make a major financial contribution to construct the facility.

The hospital board no longer runs Citrus Memorial Hospital, the medical facility is now leased by HCA, the largest hospital company in America. But the Citrus Hospital Board does have at its disposal millions of dollars it has collected from contracts and agreements that have been litigated since the HCA lease agreement was reached. Attorney Bill Grant and the hospital board deserves recognition for aggressively going after these funds.

The proceeds from the actual lease of the hospital flow to the Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation (CCCCF), which allocates those dollars through an overly complicated grant mechanism to nonprofits servicing our community.

LifeStream is asking both the hospital board the CCCCCF to consider providing funds for the purposes of a mental health facility. In leasing the community-owned Citrus Memorial Hospital to HCA, the mandate was that the profits would be used to meet the health care needs of Citrus County. The lack of adequate mental health services is the single greatest health care need that exists here.

We urge both groups to knock down their respective bureaucratic obstacles and become partners in the process of finding solutions to this critical community problem.

Citrus County's suicide rate is nearly twice the state average. Our Baker Act numbers are much higher than the average. The low per-capita income in the county makes it almost impossible for many residents to have insurance to pay for mental health services they need.

Progress is finally being made because people are talking about it. The county made the right decision in terminating its mental health contract with The Centers and hiring LifeStream to do the job.

But the job is going to take more resources. We are one of the worst counties in all of America in dealing with mental health issues. It's going to take a coalition of interests to tackle the problem and a decade of work to get the job done.

It's time for all of us to get to work.

# United Way to host back to school virtual fundraiser

While I don't necessarily like our "new normal," I understand that masks, social distancing, temperature checks, and a plethora of other safety precautions are now part of our everyday lives and are most likely here to stay, at least for awhile.

While we're adjusting to these changes in our personal lives, we are also adjusting to them in the nonprofit world of fundraising. The days of large social fundraising gatherings are currently on hold, and we are moving into the virtual realm of raising money. Our Boots and Bling annual event will look different this year, but never fear, it is still going to be a great time that you don't want to miss. However, more immediate than that is our back to school fundraiser that will take place this Monday on our United Way of Citrus County Facebook page or via call-ins to our office. The money raised

will be used to purchase children's books for our Reading-Pal students, which cost approximately \$110 child, and also to assist adults who are striving to earn their GED, which costs \$225 per adult.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m., we will be accepting \$20 donations in exchange for a numbered square of the donor's choice. Maybe you want to donate \$20 and choose one numbered square, or maybe you want to donate \$100 and select five numbered squares. The more squares you have, the better your chances are of winning a prize. However, only 100 squares are available. After the 100 squares are gone, we will hold a Facebook Live event where we will randomly draw at least six numbers, and each person whose number is drawn will win a prize from one of our community partners. The prize list includes, but is not limited to, a fishing rod and reel donated by 44 Tackle, a Seafood Seller gift

certificate, a Lowe's gift card, a Visa gift card and a cake donated by Queen of Cakes.

This is just one of the fun, new ways we are using to raise money for our four local direct-service programs: Mission United, ReadingPals, the Prosperity Center and Rapid Rehousing.

While our lives have drastically slowed down due to COVID-19, we must remember that the needs of our most vulnerable citizens are at an all-time high during this pandemic. We must come together as a community to support them, and provide them with the tools they need to better their lives.

We have a fun, innovative staff and board of directors at United Way, and we have a lot of tricks up our sleeve this fall, so be sure to stay tuned to our Facebook page. Also, be sure to tune in to Facebook on Monday, or call our office at 352-795-5483, to participate in our back to school fundraiser and win some great prizes!

Meghan Pitzer is CEO of United Way of Citrus County.

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## LETTERS to the Editor

### The process of endorsing candidates

In any election year, candidates for office are invited to participate in public forums and endorsement processes offered by groups of varying interests. Presumably, choosing to participate in any such opportunity is in itself an indication of the candidate's interest in securing the votes of the hosting constituency.

The Citrus County Education Association (CCEA), a professional association representing educators and education staff professionals, has a proud history of encouraging member engagement in local elections. We know well that the outcome of local elections has a direct impact on our classrooms and the students we serve. Volunteer members of our association invest a great many hours of their personal time to inform our members and the broader community of candidates' positions, particularly as they relate to public education.

Endorsements offered by our association are issued through a committee of members representative of the larger organization. An open invitation to join this committee is sent out via personal email, and any member of CCEA who wishes to be a part of the endorsement process has the opportunity to do so. This committee is comprised of teachers, support staff and public education retirees — all varying ages, professional experiences and political party affiliations, but with a shared focus on identifying candidates who offer a vision for strong public schools.

The endorsing committee reviews candidate literature — submitted by the candidates themselves — gathers relevant information through reliable sources — news articles and other public forums — and screens candidates through questionnaires and/or interviews facilitated by CCEA. Only after a thorough review of all available information will the committee entertain a discussion of endorsement, and only with a majority vote of the committee will an endorsement be issued.

The Citrus County Education

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Association does not take the responsibility of issuing endorsements lightly. Our committee does not endorse in every race, nor do we automatically endorse candidates based solely on their status as current or former educators. While there are often several great candidates to choose from, it is our duty to seek out the candidate whose vision for our schools is most closely aligned with the aspirations of our profession. We owe it to the students of Citrus County to elect leaders who will bring ideas to move our public schools forward.

Democracy requires participation. Please be sure to register by Oct. 5, request vote by mail before Oct. 24, and be sure to vote in this November's election.

Christian Gallery  
Inverness

### A fair and safe election

I saw the letter in the paper titled, "It's either Trump or democracy." The writer eluded that President Trump was holding funds from the U.S. Postal Service in an effort to prevent mail-in voting. Trump is not doing such a thing. USPS has lost \$69 billion over the past 11 fiscal years — including \$3.9 billion in fiscal year 2018. USPS's total unfunded liabilities and debt — \$143 billion at the end of fiscal year

2018 — have grown to double its annual revenue. Much of this is due to mismanagement and decrease in mail due to many factors — automatic debit for bill pay, more emails, texting, etc. There has been some increase in package shipping in the past few months due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Trump is not concerned with mail-in ballots but concerned with universal ballots. A mail-in ballot is requested by the voter and is sent to the home address. A universal ballot is mailed to all citizens in a state.

As you know, many things can happen between 2016 and 2018. People move to other states. People have died. Yet these universal ballots go to the last known address. That ballot could be filled out and returned to the supervisor of elections by anyone. A dead person's ballot or a citizen who has relocated to another state might be filled out by anyone and then mailed in. The only identification of the voter is a signature.

There is more chance of a falsified ballot and diluting your vote. Where as the requested mail-in ballot went to the voter who is alive and requested to vote.

Part of the House bill is to allow lawsuits against the postal service. This will not benefit the USPS and will only put them into more debt. Some states at the last minute decided on universal ballots. It was the postmaster general who sounded the alarm that these ballots would bombard the USPS and they could not guarantee by Nov. 3.

Pouring more money will not solve issue, these states should not change course in mid-stream close to the election.

Citrus County and other places in the country have enacted measures to provide a safe environment to vote in person with CDC guidelines in place.

Trump is not a dictator. He wants every citizen to have a voice in November. We want it to be a fair and safe election.

Richard Tomlinson  
Crystal River



### County falling victim to drugs

I wish the Chronicle would look into the crime rates in Citrus County, specifically with drug offenses. It seems like in the last 10 years — as is with the rest of the country — that Citrus County has fallen victim to the abuse of heroin and meth. The number of drug arrests that I see on the Chronicle's website every day is just astounding. Our county never used to be like that. So I would be interested to look at the criminal statistics.

How many arrests for different types of drugs and other types — you know, violence or whatever — to look at a timeline and see how much our community has changed. I think it would be a great story.

### Typewriter ribbons sought

Does anyone know a place that sells typewriter ribbons? The large office supply store had only one kind, which does not fit my Sears portable electric. I need this soon so I can write some letters.



# In a divided time, saving local journalism a bipartisan cause

In a presidential election year and in the midst of the dual crises of the coronavirus pandemic and widespread economic misery, the divisions among Americans can seem to easily overwhelm the bonds that unite us.

That's why it's so heartening to see in recent weeks that Americans of all persuasions, and their

understand very well the consequences of civic life without robust local journalism.

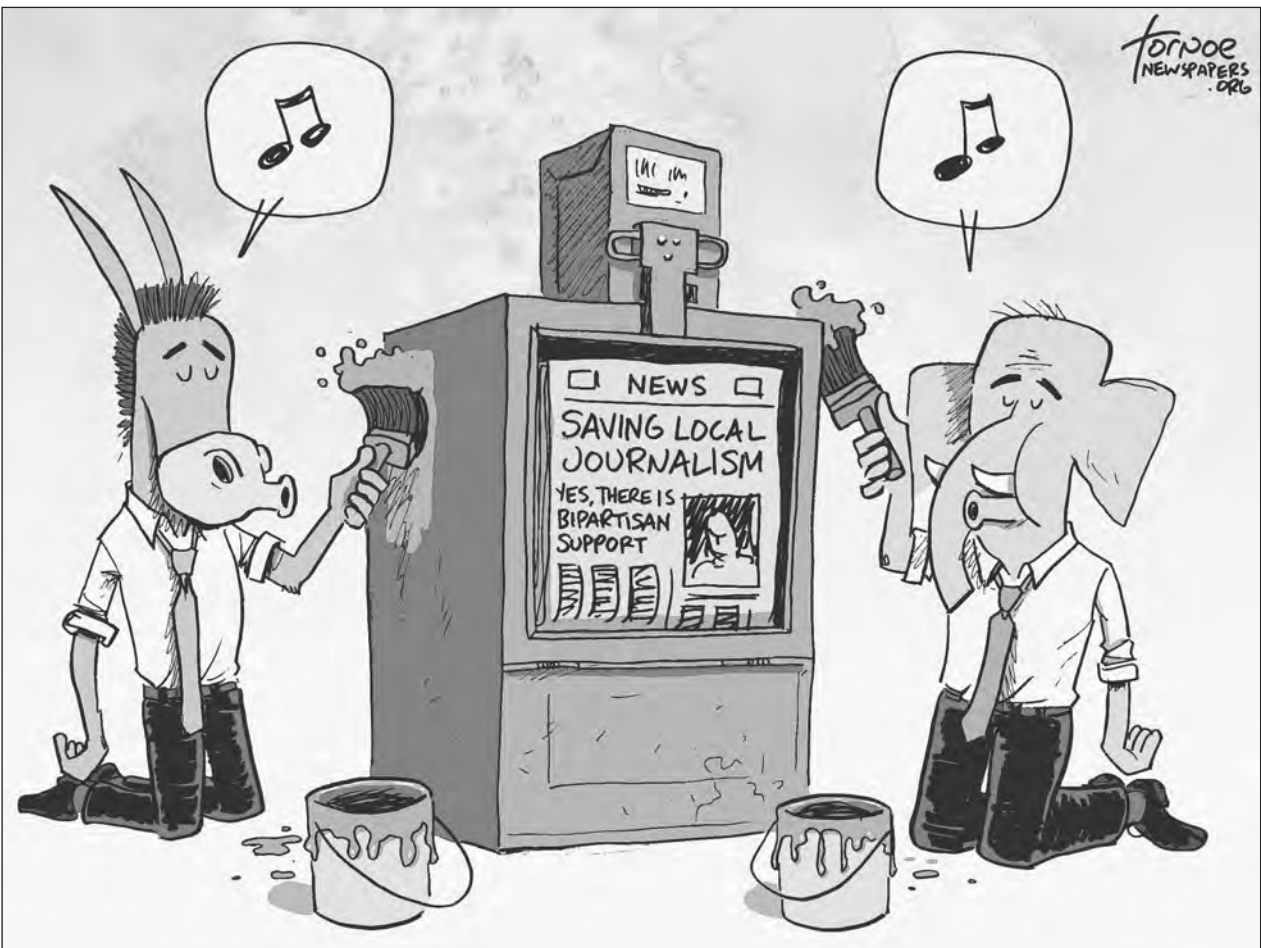
The vast majority of Americans, more than eight in 10, say — in general — that the news media is “critical” or “very important” to democracy. More Americans report they are following local news closely. A follow-up ques-

tion shows that these citizens are more likely to vote and to feel attached to their communities.

Most encouragingly, Americans still see the news media as part of the solution and not the problem: Nearly half, 49%, say the media could do “a great deal” to heal political divisions, while another 35% say journalism could contribute a “moderate amount” of healing.

Perhaps the best example of this growing recognition of the importance of local journalism — and the urgent need to support it in a time of its own crisis — is the bipartisan response to an important piece of legislation introduced this summer by U.S. Representatives Ann Kirkpatrick, a Democrat from Arizona, and Dan Newhouse, a Republican from Washington state.

The Local Journalism Sustainability Act has attracted 49 cosponsors as of Aug. 26. These Congressional representatives range all over the supposedly immutable political divide — from liberal representatives, including Democrats Eleanor Holmes Norton of



Washington, D.C., to conservative Republican Vern Buchanan of Florida.

There's a lot to like about the Local Journalism Sustainability Act, which will cost taxpayers nothing while helping the three stakeholders of trusted, fair and accurate journalism: People who subscribe to newspapers or other local media; businesses that advertise in local newspapers; and newspapers that staff their newsrooms with journalists who cover the community.

The legislation provides a sun-setting five years of tax credits for subscriptions, advertising and newsroom payrolls.

Whether or not this

legislation passes in this election-shortened Congressional session, it still stands as a way forward for bipartisan action on a crisis that affects not just newspapers, but all elements of a thriving community. That's why, if you don't see your Congressional representative in this list of cosponsors for H.R. 7640, please consider asking him or her to be part of the solution that safeguards your access to local news and information.

There is plenty of precedence for supporting journalism on all sides of the bipartisan divide. Consider Vice President Mike Pence, surely among the president's most fervent supporters.

During his 12 years in Congress, he repeatedly introduced legislation for a federal so-called shield law to protect the sources of journalists reporting on issues important to the American people.

“This isn't about protecting reporters,” Pence said in 2005 to the Inland Press Association, one of the two associations that merged to become America's Newspapers. “This is about protecting the peoples' right to know.”

Those words and that sentiment could refer right now to the Local Journalism Sustainability Act. Your right to know — your access to accurate and fair local news

— transcends any partisan divide.

On behalf of its approximately 1,500 newspaper and associate member companies, America's Newspapers is committed to explaining, defending and advancing the vital role of newspapers in democracy and civil life. We put an emphasis on educating the public on all the ways newspapers contribute to building a community identity and the success of local businesses. Learn more: [www.newspapers.org](http://www.newspapers.org).

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## BEYOND

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in a week's time, businesses were closed down, schools were out of session and the world came to a screeching halt.

That isn't something we can just bounce back from without experiencing some serious consequences. The unemployment rate peaked at 14.7% in April, and while that rate has fallen significantly, down to 10.2% in July, job gains have slowed. The anxiety and depression associated with job loss and income insecurity is not a new thing. But when 10% of the population is out of work and a vast majority of people are concerned that their jobs may be on the chopping block, the intensity of that anxiety and depression deepens.

It isn't just about jobs and income, though. Frontline health care workers, grocery store attendants, teachers and other essential workers are all facing new vulnerability, supply shortages and burnout. Those who have ongoing physical health problems also find themselves in a new category of anxiety. In addition, places we would normally go to find relief from the stresses of life are not operating or functioning normally. Churches have gone virtual and those that are meeting face to face do so under strange conditions. Gyms don't look the same. Movie theaters and other entertainment venues bring with them a host of changes.

There's a lot going on and no one is untouched by

the stress.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) included a \$425 million appropriation to provide more money for mental health and substance use services. It's helpful. But it isn't sufficient.

It's up to us as a community to pull together and be responsible for our neighbors. Check-in, drop off dinner, ask our friends and family how things are going and then honestly listen. Sometimes people just need a safe place to admit that things are hard and they feel unsure about the future. Be that listening ear.

Everyone is standing on shaky ground at the moment. We all have that in common. We will get to the other side. But we'll be healthier and better off if we don't try to get there alone. Now's the time to ask yourself what it means to be a good neighbor. Part of that answer is making sure that we are intentionally looking out for the needs of those around us — both physical and emotional. The other part of that is making sure we are taking care of ourselves in the process.

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## Hand deliver your ballot

I read the (July 31, 2020, Page A13) Sound Off labeled “No mail-in ballots.” The author complained of a birthday card not yet received 13 days later. I have a better one for you: My brother mailed two Christmas cards on Dec. 2, 2019, from Las Vegas, Nevada — one to me in Lecanto, Florida, and one to my daughter in Marietta, Georgia. We have yet to receive either of those cards now, 242 days later. We laugh about it. ... However, my spouse and I received our vote-by-mail ballots for this month's Primary Election and we fully intend to complete, sign and cast our ballots by hand delivering them to the Supervisor of Elections Office in Crystal River between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Or you can hand deliver your completed and signed ballot at any of the early voting sites — Central Ridge Library, Homosassa Public Library or Inverness City Hall — where you can hand deliver your ballots anytime between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. during the week of Aug. 7-15. By hand delivering completed and signed

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ballots, you can avoid standing in line, especially in hot, sunny weather while wearing your mask. You can also maintain social distancing and you can submit your vote quickly, efficiently, comfortably and with confidence. So I urge that person who (called) in regarding “No mail-in ballots,” to please reconsider extending her ballot in this way through hand delivery.

### Roadwork a travesty

Feel sorry for the gentleman that's kept up at night due to the construction on the Suncoast Parkway. I hope he can get used to the sound of semi-trucks running 24 hours a day, because that's what's coming. And I would gladly trade that construction crew for the crew on (U.S.) 19. After three years, they've managed to take a four-lane road and turn it into a two-lane road, making it extremely hazardous and bumpy. It's supposed to be a six-lane road. That's what they're being paid millions of taxpayer dollars to accomplish. They don't work weekends, they don't work nights and they work very, very little during the day. You'd love

having them out there. Of course, you'll grow old waiting for them to ever finish. It's a travesty and our commissioners don't do anything about it. The DOT doesn't do anything about it. The state of Florida doesn't do anything about it. There's been multiple fatalities on that road. There's been crashes every week for years due to this ugly, stupid construction. I was in the two-lane section and there's a car coming the opposite way in the left lane and it was two lanes heading north, but she was heading south in the lane next to me — just got confused, I guess — and that goes on every day. Those people should have hundreds of people working on that every day, but the politicians don't care. It's just a waste of tax dollars. Anyway, I'd surely trade them for you.

### 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 national issues, please submit a letter to the editor.

## WATER

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So, I decided to contact a few environmentally-oriented folks I know around the Nature Coast seeking suggestions for good Waterkeeper and Affiliate candidates. I got a few names, made some calls and had no takers. Most of the folks I chatted with seemed to have little interest in

assuming a Waterkeeper role with salary totally dependent on donations, especially given our current economic climate.

The requirements for a new Waterkeepers program may seem imposing, however, much time and effort goes into conducting meaningful waterway protection programs. I assume the Alliance wants to ensure that any new program will be properly staffed and effective.

I encourage anyone willing to

take on such duties and become a water warrior for the Nature Coast to contact Florida Waterkeepers, [www.waterkeepersflorida.org](http://www.waterkeepersflorida.org), for more information.

Peaceful paddles, bracing battles and happy landings.

*Gary Rankel is an avid kayaker and retired biologist. His website is Nature Coast kayak fishers <http://fishingkayaks.us>.*

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to have a positive outcome for anyone and ends up costing the taxpayer. Our jails are filled with people who stopped taking their medications or are in intense need of psychological care.

The other possibility was that an individual acting out could be taken into custody by the sheriff's office using the Baker Act, where the person would be taken via patrol car to another county where an intake facility would spend up to 48-hours reviewing the situation. Since Citrus County didn't have such a facility, the Baker Act process also

took a sheriff's deputy off patrol so they could transport the county resident to Ocala, Brooksville or Lake County for services.

We have had a desperate shortage of services here for two reasons. First, government has never treated mental health as a priority. And second, for-profit organizations found it was almost impossible to make any money providing the service.

There was a time when Seven River's Hospital in Crystal River had a psychiatric care wing in the private hospital. While this service was being offered, the CEO told me the seven-bed unit was filled with patients, but not one of the patients was a paying customer. They were all indigent

and in need of mental health services. Go figure.

That hospital unit was eventually shut down because the private hospital couldn't provide services without getting paid.

Today we are fortunate that a new mental health provider — Lifestream — has taken over the contract for delivering services in our community. Lobbyist and mental health advocate Gene McGee has been pushing Lifestream and the county to step up to the plate and face the issues head on.

We need a Baker Act facility in Citrus County to handle our daily flow of patients. On average, there is one school child a day who gets Baker Acted and needs services. There are

many more adults who need care.

Citrus also needs an in-patient facility that provides mental health services to those in need.

County government has been asked to step up and commit to working with Lifestream to make this happen. Our state funding level is the lowest in Florida, so obviously state government needs to be a better partner in providing services.

And significantly, the folks at Citrus Memorial Hospital board and the charitable foundation board need to play a role in providing capital dollars to get these facilities situated here. No more excuses about bylaws and silly lawyer stuff; mental health services are the

most important health need in our community.

If you doubt the challenge, I dare you to take a look at the daily arrest report and photos reproduced at [Chronicleonline.com](http://Chronicleonline.com). I bet half the folks we arrest each day are suffering from mental health issues. We are spending more money locking them up in jail than it would take to deal with underlying mental health issues that got them arrested in the first place. And when we do finally release them from jail, their underlying mental health issues are still front and center.

At the Chronicle we usually don't publish the cause of death in obituaries. If we did, you'd see that Citrus County also has one of the highest suicide

rates in Florida. In the state, the suicide rate is 14.5 per 100,000 people. In Citrus County, the rate is 26.2. We are almost double the state average.

Suicide is about mental health. Double the state average.

We have stuck our collective heads in the sand for way too long. People are dying. Others are going to jail. Lives are being ruined.

It is now time to push government, nonprofits and individual leaders to step up and deal with the problem.

Our lives depend on it.

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# Schlabach: I will work with BOCC to move county forward

To the citizens of Citrus County who voted in the Aug. 18, 2020, primary, please allow me to convey my special thanks to all who exercised their right to vote.

Whether or not you voted for me in the universal primary, I appreciate the fact that you took the time to become informed, decide on a candidate and then vote by mail, early or at the polls.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to those who voted for me to become your next county commissioner for District 3. You gave me 49.12% of

the vote. I am truly humbled and thank you for your support.

What the results of the election tell me is that, you, the voters of Citrus County want action. You want a commissioner who is proactive. You want solutions to our long-term problems.

You want smart growth in the county. You want to attract those businesses and industries that will move our county forward, while still respecting our natural resources. Additionally, we need businesses that offer careers with quality pay and benefits to our citizens. You

want to ensure that Citrus County is known as welcoming and a great place to live and for business to invest in the future.

You want continued protection of our environment and natural resources. The preservation of both our freshwater and saltwater bodies of water must always be a top priority for the board of commissioners.

You want your county commissioners to actively invest in our infrastructure. Citrus County can no longer ignore the state of our roadways. A strong infrastructure is key to attracting those businesses and industries that will move this county forward.

You want a county commission that works together to solve problems.

I pledge to you that I will do my utmost to work with my fellow commissioners in finding solutions to the challenges that face Citrus County. Being a person who is forward thinking, I understand that our board decisions can also affect future generations.

Wherever I am, I will represent Citrus County with decorum and respect.

Let me close by stating that you were gracious enough to elect me as your commissioner, and I promise you that every one of my decisions will always be based on what is best for the citizens of Citrus County.

Ruthie Schlabach is the county commissioner-elect for District 3.



Ruthie Schlabach  
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**JIM GREEN**  
*Special to the Chronicle*

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These trying times have put great pressure on our local small businesses.

Many are struggling under the COVID-19 limitations and the resulting downturn in business.

You can share your expertise and help these local businesses survive. It has also made it even more difficult for aspiring entrepreneurs to start down the road to starting their own business.

We currently are seeking individuals who want to serve as mentors, subject matter experts and workshop facilitators.

Your business background and expertise may be an excellent addition to our local SCORE chapter.

Being a SCORE volunteer offers many benefits that may appeal to you, including the opportunity to:

- develop or enhance your leadership skills and business acumen;
- become well-connected within our local business community;
- feel good knowing you helped someone turn their dreams into reality.

A subject matter expert is a person with particular expertise that can co-mentor to assist local businesses with specific needs. These may include business planning, accounting, marketing, social media marketing and customer service.

Workshop facilitators teach classes on myriad topics, including business planning, finance, marketing and technology. They also help our clients network and share best practices with each other and foster learning through their local community.

Help us to help our local businesses survive, grow and thrive. Become a SCORE volunteer.

Contact us at 352-249-1236 or go online to [SCORE.org](http://SCORE.org) and click on Volunteer.

*Jim Green is a SCORE mentor with experience in business finance and accounting, manufacturing and product development, business operations, technology and IT services and more. Visit online at [naturecoastfl.score.org](http://naturecoastfl.score.org).*

# CHANGE AND GROWTH

## Planet Fitness to open in Inverness; new businesses debut

**MICHAEL D. BATES**  
*Staff writer*

**T**he Inverness Planet Fitness is set to open. A new eatery opens in Homosassa. There’s a new place to groom your dog (or cat) in Hernando and a spacious wholesale facility debuts in Crystal River.

Lots of news to cover in this Comings & Goings edition, so let’s get right to it:

### Planet Fitness

The county’s new (and only) Planet Fitness will open Sept. 18.

Located at 1660 U.S. 41 North, inside the Inverness Regional Shopping Center, the national fitness chain signed a 10-year lease to occupy 20,000 square feet (or about one-third) of the old Kmart.

The site is already pre-selling memberships.

Planet Fitness has started reopening many of its 2,000 gyms nationwide that had been temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information, call 352-437-6462 or visit [www.planetfitness.com](http://www.planetfitness.com).

### Dirty Doggies House of Beauty

Karla Streffling admits there are lots of dog grooming places in Citrus County. But then, there are lots of pets



Michael D. Bates  
**COMINGS & GOINGS**

here to drive business.

This month, Streffling opened Dirty Doggies House of Beauty inside a strip mall at 3451 E. Louise Lane, Suite 128, in Hernando.

“We don’t have to keep competing against each other,” Streffling said. “There’s

plenty to go around.”

What sets her place apart? “All of my groomers have over 30 years experience,” she said.

Plus: “We groom with love and patience.”

An added plus: weekend and evening hours to accommodate all schedules.

Streffling, who owned a grooming business in Indiana before moving to Florida 22 years ago, said she had a desire to open another one in Citrus County.

“We love it,” she said. “We love the pets. I love dealing with the people and I love dealing with animals.

For more information, call 352-419-8858.

### NautiTime Seafood n Wing Shak

Jon Lechleidner owned a sports bar in Puerto Rico for 25 years, but frequently visited his dad’s home in Lecanto.



Special to the Chronicle

**Wendy Hodgdon, left, and Ellen Thelen make puppies less pungent at the new Dirty Doggies House of Beauty.**

Those visits bore fruit and he and his wife Marielys decided to move to Citrus County.

“I’m in love with the area and the springs, bought a home and a business here,” he said.

That business is called NautiTime Seafood n Wing Shak, which opened Aug. 1 at 10317 W. Yulee Drive in Homosassa — near the water tower.

The Lechleidners run the place themselves and offer an assortment of wings, tacos and more. He’s applied for a beer and wine permit.

For more information, call Nauti-Time Seafood n Wing Shak at 352-443-8975 or visit them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/NautiTimeSeafoodnWingShak](http://www.facebook.com/NautiTimeSeafoodnWingShak).

### The Boil Yard

Say goodbye to Clawdaddy’s and hello to The Boil Yard.

New owners have been busy redoing the building at 1601 U.S. 19 in Crystal River in preparation for the new restaurant.

There’s no official opening date yet for The Boil Yard, which will feature seafood and more. The Chronicle will announce the grand opening when it is known.

### Pet Center Grooming

Stephanie Cook, owner of Pet Center Grooming in Crystal River, said she used the time closed during the pandemic to move out of her former spot in Crystal Terrace to another larger storefront in the same strip mall.

Her new location is 433 NE First Terrace, in the same plaza as Mr. King restaurant.

Cook said the entire inside of the store was rebuilt and the new signage outside makes it even more visible from the street.

Pet Center Grooming has been in



business in Citrus County since 1982.

### Wholesalez

Remember the old Proline Boat Factory building at 1520 U.S. 19 in Crystal River?

That building sat empty for almost 10 years. But no more.

It took about nine weeks, but the 104,000-square-foot site has been renovated and is now a new Wholesalez facility.

And, according to its Facebook blurb, it’s one of the largest wholesale facilities in the country.

“We are excited to begin this journey in Citrus County,” the company says.

“We look forward to providing many job opportunities, doing our part in the community and helping those who are interested in learning how to earn an income from home.”

Wholesalez works with manufacturers and retailers to provide products and opportunities to clients.

To schedule an appointment to visit Wholesalez, call 844-773-7355 or visit <https://wholesalez.com>.

*To be included in a future Comings & Goings, contact Chronicle reporter Michael D. Bates at 352-563-3205 or [mbates@chronicleonline.com](mailto:mbates@chronicleonline.com).*

## BUSINESS DIGEST

### Homosassa business earns accreditation

Homosassa Home Watch has recently earned accreditation from the National Home Watch Association.

The NHWA was formed in 2009 in order to establish and maintain the highest industry standards for Home Watch and absentee homeowner services throughout the United States and Canada.

Home Watch is a visual inspection of a home or property, looking for obvious issues, which means that, essentially, it is a service that “keeps an eye on things” at your vacation or primary home while you are not in residence.

Owners Lynn and Irina Cameron are committed to providing every customer with exceptional customer service. Their goal is to provide peace of mind for their customers so they can



Lynn  
Cameron

and managing large-volume distribution centers. He later served as project manager, relocating company offices and distribution centers.

After spending many years as a front-line manager, Lynn decided to try a new career. In 2003, he obtained his real estate license.

He then launched into the home inspection business, which he saw as a great opportunity to help homeowners see the flaws in the properties they were considering buying. Lynn then went to school and became a

enjoy their time away.

Lynn was born in Wisconsin and raised in Connecticut. He came to Florida in 1972.

His career was mainly spent in logistics and leading millions of dollars in repairs on air-conditioning units, roofs, and many other high-dollar repairs.

In these positions, Lynn’s attention to detail, thoroughness, and effective communication were critical skills for success. He enjoys helping others, exceeding customer expectations, and building lasting relationships that improve the communities in which he lives and works.

Lynn has earned the designation of Certified Home Watch Professional



Irina  
Cameron

pool and spa inspector, and a certified mold and mildew inspector.

Word of mouth traveled quickly, and prospective home buyers loved him. He says that over the next few

years, he saved prospective buyers millions of dollars in repairs on air-conditioning units, roofs, and many other high-dollar repairs.

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Lynn has earned the designation of Certified Home Watch Professional

from the NHWA, making him one of the top Home Watch providers in the industry. The CHWP designation shows Lynn’s commitment to providing excellent service to his clients.

Irina is a native of Gukova, Russia, and speaks fluent Russian. Her career has been spent in banking and education, specifically in the teaching of photography. She enjoys photographing children and wildlife.

Honesty, integrity and thoroughness are a few of the many skills Irina has been know to possess. She has a passion for helping people and always doing the right thing.

Homosassa Home Watch serves Homosassa, Homosassa Springs, Crystal River, Spring Hill, Weeki Wachee, Brooksville, Lecanto and Inverness. Contact them at 352-201-0488 or at [homosassahw@gmail.com](mailto:homosassahw@gmail.com). Learn more from their website, [homosassahomewatch.com](http://homosassahomewatch.com).

## BUSINESS DIGEST

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## Shipyard Dog Cleans up 'Motel Row' in CR

Last year, Jim Briley and his family, owners of Shipyard Dog, relocated to Citrus County and purchased the long-vacant property at 255 SE US Hwy 19 in Crystal River with a goal of cleaning it up and turning it into a shining jewel in the City.

They have since done a tremendous amount of work on one side of the property where they now house their screen printing, laser engraving, embroidery and design studio, along with an attractive retail area.

Recently, the Brileys also made good on a promise to tear down the old "Motel Row", as locals had referred to the decaying and unsightly eye sore that had been broken into and inhabited by vagrants for years.

This is one more step toward the reclamation and beautification of this prime business property by an energetic family that is committed to investing in the future of our County. We thank Chamber member Shipyard Dog for this undertaking.

### BEFORE



### COMING DOWN



## Citrus County CARES Phase II beginning Sep. 1

Last week, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved the Phase II application process for the Citrus County CARES Act Program which provides emergency financial support for qualified small businesses that are negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic due to orders to close or limit operations.

The funds are part of the \$6.5 million awarded to Citrus County by the State of Florida from its portion of the federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act passed in March 2020. The application period for Phase I funding ended August 14.

Phase II expands the scope of eligible businesses that may qualify for grant amounts in varying levels depending upon the type of business.

Phase II businesses include:

- Beauticians, Barbers, Massage Therapists, Nail Technicians — \$3,000 with current BTR on March 1, 2020, or \$2,000 if BTR has been made current after March 1, 2020. Excludes applicants awarded in Phase I; must be located in a commercial space.
- Retail Non-Profit in a commercial space — \$7,500
- Food Trucks not in a commercial space — \$2,000 (owner must be a Citrus County resident)
- Bars — \$5,000 additional to bars that have already received a \$7,500 grant in the first round
- Acceptance of Eligible Business from Phase I with delinquent BTRs that has since been resolved - \$4,000
- Manatee and dive tour captains shut down by government action with a current BTR on March 1, 2020 - \$3,000.

The County will begin accepting grant applications under Phase II on September 1, 2020, and ending on September 30, 2020.

Depending upon any funds remaining after Phase II awards, the BOCC may consider further expanding the scope of eligible businesses under a Phase III round.

For more information on application requirements, and to apply for Phase II on September 1, go to [www.CitrusBOCC.com/Cares](http://www.CitrusBOCC.com/Cares) or call the Citrus County CARES Act phone line at 352-527-5449.

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## Chamber donates to Stuff the Bus

Ambassador Chris Delgado and the staff at Crystal River Health and Rehab recently donated school supplies for the Stuff the Bus Promotion. Debbie Reilly, of the Citrus County Library System, thanks all the Ambassadors for their generous donations!



## '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](http://www.livestream.com/watch) and search for "WYKE TV 47").

This week, host Jade White, Chamber Public Relations & Communication Coordinator, talks with Ryan Downs, Co-Owner of Digital Hound Media, about their media services as well as their new adventure Citrus County Live. Also joining Jade is Save Crystal River Board President, Lisa Moore, with an update on the King's Bay Restoration Project and information on how you can get involved to help save the Bay!

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



Ryan Downs (left) and Lisa Moore (right)

All Chamber events have been postponed through August. For more information, call 352-795-3149; visit [www.CitrusCountyChamber.com](http://www.CitrusCountyChamber.com)

## Chamber Legacy Partners

The Chamber recognizes our Legacy Partners that have made a special investment in the Chamber to support the programs and mission of the Chamber. For information on becoming a Legacy Partner, please contact the Chamber at 352-795-3149.



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Message from the RACC President:

## Scrolling through memory lane

Just recently someone posted in Facebook a magnificent look down memory lane. It was a 1986 Channel 13 News report about the fire that burnt Citrus High School down. It is amazing to look back on that time and see the closeness of the people that lived in this small town. The high school was the pulse of the town with Friday night football the main draw and entertainment.

The school building at Citrus High was 50 years old in 1986 and had been serving over two generations of its county's residents. Back then Citrus County seemed like it was more family than it was community, with roots going back to the 1800's. Today, as transplants, we benefit from this

unique culture. The friendliness is genuine and natural. It doesn't take long to become intertwined in the fabric of this community.



Jeanne Pickrel

As President of the Realtors Association of Citrus County one of my missions was to further connect RACC with our community and encourage our membership to take a part in local outreach programs. Each year the new president has the privilege of selecting 3 charities.

Then we work together to contribute to them. Our annual golf tournament is the main function to raise money. This year put us on a different course (pun intended).

Due to COVID-19 we not only canceled the golf tournament but starting in March

all of our travel commitments, meetings, and activities were not just put on hold but were also canceled.

Last month at our Zoom Board Meeting we decided to use the money that we saved by canceling our travel and pass it on to our 3 Charities and 3 Food Pantries. Because social distancing makes taking pictures of distributing the checks awkward, we are using our page in the Citrus County Chronicle to honor our charities.

We love Citrus County and as it continues to develop, we hope that it will not lose the small town feel with its celebration of our Veterans, Christmas parades, music on the Square, 4th of July and a myriad of other activities that keep us together. We value our lakes and waterways; the Withlacoochee Trail and our clean parks. We are at the epicenter of the Nature Coast.

If you are someone that likes to volunteer it is easy to find an organization that you will like to spend time with. Especially during our current times there are people that need a hand. The Family Resource Center is in the process of a big move and in the middle of their Christmas Toy Drive. Ginger West leads this wonderful organization that also includes a full-service homeless outreach center.

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— Best Regards,  
Jeanne Pickrel, CRS, GRI, ePRO, SFR  
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### Local ORGANIZATIONS

#### Key Training Center



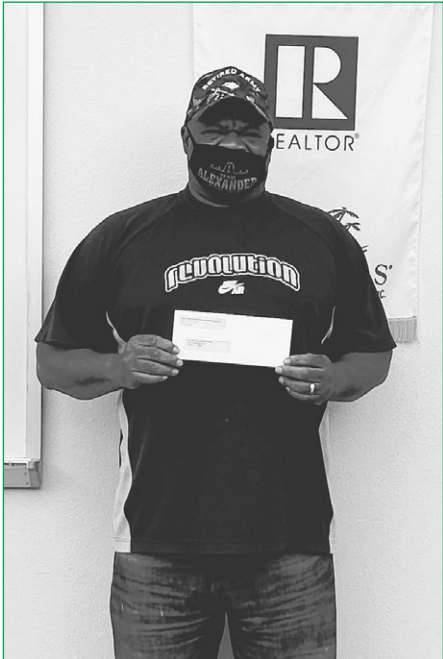
The generous gift of the Realtors Association of Citrus County (RACC) will go toward providing scholarships for forty unfunded individuals on the Agency for Persons with Developmental Disabilities' waiting list and allows individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) to live, learn, work, and engage in the community. The Key has been supporting our extraordinary clients for fifty-four years but can only meet the needs of the present and future with support like yours. Annual scholarships are a \$300,000+ pledge on the Key's part, but can only be given with the community's support. "We are so fortunate to have RACC support our work," said Melissa Walker, Executive Director. Thank you RACC for supporting us in so many ways and giving I/DD individuals the chance to grow, thrive, have meaningful day activities, and a safe home life, all in an environment of kindness, love, dignity, and respect.

#### Citrus United Basket



Citrus United Basket is a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization. CUB was founded in 1978 to assist Citrus County residence who are facing temporary hardship. CUB's food pantry is open 5 days a week. Clients can come every 30 days to get assistance with food, many of our elderly on social security depend on this service to supplement their monthly food budget. Other services include some financial help with utility bills. CUB also has a thrift store. The store provides funds to help with our programs. Through the store we can also provide clothing and material goods to those during difficult times.

#### New Church Without Walls



The New Church Without Walls International started its ministries in 2002. Since then they have given away tractor trailer loads of fresh fruits and vegetables, performed over 620 weddings, officiated over 250 baby dedications, given over 700 bicycles to needy children, distributed over 20,000,000 lbs. of food to the local homeless and needy, distributed bookbags, school supplies, supplies and supports all major hurricane relief efforts, after school support, housed teenage girls, unwed mothers, homeless individuals and troubled men, given away toys and food during Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons, and supports many ministries, nationally and internationally, and is a leader in Citrus Community relations.

#### Family Resource Center



The Citrus County Family Resource Center is based on the philosophy that all families want to do well, care for and love their children. To do this we maintain a positive, non-judgmental and respectful attitude of acceptance, grace and mercy in working with families. We value the close-knit "family feeling" within our agency and to the families and children we serve. We're here to help families become more self-sufficient and offer them the resources they need. We bring together people from different faiths, backgrounds, cultures and ethnicities all working together on a common, focused vision or task. We believe that everyone deserves a chance, and we find worth in every person. Our attitude and values make a difference ... to children, to families, and throughout our community.

#### SOS Food Pantry



Established in 2002, sos is an all volunteer, nongovernment, 501c3 nonprofit organization that supports qualified low income families in citrus county. We serve an average of 135 families each thursday and distribute, on average, over 8600 pounds of food per week. Some food is donated, but the majority is purchased, with 100% of all donations going toward the cost of food and supplies. We have been blessed to receive donations and grants, but spending almost \$1500.00 per week means we need financial support on an ongoing basis. We are currently operating on a drive-thru only basis and all of our hard-working volunteers wear masks while serving clientele. Every effort is made to make sure distribution is done in a safe, efficient manor. Qualifying families may receive food every other thursday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 439 E Norvell Bryant HWY, Hernando — from 8:30am to 11:00am. As always, donations are greatly appreciated and can be mailed directly to: SOS, inc. PO Box 640774 Beverly Hills, FL 34464

#### Coping with dementia



Citrus County-based Coping with Dementia LLC was founded in 2015 with the stated mission to make

life better for individuals and families living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. It conducts dementia-specific training for both professional and family caregivers, provides consultation to individuals and organizations, and sponsors several free caregiver support groups a week. Since its inception, its President Debbie Selsavage has conducted training for more than 5,000 individuals in and around Citrus County.





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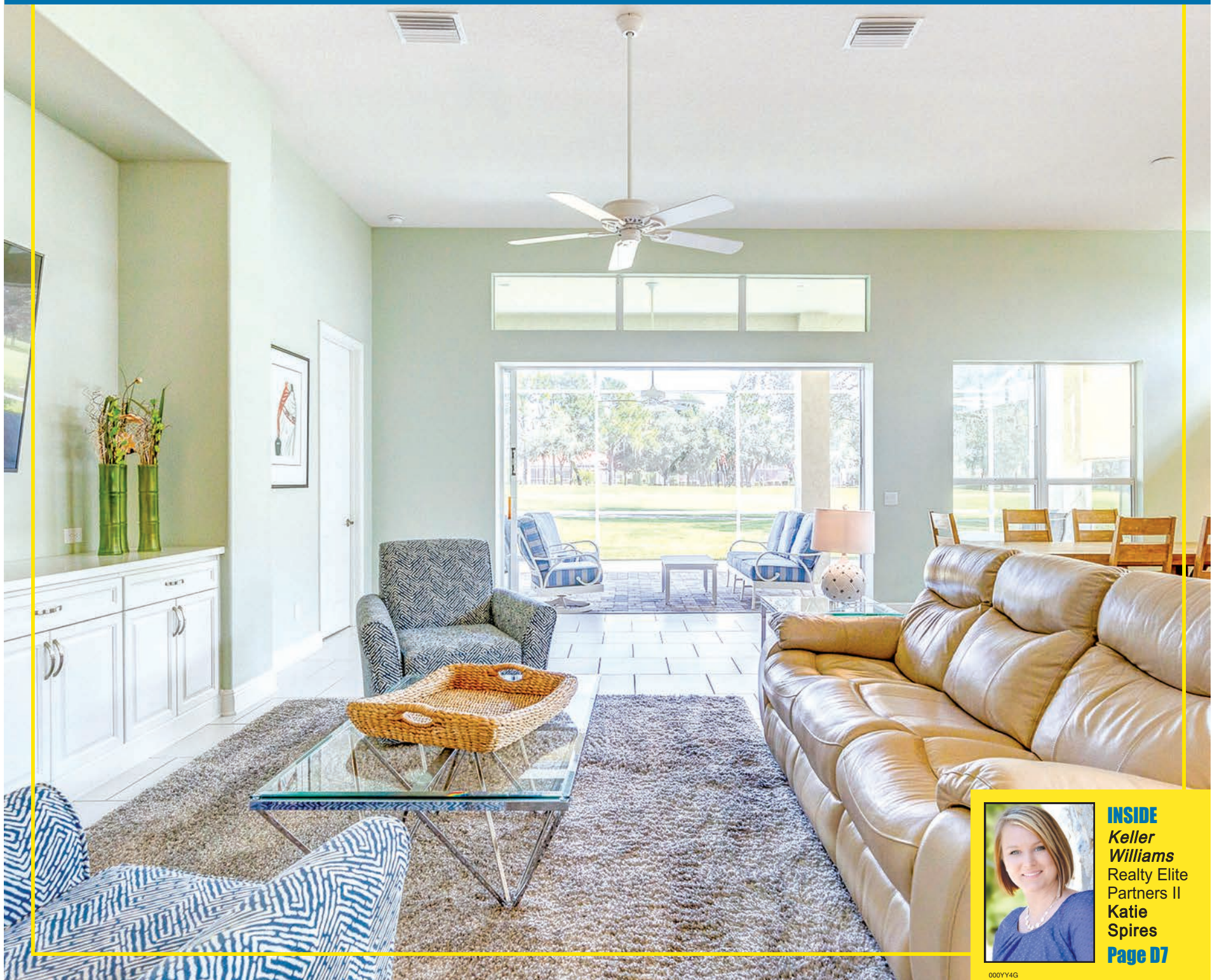


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# Report: July sales of new homes surge 13.9%

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SILVER SPRING, Md. — Sales of new homes jumped again in July, rising 13.9% as the housing market continues to gain traction following a spring downturn caused by pandemic-related lockdowns.

The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that July's gain propelled sales of new

homes to a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 901,000, the most since 2006. That's a far bigger number than analysts had expected and follows big increases in May and June. The government report has a high margin of error, so the July figures could be revised in the coming months.

The recent sales gains followed a steep dropoff in March and April as much of the country

stayed home due to government restrictions intended to slow the spread of coronavirus.

In a report last week, the National Association of Realtors reported that sales of existing homes rose by a record 24.7% in July, thanks to historically low interest rates. It was the second big spike in as many months and has helped stabilize the housing market in an otherwise uncer-

tain economic time.

Low inventory of existing homes is pushing buyers into the new homes market, but inventory there is also shrinking. What was a 6-month supply of new homes a year ago is now down to a 4-month supply, thanks to a red-hot market.

The Commerce Department reported last week that construction of new U.S. homes

surged 22.6% in July as homebuilders bounced back from a lull induced by the coronavirus pandemic. New homes were started an annual pace of nearly 1.5 million in July, the highest since February. They've now risen three consecutive months after plunging in the spring. Last month's pace of

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Gypsy shows off the antique pharmacy cabinet.

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# Small business shipping

Two-plus years ago we purchased an 1890s pharmacy cabinet. It was heavy, in two pieces, the top had four glass panels, but we managed to get it to the shop undamaged. Since then it has been admired by many customers, but being a large piece, its market was limited.

Enter the internet. A museum in Webster, Mass. is putting together an exhibit of, you guessed it, a 1900s pharmacy. We agreed on a

price to include shipping. Now starts the puzzle for small business shipping. For a rough estimate to ship in two crates was easy — estimation, dimensions and approximate weight. When building the crate, we considered the front door width for size. I wasn't aware when building a crate, it grows. It was a great plan, but ended up 1/8 of an inch too wide to go through the front door. So glad we have

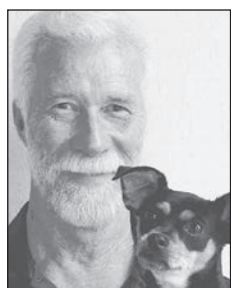
double doors in the back, which made for more difficult loading but at least we didn't have to re-crate.

For the weight estimate on the bottom piece, I went with 400 lbs., plus 100 lbs. for the crate. On the bottom, 200 lbs. plus 75 lbs. for the crate. Based on this info, the freight company quoted \$650. The sequence of obtaining accurate weights which are required is difficult: Obtain my truck and trailer's empty weight at landfill (I had to take a load anyway). We hired two strong young men to help with loading them on the trailer. Then it's back to the landfill for a final weight. The actual

weight turned out to be 690 lbs. Not a bad guess; cost to ship, \$825.

Now we contact the freight carrier and specify a truck with a lift gate at pick up and destination, which costs more, and arrange a date and time for pickup at the Antiques Shop. At this writing, the pharmacy cabinet is on my trailer backed into the garage. Hopefully the piece makes it to Massachusetts safely and the buyer is pleased. Once again, evidence that Cindy buys items based on weight, not price.

Steve Barnes owns and, along with his shop dog Gypsy, operates Olde Inverness Antiques.



Steve Barnes  
**TIME WILL TELL**

## SALES

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construction was 23.4% above that of July last year.

Sales are being fueled by ultra-low mortgage rates, which earlier this month dropped below 3% for a 30-year-fixed rate mortgage for the first time in nearly 50 years. The average rate on a 30-year fixed rate mortgage is now 2.99%, the mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday. A year ago, it was 3.55%.

Economists believe low rates and changes in home preferences brought on by the pandemic will

continue to support sales, though perhaps not at recent levels.

"Sales may struggle to maintain their July pace going forward," said Nancy Vanden Houten of Oxford Economics. "While strong demand and lower mortgage rates are supportive of further growth in sales, the slow recovery and weak labor market pose downside risks."

Regionally, construction of new homes fell only in the Northeast, which saw a 23.1% decline. The Midwest saw a whopping 58.8% increase, followed by the South's 13% jump and an increase of 7.8% in the West.

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This exhaust pipe for a bathroom fan is a ticking time bomb of mold, mildew and wood rot.

# Bathroom exhaust no-nos

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Ask the **BUILDER**

**Q:** Mr. Tim, I've had three contractors over to my house and I've received three different answers about how my bathroom fan should exhaust. I'm beyond frustrated. How are we homeowners supposed to protect our largest investments, our homes, if maintenance advice is wrong? I've read online about serious mold and wood-rot problems caused by bath fans. I'm confident you'll be able to give me the correct answer. I only wish you lived in my town so I might bump into you for advice at the grocery store from time to time! — *Sharon P., Evanston, Ill.*

**A:** Do you wring your hands like Sharon is undoubtedly doing each time you have to spin the wheel hoping it stops on the correct contractor to work on your home? Can you imagine signing a contract for \$1,000, \$5,000, or even \$50,000 \*hoping\* everything is going

to work out? I don't know about you, but I only hope for things that I can't control, like the weather, and the next time the giant fault 60 miles west of Portland under the ocean is going to unzip its entire length unleashing a mammoth tsunami. Yes, geology was my college major, but I digress.

Before I dive deep into helping Sharon, I'd like to share a sobering story that should shake you to the core. Two years ago I attended a pre-construction meeting with the builder of my daughter's new home that was being built in cold and blustery Bar Harbor, Maine. The company that was going to prefabricate the exterior and interior walls for the house wanted to make sure everything was right before they started to bang together all the studs and oriented strand board.

After most of the questions were answered, I asked, "Is it

possible for you to cut all the interior walls where they touch the exterior walls 3/4-inch short?" The builder and the panel manufacturer looked puzzled. "Why?" They both asked at the same time. "Well, I want to run the vapor barrier on the exterior walls continuous around the entire house so there's only one seam. This gap will also allow the drywall hanger to run full 12-foot sheets around the exterior walls."

The builder scoffed and said, "Vapor barrier? We don't install those here. They cause mold and rot problems in the walls." I wasn't about to get into a science debate with the builder who had no idea what he was talking about. In the meantime, I heard the wall-panel manufacturer rep's gears spinning and he blurted out, "That's a brilliant idea. I can't believe this is the first

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# Wavy basketgrass — new weed thrives in shady areas

**BJ JARVIS**

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**Wavy basketgrass has only been in the U.S. for about 20 years. Therefore, gardeners and many landscape pros are unfamiliar with it.**

Landscapes with shade have difficulty growing a nice stand of lawn. Weeds are more abundant in areas of struggling turf grass, which need a minimum of six hours of bright sun to thrive. Nature fills in when given an empty spot and wavy basketgrass loves shady spots.

Wavy basketgrass has only been in the U.S. for about 20 years, found first in Maryland. Therefore, gardeners and many landscape pros are unfamiliar with it. Some are simply cutting it periodically and treating it like a durable low-maintenance lawn.

Shallow-rooted and self-pollinating, this warm-season perennial may get knocked back by cold winters. Not to worry — it will be back

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# Antique American Indian baskets are very collectible

**Dear John:** I really enjoy your articles in the Citrus County Chronicle every Sunday. I have three items I think somebody would like to have. I need to call or write to find out where or who to contact. One is an old book in very good condition, "Lights and Shadows of Yosemite," by Catherine Taylor, copyright 1926. Second, a book titled "Charles Kellogg the Nature Singer his book," first 1,000 volumes numbered. This book is number 708 and signed by Charles Kellogg.

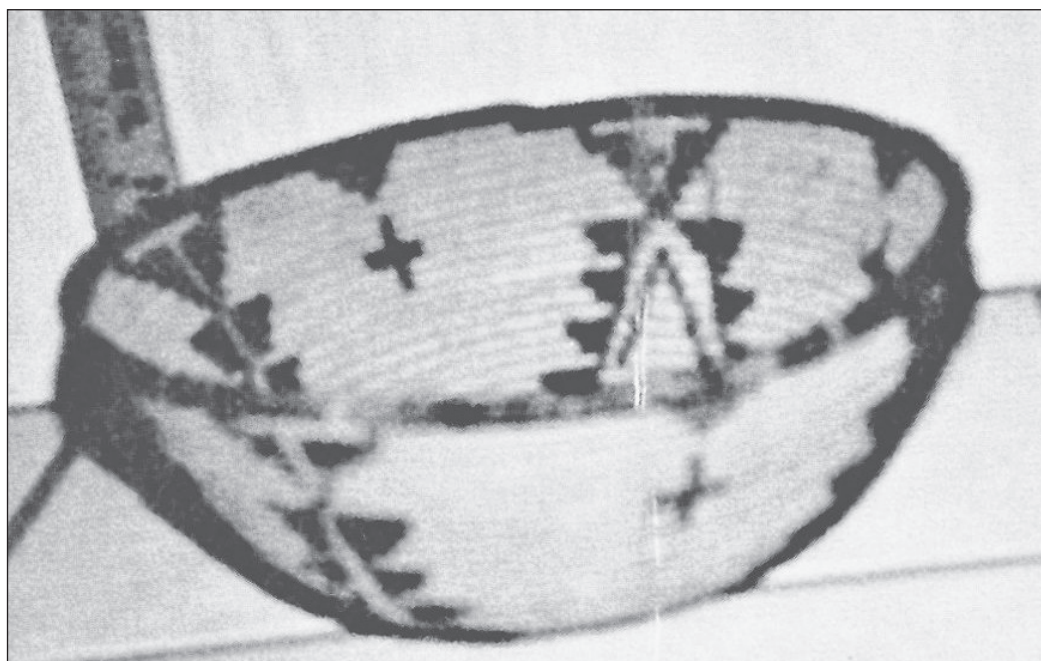


John Sikorski  
**SIKORSKI'S ATTIC**

Third is an old woven basket about 100 years old. I have pictures to show. My aunt worked with Indians in California. It is in perfect condition. Who can I call or write to you about selling it? Thank you for your help. — S.S., Hernando

**Dear S.S.:** Thank you for the kind words. The book by Taylor is not of much interest. If in excellent condition, to get \$10 would be a lucky day. The other book by Charles Kellogg in excellent condition is in the below \$50 range.

Antique American Indian baskets are very collectible. I think the basket you have was made by Indians, as you suspect. If so, it could be worth hundreds of dollars. To sell the basket, it would be best to contact an auction company that specializes in antique American Indian memorabilia. I suggest you contact Heritage Auctions in Dallas, Texas. The phone number is 877-437-4824. Let us know how things work out.



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**If authentic, this American Indian basket could be worth some money.**

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# Quick paint touch-ups can transform the entire room

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*Living* **SPACE**

**Y**ou don't need to buy gallons and gallons of paint to make over your space. When paint is applied in a few carefully selected spots around your home, the effect can be just as dramatic — if not more so — than repainting the entire room. Especially if you choose a high-contrast color, even a small pop of paint can have a big impact. If you want the most stunning result for the lowest cost (and who doesn't?), try repainting one of the spots below. Even better news: each of these mini painting projects can likely be accomplished in an afternoon.

## 1. Paint the banister.

Making over your staircase can drastically change the look of your home, especially if it's the first thing guests see when they walk in the door. Rather than attempting to paint the entire room or the entire staircase,



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**If you want the most stunning result for the lowest cost, try repainting a few carefully selected spots around your home.**

consider painting just the banister. This project will require less painter's tape than repainting the stair risers, and you won't have to worry about the paint being slippery or wearing off like when painting the stair treads.

2. Get under that kitchen island.

If you have a kitchen island, consider brushing a fresh coat of paint on the surface under the counter.

To boost visual interest, choose a hue that complements yet contrasts

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## WEED

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with warmer temperatures. At a nearby dog park, basketgrass is about the only ground covering getting walked on, played on and potted on by many dogs and dog fanciers. It thrives without supplemental irrigation or maintenance, qualifying as a really durable plant.

One central Florida resident is quoted as saying, "One person's weed is another's lawn. In my opinion, this basketgrass stuff is not killing us, but saving us from St. Augustine." ([www.florida-turfgrass.com](http://www.florida-turfgrass.com))

If citizens feel the need to get rid of this "ground-cover," hand pulling is often not practical. A non-selective herbicide

such as Glyphosate kills what it touches, so be certain to protect desirable plants. Just remember that killing basketgrass won't fix the underlying problem of too much shade. Eliminating basketgrass will not encourage turf to grow in these too-shady locations, so alternatives such as groundcovers or simply mulching are good options.

If you spot this plant creeping across the shadier sections of the landscape, basketgrass may be the culprit or a savior, depending on how you look at it.

For more information on weeds and groundcovers, please connect with Extension experts at 352-527-5709, by email at [MasterG1@citrusbocc.com](mailto:MasterG1@citrusbocc.com), or visit them at 3650 W. Sovereign Path, in the Lecanto government complex.

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# Butterfly gardening in Florida

**F**lorida has about 190 to 195 species of butterflies. About 430 miles north to south, from the Georgia state line to the subtropical Keys, Florida has many different habitats and plant communities where different butterflies live. In the frost-prone north are swamps, forests, plantations and farms. The peninsula's central ridge has deep sandhills and winter frosts in the north half of the state. South Florida has pines, rocklands, subtropical everglades, hammocks and the coral-based Keys. Some butterfly species are occasional stray visitors. About 13 species are seasonally migratory. Approximately 160 resident breeding species remain in Florida year-round.



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Butterflies are cold-blooded insects, so need the sunshine's warmth for adults to fly, feed and breed. Most butterflies sip nectar from flowers and pollinate flowers so plants can produce seeds. Florida's state butterfly, the long-lived Zebra Longwing, is also a pollen gatherer and roosts communally in shade trees at night.

Some flowers have much more nectar than others. Of those nectar producers, several have long flowering periods. The best nectar flowers refill quickly after a butterfly has sipped the nectar. Homeowners can plant flowering nectar plants to lure butterflies to their yards. Butterfly gardeners choose different species that flower in different months, weeks and seasons to provide nectar year-round.

Cultivated, human-manipulated ornamental plants like roses, camelias and crapemyrtle have little to no nectar. A mature clump of native Beach Sunflower, *Helianthus debilis*, can flower from shortly after the last winter frost in March to the first frost in November or December. Many native flowering plants have ample nectar for butterflies. Annual native wildflowers self-seed to produce generations of flowering plants in succession.

First, would-be butterfly gardeners need to determine which butterflies breed naturally in their neighborhood and habitat. All butterfly species are dependent on specific host plant species that their

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JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

An orange Gulf Fritillary sips nectar from a native Beach Sunflower, *Helianthus debilis*, along the road side fronting Jane's Garden. Resident and abundant throughout Florida, the caterpillar larvae eat only Passiflora leaves and flowers. While there are multiple generations a year. The Passiflora is deciduous, so there are no host plant leaves in winter to feed caterpillars. The vines will send up new shoots and leaves in mid-spring in Jane's Garden, in Central Florida cold zone 8b-9a north of the Withlacoochee River.



# JANE

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caterpillars eat. Ecologist Marc Minno's excellent book "Florida Butterfly caterpillars and their host plants" is most comprehensive and useful. The final third of Marc's informative book has pictures of host plants and lists the caterpillars that feed on them.

Secondly, homeowners should plant host plants for those resident butterfly species. For example, milkweed plants host Monarch, Queen and Viceroy caterpillars; Hercules Club trees and Wild Lime shrub host Giant Swallowtail caterpillars; purple passionflower vines, particularly the hybrid deciduous 'Incense,' host Zebra Longwing, Gulf Fritillary and Variegated Fritillary; Frogfruit hosts White Peacock and Phaon Crescent, Hackberry trees host Hackberry and Tawny Emperors, American Snout and question mark caterpillars and Io moth caterpillars; and wild cherry trees, pea family plants and many grasses feed a variety of different caterpillar species. Grow host plants and the adult butterflies will lay their eggs on them.

Butterfly eggs hatch in a few days and a tiny first instar caterpillar eats its host plant leaves. When its skin gets too tight, caterpillars shed the old skin and grow into a larger, looser one. In about two weeks, the fifth instar larval caterpillar stage, the caterpillar is fully grown and will hide away to pupate in a chrysalis. At all life cycle stages — egg, caterpillar, pupa and adult — butterflies are eaten by birds, lizards, feral cats, ants, predatory bees and wasps, flies and dozens of other carnivores. Only about 2% of butterfly eggs survive to

become adult breeding butterflies.

Thirdly, adult butterflies sip watery nectar which has 15-25% sugar, antioxidants, proteins, vitamins, minerals and nutrients. Some plants are better nectar producers than others. After establishing host plants, butterfly gardeners can plant prolific nectar plants. At Jane's Garden and nursery, the best native nectar species include Coral Honeysuckle, *Lonicera sempervirens*, an evergreen native vine and blooms year-round; Firebush, *Hamelia patens*, a shrub with large orange tubular flowers; Red Salvia coccinea, a self-seeding annual wildflower. Introduced noninvasive ornamental plants like zinnias, firespike, impatiens, repeat-blooming azaleas, and perennial Chinese Domestic Iris also supply nectar.

Butterfly gardeners should never use insecticides on host or nectar plants, as that would kill all butterfly life cycle stages. Adding host and nectar plants to an existing garden is a pleasant and easy hobby. Put the right plants in the right place and butterflies will come to use them.

Marc Minno suggests, "aside from host plants and nectar-rich plants, you may grow small tree fruit and berries like Simpson's Stopper, beautyberry, blackberry and various cherry/prunus trees or offer a fruit-feeding station, because some species like the Monarch, mourning cloak, question mark, and Red-spotted Purple feed on fruits. Diversify feeding offerings to attract different butterfly species."

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Florida's state butterfly since 1996, the Zebra Longwing nectars on an exotic ornamental Chinese Domestic Iris, *Iris domestica*. This iris flowerstem can be cut back to the ground as it goes to seed. New flower stems will grow from the roots. It can flower year-round in warmer South Florida but provides ample nectar from March through to November in Central Florida.



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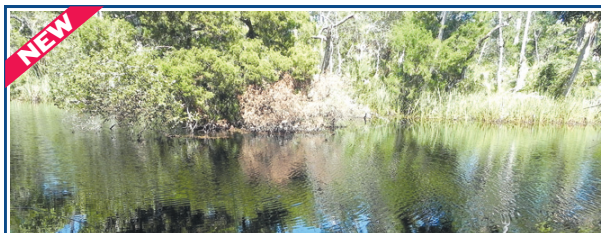
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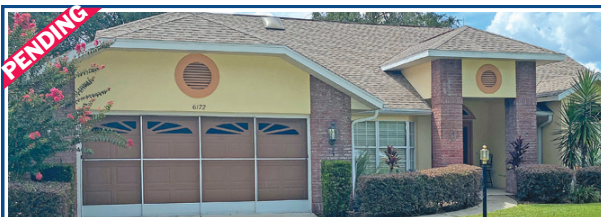
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Winter radishes fresh from the garden that were grown in New Paltz, N.Y. Winter radishes come in a variety of shapes, sizes and colors, and all are tasty treats that can be enjoyed in salads, as pickles, and other ways all through winter.

# Growing winter radishes

LEE REICH  
Associated Press

## Growing is straightforward

Put a “wow” in your radishes by growing winter varieties. Winter radishes grow more slowly than spring radishes, requiring about two months to mature, and they remain crisp and tasty for eating throughout the winter.

I’m not a great fan of radishes, but a few winter ones do add variety to what you can eat from your garden during the cold season. These radishes are also good pickled.

The “wow” might come from the size of winter radishes. One seed catalog demonstrates the size of the variety Sakurajima with a picture of a woman whose head is dwarfed by the substantial radish she holds in her hands.

A single Sakurajima radish can grow to more than 25 pounds and 2 feet in diameter if given a long enough growing season.

Not that anyone would want a radish that big. Just give it less time to grow.

Winter radishes grow best in the same rich, fertile soil that spring radishes do. In addition to inherent differences between varieties, the pungency of any radish is influenced by growing conditions. The winter variety Green Skin, for instance, can be used as a substitute for horseradish.

Slow growth, from lack of water or fertility, makes for hotter radishes. Faster growth makes for more succulent, milder roots.

Once radish seedlings are up, you have to thin them, taking into account their enormous eventual size. Four to 6 inches between seedlings is about right. I like to do two or more thinnings as the radishes grow because some of the later thinnings can be harvested for use.

## Yes, you can enjoy them all winter

I don’t give winter radishes too long a growing

season because I don’t want them too large. One year, I sowed Daikon Long White — a Japanese winter radish with a thick, pearly-white root — too early. By the time they stopped growing in fall, I was left with a row of

enormous, white, radish-flavored clubs whose tops were pushing up out of the soil.

Restraint is needed to avoid a late fall and winter version of the midsummer

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with your kitchen cabinets. No matter which color you choose, opt for a semi-gloss paint finish, which will make it easier to wipe away scuffs and marks. This will be especially important if you have stools that pull up to the island.

3. Hit the window frames.

For an eye-catching effect, give just the window frames a fresh coat of paint. You can choose a contrasting hue, or for a subtler (yet still stunning) look, choose a different shade of the hue already on the walls. For example, if your kitchen is a light dove gray, consider brushing the window frames with a deeper charcoal gray. The variation will add depth and interest to the room.

4. Consider the back of the front door.

We carefully consider our front door paint color because it can affect our property value and it’s

the first thing visitors see — but what about the back of the door? After all, it’s the last thing you see when leaving your house in the morning and is the last impression guests will have of your home. Make it memorable with an unexpected hue that still coordinates with the rest of your entryway decor.

5. Add contrast finish to doorways.

If your home has cased openings, or doorways without doors, consider painting the trim the same color as the walls but in a contrasting finish. If the wall is painted eggshell or flat, try brushing the trim with gloss. Want to amp up the contrast? Choose a darker shade of the same color that’s on the walls or even a different color entirely for a bold effect. Which-ever option you choose, the contrast will call attention to this transition zone in your home.

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# Case-Shiller: US home prices up 3.5% in June

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. home prices rose at a slightly slower pace in June, but the U.S. housing market continued to show resilience in the face of the coronavirus pandemic.

The S&P CoreLogic

Case-Shiller 20-city home price index rose 3.5% in June from a year earlier, down from May's 3.6% increase and slightly below economists' expectations.

Phoenix led the way with a 9% increase followed by Seattle (up 6.5%) and Tampa (up 5.9%). But prices rose at all 19 cities

measured in June. The 20-city index released Tuesday excluded prices from the Detroit metropolitan area index because of delays related to pandemic at the recording office in Wayne County, which includes Detroit.

"The June Case-Shiller

numbers show the housing market continues to withstand the pandemic-driven blows that have caused so many other facets of the economy to suffer," said economist Matthew Speakman at the real estate firm Zillow.

The continuing spread of COVID-19 cases and Congress'

failure to approve more financial aid to the economy "could jeopardize the path of the economic recovery," Speakman wrote in a research report. But those "concerns haven't materialized in home prices to this point."

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Special to the Chronicle

This monkey ashtray might turn out to be a bargain for the buyer.

## ATTIC

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**Dear John:** My mother and I enjoy going to garage sales. We have a rule: Never spend more than five dollars on anything — it keeps things fun. So, a couple of years ago we bought this little ceramic monkey for two dollars. We both thought we recognized the monkey being on a TV series or comic book character but since then we have not come up with an answer. On the bottom printed in black

are the words made in Japan. Do you recognize the monkey? Who do you think it is and what do you think it is worth beyond the two dollars we paid for it? We are pretty sure it is an ashtray. — *H.F., internet*

**Dear H.F.:** Yes, it is an ashtray, which puts it into the cigarette memorabilia collecting category. The words "made in Japan" indicate it was made after 1921. Prior to that time, the Japanese used the word "Nippon" for their export country of origin mark. Then at some point the words "made in" were added to just "Japan."

It is not clear when; some say after 1945. So, your ashtray was made no earlier than 1921, for sure. I do not think the monkey represents a comic or TV character; if it does, it would certainly be more collectible and valuable. Perhaps one of our readers will recognize the monkey. Assuming he is not recognizable, potential dollar value is likely five times what you paid for it.

*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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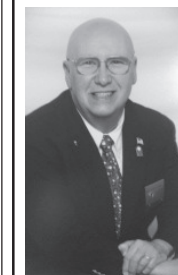
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A sign rests in front of a newly constructed home in Westwood, Mass.

## PRICES

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The National Association of Realtors reported last week that sales of existing U.S. home shot up by a record 24.7% in July, the second straight month of accelerating sales. The back-to-back increases have helped stabilize the home buying market,

which all but froze this spring when the viral pandemic struck the United States.

In another good sign for the housing industry, the Commerce Department reported last week that construction of new U.S. homes surged 22.6% last month as homebuilders bounced back from a lull induced by the coronavirus pandemic.

## RADISH

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zucchini syndrome — that is, trying to think up ways to use large vegetables.

Winter radishes can be left in the ground into late fall or even through the winter in frigid winter climates if you cover them with a thick, insulating blanket of leaves or straw. Then just pull the mulch aside and dig the roots as needed. Alternatively, dig the roots up and store them as you would carrots, in the refrigerator or a naturally cool, damp place such as an unheated basement.

They're also tasty in kimchi (Korean fermented vegetables).

### What's in a name?

Names of most varieties of winter radishes allude to Asia, where they are most widely grown and popular.

Besides Sakurajima,

another Asian variety is China Rose, 6-inch-long, pale rose cylinders. Red King variety's name does not allude to Asia, but the radish resembles China Rose. Aomarukoshin is a flat-bottomed radish with a green skin and white interior pierced by purplish red rays, like something from outer space. Minowase is a pure white, mildly flavored radish usually growing 1 to 2 feet long by 3 inches in diameter.

A few winter radish varieties, in name at least, are of European origin. Black Spanish is round and black with a white interior. Schwarzer Runder looks similar, and is sometimes called the "beer radish"; it's traditionally sliced whisker-thin and washed down with beer during Oktoberfest in Germany. And then there is watermelon radish, so named for the resemblance of its interior to watermelon. Don't expect it to taste like watermelon, though!

## BUILDER

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time in my career I've ever heard someone suggest it. Yes, we will shorten all those walls."

I subsequently asked the Bar Harbor building inspector about the vapor barrier requirement and she said the current code didn't require it but she always recommends that one be installed. Are you frightened? If not, you should be.

Now think about what a bath fan really is. When you take a hot steamy shower it's a pump. It pumps hundreds and hundreds of cubic feet of moist air to some remote location. The last place you want this air to be is inside your attic space. The moist air will fuel the growth of mold and mildew on the roof framing and the sheathing that covers the timbers. Wood rot is an absolute certainty over time should you dump bath exhaust into an attic.

This moist air must exhaust to the exterior of your home. This is non-negotiable.

But it can't just exit anywhere. The best place for it to exit is through your roof. The hot moist air is dumped onto your shingles or other roof covering that's made to get wet. However, you can't do this if you live in a cold climate where snow can build up on a roof. Here in New Hampshire where I live, it's entirely possible to have 2 feet, or more, of snow cover on a roof! Snow can cover the vent outlet and the moist air has nowhere to go.

The next best location for a bath fan cap is a wall that's at least 3 to 5 feet from a roof overhang. Most roof overhangs today have continuous soffit ventilation strips. Bath exhaust is almost always warm and this air will float up and into the soffit ventilation openings. You've now put the water right back up into the attic without realizing it.

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The pipe that extends from the fan to the exterior of your home needs to be a solid galvanized metal pipe or an approved insulated flex duct that might be part of a kit for a

remote bath fan where the fan is far away from the bathroom. If you use sections of metal pipe, be sure to tape each joint with the true metal duct tape used by HVAC contractors. Don't use crap fabric duct tape from a home center.

Pay very close attention to the installation instructions published by the fan manufacturer. They state how many elbows can be in the piping and how long the piping can be.

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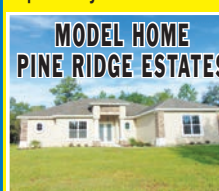
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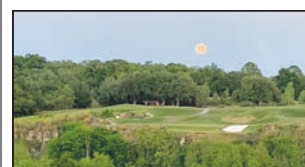


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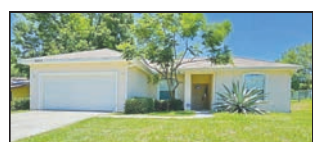
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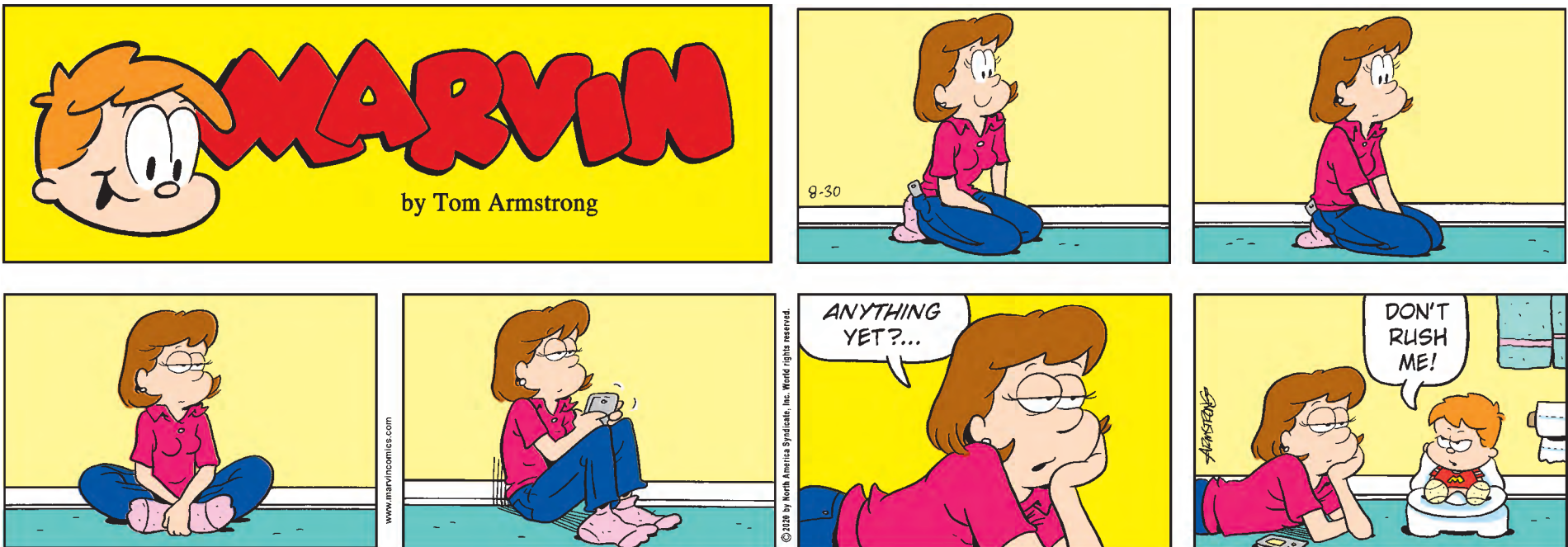
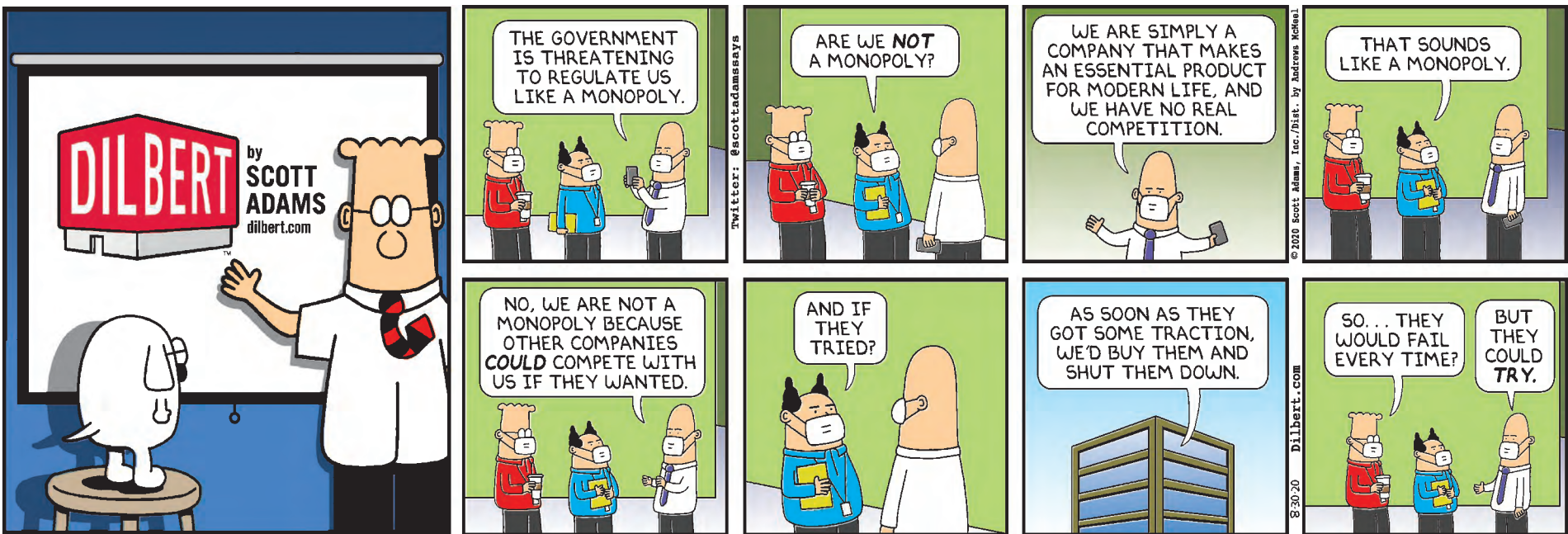
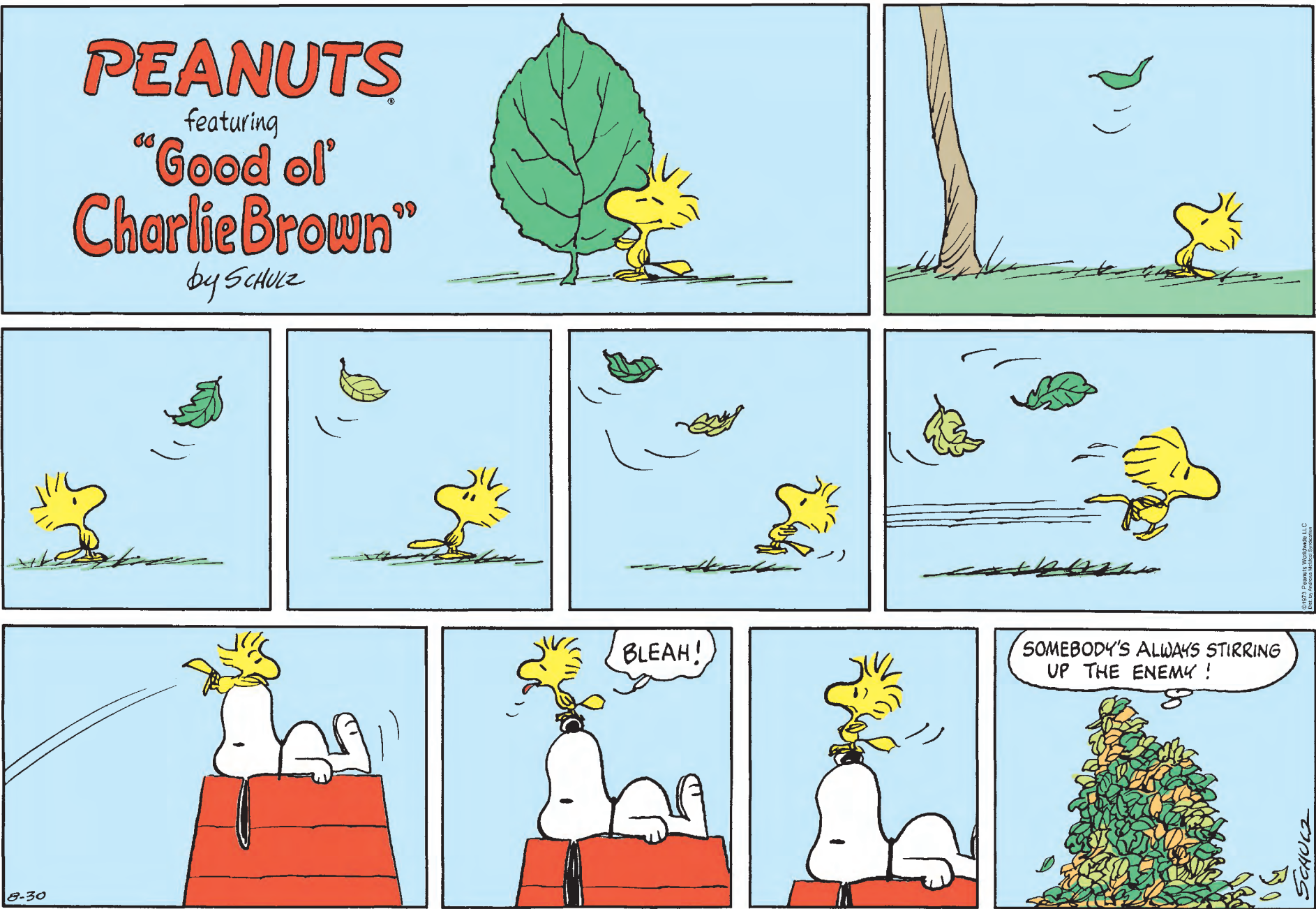
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# COMICS



Bob Weber Jr.'s  
**SLYLOCK FOX**  
and COMICS FOR KIDS

Count Weirdly insists that aliens, living five million light years from Earth, have answered his radio messages. Weirdly says he asked for and received instruction on how to build a "Supreme Ruler" crown. The count claims whoever wears the crown will control the minds of all Earth creatures. How does Slylock Fox know Count Weirdly is telling a lie?

**True or False**

- 1) All five species of rhinos live in Africa.
- 2) Like humans, gorillas can have many eye colors.
- 3) Rhinos are herbivores (plant eaters).

**YOUR DRAWING**  
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Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer -- Boal, tooth, pants, gill, pen and boy's hair.

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# Sunday Puzzle Fun

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

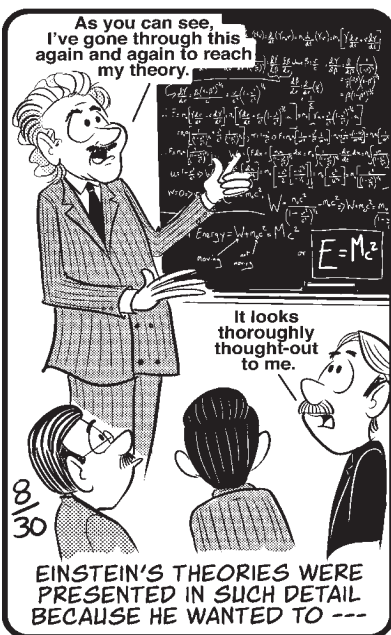
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles,  
one letter to each square,  
to form six ordinary words.

DOINGI									
○				○					
RSYEEG									
	○			○				○	
SWYLLÖ									
○	○	○							
SACOIN									
○	○	○							
NEUVEA									
○	○								
TOHBCL									
○	○								○

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**PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW**



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

# SUDOKU

**THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES** *By The Mephram Group*

			5	6	7			
	8							
	9		4		8	5		1
4	7							2
		9				8		
6							3	9
8		4	3		2		7	5
							6	
			9	7				

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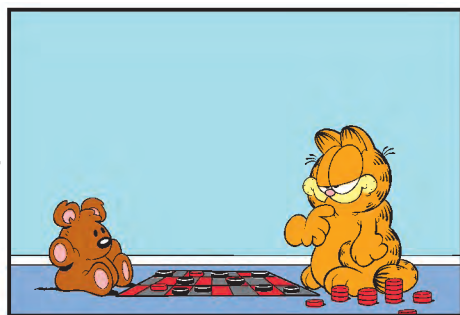
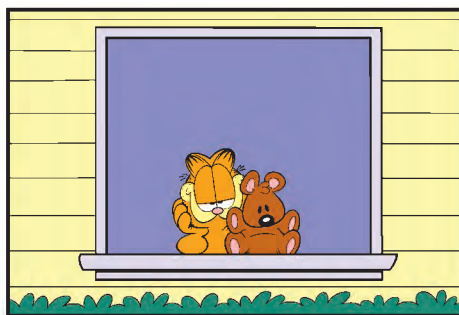
## Level

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](http://sudoku.org.uk)**

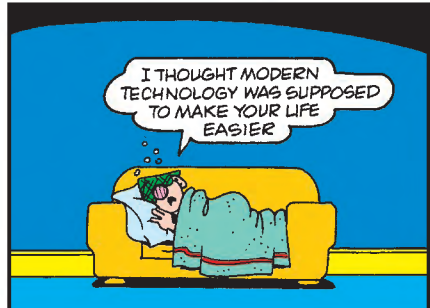
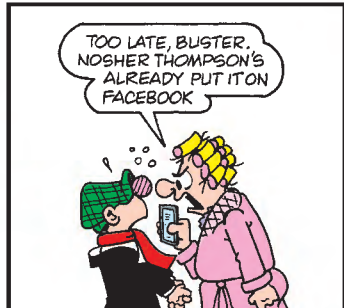
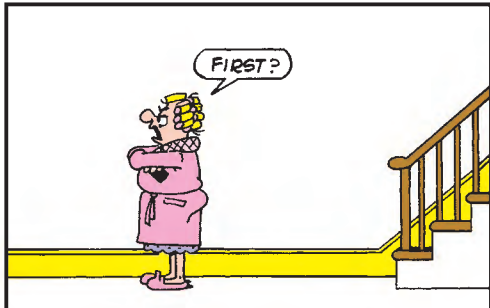
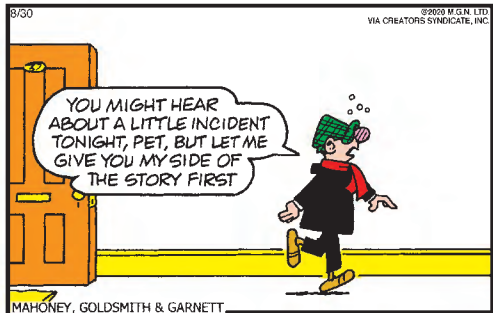
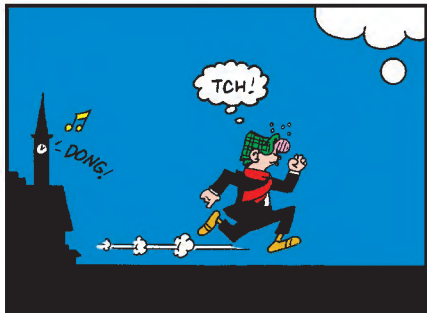
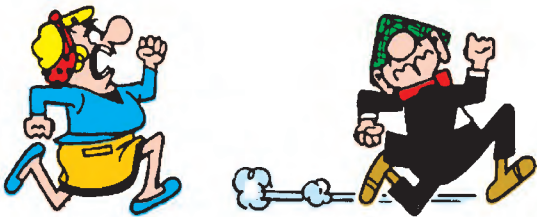
## Solution to Last Weeks puzzle

3	6	9	7	1	8	4	5	2
2	8	5	6	4	3	9	1	7
1	4	7	9	2	5	3	6	8
9	5	6	3	7	2	1	8	4
4	3	2	8	5	1	7	9	6
8	7	1	4	6	9	5	2	3
7	9	3	1	8	6	2	4	5
6	2	4	5	9	7	8	3	1
5	1	8	2	3	4	6	7	9



ANDY  
CAPP

by Smythe



TRAVELING THROUGH THE NIGHT TO CAMELOT VAL, GAWAIN, ALETA AND NATHAN STUMBLE UPON A SAXON RAIDING PARTY INTENT UPON A NEARBY VILLAGE. VAL BAITS THE YOUNG LEADER INTO A FOOLISH DUEL.

THE SAXON BARELY HAS  
TIME TO REALIZE HIS ERROR.  
HIS FELLOWS STARE IN STUNNED  
SILENCE - THIS KNIGHT HAS  
DISPATCHED THEIR LEADER  
WITH LITTLE APPARENT  
EFFORT.

BUT BEFORE THEY CAN RECOVER AND REACT, GAWAIN IS CALLING INTO THE DARK, OUT OF WHICH COMES THE SOUND OF MORE GALLOPING HOOVES. THE RAIDERS' NERVES BREAK - THEY DO NOT WAIT TO LEARN THAT THE UNSEEN ARMY IS ACTUALLY COMPRISED OF A BOY AND HIS MOTHER ...



**JUMBLE**  
Answer:  
INDIGO SLOWLY  
GEYSER CASINO  
AVENUE BLOTCH  
Einstein's theories were presented  
in such detail because he wanted  
to —  
COVER ALL  
HIS "BASIS"



BARNEY GOOGLE and SNUZZ WITH BY JOHN ROSE

HAS IT EVER OCCURRED TO YA THAT MEBBE WE SHOULD PITCH IN AN' HALP OUR WIVES MORE ?

NOPE !!

I'M PURTY FORTUNATE THAT WAY !!

WHATTA YOU DOIN' T'DAY, LOWEEZY ?

OH, TH' USUAL !!

A LI'L OF THIS, A LI'L OF THAT...

AN' A LOTTA TH' OTHER !!

WHAT'S "TH' OTHER" ?

TRYIN' TO GIT A LI'L HALP WIF THIS AN' THAT !!

Mort Walker's beetle bailey

WE SHOULD SHOW MORE APPRECIATION FOR SARGE

JUST THINK OF ALL THE THINGS SARGE DOES FOR US

HE GETS US UP IN THE MORNING

BAM!

HE KEEPS US IN SHAPE!

KEEP MOVING! FASTER!

HE HELPS US TO LEAD PRODUCTIVE LIVES

KEEP DIGGING!

BUT HAVE WE EVER THANKED HIM?

YOU'RE THE BEST, SARGE!

SOCIAL DISTANCE!!

YOU'RE GREAT!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO BE HUGGED. YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN IT MIGHT BE TOO LATE.

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Grandma's Quotes

GRANDMA SAID HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

YEAH, SHE TOLD US THAT A COUPLE TIMES BEFORE.

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BE CAREFUL HOW YOU USE WORDS AND TIME. YOU CAN'T GET EITHER OF THEM BACK.

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Bil and Jeff Keane

blaine by Lincoln Peirce

OKAY, I'VE NARROWED IT DOWN TO THREE CHOICES!

OPTION #1: PINK RUBBER WITH BEVELED EDGES! A CLASSIC!

OPTION #2: WHITE VINYL! SLEEK, STYLISH, AND LONG-LASTING!

OPTION #3: THE TRADITIONAL GUM SQUARE! RELIABLE AND RETRO!

ARRGH! I CAN'T DECIDE! I LOVE 'EM ALL!

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK!

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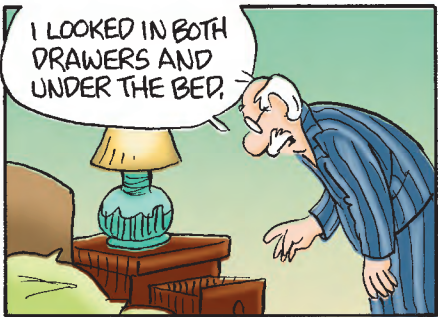
NEXT YEAR, I'M SHOPPING FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES ON MY OWN.

AHHHHH...

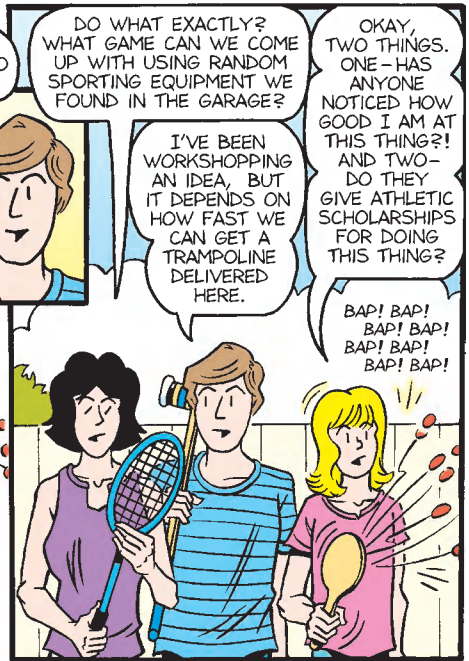
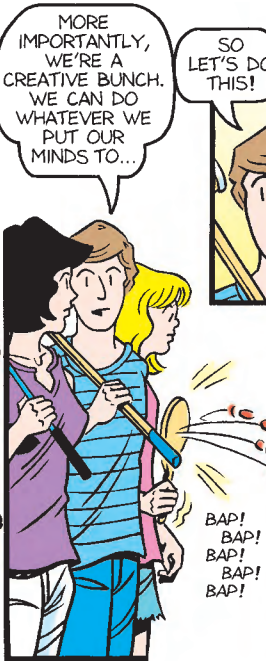
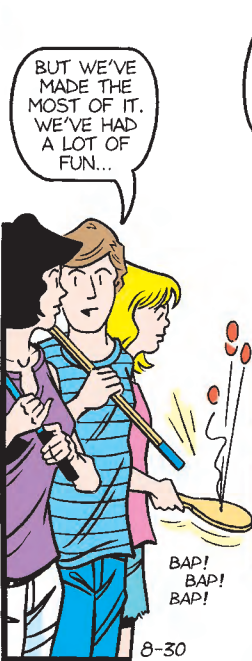
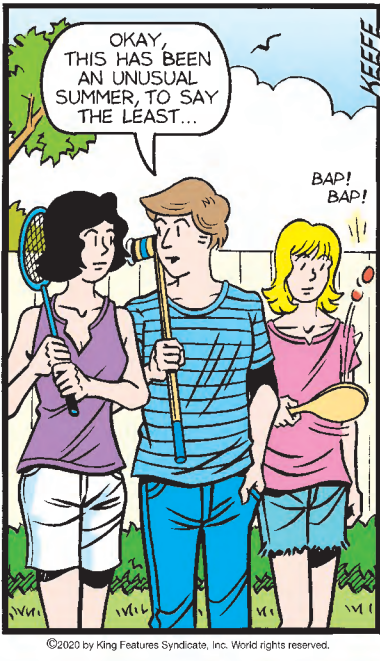
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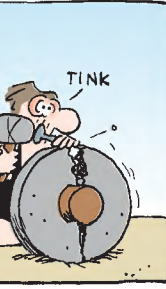
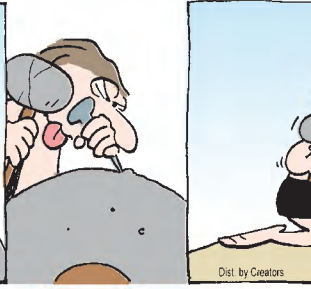
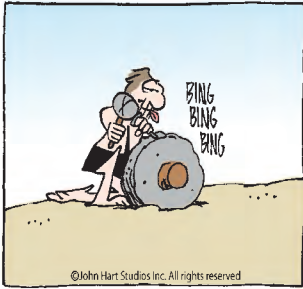
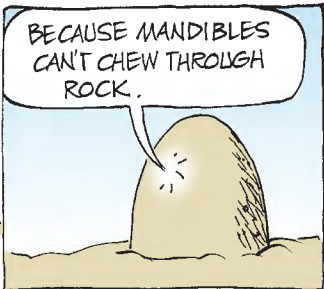
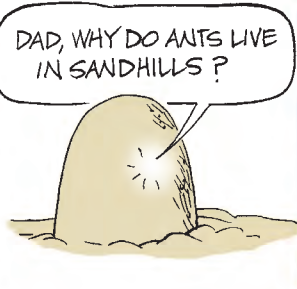
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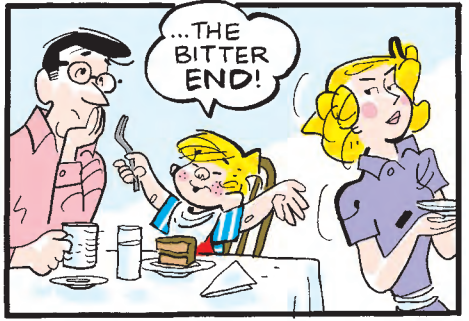
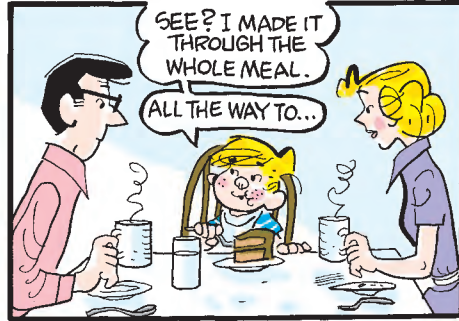
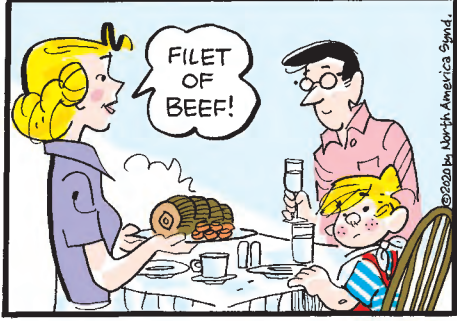
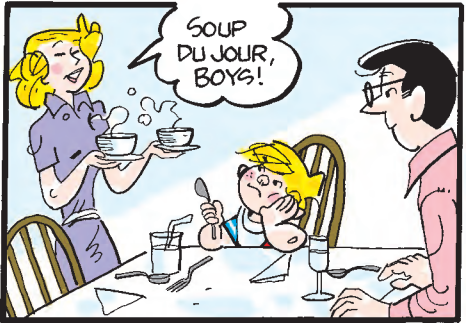
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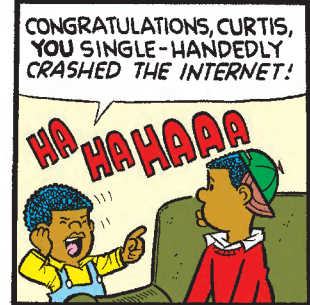
BY MASTROIANNI AND HART



The Longest LASTING SUPPER  
Dennis the Menace



CURTIS  
by RAY BILLINGSLEY





Luann?

by Greg Evans

TA-DA!

WHAT IS THAT?  
GLOW-IN-THE-DARK UNDERWEAR?

YUP!

WHY?

BECAUSE, BERNICE, WHEN I... I MEAN IF I... Y'KNOW...

UP...

RETURNS

HAGAR

the horrible

by DIK BROWNE

HEY, KING! WHO SAID, "EASY COME, EASY GO"?

I HAVE NO IDEA.

I SAID IT!

KISS

KISS

KISS

KISS

BROWNE

HEY! I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE!

Wizard of ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

POTIONS AND STUFF

WIZARD'S LAB

HELLO? WIZARD?

DOWN HERE!

I NEED A LOVE POTION

GOOD TIMING... I'M MAKING A NEW BATCH

DON'T YOU HAVE ANY LEFTOVERS FROM A PREVIOUS BATCH?

IT'S FOR AN OLD FLAME

BLONDIE

BY DEAN KELLEY & JOHN MARSHALL

WELL, LONG TIME NO SEE!!

IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU'RE RETURNING MY NEW MOWER!!

IT HAS A CHIPPED BLADE, YOU KNOW...

IT WASN'T CHIPPED WHEN I LOANED IT TO YOU...

YOU PROBABLY NEVER NOTICED IT

OH, AND THE WHEELS WOBBLE A LITTLE, TOO

JUST THE FRONT ONES, AND IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A SMALL LEAK IN THE FUEL LINE

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M AS SURPRISED AS YOU ARE, BUDDY

I JUST HOPE YOU CAN GET IT UP AND RUNNING BY NEXT WEEKEND!

Hi and Lois

by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

OH MY! HE'S ACTUALLY CLEANING HIS ROOM.

I KEEP UNEARTHING ANCIENT RELICS...

LIKE BASEBALL CARDS, UNREAD COMIC BOOKS, GUITAR PICKS.

CLEANING MY ROOM IS LIKE WORKING ON AN ARCHEOLOGICAL DIG.

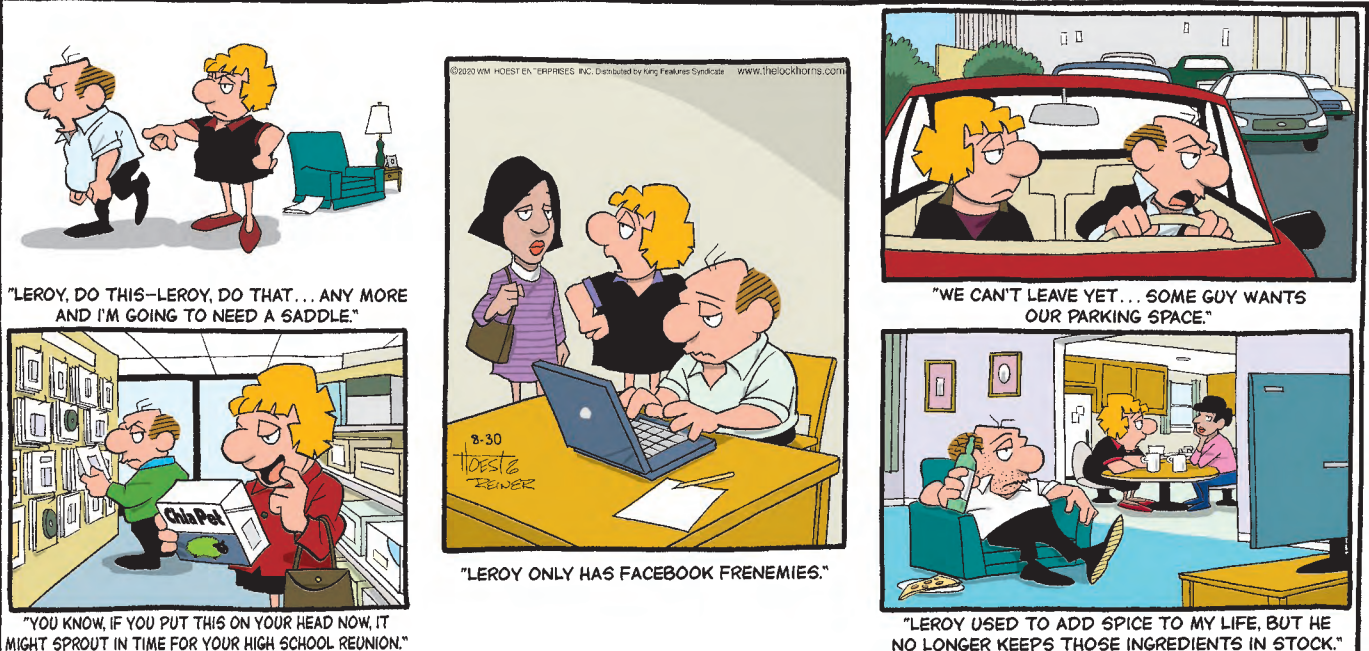
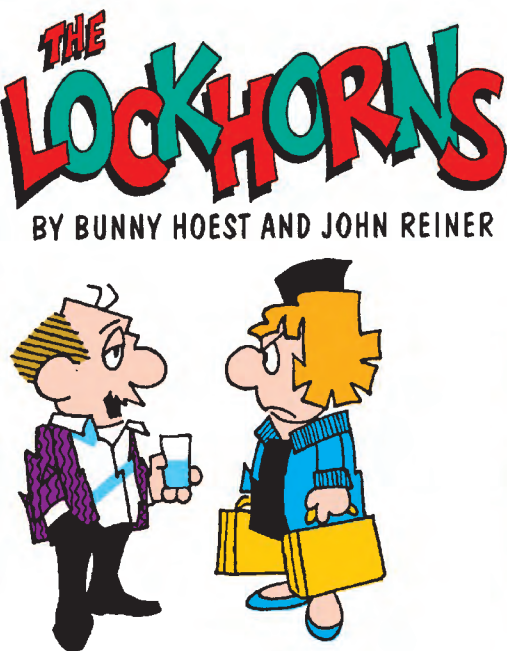
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IN WHAT WAY?

LOOK! HERE'S MY OLD YO-YO!

NOW YOU'RE DOWN TO THE PREADOLESCENT LAYER.





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