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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**C.R. 491 resurfacing begins Sunday**

A resurfacing project will begin Sunday, Oct. 3, on County Road 491 between West Ocala Street and West Grover Cleveland Boulevard.

Paving is scheduled to start Monday morning, according to a Citrus County news release. Milling operations are expected during the evening hours.

This is part of the Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) Resurfacing Project.

Construction should take about four weeks, the release said. Motorists are advised to plan accordingly and expect delays.

For more information, call the Citrus County's Engineering Division at 352-527-5446.

**Landfill changes recycling policy**

On Oct. 1 the Citrus County Landfill will no longer be accepting concrete for recycling at \$10 per ton.

The landfill will instead accept concrete as if it were construction and demolition material at a rate of \$60 per ton. There are multiple facilities that will still be accepting concrete as recycling in Citrus County.

For more information, call the Solid Waste Division at 352-527-7670.

**Sassy Cups to benefit cancer foundation**

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Citrus County Chronicle is hosting their annual Sassy Cups event to benefit the Citrus Aid Cancer Foundation.

Individuals, community groups and businesses are invited to decorate a bra that tells a story of hope, perseverance and support.

First place prizes will be awarded in each category based on popular vote. Every registered user gets one free vote, but additional votes can be purchased at the following rates: \$5 for five, \$10 for 10, \$15 for 20, \$20 for 30 and \$25 for 40.

Voting begins Oct. 6 and ends Oct. 21 at midnight. Bras should be submitted to the Citrus County Chronicle before 4 p.m. Oct. 6 via mail or drop off, 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd. in Crystal River. For more information, visit [chronicleonline.com/diva](http://chronicleonline.com/diva) or call 352-563-6363.

**Alcohol sales to minors result in violations**

Local and state authorities cracked down on illegal alcohol sales out of businesses in Citrus County.

On Sept. 24, the Citrus County Sheriff's office, the Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco and the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation checked to see if 16 random establishments would sell alcohol to minors.

Of the checked businesses — many of which were convenience stores — five failed to refuse the sale.

— From staff reports

**Cypress Creek chief arrested**

Principal of juvenile correctional center charged with violating injunction

**BUSTER THOMPSON**  
 Staff writer

Authorities arrested the head of a school for a juvenile corrections center in Citrus County after allegations arose he violated a five-day-old restraining order against him.

Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputies on

Tuesday, Sept. 28, booked Robert John Cummins II into the county jail under a charge of violating a stalking injunction, according to arrest and court reports obtained Thursday.

Cummins, who's listed by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) as



**Robert Cummins II**

principal of the Cypress Creek Juvenile Correctional and Treatment Center in Lecanto, was jailed without bond for the first-degree misdemeanor.

Citrus County Judge Mark Yerman issued a \$500 bond to Cummins on Wednesday during the

Crystal River 57-year-old's first court appearance.

Cypress Creek's manager, TrueCore Behavioral Solutions, LLC, confirmed Cummins' arrest on Thursday, adding he was placed on immediate suspension.

Yerman also ordered on Wednesday for Cummins to have no contact with the woman who had the

protective injunction filed against him since Sept. 23.

Cummins is accused of breaching the injunction because he contacted the woman's employer and requested personnel records into a previous disciplinary hearing involving her.

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**Monkey Island to get makeover**



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

These monkeys inhabit historic Monkey Island in Old Homosassa. The island will soon be given a facelift, sporting living quarters for the animals that will include air conditioning much of the year; in the cooler months, their housing will be heated.

**Popular primates will have all-new digs with heating, air conditioning**

**NANCY KENNEDY**  
 Staff writer

Good news for Ralph, Ebony and Emily.

The primate residents of Monkey Island at the Florida Cracker Riverside Resort in Homosassa are getting an extreme makeover of their home that's in need of repair.

Thanks to the partnership between the nonprofit group Historic Monkey Island (HMI), Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC) and the community, the monkeys' new home will include air conditioning and heat, a new playground to keep them entertained and in tip-top shape and barriers around the island to protect them from overzealous kayakers and boaters.

"They need a new home, a



The animals on Monkey Island are popular for both those land-bound visitors and those cruising past on boats. These boaters photograph the monkeys Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 29.

better home, so we formed this board a year ago," said HMI board member Matt Lowman.

He explained that the heating and air aren't frivolous

add-ons, but required by the USDA, the agency that grants licenses to places that house wildlife.

So far, fundraising efforts

for the project with an estimated cost between \$100,000 and \$150,000, is around \$75,000, halfway to goal.

"It's amazing to me, when I went to different people and told them what we're doing, the response has been overwhelming," Lowman said. "They say, 'This is part of the history of this place; how much do you want?'"

The top three donors so far are Crumps Landing, Eagle Buick and Lowman Law Firm.

The Lowman family purchased the Florida Cracker Riverside Resort property a year and a half ago.

WREC's part in the project is providing manpower and equipment to drill through rock and install poles for the monkeys' house and playground.

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**District confirms name of student who died**

**HANNAH SACHEWICZ**  
 Staff writer

The Citrus County School District confirmed Antonio Elijah Hicks of Inverness was the 16-year-old student who died after collapsing at Tuesday's football practice.

According to Nature Coast EMS personnel, they were dispatched to Citrus High School at around 4:41 p.m. and CPR was in progress before an ambulance arrived. Hicks was transported to Citrus Memorial Hospital, where he later died.

The school district, citing

Florida State Statutes, will not release CHS's written football practice plan or confirm what players were doing prior to taking a knee, when Hicks reportedly collapsed.

However, Cornerstone Baptist Church confirmed it will host a student-led candlelight vigil for Hicks at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, 1100 W. Highland Blvd. in Inverness.

In addition, Citrus High School defensive line football coach Zeb Bishop created a GoFundMe for Hicks' family, titled "Honor Antonio's Memory."

"As many of you may know Antonio went home to

be with Jesus September 28th," Bishop wrote. "He was a kid that had an infectious laugh and could light up a room with his smile."

"This fund is being set up to help his family in whatever way we can. Everything will go to his mom to use in whatever way she needs.

"Our community is certainly at a loss without Antonio in it. If we all do something we can make a difference for this young man's family," he added.

As of 2:15 p.m. Sept. 30, the community has raised \$9,076 of the \$10,000 goal. An anonymous donor contributed \$1,000.

To donate, visit [gofund.me/681861e1](http://gofund.me/681861e1).



**Antonio Hicks**

**Davis continues to spearhead strategic plans**

**MICHAEL D. BATES**  
 Staff writer

In-person or not, the county's strategic planning sessions will go on.

They are that important, said County Commissioner Holly Davis, the driving force behind the initiative.

The county will still have the two strategic planning sessions in October, but they will be virtual at the request of venue organizers.

Davis expressed

concern about that and even toyed with the idea of postponing them until the public could attend in person. But at Tuesday's county commission meeting, she and the board agreed it should work well virtually.

The sessions will still be interactive via small breakout groups, polls, chat boxes and large-group discussions that will report back.

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MINUTES FROM SPRING HILL, OCALA, AND HERNANDO OFF US-90

# Sponsor a child this holiday season

## Citrus County Resource Center seeks dedicated helpers for annual drive

**HANNAH SACHEWICZ**  
*Staff writer*

The holiday season is fast approaching and it's never too early to start shopping. Once again, the Citrus County Resource Center is coordinating community sponsors to brighten up the holidays for local children in need.

Donated gifts are given to children under protection of the state for abuse or neglect, or children whose teacher or counselor sees the need in the family.

Families who struggle to keep the electric on or keep food in the house can seldom buy toys or presents. With the community's help, children can wake up

to presents under the Christmas tree.

Individuals who wish to sponsor a child will be given a letter describing them. The sponsor is then given the freedom to choose gifts for that child.

Some sponsors gift general items such as coloring books, trucks or clothing, which are distributed to children who come to the center's attention at the last minute, or for those who may not have received a sponsor.

In previous years, some groups have decided to sponsor children rather than exchanging

office or club gifts. Each member brings a gift for one of the children their organization selects.

The center's favorites list includes:

■ Art supplies: paints, brushes, coloring books, drawing pads, canvases, markers, colored pencils and craft supplies.

■ Books: Harry Potter; books on how to draw, horses, James Patterson, Dork Diaries, Fear Street, Goosebumps, Diary of a Wimpy Kid and Babysitters Club.

■ New or used bicycles. The center is also accepting

donations of the following to add to their Christmas closet:

■ Boys: size 7 pajamas, pants and shirts; size 6, 10 and 12 pajamas; and size 2 pants and pajamas.

■ Girls: size 8 pants and pajamas; size 2 and 7 pajamas; size 12 pajamas, pants and tops; size 9 months clothing; junior size extra-large clothing; junior size 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 pants; ladies plus (over 18) pants; teen sleepwear; and ladies size 5 and 6 panties.

For more information or to sponsor a child, call 352-344-1001.

## Around the COUNTY

### Water aerobics at Bicentennial Pool

Citrus County Parks and Recreation's offer a water aerobics class from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Bicentennial Park Pool, 8145 W. Bicentennial Park Drive in Crystal River.

The cost is \$3 per person per class. These classes offer a fun, healthy fitness workout without added stress on joints. Participants must be 16 years or older.

For more information, call 352-795-1478.

### Attend the next Fireside Chat on Oct. 6 at RBOI

Dr. Joey Bennett's next Fireside Chat is scheduled for noon Oct. 6 at RBOI, 522 N. Lecanto Highway.

Celeste Cernich, registered nurse at Bayfront Health Care System, will be the guest speaker. Cernich will present timely information about monoclonal antibody therapy for COVID-19 patients. This treatment is free and being given at the Seven Rivers Bayfront Hospital.

To register for the meeting, contact Shawn at 352-527-0106.

### Get inspired at Fire Up Citrus!

Watch the excitement and spark your own imagination at Fire Up Citrus! as presenters ignite the evening with thoughts of the future of Citrus County from 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Valerie Theatre, 207 Court-house Square in Inverness.

Tickets are \$10 for this limited seating event where attendees will get to watch neighbors and friends present their inspired ideas on how to push the community to the next level. This high energy, fast paced event keeps presenters to a firm 5 minutes flat with their creativity and passion taking center stage.

Many ideas have blossomed from past Fire Up Citrus events, including the Citrus Construction Academy, Veterans Village and JAM.

To purchase a ticket, visit [tinyurl.com/4tjxy5vm](http://tinyurl.com/4tjxy5vm).

### Veterans picnic at VFW Post 10087

VFW Post 10087 will host a picnic with food, music and games for adults and children at noon Oct. 16 at the post, 2170 W. Vet Lane in Beverly Hills.

All veterans and their families are invited.

— From staff reports



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

A two-car collision at the intersection of West Gulf-To-Lake Highway and West Crystal Oaks Drive snarled traffic Thursday morning, Sept. 30. Both vehicles came to rest within eastbound lanes of the highway, blocking traffic.

## Two injured after SUV broadsides sports car

**BUSTER THOMPSON**  
*Staff writer*

A pair of Citrus County motorists were hospitalized after an SUV broadsided a sports car at a Lecanto-area intersection.

Prior to the 8 a.m. collision Thursday, Sept. 30, a 34-year-old Inverness woman was driving a black Ford Mustang

northwest in State Road 44's left-turn lane for West Crystal Oaks Drive, according to Florida Highway Patrol (FHP).

She tried to turn onto Crystal Oaks Drive but didn't yield to oncoming traffic traveling east on S.R. 44, according to FHP, causing the front of an eastbound, bronze-colored Ford Escape to collide with the right side of the Mustang at an estimated speed of 60 mph.

According to Citrus County Fire Rescue, the crash entrapped the Mustang's driver. Emergency crews transported her to Ocala Regional Medical Center for treatment of incapacitating injuries. FHP cited her for failing to yield.

According to FHP, the Escape's driver — a 77-year-old Crystal River man — was taken to Citrus Memorial Hospital for non-incapacitating injuries.

## 84-year-old donates blood for the 90th time

**NANCY KENNEDY**  
*Staff writer*

There's a simple reason Sam McMechan has donated his blood regularly for the past 60 years.

"God gave me this blood, and if somebody needs something and I have it, I've always wanted to share it," McMechan said from his Citrus Hills home.

McMechan is what's called a universal donor. His blood, type O negative, is the type that is compatible with most everyone who receives it in that it has the lowest risk of causing serious reactions for most people.

McMechan started donating blood when he was in the U.S. Army.

"I got drafted in 1961 at age 23 and then was shipped off to Germany," he said. "That's where I donated the first time. After that, whenever they had a blood draw the first sergeant would say, 'Blood draw today after lunch. I want all volunteers to follow Sam McMechan.'"

He continued donating when he got out of the service and even after he



Special to the Chronicle

Sam McMechan, 84, gives a thumbs up as he donates his 90th pint of blood at LifeSouth Community Blood Center. McMechan has been a regular blood donor since he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1961 at age 23.

retired from his career as a sales engineer for an electronics company, and especially after he moved to Citrus County.

Last Dec. 28, 2020, McMechan was awarded a plaque from LifeSouth Community Blood Center as a "Galloneer of Distinction," reaching the 11-gallon mark.

"One pint of blood can save up to three lives, so

that is saving the lives of about 252 people in local hospitals," said April Johnson-Spence, LifeSouth district community development coordinator.

McMechan recently donated his 90th pint of blood with LifeSouth.

"Sam is a special guy and a special donor to us," Johnson-Spence said. "As a universal donor, his blood type is always

needed and we appreciate how willing he is to donate his blood."

Johnson-Spence said blood banks are always in need of donors, whole blood and plasma, and now more than ever.

"When COVID first happened and everything was shut down there was less demand for blood — not as many emergencies and fewer elective surgeries,

so we were able to keep up with demand because the demand went way down," she said. "But now that things are back open again, COVID cases are still high and we've seen an increase in convalescent plasma orders and we're having a really hard time keeping up with the demand."

She said less than two months ago, the request orders for convalescent plasma were about 40 per week for the three states they cover, Florida, Georgia and Alabama.

"Now we're getting 500 orders a week," she said.

She added that people like Sam McMechan are an inspiration and she hopes by him being featured in the newspaper and on the local TV station WYKE more people will be encouraged to donate.

"I'm 84 years old," McMechan said, "and one of my goals is to keep giving blood as long as I can give."

To learn more about donating blood or plasma, go to [www.lifesouth.org](http://www.lifesouth.org) or call LifeSouth Community Blood Center at 352-527-3061.

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**Marie Lourdes "Fifie" Charles places the symbol of the chancellor's office on her husband, Dr. Clarel Charles, during Knights of Columbus Council 6168 officer installation ceremonies on Aug. 28. Observing are Florida district 33 deputy, Victor Fee Greco, left, and Grand Knight Mike Belkin.**

## Knights council 6168 names August Family of the Month

Special to the Chronicle

Dr. Clarel "Doc" Charles and Marie Lourdes "Fifie" Charles of Citrus Hills were named the Knights of Columbus August Council 6168 Family of the Month.

"This couple has been a constant positive force in the parish and our council," Grand Knight Mike Belkin said. "They are leaders, uncompromising in their determination to glorify God and help those in need."

Doc and Fifie manage a program for Our Lady of Grace Parish in Beverly Hills that brings and serves food twice weekly to homeless people coming to the Family Resource Center in Hernando. Both also are extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist and usually attend mass daily.

Since joining the Knights of Columbus seven years ago, Doc has advanced to the pinnacle, the fourth degree. In council 6168, he is the chancellor, the third ranking officer in the council.

Fifie was a legal translator of French and Creole for the courts in New Jersey. Doc is medical doctor who retired as a colonel after 21 years in the New Jersey Army National Guard.

Both came to the United States from Haiti, and Doc to New York in 1970. He earned his medical doctor degree at the University of Haiti in 1967, did his internship at Sydenham Hospital in Manhattan and residency at Lincoln Hospital in the Bronx.

He then practiced internal medicine at the Essex County Hospital Center in Cedar Grove, New Jersey.

Prompted by a friend, Pierre Gaboton, who now lives nearby, the couple moved from Parsippany, New Jersey in 2000 to their home in Citrus Hills.

Doc and Fifie said they take their inspiration for involvement and charitable work from their mothers. "Our mothers always emphasized the importance of being involved, for example, feeding the poor," they said.

About 10 years ago, the couple talked with the late Rev. Monsignor Avelino Garcia, who was then the pastor at Our Lady of Grace, about how to become involved in the church and community.

They concluded: "Yes, feeding the homeless, we can try that." They have been doing so ever since.

The Citrus Hills couple has a daughter, a soldier-son who died 24 years ago and three grandchildren.

### Frank Irvin, 43 BEVERLY HILLS

Frank Irvin, 43 of Beverly Hills, FL, passed away September 20, 2021 at the Citrus Hills Emergency Room.

Friends are invited to attend a celebration of life service for Frank, on Saturday, October 2, 2021 beginning at 2:00 PM at the family home.

Cremation arrangements are under the care of the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

### Obituaries

### Michael 'Mike' Nathan, 83 HERNANDO

Michael J. Nathan ("Mike") passed away Sunday, September 5, 2021 at the age of 83. Mike lived in Hernando, Florida; originally from the Washington D.C. area. Funeral services were held in Olney, MD at Judean Memorial Gardens.

He leaves his beloved partner of more than twenty years, Jacquelyn Pace and his sister Miriam Goldberg, and many friends.

Donations may be made in his name to the Leukemia, Lymphoma Society, Alzheimer's Association, or Special Olympics.

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### Christopher Neville, 45 CRYSTAL RIVER

Christopher Robert Neville, 45, of Crystal River, Florida, passed away on Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 5pm.

The family will announce a celebration of life at a later date.

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# MONKEYS

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"We're always looking for ways to get involved in the community," said Gary Steele, WREC district manager. "We're a local company, a 'Main Street' company, and we also see this as being part of Old Florida and see a lot of value in that."

"Plus, this is a huge tourist attraction. Folks from all over know about Monkey Island and it's still here and we really need to preserve it and keep it around for the next generation," he said.

HMI board member Marie Straight said Discover Crystal River, formerly the Tourist Development Council (TDC), has also partnered with them, agreeing to match up to \$75,000.

"That's after we raise and spend the money (on the restoration)," Straight said.



How did the monkeys get there in the first place?

First came the island, which was just a couple of boulders that boaters kept crashing into.

Back in the 1960s, the Florida-based Norris Cattle Company, a huge owner of area lands, was doing some work in the area.

At the time, G.A. "Furgy" Furgason, a manager with Norris and himself an influential developer in Homosassa, had a crew doing some work and asked the dragline operator on the Homosassa River to pile up some dirt around the rocks so they could be seen and hopefully would keep his boats from being wrecked.

As the story goes, the dragline operator got carried away and the little bit of dirt became a small island in the river.

Then Furgason installed a lighthouse so boaters could see the island at night, and later grass and vegetation began to grow.

Meanwhile, Furgason got a call from what is now Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park about five spider monkeys that were causing trouble, getting into people's cars, crashing into windows, and stealing food.

Furgason knew just what to do with those naughty monkeys.

He and some men went over to the wildlife park, rounded up the monkeys and brought them to the island.

In the beginning, there were three spider monkeys and two squirrel monkeys, Tiny and Tim.

After Tiny and Tim died of old age, they were replaced by Eve and Emily in 2006.



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

The small historic Monkey Island has many ropes, swings, shelters and other items the monkeys interact with. Much of the day the primates can be seen moving from one part of the island to the other utilizing their hands and tails to grasp the ropes for stability.

Eve died at the end of 2019. Sassy, one of the original spider monkeys, died in 2017; she was the matriarch of the group.

Ralph, another spider monkey, is the alpha male, "the mean one."

Ebony is Ralph and Sassy's daughter.

"When the family purchased the property, I said to everyone, 'These monkeys belong to the community,' so we created the Historic Monkey Island 501(c)(3)," Matt Lowman said, adding that adding more monkeys is a future possibility that the board will decide on.

Also, Lowman said, the monkeys will be placed at a safe facility during their home remodeling.

Right now, the goal for HMI is to continue raising funds with the hope of having the project

completed by the end of 2022, or sooner.

Another phase of the project is installing high-end cameras so people can go online and watch the monkeys from their computer or phone anywhere around the world.

"This past Saturday, I was out fishing early, and came back in around 10 a.m.," Lowman said. "I counted about 27 boats in the river, circling around Monkey Island, just to see the monkeys. Like I said, these monkeys belong to the community."

To learn more about Historic Monkey Island or to donate to the monkeys' habitat restoration project, visit the website at [www.historicmonkeyisland.com](http://www.historicmonkeyisland.com). Email them at [info@historicmonkeyisland.com](mailto:info@historicmonkeyisland.com).

# ARREST

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According to his court-filed arrest report, Cummins told deputies in a Mirandized statement he wanted the information so he could file a motion to have a judge reconsider the injunction.

"The defendant stated that he knew after this injunction was filed that the victim would be trying to violate him as soon as possible," Cummins' arrest report states.

Yerman slatted Cummins to be arraigned on his charge Oct. 11.

According to prior Chronicle reports, Cummins coached at Crystal River and Lecanto high schools before he became principal of the Cyprus Creek school.

Cypress Creek offers schooling alongside psychiatric and substance-abuse counseling for offenders between 15 and 21 years old, who stay an average of between 18 and 36 months. There are 96 beds available at the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice facility.

Cummins was also an unsuccessful challenger to Sandy Balfour in the 2012 Republican primary for superintendent of Citrus County schools.

According to the FDOE on Thursday, Cummins was still certified in educational leadership, middle grades integrated curriculum and physical education.

Contact Chronicle reporter Buster Thompson at 352-564-2916, [bthompson@chronicleonline.com](mailto:bthompson@chronicleonline.com) or visit [tinyurl.com/yxrn2ahso](http://tinyurl.com/yxrn2ahso) to see more of his stories.

# PLANS

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Davis' colleague on the board, Scott Carnahan, recently told the Chronicle editorial board he sees no value in these sessions because the plans are put on a shelf somewhere and never acted upon.

Davis said the board must make sure that doesn't happen this time. It's imperative, she said, that the county has a game plan for growth.

"What do we want Citrus County to look like in 50 years," Davis told the Chronicle editorial board Wednesday.

Davis said Citrus County has never had a codified visioning plan and it's time it did. Once completed, the plan has to be diligently followed, she said.

The strategic planning sessions are held to obtain input from the public regarding roads, the environment, jobs, health care, the economy and anything else it believes their elected officials need to focus on going forward.

Davis, at Wednesday's editorial board meeting of the Chronicle, said water

quality and the lack of affordable housing must be addressed.

Another priority is the impact the Suncoast Parkway will make on this community.

Without planning, the interchanges along West Cardinal Street, State Road 44 and County Road 486 will look like Pasco County, which was a victim of "randomized development" and now is loaded with gas stations and fast food joints, she said.

The forums are scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will take place Saturday Oct. 16 and Saturday, Oct. 23. Both will have identical programs so it is only necessary to virtually attend one session, Davis said.

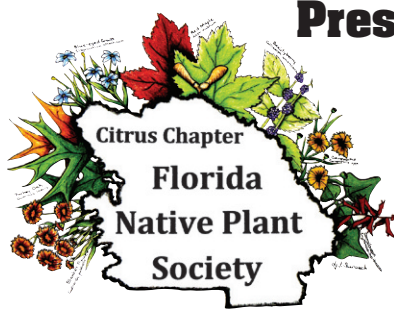
Eric Head, director of the Citrus County Library System, said plans are underway to set aside space at the libraries for people who don't have access to the technology and still want to participate in the strategic planning sessions. Details, he said, will be released later.

Contact Chronicle reporter Michael D. Bates at 352-563-3205 or [mbates@chronicleonline.com](mailto:mbates@chronicleonline.com). To see more of his stories, visit [tinyurl.com/y6kb23vv](http://tinyurl.com/y6kb23vv).

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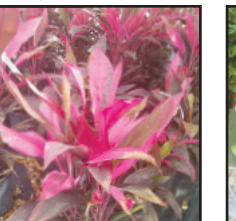
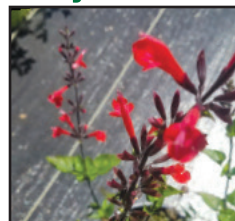
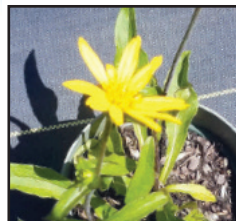
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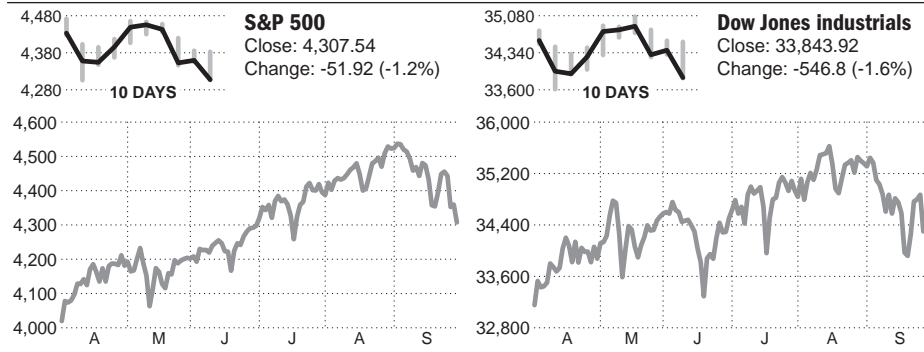
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Interest Rates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury note slid to 1.52% Thursday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

Table showing interest rates for TREASURIES, CONSUMER RATES, PRIME RATE, FED FUNDS. Includes columns for LAST, PVS, CHG, 1YR AGO.

Commodities

Natural gas prices leaped more than 7%. U.S. crude oil closed up 0.3%, while wholesale gasoline and heating oil both rose more than 1%.

Table listing commodity prices for FUELS, METALS, AGRICULTURE. Includes columns for CLOSE, PVS, %CHG, %YTD.

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Stocks close out month with losses

Associated Press

Stocks on Wall Street fell broadly Thursday, closing out September with their worst monthly loss since the beginning of the pandemic.

The S&P 500 ended the month 4.8% lower, its first monthly drop since January and the biggest since March 2020, when the viral outbreak rattled markets as it wreaked havoc with the global economy.

After climbing steadily for much of the year, the stock market became unsettled in recent weeks with the spread of the more contagious delta variant of COVID-19, a sudden spike in long-term bond yields and word that the Federal Reserve may start to unwind its support for the economy.

The S&P 500 fell 1.2% Thursday, after selling accelerated in the final hour of trading. The benchmark index is still up 14.7% for the year.

"It's not really surprising that we're seeing a weaker September because historically its the worst month on average," said Jay Pestrighelli, CEO of investment firm ZEGA Financial.

The S&P 500 fell 51.92 points to 4,307.54, and is now 5.1% below its all-time high set on Sept. 2. The September swoon cut into the index's gains for the third quarter, leaving it only 0.2% higher.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 546.80 points, or 1.6%, to 33,843.92, while the Nasdaq slid 63.86 points, or 0.9%, to 2,204.37.

Bond yields edged lower: The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, a benchmark for many kinds of loans, fell to 1.50% from 1.54% from late Wednesday. It was as low as 1.32% just over a week ago.

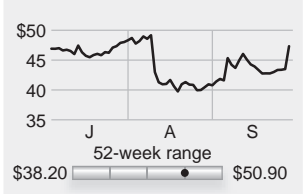
All the sectors in the S&P 500 ended in the red Thursday, with technology stocks, banks and a mix of companies that provide consumer goods and services accounting for much of the pullback.

Story Stocks

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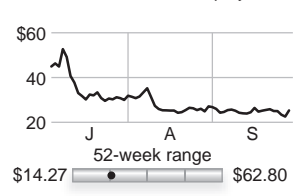
Close: \$47.33 ▲ 3.83 or 8.8% The drug company reached a settlement over a tax dispute with the Irish government.



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Virgin Galactic

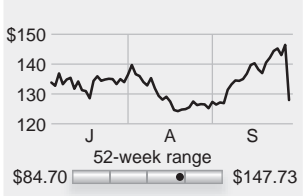
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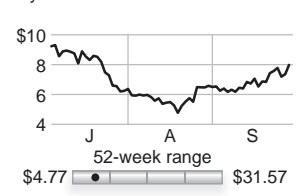
Close: \$127.96 ▼ 18.49 or -12.6% The used car dealership chain's fiscal second-quarter profit fell short of Wall Street forecasts.



Vol.: 5.8m (6.4x avg.) PE: 18.0 Mkt. Cap: \$20.9 b Yield: ...

Lordstown Motors

Close: \$7.98 ▲ 0.62 or 8.4% The electric vehicle maker is reportedly near a deal to sell an Ohio factory to Foxconn.



Vol.: 31.2m (3.0x avg.) PE: ... Mkt. Cap: \$1.4 b Yield: ...

Albemarle

Close: \$218.97 ▲ 0.62 or flat The specialty chemicals company is buying Guangxi Tianyuan New Energy Materials for \$200 million.



Vol.: 1.0m (0.8x avg.) PE: 35.5 Mkt. Cap: \$25.6 b Yield: 0.7%

More than 90% of the stocks in the index fell.

The broader market stumbled through September as investors tried to get a clearer picture of the economy's path amid inflation concerns and uncertainty about how COVID-19 will continue to impact industries and consumers.

The Commerce Department upgraded its estimate of economic growth during the second quarter to 6.7%, which was slightly better than economists expected, but they expect growth to slow to 5.5% during the third quarter.

Inflation concerns that had been weighing on the market earlier in the year returned in September as a wide range of companies issued more warnings about the impact of rising prices on their finances.

Sherwin-Williams and Nike are among the many companies that have warned investors about supply chain problems, higher raw material costs and labor issues.

Inflation will likely remain the key worry hanging over the markets for the rest of the year, Pestrighelli said, and it could put the Federal Reserve in the tough position of having to raise rates ear-

lier than anticipated.

Investors are still trying to gauge whether those issues are temporary and part of the economic recovery or could linger longer than expected. The upcoming round of corporate earnings reports could shed light on how companies are dealing with those problems.

"The jury is still out on this and we don't really know if it's demand-driven or supply-driven inflation," Pestrighelli said. "If you end up getting lower growth and higher inflation, then you get stagflation and that's no good for the market."

Investors have also had their eyes on Washington, where Democrats and Republicans in Congress have been wrestling over extending the nation's debt limit. On Thursday, a bill to fund the U.S. government through Dec. 3 and avoid a partial federal shutdown cleared Congress.

Still, Congress' dispute over whether to raise the government's borrowing cap remains unresolved. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has said that if the debt limit isn't raised by Oct. 18, the United States probably will face a financial crisis and economic recession.

Several companies made outsized gains and losses following corporate news on Thursday. Virgin Galactic's stock soared 12.1% after it was cleared to fly again following a Federal Aviation Administration inquiry. CarMax slumped 12.6% for the biggest drop in the S&P 500 after reporting disappointing fiscal second-quarter profits.

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**COUNTY ‘WISH LIST’**

# Roads are essential infrastructure

Every year organizations ask their county’s state legislative delegation for support (usually financial) for specific projects. This year, our Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) submitted a wish list to Rep. Ralph Massullo and Sen. Wilton Simpson that was heavy with transportation projects.

You may be wondering why, when the county has so many things to address, the commissioners asked for money to build more roads. Transportation is enormously important for economic development as well as for quality of life, and the commissioners rightly sought assistance for roadway projects that support both. The ability to transfer people and things from one point to another is often taken for granted, but it’s necessary for us to thrive.

Take, for example, efforts to get companies to relocate operations and high-paying jobs to Citrus County. One major item on their checklists is the ability to ship products and materials to and from the location. Case in point, Citrus County needs to provide convenient access to the planned Holder industrial park. In comparison, Ocala/Marion County have actively taken advantage of proximity of I-75 to develop its commercial/industrial base.

Roads in the BOCC’s legislative request include: U.S. 41 from State Road 44 to S.R. 200 in Hernando, and S.R. 200 from that U.S. 41

intersection to the Marion County line, including the Withlacoochee River bridge. County Road 491 is a work in progress, but the BOCC asked for additional state help for the segment from Pine Ridge to S.R. 200. It’s clear that S.R. 200, which leads to I-75 and Ocala, is crucial for regional transportation and economic development. And on a personal level, who hasn’t complained about the heavy traffic on these important connectors?

That’s the quality of life aspect we run into frequently.

The future of the Suncoast Parkway has been a matter of widespread concern. The BOCC asked legislators to support extending the road through Citrus County to Red Level, not letting it end at S.R. 44 or C.R. 486. And across the county, the BOCC is seeking support for a multi-use trail from U.S. 19 to the beach at Fort Island Trail. Funding would be through the state’s SUN Trail program, which the transportation and environmental protection agencies coordinate using state transportation trust fund monies.

There are other requests on the list also, including continuation of Springs Initiative funding, but transportation is clearly a priority. Some of these projects have been on Citrus County’s wish list for a long time. Our legislators have been very successful in securing funding for important Citrus County projects in past years. We hope they will be during the 2022 session, too.

**THE ISSUE:**

Funding requests for legislative delegation.

**OUR OPINION:**

Transportation correctly tops the list.

**Hot Corner: COVID COMMENTS**

■ I’m just reading Sound Off and I find something very amusing: “Wear a hazmat suit” (Tuesday, Sept. 28, Page A9). I thought that was very amusing. I think that’s funny as heck. Too bad there isn’t over 50,000 other Floridians that would help to find that amusing and maybe over 600,000 Americans would’ve (found) that amusing. Too bad they’re not here to find it amusing because of (COVID).

I’m sure the Chronicle found it amusing. That’s why they printed it, because you don’t always print everything people call in about. So it’s very funny. Maybe you should go on the road and take it and show how hilarious Florida is. We’re just funny.

■ According to what I see on TV, there’s been, in the last three months, millions upon

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millions upon millions of people gathering together for spectator events — whether it’s different sporting events, concerts or other parties thrown by celebrating politicians — and they’re not wearing masks. I’m waiting for this super-spreader. I mean, by now it should have happened with all these college kids.

This is the fourth week into

the college season. I don’t know how long it takes for this virus to, you know, become a super-spreader.

■ This is for the people who use the Bible to refuse the vaccine: I would like the scripture for that. And ask them, have they ever took a vaccine? Of course they have. Thank you for letting me sound off. You all stay safe.



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**LETTERS to the Editor**

**BOCC should attend to flooding**

The recent heavy rains in the county have raised some serious concerns regarding flooding. The county commission expressed sympathy but appears to take the defeatist attitude toward any corrective plan.

We live in a coastal area at a very low sea level. As I mentioned in a previous letter, U.S. 19 was brought up to 9 feet in the ’60s. Flooding has occurred in many areas that are not in coastal low lands. After viewing the storm of the century in 1993, I am well aware that there is only so much you can do when Mother Nature turns an ugly head toward us. That being said there are ways to control local flooding. The county has an extensive mosquito ditch system managed by the Mosquito Control Board. These ditches are overgrown and many in need of cleaning. Highway drainage ditches that are not large enough or not pitched correctly can also cause issues. Developers have had a history of causing flooding when not properly managed by the county inspectors. Possible adding a drainage retention area to flood location might help. There are reasons for flooding and standing water, some out of county control but many can be addressed.

I would suggest instead of a phone number to call and complain, how about someone on the other end of the phone line taking down information. That information could be passed on to a committee made up of county engineers, highway superintendent, code enforcement, etc. The committee would be required by the commission to address every complaint and develop solutions that are within county control. Possibly a code enforcement officer/highway department staff could visit every site and provide the committee with its findings and suggested follow up where possible.

Problems don’t go away,

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they get solved. In Florida, the county commission is where the buck stops, unless it is out of their sphere of control, then the problem needs to be moved up to whoever can address it. Flooding can be a county issue and needs to be attended to where possible.

Roger B. Krieger  
 Beverly Hills

**Library system is impressive**

The article on Citrus County’s Library Director Eric Head was a long time coming. As a 28-year resident, coming from a much larger county in Florida, I continue to be impressed by the improvements our library system has made under the guidance of Director Head. Listening to books through the Libby app kept my husband and I sane during the early days of COVID.

Now that we can go inside our libraries, I find new and creative ideas with each visit.

The new website is second to none with easy-to-use information; but a phone call to a librarian is always available. I would love to see bumper stickers, “I LOVE CITRUS COUNTY LIBRARY.”

Mary Whitehead  
 Crystal River

**Work to keep country’s values**

If you are worried about the immigration issues, think about this: How many immigrants are begging to move to China? Our country is the greatest representative republic, if we can keep it. Vote. Vote your values on the local, state and national level, and hold those representatives accountable. Wear your mask, take your vaccine and help our country survive this pandemic. We love our country founded by immigrants. Our lady of liberty is a beacon to all and we must work hard to keep our values of truth, freedom and unity.

Lesia Bennett  
 Homosassa

**Vaccinations: What are the odds?**

The most recently available count of deaths in Citrus County from COVID-19 is 695. With a county population of 150,000, your odds of being the next one to die from this virus is about 200 to 1. If those odds do not concern you, let’s look at it a different way. If you are fully vaccinated and take all the suggested protections, your chances of dying from the virus is arguably much less than 200 to 1. Who makes up the difference? The unvaccinated — anti-maskers.

Still not moved? Let’s look at it yet another way. If the Florida Lottery issued a game where the prize was say \$100,000 and your odds of winning were 200 to 1, would you put your money down? I sure would.

So, are you feeling lucky?

Thomas Galvagni  
 Inverness

**County should pave their streets**

Is there a reason Citrus County doesn’t buy the equipment and pave their own streets? Oh, silly me. ... Hopefully, someone at the Chronicle will have the courage to publish this.

**Story takes me back to the old days**

Your story today about the crooner (Monday, Sept. 13’s front page) reminded me of back in the old days of singing Fred and dancing Leona. Those people would go to all the care centers and everything around the county and entertain folks and I think they did it for nothing. I just was reminded of them because of your story and I didn’t know if

anybody else would remember those two or not, but they sure meant a lot to my mom and to other people like her, I know that much.

**Put the veterans first**

I’m concerned of why the people in this county aren’t for vets they way they should be. I was at a meeting Thursday talking about the problems, the red tape that they’re going through trying to build low-income housing for veterans. But you also read in the Chronicle about dog parks, about dog shelters, about Beverly Hills pools. All of those things should be on the bottom of the list. Taking care of the veterans in this county — or in the whole country — should be priority No. 1.

**SOUND OFF**  
 CALL 563-0579

**Inverness can't handle the traffic**

In reference to Inverness wanting to build: They want to build hotels and build this, but they can't handle the traffic flow they have now. Here it is, a Monday morning, I'm trying to make a left turn off South Pleasant Grove Road and there's two turn lanes. It took me three traffic lights before I was finally able to turn. So you can't handle the traffic you have now, let alone you should fix the lights so the traffic could flow smoothly. But you don't do that because you don't care about the citizens of Inverness. You just care about building, building, building.



**CALL 563-0579**

**A shopping day for mask wearers**

I don't like shopping at grocery stores where people are not wearing masks. I wear my mask to protect myself and to protect them. I think they should come up with a plan where people that wear masks can shop on even days and people that don't wear a mask can shop on an odd day. This way everybody on even days will have masks and everybody on odd days won't have masks and they can go ahead and get sick if they want to. I think that sounds like a pretty good plan. I think you ought to put that in your Sound Off. God is good.

**Fix the filthy parking lots**

You know, we spend millions of dollars to clean up King's Bay, Crystal River, Homosassa River, but we totally ignore all these giant parking lots along (U.S.) 19. If you walk through these parking lots and see the filth and the trash that is constantly on the ground and it goes right into the storm sewers, right into our waters. It's time we started ticketing the owners of these shopping centers for littering. They used to clean their parking lots. You'll notice they don't do that anymore. It's absolutely disgusting. Just look at any of the shopping centers. ... They're all filthy and all of that filth runs into the waterways. When are we going to do something about the runoff?

**I don't like those bank fees**

What's the story with these banks? I opened a new checking account and I used the three checks that they gave me, so I need checks because I don't have any. I went to the bank and took out some money. I told

the lady I needed a money order. They wanted to charge \$5 for a money order at the bank. That's absurd when the other stores charge \$1.50 to \$1.70.

**Don't allow TikTok in the country**

I'm responding to Sound Off in reference to "Malicious TikTok fad hits schools" (Tuesday, Sept. 21's front-page story). This is why our country should not allow TikTok to come into our country. Not only did they vandalize schools, they were telling kids they were fat and putting kids on diets. I know a kid who had to go to a hospital because she wasn't eating right because she paid attention to stupid TikTok. This TikTok should be outlawed in the United States of America...

**Wearing a mask to set good example**

I'm just reading the article, "School police chief settles into new role" (Tuesday, Sept. 21's front-page story). You have a picture of the police chief and two of his guards with him in a school and he's fist-bumping a young student — wonderful — but not one of them is wearing a mask, setting a real good example...

**Sentence too low for laser crime**

I am calling about the (Page A3) article in the Sept. 21 Chronicle about the Homosassa man who was arrested for shining a laser pointer at a police helicopter, a crime that could land him in a state prison for up to five years. In a report issued this year, the FAA said that between 2010 and 2020, the U.S. had close to 60,000 incidents of lasers pointed at an aircraft. I think the sentence of five years in prison is too low. Pointing a laser at a pilot puts everybody onboard in danger. If the sentence were 20 years in prison, maybe these idiots would think twice.

**Kick-off to Fall event!**

**Saturday, October 9, 2021 10:00 am-5:00 pm**

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**Live Music**  
**Arts & Crafts**  
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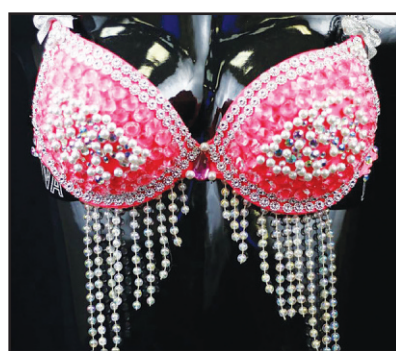


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**Why should I be involved with Sassy Cups?**

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To register and for more information scan the QR Code



**Deadline to enter is October 1, 2021**

# Mental health crisis



In this May 31 file photo, flags and tributes mark the Memorial Day holiday at Fort Logan National Cemetery in southeast Denver. The number of U.S. military suicides jumped by 15% last year, fueled by significant increases in the Army and Marine Corps that senior leaders called troubling. They urged more effort to reverse the trend.

## New data shows military suicides were up 15% last year

**LOLITA C. BALDOR AND ROBERT BURNS**  
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The number of U.S. military suicides jumped by 15% last year, fueled by significant increases in the Army and Marine Corps that senior leaders called troubling. They urged more effort to reverse the trend.

According to data released Thursday, there were 580 suicides last year compared with 504 the prior year. Of those, the number of suicides by Army National Guard troops jumped by about 35%, from 76 in 2019 to 103 last year, and the active duty Army saw a nearly 20% rise. Marine Corps suicides went up by more than 30%, from 47 to 62; while the Marine Corps Reserves went from nine deaths to 10. “The findings are troubling,”

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said. “Suicide rates among our service members and military families are still too high, and the trends are not going in the right direction.”

Suicide has long been a problem in the U.S. military. While the causes of suicide are complex and not fully understood, military leaders have previously said they believed the COVID-19 pandemic was adding stress to an already strained force. Troops last year were called to help provide testing and later vaccines while struggling with the virus themselves and among relatives and friends. They also dealt with continued war-zone deployments, national disasters and often violent civil unrest.

Behavioral research has linked military suicides to a

range of personal issues, including financial and marital stress.

Pentagon press secretary John Kirby acknowledged the Defense Department cannot fully explain the increases in suicides in recent years.

“One of the things that is bedeviling about suicide is that it’s often very hard to connect dots in causality — what leads somebody to make that decision,” Kirby said. “It’s difficult to denote specific causality with suicide on an individual basis, let alone on an institutional basis. And I think that’s why it’s so difficult for us to speak to it with any specificity, except to say we take this very, very seriously.”

Military leaders for a number of years have sought to reduce the stigma associated with seeking mental health assistance.

## Nation/World BRIEFS

### Switzerland



Associated Press

Cattle is driven from the “Niederseealp” to the valley floor after spending the summer in the mountains, on Thursday, Sept. 30 in Naefels, Switzerland.

### Senate approves Biden land-agency pick over GOP opposition

WASHINGTON — A bitterly divided Senate late Thursday approved President Joe Biden’s choice to oversee vast government-owned lands in the West, despite Republican complaints that she is an “eco-terrorist.”

Tracy Stone-Manning, Biden’s choice to lead the Interior Department’s Bureau of Land Management, was approved, 50-45.

Republicans sharply criticized her nomination during an often acrimonious Senate debate, with several holding up a metal spike similar to one used in a 1989 environmental sabotage case.

Democrats defended Stone-Manning, noting she was never charged with a crime and in fact testified against two men who were convicted of spiking trees to sabotage a timber sale in Idaho’s Clearwater National Forest.

### Senators push Facebook exec on Instagram policies for youth

WASHINGTON — Senators fired a barrage of criticism Thursday at a Facebook executive over the social-networking giant’s handling of internal research on how its Instagram photo-sharing platform can harm teens.

The lawmakers accused Facebook of concealing the negative findings about Instagram and demanded a commitment from the company to make changes.

During testimony before a Senate Commerce subcommittee, Antigone Davis, Facebook’s head of global safety, defended Instagram’s efforts to protect young people using its platform. She disputed the way a recent newspaper story describes what the research shows.

“We care deeply about the safety and security of the people on our platform,” Davis said. “We take the issue very seriously. ... We have put in place multiple protections to create safe and age-appropriate experiences for people between the ages of 13 and 17.”

### Ban on ‘surprise’ medical bills on track for Jan. 1 rollout

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration on Thursday put final touches on consumer protections against so-called “surprise” medical bills. The ban on charges that hit insured patients at some of life’s most vulnerable moments is on track to take effect Jan. 1, officials said.

Patients will no longer have to worry about getting a huge bill following a medical crisis if the closest hospital emergency room happened to have been outside their insurance plan’s provider network. They’ll

also be protected from unexpected charges if an out-of-network clinician takes part in a surgery or procedure conducted at an in-network hospital. In such situations, patients will be liable only for their in-network cost sharing amount.

The rules released Thursday spelled out for the first time a key part of the new system: a behind-the-scenes dispute resolution process that hospitals, doctors and insurers will use to haggle over fees, without dragging patients into it.

When an insurer and a service provider disagree over fair payment, either side can initiate a 30-day negotiation process. If they still can’t come to an agreement, they can take the matter to an independent arbitrator.

### Sweden: Police seek tenant as suspect in building explosion

STOCKHOLM — Swedish police said Thursday they are seeking a man in connection with an explosion and fire at a large apartment building this week that injured 16 people, four of them seriously.

The man is wanted on suspicion of public destruction and hasn’t been located yet, police said. Authorities didn’t identify him, but Swedish media reported that the suspect was a man in his 50s who had lived with his mother in the building in Goteborg, Sweden’s second-largest city.

“We still do not know what caused the explosion,” senior police officer Anders Borjesson said at a news conference. “The investigation is far from over. We still have a lot ahead of us.”

### Taliban order fighters out of Afghan homes they took over

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban on Thursday ordered their fighters to leave private homes they had taken over during last month’s blitz when the group seized control of Afghanistan, an apparent effort to impose order among Taliban ranks.

Meanwhile, in the capital of Kabul, the Taliban fired shots to disperse a women’s rally demanding equal rights while the regional chief for the International Federation of the Red Cross warned that Afghanistan was sliding into a deep “major humanitarian crisis” with the coming winter and severe financial shortfalls.

The order by Taliban Prime Minister Hasan Akhund followed recent public statements by Taliban officials hinting at plans to improve organization and marshal fighters. It said Taliban members belonging to the militant group’s defense, interior and intelligence agencies who are living in private homes need to “report back to military bases” across the country.

— From wire reports

# New immigration rules unveiled

## Biden administration guidelines to limit arrests, deportations

**BEN FOX**  
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Facing bipartisan criticism over its approach to immigration, the Biden administration on Thursday announced new rules that require authorities to only pursue migrants who recently crossed into the country without permission or are deemed to pose a threat to public safety.

The new guidelines replace interim rules issued in February that were initially blocked by a federal judge in August as part of a lawsuit brought by Texas and Louisiana. They break from a more aggressive approach to immigration enforcement under former

President Donald Trump, who early in his presidency directed authorities to apprehend anyone who was illegally in the country.

The release comes as President Joe Biden has come under fire from allies for his reliance on a Trump-era public health authority to rapidly expel migrants encountered on the U.S.-Mexico border while also facing Republican criticism that he hasn’t done enough to counter a sharp increase in migrants seeking to enter the country.

The Biden administration has expelled about 5,000 Haitians who crossed the U.S.-Mexico border at Del Rio, Texas, in recent weeks. A federal appeals

court in Washington on Thursday cleared the administration to continue expelling families under the public-health authority known as Title 42. The appeals court put on hold a lower court order barring the expulsions of families hours before the ban was to take effect.

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas told reporters that the new policy was based on the reality that the U.S. can’t go after all people in the country without legal status and shouldn’t try because many “have been contributing members of our communities for years.”

Authorities will be directed to focus on

noncitizens who have crossed recently, defined as after Nov. 1, 2020, or who determined to be a threat because of national security or “serious criminal activity.” Homeland Security includes U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Border Patrol.

Unlike the interim rules, the criminal activity is not limited to the category known in legal terms as an aggravated felony but will depend on the “totality of the facts and circumstances,” Mayorkas said. Anyone would be considered a priority if they are engaged or even suspected of terrorism or espionage, according to the memo. The new rules take effect Nov. 29.

# Biden OKs bill to avert gov’t shutdown

**KEVIN FREKING**  
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — With only hours to spare, President Joe Biden on Thursday evening signed legislation that would avoid a partial federal shutdown and keep the government funded through Dec. 3. Congress had passed the bill earlier Thursday.

The back-to-back votes by the Senate and then the House averted one crisis, but delays on another continue as the political parties dig in on a dispute over how to raise the government’s borrowing cap before the United States risks a potentially catastrophic default.

The House approved the short-term funding measure by a 254-175 vote not long after Senate passage in a 65-35 vote. A large majority of Republicans in both chambers voted against it. The legislation was needed to keep the government running once the current budget year ended at midnight Thursday. Passage will buy lawmakers more time to craft the spending measures that

will fund federal agencies and the programs they administer.

The work to keep the government open and running served as the backdrop during a chaotic day for Democrats as they struggled to get Biden’s top domestic priorities over the finish line, including a bipartisan \$1 trillion infrastructure bill at risk of stalling in the House.

“It is a glimmer of hope as we go through many, many other activities,” said Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

With their energy focused on Biden’s agenda, Democrats backed down from a showdown over the debt limit in the government funding bill, deciding to uncouple the borrowing ceiling at the insistence of Republicans. If that cap is not raised by Oct. 18, the U.S. probably will face a financial crisis and economic recession, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said.

Republicans say Democrats have the votes to raise the debt limit on their own, and Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky is

insisting they do so.

The short-term spending legislation will also provide about \$28.6 billion in disaster relief for those recovering from Hurricane Ida and other natural disasters. Some \$10 billion of that money will help farmers cover crop losses from drought, wildfires and hurricanes. An additional \$6.3 billion will help support the resettlement of Afghanistan evacuees from the 20-year war between the U.S. and the Taliban.

“This is a good outcome, one I’m happy we are getting done,” Schumer said. “With so many things to take care of in Washington, the last thing the American people need is for the government to grind to a halt.”

Once the government is funded, albeit temporarily, Democrats will turn their full attention to the need to raise the limit on federal borrowing, which now stands at \$28.4 trillion.

The U.S. has never defaulted on its debts in the modern era and historically, both parties have voted to raise the limit.

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Triples this season for Shohei Ohtani, the most for a player with at least 45 home runs since Mike Schmidt in 1980.



Shohei Ohtani

# SPORTS

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## CR's Allen eyeing return to states

*Senior back with the girls after start with boys*

**CHRIS BERNHARDT JR.**  
Staff writer

Megan Allen has proved she can hold her own with the boys. Now she's enjoying finishing out the season with the girls team.

The Crystal River senior has been one of the top golfers of any gender over the past four years.

"She's solid, dependable, salt of the Earth," Crystal River girls golf coach Sandy Story said. "She's a genuinely good kid. I depend on her for anything and everything. She's been a great leader to all the other kids."

She's also a pretty strong golfer. In three matches playing with the girls team, she's averaging 41.7 shots over nine holes. In her first three matches with the boys team, she averaged 49.7.

"I've had ups and downs," Allen said.

So why was she playing with the boys team? First of all, it's

nothing new. She did it her entire freshman and most of her sophomore season when the Pirates did not have enough girls to field a team. For districts, regionals and states she competed as an individual in the girls tournaments.

At some points she's been the No. 1 player for the boys team, finding success even playing from the longer tees.

"It's pretty fun," Allen said. "They're a little wild but it's funny to watch them play. I get to play with good golfers and I get to see how far drives can actually go."

"... I've had to analyze holes better and see if I had to use a larger club or not. I need to make sure I know my distances."

She believes that her time spent with the boys team has improved her overall game.

"Playing with the boys got me to get a better view of being a longer hitter. It makes me work on my higher clubs," Allen said.

The reason she had to play with the boys at the start of this season was because COVID-19 issues kept the girls team off the course. There was a fear that Allen would not get the five matches necessary to qualify for district play, so boys coach



MATT PFIFFNER/Chronicle file photo

Megan Allen of Crystal River hits a shot during the 2018 FHSAA State Golf Finals at Mission Inn Resort and Club at Howey-in-the-Hills. After beginning her high school career qualifying for state as a freshman, the Pirate senior looks to wrap up her career the same way.

Claudia Sebold Marchbanks participated in districts this year," Sebold Marchbanks said.

"I couldn't let her not participate in districts this year," Sebold Marchbanks said.

"The boys enjoyed it. The boys

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## Rays fall to Astros



Associated Press

Tampa Bay Rays second baseman Brandon Lowe watches his two-run home run along with Houston Astros catcher Martin Maldonado during the sixth inning of a game Thursday, in Houston.

### Correa clutch as Houston clinches the AL West title with 3-2 victory

**KRISTIE RIEKEN**  
AP sports writer

HOUSTON — Carlos Correa hit his career-high 25th homer with a three-run shot and the Houston Astros clinched the AL West with a 3-2 win over the Tampa Bay Rays on Thursday night.

It's the fourth division title in five seasons and 10th overall for the Astros. They're in the playoffs for the fifth consecutive season, extending a franchise record.

Manager Dusty Baker's Astros will open the AL Division Series on Oct. 7 against the Chicago White Sox — home field for that best-of-five matchup is still to be determined.

Correa's huge hit in the fourth inning allowed the Astros to put a recent stretch where they dropped five of six games behind them and let the celebration begin at Minute Maid Park.

Astros mascot Orbit dashed onto the field waving a huge orange flag that touted their division title as the players cheered and embraced after the final out.

Tampa Bay, which has already clinched the top seed in the AL playoffs, put runners on first and second with no outs in the ninth but didn't score.

Rays rookie Wander Franco went 0 for 4 to snap a 43-game on-base streak, which tied Frank Robinson in 1956 for the longest such string in MLB history among players 20 or younger.

Yuli Gurriel singled to start Houston's fourth and Kyle Tucker walked. Correa followed with his towering shot that smashed off the wall in left field to put the Astros up 3-0 against Ryan Yarbrough (9-7).

The charismatic shortstop put a hand to his ear to encourage the crowd as he rounded third base on the home run trot.

Lance McCullers (13-5) didn't allow a hit until Ji-Man Choi singled to start the sixth. There were two outs in the inning when Brandon Lowe homered on a ball to right field that sailed just inside the foul pole to cut the lead to 3-2.

Kendall Graveman plunked Mike Zunino to start the eighth and he was replaced by pinch-runner Kevin Kiermaier. Lowe struck out and catcher Martín Maldonado threw a dart to second base to allow Correa to tag Kiermaier as he slid into second to end the inning.

Ryan Pressly allowed a leadoff walk in the ninth and Franco reached on an error by second baseman Jose Altuve.

Nelson Cruz grounded into a double play, and pinch-hitter Yandy Díaz grounded out to end it and give Pressly his 26th save.

Tampa Bay opener Collin McHugh allowed one hit in a scoreless first before Yarbrough took over. He permitted four hits and three runs in 4 2/3 innings.

McCullers retired the first nine batters he faced before walking Lowe to start the fourth. He was erased when Franco grounded into a forceout for the second out. The Astros got the third out when Franco was caught stealing second base. He was initially ruled safe, but the Astros challenged the call, and it was overturned.

#### TRAINER'S ROOM

**Rays:** RHP Matt Wisler (finger) was activated from the injured list Thursday. ... LHP Ryan Sherriff was optioned to Triple-A Durham to open a roster spot.

#### UP NEXT

**Rays:** Shane McClellan (10-6, 3.44 ERA) opposes the Yankees' Nestor Cortes Jr. (2-2, 2.85) in the opener of a three-game series at New York on Friday night.

## Somber week as county mourns CRHS celebrates its homecoming

**CHRIS BERNHARDT JR.**  
Staff writer

Cliff Lohrey spoke about the sadness he had felt since the horrible news broke.

The Crystal River head coach did not immediately address his team's homecoming game on Friday, but rather reflected on the passing of a Citrus High player during the Hurricanes' practice on Tuesday afternoon.

"I want to offer our support to Citrus High School with what they're having to deal with, the tragedy," Lohrey said. "It's much bigger than football."

"Our No. 1 thought is to be supportive of them as a program and community and football team."

Lecanto head coach Wyndell "Chop" Alexander said he spoke to his Citrus counterpart and longtime friend McKinley Franklin.

"It's a very tragic situation," Alexander said. "A lot of our players played with the young man in little league. They were close to him. All of our hearts go out to him and his family. We'll keep him and his family in our prayers."

Seven Rivers Christian head coach Monty Vann hoped his words would reach Franklin and everyone at Citrus High.

"Our staff and our kids and our program are praying for them, and the young man and his family," Vann said. "Our deepest prayers are definitely with them."

Citrus' game at Leesburg, which would have been the District 5A-5 opener for the Hurricanes, has been postponed. No makeup date has been announced.

#### Lake Weir at Crystal River, 7 p.m.

Two teams that have struggled through the first half of the

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns for East Division, Central Division, and West Division, listing teams like Tampa Bay, New York, Boston, Toronto, Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Kansas City, and Minnesota with their records.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns for East Division, Central Division, and West Division, listing teams like Atlanta, Philadelphia, New York, Miami, Washington, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Colorado, and Arizona with their records.

ROUNDUP/MATCHUPS

Braves 5, Phillies 3: Ian Anderson turned in another dominant pitching performance, Jorge Soler and Austin Riley homered, and the Atlanta Braves won their fourth straight NL East title. Orioles 6, Red Sox 2: Boston was dealt another blow in its postseason push, with Ryan Mountcastle hitting a three-run homer in the third inning. Yankees 6, Blue Jays 2: Aaron Judge hit two of New York's five home runs and the Yankees extended their AL wild-card lead by beating Toronto. Gleyber Torres and Anthony Rizzo also connected off Blue Jays starter Robbie Ray, and Brett Gardner added a solo homer. Cardinals 4, Brewers 3: Rookie Dylan Carlson homered from each side of the plate. J.A. Happ gave up three runs on nine hits and struck out seven in 6 1/3 innings. Mets 12, Marlins 3: Michael Conforto hit a pair of run-scoring singles, doubled and made a shoestring catch. Rangers 7, Angels 6: Adolis Garcia set a Texas rookie record for home runs and RBIs in a series-clinching win. Cubs 9, Pirates 0: Justin Steele breezed through seven innings. LATE Detroit at Minnesota Cleveland at Kansas City Arizona at San Francisco San Diego at L.A. Dodgers TODAY'S GAMES AMERICAN LEAGUE Tampa Bay (McClanahan 10-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Cortes Jr. 2-2), 7:05 p.m. Baltimore (TBD) at Toronto (Matz 13-7), 7:07 p.m. Cleveland (Morgan 4-7) at Texas (Howard 0-4), 8:05 p.m. Detroit (Peralta 4-4) at Chicago White Sox (Lynn 10-6), 8:10 p.m. Minnesota (TBD) at Kansas City (TBD), 8:10 p.m. Oakland (Manaea 10-10) at Houston (TBD), 8:10 p.m. L.A. Angels (Suarez 7-8) at Seattle (Gonzales 10-5), 10:10 p.m. NATIONAL LEAGUE Cincinnati (Castillo 8-16) at Pittsburgh (Crowe 4-8), 6:35 p.m.. Philadelphia (Suárez 7-5) at Miami (Alcantara 9-14), 7:10 p.m. N.Y. Mets (Hill 6-8) at Atlanta (TBD), 7:20 p.m. Chicago Cubs (Davies 6-12) at St. Louis (Hudson 1-0), 8:15 p.m. Colorado (Gray 8-12) at Arizona (Castellanos 2-2), 9:40 p.m. San Diego (TBD) at San Francisco (TBD), 9:45 p.m. Milwaukee (Lauer 7-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 10-8), 10:10 p.m. INTERLEAGUE Boston (Rodríguez 11-8) at Washington (Rogers 2-1), 7:05 p.m.

BOX SCORES

Box score for Houston 3, Tampa Bay 2. Tampa Bay lineup: Lowe 2b, Arozarena rf, Franco ss, Cruz dh, Meadows lf, Phillips pr, Y.Diaz ph, Margot cf, Choi 1b, Zunino c, Kiermaier pr, Mejia c, Wendle 3b. Houston lineup: Altuve 2b, Bregman 3b, Alvarez lf, McCormick lf, Gurriel 1b, Tucker rf, Correa ss, Brantley dh, Meyers cf, Maldonado c3, Miller c, Correa ss, Brantley dh, Meyers cf, Maldonado c3, Miller c.

Box score for St. Louis 4, Milwaukee 3. St. Louis lineup: Urías 2b, Edman 2b, Adams ss, Escobar 3b, Taylor rf, DeJong ss, Hiura 1b, Rondón rf, Peterson lf, A.García ph, Bradley jr, Cain ph, Anderson p, Sánchez p, Vogelbach ph, Norris p, Hader p. Milwaukee lineup: Carmona cf, O'Neill lf, Arenado 3b, DeJong ss, Rondón rf, Whitley p, Carpenter 1b3, Knizner c, Happ p, Nootbaar rf, McFarland p, L.García p, Hader p.

Box score for Texas 7, L.A. Angels 6. Los Angeles lineup: Marsh cf, Ohtani dh, Walsh 1b, Stassi c, Mayfield 3b, Rojas rf, Ward lf, Lagares lf, Renfrew ss, Fletcher 2b. Texas lineup: Calhoun lf, Taveras cf, Ibañez dh, García rf, Lowe 1b, Solak 2b, Peters cf, Heim c, Hernández ss, Hernandez ss, Ohtani dh, Ibañez dh, Peters lf, Heim c.

WILD CARD STANDINGS

Table showing Wild Card Standings for American League and National League, listing teams like New York, Boston, Seattle, Toronto, Oakland, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Cincinnati with their records.

THIS DATE IN BASEBALL

1903 — The Pittsburgh Pirates defeated the Boston Red Sox 7-3 in the first World Series game. Jimmy Sebring hit the first series home run. Deacon Phillippe was the winning pitcher and Cy Young the loser. 1932 — Babe Ruth, as legend has it, called his home run against Chicago's Charlie Root in the fifth inning of Game 3 of the World Series, won by the New York Yankees 7-5 at Wrigley Field. Ruth and Lou Gehrig each hit two homers for the Yankees. 1946 — For the first time in major league history, a playoff series to determine a league's championship was played between the St. Louis Cardinals and the Brooklyn Dodgers. The Cardinals won the first game 4-2, with Howie Pollet holding the Dodgers to two hits — a homer and RBI single by Howie Schultz. 1961 — Roger Maris hit his 61st home run against Tracy Stallard of the Boston Red Sox at Yankee Stadium. The homer eclipsed Babe Ruth's 34-year-old single-season home run record. The Yankees won 1-0. 1967 — The Boston Red Sox won the American League pennant with a 5-3 win over the Twins on the final day of the season. Boston's Carl Yastrzemski went 4-for-4 and finished with 44 home runs, 121 RBIs and a .326 average to win the Triple Crown. 1973 — The New York Mets beat the Chicago Cubs 6-1 to win the National League East. It was the first game of a scheduled make-up doubleheader at Wrigley Field, a day after the regular season ended. The Mets, 11 1/2 games behind and in last place on Aug. 5, won their 82nd game, the lowest number of victories to win a title. 1978 — The Cleveland Indians beat the New York Yankees 9-2 on the last day of the season to force a one-game playoff between the Yankees and the Boston Red Sox. The Red Sox won their eighth straight game with a 5-0 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 3

Box score for Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 3. Atlanta lineup: Soler rf, Smith p, Freeman 1b, Albies 2b, Riley 3b, Duval lf, Rosario lf, Arnaud c, Swanson ss, Anderson p, Minter p, Jackson p, Heredia cf. Philadelphia lineup: Soler rf, Smith p, Freeman 1b, Albies 2b, Riley 3b, Duval lf, Rosario lf, Arnaud c, Swanson ss, Anderson p, Minter p, Jackson p, Heredia cf.

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Chicago Cubs 9, Pittsburgh 0

Box score for Chicago Cubs 9, Pittsburgh 0. Chicago lineup: Ortegaf cf, Schwinn lf, Hoff lf, Brothers p, Adam p, Contreras c, Deichmann lf, Duffy 3b, Martini lf, Bote 2b, Giambone 2b1, Alcantara ss, Steele p, Castillo ph-c. Pittsburgh lineup: Chavis 3b, Tsurutso rf, Reynolds cf, De Los Santos p, Miller p, Newman ss, Park ph, Moran 1b, Stallings c, Alford lf, Tucker 2b-cf, Newman ss, Yajure p, Anderson p, Steele p, Diffo 2b.

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Table showing Statistical Leaders for American League and National League in categories like Batting, Pitching, Home Runs, Doubles, Triples, Strikeouts, and Pitching.

Baltimore 6, Boston 2

Box score for Baltimore 6, Boston 2. Baltimore lineup: Verduogo lf, Mullins cf, Schwarber 1b, Hays rf, Mancini dh, Severino c, Gutierrez 3b, Nevin lf, McKenna lf, Valaika ss, Jones 2b, Martin ss. Boston lineup: Mullins cf, Hays rf, Mancini dh, Severino c, Gutierrez 3b, Nevin lf, McKenna lf, Valaika ss, Jones 2b, Martin ss.

N.Y. Mets 12, Miami 3

Box score for N.Y. Mets 12, Miami 3. New York lineup: Nimmo cf, Lindor ss, Conforto rf, Alonso 1b, Baez 2b, McNeil lf, Villar 3b, McCann c, Hill p, Hand p, Smith ph, Castro p, May p, Guillorme ph, Hembree p. Miami lineup: Nimmo cf, Lindor ss, Conforto rf, Alonso 1b, Baez 2b, McNeil lf, Villar 3b, McCann c, Hill p, Hand p, Smith ph, Castro p, May p, Guillorme ph, Hembree p.



New York Yankees center fielder Brett Gardner, right, celebrates his solo home run with Gio Urshela in the ninth inning of a game against the Toronto Blue Jays on Thursday, in Toronto.



Atlanta Braves third baseman Austin Riley, right, gestures as he runs past Philadelphia Phillies first baseman Brad Miller, left, after hitting a solo home run during the fourth inning of a game Thursday, in Atlanta.



# Forsberg, Afanasyev carry Preds past Bolts

Associated Press

TAMPA — Filip Forsberg and Egor Afanasyev each scored twice and the Nashville Predators beat the Stanley Cup champion Tampa Bay Lightning 6-2 in exhibition play Thursday night.

Matt Duchesse and Thomas Novak also scored for Nashville. David Rittich and Connor Ingram each played half the game in goal, with Rittich starting and making six saves on seven shots and Ingram stopping 16 of 17 shots.

Anthony Cirelli and Fredrik Claesson scored for Tampa Bay. Brian Elliott and Amir Miftakhov also split time in goal, with each allowing three goals.

## Bruins 4, Flyers 2

BOSTON — Jeremy Swayman made 16 saves and Brad Marchand, Craig Smith, Brandon Carlo and Jake DeBrusk scored in Boston's victory over Philadelphia.

Joel Farabee scored twice for Philadelphia.

Martin Jones allowed three goals on 11 shots before giving way to Felix Sandstrom midway through the second. Sandstrom stopped 12 of 13 shots.

## Red Wings 6, Sabres 2

DETROIT — Robby Fabbri scored twice to help Detroit beat Buffalo.

Lucas Raymond, Troy Stecher, Luke Witkowski and Jonathon Martin also scored for the Red Wings. Alex Nedeljkovic and Victor Brattstrom split time in goal, with



Tampa Bay Lightning center Anthony Cirelli avoids a check by Nashville Predators defenseman Matt Benning during the second period of a preseason game Thursday, in Tampa.

Nedeljkovic — acquired in the off-season from Carolina — starting and allowing both goals on 19 shots. Brattstrom stopped 13 shots.

Rasmus Asplund and Arttu Ruot-salainen scored for Buffalo.

Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen allowed five goals on 31 shots.

# Theegala finds easy path

Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — California rookie Sahith Theegala carved his tee shots into play and made it look easy from there Thursday for an 8-under 64 and a one-shot lead over Nick Watney and Harold Varner III in the Sanderson Farms Championship.

Theegala missed three fairways but was out of position just once at the Country Club of Jackson. He had a birdie putt on every hole but one and finished his round with a 15-foot birdie on the par-4 ninth.

It also was a big start for Watney, coming off one of his worst seasons. Watney holed a couple of long putts, including a 45-footer for eagle on the par-5 second hole, for his lowest start to a PGA Tour event in 15 months.

Varner, whose wife is due next week, had another strong putting round in making nine birdies.

"The place is pretty pure right now, if you hit a lot of good golf shots you're going to get a lot of looks and you just got to be patient," Varner said. "And the way I'm putting it right now I just need to get it on the green."

Defending champion Sergio Garcia, the only player from the Ryder Cup last week in the field, had two birdies in a bogey-free round of 70 that left him six shots behind. He is drained from last week, when he set the Ryder Cup record for most matches won in a European loss. His only frustration was having too many chances from the 20-foot range.

His birdies putt were from 3 feet and 10 feet, one of them on a par 5.

"Very happy about not

making bogeys. Obviously, that's always a very positive thing, first round of the season bogey-free, very proud of that," Garcia said. "But at the same time I feel like I drove the ball quite well and didn't take advantage of it."

Theegala is on the growing list of young Americans with a strong pedigree. He swept the three awards as NCAA college player of the year his senior year at Pepperdine, which was cut short by the pandemic. He made it to the PGA Tour on his first try through the Korn Ferry Tour finals.

In his second start as a rookie, he found the tree-lined course to his liking and said his round was best described as "really stress free."

That started from the tee.

"Just drove it really well. I was really working it well," Theegala said. "I got my slider back. I was hitting a pretty good cut — probably 25- to 30-yard cut — out there and this course kind of allows it because the trees around the tee box aren't that close."

"I really felt comfortable all day," he said. "Being in the fairway helps so much."

His putter was working just fine, too. Only three of his eight birdies were inside the 15-foot range, and those were on the par 5s. He also made a 15-foot par save from the bunker on the par-3 fourth hole, the only time he was threatened with a bogey.

Watney once reached the Tour Championship five straight years and played in the Presidents Cup until he was slowed by a herniated disk in his lower back. He missed the cut in all but six of

the 25 events he played last year and worked hard in the month off between seasons.

Most of that was his putting, and that started with his head.

"I think I missed a lot of putts before I even stroked the ball," Watney said. "A lot of doubt on my read or stroke or posture, just a lot of unnecessary thoughts. So I tried to develop a process of trusting myself more. And so far, so good."

Two shots behind were Roger Sloan of Canada, Si Woo Kim and Kurt Kitayama, a 28-year-old California in his first year on the PGA Tour.

Former U.S. Open champion Gary Woodland, Sunjae Im and Corey Conners were among those at 67.

## Hatton shakes off Ryder Cup hurt

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Tyrrell Hatton quickly shook off the disappointment of Europe's heavy loss at the Ryder Cup last week to take a share of the first-round lead at the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship, a European Tour event he has won twice.

Playing traditionally the toughest of the three courses that stage the tournament, Hatton shot 8-under 64 at Carnoustie to tie for the lead with Nicolas Colsaerts, Adri Arnaus (both St. Andrews) and Li Haotong (Kingsbarns). Each player in the 168-man field plays a round at all three venues, before the final round takes place at St. Andrews on Sunday.

Tommy Fleetwood, who also played for Europe last week, shot a bogey-free 66 at Carnoustie and was tied for eighth place, two strokes back.



## BIGGEST FOOTBALL FAN PHOTO CONTEST

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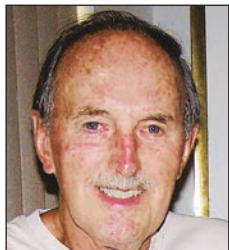
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Sungjae Im of South Korea watches his drive off the first tee during the first round of the Sanderson Farms Championship golf tournament on Thursday, in Jackson, Miss.





Norm Freyer  
**CITRUS  
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## Creating on new surfaces

Never attended an art workshop? No time like the present to start.

It is not uncommon for a Citrus Watercolor Society (CWS) workshop to be sold out. And for good reason. These workshops are an opportunity to take advantage of new ideas and techniques, presented by leading watercolorists in a friendly, learning atmosphere.

No need to be afraid — everyone attending is there to learn. And look at the visiting artists who have conducted workshops in the recent past — Janett Rogers, Tom Jones, Carol Frye, Lynn Ferris, Frank Zambardi and Terry Denson.

And now, there is another opportunity to learn from a leading visiting artist. At the Oct. 8 monthly meeting, Marilyn Johansen will be on hand for a demonstration of her watercolor work.

Based in South Florida, Johansen is an imaginative award-winning artist who is driven by an incredible passion for self-expression through art, having lived in Belgium and Okinawa and places in between.

She has signature status with the Florida Watercolor Society, the Miami Watercolor Society, the Palm Beach Watercolor Society, the Gold Coast Watercolor Society, and the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society. She has served as president of the Florida Watercolor Society and the Gold Coast Watercolor Society.

She conducts demonstrations in watercolor, teaches watercolor and acrylic workshops, and judges art shows. Her fine art collections are featured in numerous Florida museums.

To see her artwork, go to her website at <https://marilyn.johansen.com/>.

Johansen will conduct a two-day workshop on Oct. 9 and 10 at the Whispering Pines Park Recreation building in Inverness: two days of learning to make new watercolor surfaces with gesso and matte medium.

She will help you create art on the new surfaces. Composition will be stressed by taking photos with your camera or phone. Basic composition principles will be reviewed. Painting exercises to help you think in multiple dimensions.

For more information see the CWS website at <https://citruswatercolor.com> or contact Susan Strawbridge at [susand319@aol.com](mailto:susand319@aol.com).

Members of the Citrus Watercolor Society enjoy a "Painting of the Month" competition occurring in January, February, March, April, October and November. They have opportunities to show and sell their work, take workshops and participate in monthly sketch/paint-outs, etc.

For more information about the meeting, or to become a member, call Helene Lancaster, 352-257-1261 or Darla Goldberg, 352-777-2217, or visit <https://citruswatercolor.com>.

Visitors are always welcome! The Citrus Watercolor Society meets at noon the second Friday of every month except July, at the Family Center of the First Christian Church of Inverness, 2018 Colonnade St., Inverness.

Norm Freyer does publicity for Citrus Watercolor Society.

# Fall into fun



Abigail Waldron and her friend Mia Clark take a break to sit with the Scare Krow (State Farm's Ryan Lampasona) at the 2019 Crystal River Scarecrow Festival at Heritage Village, downtown Crystal River. After missing a year due to COVID, the popular family event returns this year on Saturday, Oct. 9.

## Crystal River's 31st annual Scarecrow Festival returns Oct. 9

CLAIRE PHILLIPS LAXTON  
 For the Chronicle

It's almost time once again to stroll down to the grounds of Crystal River's Heritage Village on Saturday, Oct. 9, to the annual Scarecrow Festival as the scents and smells of fall filter throughout for the this fun-filled family event.

There is no entrance fee to this festival.

The event is hosted by the City of Crystal River and the Heritage Village, where all the shops will be open for shopping. The ever-so-popular festival is from

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., offering something of interest for all ages.

Pumpkins of all shapes and sizes can easily be found in the "Pumpkin Patch" where they are displayed for sale throughout the day.

According to Leslie Bollin, event planner and marketing director for the city, there will be various games at different booths, horse rides, live music, costume contests, a Mr. and Miss Scarecrow event, family photo spots, inflatables, vendors selling their wares, live music and tasty food booths available for all to enjoy.

"This is the 31st annual Scarecrow Festival, as two were canceled," said Bollin. One was canceled due to a hurricane and

the other due to the onset of COVID-19.

All of the businesses in the downtown historic area will be participating in a decorated scarecrow contest with uniquely created scarecrows standing in front of each business.

All nonprofit organizations are also welcome to provide a booth while offering a free game or some type of activity for children to participate in.

Wine and beer will also be available for purchase.

"New this year is Chick-fil-A from the Paddock Mall from Ocala with their food truck," said Bollin.

For more information, contact the City of Crystal River at 352-795-4216.

## Good Times

### ON DEADLINE!

#### Register for YMCA Youth Triathlon

The YMCA Youth Triathlon is back and the community's children can swim, bike and run their way to a healthier future. The triathlon will take place at various race times depending on age range on Oct. 17 at the YMCA, 4127 W. Norvell Bryant Highway in Lecanto.

Check-in will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. Oct. 16. Parent course walking clinics will take place at 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Oct. 16.

Athletes are required to bring a swimsuit, running shoes, a bicycle and helmet to participate. All participants will receive an event t-shirt, swim cap, goodie bag and participation medal.

A valid USAT membership is required for race participation. Athletes who do not have a membership will have one purchased for them at no additional charge. Financial assistance is available.

The entry fee is non-refundable and non-transferable. To register by Oct. 1, visit [drcsports.com](http://drcsports.com). For more information, contact Garrett Adkins at 352-500-9622 or [gadkins@suncoastymca.com](mailto:gadkins@suncoastymca.com).

#### Present your idea at 'Fire Up Citrus!'

This year's "Fire Up Citrus!" event will be Oct. 19 at the Valerie Theatre, 207 Courthouse Square in Inverness.

The event brings citizens and local leaders together to present positive ideas to move the economy forward. Presenters have just five minutes to share their ideas and slide presentations.

Since its inception in 2013, more than 15 ideas first presented at the program have come to fruition as operating projects or projects in development bringing new jobs to the community.

Present your idea to help put a fire under Citrus County. Applications are available at [CitrusCountyChamber.com/fire-up-citrus](http://CitrusCountyChamber.com/fire-up-citrus). The deadline is Oct. 1. For more information, call Ardath Prendergast at 352-795-3149.

#### Sassy Cups benefits cancer foundation

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Citrus County Chronicle is hosting their annual Sassy Cups event to benefit the Citrus Aide Cancer Foundation.

Individuals, community groups

and businesses are invited to decorate a bra that tells a story of hope, perseverance and support.

First place prizes will be awarded in each category based on popular vote. Every registered user gets one free vote, but additional votes can be purchased at the following rates: \$5 for five, \$10 for 10, \$15 for 20, \$20 for 30 and \$25 for 40.

Voting begins Oct. 6 and ends Oct. 21 at midnight. Bras should be submitted to the Citrus County Chronicle before 4 p.m. Oct. 1 via mail or drop off, 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd. in Crystal River. For more information, visit [chronicleonline.com/diva](http://chronicleonline.com/diva) or call 352-563-6363.

#### THIS WEEKEND Buy a cocktail, save an animal

Precious Paws Rescue is hosting a Pink Panther cocktail event for the month of October at the Two Guys from Italy Restaurant, 5792 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Homosassa. Restaurant hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday.

Purchase a \$5 cocktail during the month of October and \$4 will be donated to Precious Paws Rescue. The Pink Panther is a vodka-based

"cocktail special" available for the month of October.

Precious Paws Rescue volunteers will also be at the restaurant from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 1 to meet fellow pet lovers.

Precious Paws Rescue is an all-volunteer pet rescue charity based in Citrus County. Their mission is to reduce pet overpopulation through rescuing, fostering and rehoming orphaned pets.

For more information, call 352-726-4700.

#### Friends of the Library do mega book sale

Friends of the Citrus County Library will have their opening day fall mega book sale from 3 to 8 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Citrus County Auditorium, 3610 S. Florida Ave. in Inverness.

There is a \$5 donation to enter. For information, visit [foccls.org](http://foccls.org), email [friendsofccls@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofccls@gmail.com) or call 352-513-4221.

#### Howard's to have CCSO fundraiser

Howards Flea Market will host a fundraiser for the Citrus County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) at 10 a.m.



FRIDAY EVENING OCTOBER 1, 2021

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Table listing TV channels, times, and program titles for Friday, October 1, 2021. Includes channels like WESH, WEDU, WUFT, WFLA, WFTV, WTSP, WTVT, WCJB, WCLF, WYKE, WFTS, WMOR, WTTA, WACX, WTOG, WVEA, WOGX, WXPX, A&E, ACCN, AMC, ANI, BET, BIGTEN, BRAVO, BSFL, CC, CMT, CNN, ESPN, ESPN2, FBN, FLIX, FNC, FOOD, FREEFORM, FS1, FX, GOLF, HALL, HBO, HBO2, HGTV, HIST, LIFE, LMN, MSNBC, NBCSN, NGED, NICK, NWSNTN, OWN, OXY, PARMT, SEC, SHOW, SUN, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TDC, TLC, TMC, TNT, TOON, TRAV, truTV, TVL, USA, WE.

Annie offers advice

Dear Annie: About five years ago, my nephew, who was working in a foreign country, married a local woman. They visited my nephew's father in the U.S. a few times. During one visit, I gave my nephew's wife a brooch that belonged to my grandmother to welcome her to the family. She's a lovely young woman, and I wanted her to feel comfortable, mainly because my nephew's mother — my sister — passed away several years ago.



DEAR ANNIE

I recently learned that my nephew and his wife divorced. He will be moving back permanently to the U.S. soon.

I would love to have the brooch returned. I don't think my nephew's ex-wife would really want to keep it. However, I realize that this was a gift to her, and she is not obligated to give it back.

Should I ask my nephew to bring the brooch back? Or should I let it go? I have let my nephew know that he has my full support, and I'd like that to continue. — Anxious Aunt

Dear Anxious: Gifting the brooch was a courteous welcoming gift — but, more importantly, it was a symbol of love and support for your nephew. In that regard, mission accomplished.

The brooch belongs to your nephew's ex-wife now. What's done is done. You can take comfort in the knowledge that your nephew won't ever have to wonder whether you have his back. And even though the brooch won't be returning to the U.S., you should celebrate the fact that your nephew will be.

Dear Annie: I live with my girlfriend (60) and love her a lot. She and I have a great relationship. We have lived together for three years and are discussing purchasing a home together.

How can I learn to let her be quiet and not feel like she should be like me and talk a lot? I can be quiet at times, but I usually am when I am worried or have something I am ruminating on.

Should I learn to do my own thing to ease my worries when she is quiet? What is the best solution for us both? — Terry

Dear Terry: Your girlfriend's silence is not necessarily a sign of anger, distress or disinterest, as it might be for you, but instead can be one of thinking, exhaustion or purely enjoying the moment. If her quietness is ever hard to read, ask her how she's feeling to make sure.

Instead of worrying during her bouts of silence, settle in and enjoy it with her. A couple that can sit comfortably and savor each other's presence without needing to fill the silence speaks volumes.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com. To find out more about Annie Lane and read features by other Creators Syndicate columnists and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.

Bridge

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Charles Buxton, an 18th-century English brewer, philanthropist and member of Parliament, wrote, "Experience shows that success is due less to ability than to zeal. The winner is he who gives himself to his work, body and soul."

Obviously, that is not completely true. To be supremely successful in any field, you must have innate ability. To be capable, you can compete with zeal.

Bridge hand diagram showing North, West, East, and South hands with card suits and dealer information. Dealer: South. Vulnerable: Both. Opening lead: ♠ 10.

Even then, though, sometimes you have to guess well. East faced a nasty decision on this deal from a Bridge Base Online duplicate. He was defending against four spades. After winning the first trick with his club ace and dropping declarer's singleton king, what should he have led at trick two?

South's three-diamond rebid was either a game-try or natural, trying to help partner judge what to do should the opponents keep bidding. Here, North was happy to bid four spades given his wonderful diamonds and singleton club. He didn't guess that the latter was duplicated in his partner's hand.

East knows that his partner has one useful card. But is it the heart ace or a high spade? If declarer's trumps are solid, the defenders must take three heart tricks now. But if South has the heart ace, East should exit with his trump and let West push a heart through the dummy. You can see which is right, and you can guess which option I chose when we scored only 3.3% on the board!

Finally, no doubt you have further noted that I also erred in the auction. I would have made five clubs if I had dropped the club king (likely) and played North for the heart queen (certain).

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

Jumble puzzle grid with words BFAEL, SYHUK, LISIEM, YRNCOA and circled letters for the answer.

Yesterday's Answer: Turning their property around the creek into a campground created a — REVENUE STREAM

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Cartoon illustration for the Scrambled Word Game with text: "Will we be dining on the beach as usual? Let's keep up our tradition!" and "FOR THE WEALTHY ARISTOCRATS, VACATIONING AT THEIR BEACHFRONT ESTATE WAS A ---"

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

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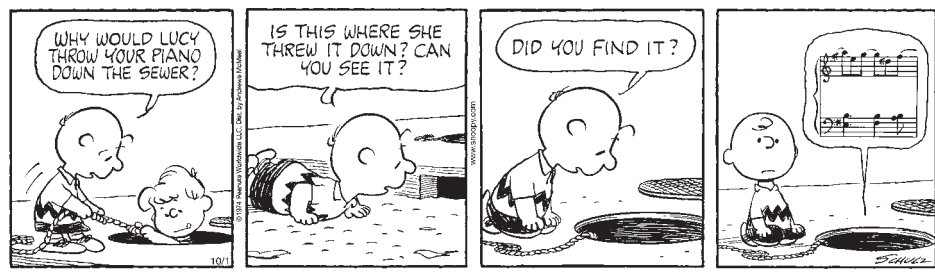
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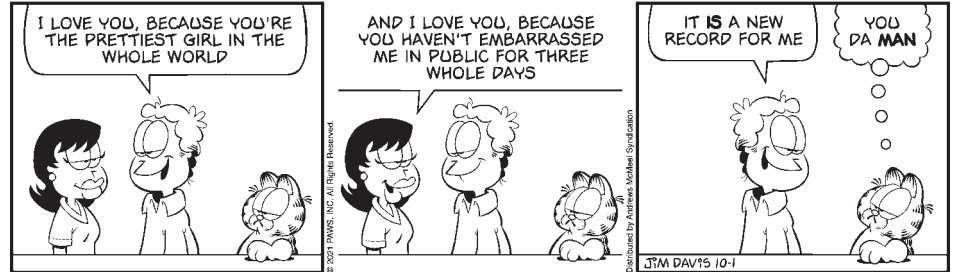
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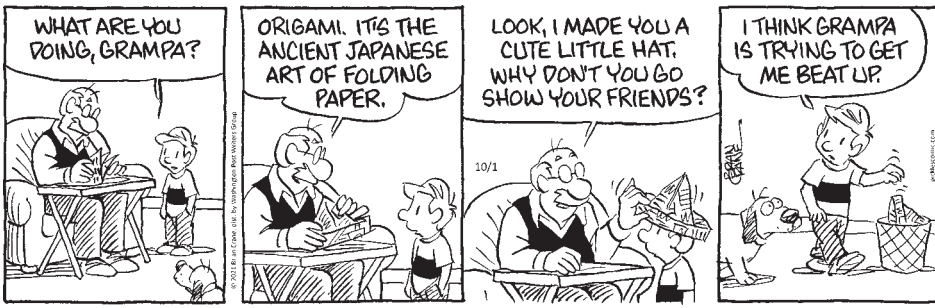
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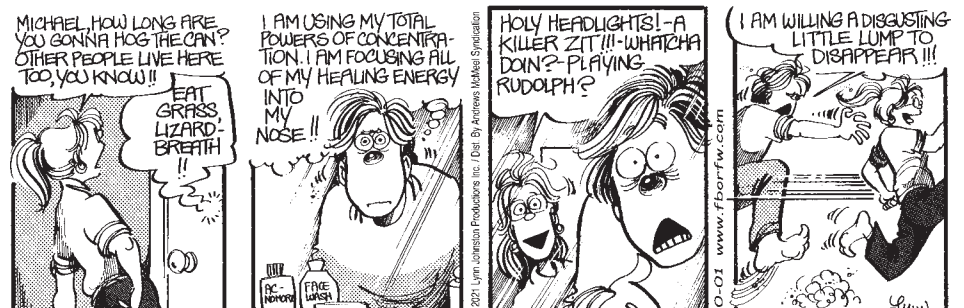
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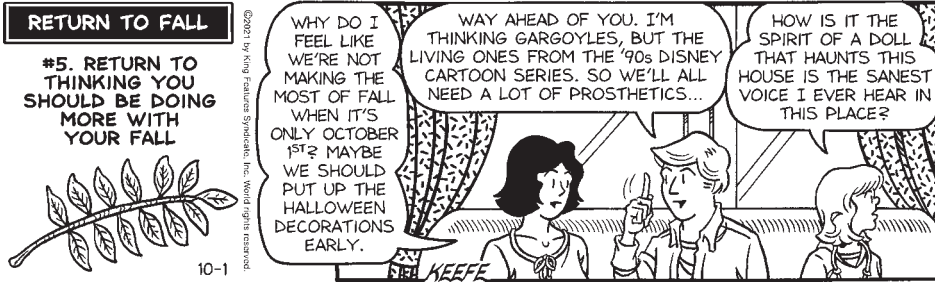
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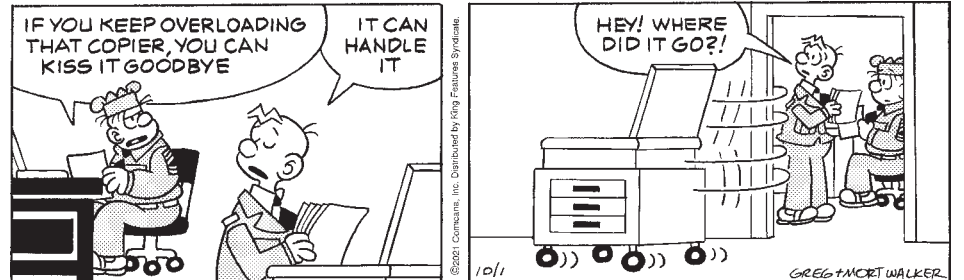
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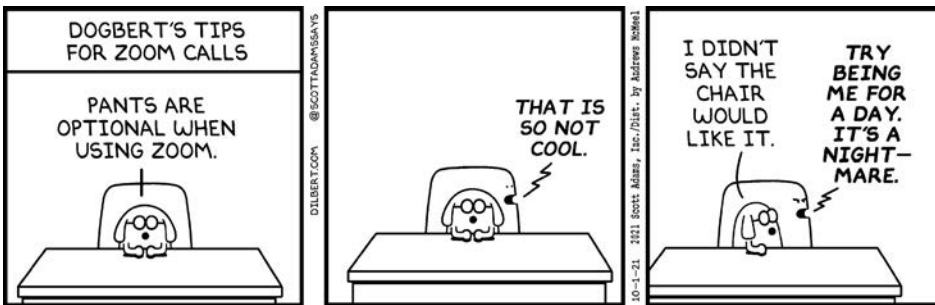
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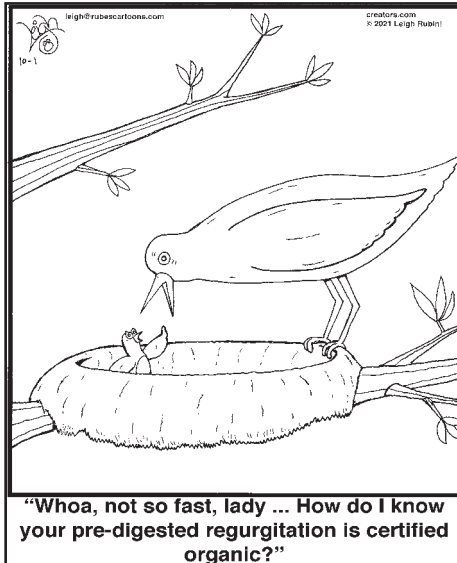
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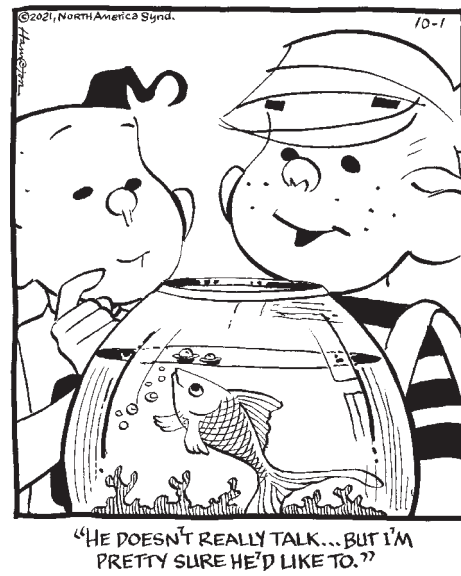
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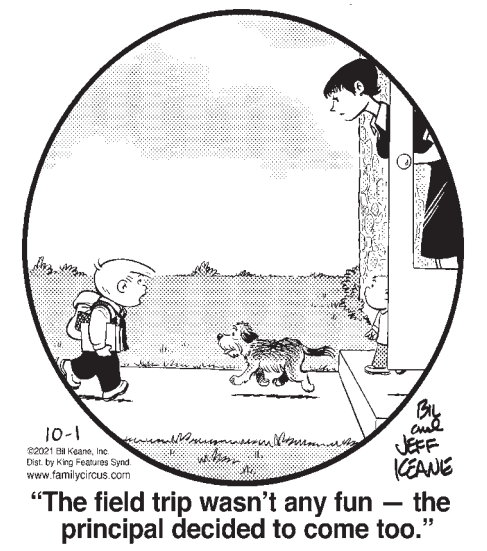
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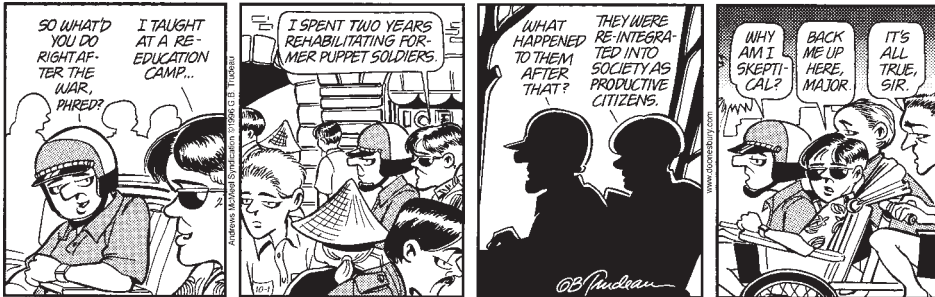
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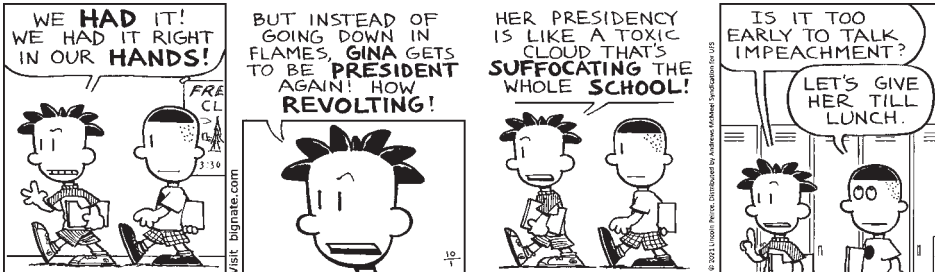
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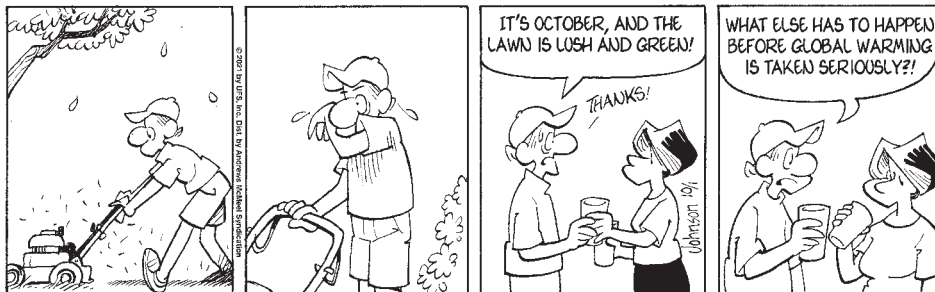
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"Venom: Let There Be Carnage" (2021) PG-13 — 11:30 a.m., 12:15, 2, 3:30, 4:30, 6:30, 7, 9:40, 10:10

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"Free Guy" (2021) PG-13 — 11:15 a.m., 3, 6:20, 9:30

**Saturday, Oct. 2**

"The Addams Family 2" (2021) PG — 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:20 p.m.

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Valerie Theatre, Inverness; 352-341-7850

"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" — 7 p.m. Oct. 1

**CELEBRITY CIPHER**  
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: N equals V

"M TVW'F JCWF FV AYAL OFVH  
XACLWMWP. M JCWF FV RA C JAMLT  
AWSEXVHATMC VK RMUCLLA  
BWVJXATPA." — RLMA XCLOWW

Previous Solution: "When you don't see the boundaries, you cross them without even knowing they exist in the first place." — Marion Cotillard













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