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## NEWS BRIEFS

### DOH-Citrus moves vaccination site

The Florida Department of Health in Citrus County's (DOH-Citrus) COVID-19 vaccination site at the Duke Energy Building in Crystal River is transitioning on Aug. 2 to the Le-canto Health Department, 3700 W. Sovereign Path.

The last day individuals can get vaccinated at the Duke Energy site will be July 30. Additionally, vaccinations will no longer be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays once the site moves to the health department.

First and second doses of the Moderna vaccine (18+), single-dose Johnson and Johnson Janssen vaccine (18+) and the Pfizer vaccine (12+ with parental/guardian consent) will be provided by walk-in only on the following days and times:

■ 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 2 to 30 on Mondays and Fridays.

■ 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 4 to 25 on Wednesdays.

■ 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 7.

■ 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 21.

"Shifting operations to our health department will allow our staff to meet the steady demand of vaccinations and stay on top of the uptick in COVID-19 cases and the case investigations and contact tracing that follow," DOH-Citrus administrator, Tito Rubio said.

In addition to the clinics, the health department will continue to offer vaccines to homebound residents and businesses in Citrus County. Those interested should call 352-527-0068, press menu option nine and then three.

For more information about COVID-19 vaccines in Citrus County, visit CitrusCountyHealth.org or @FLHealthCitrus on Twitter.

— From staff reports

## LOTTERY



Due to earlier production deadlines for the Sunday Chronicle, final lottery numbers are not printed. Visit www.flalottery.com for final numbers.

# Citrus home prices soar

MICHAEL D. BATES  
 STAFF WRITER

The median sales price for a single-family home in Citrus County skyrocketed 37% in June, rising from \$174,900 the

previous year to \$240,000. Existing homes are still selling almost as fast as they are listed. In June, it took just seven days for a seller and buyer to reach a contract, compared to 48 days a year ago,

according to Florida Realtors data released Friday. Home inventory remains in short supply. As of July 23, there were 417 homes for sale with the Realtors Association of Citrus County (RACC).

"If no other homes came available for buyers this month, Citrus County would run out of homes in about 27 days," RACC President Kelly Tedrick said. The high demand for

new homes is projected to increase with interest lowering to 2.78% over the last four weeks, she said. "That is good news for buyers to be able to afford

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# 'A LIVE EVIDENCE LOCKER'



A kitten is fed through a syringe Thursday, July 22, at the Citrus County Animal Shelter in Inverness. The kitten, one in a large litter, has been taken in by a foster family to help ease crowded conditions at the shelter.

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

## Shelter deals with crowded conditions from recent cases

MIKE WRIGHT  
 STAFF WRITER

No such thing as "no vacancy" at this inn.

Even when there's no room, they make room. The Citrus County Animal Shelter is inundated in normal times, with staff and volunteers caring for and trying to adopt dogs, cats and other critters.

These are not normal times. "We're a live evidence locker," Colleen Yarbrough, director of Citrus County Animal Services, said.

Yarbrough was referring to the many dozens of dogs and cats brought to the shelter by the county's animal control investigating animal cruelty cases.

It's strapped the shelter and its staff to the seams. The employee breakroom is jammed with cat cages. Same with the employee work area behind the front counter.

The cats are medically cleared for adoption and half of the 26 cats seized July 14 in a Homosassa cruelty case now have new homes.

Meanwhile, dogs from cruelty cases are being housed in the cattery to keep them separated from the general population — and the public. The dogs have not been medically cleared to leave for adoption or foster; Yarbrough said she isn't sure when they will be cleared.

Animal Control officers have investigated 17 cases of animal cruelty this year alone, resulting in about 150 dogs, cats, and various livestock taken to the shelter. Even as reporters were interviewing Yarbrough for this story, an

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# Awareness leads to more animal cruelty arrests

BUSTER THOMPSON  
 STAFF WRITER

Lora Peckham's first eight years as an animal control officer for Citrus County were

When she or her fellow ACOs confronted someone abusing or neglecting pets or livestock, punishment was either a civil citation or notice to appear in court.

Without arresting powers, it

was what the unsworn officers could do.

"We depend on deputies to respond on our cases," Peckham said. "We present the evidence, they write up the case."

News of horrendous animal

abuses county ACOs came across rarely made headlines.

"We didn't make it clear to citizens in this county that we're not going to stand for animals to

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WEEK

## IN REVIEW

PHOTO OF THE WEEK  
Going beyond the limits



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Five-year-old Liam Ryan stares toward the basket Tuesday, July 20, at the Beyond Limits Athletics (BLA) basketball camp in Citrus Springs. The child and about 50 other basketball enthusiasts ages five to 15 work on their basketball skills during the co-ed camp. For more information about BLA, call 352-270-1166, visit [citrusbla.com](http://citrusbla.com), email [info@beyondlimitsathleticstraining.com](mailto:info@beyondlimitsathleticstraining.com), or check out the group's Facebook or Instagram page.



“We bobbed that whole discussion. I just flubbed it.”

— COMMISSIONER HOLLY DAVIS, TALKING ABOUT THE PRIOR WEEK'S DISCUSSION ABOUT ADDITIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO PATROL POPULAR WATERWAYS AND ROWDY BOATERS.

GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

There was actually a lot of good news reported in the Chronicle this past week, from the events surrounding the annual Key Training Center Run for the Money and donations given to a number of worthy causes to a celebration luncheon for Hernando's "Eldest and Finest" residents.

However, this week's good news item goes to the Wednesday Sound Off Hot Corner. When there's so much dissension and bitterness in the world, three anonymous callers took the time to give thanks: for the person who bought their breakfast on July 11 at Grannie's, for the Historic Courthouse Museum and its history displays, and "kudos ... to Leanne at the Air Fix Company" for her help in getting them an air compressor when their A/C went out.

Also, the same day a letter to the editor praised Debbie, a mail carrier who delivers mail in Arbor Lakes. "Yes, Debbie is the best of the best," wrote Pat Cooney.

HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK

Crystal River leadership and ecotourism businesses in the city met recently to discuss what to do about the problem of watercraft overcrowding in King's Bay.

Here's what some Chronicle Facebook readers said about the subject:

■ Jamie Lemoine: "Too many kayakers when you're out there on your boat."

■ Abbey Baxter: "Too many boats when you're out on your kayak ... until our county starts thinking of the well-being of our water, wildlife, and locals more than money nothing will change."

■ Brent Franker: "Citrus County spends our tax dollars to get tourists to come here. The tourists come and we realize we can't take on any more people and it's too busy. I have an idea — how about using the slated tax money to bring in more tourists (that we decided we can't handle) to pay for storm water runoff instead of raising my taxes even more? That sounds genius to me and would solve two problems at once."

■ Eileen M. Moore: "As a homeowner and part-time resident, I don't like the overcrowding either. That said, you cannot have it both ways. Either you have tourism or you don't."

■ Scarlett Dearheart: "I'm grateful for the fall and spring months when kids are in school. It's a little quieter on weekdays then."

■ Katie Burchfield: "It's hard to enjoy the weekends when you're local. Last Saturday we didn't even attempt to go down the canal to Three Sisters; there were already so many kayakers at 9:45 a.m. We watched so many boat rentals not being able to control the boat, almost running into other boats, swimmers and kayakers. It was a madhouse."

■ Bill Tiedemann: "The problem is they are all over the place. If there were designated areas to kayak and share the waterway with boats it wouldn't be so bad. You can't get your boat back to Hunter Springs because there's 100 kayaks scattered and it gets annoying."

## THE MOST POPULAR STORIES FROM THE WEEK THAT WAS

### BH man accused of racketeering for white supremacist gang

Darrin Terranova, 51, was indicted July 1 on a charge of conspiring to commit assault in aid of racketeering activity.

According to the 18-page indictment, Terranova and his codefendants were members of the white supremacist gang Unforgiven, who allegedly engaged in murder, violence, kidnapping, robbery and obstruction of justice to further their criminal enterprise.

Unforgiven members also used "corrupt law enforcement officers and state employees" to gather information about criminal investigations and to help smuggle contraband to inmates, according to the indictment.

Terranova faces a sentence of up to three years in prison, and a maximum fine of \$250,000 if convicted.

### Donut/ice cream lovers look forward to new CR eatery

Hopefully by the end of the year doughnut lovers will be able to build their own and watch them being made at the future



Guyer's Ice Cream and Doughnuts in Crystal River, owned by Tom Guyer.

Customers can select from 20-30 toppings on the cake donut fresh out of the fryer and served warm in about two minutes.

The restaurant will serve hard-scoop ice cream, although Guyer is not sure yet which brand.

Guyer said his inspiration is Duck Donuts, which he visited years ago while in North Carolina's Outer Banks. He was impressed by the franchise that specializes in warm, fresh custom-made donuts

"It's just something I've wanted to do ever since we went to North Carolina 18 years ago. I said, 'That's what I want to do. I want to make people smile,'" he said.

The custom-made doughnut and ice cream shop will be located at 116 NE Fifth St., adjacent to the Vintage on 5th restaurant and within walking distance to the city's new town square and splash pad.



### Habitat's Citrus Springs project ahead of schedule

Plans to build 100 new affordable Habitat for Humanity homes in Citrus Springs are a month ahead of schedule and construction is now set to begin on the first 14 lots in October.

These homes will be built in the older section of Citrus Springs, roughly the part that fronts North Deltona Boulevard and runs from Eric Drive to the power lines.

Most of the people in that area, he said, are living in older, less fuel-efficient homes and paying rents between \$800 to \$1,000 plus high utility bills. Habitat homes, he said, will cost owners about \$500 a month and roughly \$100 a month for utilities.

George Rusaw, president/CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County, said these "workplace homes" will make them more affordable for such workers as para-professionals, janitors, certified nursing assistants, fast-food workers and service/support providers.

To get the word out Habitat will send out 4,000 direct mail brochures to renters living in northern Citrus County.



### The 'hidden wounds of war'

Shortly past 1 a.m. on July 5, Sean Liebman, the highly decorated Air Force staff sergeant who served 10 years as a combat medic and was honorably discharged in 2020 from his time in service with a 90% medical disability, took his own life.

The 30-year-old suffered from PTSD, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and had tried to get help.

However, after three nights of continuous fireworks going off in his Crystal River neighborhood well past midnight, a continuous barrage of booms, cracks and pops that sounded too much like hostile gunfire he had been subjected to on the frontlines in Afghanistan, the PTSD was too much for Sean to bear.

"He had been trying since last year to get the medical and mental help that he needed at the VA," said his sister, Brittany Weygand.

They gave him a prescription for sleeping pills.

His family believes Sean fell through the cracks, that his situation was overlooked and he was underserved. They have questions, but no answers.

### Homosassa women arrested for animal cruelty

Two Homosassa women were arrested after their 84 animals were seized from neglectful conditions, which also forced the Citrus County Animal Shelter to close because of overcrowding.

Animal control officers and deputies with the Citrus County Sheriff's Office found 21 dogs, 27 cats, six bird species, five rabbits, a gopher tortoise and a chicken.

Of the dogs, 13 were caged in the kitchen and living room, lying in their own urine and feces.

Officers and deputies discovered and rescued other pets and livestock from throughout the property, totaling 84 animals. Most of the animals were suffering from open sores. They also found a minor child living in deplorable conditions.

Deputies arrested Tabitha Kaye Iverson, 51, Christine Anne Iverson, 42. The women face 61 counts of aggravated animal cruelty, 13 counts of misdemeanor animal cruelty and a charge of child neglect.

Currently, there's an urgent need for animal adopters, fosterers and rescues to help make room at the animal shelter.

Those interested in caring for a shelter animal, email [colleen.yarbrough@citrusbocc.com](mailto:colleen.yarbrough@citrusbocc.com) or call 352-746-8400.

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# Two more car washes coming soon

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

Lecanto and Crystal River are getting new car wash facilities. Caliber Car Wash is building a second location at 2927 County Road 491, next to the Shell-Circle K gas station and across from Wawa and Wendy's.

The chain has not announced an opening date. The first Caliber opened April 2020 at 2001 State Road 44, just west of Pleasant Grove Road, in Inverness. A typical Caliber location employs 12-18 people. One of the drawing points is the chain's limitless

monthly membership plans, which allow motorists to clean their cars as many times as necessary. The water at all its locations is filtered, cleaned, and reused. Caliber is expanding into central Florida and has another one planned for Ocala, the site of its first facility.

"Central Florida has played a vital role in shaping the company's community presence and houses our first wash," Caliber spokesperson Mac McCall said. Meanwhile in Crystal River, the owner of the new proposed Big Dan's Car Wash had already submitted his original plans to the city

and they were approved. Dan's would be built right next to the new Wawa, at the State Road 44 and U.S. 19 intersection, former site of the now-vacant Suncoast Credit Union at that same intersection. Crystal River City Manager Ken Frink said staffers have been ready to issue the permit for quite

some time. However, the owner told city officials he wanted to make some changes to the building and resubmitted his plans last Tuesday, Frink said. The city is reviewing those plans. Big Dan's plans to open in the fall of 2021, according to the chain's website.

## Around the COUNTY

### Become a mentor at Take Stock

Take Stock in Children is currently looking for mentors for their program, which assists in creating a brighter future for deserving youth by providing college and vocational scholarships, volunteer mentors, tutoring and long-term support. Mentors assist students once a week for 30 minutes. The program currently monitors 43 active students enrolled in Citrus County's middle and high schools. They will start accepting new students once school starts. Take Stock is not a tutoring program, rather it is a program that provides support, guidance and encouragement for students as they work their way through middle and high school and prepare for college or vocational school. To learn more about the program or to get an application, call Pat Lancaster, student services coordinator, at 352-344-0855.

### Join the Grief Toolbox support group

Welcoming new and continuing attendees, the Grief Toolbox support group will start a new session of meetings from 2 to 3 p.m. every Wednesday, beginning July 28, at the Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane in Homosassa. Sponsored by Brown Funeral Home and Crematory, the group helps participants acquire the essential tools they need to deal with their grief through video presentations, handouts and group discussions. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to preregister, call 352-249-1470. Support groups observe CDC guidelines and space may be limited. To learn more about grief services, friendsocitrus.org or Friends of Citrus on Facebook.

— From staff reports

# Run for the Money wraps up



**ABOVE:** Ember Vanover-Harvey, 6, Homosassa, and Gus Bearlepp, 6, Inverness, cool off on the waterslide Saturday at the Key Training Center's 45th annual Run for the Money.

**LEFT:** Matt Goffe, left front, leads the group of runners on the final leg of the Key Training Center's 45th annual Run for the Money. Matt is a participant at the Adult Day Training facility in Lecanto. STEPHEN SHANER/For the Chronicle



**ABOVE:** Staff and participants at the Key Training Center wait to cheer on the runners during the final leg of the 45th annual Run for the Money.

**LEFT:** Chris Moling, a Run for the Money organizer and driver for the runners, talks to friends after the final leg of the run on Saturday. Moling said he considers this a "build back year" after the 2020 event was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He said he was happy with both the turnout today and good community support.

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Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthdays: Make some adjustments, but don't change your overall plans. Expect the unexpected, and be ready to pivot when necessary. Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Settle down and enjoy life. Relax with someone and do something that puts your mind at ease and helps you rejuvenate. Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It's up to you to create an opportunity. Use your skills, intelligence and connections to create what you want. Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Put more thought into ways you can improve your space. Do the work yourself, and you will get things done the way you want. Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): Listen to what others have to say, and you'll know what's required to avoid a let-down and encourage the response you want to receive. Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): A get-together will open your eyes to exciting alternatives. Be creative, but don't go overboard. Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look over your options and make your move. The changes you put into play at home will improve your life and encourage others to respect your space. Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): Put more time and energy into essential relationships. You can get along with friends and relatives without following in their footsteps. Learn from experiences that others relate to you. Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20): Look for the good in everyone, but don't buy into someone's pipe dream. A financial move for personal gain is apparent, but adhere to the rules, or penalties will prevail. Aries (March 21-April 19): You'll get a sense of what you want to do next if you engage in events that interest you. Don't let the changes going on around you dampen your mood or stop you from doing what makes you feel alive. Taurus (April 20-May 20): Scrutinize any changes coming your way. Having sufficient information will put your mind at ease. Gemini (May 21-June 20): A disciplined attitude will encourage productivity. Flirting will lead to a messy situation. Cancer (June 21-July 22): Verify information before you pass it along or make a change based on what you hear. Put a unique spin on an idea.

ENTERTAINMENT

Family of James Brown settles 15-year battle over his estate

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The family of entertainer James Brown has reached a settlement ending a 15-year battle over the late singer's estate, an attorney involved in the mediation said Friday. David Black, an attorney representing Brown's estate, confirmed to The Associated Press that the agreement was reached July 9. Details of the settlement were not disclosed. Legal wrangling over the Godfather of Soul's estate has been ongoing since his death at the age of 73 on Christmas Day 2006. The performer's death touched off years of bizarre headlines, beginning with Tomi Rae Hynie — a former partner who claimed to be Brown's wife — being locked out of his 60-acre estate while photographers captured her sobbing and shaking its iron gates, begging to be let in. Brown was renowned for hundreds of iconic musical works including hits like "I Feel Good" and "A Man's World," and was known around the world for his flashy performances and dynamic stage presence. But years of drug problems and financial mismanagement caused his estate to dwindle. More than a dozen lawsuits were filed over the years by people trying to lay claim to the singer's assets, which courts have estimated to be worth anything from \$5 million to more than \$100 million. The fight over Brown's estate even spilled over into what to do with his body. Family members



John Lydon, also known as Johnny Rotten, is seen outside the Hight Court Rolls Building in London, where he was giving evidence in a hearing between two former Sex Pistols band members and the band frontman over the use of their songs in a television series, Wednesday July 21. Drummer Paul Cook and the band's former guitarist, Steve Jones, are suing the Pistols' former lead singer to allow their songs to be used in a TV series.

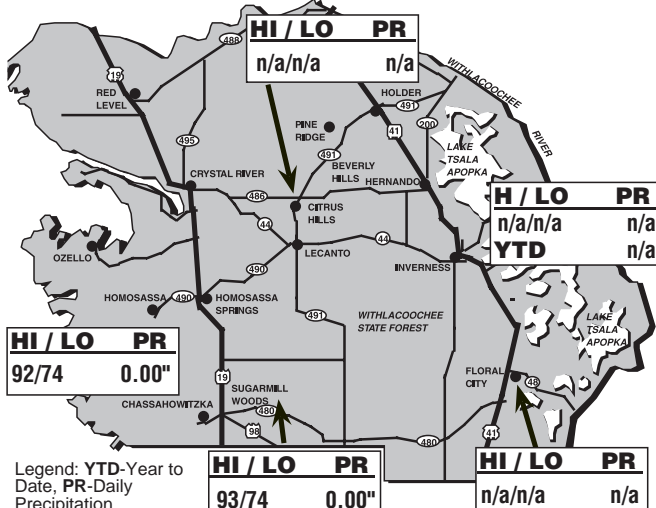
fought over the remains for more than two months, leaving Brown's body, still inside a gold casket, sitting in cold storage in a funeral home. Brown was eventually buried in Beech Island, South Carolina, at the home of one of his daughters. The family wanted to turn the home into a shrine for Brown similar to Elvis Presley's Graceland, but that idea never got off the ground. Last year, the South Carolina Supreme Court ruled that Hynie had not been legally married to Brown and therefore did not have a right to his multimillion-dollar estate. Justices also ordered a circuit court to "promptly proceed with the probate of Brown's estate in accordance with his estate plan,"

which outlined creation of a trust that would use his music royalties to fund educational expenses for children in South Carolina and Georgia. A 2009 settlement plan would have given nearly half of Brown's estate to a charitable trust, a quarter to Hynie, and the rest to be split among his adult children. The state Supreme Court overturned that deal in 2013, writing that then-Attorney General Henry McMaster — now the state's governor — hadn't followed Brown's expressed wishes for most of his money to go to charity, having instead selected a professional manager who took control of Brown's assets from the estate's trustees to settle debts. — From wire reports

Today in HISTORY

Today is Sunday, July 25, the 206th day of 2021. There are 159 days left in the year. Today's Highlight: On July 25, 2000, a New York-bound Air France Concorde crashed outside Paris shortly after takeoff, killing all 109 people on board and four people on the ground; it was the first-ever crash of the supersonic jet. On this date: In 1956, the Italian liner SS Andrea Doria collided with the Swedish passenger ship Stockholm off the New England coast late at night and began sinking; 51 people — 46 from the Andrea Doria, five from the Stockholm — were killed. (The Andrea Doria capsized and sank the following morning.) In 1975, the musical "A Chorus Line" opened on Broadway at the Shubert Theatre, beginning a run of 6,137 performances. Ten years ago: The NFL Players Association executive board and 32 team reps voted unanimously to approve the terms of a deal to end a 4 1/2-month lockout. Five years ago: On the opening night of the Democratic national convention in Philadelphia, Bernie Sanders robustly embraced his former rival Hillary Clinton as a champion for the same economic causes that enlivened his supporters, signaling it was time for them to rally behind her in the campaign against Republican Donald Trump. One year ago: Federal agents fired tear gas to break up rowdy protests in Portland, Oregon, that continued into the early morning, demonstrations had been taking place in Portland every night for two months in the aftermath of the Minneapolis death of George Floyd. Today's Birthdays: Folk-pop singer-musician Bruce Woodley (The Seekers) is 79. Model-actor Iman is 66. Actor Matt LeBlanc is 54. Classical singer Faryl Smith is 26. Actor Mason Cook is 21. Actor Meg Donnelly (TV: "American Housewife") is 20.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



Legend: YTD-Year to Date, PR-Daily Precipitation. Today's weather forecast: High: 92° Low: 72° Partly cloudy with a few PM storms.

MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING High: 91° Low: 72° Partly sunny, scattered storms. TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING High: 90° Low: 73° Partly sunny, scattered storms.

THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Table with 4 columns: DATE, TEMPERATURE, PRECIPITATION, and BAROMETRIC PRESSURE. Includes Almanac section with DEW POINT, HUMIDITY, POLLEN COUNT, and AIR QUALITY.

SOLAR TABLES with columns: DATE, DAY, MINOR (MORNING), MAJOR (MORNING), MINOR (AFTERNOON), MAJOR (AFTERNOON).

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

BURN CONDITIONS Today's Fire Danger Index is: NONE. There is no burn ban.

WATERING RULES table with columns: Addresses with house numbers ending in: 0-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Common Areas.

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

TIDES SUNDAY table with columns: City, High, Low.

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

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

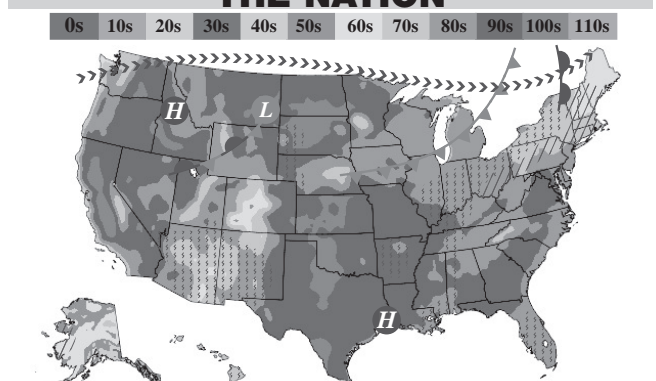
MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Northeast winds around 10 knots then becoming north around 5 knots early in the afternoon, then increasing to around 10 knots late in the afternoon. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop.

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

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

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Sunday

Table with columns: City, SAT, SUN, H, L, Pcp, H, L, Fcst. Lists weather forecasts for cities like Albany, Albuquerque, Asheville, Atlanta, etc.

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# ARRESTS

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be treated this way,” Peckham said about the lack of public awareness.

It wasn't until after the Citrus County Sheriff's Office began overseeing the animal control unit in 2013 when Peckham, who's been an ACO for 18 years, witnessed her first arrest for animal cruelty.

Since then, with Peckham as supervisor, the unit has evolved alongside the county animal shelter to help educate law enforcement and the community to target prosecutable cases and save animals.

“Every job we do, makes us better,” Peckham said, “and all of that comes together to create enough evidence for prosecutors to prosecute.”

In 2020, sheriff's office deputies arrested 11 people tied to nine animal-cruelty cases involving 19 animals. In 2021 — between January and July 15 — 14 arrests were made in 13 cases involving 153 animals.

“In half the time,” Peckham said, “we already exceeded last year.”

Peckham's not certain why cases increased, but she said outreach campaigns have encouraged the public to report suspicions of people or properties harboring distressed animals, allowing ACOs to respond and keep issues from worsening.

“When you make the public aware of those types of traits and flags,” she said, “then you consequently get more people calling, asking for well-being checks.”

Tips of suspected animal cruelty can be submitted anonymously through Citrus County Crime Stoppers, 888-269-8477.

Peckham said the calls for service she and her six ACOs handle have been overwhelming.

“We need more officers,” she said, “but there just isn't funding in our budget to make that happen.”

## Shelter currently available by appointment only

Due to the increased workload from a large cruelty case, the Citrus County Animal Shelter, 4030 S. Airport Road in Inverness, continues to be available by appointment only through Saturday, July 31.

Citrus County Animal Services (CCAS) is urgently seeking adopters, fosters and rescuers to reduce the existing population of animals in their care as they evaluate and treat the animals affected by this case.

Peckham's also seen more felonies of aggravated animal cruelty being filed in court since prosecutors began defining neglect and not just physical abuse as grounds to pursue harsher charges.

Peckham credited the director of Citrus County Animal Services, Colleen Yarbrough, and its chief veterinarian, Dr. Meaghan Mielo, for pushing the State Attorney's Office in the last two years to go after people for letting their animals' wounds or illness go untreated.

“It's emotional for me to remember... that we didn't put people in jail for the heinous things they caused animals to suffer through,” Peckham said. “To know those animals are getting justice, getting better lives and medical care than they've ever had, and I was a part of that with some really amazing people, that means a lot that I can say, ‘I made a difference.’”

Yarbrough, Mielo — both forensically trained — and their shelter staff have also been invaluable in spotting and reporting animal cruelty when they see it enter their doors.

They've even responded to scenes alongside ACOs to better triage animal injuries and document their poor living conditions.

“That's something we've never had before,”

Adoption fees continue to be waived until further notice. Those who cannot adopt are encouraged to consider fostering. CCAS also asks that all approved rescue partners come forward to help, if possible.

To view the animals available for adoption, visit [tinyurl.com/274rhtxf](http://tinyurl.com/274rhtxf). This site is updated in real-time and has the most up-to-date listings of animals available for adoption.

To make an appointment, call 352-746-8400 or email [colleen.yarbrough@citrusbocc.com](mailto:colleen.yarbrough@citrusbocc.com).

— From staff reports

Peckham said, “and it's just an immeasurable resource to have that kind of relationship with our shelter.”

ACOs take recovered animals to the county animal shelter for treatment and housing until the animals are either released back to their owners or adopted out.

There's not always room at the inn, and ACOs do their best to find the best outcome for the stranded or suffering animals they come across without overburdening the shelter.

“It is a daily struggle to try and balance and make

## Removing, treating and safeguarding a large group of animals taken from a hoarding scene is something ACOs and shelter staff can't really prepare for ahead of time.

### Peckham said people reporting animal cruelty should call early in the daytime to make it easier for ACOs and the shelter to deal with while there's enough time and light.

the right decision,” Peckham said, “and sometimes you just don't.”

Around 86% of animals seized by ACOs this year came from two separate criminal cases, overcrowding the shelter.

ACOs brought over 80 animals to the shelter one early morning in July from a Homosassa homestead.

Shelter kennels and cages were already full,

with close to 50 animals seized in January from Out of the Box Rescue and its prosecuted owner who's still fighting for their custody, keeping the animals from going up for adoption.

“Those animals can't go anywhere,” Peckham said, “and the process for a custody hearing, minimum, takes two months; maximum, it can take over a

year ... and that presents a huge issue. ... Where do the strays go and those not available for adoption pending medical care?”

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Peckham said people reporting animal cruelty should call early in the daytime to make it easier for ACOs and the shelter to deal with while there's enough time and light.

Nonetheless, Yarbrough, shelter staff and their rescue partners didn't quit in the darkness of July to free up space for the 84 animals brought over from Homosassa.

“That means the world to me,” Peckham said. “There was a time we didn't have that.”

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This adult cat, taken to the Citrus County Animal Shelter in a recent animal-cruelty case, is available for adoption. The animal shelter has recently become crowded with dogs and cats, many from cases that are still making their way through court.

## SHELTER

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officer walked in with a report of another cruelty case.

To make room for seized animals, the shelter reached out to the public and rescue groups to adopt or foster dogs and cats that are available.

The 17-member staff is slammed. To help care for the seized animals and the general population, the shelter will remain closed to the public except by appointment through July 31.



While the sheriff's office animal control and animal services work together on cruelty cases, the county doesn't become involved until after the sheriff's office makes its move.

Such as it was on July 14, when animal control officers discovered an animal hoard-

ing case involving a Homosassa couple and 84 animals. The county was notified around 6:30 p.m. that day, but neither Yarbrough, nor shelter veterinarian Dr. Meghan Mielo realized what was coming until later.

"This case had very little warning," Mielo said. "We didn't know we had 84."

Yarbrough said she told her staff: "Everyone back in the shelter, now!"

The county is moving toward building a new shelter in Lecanto, in part by funds raised by the community.

"This is proving more and more we need a more appropriate facility," Mielo said. "We can't continue to put cats in our break room."

Yarbrough agreed. "This," she said, "is not going to stop."

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### Hemingway Days



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Ernest Hemingway look-alikes push a fake bull with smoke emanating from its nostrils during the "Running of the Bulls" Saturday, July 24 in Key West. A spoof of the event's namesake in Pamplona, Spain, the subtropical island city's version features fake bulls on wheels and is part of the annual Hemingway Days festival that honors author Ernest Hemingway, who lived and wrote in Key West throughout most of the 1930s.

## PRICES

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more in this ascending market," said Tedrick, sales manager at ERA American Realty and ERA Suncoast Realty in Citrus County.

But there are signs that the market may finally be cooling.

"Florida's red-hot rate of home price growth" could begin to cool down somewhat in the coming months, "although that will also depend on whether interest rates start to trend higher again, as well," Florida Realtors Chief Economist Dr. Brad O'Connor said. "For now, though, the numbers continue to astound."

Other June highlights:

- The number of listed properties in Citrus County that went under contract in June was 367, down from 395 a year earlier.
- There were 131 buyers

who paid cash for their home, up from 110.

- Inventory of existing homes pretty much stayed the same in June at 525.

"Coming out of a record spring home-buying season, the state's housing market continued its strong gains in June," said Florida Realtors President Cheryl Lambert, broker-owner with Only Way Realty Citrus in Inverness said. "Of course, the impact of the pandemic last June is still a factor to consider when looking at the comparison data."

Home sales in Florida were still up significantly year-over-year, but the numbers are starting to even out a bit when compared with the pre-pandemic real estate market.

"The impact of the pandemic last June is still a factor to consider when looking at the comparison data," Lambert said.

With pandemic numbers rising again, shaken investors have pushed 30-year mortgage rates lower

again this week, although adjustable rates moved a little higher.

As of Thursday, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.78%, according to Freddie Mac's weekly survey. It's the fourth week in a row for a drop.

"Concerns about the Delta variant, and the overall trajectory of the pandemic, are undoubtedly affecting economic growth," Freddie Mac's chief economist Sam Khater said.

Meanwhile, Vesselka McAlarney, with the Florida Legislature's Office of Economic & Demographic Research, said new single-family home construction grew by 30% in fiscal year 2021 and will grow by 6% in fiscal year 2022.

Home-buying, McAlarney said, is at "the highest peak" since the 1990s.

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# States lend support in fighting wildfires

**NATHAN HOWARD**  
Associated Press

BLY, Ore. — Out-of-state crews headed to Montana Saturday to battle a blaze that injured five firefighters as the West struggled with a series of fires that have ravaged rural lands and destroyed homes.

Progress was being made on the nation's largest blaze, the Bootleg Fire in Oregon, but additional mandatory evacuations were ordered Friday evening and less than half of it had been contained, fire officials said. The growth of the sprawling fire had slowed, but increased fire activity was expected Saturday, and thousands of homes remained threatened on its eastern side, authorities said.

"This fire is resistant to stopping at dozer lines," Oregon Department of Forestry officials said Saturday in a news release. "With the critically dry weather and fuels we are experiencing, firefighters are having to constantly re-evaluate their control lines and look for contingency options."

In California, Gov. Gavin Newsom on Friday proclaimed a state of emergency for four northern counties because of wildfires that he said were causing "conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property." The proclamation opens the way for more state support.

On Saturday, fire crews from California and Utah were coming to Montana, Gov. Greg Gianforte announced. Five firefighters were injured Thursday



Firefighter Jesse Forbes monitors flames as his crew burns vegetation to stop the Dixie Fire from spreading near Prattville in Plumas County, Calif., on Friday, July 23.

when swirling winds blew flames back on them as they worked on the Devil's Creek fire burning in rough, steep terrain near the rural town of Jordan.

They remained hospitalized Friday. Bureau of Land Management spokesperson Mark Jacobsen declined to release the extent of their injuries. The firefighters included three U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service crew members from North Dakota and two U.S. Forest Service firefighters from New Mexico.

In California, the Tamarack Fire south of Lake Tahoe continued to burn through timber and chaparral and threatened communities on both sides of the California-Nevada state line. The fire, sparked by lightning July 4 in Alpine County, has destroyed at least 10 buildings.

In Butte County,

California, the Dixie Fire continued to burn in rugged and remote terrain, hampering firefighters' efforts to contain the blaze as it grows eastward, becoming the state's largest wildfire so far this year.

Heavy smoke from both huge fires lowered visibility and may at times ground aircraft providing support for fire crews on the ground. The air quality south of Lake Tahoe and across the state line into Nevada deteriorated to very unhealthy levels.

In north-central Washington, firefighters battled two blazes in Okanogan County that threatened hundreds of homes and again caused hazardous air quality conditions Saturday. And in northern Idaho, east of Spokane, Washington, a small fire near the Silverwood Theme Park prompted evacuations Friday evening at the park and in the

surrounding area. The theme park was back open on Saturday with the fire half contained.

Although hot weather with afternoon winds posed a continued threat of spreading blazes, weekend

forecasts also called for a chance of scattered thunderstorms in California, Utah, Nevada, Arizona and other states. However, forecasters said some could be dry thunderstorms that produce little rain but a lot of

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## Popular park runs resume in England

LONDON — After 16 months of solo jogging, Saturday's return of the weekly 5-kilometer mass runs in England's parks was met with widespread jubilation.

Days after all remaining lockdown restrictions were lifted in England, the organized 5K runs were allowed to resume for the first time since the pandemic struck in March 2020.

The so-called parkruns — which are open to everyone, regardless of age, gender or ability — have become increasingly popular over the past few years and arguably have done more to improve the nation's mental and physical health than anything in decades. The runs have also showcased a solidarity within a society that has fissured on many other levels.

And the running isn't even compulsory. Walking will do. And there's even a few parents with strollers and babies.

"It has been a lonely time for a lot of people with lots of lonely training miles, solo runs, along with virtual and canceled races," said 24-year-old PhD student Cameron Dockerill, who took just 16 minutes to become the first person to complete the run in Southwark Park in southeast London.

"It has been quite a lonely time and to come here is quite uplifting," he added.

## Imprisoned 'Dating Game Killer' Alcalá dies in California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A prolific serial torture-slayer dubbed "The Dating Game Killer" died Saturday while awaiting execution in California, authorities said. Rodney James Alcalá was 77.

He died of natural causes at a hospital in San Joaquin Valley, California, prison officials said in a statement.

Alcalá was sentenced to death in 2010 for five slayings



Associated Press

People at the start line of the Park Run at Bushy Park in London, Saturday July 24, one of many runs taking place across the country for the first time since March 2020 when the event was closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

in California between 1977 and 1979, including that of a 12-year-old girl, though authorities estimate he may have killed up to 130 people across the country.

Alcalá received an additional 25 years to life in 2013 after pleading guilty to two homicides in New York.

He was charged again in 2016 after DNA evidence connected him to the 1977 death of a 28-year-old woman whose remains were found in a remote area of southwest Wyoming. But a prosecutor said Alcalá was too ill to face trial in the death of the woman, who was six months pregnant when she died.

California's death row is in San Quentin State Prison near San Francisco, but for years Alcalá had been housed more than 200 miles away at a prison in Corcoran where he could receive medical care around the clock.

## Biden stumps for McAuliffe in test of political clout

ARLINGTON, Va. — President Joe Biden led the kind of campaign rally that was impossible last year because of the pandemic, speaking before nearly 3,000 people in support of a fellow moderate Democrat whose race for Virginia governor could serve as a test of Biden's own strength and coattails.

Biden motorcaded across the Potomac River Friday

night to back Terry McAuliffe, a former governor looking for a second term whose centrist leanings in many ways mirror those of the president. The race is seen as an early measure of voters' judgment on Democratic control of all branches of the federal government.

The president stood before an enthusiastic and largely unmasked crowd who gathered around a park pavilion and playground on a warm July night. He emphasized that he shared the same vision as McAuliffe about the need for greater public investments in order to drive economic growth. But Biden was also focused on the political stakes.

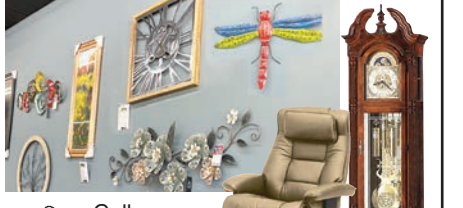
"You're not gonna find anyone, I mean anyone, who knows how to get more done for Virginia than Terry," Biden said. "Off-year election, the country's looking. This is a big deal."

Biden pointed to his management of the pandemic and highlighted the economic recovery during the first six months of his term, providing a window into his party's messaging as it tries to maintain narrow margins next fall in both houses of Congress. He also highlighted the relative popularity of his \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill and called for action on his infrastructure plan, much as he has done in official visits to congressional districts expected to see close races next year.

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2016	Buick	Encore	J20606B	\$16,993
2016	Honda	HR-V	J21216H	\$17,993
2019	Jeep	Cherokee	J21324C	\$23,388
2018	Dodge	Journey	J21066A	\$23,993
2018	Kia	Sorento	A21166B	\$23,993
2018	Jeep	Compass	J21355A	\$24,993
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2017	Toyota	RAV4	J20632A	\$26,993
2017	Dodge	Durango	A21070H	\$27,993
2015	Jeep	Cherokee	J21357A	\$27,993
2019	Chrysler	300	J21346B	\$28,993
2017	Buick	Enclave	J21397A	\$29,993
2016	Jeep	Wrangler	B21339A	\$29,993
2014	Ram	1500	J21357F	\$29,993
2019	Jeep	Cherokee	8864P	\$29,993
2014	Ram	1500	B21469B	\$29,993
2019	Honda	CR-V	J21328A	\$29,993
2019	Ford	Edge	J21258A	\$33,993
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2019	Dodge	Charger	8904P	\$34,993
2017	Jeep	Grand Cherokee	J21369A	\$35,993
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2017	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	B21408C	\$36,993
2019	Dodge	Challenger	J21312F	\$36,993
2016	Dodge	Challenger	J21393A	\$39,993
2018	Ford	F-150	B21486B	\$39,993
2019	Toyota	Tacoma	J21315A	\$41,993
2014	Ram	2500	8910P	\$42,993
2016	Ford	F-150	8862A	\$42,993
2018	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	J21338B	\$47,993
2018	GMC	Sierra 1500	J21313A	\$47,993
2017	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	J21349A	\$49,993
2020	Dodge	Challenger	8914P	\$49,993
2018	Toyota	Tundra	8908P	\$50,993
2018	Ram	2500	J21370A	\$52,993
2020	Ram	1500	J21341A	\$52,993
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# French protest virus passes, vaccine mandate

**PATRICK HERMANSEN AND BOUBKAR BENZEBAT**  
Associated Press

PARIS — Some 160,000 people, including far-right activists and members of France's yellow vest movement, protested Saturday across the country against a bill requiring everyone to have a special virus pass to enter restaurants and mandating COVID-19 vaccinations for all health care workers.

Similar protests were held in neighboring Italy.

Police fired water cannons and tear gas on rowdy protesters in Paris, although most gatherings were orderly.

Legislators in France's Senate were debating the virus bill Saturday after the lower house of parliament approved it on Friday, as virus infections are spiking and hospitalizations are rising. The French government wants to speed up vaccinations to protect vulnerable people and hospitals, and avoid any new lockdown.

Most French adults are fully vaccinated and multiple polls indicate a majority of French people support the new measures. But not everyone.

Protesters chanting "Liberty! Liberty!" gathered at Bastille plaza and marched through eastern Paris in one of several demonstrations Saturday around France. Thousands also joined a gathering across the Seine River from the Eiffel Tower organized by a former top official in Marine Le Pen's anti-immigration party.

While most protesters were calm, tensions erupted on the margins of the Bastille march. Riot



Thousands of protesters gather at Place Trocadero near the Eiffel Tower to attend a demonstration in Paris, France, Saturday July 24, against the COVID-19 pass which grants vaccinated individuals greater ease of access to venues.

police sprayed tear gas on marchers after someone threw a chair at an officer. Other projectiles were also thrown. Later some protesters moved to the Arc de Triomphe and police used a water cannon to disperse them.

Marchers included far-right politicians and activists as well as others angry at President Emmanuel Macron. They were upset over a French "health pass" that is now required to enter museums, movie theaters and tourist sites. The bill under debate would expand the pass requirement to all restaurants and bars in France and some other venues.

To get the pass, people need to be fully vaccinated, have a recent negative test or have proof they recently recovered from the virus.

French lawmakers are divided over how far to go in imposing health passes or mandatory vaccinations but infections are rising

quickly. More than 111,000 people with the virus have died in France, and the country is now seeing about 20,000 new infections a day, up from just a few thousand a day in early July.

More than 2 billion people worldwide have been vaccinated and information about COVID-19 vaccines is now widely available, but many protesters said they felt they were being rushed into something they're not ready to do.

Céline Augen, a secretary at a doctor's office, is prepared to lose her job under the new measure because she doesn't want to get vaccinated.

Ayoub Bouglia, an engineer, said, "We need to wait a little bit before the French people can decide ... I think a part of France is always going to be unwilling and that blackmail and threats won't work."

In Italy, thousands of protesters gathered in

Rome, Milan, Verona and other cities Saturday, protesting the government's decision to require a "Green Pass" to access indoor dining, local fairs, stadiums, cinemas and other gathering places.

In the northern city of Verona, several thousand people marched down the main shopping street, chanting "No Green Pass!" and "Freedom!" They included families with young children, medical doctors who said they are risking their jobs not to get vaccinated and people who likened the Green Pass decision to decisions by fascist dictatorships.

The demonstrations proceeded peacefully and dissipated into summer evening crowds.

Despite the vocal opposition, Italy's new requirement, effective Aug. 3, has led to a boom in vaccine appointments in Italy, where so far nearly half of the eligible population is fully vaccinated.

# States scale back virus reporting just as cases rise

**JOSH FUNK**  
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Several states scaled back their reporting of COVID-19 statistics this month just as cases across the country started to skyrocket, depriving the public of real-time information on outbreaks, cases, hospitalizations and deaths in their communities.

The shift to weekly instead of daily reporting in Florida, Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota marked a notable shift during a pandemic in which coronavirus dashboards have become a staple for Americans closely tracking case counts and trends to navigate a crisis that has killed more than 600,000 people in the U.S.

In Nebraska, the state actually stopped reporting on the virus altogether for two weeks after Gov. Pete Ricketts declared an end to the official virus emergency, forcing news reporters to file public records requests or turn to national websites that track state data to learn about COVID statistics. The state backtracked two weeks later and came up with a weekly site that provides some basic numbers.

Other governments have gone the other direction and released more information, with Washington, D.C., this week adding a dashboard on breakthrough cases to show the number of residents who contracted the virus after getting vaccines. Many states have recently gone to reporting virus numbers only on weekdays.

When Florida changed the frequency of its virus reporting earlier this month, officials said it made sense given the decreasing number of cases and the increasing number of people being vaccinated.

Cases started soaring soon after, and Florida earlier this week made up one-fifth of the country's new coronavirus infections. As a result, Florida's weekly releases — typically done on Friday afternoons — have consequences for the country's understanding of the current summer surge, with no statewide COVID stats coming out of the virus hotspot for six days a week.

In Florida's last two weekly reports, the number of new cases shot up from 23,000 to 45,000 and then 73,000 on Friday, an average of more than 10,000 day. Hospitals are starting to run out of space in parts of the state.

With cases rising, Democrats and other critics have urged state officials and Gov. Ron DeSantis to resume daily outbreak updates.

The trend of reducing data reporting has alarmed infectious disease specialists who believe that more information is better during a pandemic. People have come to rely on state virus dashboards to help make decisions about whether to attend large gatherings or wear masks in public, and understanding the level of risk in the community affects how people respond to virus restrictions and calls to get vaccinated.

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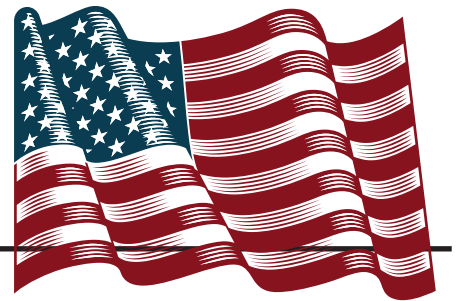
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## VETERANS NOTES

*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.*

### COMING UP

#### West Citrus Elks to host Purple Heart breakfast

The West Citrus Elks Lodge 2693, will host a breakfast and program at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at 7890 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd. in Homosassa. The program will honor all Purple Heart recipients and commemorate the 239th anniversary of the Purple Heart.

The families of those who fell in combat, Purple Heart recipients and their guests are invited to the free breakfast served by the lodge's veterans committee.

Established by George Washington on Aug. 7, 1782, and originally known as the Badge of Military Merit, the Purple Heart is a badge of honor that recognizes patriots who have made the supreme sacrifice or shed their blood on the field of battle in defense of our nation's freedoms.

Attendees are requested to register. Contact Curt at 352-382-3847 or curt247@tampabay.rr.com and indicate the number in your party and their names.

For information about Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776 Military Order of the Purple Heart, visit citruspurpleheart.org or their Facebook page.

### GOOD TO KNOW

#### MOAA to discuss new Veterans Village

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Citrus County chapter welcomes veterans and the public to attend a speaker presentation at 10 a.m. Sept. 9 at the American Legion Post 155, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Crystal River.

The topic of the presentation will be the proposed Veterans Village of Citrus County, a 100 apartment not-for-profit assisted living facility, which will provide affordable housing to veterans.

The featured speakers are Dr. Paresh Desai and Dr. William Dixon, members of the Veterans Village executive board.

For more information about the speaker event, visit moaaff.org/Chapters/CitrusCounty.

#### Sponsor a gravesite wreath

Aaron A. Weaver Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 776 will be supporting Wreaths Across America during the holiday season.

The chapter is looking for community donations toward their goal of 500 wreaths, which they will place on graves at the Bushnell National Cemetery on Dec. 21, 2021.

To donate, visit wreathscrossamerica.org/FL0227P and click on "Sponsor a Wreath." To sponsor a wreath at Bushnell National Cemetery, go to "Specific Site" to enter the location.

The group ID number is FL0227P and the cemetery number is FLNCFB.

For assistance, email mom4sba@tampabay.rr.com.

#### WTC scholarships available to veterans

For the second year in a row, the Citrus County Veterans Coalition (CCVC) made a \$3,000 scholarship available to the Withlacoochee Technical College (WTC). WTC distributes these funds to veterans who attend classes there.

The funds may be used for the purchase of books, manuals, tools of the trade or uniforms. Veterans can receive grants through the VA for course tuition, but incur many other expenses in the course of their education. These funds are specifically intended to ease the financial hardships of veterans in their continuing education.

To access the available funds, veterans should contact the financial aid coordinator at WTC. For additional assistance, call Bob Bendle, CCVC scholarship officer, at 352-400-8952.

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# GIVING BACK

Local veterans groups support Young Marines trip to visit last World War II Navajo Code Talkers in New Mexico

## Amvets donate to Young Marines



*Special to the Chronicle*

Amvets Post 89 presented a check to the Nature Coast Young Marines (NCYM) to show appreciation for all they do for veterans and the community.

The donation will be used for the NCYM to visit the last remaining World War II Navajo Code Talkers later this year.

Amvets regularly partner with other veteran organizations to raise money for veterans causes, the community and youth groups throughout the year. They are always looking for new members to help community veterans, youth and community.

All with an honorable or general discharge, as well as active duty, are eligible to join. They meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Monday of every month at 1 Civic Circle in Beverly Hills.

NCYM are open to all youths ages eight through the completion of high school. The only membership requirement is that the youth must be in good standing at school.

To learn more, visit youngmarines.com.

Austin Morando, NCYM staff sergeant; Louann Braglin, Amvets first vice commander; Tyler Cook, NCYM gunnery sergeant; Tyler Holmes, NCYM private first class; Lake Dyer, NCYM private first class; and Kellie Cook, NCYM lance corporal.

## D7RG donate to Young Marines

*Special to the Chronicle*

The VFW District 7 Riders Group (D7RG) recently presented a check to the Nature Coast Young Marines (NCYM).

The donation will help fund their trip to the Navajo Code Talkers event in New Mexico on Aug. 14.

VFW riders regularly partner with other veteran rider groups and organizations to raise money for veterans causes, the community and youth groups.

VFW D7RG has members from 10 different VFW posts within the district.

They meet monthly at different posts and annual dues are \$5. D7RG is open to all VFW post and auxiliary members and supporters who love motorcycles and helping veterans, their community and local youth organizations.

The post, auxiliary and supporters each have their own unique patch with the motto "7 On a Roll."



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From left are: Sgt. at Arms Mike Yates, D7RG; Lance Cpl. Kelly Cook, NCYM; Gunnery Sgt. Tyler Cook, NCYM; Mary Cook, unit commander; James Duggan, NCYM adult volunteer; and Roger Ingall, D7RG deputy director.

For information on the next meeting location and how to join, email gperrino2020@gmail.com or shanily.04@gmail.com.

The NCYM are open to all youths ages 8 through the completion of high school. The only membership requirement is

that the youth must be in good standing at school.

To learn more, visit youngmarines.com.

## VETERANS GROUPS

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

### American Legion

■ American Legion Post 155, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River, FL 34429. Monthly meetings begin at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday. Call 352-795-6526 for information.

● American Legion Auxiliary Unit 155, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway,

Crystal River, FL 34429. Monthly meetings begin at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday. Call 352-795-6526 for information.

● American Legion Riders, Chapter 155, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River, FL 34429.

Monthly meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday. Call 352-795-6526 for information.

■ American Legion Wall-Rives Post 58 and Auxiliary, 10730 U.S. 41, Dunnellon. Call 352-489-4453 or email wallrives58@gmail.com.

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

352-897-4776.

■ Allen-Rawls American Legion Post 77 and Auxiliary Unit 77, 4375 Little Al Point, off Arbor Street in Inverness.

● Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 155, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River, FL 34429. Monthly meetings begin at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday. Call 352-795-6526 for information.

● Auxiliary meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly. Call president Laura Beetow at 352-637-7232 about weekly events.

● Riders Post 77 meets at 8 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly, or immediately following Legion meeting.

■ Arnold Vern Allen American

Legion Post 166 meets sat 10 a.m. the second Saturday monthly. Call 352-765-3949 or email americanpost166@gmail.com. American Legion Post 166 is located at 4520 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.

● Auxiliary Unit 166 meets at 10:30 a.m. on the second Monday monthly.

● Sal Squadron 166 meets at 10 a.m. on the third Saturday monthly.

● Legion Riders Chapter 166 meets at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday monthly.

■ Herbert Surber American Legion Post 225, 6535 S. Withlapokka Drive, Floral City. Call 352-860-1629.

■ Beverly Hills Memorial

American Legion Post 237, 6726 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills. Call 352-897-4776, visit www.post237.org or email postamericanlegion237@gmail.com.

● Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 237 meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly. Cmdr. John Roby.

● American Legion Riders, Chapter 237 meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly. Director John Roby.

● American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 237 meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday monthly. President Elva Erb.

● American Legion Post regular meeting is at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday monthly. Cmdr. Ray Roby.

■ Submit information for the Veterans page at least two weeks before the event.  
 ■ Early submission of timely material is appreciated,

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

■ Submit material at Chronicle offices in Inverness or Crystal River or email to community@chronicleonline.com.

SUNDAY EVENING JULY 25, 2021. Table with columns for time slots (6:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WESH, WEDU, WUFT, etc.).

SUNDAY EVENING JULY 25, 2021. Table with columns for time slots (6:00-11:30) and rows for various TV channels (NBCSN, NGED, NICK, etc.).

Annie gives advice

Dear Annie: About a year ago, after talking to a nice guy who could also be a royal pain — especially when things don't go his way — I decided to let him into my heart. I did this even though I am usually pretty well guarded and don't allow too many people close to me. I am one of those people who don't feel comfortable sharing my emotions with others, so there are very few people who are aware of the fact that I self-harm by using a razor blade to cut into my arms and, sometimes, legs.



DEAR ANNIE

When we argue, he will call me a series of names that are extremely hurtful. During a recent argument over something really stupid, he screamed at me, saying that I should cut deep enough in order to die. Afterward, I did cut for a while just to make me feel better, but it didn't. The next day, he acted as if nothing had happened, and I have tried to forgive him for what he said, but I don't know if I can find a way to do so.

Confused and In Love Dear Confused and In Love: The first person you have to forgive is yourself for cutting. The way your boyfriend is treating you is no good. You deserve to be treated better, but before anyone in a relationship is going to do that, you have to treat yourself better and stop cutting.

Self-injury through physical pain can relieve the emotional pain. But first, you have to deal with the emotional pain with a trained therapist, preferably one who specializes in cutting. Please try to not be hard on yourself. You sound like such a wonderful person, and with the right support team in place, I have no doubt that you will find true love, both with another and for yourself.

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Today's MOVIES

Table listing movies and showtimes for Tuesday, July 27. Includes titles like 'Angry Birds Movie 2', 'Old', 'Snake Eyes', 'Space Jam: A New Legacy', 'Black Widow', and 'Just Friends'.

Sunday PUZZLER

- ACROSS
1 Admit
6 Isle of exile
10 Usual weather
15 Of a cereal grass
20 Hot spot
21 Pome fruit
22 Clear
23 Containing salt
24 Weary
25 Rub smooth
26 Sharp
27 Formal speaker
28 Frost
29 French or folding
31 Defunct acronym
33 Means justifier
35 Storage structure
36 Prune-to-be
37 Barrel maker
39 CD-
41 Sword
44 Freshwater fish
45 Nathan the patriot
48 Bid
53 Antelope
54 Raised platform
55 Group of singers
57 Sicker
58 Went down
59 Frayed
60 Antagonist
61 Brume
63 Horse coloring
64 Deadlock
65 Quantity of wood
66 \_ plexus
68 Close
70 Destroy the interior of
71 The ones there
72 Old ship
74 Plummet
76 Job
79 Fill with joy
81 Coup d'\_
83 Lavender
87 Skin openings
88 City in Latvia
89 Understanding words
91 Observed
92 Money back
94 Dimple
96 Reverie
97 Prods
98 Cellphone message
100 More grimy
102 Complaint
104 Get browner
107 \_ avis
109 Bring about
110 Cheerful
111 Edge
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116 Hidden bomb
118 Pen-and- \_
119 Lascivious look
120 Confront

- 121 Water barrier
123 Popular fruit
125 Steadfast
126 Hopeless one
127 Loud sound
128 Addict
129 Space for movement
130 Mild
131 Admit
133 Investor's profit
136 Saucy
137 Narrow opening
141 Noggin
144 Sepulcher
145 Tropical tree
146 Small dog, for short
149 Constabulary
151 Started
153 Touch on
155 Bouquet
157 Panamanian cat
158 Get away from
159 Force
160 Place in SE Asia
161 Implements
162 Hourglass
163 Like breakfast dishes
164 Put forth effort

- 80 Cover
82 Oolong is one
84 School org.
85 Directed
86 Asner and Begley
90 Insignia
93 School event
95 Instruct
96 Platter
99 Old Roman official
101 Albacore
103 Corn spike
104 Soapstone
105 Cain's victim
106 \_ Scotia
108 Genus of ducks
110 Microbe
111 Talk wildly
112 Where Reykjavik is (Abbr.)
113 Simple
115 Hankering
117 Chem. suffix
119 Androcles' pal
120 Baptism bowl
122 Conceit
124 Abbr. in timetables
125 Disallowed
126 Relevant
129 Hard liquor
130 Hair preparation
132 Sharpen
134 Work for piano
135 Dry ink
136 Meat portion
137 See
138 Crazy
139 Butter substitute
140 Cash drawer
142 Aid and \_
143 Sub shop
145 Box-shaped sleigh
146 The bishop of Rome
147 \_ Khayyam
148 Beer ingredient
150 Kind of lettuce
152 Chicle
154 Mammoth
156 Oedipus \_

Sunday Puzzler answers are on Page A16.

19x19 crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting points for words.

# VETERANS

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## FVN meets monthly

Female Veterans Network (FVN) invites all female veterans to their monthly meeting on the second Thursday monthly at the Citrus County Resource Center on 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto. The meeting is held in the cafeteria. Masks and social distancing are strongly encouraged.

The mission of the FVN is to unite female veterans, develop camaraderie and discuss issues that are important and unique to female veterans.

For information or to support FVN, contact Cynthia at 352-628-6481, Jo Monty at 352-527-6575 or visit [femaleveteransnetwork.org](http://femaleveteransnetwork.org).

■ The FVN is selling pins for \$5 at Mac 1 Signs, Inc., 7068 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd. in Homosassa.

For more information, call 352-628-3246.

## VFW Post 10087 sets upcoming events

VFW Post 10087 Harry F. Nesbitt has announced their upcoming events at the post, 2170 W. Vet Lane in Beverly Hills.

Show Me the Money (SMTM), 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays and 5 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Open mic, 4 to 7 p.m. Thursdays

For general event questions, call the post at 352-746-0440.

## American Legion Post 155 hosts breakfasts

The public is invited to American Legion Post 155 for breakfast from 8:30 to 11 a.m. every Sunday at 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Crystal River.

## VFW Post 10087 to host Vittles for Vets

VFW Post 10087 Harry F. Nesbitt will host Vittles for Vets at 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the post, 2170 W. Vet Lane in Beverly Hills.

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

## CCVC expands services to those affected by COVID-19

In addition to existing clients at the Citrus County Veterans Coalition (CCVC), the coalition is now accepting any veteran who now be unemployed, due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Also, any veteran, whose financial situation has changed, is also invited to attend the CCVC food pantry for assistance.

A DD-214 certificate or other proof of honorable discharge must be shown to qualify for assistance.

The CCVC pantry is at 1081 N. Paul Drive, Inverness, and is open from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday, and the first and third Thursdays

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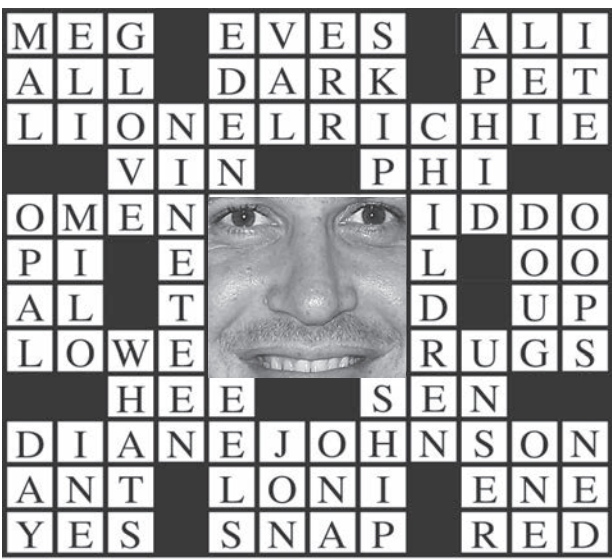
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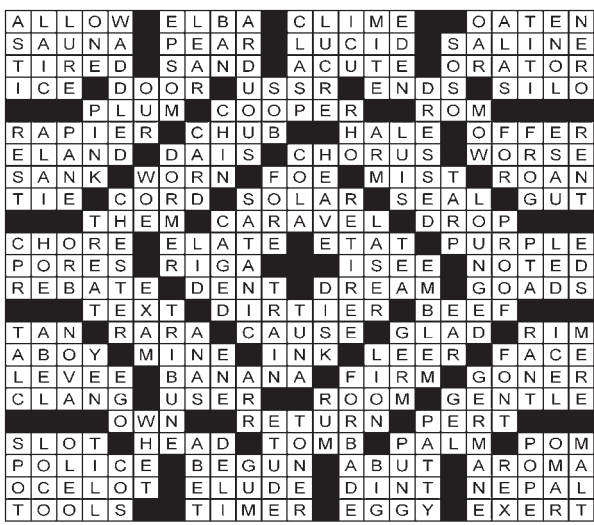
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The Krugers

Cheryl and Fred "Freddy" Kruger of Homosassa celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on July 28, 2021.

After about five years together, Freddy wrote Cheryl a letter proposing marriage. Not taking it lightly, Cheryl thought on it for a few days. Then, she wrote "yes" on post-it-notes placed all over their house and cars.

The couple were married at the United Methodist Church of Crystal River. The color scheme of the wedding was jade and white.

The bride wore a traditional white satin full length dress and pearl drop earrings, a gift from her mother. The groom wore a black tuxedo with a white shirt and vest.

The reception was held at Barnacle Ray's on the river in Old Homosassa.



Freddy and Cheryl share three grandchildren who live in Apopka, Florida.

"Together we have shared so many good times and some tough ones too," Cheryl wrote. "Our love, dedication and commitment to each other has carried us through."

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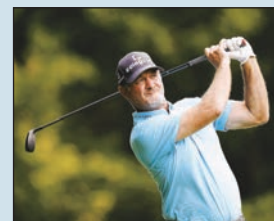


**Fernando Tatis Jr.**

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# Rowing for the gold



Associated Press

Inverness resident Benjamin Davison, farthest to the left in the bow seat, along with Team USA teammates Justin Best, Daniel Miklasevich, Austin Hack, Alexander Richards, Nicholas Mead, John Harry, Liam Corrigan and Julian Venonsky compete in the men's eight rowing competition at the 2020 Summer Olympics, Saturday in Tokyo, Japan. The American team covered the 2,000-meter distance in the Sea Forest Waterway in Tokyo Bay in a time of 5:30.57 to finish second in the first of two heats. Based on that result, the Americans will race in the repechage on Tuesday night at 9:48 p.m. EDT with the top four teams in that five-team race reaching Thursday night's final.

## OLYMPICS BRIEFS

### US rebounds with win over New Zealand

SAITAMA, Japan — The Americans rebounded from their opening loss with a 6-1 rout of New Zealand in front of the First Lady on Saturday in the women's soccer tournament at the Tokyo Olympics.

The United States was stunned by Sweden in the first match, losing 3-0. It was the team's first loss since January 2019, and snapped a 44-game unbeaten streak. The Americans had not been held scoreless since 2017.

Rose Lavelle scored off a well-placed pass from Tobin Heath in the ninth minute to give the United States an early lead — and the team's first goal of the Olympics. Despite the lack of goals, the Americans dominated the half, unlike their out-of-sorts start against the Swedes.

Lindsey Horan scored with a header in the final moments of the half to put the United States up 2-0 at the break. It was Horan's 23rd international goal and it came on her milestone 100th appearance for the national team.

An own-goal by Abby Erceg extended the U.S. lead to 3-0 in the 64th. New Zealand avoided the shutout with Betsy Hassett's goal in the 72nd.

Christen Press, who came in as a second-half substitute, scored from the center of the box in the 80th off a feed from Julie Ertz, before Alex Morgan scored in the final minutes of regulation. Another New Zealand own-goal closed out the game in stoppage time.

### Osterman pitches US softball over Mexico

YOKOHAMA, Japan — Cat Osterman pitched shutout ball for the second time in four days, Ali Aguilar hit a tiebreaking, two-run single and the top-ranked United States beat No. 5 Mexico 2-0 Saturday at the Olympic softball tournament.

The U.S. pitched its third straight one-hitter and has not allowed a run while improving to 3-0 in softball's return to the Olympics for the first time since 2008. But the Americans are getting just enough offense, scoring five runs.

They play Australia on Sunday and host Japan on Monday to complete the group stage. The top two nations advance to Tuesday's gold medal game.

— From wire reports

# Heat an issue at tennis venue

## Players left grasping for air

ANDREW DAMPF  
AP sports writer

TOKYO — French Open finalist Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova grasped for an air tube during a medical timeout and grew frustrated at the lack of ice in a court-side container.

German player Mona Barthel struggled with 10 double-faults in a loss to Iga Swiatek as a blinding sun made it nearly impossible to see the ball once she tossed it.

Heat and humidity quickly became a major issue when the Olympic tennis tournament opened Saturday. The temperature soared to 93 degrees F and the heat index made it feel more than 100 F.

"You're just not feeling great," Pavlyuchenkova said. "So I wasn't enjoying it at all."

Still, Pavlyuchenkova routed Sara Errani of Italy 6-0, 6-1, while Swiatek — last year's French Open champion from Poland — beat the 172nd-ranked Barthel 6-2, 6-2 in the opening match on Center Court.

Meanwhile, Novak Djokovic's bid for a Golden Slam is alive and well following a routine 6-2, 6-2 win over 139th-ranked Hugo Dellien of Bolivia.

The top-ranked Serb is attempting to become the first



Associated Press

Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, wipes sweat from his brow as he competes against Hugo Dellien, of Bolivia, during the tennis competition at the 2020 Summer Olympics, Saturday in Tokyo, Japan.

man to win all four major tennis tournaments and an Olympic singles gold medal in the same year.

"You feel constantly dehydrated," said Djokovic, who at

least played later in the day when half of the court was in the shade. "There's no circulation of the air."

Midway through her second set, doubts started to creep into

Pavlyuchenkova's head as she shoved bags of ice up her skirt on a changeover. Then she had trouble fiddling with a tube blowing cold air next to her seat.

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# Basketball world catching up to US



Associated Press

Kevin Durant looks to shoot during a men's basketball practice at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, Thursday in Saitama, Japan.

## Star-laden roster still faces stiff challenge

TIM REYNOLDS  
AP basketball writer

SAITAMA, Japan — When the Dream Team era started in 1992, most of the NBA players in the Olympics represented the United States.

David Stern knew what would happen from there.

"In time," the former NBA commissioner predicted in 1995, "that will change."

Stern was right. The number of international players in the NBA has steadily risen since — and the gap between USA Basketball and the rest of the world has tightened as well. There will be more players in this tournament with NBA experience than ever before, with nearly 70 players in the Tokyo Olympics either current or former players in the league. More than

four dozen of them played in the league this past season.

And only 12 of that group are in Japan to compete with "USA" across their chests.

That's why, when this men's Olympic tournament opens Sunday, the medal possibilities may be as wide open as they have been since that first team of NBA stars took the court in Barcelona. That group — which featured 11 future Hall of Famers on a 12-man roster — showed the rest of the world how much they had to do to catch the red, white and blue.

"The gap is smaller and smaller every year as far as talent is concerned," U.S. coach Gregg Popovich said.

The U.S. is seeking a fourth consecutive gold medal and is the big favorite to do just that according to FanDuel, The Americans are the only team in Tokyo with 12 NBA players. But like Popovich said and Stern anticipated years ago, the talent gap has

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# Dodd holds 2-shot lead at Senior British Open

*Associated Press*

SUNNINGDALE, England — Stephen Dodd equaled the lowest round in the history of the Senior British Open by shooting an 8-under 62 on Saturday to take a two-stroke lead after three rounds.

The Welshman made nine birdies in a round that also tied Sunningdale's Old Course record that was set by Nick Faldo at the 1986 European Open and then tied by Shane Lowry in British Open qualifying in 2010.

Jerry Kelly was two shots back after carding a 68 and day two leader Darren Clarke (70) slipped three strokes off the lead in the final senior major championship of the year. Defending champion Bernhard Langer (70) was four shots off the pace with Miguel Angel Jimenez (67) and Paul Broadhurst (69). Jimenez was the winner in 2018, and Broadhurst won two years before that.

Dodd birdied four of his first five holes and only dropped one shot in a stellar performance that had him on 11-under 199 heading into the final round.

"I've played so little competitive golf over the last 18 months," he said. "I've played one event, so I'm not really sure what will happen. With a little luck, you never know."

Dodd credited his record-tying round to the course — and some luck.

"The course is just set so well, so fair. If you play well, then there's chances out there, and luckily today for me I got some of them in," he said.

The 63-year-old Langer won in 2019 at Royal Lytham & St. Annes for his fourth victory in the event. The 2020 tournament was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Two-time British Open champion Ernie Els (70) was five shots back after three rounds.

Dodd joins Harold Henning and Jim Colbert in the Senior British Open history books. Both posted 8-under 62s at Turnberry — Henning in 1990 and Colbert in 2003.

A three-time European Tour winner, Dodd made

his Senior Tour debut at the Senior British Open in 2016, when he had his best finish at the event — a share of 14th place.

The Welshman, who won his first professional title at the 1992 Austria Open, is a three-time winner on the European Senior Tour. His last victory was on his 52nd birthday when he finished off a wire-to-wire victory at the Winston Senior Open in Germany.

Kelly, who leads the Schwab Cup, has yet to post a top 10 in this three Senior British Open appearances.

## Tringale shoots 66 to top crowded 3M Open leaderboard

BLAINE, Minn. — The third round of the 3M Open was filled with shots into the rough and the water around the 18th green, and sometimes both.

Cameron Tringale stayed out of trouble that so many others didn't — and took the lead into the final round.

Tringale made a short par putt on the treacherous par-5 18th hole for a 5-under 66 and a one-stroke advantage over Gary Woodland and Maverick McNealy.

"I drove it pretty well and gave myself some looks that I capitalized on," said Tringale, who is winless on the PGA Tour. "I really just saved my tail quite a few times with the putter."

Tringale, who tied for third last year at the TPC Twin Cities, eagled the par-5 12th and had three birdies in a bogey-free round. The 33-year-old topped the crowded leaderboard at 12-under 201.

In an interview with reporters afterward, he quickly recalled that he birdied the 18th in the final round of the 2020 edition of the 3M Open, without fans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Woodland overcame a double bogey on No. 1 with birdies on five of his next six holes in a 67. McNealy had a bogey-free 68.

"There's going to be birdies tomorrow. You're still going to have to go low. You're just going to have to play a good round in the wind," Woodland said.

Pat Perez shot a 66 to join



*Associated Press*

Jerry Kelly of the US plays a shot on the 6th hole on day three of the Senior Open at Sunningdale Old Course, Saturday in Sunningdale, England.

an eight-way tie for fourth, two shots off the lead. Four players were three strokes back. Louis Oosthuizen, the highest-ranked player remaining at No. 9 in the world and in the FedEx Cup standings, was in a six-way tie for 16th place at only four shots behind.

During yet another unseasonable day of 90-plus-degree heat, the scores crept up throughout the afternoon with the thermometer as drier and breezier air affected the play.

Keith Mitchell had a record-tying seven straight birdies to start his round on his way to a 29 on the back nine. The front nine? He posted a 37 for a 66 that left him four strokes behind Tringale. Rickie Fowler birdied six of his first 10 holes, before a triple bogey on the unrelenting 18th left him with a 70 and a tie for 29th in a six-stroke deficit.

## Elvira taking 6-shot edge into final round of Wales Open

NEWPORT, Wales — Nacho Elvira will take a six-shot lead into the final round of the Wales Open after a 5-under-par 66 put him in control at 16 under.

"It's a good feeling," he said. "But to be honest, I don't care

at the moment. I struggled a bit the last year, year-and-a-half, not with form but it's golf — mentally, a little bit physically, battling with an injury. I'm happy playing golf again and being in the moment. To be in contention is a gift."

The Spaniard has not had a top 10 in more than two years and arrived at Celtic Manor having made just two of his last 11 cuts. Elvira bogeyed the first hole after starting with a two-shot advantage but responded with birdies on the second, fifth, ninth, 11th, 14th and 17th.

England's Callum Shinkwin matched the lowest round of the week with a 63 on day three but may need to repeat that feat if he is to have a chance of reigning in the leader, who is looking for his first win on the European Tour.

Shinkwin used his distance to take advantage of the four par-5s and the drivable par-4 15th, with a 30-foot putt on the 17th bringing one of his

three other gains.

American Chase Hanna, South African Justin Harding and Finn Mikko Korhonen were alongside Shinkwin at 10 under, a shot clear of another Englishman in Sam Horsfield.

## Lee6 extends advantage at Evian Championship to 5

EVIAN-LES-BAINS, France — The day after making golfing history, Jeongeun Lee6 extended her Evian Championship lead to five strokes after a 3-under-par 68 in the third round.

She's at 18 under overall and the nearest challenger is teenage American Yealimi Noh at 13 under after carding a 4-under 67.

The 2015 champion Lydia Ko of New Zealand posted a 68 and was one shot behind the 19-year-old Noh.

South Korean Minjee Lee's 6-under 65 moved her into a three-way tie for fourth spot at

11 under with Japan's Ayaka Furue and Thailand's Pajaree Anannarakarn, who drifted back with a 1-over 72.

On Friday, Lee6 tied the golf majors record for the lowest round ever by a female or male with a 10-under 61, while her history-making 36-hole score of 127 was the lowest in a major, beating the 128 by Brooks Koepka at the 2019 U.S. PGA Championship.

But on Saturday Lee6 had a mixed bag of three bogeys, four birdies and an eagle.

She started just before midday by going too wide on an approach to the green and landing in the rough, but still almost chipped in before holding for par.

A rare error on the third hole saw her tee shot land in the bunker and she ended up with her first bogey since the 13th hole in the first round.

Lee6 birdied again on 10, eagled 11, bogeyed 17 after swiping an approach way wide from the fairway, and birdied 18.

## Senior British Open

Saturday  
At Sunningdale Golf Club  
Old Course  
Berkshire, England.  
Purse: \$2.5 million  
Yardage: 6,641; Par: 70  
a-amateur

Player	Score
Stephen Dodd, Wales	66-71-62=199
Jerry Kelly, United States	67-66-68=201
Darren Clarke, N. Ireland	65-67-70=202
M. Angel Jimenez, Spain	69-67-67=203
Paul Broadhurst, England	69-65-69=203
B. Langer, Germany	66-67-70=203
Ernie Els, South Africa	67-67-70=204
Yoshinobu Tsukada, Japan	71-65-69=205
Wes Short Jr., US	67-70-69=206
R. Gonzalez, Argentina	66-71-69=206
Jarmo Sandelin, Sweden	69-67-70=206
Tom Lehman, US	68-71-68=207
David Shaicklady, England	69-68-70=207
C. Montgomerie, Scotland	68-72-68=208
J. Remesy, France	68-69-71=208
Ian Woosnam, Wales	68-68-72=208
Alex Cejka, Germany	71-71-67=209
Rich Beem, United States	71-70-68=209
Peter Baker, England	73-68-68=209
Glen Day, United States	75-65-69=209
Matt Gogel, United States	68-72-69=209
Peter Wilson, England	68-71-70=209
Phillip Price, Wales	67-72-70=209
James Kingston, S. Africa	65-74-70=209
Miguel Angel Martin, Spain	70-67-72=209
Thomas Bjorn, Denmark	68-69-72=209
Philip Golding, England	71-70-69=210
Bob Sowards, US	71-69-70=210
Tom Pernice Jr., US	70-68-72=210
Peter Fowler, Australia	67-70-73=210
Dennis Clark, US	72-73-66=211
Ken Duke, United States	74-69-68=211
Fran Quinn, United States	71-70-70=211
Ken Tanigawa, US	70-70-71=211
Woody Austin, US	68-71-72=211
Walt Chapman, US	70-68-73=211
Jim Furyk, United States	70-72-70=212
Mauricio Molina, Argentina	73-67-72=212
J. Haeggman, Sweden	72-71-70=213
Mark Ridley, England	70-72-71=213
Jose Carriles, Spain	71-69-73=213
Gary Orr, Scotland	70-70-73=213
Jose Coceres, Argentina	67-72-74=213
David McKenzie, Australia	68-77-69=214
Scott Parel, United States	70-73-71=214
Jeff Sluman, United States	69-74-71=214
Tim Herron, United States	72-71-71=214
David Frost, South Africa	72-71-71=214
Thomas Levet, France	68-74-72=214
Dicky Pride, United States	68-73-72=214
Christian Cevear, France	71-74-70=215
Andrew Raitt, England	71-74-70=215
David Gilford, England	73-72-70=215
Chris Williams, S. Africa	72-73-70=215
Shaun Micheal, US	69-75-71=215
Mark Mouland, Wales	72-72-71=215
Paul McGinley, Ireland	69-73-73=215
a-Trevor A. Foster, England	72-70-73=215
Paul Eales, England	69-70-76=215
M. Nakayama, Japan	70-75-71=216
J. Maria Olazabal, Spain	71-72-73=216
Skip Kendall, US	73-69-74=216
Scott Henderson, Scotland	70-72-74=216
Clinton Whitelaw, S. Africa	73-69-74=216
Roger Chapman, England	71-70-75=216
G. Wolstenholme, England	73-72-72=217
David Copsey, England	69-72-76=217
a-Gene Elliott, US	73-72-73=218

Frank Lickliter, US	73-72-73=218	+8
M. Long, New Zealand	71-74-73=218	+8
Barry Lane, England	73-71-74=218	+8
Robert Allenby, Australia	67-75-76=218	+8
A. Bossert, Switzerland	72-73-74=219	+9
Simon P. Brown, England	71-74-74=219	+9
Emanuele Canonica, Italy	74-70-75=219	+9
Duffy Waldorf, US	71-73-75=219	+9
John Bickerton, England	72-73-75=220	+10
Andrew Crerar, Scotland	73-72-81=226	+16
Thongchai Jaidee, Thailand		Withdraw

## 3M Open

Saturday  
At TPC Twin Cities  
Blaine, Minn.  
Yardage: 7,431; Par: 71  
Purse: \$6.6 Million

Player	Score
Cameron Tringale	67-68-66=201
Gary Woodland	69-66-67=202
Maverick McNealy	67-67-68=202
Pat Perez	72-65-66=203
Cameron Champ	69-67-67=203
Jimmy Walker	68-67-68=203
Charl Schwartzel	67-68-68=203
Chez Reavie	66-67-70=203
Jhonnattan Vegas	64-69-70=203
Roger Sloan	64-69-70=203
Ryan Armour	67-65-71=203

## Cazoo Open

Saturday  
At The Celtic Manor Resort  
Newport, Wales  
Purse: \$1.4 million  
Yardage: 7,393; Par: 71  
a-amateur

Player	Score
Nacho Elvira, Spain	64-67-66=197
Callum Shinkwin, England	68-72-63=203
Justin Harding, S. Africa	68-69-66=203
Chase Hanna, US	67-69-67=203
Mikko Korhonen, Finland	66-70-67=203
Sam Horsfield, England	67-72-65=204
Matt Wallace, England	67-68-70=205
M. Kawamura, Japan	71-63-71=205
J. Kruijswijk, S. Africa	68-68-70=206
Wil Besseling, Netherlands	70-71-66=207
Oliver Farr, Wales	73-69-65=207
Nicolai Hojgaard, Denmark	71-70-66=207
Nicolas Colsaerts, Belgium	67-73-67=207
Alejandro Canizares, Spain	71-69-67=207
Jordan Wisdale, England	67-73-67=207
Bryce Easton, South Africa	68-75-64=207
Calum Hill, Scotland	69-70-68=207

## Amundi Evian Championship

Saturday  
At Evian Resort Golf Club  
Evian-les-Bains, France  
Purse: \$4.5 million  
Yardage: 6,527; Par: 71  
a-amateur

Player	Score
Jeongeun Lee6	66-61-68=195
Yealimi Noh	65-68-67=200
Lydia Ko	68-65-68=201
Minjee Lee	68-69-65=202
Ayaka Furue	66-68-68=202
Pajaree Anannarakarn	65-65-72=202
Ariya Jutanugarn	67-63-73=203
Charley Hull	70-68-66=204
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# Catching COVID-19 in Citrus County



Joe Meek  
**GUEST COLUMN**

## CR Mayor shares experience with severe coronavirus symptoms

There is much discussion and debate going on regarding COVID-19 vaccinations. Whether you should get it, the effectiveness, the science, conspiracy theories behind it, and much more. Like so much else in our time, it has become a very political discussion.

We hear about it framed through a national debate and all the

politics that comes from that. I wanted to give folks some information that I have experienced first-hand, right here in Citrus County.

I had COVID in December of 2020, prior to vaccinations being available. I am 41 years old, very active and live a healthy lifestyle. I have gone to the gym 6-7 days a week for many years, run often and continually workout and eat

healthy. My experience with COVID was not good at all. I had a fever for over 12 days and up to 105 degrees. I was the sickest I have ever been in my life, completely exhausted, and had severe symptoms. So much so, that at one point I passed out and experienced some very difficult moments.

It was a scary time for me. I consider myself blessed, that it never

got into my lungs and was not a respiratory issue for me. I was fortunate, but it took me a long time to fully recover. It could have gone differently. I have no pre-existing conditions. I have many friends that have had COVID and have had little or no symptoms at all. That's just it, you don't know how your body will respond to this virus, and you are gambling if you think it will be fine.

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# Shrinking lands



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

Citrus County coastal hammocks are witnessing first-hand the effects of sea level rise and saltwater intrusion. The study of wetland lines on one Homosassa property show a 40-60 foot encroachment of wetlands between 1986 and 2021.



Gerry Mulligan  
**OUT THE WINDOW**

## New 'Poop in the Shoe' awards earned

It's time to watch your step because it is "Poop in the Shoe" time again.

Regular readers will remember that my dog "Hunter" lets me know when he is not happy by going to my closet and taking a poop in my shoe. No one else's shoes have ever been subjected to such an indignity.

Because Hunter refuses to pay attention to my complaints, I occasionally like to share "Poop in the Shoe" awards with people in our grand community who are deserving of the same recognition.

The first "Poop in the Shoe" recognition has to go to the county commission for failing to come up with a solution for the residents

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Michael Czerwinski  
**GUEST COLUMN**

## Wetland lines encroach as local 'sea' levels rise

Yes, sea level rise is impacting coastal Citrus County.

Many of you may know that I am a professional wetland scientist and have been studying, mapping, protecting and mitigating wetland impacts in Citrus County since 1986. I am sure many of you drive the coastal highways or boat the rivers and have observed the "skeletons"

of dead oaks, palms and cedars along the coastal hammocks and are witnessing, first-hand, the effects of sea level rise and saltwater intrusion.

A sea level rise of a few inches is almost imperceptible along Florida's high energy, rapidly rising coastal beaches like Clearwater and Daytona Beach. However, Citrus County's low energy coastal areas, which

resemble the Everglades, rise very slowly therefore, a few inch rise in average sea level can move water inland many miles, gradually converting the upland coastal hammock areas into wetlands. Fortunately, or unfortunately, depending on your viewpoint, most of this change is occurring in our protected public lands, but not always.

Recently, our firm had the opportunity to stake a wetland line (the boundary between uplands and wetlands) as we do on a daily basis, for a gentleman interested in purchasing a 1-acre platted residential lot near the headsprings on one of our seven first order magnitude coastal rivers for a single family home site.

Why is the wetland line important? You have probably heard by now that wetlands provide valuable functions such as filtering contaminants and absorbing nutrients in protecting ground and surface water quality and therefore have been called the "kidneys" of the earth. These wetlands are protected from impacts by the various

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Cortney Stewart  
**SEEING BEYOND**

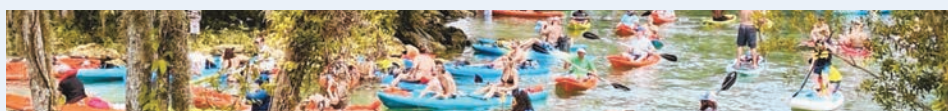
## Kids need the help

At the July 13 school board meeting, members met to discuss an array of items leading up to the beginning of the second school year during the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the things on the agenda: mental health services for students.

Through the Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan, funded by the Florida Education Finance Program, Citrus County Schools received \$702,987. In

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## Citrus resource, lifeblood has limits



CAPT. KARL R. DEIGERT  
 Guest column

I will never forget my first visit to Citrus County springs. I dropped backwards into Kings Bay in February 1974; I was 14 years old having learned to scuba dive in Maryland. I had only read of gin clear waters and manatees.

That first experience was engrained forever. No words could capture the elation which I have related to hundreds over 45 years.

I moved to Florida permanently in 1986 and am now a permanent resident of Dunnellon. Frequent trips to our rivers and springs were made, but my story has changed each time. Something has been stolen from that first memorable day on Crystal River and my memories of Florida's pristine beauty. Our state's waters are in an emergency state of decline.

I was pleased to see the July insert on regional water quality. This was followed

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### FIGHTING FOR VETERANS

# Tragedy signs need for more mental health services

One of the saddest stories the Chronicle has published in many years was that of Air Force veteran Sean Liebman in the Sunday, July 18, paper.

Liebman, an Air Force medic suffering from Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), committed suicide over the Fourth of July holiday weekend. His illness was so severe that loud noises triggered an intense reaction that put him back in combat.

The Crystal River resident had served 10 years in the Air Force including tours in Afghanistan. He witnessed an attack on a tank that killed all the service members inside. He was constantly involved in combat situations and lived through bombing raids on a regular basis.

He could not "unhear" loud noises.

On July 5 at 1:37 a.m., after an evening of constant fireworks in Crystal River, he took his own life.

Sean Liebman was 30-years-old.

The awful irony is that this young man — an individual who dedicated 10 years of his life protecting this county in foreign lands — died by his own hand because he could not handle the fireworks celebration Crystal River used to honor our independence.

The young veteran received an honorable medical discharged because of PTSD in June of 2020 and was beginning a new life in Citrus County. He was starting his own business and had gotten involved with the Young Professionals at the chamber of commerce.

Sean knew he was suffering from PTSD and went to the VA seeking medical and mental health assistance. He had trouble sleeping and grew agitated by any loud noises.

The VA gave him sleeping pills.

His parents feel that Sean was overlooked and underserved by authorities. His father, Mike Liebman, had taken him to Soldiers Freedom Outdoors near Gainesville, a nonprofit service that tries to help those veterans dealing with the "hidden wounds of war" like PTSD. He thought that experience was helping.

The three days of celebration over the July 4 weekend just had too much noise for Sean to take.

The suicide rate for veterans is twice that of the civilian population. The new high-tech wars we fight may return veterans to their communities without visible scars, but the impact on their mental health is a great unknown. Each day in America, 20 veterans take their own lives.

Our country needs to do more for the veterans who dedicated their lives to protecting our nation. While we spend many tax dollars on VA services, what we are doing is not working.

The mental health services provided are not enough to deal with the increased number of veterans who come back searching for help. We have to do better.

The fireworks display we had in Crystal River was the biggest and best ever. No one involved could have known how close to the edge Sean Liebman was.

Next year we need to pay more attention. Maybe not as many bangs and certainly a reduction of the non-sanctioned neighborhood fireworks displays.

Sean Liebman fought for his country and put his life on the line. And then our celebration of his success ends up costing his life.

More intense and robust mental health services must be part of the response.

As a community, we collectively express our condolences to Sean's family and friends.

#### THE ISSUE:

U.S. veteran suicide.

#### OUR OPINION:

More services needed for our vets with "hidden wounds."

# Finding marine enforcement

## Coordination, cooperation key to increasing LEO presence

There are many critical questions that need to be answered prior to a rushed and final decision to fund additional marine deputies. I am not against the funding of new deputies, in a justifiable, calculated approach: more thought and long-term vision must be included in the discussion. Careful management of finite resources must be employed. Priority enforcement must be given to life and death situations over nuisance calls.

The problem being discussed is seasonal, primarily during the summer months on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. It is geographically specific to a few high impact areas and diminished by our regular summer afternoon thunderstorms.

The most significant question to ask is: How many meetings has the sheriff's office coordinated with the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and the FWC to discuss the problem? Both organizations have jurisdiction and a primary responsibility to provide boating safety to the public in Citrus County. Have the leaders of these organizations been asked to provide additional patrols? Have there been attempts to coordinate patrol efforts to maximize coverage between the agencies? I think our local state legislators and United States Congress representatives would be interested in knowing if there is a boating safety problem and could assist in discussing options with the USCG and FWC.

An important thing to consider prior to approving additional maritime deputies is to know how many deputies are currently assigned full-time maritime duties. How many patrol vessels are in operation? Are there any road patrol deputies cross-trained to work as alternate marine

deputies during peak periods? Has there been any consideration to use part-time, reserve deputies or non-sworn public service officers like are currently being used on the road during high impact times? Another question that should be considered is: How many maritime deputies do other comparable counties have? Indian River County is comparable in population and maritime activity and they have four agriculture/marine deputies assigned splitting their specialized duties. Pinellas County, much larger in population, and considerably more maritime activities has approximately nine full time marine deputies. Monroe County (the 125 miles known as the Florida Keys), the most maritime activity of all Florida Counties, has approximately eight full-time marine deputies and municipal police officers combined. Does Citrus County need as many or more full-time assigned marine deputies than Pinellas or Monroe counties?

One justification stated for more maritime deputies is an increase in maritime complaints. How many maritime complaints, including the location, dates and times have been made in the last 24-months? How many maritime citations, including the violation type and location, have been issued in the past 24-months?

The city of Crystal River is already funding a dedicated maritime deputy, does this affect their contract and will the city of Inverness also be required to pay additionally for maritime law enforcement services?

We know the Homosassa waters are having problems, but are there other residents and businesses complaining of significant law enforcement related problems within their non-waterfront

neighborhoods that also need to be addressed?

The concern for maritime safety is warranted, but are there any proposals to add deputies to focus on traffic enforcement, we all know there was a considerable increase in traffic fatalities last year?

I would also think the county commissioners would want to know the assignments of the 221 currently funded sworn deputies prior to funding more.

The sheriff's office stated in their proposal narrative that their overall goal is to add more resources in the future. What is the 3-year, 5-year, and 10-year proposal for additional staffing? This is important to consider prior to including a single item staffing increase in the 2021-22 budget as requested. This appears to be a short-sighted and reactive answer to a specific group of people rather than addressing the much larger overall public safety problems.

Our commissioners should also be concerned and asking what are the "...certain expected, but not required services will begin to deteriorate," as quoted from the sheriff's office proposal narrative? What exactly does this mean?

Another more specific fiscal concern is the proposed cost of each patrol vessel. More than adequate and reasonable law enforcement patrol vessels can be acquired from state contracts for much less flagrant spending of taxpayer dollars.

There are still many questions to be answered prior to a long-term staffing decision being made. The seasonal maritime issue being addressed is not new and is present in most all counties and prevalent in all coastal counties in Florida.

Calvin L. Adams Jr. is a retired LE Colonel with the state of Florida, now located in Crystal River.

## LETTERS to the Editor

### County needs to invest in marine law enforcement

Editor's note: This letter was sent to the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

It is hard to believe that the commission turned down the Sheriff's request for additional funding to add needed deputies to patrol our waterways, yet the Tourist Development Council (TDC) will continue to spend thousands of dollars to attract additional visitors to our rivers and springs each year.

Without additional law enforcement on our waters, we face an increase in poor behavior and safety issues on the county's waterways. The overcrowding and behavior issues in Three Sisters Springs, on Kings Bay and its canals, and the Weeki Wachee River are all being addressed by either the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, City of Crystal River, and the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The county should be proactive and join in these efforts to protect and preserve the Blue Waters of the Homosassa River for our children, grandchildren and those yet unborn.

The county cannot afford to lose this jewel of the Homosassa River to poor behavior of its visitors.

Frank Kapocsi  
President,  
Homosassa River Alliance

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### Growth making Citrus look like Tampa, Orlando

When Pine Ridge gets built out, the residents will be screaming for the state to turn Pine Ridge Boulevard into an expressway so that they can escape the traffic jams within the community itself.

Meanwhile, Citrus County is selling its soul to get more fast food restaurants and tourists into the region, while not patronizing the mom and pops that are already here.

Standing in line at Starbucks will be a real treat for the

locals, as the cars wind their way out to the street, blocking even more traffic.

We have already turned Three Sisters into a septic tank. We still let our rivers carry waste away, and by using septic tanks that empty into our aquifer. Cheers to your next drink of water from the tap!

By the way, welcome to the Tampa Bay North and the Orlando West Subdivision!

Steven Schuemann  
Yankeetown

### Taking COVID-19 risk is a personal decision

For those of us receiving physical therapy, please be aware of COVID-19 immunization protocols at our local Inverness physical therapy providers.

One provider in particular requires staff to wear masks, however haphazardly, and not all staff is vaccinated. My therapist, with his mask not covering his nose, revealed he saw no need to receive a COVID immunization, as he already had the virus.

As a senior with medical issues, I have chosen to receive physical therapy from an Inverness provider whose staff are all fully vaccinated.

I write this as information only realizing level of risk is a personal decision.

Cathy Tufaro  
Inverness

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- If you would like to make a contribution to help fund construction of a new animal shelter in Citrus County, you can drop a check off at Chronicle offices in Inverness or Meadowcrest. You can also mail your contribution to The Chronicle Animal Shelter Fund (make checks out to The Chronicle Animal Shelter Fund) at 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429. For those with a digital desire, contributions can be made via the Citrus County Chronicle's animal shelter GoFundMe page at <https://gofund.me/73903811>.

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wetland government regulatory agencies such as the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), SWFWMD and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, whose extensive rules establish the methodology we use for defining the wetland upland boundaries.

In addition, the Citrus County Land Development Code further protects these wetland “filters” by limiting development or structures to be no closer than 50 feet (35 feet with a berm and swale system) from wetlands (commonly referred to as a setback or buffer).

These important requirements are intended to protect the water quality of the river, but it can severely limit the building envelope on a parcel with wetlands, hence the need to conduct these due diligence studies prior to purchase.

In this case, the resulting wetland jurisdictional line (WJDL) can be seen on the attached aerial map and clearly the wetland line and associated setbacks, including building setbacks from the street, would severely limit if not eliminate any home

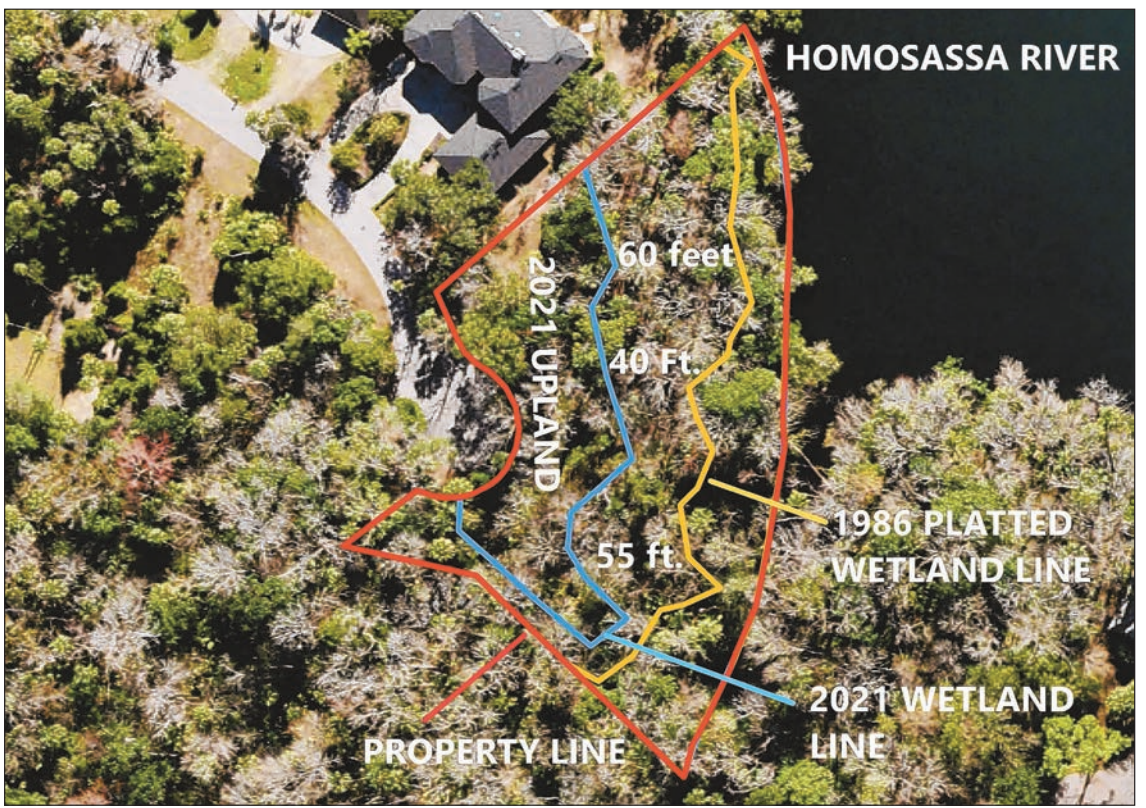
development. Now for the rest of the story.

Further research revealed that a wetland line was established for the 1-acre site prior to and as a result of platting the development in 1986. It probably guided the lot size and placement at that time to insure buildable parcels.

We have plotted that original wetland line and a comparison reveals an increase of wetland encroachment by 40-60 feet inland because of sea level rise! This is a reduction in upland acreage from 0.7 acres in 1986 to 0.28 acres in 2021, or nearly half the acreage. This is not only a significant real-world impact, but also a critical one for the marketability or development potential of this highly valuable riverfront property.

Ultimately, when you combine the wetland and road right of way setbacks, this parcel which in 1986 may have supported a large valuable riverfront home and contribute to the tax base with little to no significant environmental impact, may now be relatively worthless, or force costly wetland impact, permitting and mitigation wholly as a result of sea level rise.

Who is bearing the brunt of this impact? Certainly, the



Special to the Chronicle

Wetland scientist Michael Czerwinski outlines the effects of sea level rise on a piece of residential property in Homosassa. From 1986 to 2021, the wetland line encroached by 40-60 feet inland. The reduction of acreage is from 0.7 acres to 0.28 acres.

current or future landowner, but indirectly we all are. This is a real world local example of the potential impacts of sea level rise that are occurring world-

wide. Welcome to a new Earth.

*Michael G. Czerwinski is the president, senior scientist of*

*Michael G. Czerwinski P.A. Environmental Consultants, a Florida Corporation, founded in 2001 to service the environmental needs of the west central Florida Area.*

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by an article on the demise of the Withlacoochee. The stories told were transparent and accurate. Seeing this among county administrators was refreshing. Everyone acknowledged the same sense of loss I feel for Florida’s environment. Recognizing clean waters as the backbone of everything sustainable in Citrus County and our state

hopefully rang true for all readers. Century-long impacts upon our uplands devastates our estuaries and marine ecosystems. Recognized were impacts of development, aquifer extraction beyond county boundaries, reduced flow rates, saltwater intrusion, nitrogen fertilizer loading, algae blooms, and the need for more sewer projects. Mayor Joe Meek’s young son astutely nailed it when he observed that as waters degrade, tourism fails, economic impacts are

imminent, and an exodus is sure to follow. The community’s “lifeblood” is at risk. The siren is sounding, but who is coming to the rescue?

Citrus County fortunately has 43% of lands under conservation and implemented “Local Sources First” policies a decade ago protecting its waters. No longer can we view our resources as limitless to meet our humanistic needs. As we destroy the resources, we destroy ourselves. Our regulatory

agency and legislative frameworks have failed us. Our waters are more polluted today than 50 years ago. The current entrenched system “permits” staged environmental degradation by making illegal activities legal. We must follow a new paradigm of protections.

In November 2020, 89% of Orange County bipartisan voters gave themselves constitutionally framed protections with the legal right to clean water while giving county waters the

right to exist, flourish and regenerate free from pollution. It is the only such law in the entire United States. Today, the Florida Rights of Nature Network (FRONN.Org) has launched a state constitutional amendment petition to give every Floridian these same rights and legal standing to address the sources of nutrients fouling our waters. The standing moves enforcement of protections into the hands of the people and away from the failed

frameworks. These rights laws are will change environmental protection in Florida forever.

We are at a critical point in saving our waters. Time is of the essence. I urge everyone to visit FL5.org to sign and share the Right to Clean Water petition today.

*Capt. Karl R. Deigert, R. Ph. is the treasurer/director of Florida Rights of Nature Network. For information, visit www.fronn.org.*

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who live near the headwaters of the Homosassa River. The spot has become the weekend destination point for boaters from around central Florida. Hundreds of boats crowd the springs each weekend and the loud music and partying has totally disrupted the lifestyle of the people who are living there and paying the property taxes.

The Homosassa River is a terrific place. The river has become overcrowded because the county Tourist Development Council has invited all the tourists to come visit. Now that they are coming, how does it make sense that the county and the sheriff’s department will not allocate the resources to enforce the law and keep the peace?

Sheriff Prendergast came forward and said he

could protect things with a \$1.2 million budget supplement. Some of the funds would have been used for more staff and other for boats and equipment. The county failed to approve his request or offer an alternative.

That is probably too much money to spend, but a compromise plan should have been found.

The tourism business is now propping up the local economy and government leaders are happy about that. You cannot have the fruits of the victory without paying for the impacts of your decisions.

The people of Homosassa are in an uproar. Poop in the Shoe to our county leaders.

■ Speaking of the Homosassa River — how about a special “Poop in the Shoe” recognition to the boaters themselves? You don’t go visit a location whose natural beauty is the original draw and then spoil it by

being wild, crazy and loud in someone else’s backyard.

That’s not the way tourism works. If you were in Hawaii and acted that way, they would deport you. If you were in the Hamptons, they would tow your car away. In Homosassa, everyone just drinks more beer and turns up the volume on the music.

“Poop in the Shoe” to those being ugly tourists.

■ How about someone step up and represent the people of Brentwood. The senior community dumps its traffic onto a curve on County Road 486, but it can only go west on the four lane road. Residents, who are mostly retirees, need to travel west to the traffic light at Ottawa and then do a U-turn if they want to go east to the Publix shopping center.

Brentwood residents have been hollering for years that this is unsafe. Numerous accidents

have happened.

Now a new development is being planned just west of Brentwood and it is going to involve a gated entrance that empties into the Ottawa intersection. The Brentwood residents were offered use of the new private road and gatehouse, but only if they agreed to pay higher HOA fees.

Who in Citrus County votes to support higher fees or taxes on themselves? No one!

The residents rejected the proposal and now the county is ready to walk away from making the area safe.

That makes no sense. The whole region is going to be torn up for the new construction, why not provide the residents with a safe exit? The Brentwood residents pay taxes and deserve a safe road.

Poop in the Shoe to the county for ignoring the needs of citizens.

■ Finally, “Poop in the

Shoe” to the people who keep telling Eric Head, the leader of the county library system, how to run the libraries.

Once again, political interest groups are trying to give direction to Eric about what should be carried and displayed in the county public library system. It was two years ago that our county commission humiliated itself on a national level by going after the New York Times at our public libraries. Some politicians did not want to offer a digital subscription because the newspaper’s political stance was different from their own.

Now the complaints are about a library display that had LBGT+ books on it.

Libraries are filled books and reference materials that everyone disagrees with. Books are supposed to challenge the traditional ways we think,

not just reinforce the beliefs of the majority.

To Librarian Eric Head’s credit, he recently had a display of books that were once “banned.” Those titles include The Grapes of Wrath, All Quiet on the Western Front and Animal Farm — now all considered classics.

There are official ways to offer opinions to the county library system. Use the process.

The folks going after the LBGT+ books are not even from this area. They roam around the state and try to start fights in local communities.

“Poop in the Shoe” to you. Leave our books alone. The Citrus County Library System is one of the great public assets in our community.

*Gerry Mulligan is the publisher of the Chronicle. Email him at gmulligan@chronicleonline.com.*

**COVID**

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In addition to being Mayor of Crystal River, I also own a construction company as well as a Real Estate and Development firm. Unfortunately, personal friends who I do business with have passed away of COVID-19. Prior to vaccinations coming out, an owner of a sub-contracting company I use here in Citrus County passed away

from COVID. He was a relatively young man who I considered a good friend. More recently, another owner of a local sub-contractor has been in the hospital ICU and thankfully is starting to recover. He considers himself lucky to be alive. There have been more that I personally know.

I was recently speaking with individuals with our local hospitals, Citrus Memorial and Seven Rivers, as well as individuals with our local Health Department who told me between the

two institutions, there were over 25 local individuals in ICU with COVID-19. The one common denominator — not one is vaccinated. We hear this throughout our country. I can tell you firsthand and with direct knowledge of people I actually know, that is the case.

Regardless of your belief, statistically speaking, the vaccines work and are effective. While they may not stop you from getting the virus, statistically the symptoms and severity are much less with the

vaccine. Every actual doctor or scientist that has been involved with COVID-19 and the vaccination has said the vaccines are safe and effective. The individuals vouching for the vaccine’s safety are fellow Americans whose life work is the health and well-being of their patients.

I am a social media user. I see everyday individuals I consider to be personal friends, who are very smart, share information that is just not factually correct and true regarding

COVID-19 vaccinations; conspiracy theories, misinformation and much more. It is my opinion from firsthand experience, pay attention to the experts. Everyone is a tough guy until it doesn’t go their way.

We are blessed in America to have the choice to form our own opinions, have our own beliefs and to act as individuals. You are free to believe in what you want. As for me, I received the vaccination as soon as it was available for my age and thanked God

for the men and women who developed it. If you have not been vaccinated, I would strongly advise that you have a discussion with your doctor on what they recommend. For your own sake, please do so now; time is of the essence!

*Joe Meek is the Mayor of Crystal River. He was a two-term member of the Citrus County Commission and served as president of the chamber of commerce.*

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total, the school board has \$916,295 on tap for mental health.

The new money will add a social worker to the 13 that are currently employed by the district and will help to support eight of those social workers and one behavioral health program specialist. Those employees work alongside 35 counselors and 10 psychologists.

But that last number — just 10 psychologists — was a cause for concern. And rightfully so.

Other board members expressed their concern about the small number of psychologists the district is able to employ, but what board chair Linda Powers said summed up the gravity of the situation quite perfectly: “When you need

a surgeon, you don’t go out and hire a soccer player to fill in.”

Yeah, she nailed it.

School psychologists are increasingly becoming the quiet glue that holds things together in ways that we’ve never needed before. They are experts in a wide range of crucial areas that form a structure so our teachers can teach and our children can learn. They are specialists in mental health, behavioral assistance, academic and learning support, and parent and community engagement.

If that seems like a pretty tall order of a job description, that’s because it is. School psychologists are constantly adjusting to the needs of students. And in today’s society, those needs change rapidly as technology increases our students’ access to the world and all that comes with it — the good, the

bad, and the ugly.

Just think about these statistics. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one in six kids aged 2-8 years old have a diagnosed mental, behavioral, or developmental disorder. When that bracket gets expanded to include all children 3-17 years of age, 4.5 million children have a diagnosed behavior problem, 4.4 million have diagnosed anxiety, and 1.9 million have diagnosed depression.

Those are mind-blowing numbers.

Take those numbers and put them in the mix with the duties of a school psychologist and it pretty quickly becomes clear why the price tag is so high. Board members rightfully pointed out that psychologists can make more money in a private practice, contributing to the difficulty of hiring more in

the district.

But we need more. Desperately.

The workload of meeting the needs of students with deep-seated behavioral issues, suicidal thoughts and behaviors, bullying, and anxiety is heavy enough. Add to that the additional jobs of educational evaluation for kids with learning differences, the creation of conditions in which those kids can thrive in the learning environment, and acting as liaison between school and parents and community.

Now take that responsibility for more than one school.

With only 10 school psychologists in the district, that’s what we’re asking them to do.

Critics may say that it isn’t the school district’s job to perform all of these functions; that if parents did their jobs we wouldn’t

have this problem. And that is true, at least in part. But many of the things our kids are facing have nothing to do with parenting. Mental health needs are real and legitimate and need to be addressed without stigma or shame. And besides, fixing parents isn’t the job of the school district anyway. Educating kids, preparing them for the world, and keeping them as safe as possible is the job of the school district.

We have a good school district — from our top level administration to teachers in the classroom to support roles. For a small county, we do a great job.

But in order to keep pace with the increasingly complex needs of our students, we’re going to have to keep striving for better. And in this case, it means finding the money to give our students the support

they need and protecting from burnout those who work with them.

From what I know of our school board members, the concern over the need for more psychologists is real. Figuring out how to make that happen is an enormous challenge. But with the future of our kids depending on it, we’ve got to find a way to get the job done.

*Cortney Stewart is a 2003 graduate of Lecanto High School. She has bachelor’s degrees in political science and international affairs, a master’s degree in intercultural studies and is currently working on her Ph.D. in international conflict management. She most recently spent two years teaching and training students, teachers and government officials in Baghdad, Iraq. Email her at seeingbeyondccc@gmail.com.*

Sound OFF

Bill increase no laughing matter

I'm responding to the lady that wrote in or the person that wrote in (the Tuesday, July 13, Page A9 Sound Off) about the "Cable bill keeps going up." (A cable service) raised my bill \$29 this month. It went from \$149 up to \$178, plus I pay \$45 for the mobile and I tried to get mine lowered. They wouldn't lower it, though. They kind of leave it and just laughed in my face. They think it's a big joke, but it's not, you know...



Constitution, the Bill of Rights taught in school. There's also some other things that he says should never be taught in school and then the article goes on to how he wants the Holocaust being taught in the schools and all about that. The only trouble, sir, is that the Holocaust was brought on by people who were told what they could be taught in schools by that government. That is the difference, sir. Maybe you should go back and read some history. We're going to talk about the Holocaust, but we will not bring up slavery and what went on in the government. No, we're not going to allow certain things being taught in school. ...

Shorter season would add peace

If you want to improve the life on the river and surrounding areas, don't open scallop season to coincide with July the Fourth. What are you thinking? I bought a place 26 years ago on the river — used to be wonderful — but now I don't even want to be out on it during scallop season. It's too long and people are just greedy. So shorten the season or do something else. I don't know what you're thinking. What a shame.

Missing Trooper Cloud's patrol

We would like to see State Trooper Cloud come out of retirement. We need him at Homosassa Trail and (U.S.) 19. Inconsiderate, illiterate people block the intersection and it has nothing to do with construction. They're just inconsiderate.

History often repeats itself

As I read the (Saturday, July 17, front-page) article, "Task force raises issues with new curriculum," I see our great governor has said that he wants the

loose material from the road washes down into my driveway and I have to use a shovel to clear the material off. I don't have a runoff problem, but the county does, so I have to pay.

Flower gesture made day beautiful

I just want to comment a big thank you to the gray-haired, white-haired older gentleman that gave me the beautiful bouquet of flowers right out of his cart in Publix in Hernando at Forest Hills Road there on July 16 in the early evening. I was picking up prescriptions and so was he and I commented how beautiful the flowers were

and I said, "Oh, for me?" And he said, "Here, have them," and then I said, "No." So he followed me to the checkout and he told the girl those were paid for and they were mine. What a beautiful day it was for me and he made my day. God bless you and I hope He keeps you. Have a good day, sir, and thank you. You made an old woman's day better. Stay safe.

Watch for incoming zoning legislation

Homeowners need to be very careful on this Realtors' push for affordable housing. ... by changing zoning from single-family homes so apartments can

be built in your neighborhood. It happened already down near Tampa and has occurred up North.

New movers will use water too

To the county commissioners: They say they're looking at us to conserve our water, but why are you going to build a new community called Davis Reserve? You're complaining about water now, yet you're letting all these communities be built. Where's the water going to come from? You're complaining about water now, but where is it going to come from by you allowing these communities to

be built? You're just worried about the taxes, but let's talk about the water. You complain about it, yet you're still building like crazy. Where's all that water coming from?

No more fast food needed

I'm responding to (the Friday, July 16, Page A10 Sound Off) "In favor of Starbucks in Inverness," where the person said that the people are complaining they really don't like Starbucks. I don't want no more restaurants or fast foods in Inverness. Let's keep it like it is. We have enough traffic congestion, more than they can even handle.

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NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED MONIES HELD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT CITRUS COUNTY - INVERNESS, FLORIDA

The below listed unclaimed monies shall be declared forfeited to the County unless claimed before the first day of September 2021.

Persons claiming such funds, or any part of them should file a written claim with sufficient proof (driver's license, picture ID) with Angela Vick, Clerk, Citrus County, Inverness, Florida before September 1, 2021.

Angela Vick  
Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller  
By: Shelley Sansone  
Chief Deputy of Financial Services

UNCLAIMED MONIES PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2020

ABCO FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	\$34.00	KANGAROO EXPRESS	\$3.29
ALAN ROBERT DAVIS	\$1,500.00	KAYLA MARIE WILLIAMS	\$15.00
ALOI, CHARLES FRANCIS III	\$7.00	LAKE, DONALD WILLIAM	\$13.50
ANGLIN, GEANNE	\$320.22	LAUREN MICHELLE STARNES	\$15.00
BEVILLE, HERBERT FRANKLIN	\$46.50	LEA IGNACIO CRUZ	\$15.00
BRIDIE NOEL FORTIER	\$15.00	LORI A THURMAN	\$193.00
CANNIZZARO, DAVID FRANK	\$5.00	LORRAINE JEAN O'BERRY	\$15.00
CARL WILLIAM GREENFIELD	\$15.00	MAC ALLAN DAVIS	\$15.00
CARLEY NICOLE TAYLOR	\$15.00	MAITIAS ESPERT ROGERS	\$15.00
CARLOS PINA-RIVERA	\$1,817.00	MANA LEE BUSBY	\$30.00
CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL DAVIS	\$30.00	MANNO, BRYAN ESQ	\$85.00
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CVS PHARMACY	\$29.05	MAXIMOS, HANY E	\$100.00
DALE THOMAS TARPENNING	\$15.00	MCLEAN, BERNADETTE	\$85.10
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DAVID CHRISTOPHER STRIGLI	\$15.00	MICHAEL WAYNE RAMSEY	\$15.00
DAVID REID NASH	\$15.00	MICHELLE ELIZABETH SILVES	\$15.00
DAVIS, DELOS	\$604.50	MILAM, DEVON	\$85.00
DECKARD, BERYL	\$329.00	MIRIAM ANNETTE RIDEL	\$15.00
DELAROSA, JIMMY JUNIOR II	\$7.00	MUNROE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	\$27.36
DIANA MARIE EDSALL	\$15.00	NELSON, DONNA CAROL	\$583.00
DONALD V MILLER	\$14,159.43	NORA DIANE LAPELLA	\$15.00
DOUGLAS WILLIAM LOFREDDO,	\$15.00	PLANTATION INN GOLF & CC	\$176.98
DUNN, BRIAN MICHAEL	\$10.00	POWELL, ROGER ALAN	\$67.88
EIHAB TAWFIK	\$106.25	PUTNAM, TERESA LYNN	\$5.40
ELYSSA COURTNEY BEST	\$15.00	QUINTAIROS PRIETO WOOD &	\$0.70
ERIN MARIE EGBERT	\$30.00	RACETRAC	\$320.00
EXL LEGAL PLLC	\$150.00	RANDY JAMES ERICKSON	\$15.00
FAST ELEMENT V LLC	\$15.10	REGINA EASON	\$5.00
FESTANTE, JOSEPH ROSOLINO	\$1,000.00	RICHARD LEE MORRIS	\$15.00
FLORIDA ORTHOPAEDIC INSTITUTE	\$54.84	ROSEMARIE ADKINS	\$30.00
FRIEDMANS JEWELRY STORE	\$150.00	RUSSELL JAMES BAKER, JR	\$30.00
GARRETT, ADRIANNA DESTINY	\$23.00	RYAN PAUL BARLOW	\$15.00
GARY, MICHELLE RENA	\$256.05	SAMANTHA KAY ALUISE	\$15.00
GREGORY DONALD REUTZEL	\$15.00	SCOT MARLOW DOLISON	\$15.00
HEATHER CHRISTINA CELANI	\$15.00	SEARS, DORIS	\$3.00
HEATHER MARIE JARRETT	\$15.00	SELBE, CHAD	\$12.00
HEATHER NERO MILLS	\$15.00	SHAPRIO FISHMAN & GACHE	\$170.00
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HENDELMAN, NICKI LYNN	\$11.34	STACEY LEE WERNER	\$30.00
HIGGINS, BENJAMIN MICHAEL	\$7.00	STEPHEN CHARLES SCHINDLER	\$15.00
HILL, BEVERLY	\$44.00	STEVEN DOUGLAS HADDOX	\$15.00
INPHYNET CONTRACTING SERVICES INC	\$54.79	TILLINGHAST, BRUCE	\$8.90
JAMES JOSEPH TALBOT, III	\$15.00	WEST MARINE	\$10.00
JERRY LYN LARKINS	\$15.00	WHITNEY, RYAN ANDREW	\$5.40
JOHN OLIVER BUTLER	\$15.00	WILLIAM JOHN KROLAK	\$15.00
JUSTIN EDWARD ADAMICK	\$210.00	WYLUPEK, TIA LYNN	\$13.50
JUSTIN KEITH HUSSEY	\$15.00	ZILLOW HOME LOANS LLC	\$8.50

CaseNumber	Defendant	Plaintiff	Amount
2012 CA 001323 A	MICHAEL T SHIER	WILMINGTON SVGS FUND SOC FSB DBA CHRISTIANA TRUST	\$100.00
2013 CA 000750 A	BONNIE L SILVER	US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$100.00
2014 CA 001147 A	DORON AKIVA	HSBC BANK USA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TRUSTEE	\$100.00
2012 CA 001929 A	BARBARA M SCIARRA	MTGLQ INVESTORS LP	\$100.00
2015 CA 000457 A	FAYYAZ HUSSAIN SIAL	CFS ALLOCATION SOLUTIONS, LLC	\$100.00
2012 CC 000205	IMRAN CHUGHTAI	SACOR FINANCIAL INC	\$100.00
2013 CA 000149 A	WILLIAM NEFF	CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES LLC	\$100.00
2011 CA 004301 A	MICHAEL S GARGANO	US BANK NA AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PATRICIPATION TRUST	\$100.00
2014 CA 000544 A	MICHAEL BAZZELL	AVIS BUDGET GROUP INC	\$100.00
2015 CA 000275 A	WILLIAM C POWELL	NATIONAL COLLEGIATE STUDENT LOAN TRUST 2007-2	\$100.00
2014 CA 287	ROBERT SMOCZYNSKI	SAM JASER	\$300.00

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**WATER | WAYS**  
June 26, 2021 - August 21, 2021  
The Smithsonian's Water/Ways exhibition dives into water—an essential component of life on our planet, environmentally, culturally, and historically.  
In societies across the globe, water serves as a source of peace and contemplation. Many faiths revere water as a sacred symbol. Authors and artists are inspired by the complex character of water—a substance that is seemingly soft and graceful that is yet a powerful and nearly unstoppable force.  
Water also plays a practical role in American society. The availability of water affected settlement and migration patterns. Access to water and control of water resources have long been a central part of political and economic planning. Human creativity and resourcefulness provide new ways of protecting water resources and renewing respect for the natural environment.  
Water/Ways is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and Florida Humanities. Support for the exhibition and programming was provided through a grant from Florida Humanities with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities.  
Old Courthouse Heritage Museum  
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## Good news for retirees; not so much for Homosassa Springs



Michael D. Bates  
**MIKE'S MUSINGS**

Several interesting items have come across my desk recently that I wanted to share with readers.

Occasionally I get newsy tidbits that aren't quite meaty enough for a full-blown article, but still contain some good information to get out to folks.

So, without further ado ...

### Good news for Citrus County retirees

Citrus County was ranked 10th in the state for folks who want to stretch their Social Security income the farthest to meet basic necessities.

SmartAsset, a financial technology company, determined this by applying average income, applying it to cost-of-living and taxes for each Florida county.

In Citrus County, the cost of living is \$20,099 and the average annual Social Security income is \$25,334, the report said.

This is good news for retirees who rely mainly on their Social Security checks for things like food, housing and transportation.

Nearby Sumter County was ranked first in the state. For a look at how Citrus compared to other counties, check out [www.smartasset.com/retirement/social-security-calculator#-Florida](http://www.smartasset.com/retirement/social-security-calculator#-Florida)

### If Florida was a country ...

Here's something interesting from the Florida Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber data shows that Florida, if it were an independent country, would be the 15th largest economy in the world.

Florida has moved up two slots from the 17th to 15th largest global economy — if Florida were a country.

The ranking may be temporary because other world economies are continuing to rebound from the global pandemic.



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

Seniors work out in February 2020 at the Citrus Memorial Health Systems YMCA during a SilverSneakers cardio class. A recent report by SmartAsset said Citrus County was ranked 10th in the state for folks who want to stretch their Social Security income the farthest to meet basic necessities.

The chamber also said Florida's economy has added manufacturing jobs (+6.0%) while the U.S. lost them (-1.7%), landing at No. 2 in total manufacturing job creation over the past five years, and No. 5 in growth rate.

### Shout-out to Duke Energy

Duke Energy will give \$6,000 in grant money to the Citrus County Education Foundation, to be used for its "Foundation for Success Projects."

The grants are meant to help job seekers and students who are members of underrepresented groups — such as women and minorities — prepare for employment, primarily in the energy sector, Duke said.

In all, Duke Energy is investing \$734,000 in strategic workforce development and educational programs in Florida.

### Homosassa Springs MSA near the bottom

Not to end on a downer, but I gleaned this from the recently released June unemployment rate for Citrus County.

Among Florida's metro areas, the Homosassa Springs Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was tied for the second highest unemployment rate in the state, along with The Villages MSA.

MSAs are defined by the federal Office of Management and Budget, and exist to expose relatively densely populated areas that are geographically contiguous and share economic ties.

Overall, the county jobless rate showed a 1.1 percentage point spike: from 6.1% in May to 7.2% in June.

But then, every county in Florida showed a spike, according to data from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO).

Rusty Skinner, CEO of CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion, attributed the statewide rise in part to the traditional summer slump and the first effects of the drive to the labor force due to the reduction of the \$300-a-week federal unemployment payments.

Michael D. Bates is the author of the Chronicle's *Comings & Goings* and *Mike's Musings* columns, which focus on the business developments in Citrus

## Suncoast Business Masters induct president and board

### Special to the Chronicle

July marks the beginning of the new year for Suncoast Business Masters (SBM) officers and board of directors.

SBM is a group of local businesses who provide a wide range of goods and services. They strive to maintain the highest level of professional integrity and customer satisfaction.

SBM is a single category business networking group, which means they allow only one member from each business

category. This helps to maintain a wide range and scope of available networking businesses and contacts.

SBM meets at 1 p.m. every Wednesday. The members collaborate to keep Citrus County's economy flowing by supporting local businesses.

For more information, call club president Amanda Rowthorn at 352-564-0220.

To learn more about SBM, visit [suncoastbusinessmasters.com](http://suncoastbusinessmasters.com) or Suncoast Business Masters on Facebook.



Special to the Chronicle

The Suncoast Business Masters recently inducted their new president and board of directors.

## InVibe Nutrition celebrates ribbon cutting



InVibe Nutrition smoothie and juice bar recently celebrated their ribbon cutting. The business is at 216 Tompkins St. in Inverness, open from 6:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with special twilight hours on certain days. Call 352-419-4820. Find them on Facebook at @invernessnutrition.

Special to the Chronicle



# Chamber Connection

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## Network, Market, and Show Your Stuff!

The premiere business expo of Citrus County presents an opportunity for businesses to meet new clients, create new working relationships, and make community connections. Open to the public, free to attend, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, September 18, 2021.

Back by popular demand in 2021 is the Money Machine!!! A goodie-bag (LIMITED SUPPLY SO DON'T BE LATE) will be given to the guests as they enter the auditorium on Saturday morning.

Included in the goodie-bag, a chance drawing ticket for the opportunity to be randomly

selected to step-up and cash grab. Additional chance drawings throughout the event day (items donated by our sponsors, businesses, and community), a DJ, kid's activities, DIY demos, and health talks are just a few of the FUN activities for ALL AGES!

The Chamber Business Expo is a great opportunity to show off what YOU, our local businesses have to offer, make contacts within the business and Citrus County Community, and mingle with fellow business leaders, building important relationships within our very own Citrus County!

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Saturday, September 18th  
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To reserve your slot, visit [www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/Business-Expo](http://www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/Business-Expo)

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### BACK 2 SCHOOL

TAX-FREE HOLIDAY JULY 31 - AUGUST 9

REMEMBER TO SHOP CITRUS FIRST TO SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUTH PROGRAMS!

The Citrus County Education Foundation's Annual Stuff The Bus Event will be held next Saturday, July 31st. Donations can be made at any of these locations:

- Winn-Dixie - Beverly Hills, Inverness (Main & Highland), Crystal River, Homosassa
- Walmart - Inverness, Lecanto, Homosassa

- Lowes - Inverness
- Rural King - Crystal River
- Duke Energy Complex
- First Baptist Church of Inverness
- Breakfast Station #7 Beverly Hills
- Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA
- All Citrus County library locations

## Citrus County Sign-On Bonus Program

Citrus County small businesses have a new option that may boost their ability to attract workers to fill their open positions: The Citrus Sign-On Bonus Program.

The program is available to all local businesses with 75 or fewer full-time or part-time workers. Jobs to be filled must be full-time positions that pay \$15/hour or less. The newly hired workers must work for the employer for 90 days to qualify to receive the \$1,000 sign-on bonus.

To participate, employers must post the jobs they seek to fill through CareerSource. Likewise, employees must apply for the job through CareerSource. Following 90-days of successful employment, employers will invoice CareerSource for reimbursement of the bonus.

Funding for the bonus program

comes from \$70,000 in CARES funds that were set aside by the County for economic development uses aimed at boosting workforce affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. An additional \$30,000 has been allocated to the Citrus County YMCA to provide day care scholarships for parents in the same workforce category.

If you are a business that would like to participate in the program, go to the CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion website at <https://careersourceclm.com/> and click on the Citrus County Sign On Bonus link.

Workers who are interested in learning more about job opportunities under the program should reach out to CareerSource at the Citrus County location at 683 South Adolph Point, Lecanto, FL, 34461 or call (352)249-3278.

### Join the Chamber On Parade

#### Save the Dates!

Crystal River Christmas Parade: Dec. 4th, 6PM  
Inverness Christmas Parade: Dec. 11th, Noon

This year we are taking a trip to Santa's workshop with the theme: Christmas in Toyland!

Trains, dolls, games, and baseballs! This year's parades are sure to highlight every child's wildest dreams come to life!

Parade registration is now open at [www.citruscountychamber.com/christmas-parades](http://www.citruscountychamber.com/christmas-parades).

### '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 Ashley Bruner, partner at Kovach Law Firm about the services they specialize in, the importance of staying local for legal representation, and why community involvement is so important for their business. Jade also speaks with Dr. Ken Savage, owner of Nature Coast Health Care, about their practice, services, Covid Vaccines, and new patient availability. Chamber Report is your ticket to the many happenings in Citrus County!

Ashley Bruner      Ken Savage

#### Grants offered to businesses that rehire employees

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce offers a grant program for businesses that furloughed employees due to COVID-19 and have since rehired them.

To qualify for full funding, the business must have furloughed an employee for a minimum of two months before rehiring and steadily employing for a minimum

of 90 days.

The grant amount is \$2,000 per rehired full-time equivalent employee.

Applications are open at [www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/furlough-rehire-grant](http://www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/furlough-rehire-grant). For questions, please email [CitrusFurloughRehire@gmail.com](mailto:CitrusFurloughRehire@gmail.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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## Housing Funds for Housing

Realtors are dedicated to preserving housing for all with a quality of life and enjoyment of our personal property as well as the priceless environment around us.

In theory, the 1992 Sadowski Act created an affordable housing-support system where a portion of documentary stamp money – charged on Florida property sales – goes directly to affordable housing efforts.

In practice, it is a different story. Over the years, the Florida Legislature has “swept” \$2.6 billion out of the affordable housing money and moved it into general revenue, essentially using the money to pay for other state expenses.

To make the process more accountable, Floridians are proposing a constitutional amendment that would put affordable housing funds in a lockbox, so these funds are used for affordable housing and nothing else. Florida Realtors and the Realtors® Association of Citrus County are focused on getting this amendment on the ballot.

The concept is simple: “Housing funds for housing.” This amendment would guarantee that the portion of the taxes charged on documents like deeds and

mortgages will only be used to make homes and apartments safer and more affordable. Year after year, Florida Realtors® has advocated for affordable

housing, asking the Legislature not to use the doc stamp money for other purposes. But during the 2021 session, lawmakers brought the issue to a breaking point when they created a new law to permanently reduce the funds by 50%. Realtors in Florida decided to act by creating a constitutional amendment that would codify “housing funds for housing” into the Florida Constitution. If approved by 60% of voters during the 2022 election, Florida’s housing market could then have an ongoing and reliable source of income to help first-time homebuyers, such as nurses, firefighters, and teachers.

Voting for the amendment would make sure these funds only go to affordable housing projects— but first, we need to get the amendment on the ballot! We need everyone’s support and ask that you stop by the Realtors® Association to sign the petition, please. Petitions can also be downloaded at the Floridians for Housing website or directly here: <https://floridarealtors.org/petition>



Kelly Tedrick



Clean water is essential to a healthy environment, a growing economy, and vibrant neighborhoods. For the entire month of July, Florida Realtors® and community partners have come together around the state to clean up our lakes, rivers, streams, bays, Intracoastal Waterway, Gulf, and ocean.

Locally we had an amazing turnout from the RACC’s Young Professionals Network who partnered with Save Crystal River to clean up West Fort Island

Trail. In Citrus County we all can appreciate the importance of protecting our natural wonders and pristine waterways. Every effort will make a difference in preserving our natural resources. For many of us, Florida’s waterways are our happy place. Collectively the community can make a positive impact on our water quality.

— Kelly Tedrick, 2021 RACC President  
Broker Associate, FL Real Estate  
Instructor, C2EX

## RACC Charity Spotlight

The Citrus County Education Foundation’s sole mission and purpose is to enhance learning and overall well-being for our present and future generations of students in Citrus County. With more than 34 open programs and an impact reaching more than 16,000 students and over 2,000 district employees yearly, the needs in our community continue to grow. As we continue recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, our goal to impact as many teachers and students as possible through our ongoing efforts is more vital than ever before. With our evolving efforts aligned with the needs of families in our community, our partnerships and fundraising events are critical.

Over the last two years, more than 2 million dollars has been raised and distributed to our local schools. With an operational cost of under 9%, our fundraising efforts go directly back to our children. With over 500 volunteers and the support of the Citrus County School District, the return on investment is priceless!

How can YOU be a part of this incredible mission?

The Suncoast Credit Union, Supplies 4 Success Free Teacher Store is a constant way to ensure all students and teachers have the tools they need to succeed.

This store allows teachers to shop monthly and get any school supplies, personal hygiene items, and other basic necessities that we can provide for families in need. We are asking our community for help in restocking the store.

It is time for Stuff the Bus and to restock the store. Check out the flyer or text CCEF to 41444 to make a donation!

Another way to help support us is to be a part of the 2021 Lake Hernando Dragon Boat Festival that will take place on November 6th. Go to [citruseducation.org/dragonboat](http://citruseducation.org/dragonboat) to learn more and to register a team.

We are so grateful to be a part of this incredible community and honored to partner with the Realtors Association of Citrus County. For questions on how you can support the Citrus County Education Foundation, please contact the Executive Director, Shaunda Burdette, at (352)726-1931 X2240 or via email at [Burdettes@citrus.schools.org](mailto:Burdettes@citrus.schools.org). To learn more about our programs or to make a tax deductible donation, visit [www.citrus.education.org](http://www.citrus.education.org).

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### STUFF the BUS

SATURDAY, JULY 31ST, 10AM-2PM

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Stuff the Bus will be on Saturday, July 31st, from 10am-2pm, to collect donations of school supplies for the Citrus County Education Foundation’s Suncoast Credit Union Supplies 4 Success free teacher store.

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- 9/2 – Matrix with Marsha
- 9/7 – Clerk of the Circuit Court, Angela Vick Presentation
- 9/14 – Safety Class with Dennis Pilon
- 9/15 – USDA & VA Comparison course
- 9/17 – Virtual REALTOR Safety Course
- 9/23 – Business Partner Showcase &

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- 9/30 – Annual Meeting
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- 10/7 – Expanding Housing Opportunities
- 10/7 – Past Presidents Dinner
- 11/4 – Cheryl Nadal Memorial Chili Cook-Off
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All events/classes are limited to Licensed Agents and/or Business Partners unless marked Public. Visit [www.raccfl.com](http://www.raccfl.com) for a complete list of upcoming events.

Citrus County Market Statistics — June 2021			
	Single Family Homes	Townhouses/Condos	Manufactured Homes
<b>Closed Sales</b>	369	29	45
<b>Median Sale Price</b>	\$235,000	\$145,800	\$112,000
<b>Median Time to Contract</b>	7 Days	6 Days	8 Days
<b>Months’ Supply of Inventory</b>	0.9	1.0	1.7

# How to be a frugal traveler and still have fun

SARA RATHNER  
NerdWallet

That first post-vaccine vacation is finally a possibility for many, but after more than a year without travel, the sticker shock is no joke. In general, travel prices are increasing to reflect higher demand. According to the U.S. Travel Association Travel Price Index for May 2021, airfare is up 24.1% and lodging prices are up 10% over year.

Nothing will stamp out that after-travel sense of bliss like getting a credit card bill full of vacation splurges. With some creativity and advanced planning, your trip can be budget-friendly without feeling cheap.

## USE CREDIT CARD PERKS

Airline and hotel credit cards can provide valuable VIP treatments for those with good credit. Some offer free checked bags on flights, which can be worth around \$60 each round trip you fly with the airline. Other cards offer discounts on in-flight food and beverage purchases, complimentary airport lounge access and hotel room upgrades that can enhance your trip at no extra cost. These cards usually come with an annual fee, but the value they offer can be worth the cost for many travelers.

## THINK OUTSIDE THE BIG BRANDS

If you're not loyal to a well-known hotel chain, co-branded credit cards aren't as helpful. Instead, look for deals on rates at independent hotels. Becky Pokora, founder of the travel blog SightDoing, finds that independent hotels can be 20%-30% cheaper than equivalent chain brands. "In past years,

## ON THE NET

■ NerdWallet: The Ultimate Guide to Rental Car Alternatives <https://bit.ly/nerdwallet-rental-car-alts>

everybody kind of had to play on the same level to attract travelers, but this year there's so much demand," she says. "The obvious answers get booked up fast, leaving these independent places having to compete more."

## SAVE MONEY ON GETTING AROUND

Ground transportation is increasingly expensive. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the consumer price index for car and truck rentals increased 109.8% from May 2020 to May 2021. Because of COVID-19, the number of drivers working for ride-sharing services is down, affecting availability and pricing. To save time and money, consider other ways to navigate your destination:

■ WALK AND TAKE PUBLIC TRANSIT: If you're able to walk longer distances and use public transit, you can save a lot on transportation costs. Unique transit options like ferries, cable cars and gondola lifts double as fun tourist experiences. In cities like New York and San Francisco, you can walk on world-famous bridges for free.

■ STAY CLOSE TO THE ACTION: It can cost more to stay in the heart of a city, but a hotel in a far-flung location means you have to spend time and money getting into town every day. You may also need to rent a car to get into the city, which adds to the expense. It can be worth it to spend a bit more (or tap into travel credit card rewards that you've earned) to book a stay at a



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Passengers wait Feb. 8, 2018, for subway trains at the Naval Yard-Ballpark Metro Station, part of the public transit network for Washington. If you're able to walk longer distances and use public transit, you can save a lot on transportation costs while traveling.

well-located hotel, or at least a hotel near public transit that can whisk you into the city quickly.

■ BE STRATEGIC WHEN RENTING A CAR: There's no need to book a rental car from the moment you arrive until the day you leave if it's just going to sit in the hotel parking lot and rack up parking fees for half the trip. Arrange your travel itinerary so you can manage a few days without a car, then rent one for the part of the trip where you need to drive.

A car rental location within the city may also be more cost-effective than renting a car at the airport. For example, at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport near Washington, D.C., fees, including a concession recovery fee and customer facility charge, drive up rental

prices. At a rental car location in downtown D.C., the base price for a similar car is higher, but with fewer fees, you may end up spending less overall.

## SAVE MONEY ON SOUVENIRS

Bringing home souvenirs and gifts can get expensive, and your minimalist friends may not want another trinket that will just collect dust. This is where grocery stores come in handy. They're great places to find local foods and snacks for a reasonable price (and consumable gifts don't take up space for long).

Pokora offers a creative way to spend less: Instead of buying food and drink items for all your friends, buy a few things, then host a tasting when you



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Visitors look at souvenir food related to cherry blossoms April 7, 2017, at Shinjuku-Gyoen in Tokyo, Japan. Grocery stores are great places to find local foods and snacks for a reasonable price (and consumable gifts don't take up space for long).

get home. You'll bring people together for a cost-effective shared experience.

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How to Apply: Go to <http://www.cf.edu/community/cf/hr/> Select one of the following online portals Administrative/Faculty (Adjunct Career Opportunities) or Professional/Career/Part-time Career Opportunities. Submit an electronic application, a copy of unofficial transcripts and resume online.

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### Sales Help

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New opportunities at your fingertips!

Employment in Citrus County and surrounding areas

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### Trades/Skills

**Automotive Body Technician**

Experience in auto restoration & collision. Must be able to do metal fabrication. Paint experience is a plus. Email resume to: [laura@gtaspeed.com](mailto:laura@gtaspeed.com) or call 352-322-7414 to set up an appointment to come in for an interview.

### Trades/Skills

**EXPERIENCED PAINTER**

MCKENZIE PAINTING IS HIRING! Must wear white and have five years experience, transportation & tools To Apply Call- 352-400-1404

### Trades/Skills

**GARAGE DOOR INSTALLER**

Experienced or will train. Have drivers licence and own transportation. Tri County Overhead Doors Call or stop in (352) 726-0072



### Trades/Skills

**JOB OPENING**

**LEAD ELECTRICIAN**

Must have a minimum of six years. Experience in residential and service. Must have a good driver's license.

Call: (352) 341-2004

E-mail resume to: [tinsleyelectric@gmail.com](mailto:tinsleyelectric@gmail.com)

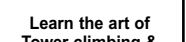


### Trades/Skills

**TOWER TECHNICIANS**

NOW HIRING!

Travel the SE w/ co. vehicle & hotel provided. Exc. pay, per diem, bonus & benefits.



Learn the art of Tower climbing & maint. from the BEST!

Electrical exp. pref. Bkgrnd Check & Clean FL. Dr. Lic req'd Must be 21+ Apply within: Highlights Inc. 1515 White Lake Dr. Inverness 352-564-8830 or Email Resume to: [hilightshr@hilightsinc.com](mailto:hilightshr@hilightsinc.com)

### General Help

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT**

City of Dunnellon is seeking applications for a Community Development Planning Assistant. Highly responsible administrative and non-professional technical duties of a specialized nature to assist and support the Community Development Manager with processing various applications and permits to insure compliance with city codes and zoning regulations. Interacts with the general public in all related matters. Coordinates activities relating to zoning, code enforcement and board meetings. Associates Degree or equivalent higher education credits from an accredited College or University. Five (5) years experience in building, permitting, zoning, development and code enforcement related duties or an equal combination of training and experience is required. Hourly \$14.64 - \$21.96. Obtain job description and application package at <https://www.dunnellon.org/Job.aspx>. Submit to City Clerk, 20750 River Drive, Dunnellon, FL 34431 (352) 465-8500 or [mleonard@dunnellon.org](mailto:mleonard@dunnellon.org). App deadline 08/12/2021. EOE DFWP.

### General Help

**HELP WANTED**

Full Time/ Seasonal Apply in person at Williston Peanuts Inc. 1309 SW 7th St. Williston, FL 32696

### General Help

**MARINE MECHANIC/RIGGER**

Full time Position. Pay based on experience. Requires maintenance of large rental fleet and servicing customers boats. Apply in person Mon-Thurs 8a-5p Twin Rivers Marina 2880 N Seabreeze Pt Crystal River

### Part-time Help

Part Time/ Full Time Experienced

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**

for Front & Back Office

Experience w/ Eclinical Works, Referrals & Authorization Preferred

Please TEXT 352-422-4534 or EMAIL [alugubelli.venkat@gmail.com](mailto:alugubelli.venkat@gmail.com)

### Part-time Help

Let us be your one stop shop for Employment needs.

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Call your Classified Representative for details at 352-563-5966

### Part-time Help

**CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE**  
Serving Our County Since 1894  
The Oldest business Supporting our Community

**Business Buy/Sell**

→ BUSINESS FOR SALE  
Pet groom business. Price includes, all equip., supplies & clientele list. Start working immediately & make your money back in 6 months!! Call for appointment \$15,000 OBO 352-419-4699

### Part-time Help

**Collectibles**

**BARBIES**  
4 VINTAGE 1966 Dolls, with two Ken Dolls \$225 value, asking \$70 obo (352) 503-6337

### Part-time Help

**Appliances**

**SMITTY'S APPLIANCE REPAIR**  
352-564-8179

### Part-time Help

**Auctions**

**Dudley's Auction**

Central Florida's Largest & Most Diverse Auction Company

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### Part-time Help

**Tools**

**Air Drill**  
3/8 inch, HDC \$20 call or text (352) 586-4576

**Air Hammer**  
Ingersoll Rand, with chisels and case \$45 call or text (352) 586-4576

**CHIPPER/SHREDDER**  
Craftsman, 1150 series engine, 2 yrs old, only used twice. Exc cond \$650 OBO will send pics (352) 341-7732

### Part-time Help

**Tools**

**Jigsaw**  
Bosch, with case \$75 call or text (352) 586-4576

**PVC Pipe**  
Used, 12 pcs. 12 ft ea w/ fittings 1.5 & 2" Dia. \$50 OBO 352-405-2965

### Part-time Help

**Garage/ Yard Sales**

**ESTATE SALE**

**FLORAL CITY**  
FRI/ SAT/ SUN - 23rd, 24th & 25th - 8a- 6p Tools, furniture, clothes, jewelry, & MORE - Everything Must Go! 7111 S Aloysia Ave

### Part-time Help

**Tools**

**RYOBI Edger, weed eater, pressure sprayer.**  
With battery \$100 352-860-6747

**SAW**  
RYOBI Reciprocating SAW \$50 352-860-6747

### Part-time Help

**Tools**

**SOCKET SET**  
Craftsman 1/2 in drive, 12 pc. deep impact set \$45 call or text (352) 586-4576

### Part-time Help

**Tools**

**ROOF SHINGLES**  
180 architectural style, w/ red-grey-black color mix. \$75 352-341-4306

### Part-time Help

**Furniture**

**2 Folding Card Tables**  
COSCO , Black Never Used \$45 Each (352) 586-0795

**BED FRAME**  
Brand New, Twin, wood, head & foot board, rails white \$50 obo 352-503-6337

**Bunk Beds**  
Two sets of bunk beds with mattress' that have been covered in plastic. Soft gray wood, like new. \$750 (352) 538-2710

**CAPTAIN'S CHAIRS**  
2 oak chairs, beautiful intricate wood working. Photos avail \$50 ea. 352-637-6590

### Part-time Help

**Tools**

**CORNER HUTCH**  
Oak, Cream Colored 39"W x 20"D x 67 1/2" H \$75 (352) 419-5079 LEAVE MESSAGE

**CURIO CABINET**  
82"Hx40"Wx13"D with shelves, white wash \$100 352-613-0529

### Tools

**SANDER**  
Makita random orbital Sander with case \$40 call or text (352) 586-4576

**SAW**  
Dewalt reciprocating saw \$50 call or text (352) 586-4576

**SKILSAW**  
7 3/4 inch worm drive with case \$100 call or text (352) 586-4576

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**DINING RM TABLE**  
- OBLONG - SOLID WOOD - 77" x 44 1/2" with 6 chairs \$50 (352) 419-5079 Lv msg

**DINING ROOM TABLE**  
Oval table from the 40's with birds in flight legs. 4 padded chairs, Xtra leaf. China cabinet with 3 shelves. Like new, no flaws \$500 (352) 560-3019

### Tools

**DOUBLE BED**  
Practically BRAND NEW! Includes mattress box spring, frame & all accessories. \$375 (352) 860-0605

**PICTURE**  
Antique, Girl with Book 30" W, 34"H \$30 (352) 419-5079 Lv msg

**RECLINER**  
Red Leather Good Shape \$100 (352) 024-060 or (352)422-2906

### Tools

**Sectional Sofa**  
**BEAUTIFUL** 3 piece, upholstered - neutral color- GREAT COND. Only 3 yrs old - REDUCED to \$600 OBO (352) 382-1422 Please LV Message

**Sewing Cabinet**  
KOALA, white w/ 4 drawers & 7 storage bins, 43x19x30 closed, 74" W open, \$700 obo 352-586-0795

### Tools

**PRICE TO SELL**

**SMITTY'S APPLIANCE REPAIR**  
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### Tools

**Garden/Lawn Supplies**

**Bob's DISCARDED Lawn Mower Service**  
★ FREE PICK-UP ★ 352-637-1225

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HUSKI 1650 PSI \$75 352-860-6747

### Tools

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FRI/ SAT/ SUN - 23rd, 24

### General

**Tomato Cages**  
Heavy Duty  
8 for \$20 \$30  
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**UMBRELLA**  
STROLLER blue & red  
in good condition. \$10  
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**VAN COVER**  
minivan cover, will fit  
any car also.  
ONLY \$100  
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**VINTAGE BOWL**  
WATERMELON Shape  
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\$15 352-513-5339

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TURE 7" round filigree  
edge Sell \$10  
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**4 WHEELED WALKER**  
With seat and brakes  
used once only 65.00  
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adjustable legs can be  
used also as a shower  
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**CHAMPION**  
**3 WHEELED MOBILITY**  
SCOOTER. New motor,  
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**KNEE WALKER**  
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**Manual Wheelchair**  
with footrests.  
Used little / only \$100  
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Merits \$131. Safe,  
Comfortable,  
2 Baskets, \$500  
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SCOOTER w/ LIFT  
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Scooter w/ lift, ramps,  
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will deliver \$1,200 obo  
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**PRIDE LIFT CHAIR**  
GREAT condition!  
Light Brown, \$200  
Text or call  
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**SHOWER CHAIR**  
Fiberglass & Alumi-  
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seat back. Only \$30  
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Raises four inches.  
Easier to get up. Only  
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### Household

**CHINA**  
Vintage (50's) 88 pc  
Noritake Montblanc Fine  
Bone China. Dinner-  
ware & serving set  
\$375 (352) 513-4790

**DRAPES**  
brown stripes 143" w x  
83" L, rods & hooks,  
\$800 new, good cond  
\$80 obo 352-527-1955

**DRAPES**  
sheer, gold, 124" w x  
83" L, includes rods &  
hooks, good cond.  
\$20 obo 352-527-1955

**FLOOR LAMP**  
Decorative floor lamp  
with purple flower \$20  
(352) 419-5079 Lv msg

**RUG, 8FT ROUND**  
burgundy & tan  
\$20 obo 352-527-1955

**SHELVING**  
5 shelves, bamboo &  
wicker. Very decorative -  
39" w x 71" h x 18" d \$20  
(352) 419-5079 Lv msg

**WALL HANGING**  
Syroco Bonsai gold  
tree wall hanging  
\$45, pictures oval  
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### Fitness Equipment

**ELLIPTICAL,**  
VERY NICE  
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BIKE fits anywhere  
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24" girls bike, Lavender  
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**BICYCLE**  
26" Montrose womens  
bike, asking \$60  
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**BICYCLE**  
Women's 26 in.  
Stratus Pacific  
mountain bike, purple  
\$100 (352) 613-0529

### Sporting Goods

**CLUB CAR**  
2003 DS, 1 yr old  
battery, \$2900 cash  
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2 door, red,  
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\$35 352-341-4306

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**GREEK NECKLACE**  
BRACELET RING SET  
new size 7.5 - 8 Retail  
\$99 Sell \$50  
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**JAGUAR BRACELET**  
SILVER BLUE  
SAPPHIRE  
Retail \$69 Sell \$40  
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**JAGUAR EARRINGS**  
SILVER BLUE  
SAPPHIRE New  
Retail \$49 Sell \$30  
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SAPPHIRE Size 7.5 - 8  
Retail \$49 Sell  
\$30 352-513-5339

**JEWELRY CASE AM**  
INDIAN LEATHER  
FEATHERS 6" x 6" x 4"  
Sell \$25 352-513-5339

**NECKLACE EARRING**  
SET  
RUBY + SILVER  
Sell \$30 352-513-5339

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REAL SILVER 5  
STRAND  
Sell \$40  
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**Cash for WAR RELICS**  
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WW1 AND WW2  
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ments. Also buying  
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Tubes)  
Call Chris at  
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**NEED CUT FOR ZTR**  
42" CUT TORO RIDING  
LAWNMOWER  
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**Sandy's**  
Barbershop  
has moved

**New location is**  
725 SE 9th Circle  
Crystal River  
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Walk-ins Welcome  
Men's & Boy's Cuts  
just \$12.00  
We cut womens  
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Sandy's  
Barbershop  
(352) 228-8912

### Pets

**3 Baby Mini Pigs**  
to good home  
6 weeks old, males,  
Black one \$60,  
Spotted \$90 each  
(352) 364-3009

**NEW Two Door Wire**  
Pet Crate 20in High x  
24 Long, 30 to 50lb pet  
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Female, Small  
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### Boat Accessories

**BOAT ANCHOR \$920**  
Dan Forth with 8 feet  
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**Outboard Motor**  
Antique 3 HP Evinrude  
Lightwin w/ spare  
prop. Great for  
Marina or Restaurant  
decor. \$150  
352-341-4306

**Pontoon Bunks**  
Two, 12 ft cupped  
pontoon bunks for  
boat lift. \$200  
(352) 538-2710

### Watercrafts

**CANOE**  
13 ft Old Town Discov-  
ery 43" W, sq stern, stable,  
92 lbs, accessories  
\$700 860-205-5859

**CANOE 16 FT**  
Indian River Fiberglass  
not new, but good  
cond., inc. paddles  
\$500 352-341-4306

**OUT BOARD MOTOR**  
Mariner, 3.3 hp, 2  
Stroke, w/ tilt, 28 lbs,  
low hours, EC, used  
only in fresh water  
\$400 860-205-5859

**TROLLING MOTOR**  
electric, 30 lbs, thrust  
\$100 860-205-5859

### Boats

### SOLD

**2014 MAKO, 16ft**  
Center Console, 40HP  
Merc., Jack plate, trolling  
mr, bimini top, galv. trlr,  
only 100 hrs, Excellent!  
\$13,500

**10' Alum John Boat**  
needs TLC, no leaks,  
bottom pops, \$75  
352-341-4306

### SOLD

**'98 LOWE**  
17ft fishing boat  
75HP Evinrude eng.,  
Live wells, am/fm radio,  
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\$6K INVERNESS

**JON BOAT 14'**  
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Project boat, nostal-  
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sale \$7000 obo or  
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**WANTED TO Buy**  
Pontoon Boat  
Deck & Pontoon in  
good cond. Not  
interested in furniture,  
motor nor controls.  
(765) 720-0024

### Recreation Vehicles

**Holiday Rambler**  
2003 ADMIRAL 31 ft.  
20,006 mi/ all New tires,  
EXC. Cond.-books over  
\$15K asking \$11,900  
(352) 503-7872 or  
(207) 215-4625

**NATIONAL**  
2004 SEA BREEZE  
32ft, 2 Slides, V10 Motor  
A Class, 31K miles,  
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**2017 FOREST RIVER**  
TRAVEL TRAILER  
Micro Lite -  
Couples Cabin  
26ft - 1 Slide  
\$22,995 352-795-7820

**2017 HEARTLAND**  
PIONEER- 5th WHEEL  
PI 276 -32R/ 2 Slides,  
Auto Leveling, Rear  
Bunks, \$24,500  
352-634-2247

**2017 Rockwood**  
Ultra-Lite, Travel  
Trailer, 30ft, 2 Slides  
\$28,995  
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### Auto Parts/ Accessories

**TIRE LT275-70R18**  
mounted on  
8 hole lug pattern  
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### Vehicles Wanted

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Pwr everything! \$5995  
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2011 RAM 1500 LONG-  
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1997 Pickup  
Mechanically great,  
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**DODGE**  
1987 RAM 2500  
Only 67K orig. mi.,  
A/C, Manual Trans.,  
Single cab, Long bed  
\$12,500 OBO  
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**FORD**  
1930 Model A  
5 Window Coupe, 76 K  
mi./ EXCELLENT COND.  
\$15,500 352-795-3510

**FORD**  
1977 Ranchero GT  
auto, 351 M/V-8  
104,000 mi., \$7,500  
352-346-1053

### LINCOLN

1956 Premier Custom.  
**ONE FINE RIDE!**  
\$25,000 By appt only  
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**CADILLAC**  
2005 DeVille DTS, Gold,  
low miles,  
exc cond, reduced  
\$5995, 352-228-8013

**DODGE**  
2002 CONVERSION  
VAN 1500 SERIES  
Brand New tires, New  
A/C Compressor, interior  
is black vinyl in excellent  
cond., has TV & game  
system, am/fm radio w/  
cd & cassette, 43K orig.  
miles, one owner, cruise  
control, all glass in good  
shape, does not leak,  
runs & drives LIKE NEW!  
Call for more info. \$12K  
obo (352) 364-6460

**Ford Escape SE**  
2014, one owner, 58K  
mi., excellent cond.  
\$14,000 352-464-1977

### SOLD

**TOYOTA**  
2018 C-HR, auto  
19,692 mi - Like New!  
ALL leather, Excellent!  
\$20,500

**VOLVO 2004 C-70**  
Black Convertible  
Excellent Shape  
\$5,500  
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### Classic Vehicles

**89 MUSTANG**  
CONVERTIBLE 5.0  
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Many Extras! Too  
Much to List. Discs, SS  
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Radical Custom, V8  
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1969 CAMARO - 454  
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MANY upgrades! Call  
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**How to Avoid a Fake Check Scam**

1. NEVER ACCEPT A CHECK FOR MORE THAN YOU ASK.

2. INSIST ON CASH

3. USE ANOTHER FORM OF PAYMENT (SUCH AS WIRE TRANSFER).

4. IF POSSIBLE, GO TO THE BANK WITH THE PERSON PAYING YOU.

5. INFORM THE SELLER, THAT YOU'LL WAIT TWO WEEKS BEFORE SENDING ANY MERCHANDISE

### How to Avoid a Fake Check Scam

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- **Don't accept a check for more than the selling price. You can bet it's a scam.**
- **Inform the Buyer that you'll wait two weeks before sending any merchandise.**
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### Meeting Notices

**1566-0725 SUCRN**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CITRUS COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the CITRUS COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT will hold a special meeting of the Board on **Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 8:00 am** at the District Office, 968 N. Lecanto Hwy, Lecanto, FL 34461. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss aerial operations.

Joe Adams  
Chairman of the Board

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the Citrus County Mosquito Control District, 968 N. Lecanto Hwy, Lecanto, FL 34461, (352) 527-7478 at least two days before the meeting.

Any person who wishes to appeal any decision made by the Board, Agency or Commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

### Bid Notices

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**1565-0725 SUCRN**

**City of Inverness**  
**INVITATION - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
**RFP# DEPOT DISTRICT 2021-01**

The City of Inverness, Florida (City) is seeking responsive proposals from qualified Proposers willing to plan, redesign, renovate and redevelop, lease, manage and operate a facility including but not limited to, restaurant, sundry store and/or entertainment area at the Train Station located in the Depot District at Liberty Park, 300 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450.

The City of Inverness will receive sealed proposals until 2:00 pm, local time, on September 10, 2021 in the City Clerk's Office, located on the 2nd floor of the Inverness Government Center, 212 W. Main Street, Inverness FL 34450. Proposals delivered to any other location will not be accepted under any circumstances. Any uncertainty regarding the time will be resolved against the Proposer. Proposals will not be accepted via fax or email.

At 2:05 pm or shortly thereafter, only the names of the respondents will be read aloud.

A clearly marked original, three (3) copies and (1) digital copy must be sealed and clearly marked "**RFP DEPOT DISTRICT 2021-01 TRAIN STATION RESTAURANT, SUNDRY STORE AND/OR ENTERTAINMENT AREA**" on the exterior of the package submitted.

Request for additional information or clarifications must be made in writing to the City Clerk's Office. Facsimile or e-mail requests are acceptable. Direct questions related to this RFP in writing to Susan Jackson, City Clerk, at cityclerk@inverness.gov. Please include the page and paragraph number for each question to ensure that questions asked are responded to correctly. The City Clerk's office will issue replies to inquiries and additional information or amendments deemed necessary in written addenda, which will be issued prior to the deadline for responding to the Request for Proposal. Questions must be received no later than 4:00 pm, August 27, 2021.

City of Inverness  
City Clerk's Office  
212 W. Main Street  
Inverness, Florida 34450  
cityclerk@inverness.gov  
(352)726-2611

It will be the sole responsibility of the Proposer to contact the City Clerk's Office prior to submitting a response to determine if any addenda have been issued, to obtain such addenda, and to acknowledge addenda with their proposal.

Respondents to this solicitation or person acting on their behalf may not contact, between the release of the solicitation and the end of the 72-hour period following the agency posting the notice of intended award, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and city holidays, any employee or officer of the executive or legislative branch concerning any aspects of this solicitation, except in writing to the Inverness City Clerk or as provided in the solicitation documents. Violation of this provision may be grounds for rejecting a response. Respondents who fail to comply with the required and/or desired elements of the RFP do so at their own risk.

The City of Inverness reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any informalities or irregularities in any proposals received, to re-advertise for proposals, or take any similar actions that may be deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA  
/s/ Eric C. Williams  
City Manager

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2017 Kia Forte LX R0233A.....	<b>\$15,991</b>	2018 Kia Sorento L R0099A.....	<b>\$19,594</b>	2019 Kia Sportage LX RT0469A.....	<b>\$23,991</b>	2021 Kia Sportage EX R0421A.....	<b>\$30,992</b>
2017 Kia Soul Base RT0455A.....	<b>\$15,991</b>	2020 Kia Soul LX R0236A.....	<b>\$19,892</b>	2020 Kia Sportage LX R0368A.....	<b>\$23,991</b>	2018 Kia Stinger Premium R0349A.....	<b>\$32,993</b>
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2021 Kia Rio S R0003A.....	<b>\$18,991</b>	2019 Kia Soul Exclaim RT0446A.....	<b>\$21,494</b>	2019 Kia Optima EX R0312A.....	<b>\$24,991</b>	2019 Kia Sorento EX R0388A.....	<b>\$33,991</b>
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2014 Kia Optima LX R0191B.....	<b>\$5,995</b>	2017 Kia Soul Base R0433A.....	<b>\$16,993</b>	2019 Buick Encore Preferred R0385A.....	<b>\$23,991</b>	2017 Buick Enclave R0367A.....	<b>\$27,993</b>
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2018 Kia Soul Base R0395A.....	<b>\$14,991</b>	2016 Ford F-150 XLT Sport RT0113D.....	<b>\$21,994</b>	2020 Kia Sportage S R0302A.....	<b>\$25,492</b>	2019 Acura TLX 3.5L Tech Pkg R0415A.....	<b>\$38,693</b>
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2017 Kia Sorento LX R0418A.....	<b>\$16,992</b>	2016 Jeep Renegade Latitude 15R1034.....	<b>\$23,491</b>	2018 Kia Sorento EX RT0447B.....	<b>\$26,995</b>	<b>Plus Many More to Choose From</b>	

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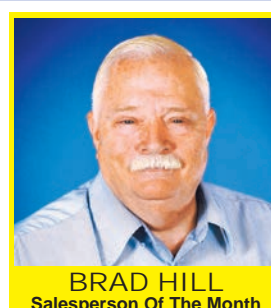
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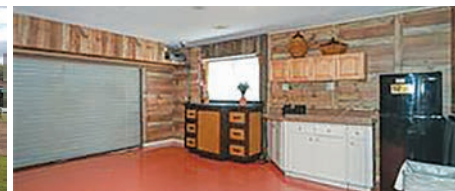
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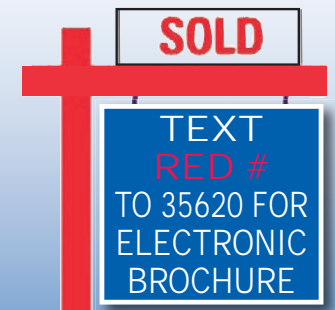
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# Volcanic lava sparks decorative design



Ceramicist Bjarni Sigurdsson has crafted his Volcano Ash Cloud vase collection using ash from Eyjafjallajokull, which erupted in Iceland in 2010.

**KIM COOK**  
*Associated Press*


Mother Earth has been blowing off lots of steam lately — as well as ash and a mess of lava. The volcanic eruptions, and the pumice and other rock they leave in their wake, have inspired some remarkable decorative design.

Scores of volcanoes are spewing now, from Indonesia to Alaska, Italy to Iceland, Russia to Indonesia, according to the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of Natural History.


Historically, artists and craftspeople who live in volcanically active regions have embraced the magnesium- and iron-rich igneous rocks.

"It's a rock that's easily accessible, sitting near to the earth's surface. It's self-generating and exceptionally tough," says design critic and former editor of Wallpaper magazine Laura Houseley. So tough that ancient Romans used it to make concrete for the Pantheon, and to create seawalls.


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# Plan room additions early, exhaustively

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## Ask the BUILDER

In recent weeks I have done quite a few telephone consultation calls. One in particular stood out, and it should be of particular interest to you if you're planning on remodeling a kitchen or building a new home, a large room addition or even a humble outdoor shed.

The young homeowner I spoke with had contracted to build a two-story room addition on the back of his home. It's being built in one of the most expensive suburbs in the country. When he told me the contract cost, it put my head on a swivel: just under a half-million dollars.

While the homeowner had quite a few detailed questions about the soil and foundation aspects of the project, I was wondering more about how much thought had been given to the actual plans for the job. I didn't bring this up, because it was water over the dam. The project was underway and it was too late to make drastic changes to the plans.

Why are the plans you hand to a contractor so important? I can think of quite a few reasons, but this story will drive home the point. In the twilight of my building career, before I switched to being a syndicated columnist and home improvement video producer, I won a contract on a very interesting job. It was a freestanding two-car garage that had a giant man cave on the second floor and a small pool house kitchen and bathroom on the other side of the wall from the parked cars.

The plans were drawn by a respected Cincinnati architect whom the upper class used for their projects. He and I had met 10 years earlier when I had built a custom home he designed. His plans were always pretty good, but they lacked lots of fine points

I'd normally have to pry from the homeowners. This can be a painstaking process for both the homeowner and the builder.

The homeowner called me telling me I had won the contract and asked if I'd come to his house for a pre-construction meeting. Of course I agreed. When I arrived at his home, he invited me into his dining room. On the table were two identical three-ring binders.

"Tim, congratulations on winning the job," he said. "I'm very busy during the week and my work has me traveling internationally. It will be impossible for me to answer questions that might pop up. I took the liberty of creating these binders trying to anticipate your questions. Take a look for yourself."

I opened my binder and was stunned. Not only had he made all the product and finish selections, including all the paint colors, hardware, tile and flooring, but he also had samples of most of these things attached to the pages of the binder. I had never seen anything like it. I was in a daze.

"Tim, what do you think?" he asked. I paused for a moment, collected my thoughts, and replied, "I think this is going to be the smoothest and most profitable job of my career." It turns out I was right. It's important to realize I never had to ask him a question.

The architect had created a well-thought-out plan where the room sizes were correct and the flow was perfect. But the binder was the icing on the cake.

Building is inherently stressful. Decisions made under stress are not always the best. You eventually will have to make all the same decisions as my customer did, so why not make them early in

the job, even before the bidding process? The more details and written specifications you provide in the plans, the clearer your image of the finished project is to the builder. It's really that simple.

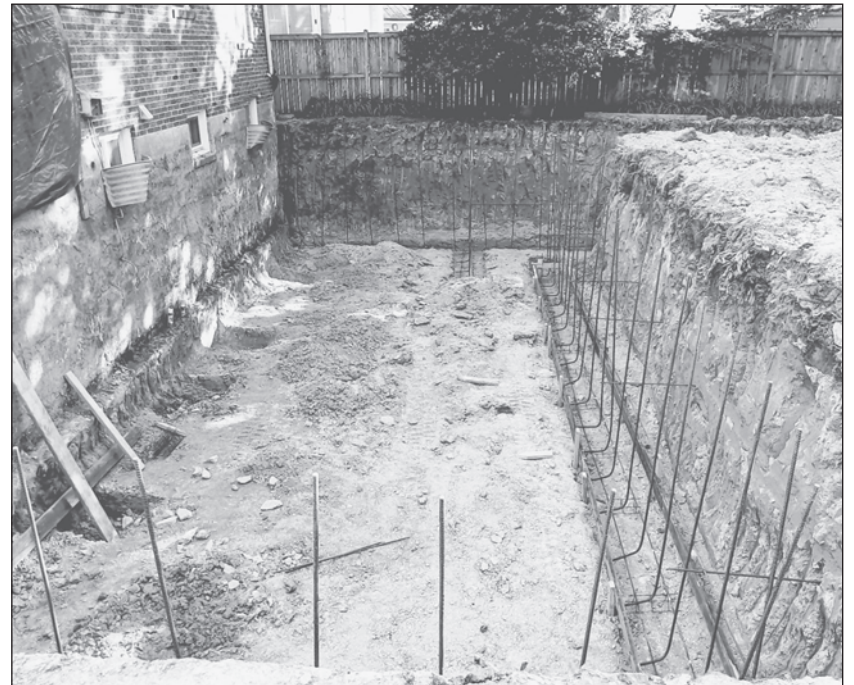
Great plans have one thing in common. The person creating the plan has started from the inside and worked to the outside. In other words, the room sizes are perfect. The exact furniture you want will fit in each room and things won't be cramped. The inner pathways in each room will not be blocked by furniture.

Once you have a fantastic layout, you can always surround it with exterior walls to keep the weather outdoors. All too often people decide on the size of something and then try to force the inner workings to fit.

Use your current house or rooms as the basis for what you plan. You already know what design flaws are in your home. Don't repeat them in your new home, room addition or kitchen. Use graph paper if need be and create scale paper cutouts of the furniture and make sure it all fits. None of this is hard, it just takes some time.

The same is true for simple outdoor sheds. I created a fun video on my lawn one day to show how to build or buy the perfect shed. You can watch this video on AsktheBuilder.com. I got all the things I was going to put in the shed and arranged them on the lawn like I wanted to see them in the shed. I then surrounded the things with some yellow caution tape on the grass to create the outside walls. Guess what? My shed size is perfect! Is yours?

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The hole has been dug for the huge room addition. The footings are to be poured next. Let's hope the plans were perfect.



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# Let's get to the root of the problem

When non-arborists look at trees, they see a trunk and a canopy full of leaves or needles. The tree either appears healthy or it does not. When a tree doesn't look like it is thriving, most people assume it is a disease or insect causing the problem. They look for critters on the leaves or twigs or for signs of disease, such as a fungal conk (mushroom). And sometimes these are the cause of the tree's decline.

However, more often than not, the problem is not visible. There is something going on under the ground that is creating a problem for the roots.

Almost 30% of the biomass of a tree is found below ground. When tree roots are damaged, the tree's ability to absorb water and nutrients is compromised. If large anchoring roots are damaged or destroyed, the tree is more likely to fail in a windstorm or when the soil is saturated from excessive rainfall. So, what can cause problems for the roots?

Tree roots need oxygen to live and grow, just as do the leaves. Tree leaves and roots take in oxygen for respiration to produce sugars from photosynthesis for growth. A healthy soil consists of approximately 50% pore space. These pore spaces are filled with air and water, which the tree roots use for respiration and nutrient uptake. Soil compaction, resulting from nearby sidewalk or driveway construction, vehicle traffic or parking, or even repetitive pedestrian traffic can result

in the loss of pore spaces. Thus, the roots are starved for oxygen and water, resulting in root death.

Impervious surfaces also reduce the ability of roots to obtain sufficient water and oxygen. These surfaces prevent percolation of water into the root area of the trees as

well as prevent oxygen from mixing with the soil, effectively starving the roots in a similar fashion to soil compaction. The addition of soil over the root area of a tree can have the same effect as roots growing at or near the surface are now buried under a foot or more of fill.

The cutting of roots to install a swimming pool, driveway, house footing or irrigation can cause the diminishment of a tree's root system. Tree roots often extend two to three times the height of the tree; the closer the trenching is to a tree, the greater the loss of the root system. If trenching occurs too closely to a tree, large anchor roots can be severed, compromising the tree's ability to stand up in a storm or in saturated soil. If tree roots need to be cut, they should be done cleanly with a chainsaw or sharp pruning saw. Cleanly cut roots will regenerate from the cut. However, roots damaged from heavy equipment, such as an excavator, will not regenerate from the damaged area.

Other factors can also cause root damage. Earlier this year, I was asked by a homeowner to examine a number of sand live oaks that were showing signs of decline and stress. He told me he had had

a lawn service apply weed killer to the lawn. I asked him if he knew what they had applied and he showed me the label. The active ingredient, Imazapyr, caught my attention as it is often used to kill vegetation within a forested setting. I researched the full label and there was language present stating not to apply this product under the canopy of any desirable trees. Unfortunately, this lawn service applied the product throughout the lawn, affecting the root area of several dozen oaks. Other weed control products used by lawn services contain an active ingredient know as MSM, or Metsulfuron methyl, which has been known to kill large oak trees within a matter of several weeks. If you are using a lawn service to treat your lawn for weeds, or if you are buying a product to use yourself, be sure to check the contents for either of these herbicides. I recommend that they be avoided.

A specific type of root damage can sometimes be traced to septic tank cleanout when pressurized air is used. Such was a situation several years ago when I noticed trees declining on one side of the canopy. Trees in one part of the yard were declining on the left side and other trees elsewhere in the yard were declining on the right side. I inquired if a septic tank was located between these trees and learned that the homeowner had recently paid a company to clean out his septic tank using pressurized air. Roots which had encroached into the septic tank were killed resulting in some die-back in the canopy on the septic tank side of the tree.



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# Gardening with native plants



JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

**Coreopsis is the genus of Florida native plants designated as the state's official wildflower. This one is *Coreopsis leavenworthii*, commonly called Leavenworth's Coreopsis or tickseed. Adult butterflies flock to it for nectar. Bees and wasps collect the pollen and gardeners love the bright flowers that bloom on the plant for months at a time.**

Creating a low-maintenance wildflower meadow, butterfly garden or evergreen perennial privacy screen can be simple. Homeowners need only observe and copy nature. Smart gardeners use native plants that evolved in local soils, weather, cold and heat zones. Weather and climate dictate what can be grown. Local native plants coexist with insect and animal life that occurred naturally before humans downgraded habitats.

The Southeastern Coastal Plain covers the lowlands from the Carolinas, south through Georgia and Florida and west across southern Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Coastal Texas. No part of Florida is within tropical latitudes; however, South Florida and the Keys are warmed by the Gulf Stream current close offshore so are tropical-like in cold hardiness zone 11 with no frost. As far north as Lake Okeechobee, South Florida and beside the Gulf and Atlantic Coasts can be sub-tropical in cold zone 10, where frost is rare.



Jane Weber

## JANE'S GARDEN

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# Expert in antique tools could help reader determine values

**Dear John:** My neighbor referred you and thought maybe you could offer advice on my problem. I tried contacting various auction houses, appraisers, etc. to no avail. I want to sell the house, but must empty the buildings. My late husband collected tools and lathes. I do not know where to turn. Do you have any advice? I would appreciate any help you might offer. Thanks.

— S.R., internet

**Dear S.R.:** I am not sure, but it looks like you have a Holtzapffel lathe. They were used for fancy wood turnings. Since you are interested in selling the lathes and tools, it would be best to contact

a specialist. I suggest you contact Martin J. Donnelly Auctions. He has authored books on antique tools and his auction company specializes in antique tools of all kinds. They are the world's largest auctioneers of antique tools. The website is [www.mjdttools.com](http://www.mjdttools.com). Good luck and let us know how things work out.

**Dear John:** My mother gave me a set of china she originally bought in 1952. It serves 12 and includes platters, covered and uncovered serving bowls, a gravy boat and cream and sugar bowls. We always used it during the holidays and for special occasions, now I am downsizing and would

like to sell it if possible. On the bottom it is stamped Noritake China Japan with the number 5288. That is all the information I have. I do not know the pattern. I would appreciate it if you could tell something about it and where I might sell it. — P.D., internet

**Dear P.D.:** I will assume there is no family interest in your Noritake China set. There is no specific collector value in your set. The value is established in the pattern replacement market. I suggest you contact Replacements Ltd. in Greensboro, North Carolina. The phone number is 1-800-REPLACE (1-800-737-5223). The dollar value is likely low.

**Dear John:** I am interested in finding out about a very old violin. It has been in my family for over 100 years, but to my knowledge no one has ever played it.

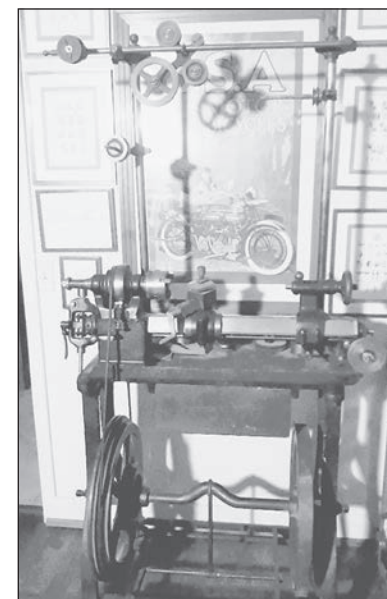
On the inside it has a very old and decaying label that says Stradivarius. Could it be a real Stradivarius? How do I go about researching it? I enjoy your column very much and look forward to what you can tell me. — E.M., internet

**Dear E.M.:** Thank you for the kind words. Reproductions have been made of Stradivarius violins for over 100 years. They were a stock item in the Sears & Roebuck catalog. Value today, if any, is based on the overall quality and sound of the individual instrument. The best thing to do is have a stringed instrument shop give you an opinion on how well it plays.

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Special to the Chronicle

**This appears to be a Holtzapffel lathe. An expert in antiques tools could likely say more about it.**

# ROOT

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So, how can a homeowner tell if root damage is present? Usually, the canopy of a tree will begin to die back from the tips on the side of the tree where root damage has occurred, as described in the above paragraph. For example, if a new driveway is installed near a tree on one side, the canopy of the tree may begin to show tip dieback on that side. However, dieback may not occur for several months or longer. This is particularly true on a construction site where tree decline may not manifest itself for one to three years after the fact. By then, the contractors are long gone, and a cause-effect relationship is not on people's minds at that point.

How far away should one stay to avoid tree decline when working within the root area of a tree? One "rule of thumb" is one foot from the trunk for every inch of diameter. In other words, a twelve-inch diameter tree would require that any work within the root area be at least 12 feet away from the trunk. Although some root damage will occur (remember the two to three times the height), most larger roots will be avoided.

If you are unsure if your activity will have an adverse effect on a tree, consult a certified arborist. He or she may be able to provide you with the expertise to avoid serious damage or provide an alternative to minimize the damage.

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# Home construction jumps 6.3% in June

*Associated Press*

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Home construction in the U.S. jumped 6.3% in June, another big swing in a volatile year.

The rise in June put home construction at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.64 million units, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday.

Home construction starts rose 12.6% in the West and 9.7% in the South, offsetting high single-digit declines in the Northeast and Midwest.

Applications for building permits, which are used to forecast future activity, declined 5.1% in June to a seasonally adjusted rate of 1.59 million units. Applications for permits declined in all

four regions. Those declines could validate some economists' predictions that the surge in home building and sales over the past year may begin to slow, especially for single-family homes.

Supply chain problems caused by the coronavirus pandemic have hamstrung builders, who have faced material shortages and inflated prices for lumber, though the latter has moderated somewhat, at least at the wholesale level.

Month-to-month, home-building activity has been on a wild ride so far this year, with several double-digit swings in either direction. But housing remains one of the stronger segments of the economy, with buyers far outnumbering sellers.



Lumber is piled at a housing construction site in Middleton, Mass.

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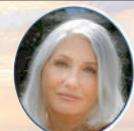


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# Ways to achieve a fuller lawn

**Dear Gardener Gal:** I have a large backyard that really is more of a pasture. It is mostly Bahia grass and that is fine with me. I want it to be thicker and want to know if I can go the cheap route and just let the grass

grow its own seeds and re-seed itself. About how long will it take for the seeds to mature and fall? — *June in Inverness*

**Dear June:** I applaud your thriftiness. I too have been known to squeeze every drop out of my gardening budget. However, your plan has a couple of downsides you should consider first.

In theory, your plan will work. Bahia is a plant. The plant makes flowers. The flowers make seeds. Seeds make more grass. The tricky part is an effort vs. gain math problem. Here's what I mean.

In order for your grass to have mature seed heads, you will have to resist mowing for far longer than you are probably used to. Translation: That backyard area is going to look like crap. Do you have neighbors who will complain? Do you mind if local wildlife (that includes snakes) moves in?

Even if the answer to both questions is a resounding "no," do you have a super-heavy-duty mower that can cut through after not being mowed for over a month? Let's say your neighbor has a pull-behind mower on their tractor and he owes you a favor. Most of the ripe seed you have waited for will be buried under all the grass cuttings. The cuttings, if not raked, may also be detrimental to the grass you do have, if thick enough and left in place.

Under ideal conditions, little Bahia babies need direct soil contact. This is usually achieved by sowing the seed on bare ground and raking it in, or going over it with a roller. Even with purchased seeds that have been scarified (hull of seed is roughed up to speed and improve germination) not all will make it to adult plant stage.

The bottom line is: If you are serious about thickening up this grassy area, MORE mowing during the summer is the better cheap way to go.

Mow high (4 inches) and often enough to keep it that height. You will

be building a strong root system and allowing the stolons of the Bahia to spread through the soil. Mowing will help control the breakthrough weeds as well. You can also fertilize to speed things up, but remember, cheapskate,

every mowing where the clippings are left down adds nutrients to your soil. By the end of summer all that mowing will be equivalent to one application of fertilizer. Cool, huh?

Still want seeds? From one cheapskate to another: I'd buy 'em and follow the University of Florida's directions for overseeding your yard.

The math is just better.

**Dear Readers:** Before I introduce the "Favorite Garden Spot," I want to

thank all my duck-watching readers who wrote me to report their sightings. I love that you took the time to respond, and all your sightings were forwarded to last column's bird watcher. You are the best!

Additional request: I am hoping many more of you will write and share your favorite garden spots and also tell me all about it. I still have a couple of yards I'm looking forward to visiting, but I'm getting low on inventory. Please share! I love seeing your special garden spots and I know my other readers are enjoying them as well.

This time our "Favorite Garden Spot" is sort of a gift collection garden.

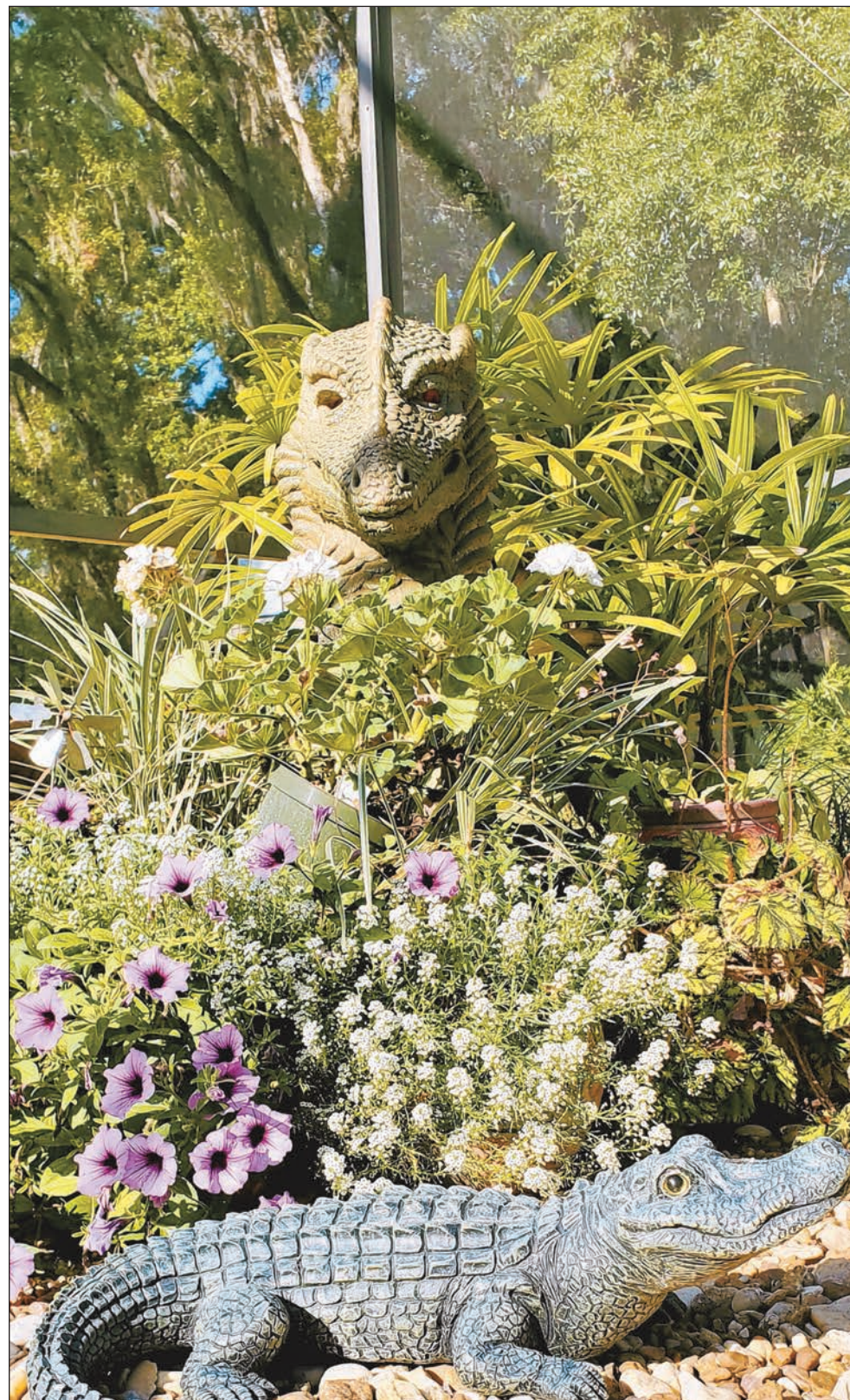
**Dear Garden Gal:** I don't know if this is the kind of place in the garden you want to hear about, but here goes.

My husband and I host lots of parties and gatherings at our ranch. I have lots of gardens, but thought I'd share this collection of gifts that visitors have given me. I'm given lots of plants, but also birds, bunnies and even a dragon (his eyes light up at night!) to add to my displays. I remember each and every person who added to my collection and they sure have added to the happy feeling around my pool.

Thanks for letting me share — *Jody "Gardener Gal" Leslie Derrenbacker is a Master Gardener and native Floridian. Send your questions to askgardenergal@gmail.com.*



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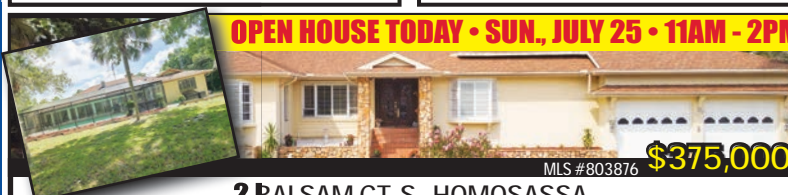
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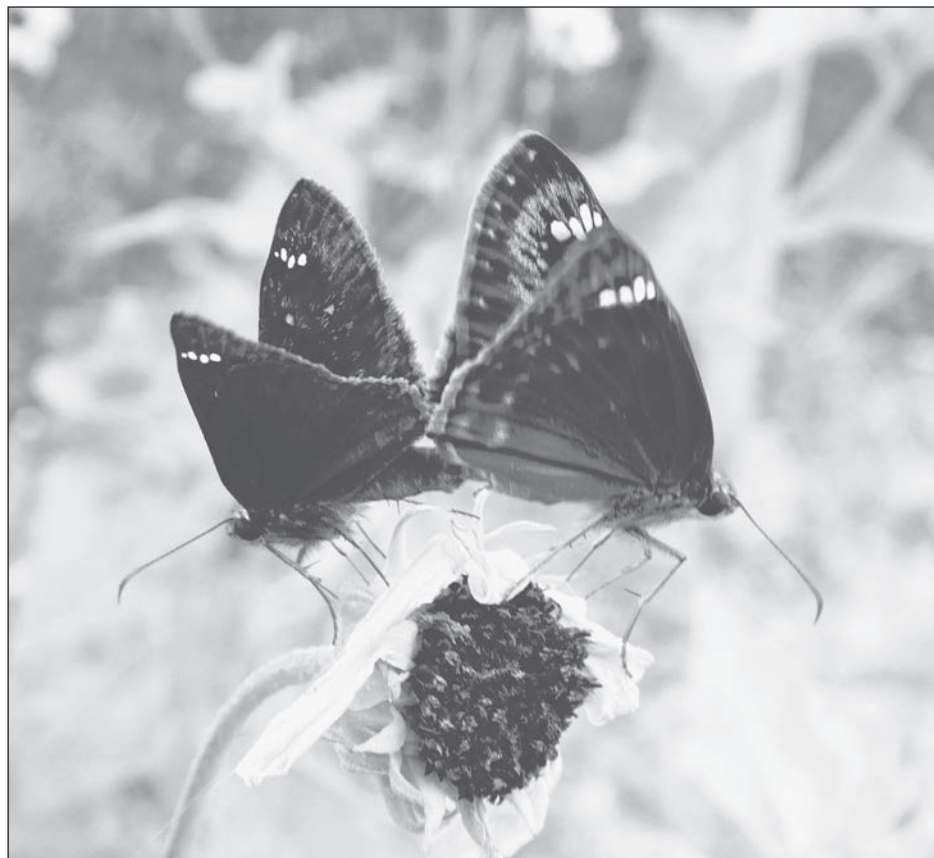
# JANE

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Southern Central Florida has a mild temperate climate in cold zone 9 with a few frosts and an occasional freeze. Inland, north of the Withlacoochee River dividing Citrus County from Marion and Levy counties and north-east to just west of Jacksonville, North Central Florida is in cold zone 8b with about 10-15 frosty mornings and a couple of longer, hard freezes. Farther north and away from moderating coastal waters, winters get colder and longer. West Florida, in the hilly pine forests north of the coast lowlands is zone 8a, 5 degrees Fahrenheit colder than 8b along the Panhandle's Gulf Coast.

Although California has similar cold zones to Florida, it has rainy winters and dry summers. Summer is Florida's rainy season, with about 40-50% of its annual rain in four months from June to the end of September. Citrus and the west half of Marion County average 52 to 56 inches of rain annually. Levy, Dixie and Taylor get up to 60 inches annually. Eastern Marion in zone 9a gets 48 to 52 inches of annual rainfall. Visit Florida Climate Center (fsu.edu) and click on the nearest city to learn the 30-year average temperature and rainfall near your home.

Wildflowers attract butterflies, bees, wasps, hummingbirds and other pollinators with sweet, nutrient filled nectar and nutritious pollen. Plant native flowers and these animals will come to a garden. To get butterflies to stay, gardeners must plant specific host plants for each butterfly caterpillar species. For example, if Frogfruit, *Phyla nodiflora*, is planted as a ground cover mixed in with



JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

**A pair of mating Duskywing butterflies perch on a faded Dune Sunflower that is loaded with ripening seeds. There are seven Duskywing butterflies that breed in Florida. Jane thinks these may be the Horace's Duskywing, which is common in Oak woodlands and scrubs where females lay eggs on various oak tree leaves, particularly Sand Live Oak, Turkey Oak, Scrub Oak, Laurel Oak, Myrtle Oak and Live Oak.**

turfgrass, then White peacock, Common Buckeye and Phaon Crescent butterflies will lay their eggs on it. Small butterflies sip nectar from tiny Frogfruit flowers.

Many small butterfly caterpillars feed on grasses. Others dine on tree, shrub, or vine leaves and flowers. Sugarberry and Hackberry trees feed Hackberry Emperor, American Snout, Question Mark and Tawny Emperor caterpillars. Passionvines feed Zebra Longwing, Gulf Fritillary and Variegated Fritillary caterpillars. Giant Swallowtail caterpillars feed only on citrus trees — mainly Hercules club tree leaves in my garden. Zebra Swallowtail caterpillars only eat Asimina pawpaws. Caterpillars browse for 10 to 14 days then pupate to become an adult. Pupae may

overwinter in leaf litter or underground. Host plants soon grow new leaves to replace devoured ones with no long-term damage.

Companion, self-seeding, low-growing native wildflowers that can be planted in a mowable greenspace include Frogfruit, Pink Portulaca, *Portulaca pilosa*; yellow Creeping Oxalis, *Oxalis corniculata* and Sunshine Mimosa, *Mimosa strigilosa*. Little Yellow Sulphur butterfly caterpillars feed on Sunshine Mimosa.

In a seasonally mowed or burned meadow, use taller native wildflowers like Beach or Dune Sunflower, *Helianthus debilis*; Red Salvia, *Salvia coccinea*; Lyreleaf salvia, *Salvia lyrata*; Liatris Blazing star, *Liatris* species; Florida paintbrush, *Carpheperous corymbosus*; Carolina

Ruellia, *Ruellia carolinensis*; and Goldenrod, *Solidago* species, among others.

Growing a privacy screen of native evergreen shrubs and trees feeds specific caterpillars. Plants provide cover from predators; nest sites for birds, squirrels, and other wildlife; and flowers, nectar, pollen, fruit and seed for food. Not only will gardeners gain privacy on a crowded planet, but also help restore the biodiversity of plants and animals, decrease pollution and dust, increase oxygen emitted by plants and store carbon in trees, plants, roots and the soil.

Jane Weber is a professional gardener and consultant. Semi-retired, she grows thousands of native plants. Contact her at [jweber12385@gmail.com](mailto:jweber12385@gmail.com) or phone 352-249-6899.



**Nature is never a monoculture. Plants coexist in every habitat and are interdependent in the web of life on Earth. Here Florida native, self-seeding annual Pink Portulaca grows on a grassy roadside. It stores water in its fleshy leaves for browsing animals and provides nectar and pollen. Besides delighting wildflower admirers, a mixture of native plants adapted to local conditions, soil and climate emit oxygen and take in carbon dioxide to help reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide. Every plant helps.**

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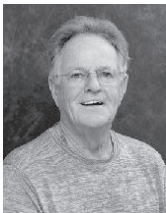
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# LAVA

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You might not have the opportunity to see a current lava show, but there's a lot of great volcano-related stuff for the arm-chair volcanologist.

The Icelandic store Grapevine has eye-catching casual wear, cups, posters and laptop sleeves printed with images of the Fagradalsfjall volcano, taken by photographer Art Bicnick. An overhead photo of the volcano, taken in March shortly after it began to erupt will bring Mordor to mind for "The Lord of the Rings" fans.

On Etsy, Magdalena Donahue of the New Mexico-based studio FactsFiguresDesigns characterizes her offerings as "wearable Earth." The clothing and accessories are printed with imagery inspired by open-source scientific data like topographic maps, seismic readings, magnetic fields, mineral patterns and lava flows.

Agusta Arnardottir of the Reykjavik- and London-based studio Vikur crafts modern minimalist jewelry out of silver, gold and small pieces of pumice (vikur is the Icelandic word for pumice) from the base of Hekla, one of the island's recurrent volcanoes. There's a photo on the studio's Instagram page of Arnardottir clambering over Hekla's debris field, bags of pebbles in hand.

Gjoska, a design firm and shop in the Icelandic countryside, offers a beautiful sweater with a background of basalt-hued gray and a fiery orange and red sliver tumbling down the front. They've got hats and other garments with the design, too.

Los Angeles-based architect Gulla Jonsdottir



Vikur/Agusta Arnardottir

**Vikur Studio, founded by artist Agusta Arnarsdottir, offers modern jewelry crafted from pumice found on lava fields around Iceland.**

has designed a collection of furniture inspired by the landscape of her Icelandic homeland.

Her Volca table is a solid rectangle of alabaster, with a fissure of rose gold transecting the surface. A bar stool perches on polished rose gold legs, the leather seat enveloped in oil-rubbed bronze that's been carved to look like the silhouette of molten rock. The Lava table perches a fold of bronze on a raw-edged chunk of marble, as if the molten rock had seized and

stopped in mid flow.

Signature Hardware offers a couple of elegant vessel sinks suitable for bath or powder rooms. Both the round Loa and square Mauna are carved of a single piece of andesite, a type of volcanic rock found in areas of Asia, the Caribbean, Central America and the Pacific Northwest.

CB2's set of Loa drink coasters, and their Hilo tray, are crafted of Indonesian lava stone. The tray has a checkered pattern achieved through melding

the stone with resin. Also at CB2, a striking piece of wall art carved from Philippine volcanic ash; Athena's angular folds and creases make it look like origami.

London architectural products studio Dzek spent three years working on a volcanic ash-glazed porcelain tile. They've called the collection ExCinere, a play on the Latin term ex cinere, meaning "from ash." Available in two sizes, the earthy, richly textured tiles come in four volcanic glazes ranging

from light caramel to dark chocolate.

Artisans in Tecali, Mexico, have been carving volcanic stone into building facades and objects for generations. Online shop Maison Numen carries hand-carved molcajete, or mortar and pestle, and a platter that would be a nice piece for entertaining.

If you're interested in collectibles, sites like Etsy.com have some great examples of midcentury ceramics made by Iceland's Glit Pottery. The

studio, founded in the 1950s, was known for incorporating pumice, lava rock and ash into their glazes, creating an unusual juxtaposition between the polished, colorful ceramics and the natural volcanic material.

Former banker-turned-ceramicist Bjarni Sigurdsson uses a similar technique in his work; for his Ash Cloud vase collection, he added cinders from the 2010 eruption of Eyjafjallajökull to the finishing glaze.



Associated Press

An advertising sign for building land stands in front of a new home construction site in Northbrook, Ill.

## US mortgage rate dips for 4th week

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Mortgage rates fell for the fourth straight week, undercut by worries that the surging delta coronavirus variant and the worsening pandemic in hotspots around the world could derail what has been a strong economic recovery.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac reported Thursday that the average for the 30-year home loan dipped to 2.78% from 2.88% last week, down from its peak this year of 3.18% in April. The key rate stood at 3.01% a year ago.

The rate for a 15-year loan, a popular option among homeowners refinancing their mortgages, declined to 2.12% from 2.22% last week.

The concern over the pandemic's potential effects on the recovery spurred a rout in global markets on Monday, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average falling 2.1%. Stocks of companies that would be hurt the most by potential COVID-19 restrictions sustained some

of the heaviest losses. Financial markets have been showing signs of increased concern for a while, but the U.S. stock market had remained largely resilient.

Many would-be homebuyers haven't been able to take advantage of the ultra-low mortgage rates because of the tight supply of homes for sale and high prices. The National Association of Realtors reported Thursday that sales of previously occupied homes rose in June, snapping a four-month losing streak, while strong demand for higher-end properties and low home-loan rates helped push prices to new highs.

The government reported Thursday that the number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits rose last week from the lowest point of the pandemic, even as the strength of a reopened economy. Jobless claims increased to 419,000, the most in two months, from 368,000 the previous week.

### Coldwell Banker recognizes Gitta Barth

Coldwell Banker Investors Realty is

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## Real Estate DIGEST

affiliate of the Coldwell Banker system for over 35 years, and has been in Citrus County real estate since 1979.

### Top Performance welcomes new agent

**Top Performance Real Estate Consultants** is proud to announce that **Stevie Smith** has joined our company.

Stevie is a Citrus County native. She was born in Inverness and raised in Homosassa. She has a passion for travel and loves to experience new places, so she has lived in quite a few other states throughout her life. However, she believes there is nowhere else in the country that is quite like Citrus County.

She decided to start a career in real

estate career with the mindset that buying or selling your home should be an exciting journey, not a task.

She enjoys assisting others through her knowledge of real estate, diligence, and accountability. In her free time, she enjoys spending it outside. She enjoys traveling, hiking, boating, kayaking, gardening or simply relaxing in her pool.

You can reach Stevie via text or call at 352-586-2577, or email her at [stevie.sells@citrus.com](mailto:stevie.sells@citrus.com).



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	LAUREL RIDGE	CRYSTAL RIVER
<p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">3256 W. ELM BLOSSOM ST.</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">181 W. REXFORD DR. 3/2/2 802868 <b>\$399,900</b></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">3214 N. QUARTERHORSE TER. 2/1.5 802264 <b>\$97,900</b></p>

CITRUS SPRINGS LOTS	COMMERCIAL/HWY 41
6767 N. ELKCAM BLVD. .23 ACRE, 802236.....	51 E. CITRUS SPRINGS BLVD. 2.73 ACRES, 795215.....
7155 N. CRICKET DR. .23 ACRE, 801316.....	<b>\$12,000</b>
1896 W. CARY DR. .33 ACRE, 801340.....	<b>\$12,500</b>
3149 W. FAIRBANK DR. .23 ACRE, 803021.....	<b>\$12,500</b>
7848 N. IBSEN DR. .33 ACRE, 803023.....	<b>\$13,000</b>
11863 N. MONICA DR. .23 ACRE, 777664.....	<b>\$13,000</b>
8254 N. KROUSE WAY .23 ACRE, 803349.....	<b>\$13,500</b>
2819 W. EDISON PL. .45 ACRE, DOUBLE LOT, 803022.....	<b>\$19,900</b>
9208 N. PEACHTREE WAY .23 ACRE, 802589.....	<b>\$26,000</b>
10100 N. OCEAN DR. .25 ACRE, 802817.....	<b>\$27,500</b>
	<b>\$28,000</b>

HERNANDO LOTS	LAUREL RIDGE LOTS
2656 N. LEESBURG AVE. 4.86 ACRES, 800783.....	169 W. CLIFTON PL. .22 ACRE, 799917.....
<b>\$154,900</b>	<b>\$24,000</b>
	593 W. PLAYER PATH
	.14 ACRE, GOLF COURSE, 787880.....
	<b>\$24,900</b>
	<b>PINE RIDGE LOTS</b>
	5818 N. HAZELWOOD DR. 1.00 ACRES, 803854.....
	<b>\$55,000</b>
	3070 W. BRAZILNUT RD. 1.03 ACRES, 799519.....
	<b>\$59,900</b>
	4378 N. SHAWNEE DR. 1.54 ACRES, 803850.....
	<b>\$65,000</b>
	3076 N. STIRRUP DR. 3.01 ACRES 801440.....
	<b>\$125,000</b>

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### COMMERCIAL MEDICAL BUILDING



**310 S. LINE AVE., INVERNESS**

Here is a prime commercial medical office with 1,840 sq. ft., 2 doctor offices, 2 bathrooms, 6 exam rooms, a large lobby, a reception area, and a block from Citrus Memorial Hospital.

MLS #801856 \$175,000

Call Jim Morton 352-726-6668 or 352-422-2173 to schedule your showing appointment!

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**376 S. CROFT AVE., INVERNESS**

Look at this 17.09-acre of industrial zoned vacant property in a prime location, backs up to Citrus Center Plaza, and is within minutes from Corporate Owned businesses like Lowes, Olive Gardens, Walmart Super Center, and many more. This property also has public water and 11 acres is fenced.

MLS #801360 \$675,000

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### NEW LISTINGS

#### 2021 NEWLY BUILT HOMES

3/2/2, 1,617 sq. ft. living,  
stainless steel appliances, vinyl plank floors/carpet

**12189 S. BRIERWOOD POINT, FLORAL CITY**  
Oak Forest - MLS #803897 \$279,900

**12200 S. ASTER POINT, FLORAL CITY**  
Oak Forest - MLS #803891 \$279,900

**5252 E. CLAYRE LANE, INVERNESS**  
Inverness Highlands West - MLS #803888 \$264,900

**5106 E. WALTER LANE, INVERNESS**  
Inverness Highlands West - MLS #803870 \$264,900

Call Chelsea Adams 352-201-8715 for additional information on these homes today!



PRICE REDUCTION

**3705 E. NUGGET LANE, INVERNESS**

Check out this 2/1/1 carport mobile home located in the Golden Terrace Est. Subdivision and is within minutes from historic downtown Inverness and enjoy all the indoor/outdoor amenities it has to offer.

MLS #803465 \$68,900

Call Luke Whitehurst 352-476-5578 to schedule your private showing today!

### APPOINTMENT ONLY



BACK ON THE MARKET

**11467 E. TRAILS END RD., FLORAL CITY**

Check out this 3/2/4 detached garage/workshop, 1 carport home nestled on a 1.01 acre lot, and has been newly updated. Enjoy your patio with a firepit, fully fenced property, and a huge screened-in porch for entertaining.

MLS #801002 \$299,900

Call Pat Davis 352-212-7280 and schedule your showing appointment today!

### BLACK DIAMOND



NEW LISTING

**3915 N. GRAYHAWK LP., LECANTO**

Spacious and elegant is this 3,950 sq. ft. estate home 4/4/3 with office and plenty of storage, 3 car garage. Designer details and fireplace in family room. Lanai area with pool, summer kitchen, and golf course view. Available for occupancy September '21

\$775,000

Call Linda Thomas 352-464-4881 or Kerry Rossettel 352-697-5487 today.



BACK ON THE MARKET

UNDER CONTRACT

**3750 E. FOXWOOD LANE INVERNESS**

Take a look at this 3/2/2 Pool home nestled on a .34-acre lot located in the Foxwood Subdivision. This home has a split floor plan, wood-burning fireplace, and enjoy swimming in your nice screened-in pool lanai for entertaining family or friends or just relaxation time.

MLS #802702 \$242,900

Call Rena Cooper 352-428-7222 to schedule your showing appointment today!



PRICE REDUCTION

**31 N. PIZARRO POINT, LECANTO**

Now offering this 2/2/2 home located on a cul-de-sac in the Crystal Oaks Subdivision with an optional social membership to grant you access to the pool, club facilities, and all the other amenities they have to offer.

MLS #800758 \$205,000

Call Elias Kirallah 352-726-6668 to schedule your viewing appointment today!

### COMMERCIAL VACANT LAND



PRICE REDUCTION

**8090/8112 MISTFLOWER PL., HOMOSSASSA**  
(3) lots for a total of 2.61 acres zoned GNC commercial with 125 ft. of direct frontage on Homosassa Trail and just minutes from the Suncoast Parkway.

MLS #798483 \$85,000

Call Skyler Hastings 352-422-6096 for more property information.

### PINE RIDGE HOMESITE



PRICE REDUCTION

**5461 PINE RIDGE BOULEVARD**

Beautiful 1 acre "wooded" homesite is "a stones throw" to the horse trails and horse stables.

MLS #800663 \$49,999

Call Linda Thomas 352-464-4881 today.



**5380 S. STONEBRIDGE**

Located in Stoneridge Landings. Come take a look at this spacious 2/2 in a 55+ gated community. It has a large sun room and has screened in the front porch. Carport and 2 sheds. Plus, amenities, clubhouse, fitness center, pool, horseshoes, Bocci Ball, and shuffleboard court. Bingo, library & many other activities. RV & boat storage. Now this is Florida living. Low lot rent.

\$58,000

Please call Joan Donnelly 352-553-3791 for showing.



BACK ON THE MARKET

**1565 S. DELL PT.**

Updated, clean, well maintained, and furnished 3/2 mobile home in Homosassa. Has two living areas, split plan, inside laundry, over 600 SF garage, and the electric/plumbing have been updated.

MLS #802827 \$145,000

Call Stefan Stuart 352-212-0211 today!

### VACANT LAND



PRICE REDUCTION

**31 REBECCA COURT, HOMOSSASSA**

Build your dream home on this .27-acre lot on a cul-de-sac located in the Sugarmill Woods-Cypress Village Community.

MLS #801312 \$30,000

Call Christopher Carter 382-287-9298 for additional property information.



NEW LISTING

**594 S. WOLFE PT.**

Great, quiet location for this 3BR/1.5BA home that sits on 2.42 acres. This home is a mobile that has been enlarged by additions. 2 large living rooms, big kitchen with custom wood cabinets, and 2nd bath has the plumbing for a tub or shower. Home has some updating, with new thermal double pane windows, French doors, A/C 2 years, and roof 6 years new.

MLS #803821 \$169,900

Call Jeanne Pickrel 352-212-3410 for a showing.



NEW LISTING

**10262 E. PIKE DRIVE INVERNESS**

Check out this 3/2/1 detached carport, 80 ft. of waterfront with seawall, fully furnished doublewide mobile home located in the East Cove Subdivision. It has a large screened back porch, boat dock, and boat slip with lift.

MLS #803673 \$189,900

Call Kate Von Staden 352-464-2787 to schedule your showing appointment today!



NEW LISTING

PENDING IN 1 DAY

**2737 N. CANTERBURY LAKE DR. HERNANDO**

Look at this 3/2/2 MOVE-IN-READY screen-enclosed pool/lanai with an outdoor kitchen home that is located in the Citrus Hills-Canterbury Lake Estates. It has been upgraded and updated throughout and even has a Jenn Air grill for afternoon/weekend barbecues.

MLS #803736 \$285,000

Call Ryan Hazelton 352-445-7693 to schedule your private showing today!

### NEW LISTINGS

#### VACANT SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL LOTS

**INVERNESS HIGHLANDS SOUTH SUBDIVISION**  
Both lots are within minutes from historic downtown Inverness, 42-mile Rails-to-Trails bike path, hiking, boating, fishing, horse riding, and hunting.

**3882 S. FERNPARK TER., INVERNESS**

.22-acre lot, zoned MDRM  
MLS #803658 \$10,000

**6690 E. HOLLY ST., INVERNESS**

.22-acre lot, Zoned MDR  
MLS #803735 \$9,250

Call Deanna Hance 352-502-2048 for additional property information today!

### VACANT LOT



NEW LISTING

**8977 N. FARRINGTON DR., CITRUS SPRINGS**

Build your dream home on this .50-acre lot ready to build with water and power already available. Close to the community center, golf course, shopping, Crystal River, Withlacoochee River, Lake Rousseau, and so much more.

MLS #803754 \$24,750

Call Nick Kleffis 352-270-1032 for additional property information today!





# PEANUTS

featuring  
"Good ol' Charlie Brown"

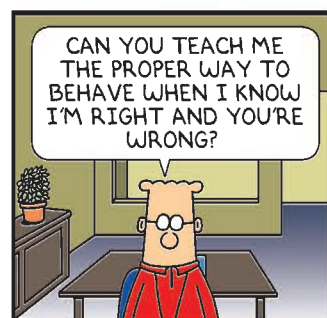
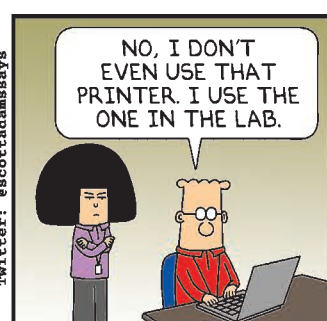
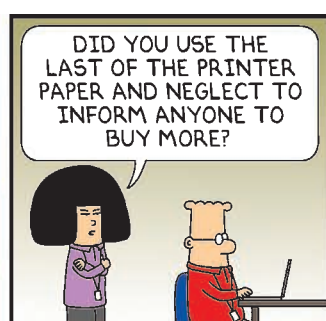
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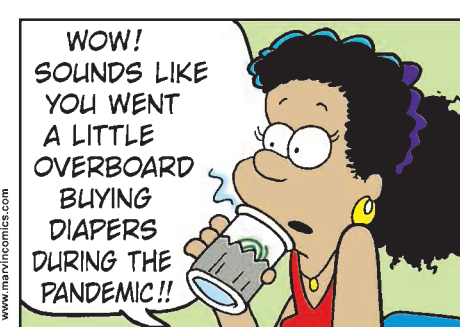
# DILBERT

by SCOTT ADAMS  
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# MARVIN and STAFF

by TOM ARMSTRONG



# Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

Wanda Weasel says that while she was watching the sun rise, Dora Duck tried to sneak up behind her and steal a basket off her blanket. Wanda says she was alerted to the duck's shadow when Dora's shadow fell over her. The angry duck insists she didn't sneak up behind Wanda and never tried to steal her basket. Why does Slylock Fox believe Dora Duck?

Solution - Because of the sun's position, Dora's shadow would fall forward toward Wanda.

HOW TO DRAW a goat

Bob Weber Jr. and GR 7-25

YOUR DRAWING Today's terrific artist is Hazel, age 8

The scrambled words are things found at the beach. How many can you unscramble?

- 1) ESWVA
- 2) NSDA
- 3) LSEHLS
- 4) RMSIWMSE

Submit your black-and-white drawing to [www.slylockfox.com](http://www.slylockfox.com)

Answer - 1) Waves (2) Sand (3) Shells (4) Swimmers

Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer - Sun, pig, sunglasses, puddle, sign and ice cream cone.

For more Spot Six Differences, Slylock Fox and other puzzles and comics go to [www.slylockfox.com](http://www.slylockfox.com)

# Sunday Puzzle Fun

## JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

SFLSIO  
O O O O O O

RCEENO  
O O O O O O

LOOFWL  
O O O O O O

BPUART  
O O O O O O

IROOEL  
O O O O O O

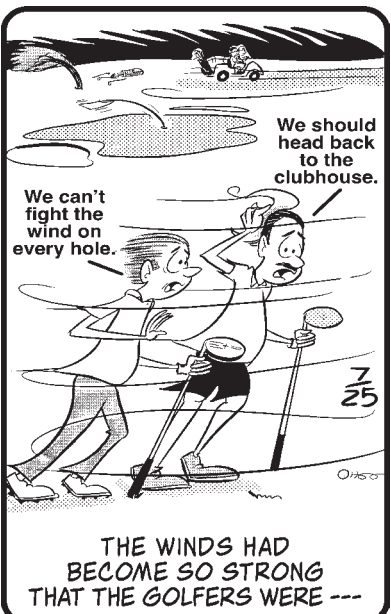
SOMATC  
O O O O O O

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PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

O O O O O O    O O O O O O    O O O O O O



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

Level 1 2 3 4

		5	3		
7		6	9	1	2
			7		6
	3	1		6	
8		7	3		2
	6		2	1	
3		9			
	5	2	7	6	9
		8	3		

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

5	7	6	3	4	8	2	9	1
9	8	1	2	7	6	3	4	5
2	4	3	1	9	5	6	7	8
1	5	7	4	3	9	8	6	2
4	6	9	5	8	2	7	1	3
8	3	2	6	1	7	4	5	9
7	1	5	8	6	3	9	2	4
3	9	4	7	2	1	5	8	6
6	2	8	9	5	4	1	3	7

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## ANDY CAPP

by Smythe

## Prince Valiant

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

JUMBLE

Answer:

FOSSIL FOLLOW ORIOLE  
ENCORE ABRUPT MASCOT  
BLOWN OFF  
COURSE

—  
The winds had become so strong that the golfers were ---

**BARNEY GOOGLE and SHERIFF TAIT**  
BY JOHN ROSE

I HIT TH' JACKPOT, MAW !! AT TH' POKER GAME ?!

NO, AT TH' HENHOUSES !!

I THINK SHERIFF TAIT KNOWS I STOLE THESE CHICKENS, MAW !! QUICK--HALP ME HIDE 'EM !!

STOLEN CHICKENS ?! NOPE, IT WUZ'N'T ME, SHERIFF !!

WELL, THEN SOMEONE MUST'A KEPT THAT CAMPAIGN PROMISE TO YA !!

'CUZ IT LOOKS T'ME LIKE Y'ALL GOT A CHICKEN IN EV'RY POT !!

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**Mort Walker's beetle bailey**

HEY, DO YOU WANT A CUP OF COFFEE? SURE, THANKS

WHY ARE YOU TAKING SO MANY BREAKS ?

IT'S GOOD TO BALANCE WORK TIME WITH BREAK TIME

SO FAR, BREAK TIME IS 35 MINUTES AND WORK TIME IS 5 MINUTES!

LIKE I SAID, 'BALANCE'

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**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**  
By **BIL KEANE**

HEY! LOOK AT THIS!

AN OLD, ABANDONED ONE-ROOM SCHOOL-HOUSE!

WONDER WHAT EVER BECAME OF THE POOR LITTLE KIDS WHO HAD TO GO TO SCHOOL THERE.

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JEFF AND BIL KEANE

**blitz**  
by Lincoln Peirce

WILL SCOUT FOR CASH

WE'LL NEVER MAKE OUR GOAL AT THIS RATE. I'M SO TIRED OF GOING DOOR-TO-DOOR.

PEOPLE DON'T NEED THIS STUFF, AND WE HATE SELLING IT... SO WHAT'S THE POINT?

WELL, YOU CAN'T EXPECT FOLKS TO GIVE US MONEY FOR NOTHING!

"HI, MRS. JONES, OUR SCOUT TROOP NEEDS CASH, AND YOU'VE GOT SOME! PLEASE GIVE IT TO US!"

WHY NOT? LET'S LAY IT ON THE LINE!

THAT WON'T WORK. IF PEOPLE DONATE MONEY, THEY EXPECT SOMETHING IN RETURN. OKAY, THEN...

WHAT IF INSTEAD OF SELLING THESE WALL HANGINGS, WE DO THEM A FAVOR?

WE COULD SAY, "IF YOU GIVE US MONEY, WE WON'T EGG YOUR HOUSE ON HALLOWEEN!"

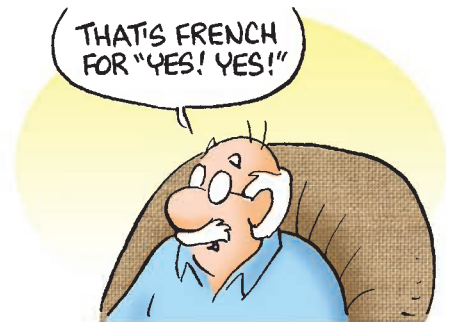
HI, WE'RE WORKING ON OUR EXTORTION MERIT BADGES. IT'S NOT EXTORTION! IT'S CREATIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING!

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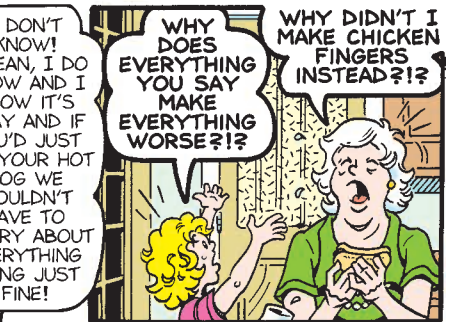
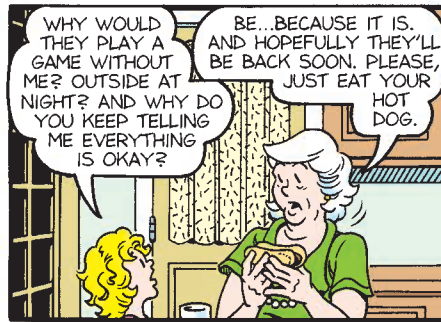
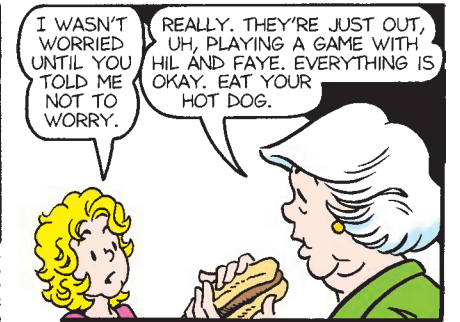
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by BRIAN CRANE

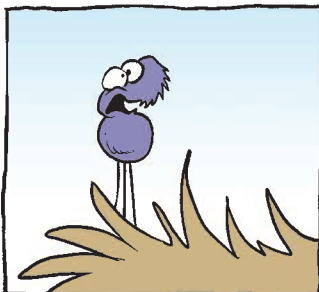


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by Francesco Marciuliano

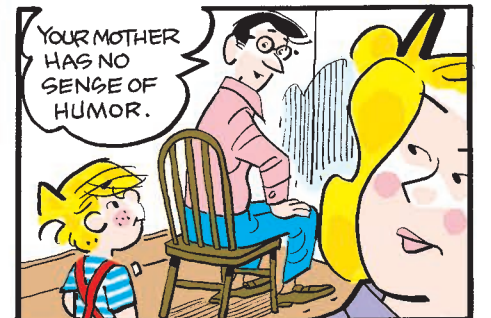
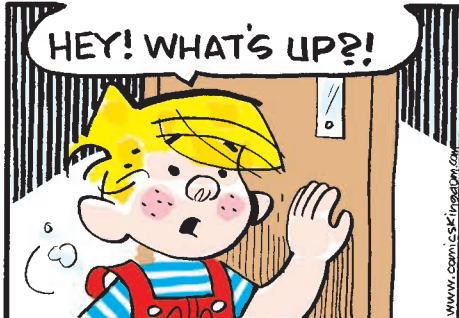
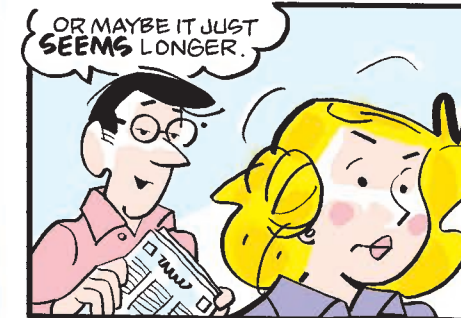
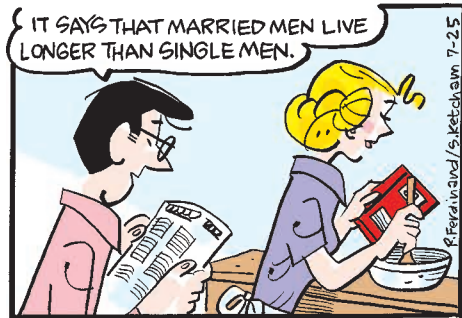
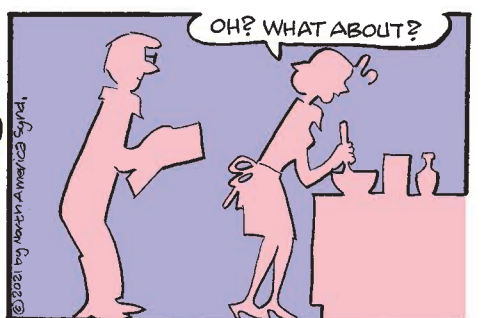
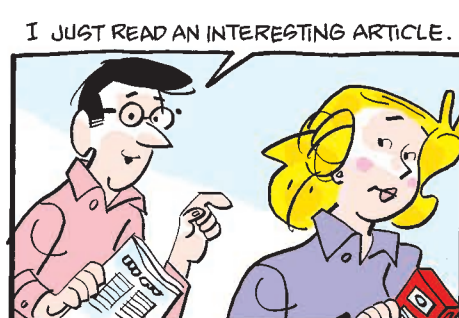


# BY MASTROIANNI AND HART



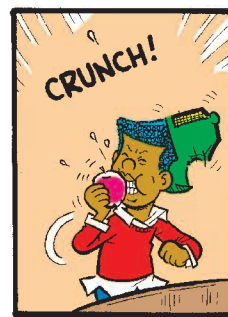
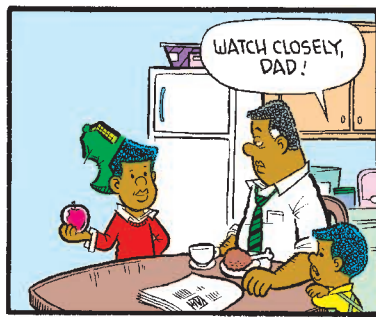
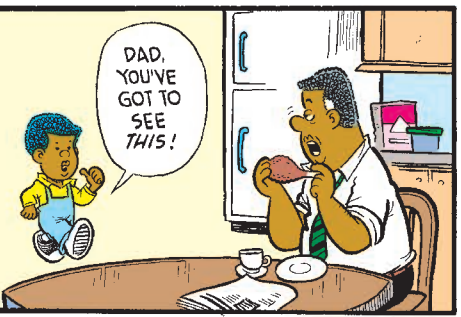
# Dennis the Menace NO JOKE

Frank Fetcham's



# Curtis

by RAY BILLINGSLEY



**Luann** by greg evans

IT'S PARENTS' DAY! TIME TO CELEBRATE THE INCREDIBLE COUPLE WHO MADE US WHO WE ARE

A DAY TO SAY THANKS TO TWO AMAZING PEOPLE WHO GAVE US THEIR WISDOM, SMARTS AND AMBITION

DON'T FORGET GOOD LOOKS

RIGHT! AND ENERGY!

WONDER WHO THEY WERE...?

YEAH, I'M THINKIN' MOVIE STARS

TOO BAD YOU DIDN'T GET THEIR CLEVER SENSE OF HUMOR

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**HAGAR** the horrible by DIK BROWNE

SOMEDAY I THINK THEY'LL INVENT MACHINES THAT WILL DO YOUR GAMBLING FOR YOU!

NAAHHH...WHAT ARE THE ODDS?

HAGAR! I'D LIKE A WORD WITH YOU!

HAR HAR

IT'S PAST MIDNIGHT AND TIME FOR ME TO THROW THAT ROWDY BUNCH OUT!

HA HA HA #!?

PLEASE, HELGA! NOT YET!

OKAY, OKAY!

NOW IT'S TIME!

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**Wizard of Id** by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

READY FOR A DAY AT THE BEACH, SIRE?

NOT REALLY

WHY?

BAD MEMORIES

HEY, KID! HIT IT!

SPLASH

BOOP

NAB

GREAT! NOW WE NEED A NEW ONE

BOOP

BOOP

LOOK, I JUST DON'T LIKE VOLLEYBALL, OKAY?

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**BLONDIE** by SEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL

KNOCK KNOCK

KNOCK KNOCK

HERB, SOMEHOW I GOT MY THUMB STUCK IN MY FAVORITE OLD BOWLING BALL!

WOW! AMAZING!

SEE? I TRIED IT OUT FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE AND...

DON'T WORRY, PAL...LET'S TRY SOAKING IT IN ICE FIRST, AND THEN IN HOT, SOAPY WATER

YEOW

BOOP!

IT WORKED!!

WHEW! THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL

YEAH, DON'T BE TEMPTED TO TRY THAT AGAIN

KNOCK KNOCK

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**Hi and Lois** by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

I GUESS I SHOULD START THINKING ABOUT A CAREER.

I COULD BE A SCIENTIST...

OR A WRITER...

OR A TRAVELING ROCK MUSICIAN... WE NEED LIGHTER AMPS!

OR A MAJOR LEAGUE BALLPLAYER.

YOU NEED A LOT MORE PRACTICE, FLAGSTON!

IS THERE ANY JOB THAT DOESN'T REQUIRE WORK?

IF YOU FIND ONE, LET ME KNOW.

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# THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER



"IT'S TRUE I CAN'T STAY MAD AT YOU FOREVER, LEROY... BUT I CAN TRY."

"YOU GO AHEAD, LORETTA... I'LL BE DOWN HERE AT BASE CAMP."

"WHY AREN'T WE EVER ON A ROLL THAT ISN'T GOING DOWNHILL?"

"I KNOW THEY WERE BITING FARTHER OUT, BUT MY WIFE WOULDN'T ROW THAT FAR."

"THOSE ARE THE VERY DANCE MOVES THAT GOT LEROY KICKED OFF TIKTOK."

## EVERYTHING HOME



### 4 things to consider when choosing a shower



If you need to install a new shower in your bathroom, the dimensions of the area where you'll place it are a key consideration. Here are several other things to think about when making a purchase decision.

#### 1. TYPE

There are several kinds of showers to choose from, including:

- One-piece showers. They're watertight and affordable but a little bulky.
- Modular showers. These are suitable for most bathrooms but difficult to maintain.
- Traditional shower cabins. They're affordable and compact but utilitarian.
- Tiled showers. They're beautiful and durable but a little pricey.
- Adapted showers. These are spacious and accessible but difficult to install.

#### 2. MATERIAL

When it comes to materials, you can choose from:

- ABS plastic. It's lightweight but difficult to maintain.
- Acrylic. It's esthetically pleasing but scratches easily.
- Fibreglass. It's affordable but prone to cracking.
- Polymer. It's easy to install but not very durable.
- Tempered glass. It's scratch-resistant but heavy.

It's up to you to determine your needs and find the best value for your money.

#### 3. DOOR

When it comes to shower doors, each type has its pros and cons. Options include:

- Sliding doors. They're space-saving but difficult to clean.
- Pivoting doors. They're versatile but prone to leaks.
- Swinging doors. They're roomy but require more maintenance.

It's important to decide which features are most important to you before making your choice.

#### 4. ACCESSORIES

Faucets are available in a variety of styles and materials including chrome, stainless steel and brushed nickel. In addition, when it comes to shower heads, you can opt for a fixed, handheld, high-pressure, rainfall or body jet system.

If you take the time to weigh your options, you'll be able to create a shower that meets your needs.

### How to add a pop of color to your kitchen

If your kitchen is looking a little lacklustre, consider adding a splash of color. Here are some simple ways to brighten up the space.

#### 1. APPLY PAINT

A fresh coat of paint can do wonders. Changing the color of your walls, cabinets, countertops or chairs can transform the look of the entire room.

#### 2. INCLUDE ACCESSORIES

If you want to change your decor and keep up with the latest trends without breaking the bank, decorative accessories are the answer. Go wild with stylish placemats, curtains, door handles and hand towels. Patterned teapots and eye-catching light fixtures are also great options.

#### 3. INCORPORATE PLANTS

Another simple way to brighten up your kitchen is to include plants. It's best to choose varieties that can withstand temperature fluctuations such as hyacinths and maidenhair ferns.

Additionally, you can brighten up your kitchen with colorful appliances like a mixer or toaster. You can even purchase a retro-inspired pastel fridge. Just make sure the appliances you select complement the style of your kitchen.



### 5 living room design tips

Your living room is one of the most important rooms in your home. It's where you entertain guests, read, watch movies and more. Here are a few tips for making your living room both stylish and functional.

#### 1. POSITION THE COUCH

Since it's likely the biggest piece of furniture in your living room, you should position your couch first. If the room is small, push it up against the wall to create more space. However, if you have an open-concept home, pull the couch into the middle of the space to create a distinct living area.

#### 2. SET UP THE TV

Your television should be visible from the sitting area. However, don't place it in front of a window, as viewing will likely be impacted by glare.

#### 3. ADD AN AREA RUG

On top of being comfortable and stylish, an area rug can help soundproof your living room. As a rule of thumb, it should fit under all pieces of

furniture in the sitting area.

#### 4. OPTIMIZE THE LIGHTING

Since your living room is a multifunctional space, getting the lighting right can be a challenge. The best approach is to incorporate a combination of overhead, accent and task lights. In addition, installing dimmer switches will allow you to adjust the ambience as needed.

#### 5. CHOOSE COMPLEMENTARY FURNITURE

You should choose furniture that complements the space. For example, bulky furniture can easily make a small living room feel crowded. However, investing in a good coffee table and stylish entertainment unit are a must.

Given that you probably spend a lot of time in your living room, it's worth making the effort to ensure it's as comfortable as possible.



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