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NEWS BRIEFS

Citrus County COVID-19 cases

According to the Florida Department of Health, 21 positive cases were reported in Citrus County since the latest update.

One new deaths was reported, for a total of 425.

To date in the county, 10,251 people have tested positive (including 87 non-residents).

One new hospitalization was reported, for a total of 667 hospitalized.

Totals reflect preliminary reports received by the state, and are subject to revision.

Register for COVID vaccine

DOH-Citrus' preregistration system to schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments for individuals 50 and older and frontline health care workers is now available.

Individuals can now be added to a waiting list for vaccine appointments and be notified when appointments are available in Citrus County by visiting myvaccine.fl.gov or by calling 866-201-0442; TTY is 833-476-1036.

As part of the statewide preregistration system, each county has a designated number that individuals can call and preregister with if they do not have internet access. Citrus County's designated helpline number is 833-540-2058.

$2 off fair coupon inside

There's a coupon inside today's paper for $2 off a midway armband at the Citrus County Fair on Chronicle Night, Wednesday, March 31. Present the coupon at the ticket booth for the discount.

The fair runs from March 29-April 4. It is located at 3600 S. Florida Ave., Inverness.

Orchid society show, sale set

The Nature Coast Orchid Society will host its annual show and sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 28 at the VFW Post 8681, 18940 Drayton St. in Spring Hill.

This year's theme will be "Orchid Island." The show will feature orchids, supplies, artistically crafted clay orchids and a raffle table.

The American Orchid Society (AOS) will be judging orchids, some of which could win awards.

The society has monthly meetings on every third Saturday at the VFW Post 8681.

— From staff reports

Florida Lottery

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

County examines budget process

COVID-19 adds new twist to budgeting

MICHAEL D. BATES
STAFF WRITER

County commissioners have until the end of September to pass a new budget, but they took their first initial swipes at it this week as to how it should be crafted.

And as expected, the COVID-19 pandemic has thrown a curve into the normal budget-setting process.

"We have to look at the budget this year as an anomaly," County Commissioner Ron Kitchen Jr. said. "You newly elected commissioners (referring to Commissioners Holly Davis and Ruthie Schlabach) have a trial by fire because not only is it your first budget, it's the first budget that's got this COVID mess in it. And by that mess, I mean the extra money that's really clouded the issue."

An estimated $33 million in federal aid is headed Citrus County's way as part of the coronavirus relief stimulus package signed into law by President Joe Biden. The county gets $29 million, Crystal River $1.34 million and Inverness $3.12 million.

Kitchen proposed the board look at two separate budgets: One that looks at the recurring budget as if the pandemic never happened. The second, he said, would deal with the "money falling from

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JULIE MANCINI/For the Chronicle

Landon Harris, 10, of Crystal River rides the mechanical shark at the Florida Manatee Festival's kids zone.

Manatee festival continues

Open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CHRONICLE STAFF

The 34th annual Florida Manatee Festival, celebrating the docile sea cows, wraps up from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 28, in downtown Crystal River at the intersection of U.S. 19 and Citrus Avenue. The event is organized by the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce.

Admission for adults is $5 and free for kids 12 and younger. Attendees can stroll through the shops and restaurants of Heritage Village and down to the waterside along King's Bay while exploring nearly 300 fine art, retail, food, nonprofit and craft vendors.

For the adults, there are two beer and wine gardens with the addition of hard seltzers this year. In addition, there are two food courts loaded with a variety of options.

For the children, there will be a Kid's Zone, equipped with free face painting, bounce houses and games located next to the bandshell in Kings Bay Park.

Participants can enjoy an hour-long tour of King's Bay and Hunter Springs for $10. Sunday tours go from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tours can be booked in advance at gomanateefest.com.

Hippie Village at Heritage House will host musical guest Palomino Blonde from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday.

Manatee boat tours, conducted by local captains through the Manatee Eco Tourism Association, are approximately 30 minutes long and will run from 9:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

Boat tours are first-come, first-served and tickets are sold at the boat dock area near Kings Bay Park on Northwest Third Street. They are $10 for adults, $5 for children 6 to 12 and free for children 5 and younger

At the waterfront main stage in Kings Bay Park, Sunday's lineup includes DJ John DiOrio, Barefoot Bob and The Hope and Moonflower: Spirit of Santana.

The Nature Coast Dulcimer Players will entertain on Sunday at Kings Bay Park.

Festival attendees can take advantage of the free parking and shuttle at the Crystal River Mall, 1801 U.S. 19.

In accordance with state-mandated masks on public transportation, masks are required on the shuttle to and from the festival.

For additional information, including a map of the festival, visit gomanateefest.com or the Florida Manatee Festival Facebook page.

Branson Doncourt, 18 months, shares his ice with his "best friend" Austyn Richardson, 2, on Saturday, March 27, during the Florida Manatee Festival. The pair from Inverness was attending the festival with their parents.

INSIDE For more photos of Saturday's Florida Manatee Festival, **see Page A12.**

A 'Rosie the Riveter' turns 100 in Floral City

STEFANIE HOGLUND
SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Born in 1921, before gender-neutral names were trending, Willie Ratliff was given the first name of her beloved uncle. A self-proclaimed tomboy who'd rather spend her time outside working on the farm with her father, Willie wasn't afraid of hard work. She gravitated toward it or it would find her.

"I used to work with Daddy a lot," she said of her time growing up in Maplesville, Alabama. "He called me Cooter," as did her friends and the rest of her family.

A high-energy person most of her life, Willie has packed a lot of living into her 100 years. She moved from Belle, West Virginia, to her father-in-law's property, a 3-acre homestead on Lake Tsala Apopka in 1971. Sadly for Ratliff and her two sons, Dan and John, her husband, Daniel, died the year prior at 50-years-old from skin cancer they estimate he acquired fighting in New Guinea during World War II.

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STEFANIE HOGLUND/Special to the Chronicle

Willie Ratliff smiles during an early 100th birthday celebration with her family. To the right is her son. Today marks her 100th birthday. Willie was one of the first female riveters to work at Bechtel-McCone-Parsons Modification Center (BMP) in Birmingham, Alabama, which broke ground in January 1943.

Now vaccinated, seniors emerge from COVID hibernation

DAVID SHARP
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND, Maine — Bill Griffin waited more than a year for this moment: Newly vaccinated, he embraced his 3-year-old granddaughter for the first time since the pandemic began.

"She came running right over. I picked her up and gave her a hug. It was amazing," the 70-year-old said after the reunion last weekend.

Spring has arrived with sunshine and warmer weather, and many older adults who have been vaccinated, like Griffin, are emerging from COVID-19-imposed hibernation.

From shopping in person or going to the gym to bigger milestones like visiting family, the people who were once most at risk from COVID-19 are beginning to move forward with getting their lives on track. More than 47% of Americans who are 65 and older are now fully vaccinated.

Visiting grandchildren is a top priority for many older adults. In Arizona, Gailen Krug has yet to hold her first grandchild, who was born a month into the pandemic in Minneapolis. Now fully vaccinated, Krug is making plans to travel for her granddaughter's first birthday in April.

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WEEK IN REVIEW

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

IMPACT FEES RISE

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

A construction worker carries lumber to a roof Monday, March 22, as new homes are under construction in Citrus Springs. On Tuesday, county commissioners voted 4-1 to raise impact fees for a single-family home from the current $4,809 to $6,017. See new note below and Hot Topic of the Week, at right.

GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

On Feb. 24, Crystal River Vice Mayor and Citrus County native Pat Fitzpatrick had surgery to remove a brain tumor, and on March 19 came home from UF Health Rehab Hospital in Gainesville to a welcome home celebration and gathering in front of St. John's Tavern and other Crystal River businesses along Citrus Avenue.

Fitzpatrick had said his goal was to walk out of the hospital, and that is exactly what he did.

HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK

On Tuesday, county commissioners voted 4-1 to raise impact fees for a single-family home from the current $4,809 to $6,017.

People on the Chronicle Facebook page had opinions:

■ **Chris Sullivan:** "If we keep building, you know that a big water crisis is coming. Money can't buy more ground water."

■ **Corbin Hopkins:** "Housing prices have risen so far so fast that it is pricing a large segment of the population out of the housing market. Home ownership is simply becoming unreachable for many in the working class. Raising impact fees is further compounding the problem. These politicians that just raised fees will be the same ones to complain about the lack of affordable housing."

■ **Caroline Biuk:** "And this is one more thing that makes homeownership so difficult for young families. First the new septic rules, now impact fees, plus materials costs have skyrocketed."

■ **Katie Moss:** "It would be great if it actually deterred building, especially housing developments but it won't affect builders/developers. They will continue to over develop. The buyer will take the cost. It only hurts the little people, as usual. The ones that have been saving their whole lives to build one house. Or the family having a mobile home put on their lot. They are the ones that will feel the pain of that extra cost. I unfortunately don't think it will slow the over zealous building and crowding."

■ **Elizabeth Starfish:** "Smh (shaking my head). They already plowed over those beautiful wildflowers on Independence to build houses. Sad that there is hardly any NATURAL beauty for us to enjoy that hasn't already been destroyed."

THE MOST POPULAR STORIES FROM THE WEEK THAT WAS

County raises single-family impact fees to $6,017

After almost two hours of brisk debate, county commissioners voted 4-1 at Tuesday's commission meeting to raise impact fees for a single-family home from the current $4,809 to $6,017.

The $1,208 increase takes effect in 90 days.

The fee for multi-family homes will decrease: from $3,644 to $3,322.

Commission Chairman Scott Carnahan cast the sole dissenting vote and his earlier motion to keep current fees intact was defeated 3-2.

"I think we need to compete with our surrounding counties (and) I see an unstable economy headed our way," Carnahan said.

The county is already seeing that in terms of higher gas prices, he said.

But his colleagues didn't see it that way. They believed the county will grow and the money will be needed to fund roads, schools and other infrastructure.

Family asks for help in solving hit-and-run death

Since the Feb. 25 death of his wife on Cascade Avenue near Inverness Highlands, 38-year-old Matthew Gosman is plagued by the question: How could someone hit his wife Kathryn and just leave her to die in the street?

Gosman knows nothing will bring back his wife. But he wants to hear from the driver what happened, why they left the scene, the details that have altered his life so much for the worse.

"I want to understand how someone could strike a woman and leave. It makes no sense," Gosman said. "There's no closure on it that way."

"If you hit someone and it's an accident, pull over and try to help," he said.

As the Florida Highway Patrol investigates the accident, the Gosman family is asking for anyone with knowledge about the accident to step forward.

The family has posted signs with a picture of Kathryn's face and a hotline telephone number: 888-ANYTIPS.

Homosassa man claims $15 million scratch-off

On March 2, Richard Morgan bought a "Billion Dollar Goldrush Supreme" scratch-off lottery ticket at a local Jiffy store and walked out $15 million dollars richer.

He opted for the cash payout of $13.2 million, with the store getting $30,000 for selling the winning ticket.

The odds of winning the $15 million prize are 1-in-11,553,592. Only three of the "Billion Dollar Goldrush Supreme" $15 million scratch-offs remain.

Lottery numbers are printed daily (barring some holidays) in the Sports section. Check the index on Page A1 for the location.

Brush fire scorches 20 acres in Pine Ridge

On Thursday, Theressa West's 16-year-old daughter called her on FaceTime while she was eating in Crystal River to say a brush fire was 25 yards away from their family swimming pool in Pine Ridge.

West, along with several other homeowners from the Beverly Hills community, rushed to their homesteads along North Sacramento Avenue and West Corral Place to find the surrounding woods on fire.

"Our seclusion is gone, but our house is OK," West said after making sure her teenage daughter and family dogs inside her home were safe. "Thank God, praise God!"

Sugarmill Woods seeks multi-use path to parkway

Depending on where you live in Sugarmill Woods, you're not going to be far from the Suncoast Parkway Trail, now being built parallel to the toll road.

Some residents have asked county commissioners to make it easy to access that trail by building a multi-use path from Corkwood Boulevard to the parkway trail, a distance of almost a half-mile.

Commissioners said they like the idea and asked staff to explore costs and design.

A report is scheduled to come back to the commission at its April 13 meeting.

> "I just cry and walk back and forth from where she was hit to where she landed trying to figure it out. I walk it every other day ... and ask why."
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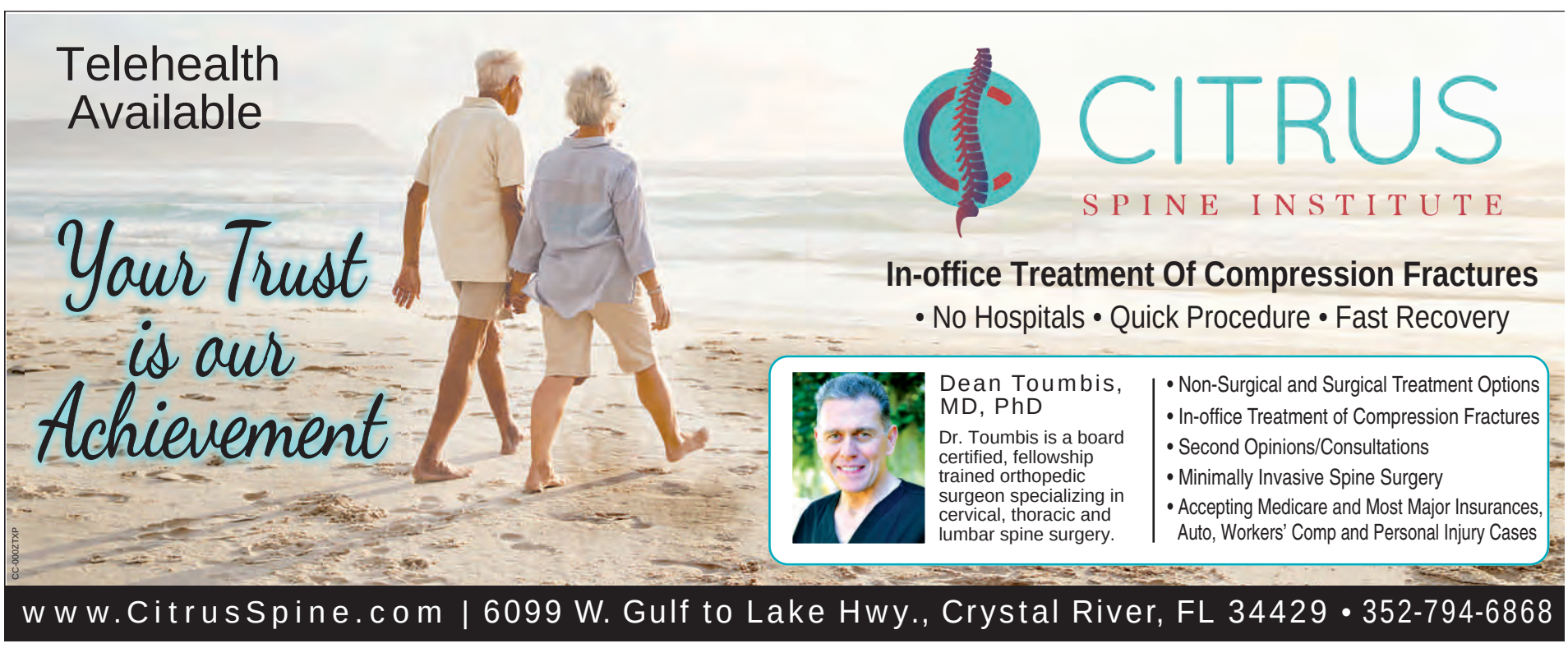
> — MATTHEW GOSMAN, MOURNING THE FEB. 25 HIT-AND-RUN DEATH OF HIS WIFE, KATHRYN.

— compiled by Nancy Kennedy



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Around the COUNTY

CCCF opens grants March 28

On March 28, the Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation (CCCCF) will open their 10th grant cycle in Citrus County. Grants are available for new or expanded (providing more services, expanding the number of clients, etc.) projects, programs or initiatives by 501(c)3 not-for-profit organizations with a physical address in Citrus County, in the areas of health education, community health, and health/medicine programs/projects and health/medicine research or initiatives. The deadline for submissions is April 19. To apply, go to ccccf.us and visit the "Grants" page for eligibility and forms. For assistance, contact Crystal at 352-419-4039 or ccccf2015@aol.com.

Friends plan 'Lucky Number Auction'

The Friends of the Community Centers' annual "Lucky Number Auction" will be on Monday, March 29, through Friday, April 9.

Auction items will be available at three locations: Central Citrus Community Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto; Hernando Area Senior Programs, 2415 N. Florida Ave. in Hernando; and West Citrus Community Center, 8940 W. Veterans Drive in Homosassa.

There will be lots of new and gently used donated treasures to be found. Winners will be drawn the afternoon of Friday, April 9, and contacted by phone.

The purpose of this auction is for the Friends of the Community Centers to raise funds for the Meals on Wheels program, which provides meal delivery to seniors in Citrus County.

For additional information about this event, call 352-527-5942.

Rotary Club opens community grant process for 2021

The Rotary Club of Inverness and its 503(c)(3) charitable foundation support local initiatives to make our community a safer, healthier and happier place to live. This year it has three key strategic focus areas: empowering the success of youths; feeding the hungry; and housing the homeless.

The club sponsors a competitive community grant process. This cycle hopes to have $10,000 available to award. Grant requests are based on fit with one of the three strategic focus areas, demonstrated need, expected outcome and adherence to required process.

The application form is located on the club's website: www.invernessflrotary.org. In the toolbar at the top, click on "News and Stories," then "Documents."

Print and complete the application, and mail it to the Rotary Club of Inverness along with any supporting information. Submittals must be postmarked no later than April 1. The club expects to make the funding decision no later than May 1, and intends to present checks soon thereafter.

Mail two copies of the completed grant application to: Grants Administration, Rotary Club of Inverness, P.O. Box 1317, Inverness, FL 34451-1317.

Citrus animal shelter suspends cat program

Citrus County Animal Services will suspend the community cat Trap Neuter Vaccinate Return (TNVR) program until Thursday, April 1.

It is recommended that healthy cats found outside are left alone during the period services are suspended at the shelter. Nationally, 2% of cats are picked up by their owners when they end up in shelters, but are up to 13 times more likely to make it home when allowed to remain in the community.

For questions or concerns during the program suspension, call the shelter at 352-746-8400.

Birdies Fore Blessings feeds children

The Birdies Fore Blessings golf tournament will be Saturday, May 22, at the Quarry Course of Black Diamond Ranch, 3125 W. Black Diamond Circle, Lecanto.

Registration of $200 per player includes: greens fees, cart, coffee, pastries and lunch for golfers.

Proceeds from hole sponsorships and registrations provide meals for children each weekend of the school year, including holiday breaks. Registration opens April 2, with a deadline of May 12. The event is limited to 25 teams.

For information and a printable registration form, go to tinyurl.com/b4f54xrs or find the Birdies Fore Blessings event in the Events tab/Community Calendar at Chronicleonline.com for the link.

Genealogical society to meet

The Citrus County Genealogical Society will have a virtual meeting at 10 a.m. April 13. Karen Fortin, professional genealogist, will present "Using Local and County Histories."

To get a link, email Mary Ann Machonkin at himary@tampabay.rr.com.

— From staff reports

GOP leadership touts plan

Moves to 'sweep' housing funds into flood mitigation

JOHN HAUGHEY
The Center Square

Associated Press

Florida House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, and Senate President Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, this week called for "sweeping" about $280 million of that $423.3 million into flood control and wastewater infrastructure.

For the first time in years, Florida lawmakers fully-funded the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund at Gov. Ron DeSantis' request during their 2020 legislative session.

This year, the governor is again asking lawmakers to allocate all $423.3 million in Sadowski funds to an affordable housing program within his $96.6 billion Florida Leads Fiscal Year 22 (FY22) budget request.

But House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, and Senate President Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, this week called for "sweeping" about $280 million of that $423.3 million into flood control and wastewater infrastructure.

The Sadowski fund, created in 1992, imposes a 20-cent surcharge for every $100 paid on real estate transactions. This year, it is projected to generate $423.3 million.

During the 2000s housing boom, legislators began diverting millions from the growing fund for other purposes. A 2018 Senate Community Affairs Committee analysis determined since 2001, lawmakers had "swept" $2 billion from the fund to plug budget holes and provide tax relief.

In 2019, lawmakers swept $125 million of the fund's $332 million into general funds and $115 million into Hurricane Michael recovery. In 2018, Sadowski monies financed the $400 million response to the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting.

In 2021, with the state combating rising sea levels that could consume an estimated 300,000 Florida homes — and the $145 billion in taxable value of those homes — by 2050, Simpson and Sprowls said Tuesday their proposal is not a typical "sweep."

More than 1 million Florida residential properties are at "substantial risk" of degradation this year because of non-tidal flooding. Meanwhile, the state's 6.2 million homeowners are seeing double-digit property insurance rate hikes with at least 1 million enrolled in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) expecting sticker shock when rates are reset in October.

"The impacts of sea-level rise are being felt by Floridians all across the state," Sprowls said. "From coastal to inland communities, flooding is a timely and urgent issue that must be addressed now."

Under the plan, Sadowski revenues will be split into thirds of roughly $141 million each to combat flooding caused by rising sea levels, provide grants for wastewater infrastructure and affordable housing.

"Floridians have been waiting a long time for a comprehensive plan that addresses these three critical areas of public policy," Simpson said.

Wilton Simpson

One-third of documentary stamp tax dollars will go to the Always Ready: Flooding and Sea Level Rise Act Sprowls introduced in February.

The plan would dedicate $100 million annually to create the 'Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience Plan' incorporated into Senate Bill 1954 carried by Sen. Ray Rodrigues, R-Estero.

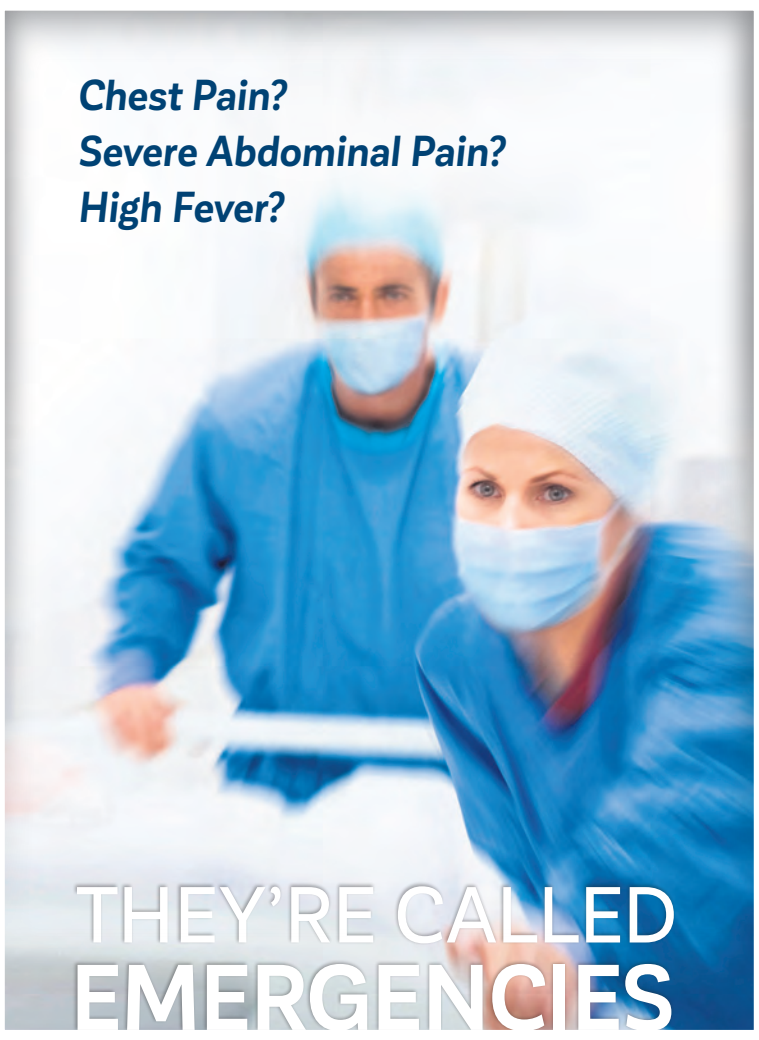
SB 1954 has one hearing remaining to get to the chamber floor. A similar bill, House Bill 7019, is also one hearing away from a floor vote.

With Florida receiving $1.4 billion in federal 'American Rescue' money for local government affordable housing projects and the Biden administration rolling out an infrastructure proposal soon, the "sweep" can also be regarded as restructuring to garner a bigger bang for state dollars.

SB 1954/HB 7019 are among a suite of bills addressing flood mitigation. Rodrigues is sponsoring SB 514 establishing the Florida Office of Resiliency. The bill has passed one committee. House companion, HB 315, sponsored by Rep. Chip LaMarca, R-Lighthouse Point, awaits hearings.

HJR 1377, filed by Rep. Linda Chaney, R-St. Petersburg, and SJR 1182, sponsored by Sen. Jeff Brandes, R-St. Petersburg, provide tax breaks to homeowners who elevate properties. Both have advanced through one hearing.

HB 901, filed by Rep. Robin Bartleman, D-Weston, and SB 1252, filed by Sen. Lori Berman, D-Delray Beach, would require the state annually to assess "future expenditures" to "improve resilience to inland and coastal flooding." Neither have been heard.



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ENTERTAINMENT

Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthday — Pull out all the stops and concentrate on what you want to achieve this year. Settling into a new lifestyle will encourage personal growth, new friendships and a chance to rejigger your resume.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Pay attention to what you have and whom you love. Look for the good in everything and everyone, and it will help you achieve what you set out to do.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Think before you act or say something you'll regret. Pay more attention to unfinished business and less to what others are doing.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — You'll get a pick-me-up if you take time to pamper yourself. Quality relaxation will encourage you to use your time more efficiently.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Take better care of your health. Look for a smart way to use your time and skills.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Stop worrying about what everyone wants you to do and start doing what makes you happy. Your happiness is your responsibility.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Pay attention to financial, medical and contractual issues before they escalate into something you cannot handle independently.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Share your emotions and plans with a loved one. Sharing your desires will encourage someone to join your quest.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't share personal information, possessions or expenses. Uncertainty at home will prompt you to rethink your plans.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Observe more and say less. If you share your feelings prematurely, you will face opposition. Take time to deal with any obstacles.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Don't trust anyone to handle your affairs. Someone will take advantage of you financially.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Home improvements and investments look promising if you handle matters yourself. Don't let uncertainty cause you to miss out on a good deal.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Scrutinize partnerships. Consider who is trying to take advantage of you and who is being genuine. Trust will play a significant role in the way things turn out.

5,000 attend rock concert in Barcelona after COVID screen

BARCELONA, Spain — Five thousand music lovers are set to attend a rock concert in Barcelona on Saturday after passing a same-day COVID-19 screening, to test its effectiveness in preventing outbreaks of the virus at large cultural events.

The show by Spanish rock group Love of Lesbian has the special permission of Spanish health authorities. While the rest of the country is limited to gatherings of no more than four people in closed spaces, the concertgoers will be able to mix freely, although face masks are mandatory.

People with heart disease, cancer, or those who have been in contact with someone infected by COVID-19 in recent weeks were asked not to sign up. Ticket buyers chose between three venues in Barcelona where they must undergo a quick antigen test on Saturday morning. Those with negative results get a code on their mobile phone validating their ticket for the show at the city's Palau Sant Jordi stating at 7 p.m.

Organizers say it is the first commercial event of this size held in Europe during the pandemic. The show is sold out. The tickets, ranging from $27-33, include the cost of the test and the high-quality face mask that is obligatory except when eating or drinking at designated areas.

The concert is backed by local authorities and by experts of Barcelona's The Fight AIDS and Infectious Diseases Foundation, which also organized a case study around a smaller concert of 500 people in December. They said that the results of that preliminary case study showed that pre-screening with antigen tests and the use of face masks succeeded in preventing infections inside the concert despite there being no social distancing rules.

"This is another small step toward being able to hold concerts and cultural events" during the pandemic, said Dr. **Boris Revollo**, the virologist involved in the design of the health protocols.

Associated Press

A health worker is tested for coronavirus ahead of a music concert in Barcelona, Spain, Saturday. Five thousand music lovers are set to attend a rock concert in Barcelona on Saturday after passing a same-day COVID-19 screening to test its effectiveness in preventing outbreaks of the virus at large cultural events.

Osbourne off 'The Talk' after inquiry into racism discussion

LOS ANGELES — CBS says **Sharon Osbourne** will no longer appear on its daytime show "The Talk" after a heated on-air discussion about racism earlier this month.

Sharon Osbourne

The network said Friday Osbourne had decided to leave the show after a review that found in part that "Sharon's behavior toward her co-hosts during the March 10 episode did not align with our values for a respectful workplace."

The network said its internal inquiry said the show's co-hosts, including Osbourne and **Sheryl Underwood**, were not properly prepared by the show's team for a discussion on race. But it said there was no evidence found to support Osbourne's claim CBS ordered she be confronted about her support of British TV personality **Piers Morgan**.

"The Talk" has been on hiatus while the March 10 discussion was investigated. CBS said it had conducted workshops and training this week "about equity, inclusion and cultural awareness for the hosts, producers and crew."

There was no immediate comment from Osbourne's publicist.

— From wire reports

Today in HISTORY

Today is Sunday, March 28, the 87th day of 2021. There are 278 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On March 28, 1979, America's worst commercial nuclear accident occurred with a partial meltdown inside the Unit 2 reactor at the Three Mile Island plant near Middletown, Pennsylvania.

On this date:

In 1797, Nathaniel Briggs of New Hampshire received a patent for a washing machine.

In 1898, the U.S. Supreme Court, in United States v. Wong Kim Ark, ruled 6-2 that Wong, who was born in the United States to Chinese immigrants, was an American citizen.

In 1941, novelist and critic Virginia Woolf, 59, drowned herself near her home in Lewes, East Sussex, England.

In 2000, in a unanimous ruling, the Supreme Court, in Florida v. J.L., sharply curtailed police power in relying on anonymous tips to stop and search people.

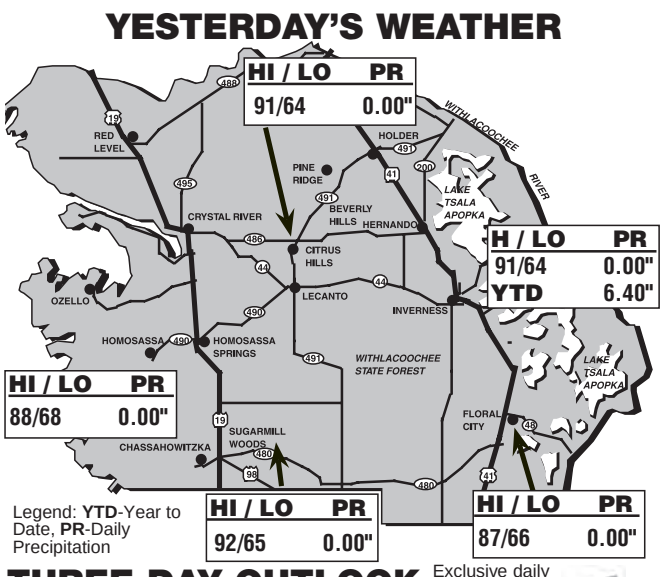
Ten years ago: Vigorously defending American attacks in Libya, President Barack Obama declared in a nationally broadcast address that the United States intervened to prevent a slaughter of civilians; he ruled out targeting Moammar Gadhafi, warning that trying to oust him militarily would be a mistake as costly as the war in Iraq.

Five years ago: The FBI said it had successfully used a mysterious technique without Apple Inc.'s help to hack into the iPhone used by a gunman in a mass shooting in California, effectively ending a pitched court battle.

One year ago: The number of confirmed coronavirus deaths in the U.S. topped 2,000, twice the number from just three days earlier; five countries had higher death tolls.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Reba McEntire is 66. Rapper Salt (Salt-N-Pepa) is 55. Actor Vince Vaughn is 51. Actor Annie Wersching is 44. Actor Julia Stiles is 40. Singer Lady Gaga is 35.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



Legend: **YTD**-Year to Date, **PR**-Daily Precipitation

THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Exclusive daily forecast by: Bay News 9

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 86° **Low:** 62°
Increasing clouds, breezy, muggy

MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING
High: 81° **Low:** 60°
Partly sunny

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING
High: 86° **Low:** 63°
Partly sunny, isolated showers

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Data from Crystal River Airport

TEMPERATURE

Yesterday	92/63
Record*	92/31
Normal	80/51
Mean temp.	66
Departure from mean	12

PRECIPITATION

Yesterday	0.00"
Total for the month	0.46"
Total for the year	4.87"
Normal for the year	9.76"

*Official record values from Tampa International

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

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE 30.13

DEW POINT
Yesterday at 3 p.m. 63°

HUMIDITY
Yesterday at 3 p.m. 39%

POLLEN COUNT**
Today's active pollen:
Oak, juniper, bayberry
Today's count: 9.4/12
Monday's count: 10.9
Tuesday's count: 11

AIR QUALITY
Yesterday observed Good
Pollutant Ozone

SOLUNAR TABLES

Provided by ezfshn.com

DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
03/28	SUNDAY	7:23	1:13	7:45	1:39
03/29	MONDAY	7:22	2:04	7:45	2:31

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

Mar 28 · Apr 4 · Apr 11 · Apr 20

SUNSET TONIGHT	7:45 pm
SUNRISE TOMORROW	7:22 am
MOONRISE TODAY	7:53 pm
MOONSET TODAY	7:31 am

BURN CONDITIONS

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

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

WATERING RULES

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

Addresses with house numbers ending in:

0 - 1	Monday	6 - 7	Thursday
2 - 3	Tuesday	8 - 9 -or- Common Areas	Friday
4 - 5	Wednesday		

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TIDES

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

SUNDAY

City	High		High		Low		Low	
Chassahowitzka*	7:01 a.m.	0.5 ft	6:58 p.m.	0.4 ft	12:48 a.m.	0.0 ft	2:03 p.m.	0.1 ft
Crystal River**	5:07 a.m.	2.3 ft	5:28 p.m.	2.1 ft	11:54 a.m.	0.2 ft	None	n/a
Withlacoochee*	2:19 a.m.	3.6 ft	2:50 p.m.	3.1 ft	9:40 a.m.	-0.2 ft	9:49 p.m.	0.0 ft
Homosassa***	6:10 a.m.	1.2 ft	6:19 p.m.	1.1 ft	12:41 a.m.	0.1 ft	1:31 p.m.	0.1 ft

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	87	64	pc	Miami	81	74	pc
Fort Lauderdale	84	72	pc	Ocala	88	66	pc
Fort Myers	86	68	pc	Orlando	91	68	pc
Gainesville	86	65	pc	Pensacola	77	53	sh
Homestead	85	70	pc	Sarasota	84	68	pc
Jacksonville	89	63	pc	Tallahassee	86	57	mc
Key West	85	76	pc	Tampa	87	69	pc
Lakeland	90	67	pc	Vero Beach	87	67	pc
Melbourne	87	66	pc	W. Palm Bch.	81	74	pc

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Southwest winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Tonight: West winds around 5 knots then becoming northeast toward morning. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters smooth. Patchy sea fog.

Gulf water temperature
78°
Taken at Crystal River

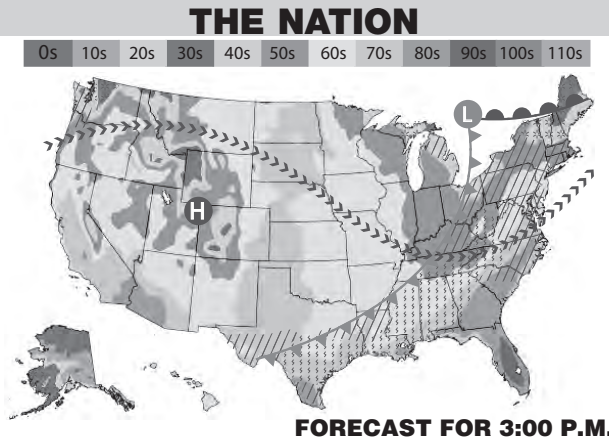
LAKE LEVELS

Location	SAT	FRI	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	27.44	27.50	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.18	37.20	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	38.23	38.24	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	39.50	39.52	41.37

Levels reported in feet above sea level. Flood stage for lakes are based on 2.33-year flood, the mean-annual flood which has a 43-precent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any one year. This data is obtained from the Southwest Florida Water Management District and is subject to revision. In no event will the District or the United States Geological Survey be liable for any damages arising out of the use of this data. If you have any questions you should contact the Hydrological Data Section at (352) 796-7211.

THE NATION

0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110s



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Sunday

City	SAT H	SAT L	SAT Pcp.	SUN H	SUN L	SUN Fcst
Albany	54	37	Trace	55	35	sh
Albuquerque	59	35	Trace	67	33	s
Asheville	74	45	0.35	71	35	sh
Atlanta	82	62	Trace	72	41	sh
Atlantic City	66	47	0.00	66	42	sh
Austin	87	66	0.00	74	46	s
Baltimore	73	45	0.00	73	41	sh
Billings	54	34	Trace	72	35	mc
Birmingham	82	68	Trace	70	40	sh
Boise	61	32	Trace	75	31	s
Boston	59	45	0.00	55	42	sh
Buffalo	57	37	0.00	54	33	ra
Burlington, VT	48	39	Trace	51	32	ra
Charleston, SC	92	64	Trace	83	52	mc
Charleston, WV	68	40	Trace	65	34	sh
Charlotte	81	56	Trace	79	43	t
Chicago	66	37	0.00	50	35	mc
Cincinnati	72	34	0.00	56	33	sh
Cleveland	50	44	0.00	55	36	sh
Columbia, SC	88	61	0.00	86	46	sh
Columbus, OH	70	41	0.00	58	32	sh
Concord, NH	61	43	0.00	46	37	ra
Dallas	81	61	Trace	71	46	s
Denver	50	30	0.10	65	37	s
Des Moines	54	45	0.16	56	41	s
Detroit	58	39	0.00	50	31	ra
El Paso	67	46	0.00	70	46	s
Evansville, IN	79	45	0.00	56	36	pc
Harrisburg	70	43	0.00	69	38	sh
Hartford	66	44	0.00	57	40	sh
Houston	83	71	Trace	73	53	sh
Indianapolis	74	44	0.00	53	31	sh
Kansas City	64	48	0.06	61	46	s
Las Vegas	74	52	0.00	79	54	s
Little Rock	81	54	0.00	65	40	s
Los Angeles	76	46	0.00	86	56	s
Louisville	76	44	0.00	57	35	sh
Memphis	81	60	2.43	61	40	s
Milwaukee	46	37	0.04	48	30	pc
Minneapolis	46	37	0.16	51	39	s
Mobile	79	71	0.00	78	51	sh
Montgomery	84	67	0.00	78	45	t
Nashville	64	53	1.54	62	38	sh
New Orleans	85	75	Trace	77	55	sh
New York City	69	50	0.00	62	45	sh
Norfolk	68	57	0.03	83	46	t
Oklahoma City	71	46	0.00	67	47	s
Omaha	55	44	Trace	63	47	s
Palm Springs	83	48	0.00	89	59	s
Philadelphia	68	48	0.00	74	41	sh
Phoenix	79	48	0.00	86	56	s
Pittsburgh	68	44	0.00	64	33	sh
Portland, ME	52	39	0.00	45	40	ra
Portland, OR	64	41	0.00	54	39	ra
Providence, RI	66	46	0.00	57	40	sh
Raleigh	77	56	0.00	84	44	sh
Rapid City	48	30	0.01	70	46	s
Reno	66	28	0.00	70	37	s
Rochester, NY	52	37	Trace	58	33	sh
Sacramento	74	40	0.00	80	45	s
Salt Lake City	54	32	Trace	66	38	s
San Antonio	88	65	0.00	75	49	s
San Diego	73	48	Trace	81	51	s
San Francisco	77	46	0.00	70	48	s
Savannah	87	65	0.00	88	54	mc
Seattle	54	42	0.00	49	36	ra
Spokane	57	33	0.00	58	31	cl
St. Louis	79	46	0.09	57	39	s
St. Ste Marie	37	30	0.00	39	23	rs
Syracuse	52	37	Trace	61	33	sh
Topeka	61	46	0.21	65	47	s
Washington	72	51	0.00	75	42	sh

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

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW
HIGH 100, Rio Grande City, Texas
LOW 1, South Fork, Colo.

WORLD CITIES

CITY	SAT H/L/SKY		
Acapulco	96/68/s	Lisbon	72/52/mc
Amsterdam	50/43/ra	London	54/46/cl
Athens	62/48/mc	Madrid	70/47/s
Beijing	65/55/pc	Mexico City	85/64/pc
Berlin	53/37/mc	Montreal	45/36/ra
Bermuda	69/69/pc	Moscow	38/31/sn
Cairo	72/55/s	Paris	61/42/mc
Calgary	54/35/cl	Rio	88/76/s
Havana	84/73/s	Rome	66/47/s
Hong Kong	77/72/pc	Sydney	72/62/s
Jerusalem	57/40/s	Tokyo	64/59/ra
		Toronto	47/41/ra
		Warsaw	48/39/mc

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With both of her sons grown, Willie decided she'd trade the cold winters of West Virginia to live in the pistachio-green wooden house on Old Floral City Road lined with a welcoming parade of arched Oak trees draped with Spanish moss and the nostalgia of simpler days.

In the early 1990s, she would have the home remodeled along with the same-colored fishing cabins that used to host fishermen from around the country — replacing them with a modern home for her son John and his family who continue to live next door and care for Willie as she has been battling dementia for the past several years.

Known for her pronounced sense of humor, Willie has shown awareness of her condition in saying things like, "My memory has gone down memory lane," and "How come I can remember that I can't remember?"

She remembers the good ole days though when she used to coach an all-boys basketball team at Vermont High School in Maplesville, Alabama, and repeats the cheer from the school. "V-E-R-M-O-N-T … Vermont, that's the way you spell it! That's the way you yell it!" With her tomboy spirit, Willie repeatedly found herself in roles that were historically considered men's jobs.

Move over Rosie, there's another riveter in town.

Willie was one of the first female riveters to work at Bechtel-McCone-Parsons Modification Center (BMP) in Birmingham, Alabama, which broke ground in January 1943. It was there, under the supervision of the U.S. Air Force, factory workers fashioned bombers and aircraft used in World War II. BMP completed half of all B-29 airplanes produced during World War II. This was the first time in American history women were called upon to perform work men traditionally did because some 16 million Americans were overseas fighting in the war.

STEFANIE HOGLUND/Special to the Chronicle

Willie Ratliff enjoys coffee during an early birthday celebration with her sons, Dan, middle, and John.

To boost morale among its female employees, The Westinghouse Power Company enlisted graphic artist J. Howard Miller to create a poster for its facilities and shortly after, the iconic Rosie the Riveter was born as an allegorical figure that would end up sweeping the nation and enticing droves of women to work in factories such as the one where Willie worked. Willie's first-born son, Dan, remembers being 2-years-old in 1945 when his Aunt Atha would watch him while his mother worked in the Birmingham factory.

"She would always talk about how she installed radio antenna in the tail section of the bombers," Dan said of his mother's work.

True to the time period, it was the aviation industry that saw the greatest increase in numbers among female workers, according to an article on The History Channel. "More than 310,000 women worked in the U.S. aircraft industry in 1943, making up 65 percent of the industry's total workforce (compared to just 1 percent in the pre-war years). The munitions industry also heavily recruited women workers, as illustrated by the U.S. government's Rosie the Riveter propaganda campaign."

The real Rosie widely thought to be a woman named Naomi Parker Fraley who was photographed wearing a polka-dot bandana like fictional Rosie's in 1942 was initially found working in a machine shop at the Naval Air Station in Almeda, CA. She died at the age of 96 in 2018 but Willie is still going at 100 in 2021.

Though her mind is fighting a war she can't win in this lifetime, it was with a thankful heart Willie celebrated her 100 years at a small birthday party her family gave her on Friday, March 19, nine days shy of her actual birthday. Her son Dan and his family were visiting from Tennessee and joined her devoted caretakers: son John and daughter-in-law Carol to celebrate the family matriarch's life and legacy.

Surrounded by her family in one of the only structures original to the property — a farmhouse built in the same decade Willie was born, she read a sign Dan was holding, inviting her to blow out her candles. She looked at each person she no longer fully recognized and eyed a banner with her name on it wishing her a "Happy 100th Birthday." With tears in her eyes, she exclaimed, "Is this for me? I can't believe it! I'm so fortunate to have such loving people around me, there's nothing more I could want."

Stefanie Hoglund is a former Chronicle reporter and the granddaughter of Willie Ratliff.

Around the STATE

Florida daughter charged with killing father

CLEARWATER — A Florida woman is facing murder charges more than two years after her father was killed with a baseball bat and a knife, authorities said.

Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri said Shannon Gillespie, 46, was arrested Friday on first-degree murder charges. It wasn't immediately clear if she has a lawyer.

She is charged with killing her father, 71-year-old Daniel Gillespie, in November 2018. The Tampa Bay Times reports that Shannon Gillespie had repeatedly denied any involvement, although she did tell investigators she despised him.

Authorities say Shannon Gillespie was kicked out of the Clearwater home she shared with her father. An arrest report says she returned at night and then beat and stabbed her father to death.

Shannon Gillespie remained jailed Saturday without bond. Daniel Gillespie wanted his daughter to leave the home, and they had a dispute that ended up in court. Two weeks before his death, a judge sided with the father.

After his death, the elder Gillespie's other three children decided to sell the house. Just before that sale, the house was set on fire in the middle of the night. That fire is still under investigation, Gualtieri said Friday.

Even so, court records show the home did sell for $132,000 in September to investors, far less than the house would have brought before the fire.

About $102,800 of the home sale and insurance money will be distributed to the siblings and attorneys, according to court filings.

— From wire reports

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‘How are you?’

A phone call lets seniors know someone cares

Lane Degregory
Tampa Bay Times

GULFPORT — She pulls up to the senior center just before 10 a.m., walks past people outside waiting for help with their taxes, others lining up for the food pantry. “Good morning!” she greets folks.

As she props her cane by the welcome desk, an elderly man approaches, admiring the cool weather. She nods, answers briefly, then sits in the office chair.

“Okay, Jay,” she says kindly. “I’ll talk to you later. I’ve got to start making my calls.”

Lorraine Gray, 77, puts on silver-rimmed glasses and pulls out a chart. After five years of volunteering at the Gulfport Senior Center, she knows most of the names and numbers. But she has to fill out a log, to record that they’re okay.

It’s Monday, so she has six people on her list. She already called eight from home.

“Hey,” she says brightly, cradling a landline against her shoulder. “This is Lorraine, just checking on you. Call me later. Okay, bye!”

When the seniors don’t pick up, she tries not to worry. She marks the form to call back. This first man, she knows, has a caregiver staying with him right now. If she doesn’t hear from him after four or five tries, she’ll call his emergency contact.

“Good morning, Greta! How are you today?” Lorraine says to the next person, who picks up right away. “I’m fine! Did you have a good weekend? Quiet? That’s good. … And what’s your kitty been up to? Did he do anything fun?”

Some people, she calls four mornings a week. Some just one. Some reassure her that they’re okay — still alive. Others want to talk. Or listen. Have a conversation, a distraction. To know someone cares.

A YEAR OF LONELINESS

The Gulfport Senior Center started its Telephone Reassurance Program more than 20 years ago. Anyone older than 50 who lives in the small town on Boca Ciega Bay can request the free service.

Walt Pauly, who helps run the senior center, says eight volunteers talk to about 85 seniors every week. Most live alone. Many can’t get out on their own.

Sometimes, that call is the only time the person talks to someone all day.

Sometimes, it’s the only way anyone knows something is wrong.

When volunteers can’t reach the emergency contact, Walt or his supervisor drive by the person’s home. If no one answers Walt’s knock, he calls the local police to do a wellness check.

They found one woman on the floor, another out driving — at 100 years old. “You do what you have to do to make sure they’re okay,” Walt says. “Thank goodness, so far, everyone’s been fine.”

Other senior centers, churches and synagogues run similar phone programs, though some use robo-calls. “We know people need to talk to someone,” Walt says. “Not just answer a recorded question.”

Most volunteers in Gulfport never meet the people they’re checking on. But they learn about that man’s grandson, that widow’s husband, whose kids come to visit, how the old dog is doing.

Since the pandemic shuttered the senior center — keeping people from their card games, crafts and gym — the calls became even more important, Walt says. And in demand.

Over the summer, Lorraine’s list swelled to 46 people.

Some wanted — needed — to talk every day.

‘DO YOU HAVE ANY STORIES?’

“Good morning, Sylvia! This is Lorraine calling. I’ll give you a call back later,” she says on this Monday.

As soon as she hangs up, the phone rings. “Good morning! Gulfport Senior … Oh, Sylvia! Hello! No, that’s all right. Are you okay today? It is a little chilly. How about that vaccine? Did you get that done? Oh, the second one, too? You must feel more comfortable then. … Oh, well, tell your friend to try Walgreens. Or Publix. They have them, too.”

Lorraine knows Sylvia and Agnes from the before-days, when they could hang out at the center. Everyone else on her list is just a voice on the other end of the line. But she considers them friends.

“Good morning, Agnes! It’s Lorraine. How are you today? Pretty good? Oh, that’s good. What did you do all weekend? Nothing? You didn’t do anything? No parties or anything?”

Agnes Roney, 87, lives alone. Her family is in Pennsylvania. Lorraine met her five years ago, helped her find a caregiver and saw her go in and out of the hospital and rehab. Lorraine has been one of the few constants in her life.

“I really appreciate the calls,” Agnes says. “It’s comforting to know someone thinks of you and takes the time to cheer you up.”

Lorraine raised her son and daughter in the woods of New Hampshire, where she was a home healthcare nurse. She retired to Florida in 2009 and lives in a condo with her cat, Sassy. She was looking for something to fill her time, a way to meet people.

She likes to talk. Loves to listen. She asks about their breathing, pain and oxygen levels, knows when to recommend they call their doctor. “I never push,” she says. “But I can pick up on what they need and make suggestions.”

She knows that often, laughter is the best medicine. One 97-year-old woman always asks, “Do you have any stories?” So Lorraine shares pieces of her past.

Like that time she came home to a goat camped out on her doorstep. When she tried to shoo it away, it charged her — so she had to call the constable. Who, it just happened, owned that angry goat. Or that time a snake slithered from under her refrigerator, so she got a hoe and chopped it in two. “Destroyed that snake and the linoleum.” And once, a bat flew through her house, and she and the kids spent an hour searching for it. Later, she found it in a pile of towels in the dryer. “That was one crispy critter.”

At 10:45, Lorraine checks her chart. One more call to make. Patrick doesn’t answer, so she leaves a message. Sometimes, he doesn’t feel well enough to pick up the phone.

But after a few minutes, Patrick calls back. He’s doing better, thank you. “Do you have a recliner? Or can you elevate the hospital bed?” Lorraine asks. “That’ll help with the breathing … You’re very welcome. It’s always good to talk to you. We’ll catch up tomorrow.”

Some mornings, Lorraine isn’t in the mood to chat. But she shoves all that aside, she says. “This is so important to them. I always try to be upbeat, bring enthusiasm. If I can make someone’s day better, why wouldn’t I?”

Besides, she says, she gets as much out of these calls as they do.

Around the STATE

Business owner guilty of $2M in COVID relief fraud

MIAMI — A Florida business owner has been convicted of illegally receiving more than $2 million in coronavirus relief funds.

A federal jury in Fort Myers found Casey David Crowther, 35, guilty Friday of bank fraud, making a false statement to a lending institution and two counts of money laundering, according to court records. A sentencing date hasn’t been set.

Crowther applied for a loan last April on behalf of his company, Target Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc., according to a criminal complaint. Prosecutors said he claimed the funds would only be used for business-related purposes, such as retaining workers and paying bills.

But shortly after receiving the money $2.1 million, Crowther made a series of personal purchases, including nearly $690,000 on a 2020 40-foot catamaran, which he registered in his name, the complaint said. He also paid $100,000 to a former business partner.

Crowther concealed the scheme by providing false explanations for the expenditures to his bank, prosecutors said. He added multiple family members to his company’s payroll who did not actually perform work and created 39 fake employees, officials said.

The Paycheck Protection Program represents billions of dollars in forgivable small business loans for Americans struggling because of the COVID-19 pandemic. It’s part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, which became federal law in March.

Knights to have blood drive

The next blood drive for Our Lady of Grace Knights of Columbus council 6168 will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at 2389 W. Norvell Bryant Highway (County Road 486) in Lecanto.

A continental breakfast will be available as well as tokens of appreciation for all donors.

Walk-ins are welcome, but reservations are recommended to reduce potential wait time at the site. They can be made through the Life South website or by calling 352-527-3061.

— From staff and wire reports

Obituaries

Joseph James ‘Joe’ Carpenter

He was born in Inverness Florida February 1986, and passed away on Sunday March 14, 2021 in Beverly Hills.

He is survived by his Mother, Mary Jo Carpenter, his brother Donald Carpenter, his sister Jessica Martin, and 4 nieces and 2 nephews.

Joseph ‘Joe’ Carpenter

He was preceded in death by his father Donald G. Carpenter and grandparents Mary and Joseph Carney.

Joe loved the outdoors and spending time with his friend and family. He was in the Boy Scouts troop 452 and made the advancement of Eagle Scout. His hobbies included fishing, bowling, and golf.

He graduated Lecanto High School in 2004 and attended the College of Central Florida. He played soccer and was in the NJROTC. He worked at Lunacy Lighting and Screen America. He attended our Lady of Grace Catholic Church and loved the lord.

Joe was kind and compassionate to all. He loved animals, especially his dog Scooby!

Joe was laid to rest on March 20, 2021, through Hooper Funeral Home at the Memorial Gardens in Beverly Hills. He will be deeply missed by all.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Thomas Jancek, 81

INVERNESS

Thomas J. Jancek, 81, of Inverness, FL, passed away on Friday, March 12, 2021 at UF Shands Hospital in Gainesville, FL. Tom served in the US Army.

A private Celebration of Life was held. Interment will be at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.

Richard Skiles Jr., 85

INVERNESS

Richard H. Skiles, Jr., 85, of Inverness, FL passed away on March 20, 2021 at Pleasant Grove Manor in Inverness. He bravely served our country as a member of the United States Navy.

He will be laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery of Bushnell, FL at a later date. Cremation with Care is under the direction of the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, FL.

Edith Sevier Hanna Holt

Edith Sevier Hanna Holt died on March 25, 2021 at Homosassa, Florida after a long battle against dementia.

She is survived by her husband of fifty-nine years, Albert Campbell Holt II, her son Joe Hanna Holt of Kersey, Colorado, her daughter Sally Tutewiler Holt Marucci of Clearwater, Florida, her daughter Susan Campbell Holt Corrie of Brentwood, California, eight grandchildren, and eleven great grandchildren.

Edith was born on February 1, 1941 in Greenville, South Carolina to Edwin Langdon and Virginia Sevier Hanna. The Hannas moved to Spartanburg, SC when Edith was still a child. Growing up, Edith spent her summers at her family’s summer camp for girls, Camp Greystone, in Tuxedo, North Carolina, where she was a camper and later taught swimming, canoeing, archery, and horseback riding. Here she developed her strong sense of teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play; qualities that especially endeared her to her friends and family. Camp Greystone was founded in 1920 by her grandfather and is still run by his descendants, the fourth generation to do so.

Edith earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the prestigious Agnes Scott College in 1962, having spent her junior year at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, where she studied biology. Edith married the love of her life, Albert Campbell Holt II, in 1962. She devoted herself to the work of wife and mother and to her ministry to single women through the church.

After her children were grown, she earned teaching and therapist certifications and was a teacher of children with learning differences, working mainly for the Annapolis Area Christian Schools. The school awarded her a plaque in recognition of ten years of faithful service. While living in Annapolis, Edith was a member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Annapolis, where she and her husband served as a mentor couple in support of the “Preparing for Marriage” ministry.

Edith had a lifelong passion for horseback riding. Her equestrian skills benefited from instruction by her father, who was trained to be a cavalry officer in in the Army ROTC at Georgia Tech. In her early years she won many awards in the hunter and jumper events. In later years, her interest turned to dressage.

She was a skilled and aggressive downhill skier. She enjoyed many years of sailboat racing with her husband.

“Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.” Proverbs 31.

It is requested that any Memorial Contributions be made to the First Baptist Church of Crystal River, Florida.

Arrangements are under the direction of Strickland Funeral Home and Crematory, Crystal River, FL.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Ronald McKinney, 79

HERNANDO

Ronald Calvin McKinney, 79, of Hernando, FL passed away March 26, 2021 at his residence in Hernando. He served our country in the U.S. Navy.

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

Arnold Camp, 84

LECANTO

Arnold W Camp, 84 of Lecanto, FL passed away Friday March 26, 2021 at Vitas Hospice in Lecanto, FL. Visitation will be on Tuesday March 30th from 4PM to 6PM at the Strickland Funeral Home Chapel in Crystal River, FL. A funeral service will be held at 11 AM on Wednesday, March 31st at the Crystal River United Methodist Church in Crystal River, FL.

Interment will follow at Fero Memorial Gardens in Beverly Hills, FL. Arrangements are under the direction of Strickland Funeral Home and Crematory, Crystal River, FL.

James Taylor, 85

FLORAL CITY

James Earl Taylor Sr., 85, of Floral City, FL passed away unexpectedly February 28, 2021 at Citrus Memorial Hospital, Inverness, FL. He was born in Mansfield, OH on December 22, 1935 to the late Harlon M. and Gladys (Crose) Taylor.

James was preceded in death by his brother Bob Taylor, two grandchildren; Derrick and Blake and his beautiful beloved wife and mother of five children; Carolyn (Jones) Taylor in 1983. Blessed to find love again, he also mourned the loss of his 2nd wife and very loved stepmother; Betty Jean Byers-Taylor.

James Taylor

James is survived by his children: Paula Holmes (Richard), Sheryl Hall, Susan Pence, James E. Taylor Jr (Christina) and Nancy Hue’ Taylor. Also, brother; William Taylor, eight grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren with many nephew and nieces.

James arrived in this area over 25 years ago after he retired as a millwright in Mansfield, Ohio. He was known for being a hardworking man, dedicated to working from sunup to sundown. He had a gifted business sense, being a master of skilled trades; building homes, owning a car lot with exceptional mechanical and auto body talent. He definitely fit the profile for being a Jack-of-all-trades with a unique ability to teach, providing his children the tools necessary for independence.

Always finding time for fun whether planning a trip in an RV or hitting the road on his motorcycle, the one consistent thing absolutely everyone knew him for was his energy and enthusiastic love for dancing. His signature move was to shake it down low (all the way to the floor) and back up with ease as he’d share a flirty grin and wink to those decades younger trying to keeping up with him.

He also enjoyed singing and when the mood hit, him he wouldn’t hesitate to break out in song anywhere and at any time. One of his favorites being Conway Twitty’s famous hit; ‘Hello Darling!’ Staying active and hard work is what kept him so young and strong but the most impressive memory of Jim’s journey was watching him choose to accept his disappointments and redirect his focus on enjoying every precious moment of life. A lesson he left behind for all of us.

Private cremation arrangements under the care of Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, Florida.

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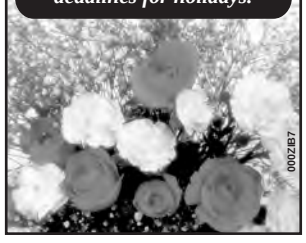
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Around the NATION & WORLD

SUEZ, EGYPT

No timeline given for extracting wedged ship from Suez Canal

A giant container ship remained stuck sideways in Egypt's Suez Canal for a fifth day Saturday, as authorities made new attempts to free the vessel and reopen a crucial waterway whose blockage is disrupting global shipping and trade.

Meanwhile, the head of the Suez Canal Authority said strong winds were "not the only cause" for the Ever Given running aground on Tuesday, appearing to push back against conflicting assessments offered by others. Lt. Gen. Osama Rabei told a news conference Saturday that an investigation was ongoing but did not rule out human or technical error.

The massive Ever Given, a Panama-flagged ship that carries cargo between Asia and Europe, got stuck in a single-lane stretch of the canal, about 3.7 miles north of the southern entrance, near the city of Suez.

Rabei said he could not predict when the ship might be dislodged. A Dutch salvage firm is attempting to refloat the vessel with tugboats and dredgers, taking advantage of high tides.

Rabei said he remained hopeful that dredging could free the ship without having to resort to removing its cargo, but added that "we are in a difficult situation, it's a bad incident."

YANGON, MYANMAR

Myanmar forces kill over 100 in deadliest day since coup

As Myanmar's military celebrated the annual Armed Forces Day holiday with a parade Saturday in the country's capital, soldiers and police elsewhere reportedly killed dozens of people as they suppressed protests in the deadliest bloodletting since last month's coup.

The online news site Myanmar Now reported late Saturday that the death toll had reached 114. A count issued by an independent researcher in Yangon who has been compiling near-real time death tolls put the total at 107, spread over more than two dozen cities and towns.

Both numbers are higher than all estimates for the previous high on March 14, which ranged in counts from 74 to 90.

Figures collected by the researcher, who asked not to be named for his security, have generally tallied with the counts issued at the end of each day by the Assistance Association of Political Prisoners, which documents deaths and arrests and is widely seen as a definitive source.

The Associated Press is unable to independently confirm the death tolls.

The killings quickly drew international condemnation, with multiple diplomatic missions to Myanmar releasing statements that mentioned the killing of civilians Saturday, including children.

HOUSTON, TX.

US waives FBI checks on caregivers at new migrant facilities

The Biden administration is not requiring FBI fingerprint background checks of caregivers at its rapidly expanding network of emergency sites to hold thousands of immigrant teenagers, alarming child welfare experts who say the waiver compromises safety.

In the rush to get children out of overcrowded and often unsuitable Border Patrol sites, President Joe Biden's team is turning to a measure used by previous administrations: tent camps, convention centers and other huge facilities operated by private contractors and funded by U.S. Health and Human Services. In March alone, the Biden administration announced it will open eight new emergency sites across the Southwest adding 15,000 new beds, more than doubling the size of its existing system.

These emergency sites don't have to be licensed by state authorities or provide the same services as permanent HHS facilities. They also cost far more, an estimated $775 per child per day.

And to staff the sites quickly, the Biden administration has waived vetting procedures intended to protect minors from potential harm.

Staff and volunteers directly caring for children at new emergency sites don't have to undergo FBI fingerprint checks, which use criminal databases not accessible to the public and can overcome someone changing their name or using a false identity.

HAZARD, KY.

Kentucky town rallies to restore beheaded Mother Goose

A community in Kentucky is rallying to help restore an 80-year-old landmark — an oval shaped building that has a domed roof with the neck and head of a goose sticking out the front. Until last week, that is, when the goose was beheaded by strong winds.

The owners had put up a Go Fund Me page on March 20, saying the head had moved off its foundation and couldn't be stabilized. They were raising funds to reconstruct it. Then on Wednesday, they posted an update. The head had fallen.

The building has served as a home, a service station, a market and an inn over the years, WYMT-TV reported. Now community support in Hazard is pouring in. As of Saturday afternoon, the Go Fund Me page had raised more than $7,000. The Kentucky Heritage Council in Frankfort has also pledged to help out.

So has Joey McKenney, owner of the Appalachian Apparel Company.

"Last week when they were trying to raise money — they said they were having some problems with the roof and the structure and things like that — and so I just kind of started thinking at that point what we could do to kind of help raise money," he told the station.

He came up with a T-shirt designed to look like an old newspaper clipping with the headline, "Beloved Landmark, Beheaded!" McKenny said they will split with profit on the shirt, which should mean around $6-$8 per shirt going to the fund to rebuild the goose.

On Friday, he said he already had orders from people in 11 different states.

Phil Neace, son of former Perry County Judge-Executive Sherman Neace, called the goose's beheading "heartbreaking."

"People from all over the world have come here and taken pictures of it," Neace said. It's one of the most photographed places in East Kentucky."

— From wire reports

Associated Press

This satellite image from Maxar Technologies shows the cargo ship MV Ever Given stuck in the Suez Canal near Suez, Egypt, Friday. A maritime traffic jam grew to more than 200 vessels Friday outside the Suez Canal and some vessels began changing course as dredgers worked frantically to free a giant container ship that is stuck sideways in the waterway and disrupting global shipping.

Associated Press

Debris covers the ground after part of the Mother Goose house collapsed on March 24, in Hazard, Ky. The Kentucky town is rallying to help restore the 80-year-old landmark — an oval shaped building that has a domed roof with the neck and head of a goose sticking out the front.

Citrus parks and recreation presents 'Rec and Roll'

Special to the Chronicle

Citrus County Parks and Recreation presents "Rec and Roll," a mobile recreation program. Games and sports equipment will be brought to each of the four participating parks from 5 to 8 p.m. on every Tuesday evening through October.

"Rec and Roll" will be at Beverly Hills Community Park on the first Tuesday of each month, 947 W. Roosevelt Blvd.

On the second Tuesday of each month, it will be at Wesley Jones Park, 2510 W. Castania Drive in Citrus Springs.

On every third Tuesday, the event will take place at Homosassa Area Recreation Park, 4210 S. Grandmarch Ave.

On the fourth Tuesday of each month, "Rec and Roll" will be at Floral Park, 9530 S. Parkside Ave. in Floral City.

Games include life-size connect four and chess, cornhole, Jenga, sack races, three-legged races, hopscotch, hula hooping contests, four square, kickball, soccer, basketball, flag football and tennis.

All ages are welcome. Parents are asked to supervise small children. CDC social distancing guidelines will be encouraged.

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Citrus County Parks and Recreation's "Rec and Roll" truck.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Contact your parish to find out if the services will be held in person or virtually.

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First Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday (Communion) Service ~ April 1, 2021 - 6:00 PM
Good Friday Tenebrae Service ~ April 2, 2021 - 6:00 PM
Easter Sunrise Candlelight Service w/Holy Communion, April 4, 2021 - 7:30 AM
Easter Celebration ~ w/Holy Communion, April 4, 2021 - 9:00 AM
Easter Breakfast ~ 10:00 AM

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Easter Sunday Schedule:
HE IS RISEN!
April 1 - Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper (6:00 pm)
April 2 - Good Friday Liturgy (12:00 noon)
April 4 - Easter Vigil (8:00 am)
Easter Mass of the Resurrection (10:15 am)
All Are Welcome!

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HOLY WEEK 2021

Palm Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil: March 27 at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 28 at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday, April 1
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.
Adoration until 9:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 2
Stations of the Cross at Noon
Veneration of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 3
Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4
Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
In the Church and Hall

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Calvary Chapel Inverness
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Wednesday, March 31
Worship in the Upper Room: 7 pm

Good Friday, April 2, 7 pm
Worship and Dance

Easter Sunday, April 4, 10 am & 12 pm
Breakfast 9:00 am through 12:00 pm
Resurrection Celebration

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The Citrus County Chronicle wishes you and your family a Blessed Easter.

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Join us in Celebration

Easter Services:
Saturday, 4/3/21 • 10:00 am
Easter Eggstravaganza Easter Egg Hunt for children ages up to 11 years old

Easter Sunday:
Sunday, 4/4/21
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Faith Lutheran Church
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4/2 Good Friday.....3:00PM
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BUDGET

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the sky budget" — a one-time infusion of federal stimulus money.

One common theme that emerged during their discussion was using some of the money to catch up on road resurfacing.

Commissioner Holly Davis said the county needs a continuing income stream to improve roads and resurfacing. Whether that takes a local option sales tax or adjustments to the millage is open for debate, she said.

Commissioner Jeff Kinnard said Citrus County is faced with many road infrastructure needs — not so much new infrastructure but repairs and maintenance of existing ones.

County Administrator Randy Oliver presented the board with two budget options to consider: adopt a rollback rate plus 3% in addition to ad valorem increase for new money, or leave the millage rate the same with the excess dedicated to road resurfacing.

The rollback rate is the millage rate which would generate the same amount of property tax as the previous year. So if the value of taxable property in the county increases, the rollback decreases.

Taxes are calculated through the millage: One mill equals $1 of tax for every $1,000 of taxable value on property. When the millage rate stays the same, anyone who experiences an increase in the taxable value of the property they own will see a tax increase.

Last year, commissioners unanimously approved a $302.9 million budget that kept the tax rate at 7.887 mills.

The fiscal year is from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.

Here are the key dates in this year's budget process:

- April 27: Capital Improvement Program (CIP) workshop.
- July 28: Preliminary budget hearing.
- Sept. 9: Tentative budget hearing.
- Sept. 28: Final budget hearing.

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

North Elkcam Boulevard is one of many roadways within Citrus County that are scheduled to be paved. It is one of the 159 roads the county plans to resurface in the months ahead.

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SENIORS

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"I can't wait," said Krug, whose only interactions with the girl have been over Zoom and FaceTime. "It's very strange to not have her in my life yet."

The excitement she feels, however, is tempered with sadness. Her daughter-in-law's mother, who she had been looking forward to sharing grandma duties with, died of COVID-19 just hours after the baby's birth. She contracted it at a nursing home.

Isolated by the pandemic, older adults were hard hit by loneliness caused by restrictions intended to keep people safe. Many of them sat out summer reunions, canceled vacation plans and missed family holiday gatherings in November and December.

In states with older populations, like Maine, Arizona and Florida, health officials worried about the emotional and physical toll of loneliness, posing an additional health concern on top of the virus.

But that's changing, and more older people are reappearing in public after they were among the first group to get vaccinated.

Those who are fully vaccinated are ready to get out of Dodge without worrying they were endangering themselves amid a pandemic that has claimed more than 540,000 lives in the United States.

"Now there's an extra level of confidence. I am feeling good about moving forward," said Ken Hughes, a 79-year-old Florida resident who is flying with his wife for a pandemic-delayed annual trip to Arizona in April.

Plenty of older adults are eager to hop on a jet to travel. Others are looking forward to the simpler things like eating at a restaurant, going to a movie theater or playing bingo.

Sally Adams, 74, was among several older people who showed up for "parking lot bingo" in Glendale, Arizona. She felt safe because she'd been vaccinated and because she was in her car at the first bingo event in more than year.

Once she fulfills the time to reach peak immunity, she plans to indulge in little things like eating out. Both her and her husband, who is also vaccinated, have only done takeout. Now, they feel like it will be OK to even eat indoors — as long as it's not crowded.

"We'll probably go in and take the farthest table from other people just to be on the safe side," she said.

Indeed, many older adults are taking a cautious approach, especially when the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention declined to ease recommendations for travel.

Frequent traveler Cindy Charest was so excited about the prospect of jetting away for the first time in more than a year that she posted an airplane emoji with a photo of her being vaccinated on social media.

But she's taking a wait-and-see attitude after the CDC recommended against nonessential air travel, for now.

"I think I got prematurely excited about it," said Charest, 65, of Westbrook, Maine. But she's ready to jump when the time comes. She's watching for changing guidance.Others are also cautious.

"We're still in the thick of it," said Claudette Greene, 68, of Portland, Maine. "We've made a lot of progress but we're not done with this."

Kathy Bubar said she and her husband are completely vaccinated but are in no hurry to push things. The 73-year-old Portland resident is planning to wait until fall before planning any major travel. She hopes to go on a safari in December.

"My goal in all of this is to not be the last person to die from COVID. I'm willing to be patient and take as long as it takes," she said.

The Griffins were also cautious before they were reunited with their granddaughter.

Bill Griffin, of Waterboro, didn't dare have close contact with family members until after being vaccinated because he has lung disease, heart disease, kidney disease and high blood pressure, all factors that pushed him into a high-risk category for COVID-19.

"Everybody wants to live for the moment, but the moment could have been very deadly. We listened to the scientists," he said.

Associated Press

Two older adults socially distanced, watch a spring training exhibition baseball game between the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Baltimore Orioles, March 22, in Bradenton. Spring has arrived with sunshine and warmer temperatures, and many vaccinated seniors are emerging from COVID-19-imposed hibernation.

Baseball fans gather in the Bullpen Club at George M. Steinbrenner Field before a spring training exhibition baseball game between the New York Yankees and the Toronto Blue Jays in Tampa, Wednesday.

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Manatee festival delights CR

The Florida Manatee Festival on Saturday, March 27, in downtown Crystal River featured great weather and larger than usual crowds. This was the 34th annual festival, hosted by the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce.

Bad Luck Penny performs Saturday, March 27, at the Waterfront Main Stage during the 34th annual Florida Manatee Festival. The two-day festival, which was originally planned for January but rescheduled, drew a large crowd.

For more photos, visit tinyurl.com/bekjw7fu.

Photos by Julie Mancini

With some of his manatee sculptures in the foreground, marine wildlife sculptor John Wilchynski of Citrus Springs, talks to potential customers at his booth in the Town Square.

Don Pithell serves up ice cream in a Hawaiian honey cone during the Florida Manatee Festival. Pithell's unique frozen desert was popular with festivalgoers due to Saturday's warm weather.

Deb Gartner of Spring Hill sells her custom-made signs during the 34th annual Florida Manatee Festival. This was Gartner's second Manatee Festival.

Cold drinks and ice vendors had long lines during the Florida Manatee Festival. The Sno Kone Factory patrons helped themselves to their preferred flavors.

Lucy Fraser, a glass artist from Russia who now lives in The Villages, exhibited this frog as well as many other glass sculptures at the Castle Green Art Glass Studio booth.

Samm Wehman's Florida Manatee Festival booth at the corner of the Town Square and Citrus Avenue featured her original paintings, prints and stickers. Wehman and her husband Josh were pleased with the location and the weather. This was their third time showing at the festival.

Steve Thomas plays a Bob Marley tune on one of his handmade steel drums during the Florida Manatee Festival. Thomas, from Madison, Florida, makes the drums from cans recycled from school cafeterias.

VETERANS

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VETERANS NOTES

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

Young artists sought for contest

The VFW Post 4252 Auxiliary seeks entries for their sponsored Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest.

Young artists in ninth through 12th grade wanting to enter the contest should call 352-419-8981 and ask for Judy Prive. If no answer, leave your name, telephone number and a brief message to request an application to enter this contest.

Deadline to enter is March 31.

Post 4864 sets spaghetti dinner

VFW Post 4864 of Citrus Springs announces a special spaghetti and meatball dinner meal from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, 10199 N. Citrus Springs Blvd.

The cost is $7 per person. Groups larger than four should call to reserve a table at 352-465-4864.

CCVC cancels yard sales

The Citrus County Veterans Coalition (CCVC) has canceled monthly yard sales, effective immediately, until further notice.

We also are not accepting any donated items at this time.

However, it is our intention to continue offering our food services to veteran clients. We ask that any veteran coming to collect food on Tuesdays and the first and third Thursdays of the month, to please wait in their cars, until the food is delivered to them.

We ask that you wear a mask and that any new applicants, please have proof of residency and proof of honorable discharge from military service.

All active duty members of the Armed Forces are also invited to apply for services. All CDC guidelines will be strictly adhered to. We will continue to accept any food donations to help replenish our supplies. These donations can be dropped off during our usual opening hours, of 9 a.m. until noon. Canned goods and non-perishable food items, as well as paper goods are in short supply.

For information, call 352-400-8952 or visit www.veterans-coalition.com.

CCVC expands services

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

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

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

For further information, call 352-400-8952.

Transit for VA appointments

Citrus County Transit provides service to veterans on a weekly basis, excluding holidays. Transportation to VA appointments for both wheel chair and ambulatory patients are available:

- Tuesday to Tampa
- Wednesday to Gainesville
- Thursday to the Villages VA

Other appointments may be available if capacity is available. For reservations and information, contact Janet Gramann at 352-527-7630.

Dog tag sales benefit vets

Veterans dog tags now being made at the Beverly Hills American Legion Post 237 located at 6726 N. Lecanto Highway.

These are the genuine notched and unnotched type tags as were issued. Chains and silencers also in stock.

Custom-made tags for any purpose, veterans, pets, luggage, etc., are also done.

Call the post at 352-897-4776 to make an appointment with Carolyn Mills. Proceeds go to Post 237 veterans programs.

Dine to help veterans in need

AMVETS Post 89 host a spaghetti supper from 4 to 6:30 p.m. every fourth Tuesday to benefit community projects and veterans in need.

Dinners are hosted at the Citrus Springs Hope Evangelist Church, 9425 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., and consist of spaghetti, sauce, meatballs, bread, salad, dessert, coffee, tea or water.

Cost is $7. Open to the public.

For information, call 352-464-0931 or 352-220-3339.

Fish fry benefits charities

Members of the VFW Post 10087 host a fish fry every Friday to benefit local charities and veterans relief.

The fish fry events are open to the public and begin at 5 p.m., at 2170 W. Vet Lane, Beverly Hills. Get a plate of lightly battered haddock, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw and a roll for $8.

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

A desire to serve

World War II veteran Charles Eddy talks about what he can't forget

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

At 95, Charles Eddy can still see the face of the Japanese pilot as he barreled toward the naval ship Eddy was on.

"We were going into Okinawa," he said. "We were the lead ship. I was on watch that night and I looked up and there was this plane so close you could 'pert near touch it.

"I could see the pilot's face — I still can see it today," he said. "He hit us mid-ship. It destroyed the communications (system) and about destroyed the ship."

Eddy said the ship listed about 60 degrees and they floated for hours before another ship rescued them.

"A buddy of mine said, 'What are we going to do?' I said, 'If we have to jump, we're going to jump on the other side (of the boat). It was a scary time," he said.

World War II ended in 1945, and Charles Eddy has kept his stories mostly to himself all these years, his daughter Tracy Eddy said. But recently, he's been wanting to tell them.

Eddy grew up in upstate New York where, as a boy, he wanted to be an engineer on a train.

When World War II started, he was in high school. His older brother, William, had joined the Navy, and he wanted to join, too.

"I was 17 and I quit school to go in," he said. "My parents didn't like that too much, but they signed the papers for me to go in. But it was OK, because when I got back, I went back to school.

"At that time, World War II, everybody was patriotic. Everybody wanted to serve, and most of them did," he said.

Another person who wasn't too happy about him going off to war was Audrey, his then-girlfriend to whom he was married for 71 years before her death in 2018.

"They met in second grade," Tracy Eddy said. "She was in nursing school and the whole time Dad was gone she wrote him letters every day. He still has them, boxes and boxes of them."

Navy boot camp was at Sampson Naval Training Base upstate New York.

"You got a good lesson there," Eddy said. "You marched and marched — lots of marching. We trained on small boats, landing craft where they load all the troops, about 40 or 50 of them."

Eddy was on one of those landing crafts in June 1944.

"We were heading to Normandy," he said. "I forgot how many boats there were, but the English Channel was so full of boats ready for invasion, and you could hardly move in the water. You 'pert near touched one another.

"Then all of a sudden, they gave you orders to move on in," he said. "So, there were approximately 10 to 15 landing craft that went in at a time, and you had a certain spot you had to beach."

Eddy remembered one kid, about

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MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

World War II veteran Charles Eddy describes a time in his Navy career when a kamikaze attack on his ship took place.

In Their Words

A shadow box displaying Charles Eddy's World War II ribbons hangs in his home.

VFW Post 8189 members receive Pride Award

Special to the Chronicle

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8189 and Auxiliary were recently presented the Keep Citrus County Beautiful (KCCB). They were presented this pride award to recognize their community pride, participation in the Adopt-a-Road program and the cleanup of Stage Stand cemetery in Homosassa. The KCCB Pride Award is based upon three principal objectives: end littering, improve recycling and beautify communities. From left are: Les Kline, Post 8189 quartermaster; Doug Tennant, Post 8189 senior vice; Jim Fuller, Post 8189 commander; Curt Ebitz, KCCB pride award chairman; Roger Ingall, Auxiliary 8189 president; and JoAnne Peters, Auxiliary 8189 senior vice.

- Submit information for the Veterans page at least two weeks before the event.
- Early submission of timely material is appreciated, but multiple publications cannot be guaranteed.
- Notes tend to run one week prior to the date of an event. Publication on a specific day is not guaranteed.
- Submit material at *Chronicle* offices in Inverness or Crystal River; by fax at 352-563-3280; or email to community@chronicleonline.com.

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2 WESH NBC	19		19			PGA Golf		Ellen's Game		Ellen's Game		Zoey's-Playlist		Good Girls (N) '14'		News	
3 WEDU PBS	3	3		14	6	NewsHour Wk	WEDU Arts Plus	Father Brown "The Last Man" 'PG'		Great Performances (N) 'PG'		Howards End on Masterpiece 'PG'		Howards End on Masterpiece 'PG'		Death in Paradise (In Stereo) 'PG'	
5 WUFT PBS	5		5			Call the Midwife '14'		Rick Steves Special		Great Performances		Howards End		Howards End		Professor T '14'	
8 WFLA NBC	8	8	8	8	8	PGA Golf		Ellen's Game of Games 'PG'		Ellen's Game of Games (N) 'PG'		Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist (N) '14'		Good Girls "Dave" (N) '14' (DVS)		NewsChannel 8	Super Sports
9 WFTV ABC	20	7	20			News	World News	America's Funniest Home Videos 'PG'		American Idol The contestants perform with a band. (N) (In Stereo) 'PG'				The Rookie "Bad Blood" (N) '14'		News Sunday	Spo Night on 9
10 WTSP CBS	10	10	10	10	10	2021 NCAA Basketball Tournament		60 Minutes (N) (In Stereo)		The Equalizer "The Milk Run" (N) '14'		NCIS: Los Angeles (N) '14' (DVS)		NCIS: New Orleans "Stashed" (N) '14'		10 Tampa Bay	In Touch
13 WTVT FOX	13	13		13	13	NASCAR Cup Series Food City Dirt Race.		Cherries Wild 'PG'	Bless the Harts '14'	The Simpsons	The Great North	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy '14'	FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo)		FOX13 11:00 News (N) (In Stereo)	
20 WCJB ABC			11			WCJB T	ABC	Funny Home Videos		American Idol (N) (In Stereo) 'PG'				The Rookie (N) '14'		WCJB T	Gone Vi
22 WCLF IND	2	2	2	22	22	Joseph Prince	Empowered Life	Real Life 'G'	Great Awakening, Rodney, Browne		Love a Child 'G'	Billy Graham	Jewish Jesus 'G'	Mark T. Barclay	Jesse Duplantis	Global-Crisis	The Great Awake
24 WYKE FAM	16	16	16		15	Bible Say?	Nature Coast	Movie				Movie				Vegas Unveiled	
28 WFTS ABC	11	11		11	11	ABC Action News	World News	America's Funniest Home Videos 'PG'		American Idol The contestants perform with a band. (N) (In Stereo) 'PG'				The Rookie "Bad Blood" (N) '14'		ABC Action News	Joel Osteen 'PG'
32 WMOR IND	12	12		5		Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WMOR Presents: COVID and Recovery		Dateline "Finding Savanna" 'PG'		Soledad O'Brien	Greta Van Susteren
38 WTTA MNT	6	6	6	9	9	Funny	Funny	FamFeud	FamFeud	NewsChannel 8		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Murdoch Mysteries		Born Ride	Larry
40 WACX TBN	21		21			In Touch		Rejoice in the Lord		Divine	Bill W.	Barclay	Chris	Jentezen	Jim Raley	Paula	Power
44 WTOG CW	4	4	4	12	12	Mike & Molly '14'	Mike & Molly '14'	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	Batwoman "Rule 1" (N) 'PG'		Charmed "O, the Tangled Web" 'PG'		NCIS: New Orleans '14' (DVS)		NCIS: New Orleans "Quid Pro Quo" '14'	
50 WVEA UNI	15	15	15	15	14	Política	Noticiero	Aquí y ahora (N)		Mira Quién Baila Univision All Stars (N)				Sal y pimienta 'PG'		María	Noticiero
51 WOGX FOX			13	7	7	NASCAR Cup Series		Cherries	Bless	Simpsons	The-North	Burgers	Fam. Guy	FOX 51 News		TMZ (N) 'PG'	
66 WXPX ION		17				Blue Bloods '14'		Blue Bloods '14'		Blue Bloods '14'		Blue Bloods '14'		Blue Bloods '14'		Blue Bloods '14'	
A&E	54	48	54	25	27	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'
ACCN		99				All ACC	All ACC	All ACC	All ACC	College Baseball Virginia Tech at Pittsburgh.						Wm. Lacrosse	
AMC	55	64	55			***"Hobbit: Battle of the Five Armies"***		The Walking Dead "One More" 'MA'		The Walking Dead "Splinter" 'MA'		The Walking Dead "Diverged" (N) 'MA'		Talking Dead (N) '14'		The Walking Dead "Diverged" 'MA'	
ANI	52	35	52	19	31	Lone Star Law (In Stereo) '14'		Lone Star Law (In Stereo) '14'		Lone Star Law: Bigger and Better '14'		Lone Star Law (N) (In Stereo) '14'		Lone Star Law "Stag Poaching" '14'		Lone Star Law "Wildcat Garage" '14'	
BET	96	71	96			52nd Annual NAACP Image Awards Non-televised award categories. 'PG'				Tyler Perry's The Oval '14'		Tyler Perry's Sistas '14'		The Parkers 'PG'	The Parkers 'PG'	The Parkers "Single Black Female" 'PG'	
BIGTEN	742	809				Women's College Soccer		B1G Basketball in 60		The Journey	B1G Basketball in 60		Big Ten Elite 'G'		B1G Basketball in 60		The B1G Show (N)
BRAVO	254	51	254			Housewives-Atlanta		Housewives-Atlanta		Housewives-Atlanta		Married to Medicine		Watch	Chat	Housewives-Atlanta	
CC	27	61	27		33	★★★ ***"Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues"*** (2013) Will Ferrell. 'PG-13'				★★½ ***"Step Brothers"*** (2008) Will Ferrell. Two spoiled men become rivals when their parents marry.					★★½ ***"Old School"*** (2003, Comedy) Luke Wilson. 'NR'		
CMT	98	45	98	28	37	★★ ***"How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days"*** (2003) Kate Hudson. 'PG-13'				★★ ***"She's All That"*** (1999, Romance-Comedy) Freddie Prinze Jr. 'PG-13'				★★★ ***"Clueless"*** (1995, Comedy) Alicia Silverstone, Stacey Dash. 'PG-13'			
CNN	40	29	40	41	46	CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Special Report (N)				State-Union	
ESPN	33	27	33	21	17	SportsCenter (N)		NCAA Women's Basketball				NCAA Women's Basketball				SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2	37	28	34	43	49	College Hockey				College Hockey West Regional Final: Teams TBA. (N)					TBA	World of X Games	
FBN	106	149	106	99	41	Maria Bartiromo		Return: Apollo 13		Kennedy		History of Socialism		Return: Apollo 13		Maria Bartiromo	
FLIX		118	170			★★½ ***"Alfie"*** (2004, Comedy-Drama) Jude Law, Omar Epps. (In Stereo) 'R'				★★★½ ***"October Sky"*** (1999) Jake Gyllenhaal, Chris Cooper. (In Stereo) 'PG'				★★★ ***"Source Code"*** (2011) Jake Gyllenhaal. 'PG-13'			***"Team America"***
FNC	44	37	44		32	Fox Report		Justice With Jeanine		Life, Liberty & Levin		The Next Revolution		To Be Announced		Life, Liberty & Levin	
FOOD	26	56	26			Diners	Tournament of Champions 'G'			Tournament of Champions (N) 'G'				Food Truck Race		Beat Flay	Beat Flay
FREEFORM	29	52	29	20	28	★★½ ***"Cars 3"*** (2017) Voices of Owen Wilson. 'G'			★★★½ ***"The Lion King"*** (1994) Voices of Matthew Broderick. (In Stereo) 'G'				★★★ ***"Mulan"*** (1998, Children's) Voices of Ming-Na Wen. (In Stereo) 'G'				***"Alice-Wonder."***
FS1	732	112	732			CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying				Match Day (N)		CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying				Soccer	
FSNFL	35	39	35			Lines	Golf Life	World Poker		World Poker		In Magic	Pregame	NBA Basketball: Magic at Lakers			
FX	30	60	30		51	★★ ***"The Hangover Part III"*** (2013, Comedy) Bradley Cooper. (In Stereo) 'R'				★★★ ***"Guardians of the Galaxy"*** (2014, Science Fiction) Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana. (In Stereo) 'PG-13'					★★★ ***"Guardians of the Galaxy"*** (2014) Chris Pratt. 'PG-13'		
GOLF	727	67	727			LPGA Tour Golf Kia Classic, Final Round. (N) (Live)						Golf Central (N) 'G'		PGA Golf			
HALL	59	68	39	45	54	***"Bottled With Love"*** (2019) 'NR'		***"Don't Go Breaking My Heart"*** (2021, Romance) Italia Ricci, Ryan Paevey. 'NR'				When Calls the Heart (N) 'G'		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	302	201	302	2	2	★★ ***"Godzilla: King of the Monsters"***		***"Tina"*** (2021) Tina Turner. The remarkable life and career of music legend Tina Turner.				Q: Into the Storm (N) 'MA'		Q: Into the Storm (N) 'MA'		Last Week To.	Q: Into the Storm
HBO2	303	202	303			★★ ***"Grudge Match"*** (2013)		Q: Into the Storm 'MA'		Q: Into the Storm 'MA'		★★★ ***"Dirty Dancing"*** (1987) Jennifer Grey. 'PG-13'			★★★ ***"Revolutionary Road"*** (2008) Leonardo DiCaprio. 'R'		
HGTV	23	57	23	42	52	Home Town "Sweet Home Laurel" 'G'		Home Town "Retreat Yourself" 'G'		Home Town "Design for Living" (N) 'G'		Home Town (N) 'G'		Home Town "Color Psychology" 'G'		Home Town 'G'	
HIST	51	54	51	32	42	The Food That Built America 'PG'		The Food That Built America 'PG'		The Food That Built America 'PG'		The Food That Built America (N) 'PG'		Modern Marvels (N) (In Stereo) 'PG'		The Food That Built America 'PG'	
LIFE	24	38	24		21	***"V.C. Andrews' All That Glitters"*** (2021, Drama) Kristian Alfonso. 'NR'				***"V.C. Andrews' Hidden Jewel"*** (2021) Jennifer Laporte. Premiere. 'NR'				***"Family Pictures"*** (2019, Drama) Justina Machado, Elisabeth Röhm. 'NR'			
LMN	119	50	119			***"Tempted by Danger"*** (2020, Suspense) Keshia Knight Pulliam. 'NR'				***"Love by the 10th Date"*** (2017, Romance-Comedy) Meagan Good. 'NR'				***"The Wrong Fiancé"*** (2021, Drama) Jessica Morris, Jason-Shane Scott. 'NR'			
MSNBC	42	41	42			American Voices		American Voices		Mehdi Hasan		Week-Johnson		American Voices		Mehdi Hasan	

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NBCSN	448	26	730			NHL Hockey New Jersey Devils at Boston Bruins. From TD Garden in Boston. (N)				NHL Hockey Nashville Predators at Chicago Blackhawks. From the United Center in Chicago. (N)					NHL Overtime (N) (In Stereo Live)		MotoGP Race
NGEO	109	65	109			Wicked Tuna "Back in the Game" '14'		Wicked Tuna "Bank on It" '14'		Wicked Tuna "Best Laid Plans" (N) '14'		Wicked Tuna "Tuna Master" (N) '14'		Wicked Tuna "Young Guns" (N) '14'		Wicked Tuna "Tuna Master" '14'	
NICK	28	36	28	35	25	iCarly 'G'		Hustle	Drama	★★½ ***"Shrek Forever After"*** (2010) 'PG'				Friends	Friends '14'		Friends
OWN	125	24	103			Underground 'MA'		Underground 'MA'		Underground 'MA'		Underground (N) 'MA'			Under.	Underground 'MA'	
OXY	123	44	123			Snapped (N) 'PG'		In Ice Cold Blood '14'				Snapped 'PG'		Dateline: Secrets		Dateline: Secrets	
PARMT	37	43	37	27	36	Bar Rescue "Turtle on Its Back" 'PG'		Bar Rescue (In Stereo) 'PG'		★★★½ ***"My Cousin Vinny"*** (1992) Joe Pesci. An inept lawyer tries to free his cousin from a Dixie jail. 'R'					★★★ ***"Coming to America"*** (1988) Eddie Murphy. 'R'		
SEC	745	72				SEC Storied 'G'		The All-American Cuban Comet		CFP National Championship Ohio State vs Alabama.						College Baseball: Gators at Gamecocks	
SHOW	340	241	340			City on a Hill (In Stereo) 'MA'		City on a Hill (In Stereo) 'MA'		VICE (N) 'MA'	VICE 'MA'	Shameless "DNR" (N) 'MA'		City on a Hill 'MA'		City on a Hill 'MA'	
SUN	36	31	36			Sport Fishing	Reel Animals 'G'	NBA Basketball Portland Trail Blazers at Toronto Raptors. From Amalie Arena in Tampa, Fla. (N) (Live)					Facing Waves	Sport Fishing	Sportsman	Best Boat Florida	Sport Fishing
SYFY	31	59	31	26	29	★★★ ***"Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them"*** (2016) Eddie Redmayne.				★★ ***"Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald"*** (2018, Fantasy) Eddie Redmayne, Katherine Waterston. 'PG-13' (DVS)						Futurama 'PG'	Futurama 'PG'
TBS	49	23	49	16	19	***"Uncle Drew"*** (2018)		2021 NCAA Basketball Tournament					2021 NCAA Basketball Tournament				
TCM	169	53	169	30	35	★★★½ ***"Arthur"*** (1981, Comedy) Dudley Moore, John Gielgud. 'PG'				★★★½ ***"I Want to Live!"*** (1958, Biography) Susan Hayward. 'NR'				★★½ ***"Back Street"*** (1961, Drama) Susan Hayward, John Gavin, Vera Miles. 'NR'			
TDC	53	34	53	24	26	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid: Uncensored (N) '14'		Naked and Afraid (N) (In Stereo) '14'		Naked and Afraid: Uncensored (N) '14'		Naked and Afraid (In Stereo) '14'		Naked and Afraid (In Stereo) '14'	
TLC	50	46	50	29	30	90 Day Fiancé "Love Me or Leave Me" '14'				90 Day Fiancé "Second Guessing" (N) '14'				Sister Wives (N) 'PG'		Seeking Sister Wife	
TMC	350	261	350			***"Scary Stories"***	***"Swallow"*** (2019) Haley Bennett. (In Stereo) 'R'			★★★★ ***"The Silence of the Lambs"*** (1991) Jodie Foster. (In Stereo) 'R'				★★½ ***"Hannibal"*** (2001, Suspense) Anthony Hopkins. (In Stereo) 'R'			
TNT	48	33	48	31	34	★★★ ***"Avengers: Infinity War"*** (2018)		★★★½ ***"Avengers: Endgame"*** (2019, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans. The Avengers prepare for an epic showdown with Thanos. 'PG-13' (DVS)								***"Journey to the Center of the Earth"***	
TOON	38	58	38	33		Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Burgers	American	American	American	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Rick
TRAV	9	106	9		44	Monsters-Myst.		A Haunting 'PG'		A Haunting 'PG'		A Haunting "Evil Enters" (N) 'PG'				A Haunting 'PG'	
truTV	25	55	25	98	55	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Foodies	Foodies
TVL	32	49	32	34	24	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two and a	Half Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
USA	47	32	47	17	18	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'	
WE	117	69	117			Law & Order "Take-Out" '14'		Law & Order "Anchors Away" '14'		Law & Order "Promote This!" '14'		Law & Order "All New" '14'		Law & Order "Exchange" '14'		Law & Order "Skate or Die" '14'	
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Annie gives advice

DEAR ANNIE

Dear Annie: I am a 63-year-old mother of two, who are in their 20s. I am still active, and I have attended a private vocational school for nursing. I did very well, but unfortunately, at graduation, we were cut off of our clinical hospital rotations due to COVID-19, which meant that we were unable to do our extern work or get our license.

Seven months later, I decided to complete another medical program so that I can work in a doctor's office as an extern.

The problem is that my children are fighting me on this issue. They say that I'm wasting my time at my age and that the school would just be using me for money. They say that I should realize I'm older and, instead pursuing my career, just move into a rent-regulated senior apartment building instead. My daughter says they are only trying to save me from making a fool of myself and wasting what money I have.

I don't know at this point if maybe I'm not seeing reality or if the kids just want what's convenient for them. — **Frustrated Mom**

Dear Frustrated Mom: Wasting money is never a good thing, but earning a nursing degree does not sound like a waste of money. In fact, it sounds like money well spent. Who can put a price tag on job fulfillment and self-esteem?

If you feel called to be a nurse, that is something to be pursued by you and applauded and celebrated by your family. Not sure what is going on with your kids, but it sounds like you made a good decision.

Dear Annie: My husband and I built a lovely home on a picturesque bubbling creek in the mountains. For years, we hosted friends and family and created memories to last a lifetime.

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We also never detected any hint of dissatisfaction. EVERYONE who came always wanted to come back — and did many times. — **Made It Clear**

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dear annie@creators.com.

Today's MOVIES

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Regal Cinema on State Road 44 in Inverness and Regal Cinema in Crystal River are closed until further notice.

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Note that COVID-19 safety protocols are in place. Masks are recommended, general admission with social distancing, capacity is 40 individuals for films.

"Harvey" March 28, 3 p.m.
"Easter Parade" March 29, 1 p.m.
"The Notebook" Friday, April 2, 7 p.m.
"Bettlejuice" Saturday, April 3, 3 p.m.
"Hop" Sunday, April 4, 3 p.m.
"Key Largo" Monday, April 5,1 p.m.
"Top Gun" Friday, April 9, 7 p.m.
"Edward Scissorhands" Saturday, April 10, 3 p.m.

Sunday PUZZLER

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1 Sell tickets on the sly
6 Church sanctuary
10 Put forth, as a question
15 Marquee notice
18 — -card monte
19 Moon goddess
21 De La Hoya or de la Renta
22 Level
23 Strictness
24 Pastry item
25 Lasso
26 Yarn fuzz
27 Numero —
28 Where Toledo is
29 Sheer
31 Projecting edge on a wheel
33 Container for liquid
35 Scots' caps
36 Aspersion
37 Go unsteadily
38 Rousseau title
40 Of the bishop of Rome
41 VIP's car, for short
42 Egrets
44 Crude dwelling
45 Go 'round
47 Salamander
51 Page-layout design
52 Stolen
53 Cheap
55 Mauna —
56 Be in the cards for
57 Budge
58 Hit
60 Yellow color
62 Players on stage
63 Swords
65 "— Misbehavin'"
66 Travolta film of 1978
67 Before
68 Religious picture
69 Cuts down
71 Praying figure
73 Arid
75 Ship's record
76 A dozen dozen
77 Acquire
78 Was witness to
81 Relative of a chimp
83 Hill
84 Jason's ship
85 — de deux
87 Engraving tool
90 Chester — Arthur
92 Mend
94 Thwart
95 Chefs
96 Scoundrels
98 Circuits 'round a track
99 Trumpet part
100 Timetable stat
101 Like a rough textile
103 — -and-go
105 Transported
106 Abound
108 Concerning (2 wds.)
109 Wife-to-be
110 Gob
111 With skill
113 Cunning
114 Kind of offering
115 Boat on a canal
118 Tibetan priests
119 Puts on
120 River in Belgium
124 Former students
125 Entice
126 Offensively bold
127 Lemon or lime ending
128 Duration
129 Modern weapon (Hyph.)
131 Liken
133 Spree
135 Still
136 Bump on a ski slope
137 Pleasing to hear
138 Behaved
139 Lair
140 Extra
141 Old coin of Greece
142 Intoxicating

DOWN
1 Walk with pride
2 Dishware
3 Inert gas
4 A star sign
5 — contra
6 Turned into
7 Immigrants' island
8 Nasty
9 Black cuckoo
10 Grand entrance
11 Willow rod
12 Remnant of an injury
13 Take in
14 Art of technical drawing
15 Throw
16 Kitchen item
17 Furry swimmer
19 Calyx parts
20 Bursting through
22 Vessel for wine
28 Be frugal
30 Greenish blue
32 Take it on the —
34 Miss Piggy's beloved
36 Keep for later
37 Go furtively
39 Water-filled trench
40 Card game
42 Hughes or Stern
43 Schoolroom essential
44 Refuge
45 Getz or Laurel
46 Hieroglyph
48 Place of exile
49 Troubles
50 Counterweight
51 Turn towards
52 Cousin to a luger
53 Helvetian
54 Tall tale
57 City in Georgia
59 Rope for nautical use
61 NY team
63 "— Marner"
64 Place of worship
66 Croc's cousin
70 The dawn personified
72 Philbin of TV
74 Egg part
76 Meaty sauce
79 Olympian
80 Exemption
82 Plant disease
84 Quickly
86 Wintertime toy
87 "Begone!"
88 Ripped
89 Days gone by
91 Put cargo aboard
93 Escape
94 Defective
96 Republic in eastern Africa
97 Marked with parallel grooves
99 Unsuccessful
102 Shatner and Wordsworth
104 Artist's paints
105 Severe
107 Lunatics
109 Like a — on a log
110 Day's end
112 "— voyage!"
113 Play the ponies
114 Floating inn
115 Like a fortress
116 Green color
117 Spiritual force
118 Arboreal animal
119 Cruel lawmaker
121 — Ana
122 Inched
123 Tall and thin
125 Old garment
126 Eyedropper part
130 Hit
132 Quid pro —
133 "Humbug!"
134 Sherbet

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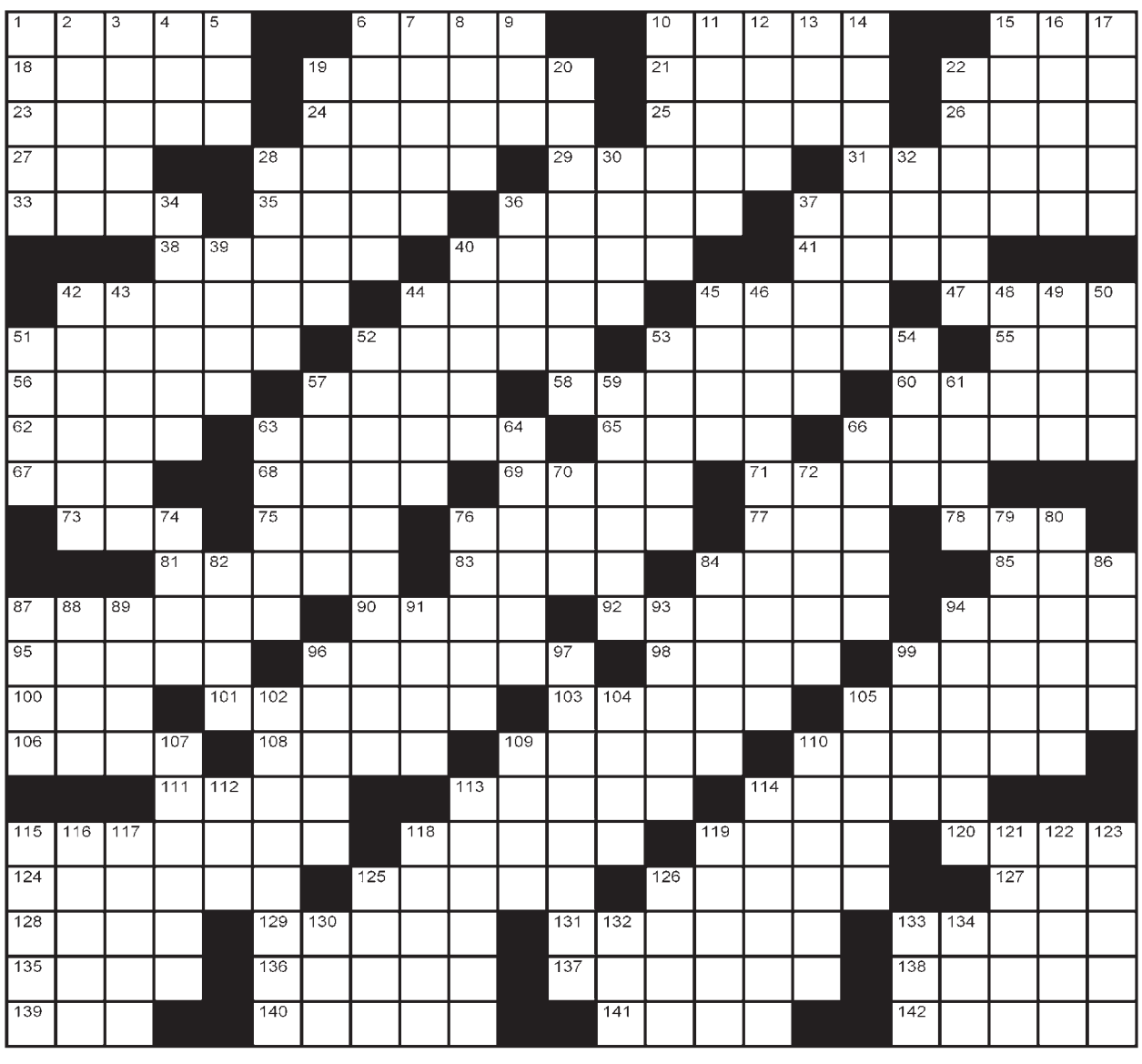

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his age, he befriended on the way over.

"We went in and made the landing, but I don't know what happened to him," he said. "I never saw him again after that.

"The worst story is when we got hit by the suicide pilot on the way to Okinawa," said. "So many wounded, so many dead. The chaplain had to bury some at sea. The worst thing was watching the bodies go down a chute and hit the water."

When the war ended, Eddy returned to New York.

He and Audrey married in 1947 and then in 1956 they moved to Dunnellon.

"My dad built the house he still lives in in 1957," Tracy Eddy said. "He was a contractor, and he built every house on the block except one."

Charles Eddy also taught masonry and carpentry at "the Vo-tech," now Withlacoochee Technical College in Inverness. He also taught at a high school in Ocala.

Until about five years ago, he was a regular participant in the annual Veterans Day parade in Dunnellon.

"I think being in the military is something everyone should do," Eddy said, "because whenever you run into situations, you have to do it. That's one way you get to grow up."

D-I-Y ONLINE CALENDAR

- Local groups are welcome to add their upcoming events to the Chronicle's online community calendar. Here's how:
- Go to www.chronicleonline.com. At the very top of the screen, click on "Submit your news."
- Sign in or create an account.
- Once signed in, click on "Calendar Events" in the left-hand column, then click on "Create an event."
- Fill in all fields — those marked with a red asterisk (*) are required.
- Add photos, if desired, and include all relevant information.
- Click the "Create Event" button at the end.
- Submissions are subject to approval by staff; allow up to a week for processing.

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95th BIRTHDAY

Gordon Scott

World War II Navy veteran Gordon Scott celebrated his 95th birthday on March 23, 2021. He golfs nine holes, three times a week, at the Plantation Golf Club with a consistent score in the low 40s. Plantation golf pro Tim Hume, Gordon's three golf buddies and other golfers celebrated with a cake, balloons and cards at the golf club. Pictured with Gordon Scott, seated, are, standing from left: Dave Dickman, Mike Cokus, Tim Hume and Lou Shinnamon.

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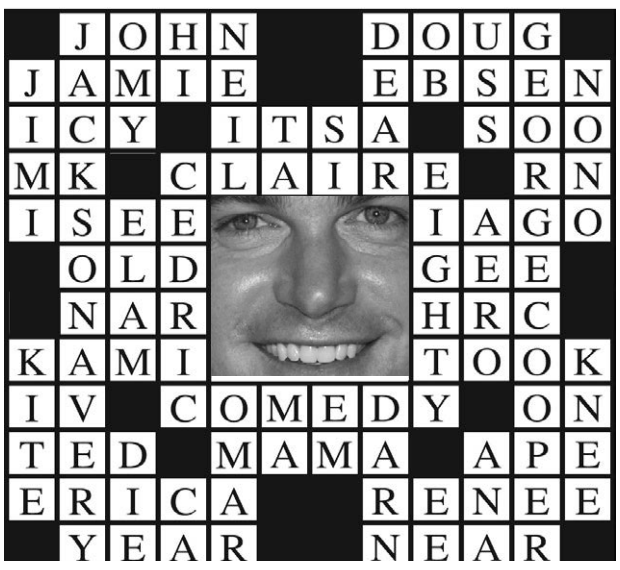

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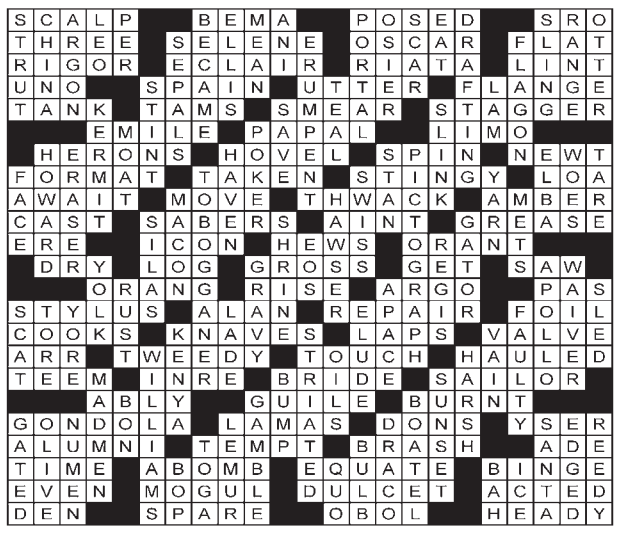

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CCVF donates to dental clinic

Special to the Chronicle

The Citrus County Veterans Foundation (CCVF) presented a $1,000 donation to the Nature Coast Ministries Dental Clinic to support no cost dental care to low-income and homeless veterans. Since May 2019, the CCVF has donated a total of $4,000 to the dental clinic. From left are: Tom Sellars, CCVF director; Barb Mills, CCVF director; Curt Ebitz, CCVF president; Bonnie McMullin, Nature Coast Ministries director of public relations; Dr. Jack Seeberg, Nature Coast Ministries executive director; Vicki Phillips, CCVF secretary; Richard Hunt, CCVF director; Tom Green, CCVF treasurer; and J.J. Kennedy, CCVF director.

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CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE

Section B - SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

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Total bowl losses in the 27-year head coaching of Howard Schnellenberger, whose six wins are tied for the most without a loss.

Howard Schnellenberger

■ Davis' jumper gives Arkansas 72-70 win over Oral Roberts./**B2**

■ College basketball/**B2**
■ Scoreboard/**B3**
■ Sports briefs/**B3**
■ Lottery, TV/**B3**
■ Golf/**B4**
■ Tennis/**B4**
■ Horse racing/**B4**
■ Spring training/**B5**
■ NASCAR/**B6**

Necas leads Carolina over Bolts

Lightning fall 4-3 to Central rival

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Martin Necas scored his second goal of the game to break a tie with 3:53 remaining and the Carolina Hurricanes beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 4-3 on Saturday night in a matchup between the top two teams in the Central Division.

Necas, who also had two assists, put the Hurricanes ahead on a power play, with Dougie Hamilton getting an assist to extend his franchise-record point streak for a defenseman to 14 games. That's the longest active streak in the NHL for any player.

Goals by Cedric Paquette and Sebastian Aho in a 62-second span early in the second knotted the score. Necas put Carolina ahead with his first goal later in the period.

Blake Coleman and Pat Maroon scored in the first period and Mathieu Joseph tied the game 22 seconds into the third for Tampa Bay.

Hurricanes goalie James Reimer made 19 saves. Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped 36 shots for the first-place Lightning.

The defending Stanley Cup champions, who have a one-point lead on the Hurricanes, have lost consecutive games for the first time since Feb. 15 and 20. Carolina also delivered the second defeat in that set.

Coleman converted for the first goal after Reimer failed to cover the puck.

Since joining the Hurricanes in a mid-February trade, Paquette has scored two of his three goals against Tampa Bay. He played on last year's title team for the Lightning.

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

It was the sixth meeting of the season between the teams, and the Lightning's final visit

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Associated Press

Tampa Bay Lightning center Yanni Gourde (37) tries to shoot against Carolina Hurricanes goaltender James Reimer (47) during the first period of a game on Saturday, in Raleigh, N.C.

Coaching legend passes

Howard Schnellenberger, 87, who helmed football teams at both Miami and FAU, dies

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MIAMI — Howard Schnellenberger was a pipe smoker with a push-broom mustache and gruff baritone, and he paired his grandiloquent manner with grandiose visions for football at Miami, Louisville and Florida Atlantic that caused snickers.

At all three schools, Schnellenberger disproved doubters. He revived the sport at Miami and Louisville and started the program at Florida Atlantic during a coaching career that spanned a half century.

Schnellenberger died Saturday at 87 in Boca Raton, Florida. FAU announced his death and said he recently had been in a care center.

Schnellenberger had a career record below .500, but when it came to building, he was a winner. His legacy includes on-campus stadiums at Louisville and Florida Atlantic.

He led the Miami Hurricanes to the first of their five national championships in 1983, and coached Louisville to a Fiesta Bowl win over Alabama to cap the 1990 season. He then founded the program at Florida Atlantic and retired as coach after 11 seasons highlighted by back-to-back bowl victories.

Everywhere Schnellenberger coached, he envisioned a winning team as a unifying force, the way it was with the '83 Hurricanes.

"I think it all goes back to the day they had a parade in Miami for the national championship team," he once said. "I saw the people on the sidelines — Black families, Cuban families, Hispanics and Anglo families — all there, 100,000 strong, celebrating their ball team and community. That football team was able to do something the federal government, city and county tried to do and couldn't: bring the community together."

Schnellenberger's career bowl record was 6-0, and he experienced perfection in the NFL, too. He was the offensive coordinator under Don Shula for the Miami Dolphins in 1972, when they won the Super Bowl to finish 17-0 for the NFL's only undefeated, untied season.

He would wear a championship ring on each hand, one for the Dolphins and the other for the '83 Hurricanes. That University of Miami team finished No. 1 thanks to a 31-30 upset victory over Nebraska in the Orange

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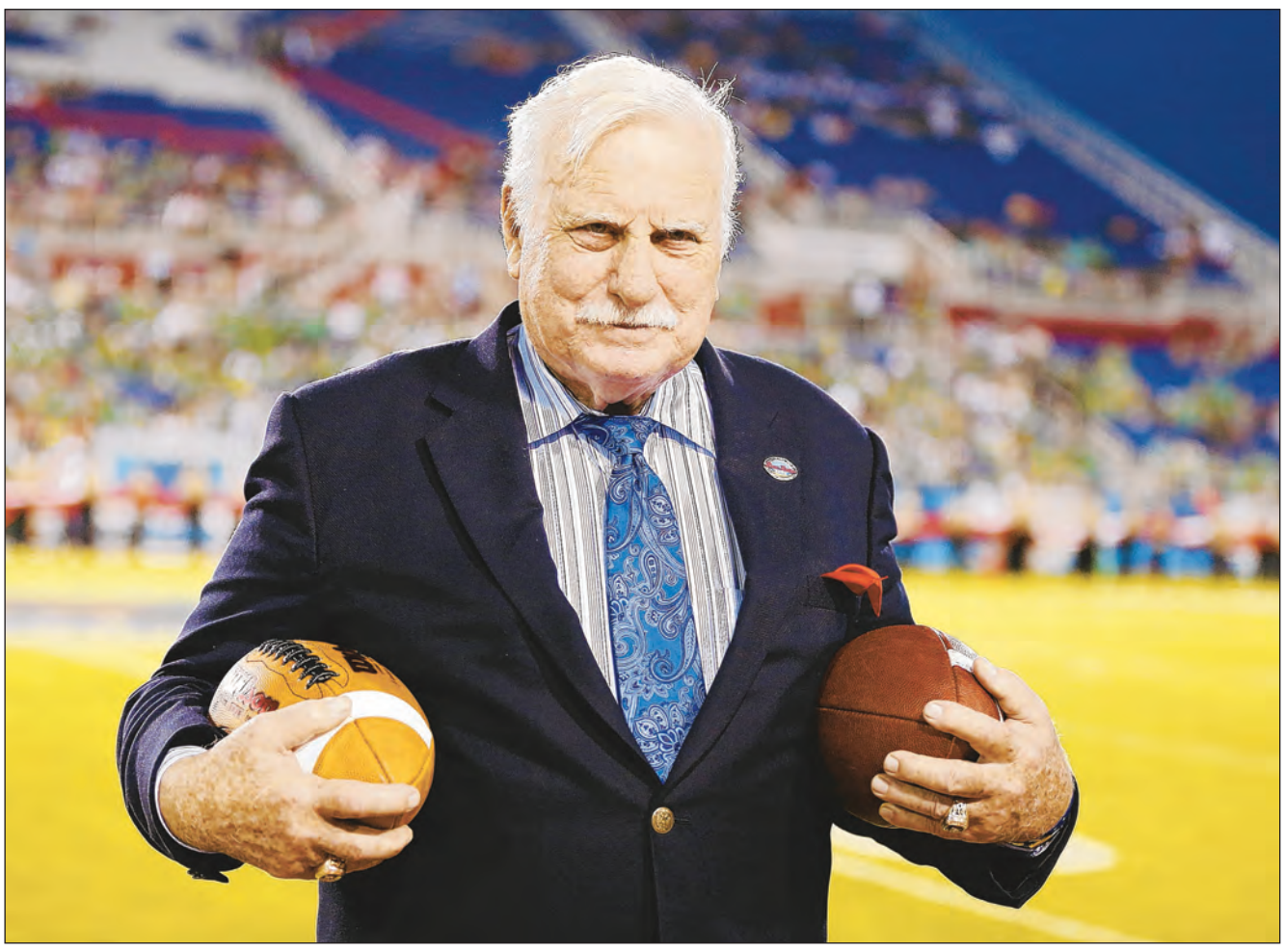

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Former Florida Atlantic and Miami head coach Howard Schnellenberger holds the game balls prior to the start of the Boca Raton Bowl between Marshall and Northern Illinois on Dec. 23, 2014 at FAU Stadium in Boca Raton. Schnellenberger, who coached Miami to the 1983 national championship and built programs at Louisville and Florida Atlantic, died Saturday at the age of 87, Florida Atlantic announced.

Oregon State now Elite after beating Loyola

Beavers defy preseason expectations

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INDIANAPOLIS — Picked to finish dead last in the Pac-12, Oregon State instead might be the last one standing.

Led by unflappable guard Ethan Thompson, whose 20 points included a pair of clinching foul shots with 35 seconds left, the No. 12 seed Beavers and their brilliant defense shut down eighth-seeded Loyola Chicago in a 65-58 victory on Saturday that sent their long-suffering program into the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament.

It's Oregon State's first regional final since 1982 — one that was later vacated by the NCAA — and sets up a showdown with second-seeded Houston or No. 10 seed Syracuse on Monday night for a spot in its first Final Four since 1963.

"They just want to keep riding the wave," said Beavers coach Wayne Tinkle, whose hungry bunch of underdogs have matched Missouri in 2002 as the lowest-seeded teams to advance past the Sweet 16.

"We did use the fact we were picked 12th in the Pac-12 this year," Tinkle added, "but we haven't made a big deal about the 12th seed. I don't want to throw too much at them. They'll see it. We just have to keep our feet on the ground."

That's getting harder to do with each passing day.

Not even the fervent prayers of Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt could help Loyola deal with the Beavers (20-12) and the constantly changing defenses that Tinkle rolled out. The Ramblers (26-5), who played with such poise and perfection in toppling top-seeded Illinois, wound up shooting 33% from the field and 5 of 23 from beyond the arc.

All-America forward Cameron Krutwig led Loyola with 14 points. Lucas Williamson and Braden Norris added 10 apiece, though both of them missed 3-pointers in the closing minutes as Loyola tried to mount a comeback.

"Very hard scene in our locker room," said Ramblers coach

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Oregon State guard Ethan Thompson (5) drives to the basket ahead of Loyola Chicago guard Marquise Kennedy (12) during the second half of a Sweet 16 game in the NCAA men's college basketball tournament at Bankers Life Fieldhouse, on Saturday in Indianapolis.

Davis gives Arkansas win over Oral Roberts

Another upset bid falls just short

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Arkansas forward Justin Smith (0) drives around Oral Roberts forward Kevin Obanor, left, during the first half of a Sweet 16 game in the NCAA men's college basketball tournament at Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Saturday in Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS — The chants of Arkansas' fans echoed from the concourse long after the players had cleared the floor.

"Wooooo, Pig! Sooie!"

It's not quite "40 Minutes of Hell," but the Razorbacks are back.

Davonte Davis hit a short jumper with 2.9 seconds left, and Arkansas advanced to the Elite Eight for the first time in 26 years with a 72-70 win over Oral Roberts in the South Region semifinals Saturday night.

"It's amazing just being able to be in this position right now as an individual and as an Arkansas player," said Davis, who had 16 points.

The Muss Bus grinded its gears through the first half into the second, bad shots and even worse defense putting Arkansas in a 12-point hole against the 15th-seeded Golden Eagles.

Eric Musselman's Razorbacks (25-6) got their Pig Sooie swagger back, turning defensive stops into early offense opportunities and offensive rebounds into points.

It came down to one final shot and Davis made it, sending Arkansas to the Elite Eight for the first time since the Nolan Richardson "40 Minutes of Hell" days.

Next up for the Razorbacks is top-seeded Baylor in what should be a fast-paced South Region final on Monday.

"It's an incredible feeling to be in an Elite Eight in our second year," said Musselman, who took over the program in 2019. "I really can't describe it."

The let-it-fly Golden Eagles (18-11) let history slip through their grasp.

Within reach of becoming the first No. 15 seed to reach the Elite Eight, Oral Roberts stumbled with a series of turnovers and missed shots.

Max Abmas did his best to put the Golden Eagles in the Elite Eight for the first time in 47 years, scoring 25 points. His 3-pointer at the buzzer bounced off the front of the rim.

"We gave him a pass option, we gave him a dribble option," Oral Roberts coach Paul Mills said. "He's super bright and picks up things really quickly and understood and had great court awareness and had great selection on the shot. Unfortunately, it didn't go in."

The Golden Eagles had history on their minds. Florida Gulf Coast was the only other No. 15 seed to get this far in 2013 and lost at the regional semifinal round.

Oral Roberts knew it had a chance to top it against the Razorbacks after playing them earlier in the season. Oral Roberts led by 10 at halftime in Fayetteville on Dec. 20 before Arkansas bullied the Golden Eagles in the second half for an 87-76 win.

The Golden Eagles went chest-to-chest with the Razorbacks from the start of their first Sweet 16 game since 1974, contesting shots at the rim and chasing out to the arc to prevent open looks. Arkansas helped them out with some difficult shots, going 1 for 7 from 3 in the first half.

The Razorbacks tried to make it difficult on Abmas, trapping him in most pick-and-roll situations. The nation's leading scorer still found a way to get his points, with 12 in the first half. Carlos Jurgens, who averages 5.7 points per game, took advantage of repeatedly being left open, scoring 11 to help Oral Roberts lead 35-28 at halftime.

The Golden Eagles continued making shots in the second half as the Razorbacks kept taking bad ones, stretching the lead to 46-34.

"We weren't playing hard," Davis said. "We were playing slow. We were letting them slow us down and that's not what we needed. We're a fast team."

Arkansas had already been in this position once before, needing "24 Minutes of Hell" to outlast another upstart, Colgate, to open the NCAA Tournament.

Just like that game, the Razorbacks snapped out of it, playing better defense and getting to the rim instead of throwing up contested shots. Arkansas chipped the lead down to four midway through and finally caught, then passed, the Golden Eagles into the Elite Eight.

"The job wasn't just to get to the Sweet 16," Abmas said. "The job was to get to the national championship and win it. We came up short, but all the stuff we accomplished this season is something we'll celebrate and remember the rest of our lives."

REBOUNDING

Arkansas had 24 offensive rebounds in its regular-season win over Oral Roberts and owned the offensive glass again in the Sweet 16.

The Razorbacks had 18 offensive boards, leading to 18 second-chance points, and had 11 more rebounds overall.

Justin Smith had 10 offensive rebounds in the first game and grabbed 11 more on Saturday.

TATE'S LIFT

Jalen Tate kept the Razorbacks in it while they were struggling and had a strong all-around game.

The 6-foot-7 junior used his size to score 22 points. He set up Davis for the winning shot with a drive-and-kick.

"He played well and he was scoring the ball," Davis said. "We needed that spark and he did it."

Williams, Bueckers lead UConn past Iowa in Sweet 16

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UConn guard Paige Bueckers (5) works the ball past Iowa guard Caitlin Clark (22) during the first half of a college basketball game in the Sweet Sixteen round of the women's NCAA tournament on Saturday at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

SAN ANTONIO — The game was billed as a marquee matchup of ubertalented freshmen Paige Bueckers and Caitlin Clark. While those two didn't disappoint, it was Christyn Williams and UConn's other upperclassmen who stepped up and helped the Huskies advance.

Williams scored 27 points and Bueckers added 18 to lead No. 1 UConn to a 92-72 win over fifth-seeded Iowa on Saturday in the Sweet 16 of the women's NCAA Tournament.

"The fact there was so much hype on those two kids. Part of it was unfair and comes with the territory," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "Like I told the team before the game, in all these matchups, it comes (down) to somebody else. ... Our defense as bad as it was at times, was really, really good when it had to be. Christyn Williams, Evina Westbrook and Olivia (Nelson-Ododa), our three juniors were amazing, played the way you wanted your upperclassmen to play. It was not going to be easy on either Caitlin or Paige to play their normal game."

Bueckers and Iowa's Clark had taken the women's basketball world by storm this season. Bueckers became the third freshman ever to earn All-America honors. Clark led the nation in scoring and came into the regional semifinals averaging 29 points in the tournament.

"I was super excited for this game, just because of the spotlight on it," said Bueckers, who also had nine rebounds and eight assists. "And I know everybody hyped it up to be Caitlin versus Paige, but I was so excited for our team because I knew that people were going to come and notice and watch our whole team play."

Evina Westbrook just missed the 18th triple-double in NCAA women's tournament history, with 17 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds for UConn (27-1). Nelson-Ododa added 11 rebounds and seven assists along with four points. Freshman Aaliyah Edwards added 18 points.

"I kind of knew that they were going to be extra aggressive, especially on (Williams) and Paige, so that kind of makes it easier on the rest of us with them being a big focus," Westbrook said.

Clark, shadowed on defense by Williams on almost every possession, finished with 21 points — below her nearly 27-points-per-game average. She was 7 for 21 from the field.

"I thought we played a great team basketball game," Williams said. "I think we were working on all cylinders today. So, I don't want to get all the credit, because this was a total team effort."

The game marked the return of Auriemma, who missed the opening two rounds while recovering from the coronavirus. Auriemma arrived in San Antonio on Wednesday.

Associate head coach Chris Dailey, who guided the team through the opening two wins, moved back to her customary seat at his side where she's been for their entire time at UConn.

Williams missed five of her first seven shots before getting going on offense. She made six straight in the second quarter, to give UConn a 49-35 halftime lead. The junior wing had 14 of her points in the period.

Iowa (20-10), behind Clark, was able to get within nine twice in the fourth quarter but Bueckers answered with a 3-pointer each time and Iowa could get no closer.

"This season was truly special, and I think for this team it's only up from here. I know a lot of girls dream about going to all those blue bloods but I think playing for your home state is really something special and creating something is really special and that's my goal here," Clark said. "Obviously I still have three years left to do a lot of special things."

UConn, which was playing in its 27th straight Sweet 16, faces Baylor — which beat Michigan 78-75 in overtime — on Monday night in the River Walk regional final.

For the first time in the tournament, the general public was allowed to attend the Alamodome. Each game was allowed to have 17% of capacity, which was around 4,800 fans. In the previous two rounds, teams were given six tickets per person in the travel party.

Baylor 78, Michigan 75, OT

NaLyssa Smith scored 24 points and Queen Egbo made two big plays in the final seconds of overtime, leading second-seeded Baylor to the victory.

Egbo gave Baylor a 78-75 lead with a foul shot with 19 seconds left. After Leigha Brown scored for Michigan, Egbo picked up an assist on Moon Ursin's wide-open layup.

Akienreh Johnson missed a half-court try for sixth-seeded Michigan, and the Big Ten team was unable to get a last shot near the basket before time ran out.

Smith was 11 for 11 from the floor. Ursin had 20 points for Baylor (28-2).

Brown scored 23 for Michigan (16-6), which had never before advanced this far in the tournament.

Indiana 73, North Carolina State 70

Ali Patberg scored 17 points to help Indiana reach the regional final for the first time in school history.

Indiana (21-5) had been in the Sweet 16 just once before, back in 1983 before the women's NCAA Tournament became a 64-team field.

No. 4 seed Indiana led 70-60 with 2:51 left before top-seeded N.C. State scored eight straight points to get within two with 1:21 left. The Wolfpack (22-3) had a chance to tie it, but Elissa Cunane missed a contested layup with 30 seconds left.

Raina Perez made a jumper in the lane to get N.C. State back within two with 13.5 seconds left. Patberg then hit one of two free throws to make it 73-70 and Cunane missed badly on a 3-point attempt just before the buzzer.

Jada Boyd scored 18 points for N.C. State, and Perez had 17.

HOCKEY

NHL standings

East Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	33	22	7	4	48	114	95
N.Y. Islanders	35	22	9	4	48	105	82
Pittsburgh	35	22	11	2	46	115	93
Boston	30	17	8	5	39	83	72
Philadelphia	33	16	13	4	36	102	120
N.Y. Rangers	33	15	14	4	34	103	87
New Jersey	32	12	16	4	28	78	101
Buffalo	33	6	23	4	16	68	118

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	34	24	8	2	50	123	82
Carolina	33	23	7	3	49	112	84
Florida	33	20	9	4	44	107	94
Chicago	34	16	13	5	37	101	108
Columbus	35	13	14	8	34	90	113
Nashville	34	16	17	1	33	86	104
Dallas	30	11	11	8	30	85	80
Detroit	35	11	20	4	26	75	114

West Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	32	23	8	1	47	104	74
Colorado	33	21	8	4	46	113	75
Minnesota	32	21	10	1	43	94	78
St. Louis	34	16	13	5	37	98	110
Arizona	34	15	14	5	35	88	103
Los Angeles	32	13	13	6	32	91	90
San Jose	32	13	15	4	30	91	111
Anaheim	35	10	19	6	26	78	116

North Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	34	22	10	2	46	114	88
Winnipeg	34	21	11	2	44	112	94
Edmonton	35	21	13	1	43	119	101
Montreal	31	14	8	9	37	100	87
Vancouver	37	16	18	3	35	100	120
Calgary	35	15	17	3	33	91	105
Ottawa	36	12	20	4	28	94	135

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. The top four teams in each division will qualify for playoffs under this season's temporary realignment.

Friday's Games

Washington 4, New Jersey 0
Anaheim 4, St. Louis 1
Arizona 5, San Jose 2
Winnipeg 3, Calgary 2
Edmonton at Montreal, ppd

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
Boston 3, Buffalo 2
Detroit 3, Columbus 1
Vegas 3, Colorado 2, OT
Pittsburgh 6, N.Y. Islanders 3
Carolina 4, Tampa Bay 3
Toronto 4, Edmonton 3, OT
Florida at Dallas, late
Nashville at Chicago, late
San Jose at Arizona, late
Winnipeg at Calgary, late

Today's Games

N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 12 p.m.
Columbus at Detroit, 3 p.m.
Anaheim at St. Louis, 5 p.m.
New Jersey at Boston, 5:30 p.m.
Florida at Dallas, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Montreal, ppd
Nashville at Chicago, 8 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Acquired RHP Adam Plutko from Cleveland in exchange for cash considerations. Designated INF Yolmer Sanchez for assignment.

DETROIT TIGERS — Released INF Greg Garcia from a minor league contract. Optioned RHP Joe Jimenez to Toledo (Triple-A East).

MINNESOTA TWINS — Reassigned C Tomás Telis, INFs Tzu-Wei Lin and JT Riddle, and OFs Keon Broxton and Rob Refsnyder to the minor league camp.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Released C Robinson Chirinos and INF Derek Dietrich from minor league contracts. Selected the contract of 1B/OF Jay Bruce from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (Triple-A East). Placed RHP Clarke Schmidt on the 60-day injured list.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Reassigned LHP Reymin Guduan, RHP Deolis Guerra, Cs Francisco Pena and Carlos Perez, INF Pete Kozma and OF Cody Thomas to the minor league camp.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned RHPs Joey Gerber and Erik Swanson to the alternate training site.

TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned INF Anderson Tejeda to Round Rock (Triple-A West). Assigned INF Andy Ibanez to the alternate training site. Re-signed C Drew Butera to a minor league contract. Released RHP Nick Vincent from his minor league contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned 2B Santiago Espinal, CF Josh Palacios and RHP Joel Payamps to Buffalo (Triple-A East).

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Selected the contract of INF Pablo Sandoval from Gwinnett (Triple-A East). Designated OF Phillip Ervin for assignment. Released INFs Jason Kipnis and Jake Lamb from minor league contracts. Selected the contracts of INF Ehire Adrianza and RHP Nate Jones. Optioned RHP Bryse Wilson to the alternate training site. Placed RHP Touki Toussaint on the 60-day injured list. Reassigned OF Abraham Almonte outright to the alternate training site.

CHICAGO CUBS — Optioned INF Nico Hoerner and LHP Brad Wieck to Iowa (Triple-A East). Assigned RHPs Shelby Miller, Trevor Megill and Pedro Strop, OF Rafael Ortega to the minor league camp. Released OF Cameron Maybin from a minor league contract.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Selected the contract of RHP Chi Chi Gomnzalez. Place RHP Scot Oberg on the 60-day injury list. Optioned LHPLucas Gilbreath and INF Colton Welker to Albuquerque (Triple-A West). Reassigned Cs Jose Briceno, Chris Rabagoand Brian Serven, INFs Greg Bird, Eric Stamets and Alan Trejo and OF Ryan Vilade to the minor league camp.

MILWAUKE BREWERS — Re-signed RHP Jordan Zimmermann to a minor league contract.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Optioned RHP Tyler Bashlor to the minor league camp.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Optioned LHP Sam Clay, RHP Kyle McGowin, INFs Luis Garcia and Carter Kieboom and OF Yadiel Hernandez to Rochester (Triple-A East). Selected the contracts of INF Jordy Mercer and INF/OF Hernan Perez from Rochester (Triple-A East). Designated INF Jake Noll for assignment. Reassigned RHPs Aaron Barrett, Paolo Espino, Javy Guerra and Todd Peterson, Cs Welington Castillo, Brandon Snyder and Blake Swihart, INF Adrían Sanchez and OFs Gerardo Parra and Carlos Tocci to the minor league camp.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

ORLANDO MAGIC — Waived G Jeff Teague.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Agreed to terms with WR Sammy Watkins on a one-year contract. squad.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed WR Mohamed Sanu and LB Nathan Gerry to one-year contracts.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

NHL — Fined Arizona's F Nick Schmaltz for boarding San Jose D Radim Simek during a March 26 game.

BOSTON BRUINS — Recalled D Steven Kampfer, G Dan Vladar, RW Steven Fogarty and C Jack Studnicka from the minor league taxi squad.

BUFFALO SABRES — Activated F Kyle Okposo and G Linus Ullmark from injured reserve. Recalled F Jean-Sebastien Dea and RW Steven Fogarty from the minor league taxi squad.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Recalled F Taylor Raddysh from Syracuse (AHL) and place on the taxi squad.

Florida LOTTERY

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

PICK 2 (early)	5 - 9
PICK 2 (late)	5 - 6
PICK 3 (early)	3 - 7 - 2
PICK 3 (late)	4 - 8 - 5
PICK 4 (early)	1 - 0 - 9 - 8
PICK 4 (late)	0 - 8 - 9 - 5
PICK 5 (early)	2 - 8 - 7 - 5 - 1
PICK 5 (late)	9 - 0 - 7 - 1 - 7
FANTASY 5	Unavailable
LOTTO	Unavailable
POWERBALL	Unavailable
POWER BALL	Unavailable
CASH 4 LIFE	7 - 15 - 31 - 48 - 56
CASH BALL	2

Friday's winning numbers and payouts:

Jackpot Triple Play: 1 – 15 – 23 – 38 – 39 – 42

6-of-6	No winner	
5-of-6	20 winners	$620
4-of-6	1,293	$23
3-of-6	22,042	$1
Combo 10+	No winner	
Combo9	6	$500
Combo8	84	$50
Combo7	589	$20
Combo6	3,133	$10
Combo5	11,330	$5

Mega Millions: 4 – 25 – 37 – 46 – 67
Mega Ball: 15

5-of-5 MB	No winner	
5-of-5	1 winner	$1 million
4-of-5 MB	No winner	
4-of-5	34 winners	$500
3-of-5 MB	53	$200
3-of-5	1,261	$10
2-of-5 MB	1,028	$10

Fantasy 5: 16 – 21 – 26 – 27 – 30

5-of-5	4 winners	$54,157.77
4-of-5	261	$133.50
3-of-5	8,816	$11

Cash 4 Life: 5 – 12 – 24 – 42 – 59
Cash Ball: 3

5-of-5 CB	No winner
5-of-5	No winner

Players should verify winning numbers by calling 850-487-7777 or at www.flalottery.com.

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS

AUTO RACING

10:55 a.m. (ESPN2) Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix
3:30 p.m. (13 FOX) NASCAR Cup Series Food City Dirt Race

COLLEGE BASEBALL

12 p.m. (SEC) Florida at South Carolina
1 p.m. (ACCN) Virginia Tech at Pittsburgh
3 p.m. (SEC) Arkansas at Mississippi State
9 p.m. (ESPNU) Louisville at Georgia Tech (Taped)

SPRING TRAINING BASEBALL

1 p.m. (MLB) Minnesota Twins at Boston Red Sox
1 p.m. (SUN) Atlanta Braves at Tampa Bay Rays
4 p.m. (MLB) Arizona Diamondbacks at Chicago White Sox
9 p.m. (MLB) Los Angeles Dodgers at Los Angeles Angels
12 a.m. (MLB) St. Louis Cardinals at Washington Nationals (Same-day Tape)
3 a.m. (MLB) Chicago Cubs at Texas Rangers (Same-day Tape)

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

12 p.m. (ESPN) NIT Final: Teams TBA
2 p.m. (10 CBS) NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal: Creighton vs Gonzaga
3 p.m. (ESPN) NIT Third-Place: Teams TBA
4:30 p.m. (10 CBS) NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal: Florida State vs Michigan
7 p.m. (TBS) NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal: UCLA vs Alabama
9:45 p.m. (TBS) NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal: Oregon vs USC

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

1 p.m. (28 ABC) NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal: Georgia Tech vs South Carolina
3 p.m. (28 ABC) NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal: Missouri State vs Stanford
7 p.m. (ESPN) NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal: Oregon vs Louisville
9 p.m. (ESPN) NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal: Texas vs Maryland

NBA

7 p.m. (SUN) Portland Trail Blazers at Toronto Raptors
9 p.m. (NBA) Atlanta Hawks at Denver Nuggets
10 p.m. (FSNFL) Orlando Magic at Los Angeles Lakers

COLLEGE BOWLING

7:30 p.m. (ESPNU) MEAC Women's Championship

GOLF

10 a.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, Semifinals
2:30 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, Final Round
3 p.m. (8 NBC) PGA Tour WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, Final
6 p.m. (GOLF) LPGA Tour Kia Classic, Final Round
10 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, Final (Same-day Tape)

COLLEGE HOCKEY

7:30 a.m. (ESPNU) NCAA Tournament: West Regional: Minnesota State vs Quinnipiac, First semifinal (Taped)
5:30 p.m. (ESPN2) NCAA Tournament, Northeast Regional: Boston College vs TBA, Final
8 p.m. (ESPN2) NCAA Tournament, West Regional Final: Teams TBA
1 a.m. (ESPNU) NCAA Tournament, West Regional Final: Teams TBA (Taped)
3:30 a.m. (ESPNU) NCAA Tournament, Northeast Regional: Boston College vs TBA, Final (Taped)

NHL

12 p.m. (8 NBC) New York Rangers at Washington Capitals
3 p.m. (NBCSPT) Columbus Blue Jackets at Detroit Red Wings
5:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) New Jersey Devils at Boston Bruins
8 p.m. (NBCSPT) Nashville Predators at Chicago Blackhawks
1:30 a.m. (NHL) New York Rangers at Washington Capitals (Same-day Tape)

SOCCER

9:30 a.m. (NBCSPT) FA Women's Super League Chelsea vs Aston Villa
12 p.m. (13 FOX) International Friendly: United States at Northern Ireland
12:30 p.m. (BIG10) Women's Rutgers at Wisconsin
1 p.m. (FS1) Women's Villanova at Georgetown
3 p.m. (BIG10) Women's Indiana at Michigan
5 p.m. (BIG10) Women's Illinois at Michigan State
6 p.m. (FS1) CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying Championship Honduras vs United States, Semifinal
9 p.m. (FS1) CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying Championship Mexico vs Canada, Semifinal

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

3:30 p.m. (ESPN2) Alabama at Kentucky
4 p.m. (ACCN) Duke at Clemson

TENNIS

11 a.m. (FSNFL) (TENNIS) ATP/WTA Miami Open, Men's & Women's Third Round

COLLEGE TRACK AND FIELD

6 p.m. (SEC) SEC Indoor Championship (Taped)

SPORTS BRIEFS

Lecanto flag football goes 1-1 in Pirate Bay tourney

The Lecanto flag football team split two games in Friday's Pirate Bay Shootout at Land O' Lakes Recreation Complex. The Panthers moved to 7-2 on the season.

In their first game, the Panthers collected a 19-0 win over Class 2A Riverview. The defense was stellar with another shutout that included six interceptions. Grace Taylor led the defense with 6 flag pulls, Angel Malafronte had 2 flag pulls, and Makayla Richardson had 2 flag pulls and a pick-6. The secondary was led by Cynthia Homs with 3 flag pulls, 3 pass break ups and an interception. Jordan Martynowski had 3 flag pulls and 2 interceptions. Jasmine Henry and Casie Tallman had an interception apiece.

The offense was led by QBs Jordan Martynowski and Trinity Keeran, each throwing a touchdown pass to Abby Christensen. Homs was the leading receiver with 7 catches.

Lecanto lost its second game to third-ranked 2A Newsome, 14-0. The Panthers fought against a great team that converted its scoring chances during the tight game. Richardson led the defense with 5 flag pulls, Mackenzie Kusnierz had 4 flag pulls and Malafronte had 3 flag pulls. Taylor, Homs, Henry and Martynowski all had 2 flag pulls apiece.

The offense moved the ball against a very good Newsome defense with two scoring opportunities with fourth-and-goal from inside the 5-yard line and Newsome made two great plays to stop the scoring opportunities. Homs had 7 receptions and Evelyn Mimnagh had 4 receptions to lead the Panthers.

No. 5 Florida falls to No. 25 South Carolina, 4-1

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The fifth-ranked Florida Gators dropped their first Southeastern Conference series of the season as they fell to No. 25 South Carolina, 4-1, Saturday afternoon at Founders Park.

South Carolina (15-6, 3-2 SEC) took the lead and sealed the series when Wes Clarke connected on his nation-leading 12th home run on the season, clearing the wall in right for a three-run shot.

Florida (16-7, 3-2 SEC) grabbed an early lead off South Carolina starter Brannon Jordan with a run in the second on a Kris Armstrong double down the line in right that scored Sterlin Thompson. Armstrong finished 2-for-2 with two doubles as both teams finished with five hits.

LaMarcus Aldridge set to sign with Brooklyn Nets

NEW YORK — The Nets aren't finished bringing big names to Brooklyn.

LaMarcus Aldridge is next after deciding Saturday to sign with the Nets for the remainder of the season, a person with knowledge of the details said.

After reaching a buyout agreement with the San Antonio Spurs on Thursday, the veteran forward quickly became a coveted free agent for contending teams.

ESPN first reported Aldridge's intentions.

— From staff and wire reports

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to Raleigh.

The clubs originally were supposed to play a rematch Sunday, but that game was moved to Feb. 20 in a schedule shuffle involving several teams in the division.

The last two Carolina-Tampa Bay matchups of the season are April 19 and 20 in Tampa, Florida.

UP NEXT

Lightning: Begin a four-game homestand Tuesday night against Columbus.

Golden Knights 3, Avalanche 2

DENVER — Max Pacioretty scored at 1:56 of overtime to give the Vegas Golden Knights a 3-2 victory over the Colorado Avalanche.

Vegas rebounded from a 5-1 loss in the series opener Thursday night to move a point ahead of Colorado atop the West Division.

Pacioretty also had an assist, Alex Martinez and William Carrier scored, and Marc-Andre Fluery made 22 saves.

Bruins 3, Sabres 2

BOSTON — Buffalo lost its 17th consecutive game, twice blowing one-goal leads before Craig Smith scored with 3:50 left to give Boston the victory.

The Sabres have not won since Feb. 23, tying the 18th longest NHL losing streak.

Flyers 2, Rangers 1

PHILADELPHIA — Sam Morin scored his first NHL goal with 4:27 left to help Philadelphia beat New York.

Nolan Patrick also scored for the Flyers, who badly needed to win a close one against the Rangers. New York beat the Flyers 9-0 last week and again 8-3 on Thursday night.

Red Wings 3, Blue Jackets 1

DETROIT — Adam Erne and Robby Fabbri scored 29 seconds apart in the first period and Calvin Pickard made 21 saves in his first start of the season, helping Detroit beat Columbus Blue.

Penguins 6, Islanders 3

PITTSBURGH — Bryan Rust got his fourth career hat trick, Sidney Crosby had a goal and an assist and the short-handed Pittsburgh Penguins blitzed the New York Islanders 6-3.

LEGEND

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Bowl, a game still considered among the greatest in college football history.

"The thing I remember most about that game was the way South Florida rallied behind our team," Schnellenberger said a decade later. "In the Orange Bowl that night was a charge of electricity I had never felt there. The hair on the back of my neck stood up because of the energy from the crowd."

That was the peripatetic Schnellenberger's final game with the Hurricanes. He left to coach Miami's franchise in the United States Football League, but the team quickly folded before playing a game.

"I don't regret the decision I made," he said. "I have the full realization it was kind of dumb, but I've made a lot of dumb decisions in my personal life."

Restlessness contributed to Schnellenberger's so-so career record: 158-151-3 in 27 years in college, and 4-13 with the NFL Baltimore Colts in 1973-74, for 162-164-3 overall.

Schnellenberger was born March 16, 1934, in Saint Meinrad, Indiana, and played for "Bear" Bryant and Blanton Collier at Kentucky. He began his coaching career as an assistant at Kentucky in 1959. As an assistant for Bryant in 1961-65, he recruited Joe Namath and helped Alabama win three national titles.

At Miami, Schnellenberger took over in 1979 amid debate about whether the moribund program should fold. Attendance began to improve when the Hurricanes went 9-3 and won the Peach Bowl in his second season.

Thus began more than a decade of dominance as the Hurricanes quickly became a feeder school for the NFL. Schnellenberger's quarterbacks included Jim Kelly and Bernie Kosar, who went on to star in the pros, and Mark Richt, who later became the Hurricanes' coach.

"He was an offensive genius, but also a man of integrity," Richt tweeted Saturday.

Schnellenberger undertook another rebuilding project when he went to Louisville in 1985, inheriting a program that had endured six consecutive losing seasons. He said the Cardinals would return to the Top 25, and mapped out plans for a new stadium, conference membership and renewal of the series with Kentucky — all of which happened.

"He was one of the giants in college football," Louisville coach Scott Satterfield said in a statement, "and his impact on the sport in the state of Kentucky is immeasurable."

In 1990 the Cardinals went 10-1-1 and won the Fiesta Bowl, and they won the Liberty Bowl three seasons later. But in 1995 Schnellenberger left to coach Oklahoma, and the move was a disaster.

Besieged by rumors regarding his drinking and treatment of players, he bitterly resigned under pressure after going 5-5-1 in his lone season there. When asked if the experience at Oklahoma soured him on football, Schnellenberger replied: "It soured me on Oklahoma only."

He returned to South Florida and worked as a municipal bond broker until he was hired by Florida Atlantic to build a program from scratch. He hired himself as coach, and the Owls played their first game in 2001.

"This is the most important thing I've ever undertaken," he said. "We're on a collision course with a national championship, and time is the only variable."

It hasn't happened yet, but Schnellenberger led the Owls to two bowl wins and oversaw the opening of their stadium in 2011. He retired following that season.

Survivors include Beverlee, his wife of 61 years. A private memorial Mass will be held.

BEAVERS

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Porter Moser, whose name has surfaced in connection with several major conference jobs. "Kids cared so much, invested so much. Very tough when it comes to an end."

It was the second meeting between the teams and first since Dec. 31, 1927, when Loyola won 31-19 in Chicago — and Sister Jean, the Ramblers' beloved 101-year-old chaplain, was still just a schoolgirl.

Viola's Known Agenda prevails

Florida Derby held at Gulfstream

Tim Reynolds
AP sports writer

HALLANDALE BEACH — Known Agenda owner Vincent Viola kept asking trainer Todd Pletcher the same question over the last few days.

"Do you think we really have a shot in the Florida Derby?"

Pletcher kept telling him the answer was yes. And the horse left no doubt.

Known Agenda ran away from the field in the Florida Derby on Saturday, and might keep on going all the way to Churchill Downs to start the Triple Crown season. Jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. guided Known Agenda to the win in the Grade 1, $750,000 race at Gulfstream Park, picking up 100 Kentucky Derby standings points — which will be more than enough to qualify him for that race in five weeks.

"Well, that's certainly the hope," Pletcher said.

Pletcher won the Florida Derby for a record sixth time, and Known Agenda covered the 1 1/8 miles on the dirt in 1 minute, 49.45 seconds. He returned $12.80 for the win, $6.60 to place and $3.20 to show.

Soup and Sandwich was second and heavily favored Greatest Honour — who came into the race with more than enough points to get into the Kentucky Derby — settled for third. Greatest Honour ran into traffic coming out of the gate and was nowhere near the front as the group headed into the first turn, though settled in along the rail and simply waited for an opening.

By the time he found open space, it was too late. Known Agenda moved into the lead around the top of the stretch and then took off, winning by 2 3/4 lengths in a margin that probably could have been bigger if Ortiz asked.

"Greatest Honour was one of the top horses in the country and he was in the race, so we were going to find out what we've got," Ortiz said.

Soup and Sandwich picked up 40 Derby standings points, and Greatest Honour got 20.

Viola also owns the Florida Panthers, who are well on their way to the Stanley Cup playoffs, and now he's almost certainly headed back to the Kentucky Derby. Plus, he leads the group that bred Known Agenda — so this win was doubly significant to him.

"How does it feel? You feel undeserving, quite frankly," Viola said. "Todd has been very patient with this horse from the moment he got him, very confident."

Viola had to be talked out of a plan to send Known Agenda to the Santa Anita Derby, simply because he didn't think the horse was ready for the Florida Derby.

He was thrilled to be wrong.

"You couldn't write it any differently," Viola said. "Everything Todd described to me when they were in the gate actually happened in the race."

Scheffler mows down opponents

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Scottie Scheffler never gets too far ahead of himself, a remarkable trait for a 24-year-old in only his second year on the PGA Tour and particularly helpful in an emotionally charged format like the Dell Technologies Match Play.

Still, he was not oblivious to what he faced Saturday against Ryder Cup stalwart Ian Poulter in the fourth round and then Spanish dynamo and world No. 3 Jon Rahm in the quarterfinals.

Scheffler mowed down both of them with some of his best golf, making 15 birdies in 31 holes — a 5-and-4 victory over Poulter and a 3-and-1 win over Rahm — to reach the semifinals.

"I was excited to play these guys today," Scheffler said. "I've watched Ian way too many times on TV just beat the crap out of us in the Ryder Cup. I just have memories of me and my dad sitting on the couch and watching this guy make putt after putt. So it was nice to get one on him, at least for me."

The victory over Rahm sent Scheffler, a Texas graduate and now the crowd favorite at Austin Country Club, into the semifinals against Matt Kuchar, who beat Jordan Spieth in the morning and Brian Harman in the afternoon.

Billy Horschel made it three Americans in the semifinals for the second time in the last three trips to Austin. He never led against Tommy Fleetwood until the Englishman sent his tee shot out-of-bounds on their first extra hole at the par-5 12th. Horschel will face Victor Perez of France, who beat Sergio Garcia in 15 holes.

Scheffler keeps saying he is trending in the right direction. He has gone 41 holes without making a bogey. And he brought his best golf against two of Europe's best in this format.

Associated Press

Jon Rahm, of Spain, right, congratulates Scottie Scheffler on the 17th green after Scheffler won their round of eight match at the Dell Technologies Match Play Championship golf tournament on Saturday, in Austin, Texas.

"It doesn't matter who I'm playing. I'm treating each match the same," he said. "But I think sometimes you've got to bring a little different attitude, and I knew I had to bring my best stuff today, not really giving either of those guys much breathing room. I did my best to do that."

Kuchar is the only player to win every match this week, and those five victories give him 33 in this tournament, second only to the 36 matches won by Tiger Woods.

He won the Match Play in 2013 and lost in the championship match last time to Kevin Kisner. It's a big turnaround for the 41-year-old with the graying goatee. He had gone more than a year since his last top 10, fell out of he top 50 for the first time in more than a decade and now feels rejuvenated after a 1-up win over Spieth and a 2-and-1 win over Harman.

"I can't tell you how good I feel right now," Kuchar said. "I feel like I'm still floating."

Scheffler was so strong in the morning that Poulter never won a hole as the Texan made seven birdies in 14 holes. Poulter holed a 40-foot birdie putt on the 11th hole and looked to cut the deficit to 2 down, only for Scheffler to hole a chip from behind the green.

"You could tell by the look in his eye that he wasn't giving in at all. He was just waiting for a spark," Scheffler said. "Another great putt on 11 and I kind of stole one again and really just kept the momentum on my side."

Dell Technologies Match Play

Tommy Fleetwood (21), England, def. Dylan Frittelli (64), South Africa, 4 and 3.
Billy Horschel (32), United States, def. Kevin Streelman (53), United States, 3 and 1.
Sergio Garcia (39), Spain, def. Mackenzie Hughes (48), Canada, 2 and 1.
Victor Perez (31), France, def. Robert MacIntyre (41), Scotland, 5 and 4.
Scottie Scheffler (30), United States, def. Ian Poulter (60), England, 5 and 4.
Jon Rahm (3), Spain, def. Erik van Rooyen (62), South Africa, 3 and 2.
Brian Harman (54), United States, def. Bubba Watson (55), United States, 2 and 1.
Matt Kuchar (52), United States, def. Jordan Spieth (49), United States, 1 up.

Corales Puntacana Resort Championship

Saturday
At Corales Golf Course
Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
Purse: $3 million
Yardage: 7,670; Par: 72
Third Round

Joel Dahmen	67-71-68—206	-10
Rafael Campos	68-69-69—206	-10
Danny Willett	70-70-67—207	-9
Michael Gligic	73-66-68—207	-9
Emiliano Grillo	70-73-65—208	-8
Thomas Pieters	69-70-69—208	-8
Hudson Swafford	70-71-68—209	-7
Charley Hoffman	69-72-68—209	-7
Sepp Straka	72-68-69—209	-7
Roberto Castro	70-69-70—209	-7
Graeme McDowell	70-69-70—209	-7
Fabrizio Zanotti	69-68-72—209	-7
Tim Wilkinson	71-69-70—210	-6
Sam Ryder	68-72-70—210	-6
Will Gordon	72-71-68—211	-5
Pat Perez	72-70-69—211	-5
Alex Smalley	73-69-69—211	-5
Eric Cole	72-70-69—211	-5
Roger Sloan	71-70-70—211	-5
Troy Merritt	72-69-70—211	-5
Wes Roach	70-73-69—212	-4
Greyson Sigg	72-70-70—212	-4
Sebastian Cappelen	69-73-70—212	-4
Ben Martin	71-70-71—212	-4
Thomas Detry	70-70-72—212	-4
Tyler Duncan	69-69-74—212	-4

Kia Classic

Saturday
At Aviara Golf Club, Carlsbad, Calif.
Purse: $1.8 million
Yardage: 6,558; Par: 72
Third Round

Inbee Park	66-69-69—204	-12
Mi Jung Hur	71-71-67—209	-7
Minjee Lee	72-69-68—209	-7
Mel Reid	68-70-71—209	-7
Madelene Sagstrom	72-74-64—210	-6
Lexi Thompson	72-72-66—210	-6
Jin Young Ko	71-71-68—210	-6
Amy Olson	75-69-67—211	-5
Brooke M. Henderson	73-70-68—211	-5
Hyo Joo Kim	67-72-72—211	-5
Annie Park	72-74-66—212	-4
Nicole Broch Larsen	70-71-71—212	-4
Wei-Ling Hsu	71-69-72—212	-4
Sophia Popov	68-68-76—212	-4
Ariya Jutanugarn	73-74-66—213	-3
Jenny Shin	71-74-68—213	-3
Cristie Kerr	76-68-69—213	-3
Danielle Kang	70-74-69—213	-3
Bronte Law	71-72-70—213	-3
Marina Alex	73-69-71—213	-3
Jing Yan	73-69-71—213	-3
Ryann O'Toole	76-71-67—214	-2
Cydney Clanton	73-72-69—214	-2
Ayako Uehara	72-73-69—214	-2
Nelly Korda	75-69-70—214	-2
Cheyenne Knight	72-72-70—214	-2
Anna Nordqvist	71-73-70—214	-2

Campos birdies 18th for share of lead in Dominican Republic

PUNTA CANA, Dominican Republic — Rafael Campos holed out for birdie with a putter from off the front of the 18th green for birdie and a share of the lead with Joel Dahmen in the PGA Tour's windy Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship.

Campos, the 32-year-old Puerto Rican player whose family has a home in the Dominican, shot a 3-under 69 to match Dahmen at 10-under 206 at Corales Golf Club.

Danny Willett (67) and Michael Gligic (68) were a stroke back. Emiliano Grillo (65) and Thomas Pieters (69) were 8 under, and defending champion Hudson Swafford (68) was 7 under with 2019 winner Graeme McDowell (70), Charley Hoffman (68), Sepp Straka (69), Roberto Castro (70) and Fabrizio Zanotti (72).

Inbee Park takes 5-shot edge in bid for elusive Kia Classic victory

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Inbee Park opened a five-stroke lead in a bid to finally win the Kia Classic.

Second in the event in 2010, 2016 and 2019, the Hall of Famer shot a 3-under 69 to reach 12-under 204 at Aviara Golf Club.

Tsitsipas makes 4th round in Miami

With Big Three missing on men's side

Steven Wine
AP sports writer

MIAMI — For tennis up-and-comers like Stefanos Tsitsipas, the draw at the Miami Open began to look a lot less daunting even before the tournament began.

Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer withdrew because of injuries, and Novak Djokovic decided against making the trip from his native Serbia. They stayed home with their 58 Grand Slam trophies.

"It's a first test to see how it is playing without them," Tsitsipas said after his third-round victory Saturday. "There is going to be a time in the future where this is going to be more frequent and happening more regularly, and maybe even a standard soon. So, yeah, we get a taste of how it is playing without them."

The No. 2-seeded Tsitsipas is among those with the best chance to take advantage, and he looked the part against Damir Dzumhur, winning 6-1, 6-4.

Associated Press

Stefanos Tsitsipas, of Greece, returns to Damir Dzumhur, of Bosnia, during the Miami Open tennis tournament, on Saturday in Miami Gardens.

Ranked a career-high No. 5, Tsitsipas improved to 15-4 this year — and 2-3 lifetime against Dzumhur. The 22-year-old Greek used his serve to dominate Dzumhur, who never had a break point.

"I created a lot of opportunities with my serve — I wasn't rushing at all, finding the right angles and executing it perfectly," Tsitsipas said. "Even with my second serve I felt like I did a lot of damage, not giving him a chance to press first and apply pressure with his shots."

Tsitsipas will next face No. 28 Kei Nishikori, who outlasted Aljaz Bedene 7-6 (6), 5-7, 6-4.

In women's play, top-ranked Ash Barty and three-time champion Victoria Azarenka advanced to a round of 16 showdown.

Barty beat Jelena Ostapenko 6-3, 6-2 and had a much easier time than in the previous round, when she saved a match point to beat qualifier Kristina Kucova. That was Barty's first match away from her native Australian since February 2020.

She kept Ostapenko on the move and on the defensive, pulling in the former French Open champion and moving her from side to side.

Barty is the defending champion as the 2019 winner. The tournament was canceled last year at the start of the coronavirus pandemic.

The 14th-seeded Azarenka beat No. 24 Angelique Kerber 7-5, 6-2. The match was Azarenka's first this week after a bye and walkover. She won Miami in 2009, 2011 and 2016.

No. 3-seeded Simona Halep withdrew before her third-round match because of a right shoulder injury. No. 5 Elina Svitolina eliminated No. 30 Ekaterina Alexandrova 7-6 (1), 6-4.

Wild card Ana Konjuh upset No. 15 Iga Swiatek. Konjuh's career has been slowed by four elbow surgeries, and this week she has earned her first three wins in main-draw WTA play since 2018.

"It has been frustrating the past couple of years, just having been through all these surgeries and comebacks and just never getting it right," Konjuh said. "So just to be back, you know, healthy and to compete at this level, it means a lot."

Bruce, Sandoval on big league rosters

Maybin, Frazier cut

Associated Press

Jay Bruce returned to the major leagues Saturday, making the New York Yankees' roster at the deadline for decisions on free agents who had gone to spring training with minor league contracts.

Atlanta added third baseman Pablo Sandoval, infielder Ehire Adrianza and reliever Nate Jones to its major league roster.

The Chicago Cubs told infielder Eric Sogard he will be added.

Detroit, having already told pitcher Julio Teheran he will be on the roster, informed pitcher Derek Holland he will be added and decided to pay a $100,000 retention bonus to keep pitcher Erasmo Ramirez.

Under baseball's collective bargaining agreement, players who became free agents after the World Series and then went to spring training with minor league contracts had to be told by noon EDT Saturday that they would be added to the 40-man roster, paid the retention bonus or released.

Released players can re-sign with the same team.

Miami paid the retention bonus to catcher Sandy Leon, the only other player given the bonus.

Oakland told infielder Jed Lowie he will be added, and Philadelphia informed pitcher Brandon Kinztler and infielder Matt Joyce they will be added.

Texas committed to add pitcher Ian Kennedy and infielder Brock Holt, and Toronto told infielder Joe Panik he will be added.

Released players included Arizona catcher Bryan Holoday, Atlanta infielder Jason Kipnis, Cubs outfielder Cameron Maybin, Philadelphia pitcher Tony Watson, Pittsburgh infielder Todd Frazier, Texas pitcher Nick Vincent and catcher Drew Butera, and Washington pitcher T.J. McFarland and outfielder Yasmany Tomas.

RAYS 2, TWINS 0

Tampa Bay right-hander Tyler Glasnow tuned up for opening day with 10 strikeouts in five innings. He allowed three hits and walked two.

Rays prospect Wander Franco doubled and scored on Dalton Kelly's single in the ninth.

Josh Donaldson had one of Minnesota's four hits — all singles. Alex Colomé worked a scoreless inning in relief.

METS 8, ASTROS 3

Francisco Lindor had three hits and three RBIs for New York. Pete Alonso and Dominic Smith hit back-to-back homers in the seventh, and Joey Lucchesi pitched 4 2/3 innings of one-run ball in relief. Lucchesi is a leading contender for the fifth-starter job with the team.

Lindor has a team-high 14 RBIs in his first spring with the Mets.

Alex Bregman and Yordan Álvarez went deep for the Astros. Bryan Abreu allowed two runs and three hits in three innings.

Houston scratched Myles Straw due to health and safety protocols related to COVID-19. It was not clear whether Straw had tested positive or if it was contact related. Straw is expected to take over in center field for George Springer, who signed with Toronto in the offseason.

YANKEES 5, BLUE JAYS 1 (8)

Yankees shortstop Gleyber Torres went 3 for 3 with two home runs, a solo shot in the third and a two-run shot in the fourth. Mike Ford had four hits, and Jhoulys Chacín pitched 2 2/3 scoreless innings.

Anthony Kay pitched 2 2/3 innings for Toronto before departing with a lower right leg contusion. He was charged with two runs and seven hits.

TIGERS 9, PHILLIES 8

Julio Teheran was roughed up in his fifth appearance for Detroit, surrendering six runs and three hits in 3 2/3 innings. Grayson Greiner hit a leadoff drive in the eighth, sparking an eight-run rally.

The Tigers optioned struggling reliever Joe Jiménez to Triple-A Toledo. First baseman Renato Núñez, who led the team with 12 homers last season, is weighing his options after being informed that he didn't make the opening-day roster.

Philadelphia ace Aaron Nola prepared for his opening-day start with three innings of one-run ball. Odubel Herrera hit his fourth homer for the Phillies.

RED SOX 7, PIRATES 4 (8)

Rookie Bobby Dalbec hit a two-run single in Boston's six-run sixth inning. Hunter Renfroe, Christian Arroyo and Kevin Plawecki each singled in a run in the frame.

Kevin Newman and Bryan Reynolds each had three hits for Pittsburgh. Newman is batting .714 (20 for 28) this spring.

INDIANS 9, DODGERS 2

Cleveland ace Shane Bieber struck out nine in 5 2/3 innings in his final start before opening day. Cesar Hernandez homered for the Indians, and Eddie Rosario drove in two runs.

Dodgers right-hander Trevor Bauer struggled with his control in the first, came out of the game for an out and returned to complete 5 2/3 innings. He was charged with three earned runs and four hits.

PADRES 2, ANGELS 0 (7)

Blake Snell pitched five innings of one-hit ball for San Diego. The 2018 AL Cy Young Award winner struck out six and walked one.

Jaime Barria opened for the Angels, allowing a hit over two scoreless innings. Junior Guerra got three outs and was charged with two runs and two hits.

BREWERS 6, ROYALS 6

Lorenzo Cain and Jackie Bradley Jr. returned to Milwaukee's lineup. Cain had been sidelined by a strained right quadriceps, and Bradley was out with a sore right wrist.

Cain homered and scored three times. Bradley had two hits and scored twice.

Brandon Woodruff struck out seven in 4 1/3 innings for the Brewers, permitting two runs and four hits.

Kansas City right-hander Brad Keller allowed two runs and five hits in four innings. Greg Holland was tagged for three runs and four hits, recording just one out in the fifth.

ATHLETICS 5, RANGERS 1

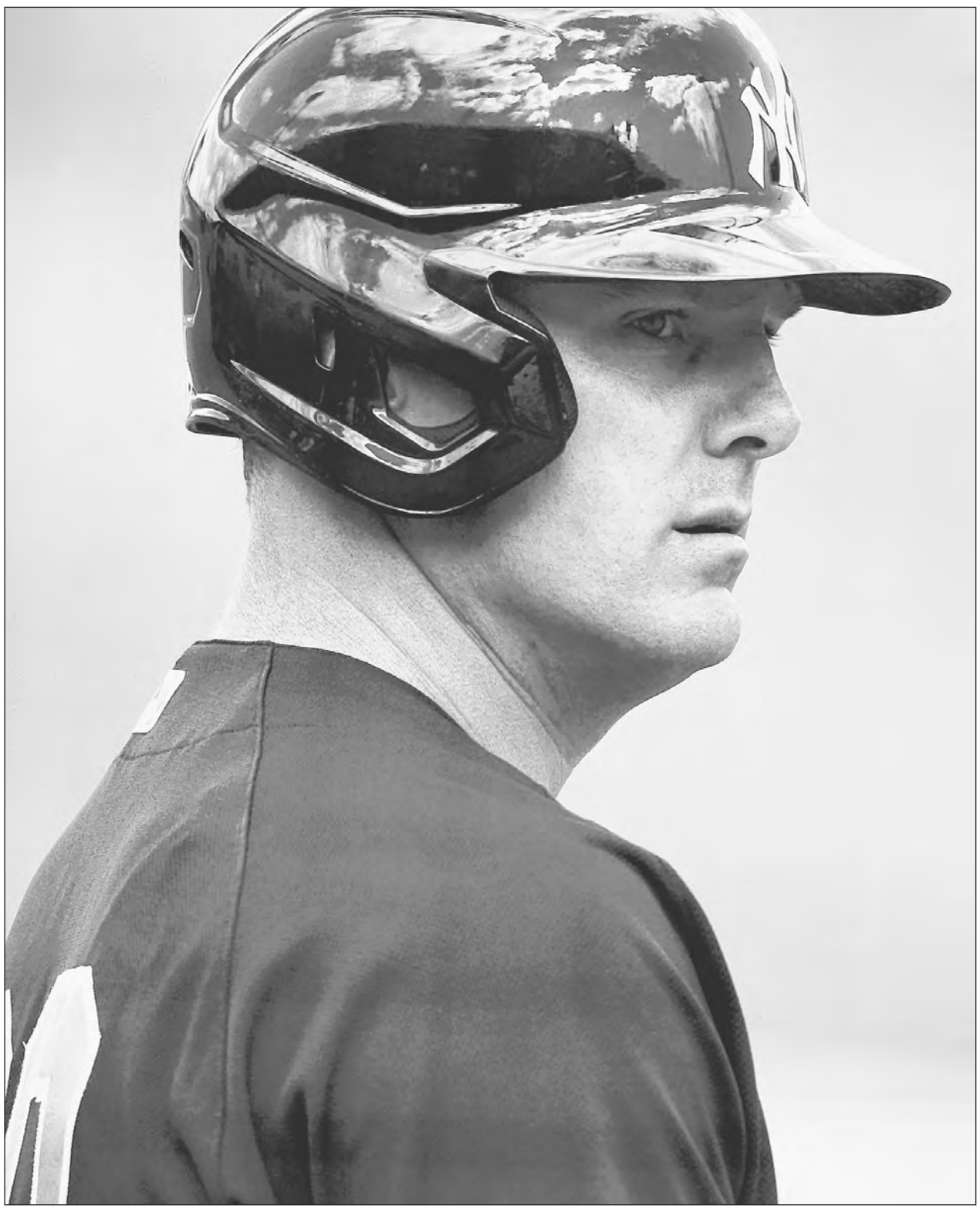
A.J. Puk tossed four scoreless innings for Oakland, yielding one hit and striking out three. Jed Lowrie doubled twice and Ramón Laureano hit two doubles and a triple.

Kyle Gibson worked five innings for the Rangers, permitting three earned runs and eight hits.

WHITE SOX 8, ROCKIES 2

White Sox ace Lucas Giolito struck out nine in 5 2/3 scoreless innings. Reigning AL MVP José Abreu hit his first home run of the spring. Yoán Moncada had three hits, and Tim Anderson finished with two hits and two RBIs.

Germán Márquez worked three innings for Colorado, allowing three runs and six hits. Alan Trejo hit his first home run of the spring in the eighth.



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New York Yankees outfielder/first baseman Jay Bruce waits on deck during the second inning of a spring training exhibition game against the Detroit Tigers on Tuesday, at Joker Marchant Stadium in Lakeland.

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San Diego Padres' Haseong Kim, left, chases Los Angeles Angels' Brandon Marsh during a runown during the second inning of a spring training game, Saturday in Tempe, Ariz.

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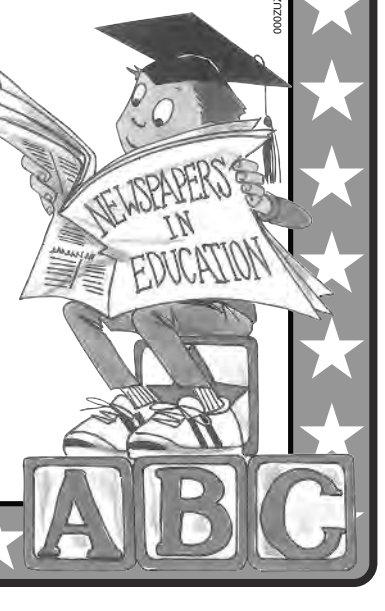

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NASCAR worried about first Bristol dirt race

Situation has gotten messy, in several ways

Jenna Fryer
AP Auto racing writer

Associated Press

Kyle Busch drives along the dirt track during NASCAR Cup Series practice, on Friday at Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tenn.

BRISTOL, Tenn. — NASCAR feverishly tried to save its ballyhooed first Cup Series dirt race since 1970 from turning into a total disaster, the likes not seen since the 2008 tire debacle at Indianapolis made for one of the worst events in the sport's history.

The Cup Series is slated to race Sunday at Bristol Motor Speedway, where 2,300 truckloads of red Tennessee clay have filled the famed bullring for an experimental — some might allege gimmick — stab at grassroots racing.

But the dirt, the 28-degree Bristol banking and the leaden 3,400-pound cars appear to be a terrible fit.

Yes, drivers had a blast playing in the dirt, some for the first time since they were kids. But four Friday practice sessions ultimately showed the tires can't sustain the heavy wear. The three layers of dirt acted as a cheese-grater and the tires in turn dug deep divots into the surface.

NACAR made several procedural changes Saturday in a desperate bid to save the show.

"We didn't want to end up in a situation where we had 20 blown right rears and we're talking about the Bristol dirt show 20 years later like we're talking about the thing that happened at Indy," said Scott Miller, NASCARs vice president of competition.

That "thing" at Indy in 2008 ruined the fan appetite for NASCAR at historic Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The Goodyear tires used on NASCAR's new model car that year couldn't handle the loads and began exploding during the race. To mitigate damage, NASCAR threw competition cautions every 10 or so laps to force teams to pit for new tires.

The race averaged just nine laps of green-flag racing a stretch and Indianapolis fans have still not forgotten.

More than 400,000 turn out for the Indianapolis 500, but attendance for the NASCAR events dipped well below 100,000. This year's Brickyard will be held on the road course after 27 years on the famed oval.

Bristol also made a bold change this year by converting its facility into a dirt race as part of radical changes to the 2021 schedule. NASCAR needed a major shakeup and the dirt race joined an influx of road courses and new venues for the most adventurous schedule in sport history.

Bristol, which dubs itself "The Last Great Colosseum," wanted in on the action. The track once boasted 55-consecutive sellouts and was one of the toughest tickets in sports. But its spring race has faced a sharp attendance decline as a constantly shifting race date presented annual weather concerns.

So when NASCAR broadcast partner Fox pushed for a dirt race on the Cup schedule, Speedway Motorsports said Bristol would be the guinea pig.

The decision infuriated Tony Stewart, who successfully hosted seven Truck Series races at his Eldora Speedway dirt track in Ohio but was passed over for a coveted Cup Series date.

Out of spite, Stewart dropped the Truck Series from Eldora's schedule this season and openly wondered if Speedway Motorsports was up to managing the challenges of a dirt race.

Bristol had previously converted to dirt for the World of Outlaws in 2000 and 2001, and Speedway Motorsports has hosted dirt events at other facilities with mixed reviews. Conditions at the Dirt Track at Charlotte last November made for a blinding dustbowl, but Bristol seemed to have it figured out last week when it hosted a problem-free week of racing.

The issues slowly started to snowball during roughly four hours of Friday practice time between the Truck and Cup Series. At first, it was just too dusty. Then tires began to wear down to the cords while digging deep divots into the track surface.

"The track is kind of coming up and just crazy big divots. It's definitely not smooth," said Ryan Blaney, fastest Cup driver on Friday.

NASCAR collected team feedback and guided by Larson and Austin Dillon, both of whom raced all last week at Bristol, issued procedural changes for Sunday's 250-lap race.

NASCAR extended the first stage by 25 laps, the second stage by 50 laps and added two competition cautions. It also allotted teams one extra set of tires.

The added competition cautions create additional opportunities for track prep.

"We need this show to be great," Miller said. "We need to err on the side of caution."

NASCAR is also facing weather challenges — heavy rain drenched the dirt and delayed the start of Saturday activity before ultimately washing it out entirely. The heat races for both Cup and Trucks were scrapped and the Truck Series will run after the Cup race for a Sunday doubleheader.

Qualifying heat races for the Truck Series barely made a lap before thick mud caked the windshields and reduced visibility to zero.

"I honestly thought they'd go into the corner and never turn," said Larson, one of seven Cup regulars entered in the Truck Series.

NASCAR stopped the heat race and sent late model cars onto the track to turn laps and pull some of the water out of the dirt.

"That's probably the most uncomfortable I've ever been in a race car," said Kevin Harvick, running his first Truck Series race since 2015. "Really, really unsafe conditions so far, as far as vision goes. I just had to look left and go off what you know of the race track."

COMMENTARY

CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE

Legislative Days pays big dividends for Citrus

Gerry Mulligan
OUT THE WINDOW

Tallahassee is a ghost town, but the work of the Florida Legislature is still getting done.

Citrus County leaders held their annual Legislative Days at the state capital this week and the feeling was nothing short of weird.

During the annual legislative session, Tallahassee is usually slammed. Hotels fill up, you can't get a reservation at a restaurant and you have to elbow your way through the halls of the Capitol building.

I walked through the first floor of the Capitol building on Wednesday at noon for an appointment and other than my police escort and myself, not a single person could be seen.

COVID has emptied the halls.

But that does not mean the 120 members of the House and our 40 senators are not getting the work done. They are working hard and trying to stay safe. The session is about at the halfway point and about 50 Citrus County folks traveled to north Florida to explain to legislators what is important to the residents of our community.

It turns out that to date, Citrus County's contingent of citizen visitors for Legislative Days has been the largest of the state's 67 counties. Because of COVID, many counties decided not to try their own lobbying. Credit goes to the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce for making the pilgrimage happen.

And the effort appears to be paying off.

The two days of meetings touched on many areas of keen interest. A meeting with the head of the Department of Transportation gave hope that millions of dollars will flow to our community to push the Suncoast Parkway thru the county and make improvements to State Road 44, U.S. 41 north and U.S. 19. The proposed Turkey Oak bypass around Crystal River was also discussed.

A session with the head of the

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Vote-by-mail reforms

Special to the Chronicle

While vote by mail has been growing steadily in popularity, the pandemic made this the method of choice for many more voters than ever before.

Citizens must have convenient and ample opportunities to vote

Other **VOICES**

CRAIG LATIMER AND MAUREEN "MO" BAIRD
Special to the Chronicle

During each legislative session, the Florida Supervisors of Elections (FSE), an association of Florida's 67 elections officials, shares information with state legislators on policy measures that could positively impact the conduct of elections and voter experience in Florida. While we have already put forth a list of legislative priorities, we feel there is a need to provide some perspective around some vote-by-mail reforms that have been discussed.

Maureen "Mo" Baird

In 2020, Florida was universally praised for our exemplary conduct of elections — from the very highest offices at the federal and state level to our most important stakeholders, voters. This was due in large part to the strong laws currently in place around vote by mail. While vote by mail has been growing steadily in popularity, the pandemic made this the method of choice for many more voters than ever before. During the 2020 cycle, Gov. Ron DeSantis issued an executive order allowing us to start processing mail ballots sooner, and the suggestion to codify this into law is appreciated and supported by FSE. Our ability to keep up with vote by mail tabulation as the ballots were received was a key factor in our ability to report almost all of Florida's results on Election Night.

In Florida, only voters who request mail ballots may receive them. Supervisors cannot send vote-by-mail ballots to all voters. This is good policy. Canceling the current requests that voters have on file with our offices, which has been suggested by some lawmakers, is a disservice to voters who are already expecting to receive mail ballots in 2022. Lawmakers should also be aware that this would come at a significant cost to taxpayers, as Supervisors will be required to send mailings to millions of voters to let them know their request is no longer valid. In addition, requiring voters to renew their request for mail ballots every election cycle, instead of every two election cycles, also has financial impact, resulting in twice as much clerical work to process the requests.

Craig Latimer

Finally, concern has been expressed about the use of vote by mail drop boxes. Florida's Supervisors adhere to the current law, which requires us to have secure drop boxes at all elections offices and early voting sites, and allows drop boxes at any sites that would otherwise qualify as an early voting site. We agree that voted ballots must remain secure and protected at all times. If lawmakers feel the need to clarify requirements around how to secure drop boxes, that would be supported by FSE. However, Florida's Supervisors of Elections strongly disagree with the idea of eliminating drop boxes. This would create an unnecessary barrier for voters who like to receive their ballots in the mail and return them in person. In fact, voters who used drop boxes in 2020 expressed appreciation for their convenience and security. Nearly 1.5 million voters chose this option.

Florida's Supervisors of Elections feel strongly that we must be advocates for our voters. It's our intention that all eligible voters have convenient and ample opportunities to vote, and that the elections in which they cast their ballots are safe and secure. The three methods of voting currently provided for in law, and the flexibility provided to Supervisors around these methods, is critical to ensuring we can serve our voters efficiently and effectively.

Craig Latimer is president of the Florida Supervisors of Elections. Maureen "Mo" Baird is the Citrus County Supervisor of Elections.

We need to lock the clock on Daylight Saving Time

Cortney Stewart
SEEING BEYOND

I used to laugh at people who said that switching back and forth from Eastern Standard Time (EST) to Daylight Saving Time (DST) was such a big deal. They would talk about how people were more likely to get into car accidents, more likely to make major mistakes at work, and more likely to be super crabby all week. And it was all because of one little hour.

I used to make fun of those people — until I became one of them.

I'm not sure if it was just because the past 365 days have been such a whirlwind of craziness or just because I'm getting older, but this year "springing forward" was a lot more difficult than it has ever been.

All it took was once and now I'm on board with all the people who detest the inevitable movement of the hour hand on the clock twice a year.

The concept of Daylight Saving Time dates all the way back to World War I because the Germans were interested in conserving coal. They ordered all German citizens to move their clocks one hour ahead to give more daylight during the most productive hours. Other countries caught on and, viola, we ended up with Daylight Saving Time. The U.S. has been back and forth with the whole idea since the Versailles Treaty was signed in 1919 but every time we've decided to engage with this whole time-switching business it's been because of war or some other need to conserve energy.

Don't get me wrong. I love Daylight Saving Time. I just wish we had it all year.

I hate getting up for work when its dark and leaving to drive home in the dark, too. Winter has a way of making short days feel even shorter when it seems like you never see the sun.

The catch is that we've already told the government that we want to get rid of Standard Time and keep Daylight Saving Time forever.

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OPINION

"When we do the best we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life or the life of another."
Helen Keller

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HANDY IN HOMOSASSA

Class keeps enthusiasm for trades going

THE ISSUE:
Homosassa handyman hosts weekly building class for youths.

OUR OPINION:
A role model in the trades.

Building skills and teaching the trades, Homosassa handyman Josh Hicks is setting the bar for hands-on youth education in Citrus.

Local teens and preteens are taught the basics in construction and maintenance while discovering a new appreciation for trade work in Hicks' nonprofit 12-week Skill Building Class.

The course is a novel concept for showing kids that the trade industry is a worthy, bright career choice and important to our community.

Hicks invites local tradespeople and businesses to share materials, tools and the knowledge of their specialties with kids age 10 through 18. Class participants get lessons in fields from welding to woodworking, in invaluable areas as trades across the nation struggle to stay viable.

His initiative for hosting the weekly building class for students at his Handy Hicks business in Homosassa is commendable, serving as a role model in the trades and passing imperative knowledge along to the next generation.

Without question, Citrus youth need more access to vocational classrooms and experiences.

Education in trades is vitally important to the American social fabric, and can be a pathway to secure a job that leads to a lifetime of employment. The real skills being taught at the Skill Building Class can translate into real earnings in the future for students of the course.

Not only are they relevant skills to hold in a career, but throughout all of life. And our local workforce will need the boost in the coming future.

For over half a century, the emphasis on college as a pathway to success in the U.S. has caused the appeal of trades education to lose its luster. This shift in education has caused a gap between the demand for trade services and craft skills that exist.

Hicks is helping to restore the gleam of trade work while passing along a strong work ethic to the youths in our community. His class shows that the work can be fun; a smart move in introducing kids to the fields. The hands-on sessions are a tried and true method for perking interests in the trades. It's good to get young people exposed to such alternative topics at an early age; often they don't know what's available unless it's presented to them.

College isn't for everyone, and continued training is needed after high school. Even if participants don't end up in the trades in the grand scheme of things, the program provides them a great deal of useful life skills.

Initiatives like this should be the model for more around the county. It's a great concept and we encourage more businesses to follow suit.

Hooray for Hicks in his energizing of trades education.

For more information on the 12-week Skill Building Class, call 352-436-3105.

More choices have helped Florida's public schools

SCOTT KENT
Special to the Chronicle

Guest COLUMN

Ever since the seeds of education choice were planted in Florida more than 20 years ago, opponents have predicted that giving families more options in their children's education would cripple public schools. While choice has blossomed, public schools have proved the naysayers wrong.

A recent column by the League of Women Voters is the latest to perpetuate the myth that parental choice threatens public education.

First, let's dispel some misconceptions.

The constitutional case against vouchers is dubious at best. You won't find in the Florida Constitution any language prohibiting school vouchers or requiring public schools to be the sole means of education. Although the Florida Supreme Court conveniently redefined "uniformity" to strike down the state's first voucher program in 2006, the idea was invoked by opponents in two other cases, in 2017 and 2019, but failed to persuade courts to end the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship for low-income students or charter schools.

Education savings accounts (ESAs) funded directly from the state's budget are nothing new in Florida. They've been around since 2014, when the Gardiner Scholarship for special-needs students was created. Gardiner's ESA is the biggest of its kind in the nation, currently serving over 17,000 students — and it has received nearly universal, bipartisan support.

Private schools that accept choice scholarships are subject to numerous accountability mandates from the state. These include requiring that all scholarship students in grades 3 through 10 must take a nationally norm-referenced test approved by the Department of Education, that these test results must be submitted to an independent research organization, and that schools must provide parents quarterly progress reports and publish qualifications of teachers.

But private schools also are subject to a different kind of accountability than most public schools are — the kind you get from the bottom up through parental choice. It represents the most immediate and direct form of accountability: If the schools can't deliver, they lose students and the money that follows them. That kind of accountability is in short supply in district schools, particularly in low-income areas, where parents generally can't afford to move to a neighborhood with a better school or pay tuition for a private school.

Private school scholarships do not divert funds from public schools any more than a WIC food voucher spent at Publix diverts funds from Walmart. Furthermore, eight different independent analyses over the years have determined that Florida's Tax Credit Scholarship not only doesn't drain money from public schools, it actually saves tax dollars that can be used to enhance them. That's because the value of each scholarship (which now includes the Family Empowerment Scholarship program) is less than what the state spends per pupil on public schools.

The argument that vouchers harm public education has twice been rejected by Florida courts. But the best evidence comes from the performance of public schools themselves, which in recent years have reached heights never before attained:

- Education Week currently ranks Florida No. 3 in the nation in K-12 achievement, its highest position ever.
- Florida ranks No. 1, No. 1, No. 3 and No. 8 on the core reading and math tests of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), when adjusted for demographics.
- Florida recently climbed to second in the nation in the percentage of graduating high school seniors who pass Advanced Placement exams.
- Florida's high school graduation rate, which barely cracked 50 percent at the turn of the century, is now at 90 percent.

In a study released last week, researchers at the University of Arkansas found a positive association between a state's amount of education choice and its NAEP performance. Florida ranked 35th in "education freedom" in 2000; it moved all the way to seventh in 2021, the largest gain by any state. The two student populations who received the most education choice in Florida during that time — low-income students and students with disabilities — far outperformed the national average on NAEP scores.

More choices, better outcomes. That's a win-win for Florida and its families.

Scott Kent is assistant director of strategic communications for Step Up For Students, the nonprofit that administers five state education choice scholarship programs.

LETTERS to the Editor

The high costs of sewers

In response to a March 24 letter about the sewers, perhaps the cost to in Homosassa was different than what the county showed to residents of Cambridge Greens. They showed $6,000 to $7,500 per resident for construction cost. They don't quote me something like$ 2,500 to $3,500 connection cost. We also are made to have our septics crushed and a plumber has to run new pipe to the connection.

I am estimating from $13,000 to $15,000 for mine when done, and hope I am not underestimating it. We have to pay to build it, then pay to connect to it, and then pay since we irrigate with county water $100 a month to use it. We have to drill down from 250 to 300 feet in this area to hit water for a well. I see no possible way we could be effecting King's Bay. I wish the amount you showed was what it was going to cost residents here but its not even close when we tally all the charges and cost we will have.

The county is cherry picking communities. They bypass vast part of Citrus Hills to get to use. There are much older communities with much smaller lots very close to water they should have looked at first. I could understand more if it was a rollout to all Citrus Hills, but jumping over large areas seems very out of order to me.

John Soladean
Inverness

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Ramp in park bad for nature

The March 23 Chronicle article by Buster Thompson reporting on the March 21 city council meeting, states that 72 responses to the city of Crystal River boat ramp survey favored having a new boat ramp at the old Yacht Club, which is currently within the limits of the Crystal River Preserve State Park. As of today, March 25, my neighbors and I have collected 149 signatures on a petition opposing the boat ramp sites within the park. The petition has been forwarded to the city council, Citrus County Commissioners, the Florida Department of the Environment and the Chronicle. An additional 10 signatures have been collected but not yet forwarded. Now, a third location abutting the Crystal River Archaeological State Park, a national historic site, is being considered.

The Nature Coast and the Crystal River Preserve State Park are the lifeblood of the area. The proposed ramp locations within or near the park would damage the natural resources that are our most important asset as a community. Any argument that these ramps closer to the Gulf would improve our economy by attracting boaters from other communities is false. The increased congestion would only discourage park attendance which brings more people to our motels, hotels, restaurants than the locals that who constitute the great majority of ramp users. I see no benefits to the business owners and the community as a whole,

Philip Cote
Crystal River

SOUND OFF

CALL 563-0579

Keep public notices in newspapers

(Re the Wednesday, March 24, 2021, Page A11 guest column titled, "We must fight to protect public's right to watch their elected officials"): I agree with Dominic M. Calabro about keeping public notices in newspapers, not just on government websites. Many of us older folks here in Florida do not have computers to get on these websites, so we would have no access to the information in the public notices. It's very important for citizens to know what their elected officials are planning so we can be informed voters and make informed decisions. They're already trying to make it harder for us to vote by mail and now they want to try to hide their actions from us. What's next?

A bad voting record

(Re "How Your Lawmakers Voted," Page A3, Monday, March 22, 2021): Talking about Congressman Webster, he voted against giving Gold Medal rewards to the Capitol Police that defended our United States attempted armed insurrection, a coup. He's one of only 12 congressmen; 413 voted for these medals for the Columbia police and 12 voted against. He's one of the 12. ... This guy's voting record is bad. How come the Chronicle don't write about him?

Dog shelter, yes; airport, no

Let's get real. Forget about the airport. We don't need a bigger airport. We need a new dog shelter. Come on — it's black and white. We don't need airplanes flying in here. We need a home for the dogs. Get on it, Citrus County.

Sign contains vulgar language

I would like to complain about a sign that's down across from the racetrack in Citrus County. Someone has put a banner up that has some really vulgar language ... and I'm thinking with the fair coming in this next week, I don't think it's appropriate for children to see and for adults, too, because it just raises a whole bunch of nasty feelings. So if you want to check it out, it's down past the Bargain Outlet by the animal shelter down there, across from the Citrus County Fairgrounds, and you will see the banner on a wooden post. I'd appreciate it.

Grasshoppers out in full force

OK, ladies, I know we've had a mild winter and they are out early and I'm talking about the lubbers (grasshoppers). They are out hatching in full force, especially in a sunny place. Have a good one.

THE CHRONICLE invites you to call "Sound Off" with your opinions about local subjects. You do not need to leave your name, and have less than a minute to record. COMMENTS will be edited for length, libel, personal or political attacks and good taste. Editors will cut libelous material. OPINIONS expressed are purely those of the callers.

Stimulus funds provide unique opportunity for disability community

John Finch
GUEST COLUMN

In light of the recent passage of the COVID relief bill, individuals with disabilities receiving stimulus payments can save funds in an ABLE account without it counting as a resource for public benefit programs.

For many, the COVID-19 pandemic has put a strain on personal finances and showed us how important it is to save for the unexpected. A recent National Disability Institute study found that only 30% of adults with disabilities and 46% of those without disabilities have set aside three months of emergency funds.

As a result, many individuals and families — regardless of disability status — are not be able to rely on existing financial resources if faced with a costly emergency, such as a job loss, health crisis or pandemic.

But until recently, many individuals with a disability were not able to save due to asset and resource limits imposed by public benefits programs like Supplemental Security Income and Medicaid.

Fortunately, these individuals are now able to save more than $2,000 by contributing funds to their ABLE account — which offers tax-advantaged savings and investment options to help individuals with a disability realize their hopes and dreams — and prepare for whatever their future may hold.

ABLE United is Florida's qualified ABLE program and over the past five years has helped more than 5,700 Floridians save for the future — with total contributions exceeding $40 million to date.

While economic impact funds are not generally treated as income by federal, state and local programs, funds not spent or put into an ABLE account within 12 months will count as resources — therefore, it is likely to impact eligibility for public benefit programs like Supplemental Security Income and Medicaid.

With ABLE United, thousands of Floridians with a disability can secure their future without fear of jeopardizing the benefits they rely on now or in the future.

It's important to know that unlike some other savings and investment options, the individual with the disability is the owner of the ABLE account. However, another person can help in opening and/or maintaining the account, such as a parent, legal guardian, or power of attorney. Funds saved can be used for everyday living expenses like groceries, housing and medical appointments or for future expenses like purchasing a car or house.

I encourage you to educate a neighbor, a friend, a colleague or a loved one about the opportunities that exist for them to save for A Better Life Experience.

John Finch is the director of ABLE United, Florida's disability savings program.

Letters to THE EDITOR

Thanks for help with the vaccine

I would like to thank Gov. DeSantis and Congressman Webster for including the shut-ins for COVID-19 shots. Thanks also to the Pasco County nurses who handled giving us the shots. While we have some in the disabled community who cannot have the shot and some who have stronger reactions to the shots, it was nice to be included even with having to get our doctor forms.

Diana Kennedy
Citrus Springs

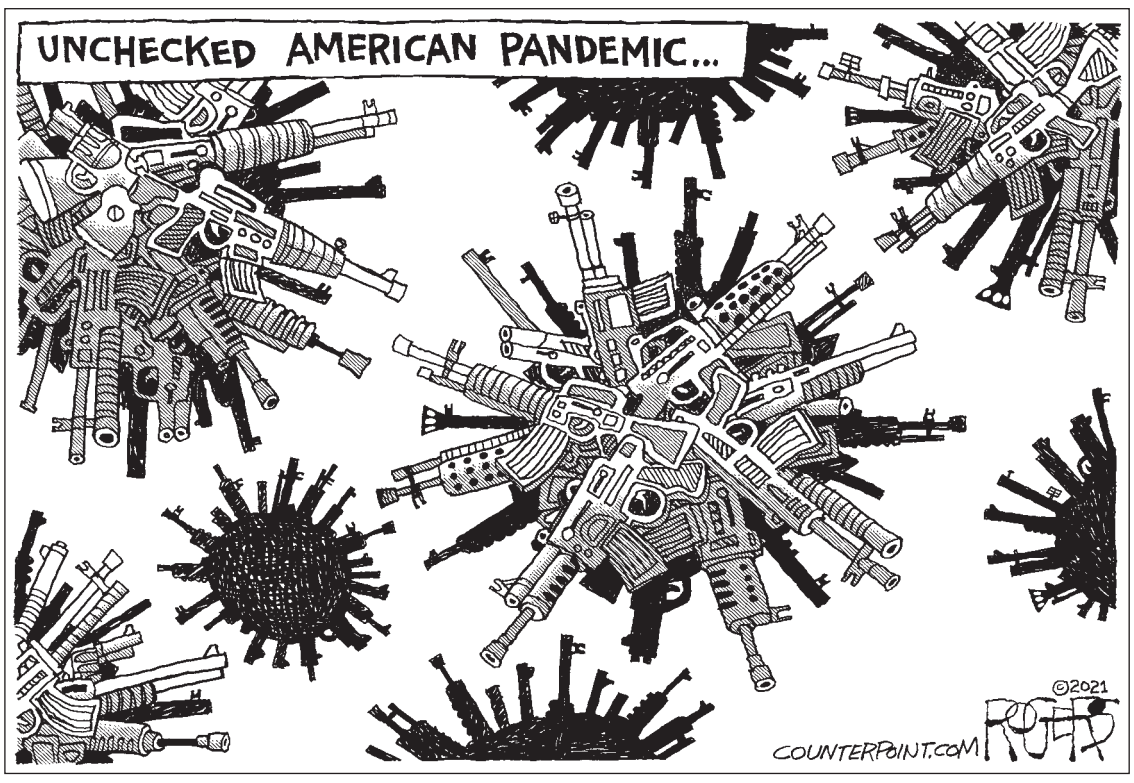
Thanks for supporting Legion

American Legion Post 166 wishes to thank all who took part in producing our celebration of the American Legion's 102 years of existence on March 15. We want to expressly thank the 21 donors who gave blood at the bloodmobile.

Many people of the community came out and supported Post 166 in their celebration as did the veterans in the area. Also in attendance were the American Department 2nd Vice Commander, and the Northern Area Commander. There were 13 large pizzas and two cakes, along with soft drinks, water and adult beverages that were consumed. The Legion's Family — the Auxiliary Unit, the Sons of the Legion, and the Legion Riders — were there to explain the many programs that the Legion has to offers. Many questions were asked and answered about the post itself. There were many door prizes, raffles, auctions, and other events held that day.

Once again, we want to say thank you, to all the great people of Homosassa and Citrus County who turned out to support the American Legion Post 166 and its members in celebrating the Americana Legion 102 year anniversary.

Robert Scott
Post commander
Homosassa Springs



The airboats were here first

Regarding the opinion piece by R.M. Reynolds on Sunday: It might have been a better argument with some actual facts. He claims to have knowledge with engines and goes on to state the 4-stroke engine is much louder than the 2-stroke engine. I am not sure what he bases that inaccurate statement on, but at that point of his commentary he lost all credibility. If you have only the smallest amount of experience with engines, you will know that his statement is false and actually the opposite of what he claims. So, to argue the supposed noise issue of airboats is not a good topic for him.

I will add that if you decide to move to or live in an area unfamiliar to you, do your homework. The airboats were here before most of you and trying to change that culture is very disrespectful, and if you feel airboats are being disrespectful, buy some earplugs.

David Hathaway
Inverness

Tournament helps cancer survivors

I would like to thank all the committees, participants and sponsors who made the ninth annual Black Diamond Ladies Golf Association's Tournament, "Conquering Cancer in Citrus County," so successful. The work of Nan Rinker, Sandy Hanson and Lisa Campbell and their committees was truly blessed on March 9 with uncommonly beautiful weather, and an uplifting spirit of compassion and community engagement. The donations from the event stipulated to the Citrus Aid Cancer Foundation are able to provide financial help to Citrus County residents who are in cancer treatments. As we all know, many fundraising events that help community charities have not been held due to the pandemic, therefore, these donations are especially precious. I understand the committee made the decision to hold the event late in the game due to the virus, and in spite of that, they added a special event, which was a live butterfly launch in honor and in memory of loved ones affected by cancer. It was a perfect day for it. I was moved when a released butterfly landed on a flower, and a golfer moved quickly to get a picture, and whispered her mother's name.

If you know of someone who is undergoing cancer treatments from Citrus County, and who are having a financial burden because of it, the Citrus Aid Cancer Foundation can help with needs like gas assistance or minor car repairs so that patients have the transportation availability to get to treatments. CACF can also help with mortgage, electric, and some other monthly bills to make cancer treatment co-pays possible, when there is not enough in the family budget to do it all. Requests or inquiries can be made to Wendy Hall at the Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute, 352-527-0106. Thank you again to the 4C Conquering Cancer in Citrus County participants, and because of you, hope has taken flight!

Wendy Hall
Citrus Aid Cancer Foundation volunteer

Toxic atmosphere must end in DC

I'd be remiss if I didn't comment on Dean S. Hagen's letter to the editor, "Pelosi satisfying hatred for Trump," published March 3. Dean, bravo for submitting your opinion on the anger/hated that exists on Capitol Hill, and a big thumbs up to the Chronicle for publishing it! What's important here is that both of you have recognized a truth that most others have refused to acknowledge! I don't know of anyone who is comfortable with the blatant show of anger/hatred that exists on Capitol Hill. It's evident that Donald John Trump and his MAGA supporters have taken up permanent residence in Democrats' heads, and they now find themselves at a loss finding a way to evict them.

To make matters worse, I've been following new legislation — the "No Glory for Hate Act" (H.R. 484) — which was introduced into Congress on Jan. 25. It's more than obvious that the Democrats have let their anger/hatred get the better of their reason, for this piece of legislation represents nothing more than a major temper tantrum. And it's as plain as the nose on your face that the anger/hatred that the Democrats feel towards Trump was the motivation behind this unconstitutional bill.

Democrats have twice impeached Donald John Trump in the House, and have twice failed to convict him in the Senate. They're angry about having failed once, and furious about having failed twice. That's understandable, for nobody likes to fail. Look, we all get angry when we fail and are tempted to use whatever power we have to punish our political foes. Democrats have given into this temptation which has lead to bad governance, and to make matters worse, they have set a bad precedent going forward.

Readers, I think we can agree that it's not acceptable to torch the Constitution, no matter how angry you get about the current state of political affairs — especially after you've taken an oath to uphold it. Anger/hatred have no business residing on Capitol Hill. Dean gets it, the Chronicle gets it, I get it, and I know that you readers get it! This toxic atmosphere that exists on Capitol Hill must come to an end!

Bill Claustre
Inverness

Expand voting opportunities

Gov. Ron DeSantis and Republicans nationwide have made voter suppression a priority this year.

According to the Brennan Center for Justice, 43 states have introduced, prefiled or carried over 253 bills to restrict voting access.

- Limit mail voting access
- Impose stricter ID requirements
- Slash voter registration opportunities
- Enable more aggressive voter roll purges

Florida was a 2020 election star, a model for elections. And yet, our lawmakers are messing with that success. Lawmakers are trying to make it harder to cast your ballot.

Sen. Dennis Baxley has filed SB 90. This bill will require voters to renew their requests to vote by mail from every four years to every election year. It also will eliminate the popular drop boxes used to submit those ballots. A subcommittee substitute also would require a driver's license, state identification card or Social Security number to register to vote by mail and increase scrutiny on voter signatures on the request form and the return envelope for a ballot. It also would prevent anyone other than an immediate family member from delivering a ballot, making it a first-degree misdemeanor to collect ballots on behalf of anyone other than an immediate family member. This measure is aimed at discouraging "ballot harvesting." And anyone already registered to get a mail-in ballot before July 2, 2021, (effective date of the bill becoming law) would have to register all over again. Putting an end to drop boxes and ending ballot harvesting are goals that are high on Gov. DeSantis's elections agenda.

Make no mistake, this is a voter suppression bill.

The Florida Legislature should be expanding the opportunities to vote, not suppressing those opportunities.

Deborah Daniels
Hernando

BEYOND

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In 2018, Florida voters made the decision to stop this ridiculous back and forth and just stick to what we like the most — the sunshine.

We're not the only ones. Fifteen other states passed resolutions or enacted legislation demanding the very same thing. Yet the voice of the people goes unheard.

For this to happen it literally takes an act of Congress. And there really isn't anything states can do about it. Opting out of Daylight Saving Time is OK Arizona, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands all keep Standard Time year-round. But to make the sun shine longer all year-round — that's a federal issue.

The Sunshine Protection Act of 2021 has myriad sponsors including people from both sides of the aisle.

And you have to admit, even if you don't like Daylight Saving Time, the idea of Republican and Democratic members of Congress agreeing on something feels like a win.

Some important groups have voiced their concern about the issue, including the Florida PTA, who argue that the sun rising later will make it harder to see kids crossing the street to get on buses. But truth be told, lots of kid never catch the bus before the sun rises — Daylight Savings Time or not.

Supporters of the bill are calling for people to make noise about #locktheclock. They argue that the overwhelming will of the people is to stick with DST. It's time Congress acted on it.

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WINDOW

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Department of Environmental Protection demonstrated that many millions of dollars are going to flow to the Save Crystal River effort to clean up the bay and many more millions to do the same thing in Homosassa.

The Save Crystal River effort to replant eelgrass in the bay has become a highly praised pilot program that may be used throughout Florida to clean up our bays and rivers.

At the same time, funding seems inevitable for Citrus County's efforts to remove septic tanks in environmentally sensitive areas — especially west of U.S. 19. The state does not want to pay to clean up our waterways and then permit inefficient septic tanks to create the pollution problem again. More sewer systems are in our future.

What was really evident during the two days of meetings with politicians and agency leaders is that Citrus County has just about the strongest political representation we've ever had.

Sen. Wilton Simpson is serving a two-year term as president of Florida Senate. That makes him the second most powerful person in Tallahassee right behind the governor.

Sen. Simpson has used some of his muscle to make sure that Citrus County's needs are met.

On the House side, Rep. Ralph Massullo of Lecanto is one of the most articulate and respected people in Tallahassee.

The interesting aside about both of these leaders is that they are in Tallahassee for the right reasons. Both men were highly successful in their professional careers. Sen. Simpson has an egg farm in Pasco County with more than 1 million chickens and has an environmental cleanup company that deals with buildings contaminated with things like asbestos.

Rep. Massullo is known locally as Dr. Massullo where he owns and operates Suncoast Dermatology — one of the largest dermatology businesses in central Florida.

They are not politicians interested in growing personal wealth and lobbyists offering campaign contributions cannot manipulate them.

They are in it for the old-fashioned idea of "public service." They are both interested in making the state a better place to live and work.

Some might think that type of working philosophy is outdated, but in the case of Citrus County, it is working for us just fine.

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Sound OFF

Put money into roads

I'm responding to Sound Off in reference to the infrastructure money from the government that's supposed to be coming to us used for the citizens of Citrus County and Kinnard wants to put that money toward that sewage park over there by where it will enhance property values. No, no, no. Take all that money and put it into our roads. That's where the majority of Citrus County residents could use the most benefit is fixing the roads. That will be ideal for the Citrus County residents, not helping some sewage place enhance property values wherever it is, over there where they're building (State Road) 44 or whatever. No, we don't need the sewer thing. Let's take care of the roadways first. Take care of the people of Citrus County first, not worrying about enhancing people's property values. Really?

Do something about the trash

Do some work, commissioners. Put up some signs regarding the trash — a $500 fine or $100 — and then you can decide whether that's 100 hours of community service or 100 days in jail. It's time you did something. This is disgusting.

Stop the prank phone calls

I want to report to Sound Off about the phone calls I've been getting from (an officer) and then it goes to seven phone calls from him and one from (another man) and then I got one from a lady and it's all due to my Social Security. They're going to cut my Social Security off. Now I know that this is a prank and I know it's a hoax, but the idea of it is why can't they stop these phone calls? I've got compromised Social Security numbers with three of them on the next three and then credit cards out the ying-yang.

Lecanto VA was wonderful

I just wanted to call to comment on the VA over in Lecanto, about how wonderful an operation they had when they did the COVID vaccines over there. I never was involved with a more effective and organized situation in my life. Kudos to everybody at the VA clinic in Lecanto. Thank you.

More local news, fewer AP stories

I would like to thank you today for keeping the AP off the front page and keeping the Chronicle to our local news (Friday, March 5). That's very interesting. I'm very enjoying it. My doctor likes it, too, because my blood pressure has gone down. So I want to thank you on that.

Stop complaining, be patient

This goes in reference to all these seniors — and yes, I'm a senior — complaining you're 70, 68, 80, 90 years old and you're complaining you can't get a (vaccination) appointment. You're getting up at 5 o'clock in the morning three times in a row. Well, you know what? Just be thankful you got up in the morning and you opened your eyes. Thank God for that. You'll get the appointment when it's meant to be. Be patient, stop living in fear and it will come. At least you started to breathe in the morning when you got up. To me, that's the biggest enjoyment of all.

Age doesn't excuse ignorance

I'm calling about a friend of mine that was in Publix shopping and she's from Canada. This man came up to her in the parking lot and yelled at her because she's from Canada, about the virus shot. First of all, she hasn't gotten it yet. Second of all, she pays taxes and owns a home here, and that man had no right. He should first think about what he says. Yes, he's an old man, but that doesn't excuse him for his ignorance. You don't go around insulting people. We have enough hatred in this world. We don't need him. Wherever he comes from, he certainly isn't Floridian. So tell him to go back to the state he came from.

We need better water conservation

(Re the Friday, March 5, Page A8 editorial, "Withdrawing water," "Bottlers win in permit approval at Ginnie Springs"): I think it is a disgrace that the company who owns the part of the springs is able to withdraw the water for a very small amount — $115 or something. I think that we should do better laws to conserve our water for the future and for future building that we're going to have here in our own state and our own county.

Make bicyclists pay, too

I'm responding to Sound Off about this bike path you want to spend taxpayers' money on. That's a lot of multi-millions of dollars — the cost is $57 million. Do you mean to tell me these bicycle companies that are here in Inverness renting bicycles, and all these bicyclists can't hold fundraisers or pay for tags on their bicycles to offset the cost? I'm sorry, that's way too much taxpayers' money to put in a bicycle path or to upgrade it for them to ride their bicycles. Totally disagree with it. If people have to pay for the boat ramps, let the bicyclists pay to use the bike (path). That's the bottom line.

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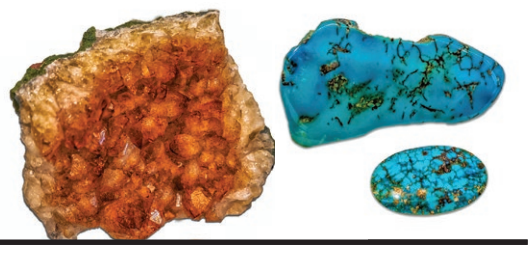

Mari-Elain Ebitz
ALL THINGS TECH

What's worth your loyalty?

Who doesn't like to save money? Yes, some of us are loyal to cell phone companies or think it's too much of a hassle to change carriers. However, does saving $600 or more a year make you rethink your loyalty?

Your first step

The first thing you need to look at is how much data you use per month. Data is what you use to check your email, watch a YouTube video, watch streaming TV; anything you do online with your phone. That's really where your money goes in a plan. I'm not aware of any plan today that doesn't have unlimited talk and text. So, those are just gimmes. It's the data that matters.

Go online to your account and, hopefully, you can check your last 12 months data usage on your statements. If you still get paper bills and have saved them, do a look back of the previous 12 months and to learn how much data you've used, also. If your year's total data usage comes to 3GB or less, then you do not need to be paying for a plan that has unlimited data. You should consider switching.

A caveat to switching is that, if you are still paying for a phone, you cannot change carriers until you have it paid off. And it must be compatible with the new company. You can check that online or call the company. If your phone is unlocked (that means they can be freely transferred between networks and it will accept any SIM card) you do not need to check for compatibility.

Also, check the company's coverage map to determine what kind of signal you will get, if any. You don't want to have to stand out in your driveway to make a call.

Carriers change plans/prices frequently and, if you haven't looked for a while, it might be time to check other companies.

Prepaid plans

AT&T's Prepaid Plan comes with 5GB of data, fraud call blocking and spam alerts, rollover data (unused data rolls over to next month) for $30 plus fees and taxes. AT&T can save you even more, if you prepay $300 for 12 months. That comes out to $25 plus and they up the data to 8GB with this plan.

Let's talk about that Magenta company, T-Mobile. If you are a veteran, you are eligible for Magenta Military. They offer unlimited talk, text and unlimited data. Included is 5GB of mobile hot spot data. A mobile hot spot is where you use your phone to allow another phone or tablet to access the internet. They also give you 5GB of data in Mexico and Canada. In addition, you get free Netflix and one hour of in-flight Wi-Fi. All this at $55 for one line but cheaper when you add lines. Taxes and fees are included.

Not a veteran, no problem. There's Tello for you at $14 per month with 2GB data and unlimited talk and text. I did check their map and most of Citrus County is in their coverage area.

There are other cell phone companies where you can find inexpensive rates. To name a few; Visible, Cricket Wireless, Metro, Redpocket, U.S. Mobile, Consumer Cellular, H2O Wireless, Republic Wireless and Ultra Mobile offer very good rates. And even Yahoo has entered the cellular market with Yahoo Mobile for $39.99.

Your new company will send you a new SIM card (subscriber identity module) with directions to install it. Or you can pick it up at their local store. The SIM is what determines which carrier your phone can use to call, text and stores data about your account. You will not be able to use the current SIM card, if you change carriers.

Lastly, don't worry that you will have to get a new number. You can "port" (transfer) your current number to the new carrier. Contact your cell company to ask about the process. The porting wait can be 10 minutes (never happened to me) to 24 hours for that to happen. So, be patient.

Warning! Do not disconnect your number from the old carrier before you port it and do not close your account. Otherwise, it will be very hard to get that number back.

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Good vibrations

HANNAH SACHEWICZ/Chronicle

Tina-Marie and Todd Lowe own and operate Moonbeams Crystals, offering raw stones, crystals, a variety of rocks, carvings and more.

Moonbeams Crystals: Feel-good rock shop opens in CR

HANNAH SACHEWICZ
Staff writer

Moonbeams Crystals in Crystal River is "your feel-good rock shop and metaphysical boutique," says Tina-Marie Lowe, shop owner.

"A year ago, I had no idea that I would own a store in Crystal River," said Tina-Marie, who runs the shop with her husband, Todd Lowe. Her relationship with Crystal River goes back 12 to 15 years when she frequented the area to visit her parents.

The couple moved from North Carolina to Crystal River soon after their son's graduation. Not only did they move in the middle of a pandemic, but they decided to open a shop.

Tina-Marie said she's always been drawn to crystals and spirituality. However, over the past few years, she began taking online courses, reading books and utilizing any resource she could possibly find.

After making the move to Crystal River, Tina-Marie recounted her mother asking, "Why don't you just open your crystal store, because you're obsessed with crystals?"

Once the pair decided to open the shop, the search for vendors was on. Tina-Marie began ordering from online suppliers and vendors.

"There were shipments coming to our house constantly," she said. "One day I ran into our mail woman and she asked, 'what is with the rocks?'"

Since then, the rocks have found their home at Moonbeams Crystals. One of the big customer favorites are the carvings, taking the shape of "Star Wars" characters, lotus flowers, animals and many more.

"One of our best sellers has been 'Toothless,'," Tina-Marie said, from "How to Train Your Dragon."

"My favorite are the raw stones," said Tina Marie, but she also loves the carvings and all things that "really sparkle." Todd's favorite crystals are labradorite, malachite and green calcite.

Each customer has their own favorites and "it's always fun watching people come in and seeing what they're drawn to," said Tina-Marie.

When the shop started, it was predominantly crystals, but Tina-Marie said they've been adding other items that people express interest in. Another big seller of theirs are tarot cards. Customers can even get tarot readings at the shop, along with chakra clearings and reiki (energy healing).

The Lowes also host workshops such as Intro to Sound Healing and Intro to Gridding with more workshops to be added in the future.

By hosting these events and workshops, "we can all educate each other," said Tina-Marie. "We really want to try and build a community here." Moonbeams Crystals also uses a lot of local vendors in support of the community.

Visitors will know they're in the right place when they see the giant amethyst the Lowes dubbed "the cave" upon entrance (and of course, the shelves and shelves of crystals).

Todd noted visitors "seem lighter leaving than when they came in."

Moonbeams Crystals is at 8018 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway (State Road 44) in Crystal River.

For additional information about the shop and their events, visit www.moonbeamscrystals.com.

Worth Repeating celebrates ribbon cutting

Officials with the city of Inverness recently conducted a ribbon cutting for Worth Repeating Upscale Resale, 1492 U.S. 41. From left are: Steve Marfongella, Inverness fire chief; Jacquie Hepfer, council president; Kevin Hepfer; Dave Ryan, councilmember; Dawn Regan, Roberta Belcher, Cadence King, Julie Cardwell and Rachel Vazquez, shop owners and staff; Sheila Densmore, city staff; Susan Jackson, city clerk; Eric Williams, City Manager; Victoria White, legislative aide; and Cabot McBride, city councilmember.

Special to the Chronicle

Pandemic-driven financial habits worth keeping

Spend less, budget more, get creative

Kimberly Palmer
NerdWallet

As the pandemic shut down the world around her, Ashli Smith, an Atlanta resident and mom to a newborn, says she set up autopay for her recurring bills to help her stay organized and avoid late payments. "With everything going on, plus being a mom, I don't want to forget to pay something or someone," she says.

While the pandemic caused incredible financial stress and uncertainty, it also led many consumers like Smith to form new financial habits worth keeping, including saving more and spending less. A NerdWallet survey found that most people who formed new financial habits plan to continue them into 2021.

Here are some habits to consider sticking with even as life starts to return to normal:

Associated Press

A woman shops at a discount clothing store in New York. While the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a lot of financial stress, it has also led many Americans to adopt new financial habits, many of which are worth keeping as life begins to return to normal.

SPEND LESS, SAVE MORE

For many Americans, spending less amid the pandemic came naturally because of income loss or fewer spending options after restaurants and travel largely shut down. NerdWallet's survey found that among those who said they picked up new financial habits during the pandemic that they plan to carry into 2021, 58% said they were cutting back spending on "wants" and 36% said they were cutting back spending on "needs."

"If your job was eliminated or your pay was reduced, then you've probably decreased spending and gotten used to a lower monthly budget," says Eric Simonson, certified financial planner and owner of Minneapolis firm Abundo Wealth . "As soon as that income returns, it would be an amazing opportunity to keep expenses the same but save all of that new income."

Natalie Slagle, founding partner at Fyooz Financial Planning and a CFP based in Rochester, Minnesota says, "For those who were furloughed or laid off, the No. 1 priority is replenishing savings."

STICK WITH A BUDGET

In the NerdWallet survey, 39% of those who adopted new habits that they plan to carry into 2021 said that one of those habits was sticking to a budget.

"So many people have looked at their budgeting and spending during (the pandemic), often for the first time," Simonson says. "It's important to stick with this post-pandemic, since keeping a budget is part of a healthy financial plan."

Many people turned to budgeting to help regain a sense of control that the pandemic took from them, he adds. "The financial habits you've been forced to learn and adopt have the power to create huge, positive, lasting change if you stick with them," Simonson adds. Continuing to budget makes it easier to generate long-term savings and avoid debt, for example.

MINIMIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES

Among survey respondents, 40% said one of the new habits they plan to continue in 2021 was cutting back on travel spending.

"One reason we saw our clients enjoy lower expenses (during the pandemic) is because they didn't go on their planned vacations," Slagle says. "Not only did that cut expenses, but they also have flight vouchers and unused travel miles to spend."

EARN EXTRA INCOME

Based on the study, among those who developed new financial habits, just over a quarter said they picked up a side hustle or extra work to make money. Kevin Mahoney — a CFP and founder of Illumint , a financial planning firm for millennials based in Washington, D.C. — says earning a side income can help provide financial stability during uncertain times, which is why he encourages his clients to consider it.

"Supplemental income mimics an emergency savings fund. People who can consistently generate self-income are better prepared to withstand financial volatility," he says.

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Chamber Connection

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Final Day of the Florida Manatee Festival!

The Florida Manatee Festival is in full swing and today is the final day to enjoy the festivities!

FUN ON THE WATER!

Manatee Boat Tours: Local boat captains through the Manatee Eco Tourism Association will offer boat tours on a first-come first-serve basis. Tickets are available for $10 for adults; $5 for children 6 – 12 years old; and children 5 and under free. The tickets are good only on the date purchased and are sold at the boat dock area near northwest Third Street (Kings Bay Park).

Guided Kayak Tours: $10 guided kayak tours will be offered at the festival through Hunter Springs Kayaks. Tour guides will take you on a 1-hour tour of the bay and Hunter Springs area giving a first-hand glance at the beauty of our Nature Coast! You can book your time in advance online through the link on www.GoManateeFest.com.

Live Entertainment: Multiple entertainment stages will be set up to provide entertainment throughout the festival. The mainstage and Kids Zone bandshell are located in Kings Bay Park, Little Springs Park is home to one of our gazebo stages, and our final stage, sponsored by BubbaQues, is located in Hippie Village behind Heritage House.

Vendors: A vast array of vendors offering unique wares will line the streets of downtown Crystal River on Citrus Avenue spanning both sides of US HWY 19. Two food courts and two beer and wine gardens will also offer delectable delights located in Kings Bay Park and Little Springs Park.

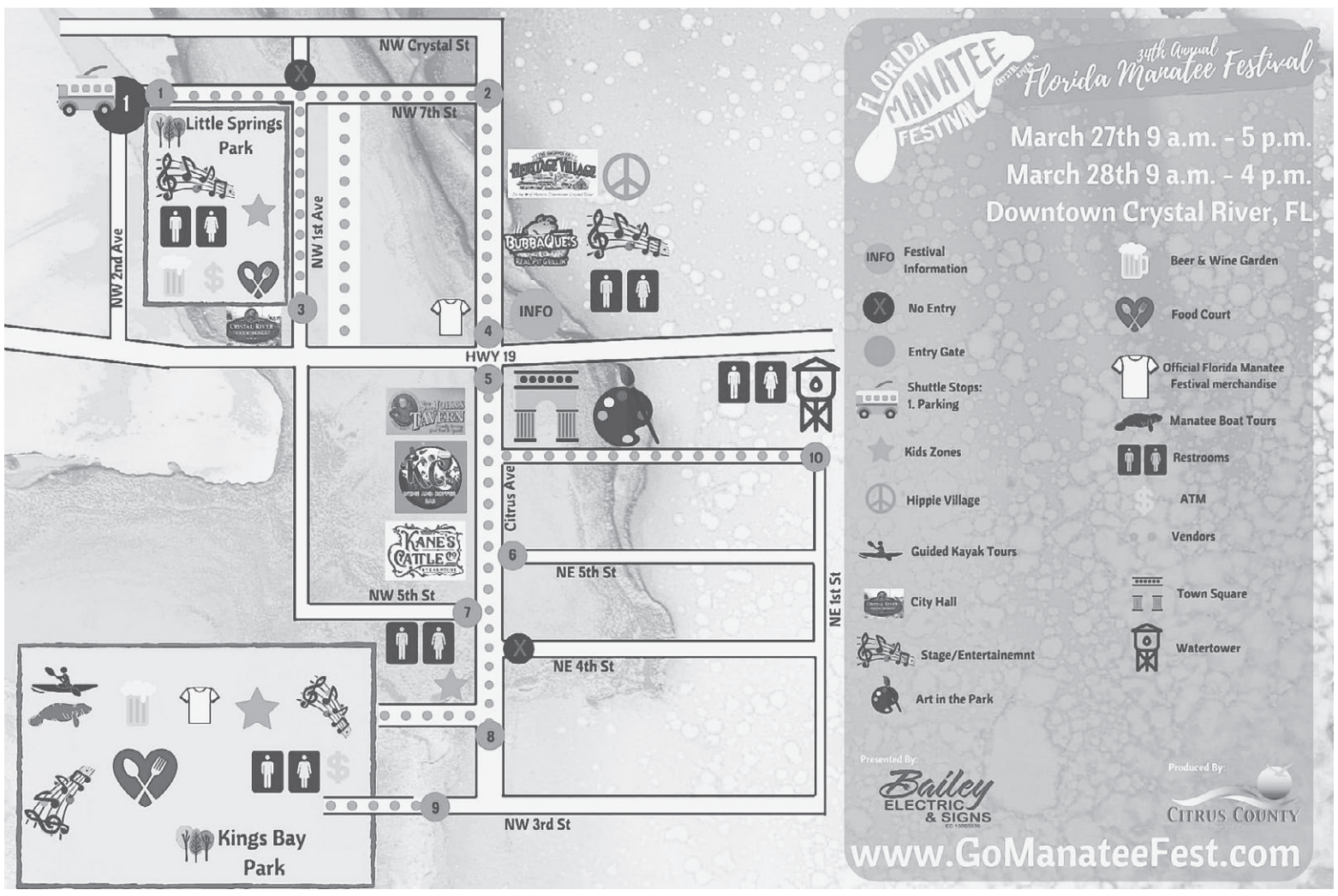
You can find a list of this year's vendors at www.GoManateeFest.com

FESTIVAL SAFETY

We are excited to move forward, safely and responsibly, as we celebrate our favorite floating friends, the manatees, and enjoy the endless and unique amenities that beautiful Crystal River has to offer.

We encourage festival-goers to stay home if they are vulnerable or feeling ill. We encourage all attendees to practice social distancing, wash hands regularly, utilize the on-site sanitation stations and wear a mask if social distancing is not possible.

The Florida Manatee Festival, and the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, will be implementing and practicing safety precautions to ensure the health of our attendees, volunteers, vendors, and staff. Additionally, in accordance with the state-mandated requirement of masks on public transportation, all attendees, volunteers, staff, and vendors will be required to wear a mask if they choose to utilize the free shuttles to and from the festival. Free parking and shuttles will be available at the Crystal River Mall.



Rehire Furloughed Employee Grant Program for businesses

The BOCC recently allocated $300,000 to the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce for a grant program for businesses that furloughed employees due to COVID-19 and have since rehired them. To qualify, the business must have furloughed an employee for a minimum of two months before rehiring and steadily employing for a minimum of 90 days. The grant amount is $2,000 per rehired full-time equivalent employee.

All local businesses are eligible. Complete information on the grant program and documentation required is on the application form.

It is preferred that businesses use the online application. However, in the event that is not possible, the application form may be printed and mailed back along with the required documentation.

Applications are open at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/furlough-rehire-grant. For questions, please email CitrusFurloughRehire@gmail.com

'Chamber Report' on WYKE

Jarey and Ruthie Schlabach

Erin Rice

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

This week, host Jade White, Chamber Public Relations & Communication Coordinator, talks with Jarey and Ruthie Schlabach, owners of Schlabach Security and Sound, about their 37-year business and the advancements they've experienced, working security through the pandemic, and what sets their business apart from others. Also joining Jade is Erin Rice of World Fusion discussing the decision to open another location, Downtown Fusion, in Crystal River.

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

Recent Ribbon Cuttings

The Chamber is growing every week. We welcome our new members and thank all of them for joining the Chamber. We encourage the community to support their businesses.

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Message from the RACC President:

Florida housing market off to bright start

When the pandemic struck, many people found their entire lives confined to the four walls of their homes. With working or schooling from home becoming more of a permanent decision, 75% of homebuyers surveyed said the pandemic changed their plans: 25% boosted their timelines, 20% slowed their timelines and 17% now want a less expensive home.

Now with the good news of increased COVID-19 vaccinations and hopeful signs for the future, Florida's housing market in February reported more closed sales, higher median prices, more new pending sales, and increased pending inventory in February 2021 compared to a year ago, according to Florida Realtors® latest housing data.

Closed sales of single-family homes statewide in February totaled 23,947, up 15.7% year-over-year, while existing condo-townhouse sales totaled 11,379, up 28.7% over February 2020. The statewide median sales price for single-family existing homes was $314,900, up 16.6% from the previous year, according to data from Florida Realtors Research Department in partnership with local Realtor boards/associations. Last month's statewide median price for condo-townhouse units was $233,240, up 16.6% over the year-ago figure. According to Freddie Mac, the interest rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.81% in February 2021, significantly lower than the 3.47% averaged during the same month a year earlier.

Kelly Tedrick

Florida Realtors Chief Economist Dr. Brad O'Connor notes that Florida's current housing market is a strong seller's market, with fewer new listings and a very tight inventory (active listings), particularly for single-family existing homes.

We are fortunate to have continued good news for sellers locally in Citrus County with a record-setting inventory low of only 375 residential, with 288 of those being single-family homes, available as of March 24, 2021. Our median sales price has hit a record as well at $195,000 in February 2021 rising from $175,500 in February 2020. The future continues to look bright as we move forward. Economists are predicting a strong year, with some normalizing to include more inventory for buyers and steady increases instead of huge leaps for home prices.

The Realtors Association of Citrus County is your LOCAL voice and expert for real estate! We thank you every time you take advantage of using a local Realtor with the expertise of Citrus County supporting each Realtor's small business.

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

RACC Charity Spotlight

Has there ever been a time when it was more important to get young people interacting with each other, outside, under the mentorship of caring adults?

Filter Family Solutions is an intensive mentoring program founded in Inverness nearly a decade ago with a desire to help students and families struggling to function to their fullest potential.

The mission of Filter is to create real solutions that strengthen families and that mission is achieved in a most unique and innovative way. Families participating in Filter's 18-week course attend weekly family sessions where they learn to communicate more effectively, cooperate with one another, and solve problems. Students are challenged to meet weekly goals and maintain acceptable grades and they are rewarded for doing so. What is their reward? Aside from academic success and a better home life, students are rewarded with time riding Honda trail bikes. Since 1969, American Honda Motor Co. has partnered with nonprofit agencies to provide this great incentive for young people. Filter is one of 33 agencies in the nation currently offering this opportunity. Once the students complete a 21-lesson rider safety course, it's time to hit the trails for weekly rides.

On average, Filter provides services to 25 youth and their families annually. The cost for one student and their family is $2,650.00.

The team at Filter works hard to cover that cost by raising funds from local businesses, individuals, civic groups,andfaithandcommunity-based organizations.

For questions, please contact our founder George Schmalstig at 352-228-0914. To learn more about Filter Family Solutions or to make a contribution, visit www.filterfamily.org.

Citrus County Market Statistics — February 2021

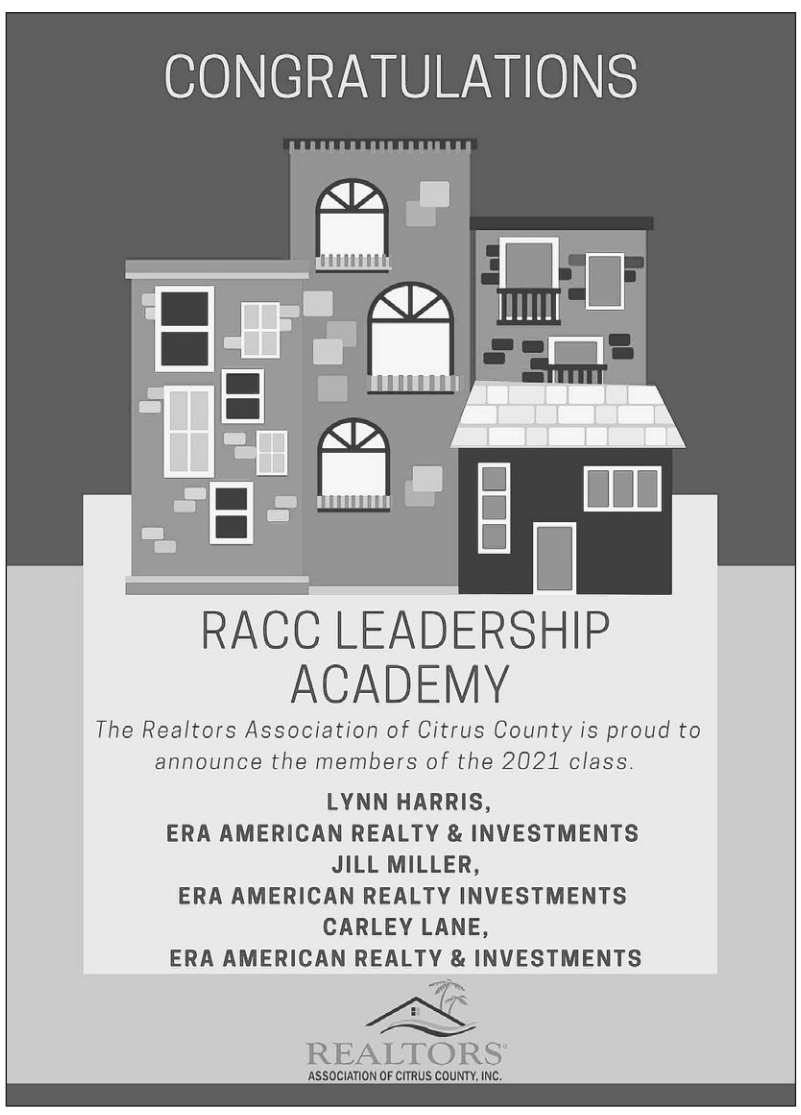
	Single Family Homes	Townhouses/ Condos	Manufactured Homes
Closed Sales	299	20	39
Median Sale Price	$195,000	$148,000	$87,000
Median Time to Contract	28 Days	69 Days	32 Days
Months' Supply of Inventory	1.2	21.9	1.7

UPCOMING REALTORS® ASSOCIATION EVENTS/CLASSES

- **4/2** — Good Friday — RACC Closed
- **4/2** — Success Series: Time Management course
- **4/7** — Zoning course with Michael Sherman & Ric Fritz
- **4/21** — USDA 1-2-3 course
- **5/6** — Florida Housing Trusts — SHIP or SAIL course
- **5/6** — Matrix with Marsha
- **5/13** — Business Partner Spring Fling / General Membership Meeting
- **5/31** — Memorial Day — RACC Closed
- **6/2** — Broker Roundtable
- **6/4** — The Value-Added Realtor course
- **6/10** — YPN REBAR camp / General Membership Meeting
- **6/17** — YPN Music & Margarita's
- **7/1** — Matrix with Marsha
- **10/4** — RACC Annual Charity Golf Tournament

All events are currently being held virtually unless noted otherwise.

All events/classes are limited to Licensed Agents and/or Business Partners unless marked Public. Visit www.raccfl.com for a complete list of upcoming events.



Millennial Money:

Bust gender bias and balance work at home

SARA RATHNER
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No matter how modern opposite-sex couples can be in their views on equality, old habits die hard. The COVID-19 pandemic has made this abundantly clear to parents who already struggled to find balance.

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, mothers and fathers both left the workforce earlier in the pandemic in April 2020, but nearly all fathers eventually returned to work, while many mothers stayed home. And a paper from the National Bureau of Economic Research found that recessions typically lead to a gender wage gap growth of 2 percentage points, but a recession caused by a pandemic grows the gap by 5 percentage points.

This leaves a generation of career-driven women facing many of the same obstacles that kept previous generations of women underpaid or out of the workforce entirely. Working through these issues comes down to exploring your biases, modeling the behavior you'd like to see other families adopt and treating your partner with empathy.

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COMPARE STATED VALUES WITH INGRAINED VALUES

Ed Coambs, a financial therapist in Charlotte, North Carolina , asks clients to tell him about how money and work were viewed in their families growing up. He finds that while your stated values may include equality, the values of your family and community influence your views, too, and those values may not match.

Coambs can relate. When he met his wife, she was in dental school and he was working as a firefighter. Once she graduated, she would earn more than him. At first, Coambs was in full support.

"Then we got into the reality of living life together," he says. "It exposed insecurities about not being the breadwinning partner and not conforming to my internalized gender roles and expectations." In Coambs' case, his father was the breadwinning parent when he was growing up.

Culture affects your value system, too. Melissa Daroszewski was active in the Black Law Students Association when she was in law school. "We'd often discuss the increase in Black women earning higher degrees," she says.

Many Black women she knew said they wanted to marry a Black man, but had difficulty finding someone who earned the same or more. Daroszewski — who graduated in 2009 and now lives in Laurel Springs, New Jersey — said that the men in her class were predominantly white.

"I can see it being problematic the further you get into your career, especially if you have aspirations to be a partner or a high-ranking member of whatever profession you're in," she says. "You're going to want someone that's going to be on equal footing or be OK with the fact that they're going to earn less."

The pull of family, race and community are strong, and your partner comes to the relationship with a cultural background of their own. As you work to resolve disagreements, it's OK to admit that something feels off to you because it's different from how you were raised.

"A lot of couples don't take time in the development of their relationship to think through these really critical issues," Coambs says. Talking about day-to-day money management is important, but also discuss things like how money was for you growing up. This can give you insight into your partner's way of thinking.

BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE

By challenging your own biases, you and your partner can begin to model the behaviors you wish were more widespread, which can bring about change even in a small way.

Darcy Lockman , author of "All the Rage: Mothers, Fathers, and the Myth of Equal Partnership," looks to history for an example. During World War II, more women worked outside the home, paving the way for it to become more commonplace. "Behavior didn't change because attitudes changed," Lockman says. "Attitudes changed because behavior changed."

Because of the pandemic, she says, we're seeing something new play out. In families where the man can work from home and the woman has a job she has to do in person, men's participation at home increased dramatically. Lockman credits women's physical absence as a reason men stepped up. "That means millions of children and neighbors will see men at home," she says, a new shift in behavior that may bring about another shift in societal attitudes.

TAP INTO YOUR WELL OF EMPATHY

Larin Brink worked in the TV and film industry as an assistant props master before she had children. She now works at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia, a job that allows her to be more available to her family. Her earnings no longer match her husband's, and his frequent back-to-back meetings mean she often handles things like virtual schooling or trips to the pediatrician.

"I don't make as much money so my job's not as important right now, and that sucks to say that, but that's the truth," she says.

But Brink recognizes that her husband is facing his own struggle: a fear that coworkers without young kids at home will be more available at work than he is. "He wants to be engaged to show and prove his worth," she says.

Seeing things from the other person's point of view is a great way to put out metaphorical fires. "Does empathy fix everything? No," Coambs says. "But is it a great starting point? Yes."

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Dissolution Of Marriage Notice

1396-0411 SUCRN
Lori Beth Monti 2021 DR 000012 Dissolution of Marriage
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2021 DR 000012

LORI BETH MONTI
Petitioner,
and
JEROME THOMAS MONTI,
Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: Jerome Thomas Monti
104 Haines St., Kane, PA 16735

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Lori Beth Monti, whose address is 6900 W. Macopin Lane, Crystal River, FL 34429, on or before April 20, 2021, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at Clerk of Courts, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.**

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

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Dated: 3-9-2021
Angela Vick, Clerk of Court and Comptroller
(COURT SEAL)
By: L. Pickett, Deputy Clerk

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Notices to Creditors/ Administration

1392-0328 SUCRN Notice to Creditors
Sircar, Hazel 2020-CP-000282
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
Probate Division
Case No. 2020-CP-000282

IN RE: ESTATE OF HAZEL SIRCAR,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of HAZEL SIRCAR, deceased, whose date of death was May 1, 2019, is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the. address of which is 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is March 21, 2021.

Personal Representative:
SAMIR, BANERJIE
13402 North Bend Landing, Cypress, TX 77429
Attorney for Personal Representative:
By: DIANE COHEN, ESQ., Florida Bar No: 11801
120 North Shore Road Hampton, NH 03842
Telephone: (352) 637-1899
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Published March 21 & 28, 2021

Misc. Notices

1398-0328 SUCRN
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Petition to vacate utility easement, 10897 W. Acacia Drive, Crystal Manor, Unit 2, PG 112, Lots 2 & 3, BLK 120. Petition is to vacate utility easements between lots 2 & 3.

Published March 21 & 28, 2021

Lien Notices

1385-0328 SUCRN (4/9)

TONY'S COLLISION CENTER gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles at 3251 South Florida Ave. Inverness, FL 34450, on the dates below at 8:00 AM, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. **TONY'S COLLISION CENTER** reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

Auction Date: 4/09/2021: 1FTZR45E45PA52383 2005 Ford

Published March 28, 2021

Meeting Notices

9032-0328 MXDCRN
City of Crystal River

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING
INDIAN WATERS PHASE 1 SEPTIC TO SEWER PROJECT

A Neighborhood Meeting for the Indian Waters Phase 1 Septic to Sewer Project. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2021, at the location below:

Meeting Location: Crystal River City Hall, 123 NW U.S. 19, Crystal River, FL 34428

This Neighborhood Meeting is being conducted to inform occupants and owners of nearby lands about the proposed sewer system improvements, receive comments, and address concerns about the project and assessment process.

The Neighborhood Meeting will be conducted as an open house format with pertinent information for public review from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be a presentation at 6:30 p.m. to provide an overview of the project. Project representatives will be available during the meeting to discuss the project and answer questions.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Any persons requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact The City of Crystal River, City Manager's office, 352-795-4216 at least 2 days in advance of the meeting.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING
DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021
TIME: OPEN HOUSE 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
PRESENTATION: 6:30 P.M.
LOCATION: CRYSTAL RIVER CITY HALL,
123 NW U.S. 19, CRYSTAL RIVER, FL 34428

Published March 25 & 28, 2021

Bid Notices

1399-0328 SUCRN

NOTICE TO BID

The Citrus County Mosquito Control District is offering the following equipment/items thru Sealed Bids.

- M650 Argo Conquest, 600 hours VIN CB16793 - condition fair - asking $1,200.00
- M737 Sony Viao Laptop PCG-8P1L - condition fair - asking $50.00
- M694 Konica Minolta Photo Copier - condition fair - asking $250.00
- 2 Dog Kennels 5'x10' - condition good - asking $150.00 each
- Airmap 2000c Lowrence Avionics - condition fair - asking $160.00
- 8'x12' Shed - condition poor - asking $300.00
- 10 Lithonia Halogen Shop Lights - condition poor - asking $30 each
- Minn Kota Trolling Motor - condition fair - asking $85.00
- 5 Drawer Metal Office Desk - condition fair - asking $75.00
- Military Standard 6hp 4 cylinder Motor - never used - asking $1,000.00
- GE Electric burner cooktop w/cabinet - condition fair - asking $25.00
- Mirror - condition good - asking 30.00
- Coffee Table & End Tables as a set - condition fair - asking $100.00

All items sold in "as is, where is" condition without representation or warranty. Any potential purchaser may inspect and examine the condition of these items prior to submitting any bid. Successful bidder will be required to sign a release form transferring all liability of the item.
Winning bidder has 24 hours upon notice to pick up and remove item from the property, after which the next highest bidder can be awarded the item.

These items may be seen Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bid sheets are available at the District Headquarters, 968 N. Lecanto Hwy, Lecanto, Fl. 34461. All bids must be received by 4:30 p.m. April 6, 2021.

Bids will be awarded no later than close of business Thursday, April 8, 2021. Further information may be obtained by contacting the office at (352) 527-7478.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all formalities. By order of the Board of Commissioners of the Citrus County Mosquito Control District.

Joe Adams
Chairman of the Board

Published March 28, 2021

1400-0328 SUCRN
City of Crystal River
PUBLIC NOTICE

Bid Notices

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE, YARD WASTE, RECYCLING, AND COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES
Solicitation No. 21-RFP-05

Notice is hereby given that the City of Crystal River, Florida, will accept completed responses delivered to the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 123 NW Hwy. 19, Crystal River, FL 34428 until **3:00 P.M. on May 18, 2021**. Any responses received after the above date and time, or delivered to a different address or location, will not be considered.

The City has scheduled a mandatory pre-submittal conference for this solicitation on **April 8, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.**, at City Hall, Council Chambers, 123 NW Hwy. 19, Crystal River, FL 34428. Any Proposer not attending the mandatory pre-submittal conference will be precluded from submitting a proposal.

The City of Crystal River reserves the right to accept any Responses deemed to be in the best interest of the City, to waive any minor irregularities, omissions, and/or technicalities in any Responses, or to reject any or all Responses and to re-advertise for new Responses. The responsibility for submitting a proposal before the stated time and date is solely and strictly that of the Proposer. The City is not responsible for any delayed, late, or mis-delivered Proposals, no matter the cause.

Submittal Requirements: Reponses must be prepared in conformance with the Request for Proposals. One (1) signed original, five (5) photocopies, and one (1) electronic copy on a USB FLASH DRIVE as an Adobe PDF file shall be submitted in one sealed package, clearly marked on the outside "**Sealed Response to Solicitation No. 21-RFP-05, RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE, YARD WASTE, RECYCLING, AND COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES"** and addressed to:

CITY OF CRYSTAL RIVER
MIA FINK, CITY CLERK
123 NW HWY 19
CRYSTAL RIVER, FL 34428

All documents may be examined or picked up at City Hall at no charge, downloaded for free on the City website (www.crystalriverfl.org). The City of Crystal River also uses DemandStar (www.demandstar.com) to distribute bids and requests for proposals. There is no charge to Respondents to participate in the solicitation, nor will any fees be charged to the awarded vendor. The RFP will be issued on March 29, 2021.

City of Crystal River
Ken Frink, P.E. / City Manager

Published March 28, 2021

1401-0328 SUCRN

INVITATION TO BID

City of Crystal River
FIRE BOAT, MOTOR, TRAILER AND EQUIPMENT
BID #21-B-06

The City of Crystal River will receive sealed bids for Fire Boat, Motor, Trailer and Equipment. You are hereby invited to submit a bid for the above referenced project. The Owner is the City of Crystal River.

Bids will be received until **10:00 AM, on April 12, 2021**, opened and read aloud at 10:05 AM in the Council Chambers at Crystal River City Hall.

ALL BIDDERS must be properly qualified for the type of work for which the BID is submitted. BIDS must be enclosed in an opaque envelope and marked:

"FIRE BOAT, MOTOR, TRAILER AND EQUIPMENT", BID NO. 21-B-06", AND THE NAME OF THE BIDDER AND THEIR ADDRESS

BIDS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:
CITY OF CRYSTAL RIVER
MIA FINK, CITY CLERK
123 NW HWY 19
CRYSTAL RIVER, FL 34428

All contract documents may be examined at City Hall at no charge, downloaded for free on the City website (www.crystalriverfl.org), or picked up at City hall for no charge. Bidders who utilize the City website for the bid documents are advised to check the website regularly for updates and addenda. Bid packages may be picked up at the Public Works Department at City Hall, at the address above, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. The contact person is Jack Dumas at 352/795-4216, extension 305.

No BIDS may be withdrawn for a period of SIXTY (60) days after closing time scheduled for receipt of BIDS.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all BIDS for any reason whatsoever and waive all informalities. THE OWNER ALSO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SELECT THE BID RESPONSE THAT IN ITS SOLE DETERMINATION BEST MEETS ITS BUSINESS NEEDS.

Published March 28, 2021

1402-0328 SUCRN
City of Inverness
INVITATION TO BID - VINE STREET SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT
PROJECT # 2021-01-DPW

The City of Inverness invites established firms, licensed by the State of Florida, to submit sealed bids for the City of Inverness construction of **Vine Street Sidewalk Replacement**. Bids will be received by Susan Jackson, City Clerk, until **2:00pm on April 19, 2021 at:**

City of Inverness Government Center
212 West Main Street
Inverness, Florida 34450

Sealed bids will be opened and read aloud at **2:10pm on April 19, 2021** on the 1st floor of the Inverness Government Center.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: All work for the Project shall be constructed in accordance with the Specifications prepared by the Owner. Bids shall be submitted for demolition, disposal, furnishing, delivering and installing all materials, equipment and services, including labor for the Work, which generally involves the following activities:

Removal and replacement of 930lf of sidewalk. The Owner reserves the right to adjust the scope and limits of construction at any time during the bidding or execution of the Work.

Please submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of your bid in a sealed envelope reflecting on the outside thereof the bidder's name and " **Sealed Bid for Vine Street Sidewalk Replacement RFP #2021-01 DPW**." The City will consider all bids properly submitted at its scheduled Bid Opening. The City of Inverness shall be the sole judge of the bid and the resulting agreement that is in its best interest and its decision shall be final. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Prospective Bidders wishing to submit bids must obtain a complete copy of the Bidding documents and may obtain a complete electronic (.pdf) copy of the Bidding documents (no charge) via email from:

City of Inverness City Clerk's Office
212 W Main Street
Inverness, Florida 34450
352-726-2611 ext. 1007
cityclerk@inverness.gov

The City of Inverness reserves the right to waive formalities, waive any technical defects, reject any and all bids, and accept any bid which represents the lowest and best offer to the City.

Susan Jackson, City Clerk
City of Inverness, Florida

Published March 28, 2021

Fictitious Name Notices

1403-0328 SUCRN
PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Name

Notice under Fictitious Name Law. pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:
CASEY'S CLAY
located at PO Box 55, Crystal River, FL 34423 in the County of Citrus, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, FL.
Dated at Crystal River, FL, this 25th day of March, 2021.
/s/ Casey V. Jones, Manager
caseyvjones,llc
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Brand New 2021 Chevy EQUINOX LT

$179 Per Mo. Lease 39mos. OR 0% APR FOR 72 MONTHS Plus $2,150 Cash Allowance

$1,729 Due at signing. After all other offers. 0$ Security Deposit. Tax, title, license, and dealer fees extra. Mileage charge of .25/Mile over 32,500 Miles. For well qualified buyers only. See dealer for complete details. Offer expires 3/1/2021.

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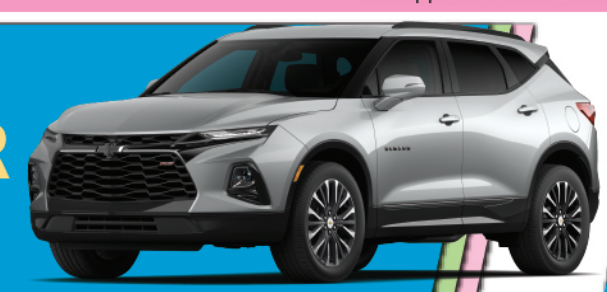

$209 Per Mo. Lease 36mos. OR 0% APR FOR 72 MONTHS Plus $1,400 Cash Allowance

$2,659 Due at signing. After all other offers. 0$ Security Deposit. Tax, title, license, and dealer fees extra. Mileage charge of .25/Mile over 32,500 Miles. For well qualified buyers only. See dealer for complete details. Offer expires 3/31/2021.

Brand New 2021 Chevy Silverado 1500 Crew Cab LT w/2.7L Turbo

$299 Per Mo. Lease 39mos. OR 0% APR FOR 72 MONTHS

$2,639 Due at signing. After all other offers. 0$ Security Deposit. Tax, title, license, and dealer fees extra. Mileage charge of .25/Mile over 30,000 Miles. For well qualified buyers only. See dealer for complete details. Offer expires 3/31/2021

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HomeFront
SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

Formosan Lily has bunches of long flowers atop tall stalks. Flowers nod downward and have noticeably longer trumpets than flowers of Japanese Easter Lilies, *L. longifolium*. The back of Formosan Lily's fused petals may be blushed or striped with purplish pink. Hummingbird moths frequently pollinate these statuesque lilies.

JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

Inside this week:

Jane's Garden

Easter lilies./**Page E8**

Existing US home sales down in February; prices rose

Associated Press

Sales of previously occupied U.S. homes slowed last month as rising prices and a dearth of homes for sale kept some would-be buyers on the sidelines.

The National Association of Realtors said Monday that existing homes sales in February fell 6.6% from January to a seasonally-adjusted rate of 6.22 million annualized units. Sales were up 9.1% from February last year, before the pandemic upended the economy and temporarily held up home sales last spring.

Severe winter weather across much of the U.S. was likely a factor in the slowdown, which marked the first monthly sales decline in sales in two months. However, a recent rise in mortgage rates was not, as February sales largely reflect contracts signed weeks before the uptick in rates.

On a regional basis, sales declined in the Northeast, Midwest and South, but rose in the West. Even so, home prices continued to climb, driven by sales of higher-end homes. The report showed that the U.S. median home price was $313,000 in February, up 15.8% from a year earlier.

The red-hot housing market has left the number of available properties for sale at record lows, which has contributed to sharp increases in home prices.

At the end of February, the inventory of unsold homes stood at just 1.03 million properties for sale, down 29.5% from a year earlier, a record decline. The Realtors' group's data on home inventory goes back to 1982.

At the current sales pace, the home inventory at the end of February represents a 2-month supply, down from a 3.1-month supply a year earlier. Meanwhile, homes typically remained on the market for only 20 days

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Susan Woods
352-601-1175

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TEXT 128857 TO 35620 FOR ELECTRONIC BROCHURE

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TEXT 163302 TO 35620 FOR ELECTRONIC BROCHURE

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TEXT 130334 TO 35620 FOR ELECTRONIC BROCHURE

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TEXT 136001 TO 35620 FOR ELECTRONIC BROCHURE

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$345,000 MLS# 799763

STEVE LATIFF
352-634-0101

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TEXT 134222 TO 35620 FOR ELECTRONIC BROCHURE

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352-634-0101

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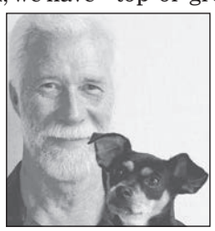
Who was that masked man?

Special to the Chronicle

The Deer Dancer stands guard outside our shop.

Gypsy's Two Cents: *Even the world's greatest watch dog is entitled to a nap.*

April will be our 11th year in the antique business. Any retailer deals with some theft, but overall, we have been fortunate. Last year my cellphone was stolen off the desk and held for ransom. I should have thanked the thief for the peaceful week that followed. If it's a $5 or $10 item, we figure they need it more than we do, so we just let it go. That kind of theft is a habit or a challenge and a personal problem. One busy day recently, a thief gained access to a case with valuables during regular hours. That one got away, but one day I will catch a thief.



Steve Barnes

TIME WILL TELL

There is more than one reason to wear a mask these days, especially if you are a thief. A current HD camera/security system has such clarity, we can read license plates in the parking lot and even see what color masks people wear. So much for facial recognition. I used to describe someone as "the one with the blue top or green shoes." Now it's "the lady with the pink mask wants to see a ring."

There have been times we are approached by a desperate seller and can sense a real need, not one created by poor decisions or habits. We will generously purchase their items even though they don't fit the shop. We then donate them to a local charity. Giving back to those truly in need is part of the package. We try to welcome everyone who comes in and thank everyone who leaves — unfortunately that includes thieves.

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

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Orchids: A pandemic project with surprises

BETH HARPAZ
Associated Press

Not so long ago, orchids were regarded as rare and exotic. But these days, thanks to new propagation techniques, certain varieties are mass-produced. Moth orchids, gorgeous but common, with sweet patterned faces, are widely sold by supermarkets and other retailers.

In fact, orchids are now "the most popular blooming florist crop in the world," says Marc Hachadourian, senior orchid curator at the New York Botanical Garden. "Not only are they beautiful, now bred in a rainbow of colors and patterns, they are ideal for the home and the blooms are long lasting."

Indeed, orchid flowers can last for weeks. With so many of us stuck at home these days, they offer an easy, inexpensive way to brighten up a room.

Once the flowers die, it might be tempting to toss the plant. But you can get that $10 orchid to bloom again. In fact, coaxing an orchid to rebloom is a great pandemic project. There's just one catch: The pandemic might be over by the time you succeed.

"Most of the orchids available for purchase bloom once a year," said Blanche Wagner, orchid curator at the Missouri Botanical Garden, which has a world-renowned orchid collection that dates to the late 19th century. "It takes an amazing amount of energy to produce their blooms, and they need a full year to build up enough energy to flower again."

She suggests putting a date-of-purchase tag on your orchids to keep your timetable for reblooming realistic.

Associated Press

An orchid purchased at Trader Joe's grocery store that has rebloomed is pictured in Atlanta. Once the flowers on an orchid die, though it's tempting to toss the plant, that orchid can bloom again.

And don't neglect them just because they're not in bloom. After the flowers die "is the most important time to care for your plants, making sure they get the best available light, water, and fertilizer to make sure they grow their best before flowering again," said Hachadourian, author of "Orchid Modern: Living and Designing with the World's Most Elegant Houseplants."

Orchids grow wild in rainforests, so they prefer warm, humid environments. Morning sun is best, says Kenya Friend-Daniel, speaking on behalf of the plants and flowers team at Trader Joe's, which sells orchids. But avoid direct sunlight, which "can sunburn the plants' leaves and burn the bloom."

Watering orchids just right is tricky. Spraying the roots daily with a spray bottle is the best technique, Friend-Daniel said. Alternatively, provide a half-cup of water once a week for plants potted in bark, and a quarter-cup once a week for plants in moss. In warmer months, water every four to five days.

Never let the roots sit in water, because they will rot.

"Most failures with orchids are because of overwatering," said Hachadourian. "If the plants are potted in moss, allow it to dry slightly between watering. Depending on your conditions, a small amount of water once or twice a week is sufficient to keep the plant moist without being overly wet."

Some orchid lovers swear by giving their plants nothing more than an ice cube or two weekly, but Hachadourian says that doesn't provide enough water for long-term growth. He says tepid water is better for them in any case.

You can also fertilize, but sparingly. Too much can kill the roots.

Once the first flowers are gone, Friend-Daniel's team advises cutting the stem off to the base, removing the growing medium (moss or bark), and transplanting the plant to a slightly larger pot filled with fresh bark or sphagnum moss.

"New growth should start coming from the middle of the plant within three to four months," Friend-Daniel said. It will take seven months total to produce a flower spike, and 12 months for a fully bloomed spike.

The ideal temperature while awaiting new growth is 85 degrees; once there's new foliage, 70 to 75 degrees. Too complicated? "No one said it was easy," Friend-Daniel said. "It's work."

If you do get new flowers, you may be in for a surprise. Some growers inject dye into orchid stems to get them blooming bright blue, yellow, orange or green. Those dyed orchids rebloom white.

Whatever color your new blooms are, Hachadourian says the "take-home message" is a good one: "People are reblooming their orchids more than once."

Typically, this is the time of year that botanical gardens host orchid shows, but many have been cancelled because of the pandemic. The New York Botanical Garden is doing a limited "Spotlight on Orchids" show through April 4 instead of its usual extravaganza.

In the meantime, head to Trader Joe's or other retailers and pick up an orchid to enjoy at home. If it reblooms next spring, it will be a good reminder, hopefully, of how different things were this year.

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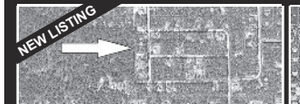

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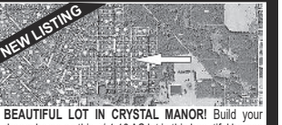

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How to hang curtains and window coverings

Tamara Kraus
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Living SPACE

Wondering what kind of window coverings work best in your space? Or maybe you've spent hours figuring out how to hang curtains or shades, only to realize that they don't measure up. To save yourself save time and money, learn how to hang curtains (and curtain rods) using a few expert tips.

Be sure to take measurements before you purchase curtains. The general rule is to opt for drapes that are at least two times the width of the window, says New York designer Elaine Griffin. By following this guideline, curtains will look appealing and flowing even when closed (and the window will look wider, too).

Hang curtain panels flanking the window 6 to 12 inches beyond the frame to lessen any obstruction of the view, and to trick the eye into thinking the opening is larger than it is. This is particularly helpful in a space with a large, blank wall or when the size of the window feels disproportionate to the rest of the space.

Depending on the length and width of the curtains you choose, opt for a telescoping rod that can be adjusted to the size you need. Using a level, mark with a pencil where the rod should hang on your wall. Then install anchors and attach the curtain rod according to package instructions (it's best to enlist a friend for an extra set of hands).

If you want to make the room feel taller and more dramatic, hang the curtain rod 6 inches above the window frame, up to a few inches below the ceiling. Just be sure to select drapery that is long enough to skim the floor or puddle just a bit when hung from that height. Drapery that is too short (unless there is a radiator or other obstruction in the way) can stunt the look of the space. Another way to make the space feel larger is to select lightweight, sheer fabrics.

If you don't want to hang curtain rods, you can opt for drapery hung from an invisible track mounted within the window frame or on the ceiling. Alternately, you could consider roller or solar shades. These are popular because they're minimal in design and inexpensive. Plus, they come in a variety of styles to suit your needs — from blackout shades to those that filter light. If

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Antique belt buckle is work of noted cowboy silversmith

Dear John: Quite a while ago I sent you a letter about a silver belt buckle that I inherited from my aunt. You asked for photographs and I am finally sending you photographs of the front and back. We would like to know what it might be worth. I hope the photographs are good enough for you to help. Thank you so much. — *J.C., internet*

John Sikorski
SIKORSKI'S ATTIC

Dear J.C.: The photographs are good, thank you. I can clearly see the makers name on the back of the buckle, H. Friederick, Sterling — 10K, N.Y.C. as marked. So, the buckle is made of sterling silver and the cowboy scene depicting bulldogging with a flower bud in two corners are made of 10 karat rose gold. Friederick, 1912-1965, was first a horse trainer and trick rider who became a well-known cowboy silversmith. He produced a variety of decorative cowboy themed silver for some of the most famous cowboy hero stars in Hollywood, including Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, Gabby Hayes and many more during the 1940s to 1960s. I think your belt buckle would sell in the $1,000 to $2,000 range.

Dear John: We enjoy your column every Sunday. My wife obtained some family silver last summer. It includes some bowls, cups, trays, etc. It has been sitting for a long time and needs help. Is there anyone in Citrus County who

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This belt buckle was made by noted cowboy silversmith H. Friederick, who produced decorative silver for a number of famous cowboy stars in Hollywood. It might sell for $1,000 to $2,000.

Special to the Chronicle

Help! How do I stop peeling paint?

TIM CARTER
Tribune Content Agency

Ask the BUILDER

Q: Help me, Tim! I'm so darned frustrated! The paint on the outside of my home and shed keeps peeling. Both have wood siding. Every few years I'm out there scraping and starting over. What am I doing wrong? I follow the directions on the label of the paint can to the letter. Is it the paint? Is it something I'm doing wrong? Is it just the weather where I live? I'm beginning to think an evil hex was cast upon my house by an enemy of a former owner. Please help me because I don't want to put up vinyl siding to eliminate the paint issue. — *Debbie S., Waterloo, Iowa*

A: A friend of mine here in New Hampshire has a problem with paint on some cottages he owns. Peeling paint is a burr under the saddle of many, I'm afraid, and the causes are numerous. I don't know that I can cover all of them in the small amount of space provided for this column. Let's get started.

I feel the best way to understand why paint peels is to step back and think about all the things you know of that are painted and seem to hold the paint without peeling. How about your car or truck? What about street signs? What about painted aluminum siding, gutters and downspouts? How about lawnmowers, snowblowers and many garden tools you might own?

Do you know someone who has a house covered with fiber cement siding? My house has it. There's not one place where my paint is peeling. My neighbor's house has the same siding. Both houses are 20 years old and there's not a speck of peeling paint in our harsh New Hampshire weather!

The one thing in common with everything I've just mentioned is the paint is applied to things that are not wood. Wood is a very interesting material but it doesn't play well with most paints unless you paint it correctly before it's installed.

Wood is hygroscopic. This means that water can easily enter wood either as a liquid or a vapor. The issue is when most wood gets wet, it swells and expands in size. Metal and fiber cement siding don't

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Easter lilies

Easter lily, *Lilium longiflorum*, evolved in Japan's Ryukyu Islands and maybe Taiwan. Formosan wild Lily, *L. formosanum*, is endemic to Taiwan. These lilies bear large, fragrant, white, trumpet-shaped flowers that face outward. Modern cultivated varieties are bred with different colors and patterns. Importation of Japanese-produced lily tubers stopped abruptly in 1941.

Jane Weber
JANE'S GARDEN

In 1919, World War I serviceman Louie Houghton brought a suitcase of Japanese lily bulbs (tubers) home and distributed them freely in a narrow coastal farmland strip between Harbor-Brookings and Smith River areas of Oregon's Curry County and California's Del Norte County. Ten farms in this specific climate now produce 95% of U.S. field-grown Easter Lily plants. Easter lilies mature after 3 to 5 years. Plants must be tended year-round. Millions of Easter Lily bulbs are harvested in the fall then shipped to commercial climate-controlled greenhouses and induced to flower in time for Easter.

Lilies have large six-segmented flowers. The six colorful petals or petaloid tepals are in two whorls of three and may be plain or patterned. There are six stamens and one ovary where seeds develop after pollination. Long, narrow lily leaves may cluster at the base or single linear leaves may alternate along a stem or be in whorls. Lily leaves have veins parallel to the edges.

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JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

Perennial Lilium lilies are mainly from temperate northern hemisphere habitats. Wikipedia's list has 49 Lilium species. Twenty evolved in the US and Canada, but none in Mexico. This Easter Lily is growing in the rolling sandhills of Marion County in Central Florida in part shade and without regular irrigation.

JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

Naturally flowering in May this cultivar of the Japanese Easter Lily, *Lilium longiflorum*, grows untended in Linda and Bruce Anderson's Rolling Hills yard protected beneath tall longleaf Pine trees and mature Turkey Oaks. Homeowners can plant their potted Easter Lily in part shade and somewhat amended sandy soil. It can be evergreen, but top growth may be killed to the ground in winter freezes. It can spread underground and by seeds. Note the new plants that have popped up several feet from the original.

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The paint peels every few years on this cottage. I know, as I've driven past it for years and seen the owner scrape and repaint it!

BUILDER

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change shape when they get wet. This is very important.

Now let's think about paint. What is paint in its most basic form? Paint, for the most part, is just colored glue. The chemistry of most paints is not too far from common white and yellow glue or caulk that you might purchase at a paint store or home center. My original business partner and I used to paint homes in the summer in college. He went on to get a Ph.D. in chemistry where he worked for 30+ years for the largest paint company in the U.S. Over the years he's taught me much about paint.

Yes, I realize I'm oversimplifying it, but think about paint. It's made to stick to things just as glue adheres to things. Paint can have all sorts of other characteristics to minimize color fade, gloss and so forth, but when the dust settles, its main job is to stay stuck to the things it covers.

Here's the rub. If the wood that's under paint moves too much — that is, expands and contracts as it gets wet and dries — this can be more than the paint can handle. When the bond breaks between the wood and the paint film, the paint peels.

Paint can also be pushed off wood by the vapor pressure under the paint. If wood gets wet and the sun heats up the wood siding, the water in the wood can turn to vapor, creating a blister. This vapor pressure can easily pop the paint right off the siding. You can demonstrate this by applying thin coating of flour and water to a balloon. Let it dry and blow up the balloon, and the flour pops off.

Debbie did all she was supposed to by following the paint label instructions. Do you? Do you actually wash the surface you're going to paint like you wash your car or dishes? You need to rub the surface with soapy water, rinse and allow to dry. Do you scrape off all other loose paint? You wouldn't put on fresh clothes to go out to dinner after sweating all day working in dirt and grime, right? You'd take a shower. So make sure your surface is squeaky clean.

Painting at the right time of day can play a part. It's best to follow the sun. This means to paint in the shade, not in direct sunlight. It's best if the paint dries slowly. Hot breezy days are perhaps the worst time to paint, in my opinion.

If you want the paint to stick well to wood for many years, you need to shrink wrap it in the paint. This means you need to paint the wood on all sides and edges. You can pre-paint wood siding and trim with primer and finish paint and then install it.

However, if you cut siding or trim to length, you then need to paint the cut end. Most carpenters are reluctant to do this because it really slows them down and it can be a mess. But the cut end of siding and trim is the place where water enters wood the easiest! These cut ends must be sealed if you want to prevent peeling.

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could clean and polish this stuff? Thank you in advance. — *D. & V.P., internet*

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Dear M.F.: Your black glass vase is decorated with silver deposit. Most European countries, England and the United States produced silver deposit art glass in both black and black amethyst glass. Though the glass appears to be black, often it is black amethyst glass. In order to determine which you have, hold the vase in front of a strong light. Black amethyst glass will have a deep violet ruby color. The time of production was probably the early 1900s.

Take a good close look at the silver detail for a maker's mark or the word sterling. Let us know what you discover.

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JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

ABOVE: This past February, a trio of outdoor adventure friends from downtown Miami visited Jane for a weekend and brought a three-stemmed lily plant with dozens of unopened green flower bulbs. Jane was delighted and anticipated beautiful white flowers as a reminder of their visit. But fun-loving Mexican Victor Vertiz, Spanish Christina Urquiola and Venezuelan Alba Garmendia enjoy little jokes and surprises. The lily flowers were burgundy and pink. Their plant brightened Jane's table for weeks. It now lives in a raised foundation bed on the east side of her home.
BELOW: Typical of flowers in the Lilium genus, Easter Lily lilies have large, six-segmented, trumpet-shaped flowers. The six colorful petals or petaloid tepals are in two whorls of three and may be plain or patterned. There are six stamens and one ovary where seeds develop in three-parted capsules after pollination.

JANE

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Graceful Formosa Lily, *Lilium formosanum*, one of the tallest lilies in the garden, flowers in midsummer. Towering flower stalks may reach 5 feet. Bunches of long white flowers atop tall stalks nod downward. Flower trumpets are noticeably larger than Japanese *L. longifolium*. In Florida, Easter and Formosan Lilies tolerate summer rains, heat and humidity. They can be planted in humus-rich soil and part shade with 3 to 4 hours of morning sun. Afternoon shade protects them from Florida's hot summer. If top growth freezes in winter, Easter Lilies should resprout and flower in May and Formosans should flower in mid-summer, July.

Last February, a trio of outdoor adventurer friends from downtown Miami visited me for a weekend and brought me a three-stemmed lily plant with dozens of unopened green flower bulbs. I was delighted and anticipated beautiful white flowers to remind me of their visit. But fun-loving Mexican Victor Vertiz, Spanish Christina Urquiola and Venezuelan Alba enjoy little jokes and surprises. Their lily flowers bloomed burgundy and pink. Their plant brightened my table for weeks. It now lives in the raised foundation bed on the east side of my home.

Easter Lily, *Lilium longiflorum*, grows for 3 to 5 years in the farm field before it is harvested in the fall and shipped to greenhouses to be grown under climate control, where it is induced to flower in time for the Easter holiday.

Lily plants are perennial, herbaceous (leafy and green) monocotyledon plants that often have bulblike underground storage structures. "Mono" means one and indicates that inside the lily seed there is an embryo with a single seed leaf called a cotyledon. To senior gardeners like me, the word "lily," first described in 1789, is a catch-all term for many pretty flowering plants that have bulbs, tubers, corms or rhizomes. The internet now enables gardeners to be more precise with words.

According to www.britannica.com/plant, the Liliales order of flowering plants now has 11 families, 67 genera and 1,558 species. Many ornamental garden plants are members of the Liliales order. Within Liliales, the lily family (Liliaceae) has been recently redefined; it now has only 16 genera and about 610 species. Few government or university websites have sufficient funds to update their databases or keep up with modern molecular phylogenetic based science.

The US Department of Agriculture plant database profile for Lilium shows range maps of where 33 Lilium species can grow. Click on the name to pop up an image of each lily. Seven Lilium species can grow in Florida.

For complete history of the U.S. Easter Lily trade, see Texas A&M University's Easter Lily Archives at https://tinyurl.com/t6eyfrmk.

According to www.theplantlist.org, the Lily family's 16 genera are: Amana, Calochortus, Cardiocrinum, Erythronium, Fritillaria, Gagea, Lilium, Lloydia, Medeola, Nectaroscordum, Nomocharis, Notholirion, Prosartes, Scoliopus, Tulipa and Zygadenus. Okay, I am familiar with tulips and know they cannot tolerate Florida's hot wet summers. Fritillary is the cut flower sold in bouquets. Lilium is the lily genus. The rest I have never heard of in everyday gardening.

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A sale pending sign is displayed outside a residential home for sale in East Derry, N.H.

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last month, the NAR said. That's down from 21 days in January and 36 days in February last year.

Underscoring how quickly homes were snapped up last month, 74% of homes sold in February were on the market less than a month, the NAR said.

The fact that homes are being snapped up so quickly and prices continue to climb, with many homes receiving multiple offers, implies that it is the lack of supply that's mainly behind February's sales decline, said Lawrence Yun, NAR's chief economist.

"It's the reason why prices are rising," said Lawrence Yun, NAR's chief economist. "Demand appears to be very strong, reflected in the days on the market being so swift."

The housing market has mounted a strong comeback since last summer after declining sharply in the spring when the coronavirus outbreak hit. Sales surged last year to the highest level since 2006 at the height of the housing boom.

Economists expect sales to remain strong this year, given more millennials are looking to become homeowners and many Americans with the freedom to work remotely through the pandemic are increasingly moving to other states and buying homes.

Low mortgage rates remain a enticement for many would-be homebuyers, proving them with a measure of financial flexibility, though rates have been creeping higher lately.

The average rate on the benchmark 30-year loan moved above the 3% mark earlier this month for the first time since July 2020. Last week, it inched up to 3.09%, though it's still down from 3.65% a year ago, according to mortgage buyer Freddie Mac.

Yun expects that mortgage rates will continue to rise through the remainder of this year, possibly reaching an average rate of 3.5% on a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage by December.

Still, buyers' biggest hurdle to homeownership will likely be the low inventory of homes on the market, which is already fueling heated competition among buyers this upcoming spring homebuying season.

"In the upcoming months, perhaps, demand will retreat a bit given the recent rise in mortgage rates," Yun said. "Affordability will get hit by a rising mortgage rate. We need more supply to tame the price growth."

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593 W. PLAYER PATH
.14 Acre, Golf Course 787880 ... $24,900

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Call Jim Morton 352-726-6668 for additional property information.

8780 E. DERBY OAKS DR., FLORAL CITY
Southern lifestyle, check out this 3/2/2-2 detached Ranch style home that is nestled on 10.11 acres with barns/shops and fenced in for your four-legged friends.
MLS #794475 $450,000
Call Luke Whitehurst 352-476-5578 for your private showing today!

719 MAYFLOWER AVE., INVERNESS
- 2/2/1 with den
- Open plan
- Cathedral ceilings
- Great location and minutes from downtown, parks, bike trail
- City water

MLS #798193
Priced to Sell at $138,400
Call Pat Davis to preview 352-212-7280.

BLACK DIAMOND

3110 N. BARTON CREEK CIR., LECANTO
4/4/2, 2370 Living sq. ft., private backyard, nice covered lanai, open floor plan.
MLS #799372 $359,000
Call Linda Thomas 352-464-4881

WATERFRONT ACREAGE

7740 E. SMOKE TRAIL, INVERNESS
This 16.68 acre property zoned CL, flood zone AE and no guarantee for building on this lot, but just wanting a weekend getaway to enjoy air boating, fishing, or just looking at nature, this property is for you. It also backs up to state-owned Potts Preserve Conservation.
MLS #799513 $22,500
Call Kate Von Staden 352-464-2787 for additional property information.

COMMERCIAL/RETAIL WATERFRONT

12323 E. GULF TO LAKE HWY., INVERNESS
Fisherman's Cove Restaurant is rooted in an optimal location of Hwy. 44 and is located on 1.61 acres on the beautiful Withlacoochee River. There is indoor/outdoor seating, within 12 miles from I-75 in Wildwood, S. Hwy. 475, U.S. Hwy. 41, downtown Inverness is less than 10 miles, and 12 miles to The Villages.
MLS #799405 $455,000
Call Elias Kirallah 352-400-2635 and schedule your private showing today!

COMMERCIAL/RETAIL

9211 S. FLORIDA AVE. FLORAL CITY
Here is your opportunity to own this well established turn-key bar business in the historic town of Floral City with all inventory, furniture included, even has a mobile food trailer/kitchen, mobile stage, and outdoor seating.
MLS #798434 $325,000
Call Elias Kirallah 352-400-2635 and schedule your showing today!

31 N. WADSWORTH, BEVERLY HILLS
Very nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath home that has a family room. Situated on a corner lot. This home has been newly renovated with new interior and exterior paint. New flooring, redone bath, and kitchen. Has range and refrigerator. This is bright and shinny, waiting for a new owner.
MLS #799820 $123,000
Call Jeanne Pickrel 352-212-3410.

COMMERCIAL / VACANT PROPERTY

8101-8109 HOMOSASSA TR., HOMOSASSA
This .72 acre - Commercial property zoned GNC has 250 ft. of direct frontage on Homosassa Trail and just minutes from Suncoast Parkway and also 2.6 acres is available for purchase. See MLS #7984483.
MLS #798797 New Price $69,000
Call Skyler Hastings 352-422-6096 for additional property information.

10642 ISTACHATTA RD., FLORAL CITY
Pristine pasture at its best! This 84.63 acre is ready for you to build your dream custom home and is directly across from the Withlacoochee State Trail and 20 minutes away from Brooksville.
MLS #799793 $1,250,000
Call Zachary Wheeler 352-302-4111 for additional property information.

3348 N. BURROUGHS PATH, BEVERLY HILLS
Look at this 4/3.5/2, 3,142 living sq. ft. (2) story home with screened back porch, is located in High Ridge Village in Beverly Hills, and has public water/sewer.
MLS #798911 $299,000
Call Zachary Bilbey 352-586-4174 and schedule your private showing today!

COMMERCIAL

6216 W. GULF TO LAKE HWY. CRYSTAL RIVER
Great location, this office building has 5 private offices, conference room with a fireplace, 2 bathrooms, handicap accessible bathroom, a full kitchen, privacy fence around the property, 4,680 sq. ft. if paved parking area, the business opportunities are endless.
MLS #799482 $300,000
Call Skyler Hastings 352-422-6096 to schedule your showing today!

WATERFRONT

5505 WITHLAPOPKA DR. FLORAL CITY
Check out this cute 2/2/2 waterfront home nestled on .38 acre lot in the Withlapopks Island subdivision. It has its own boat dock and lounging dock to relax and enjoy the water view and wildlife of a backyard patio for entertaining.
MLS #799576 $217,000
Call Ruth Frederick 352-563-6866 and schedule your private showing today!

WATERFRONT

PENDING IN 2 DAYS

10402 E. GOBBLER DR. FLORAL CITY
This 924 living sq. ft. home has been completely gutted and ready for completion your way. It has a 24x34 concrete block garage with water/electric, commercial rollup doors, and a 10x24 covered boat lift and 7x20 floating dock.
MLS #799610 $167,000
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Zoned R1 • 2 acres
MLS #799636 $74,800

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Zoned R1 • 3.40 acres
MLS #799635 $74,800

Call William Ruble 352-228-3754 for additional information on the properties.

PENDING IN 2 DAYS

6175 S. SUNDIAL DR, FLORAL CITY
Check out this 3/2 manufactured home nestled on 1 full acre located in the Lake Magnolia Est. It has a 14x10 workshop, a fire pit for family/friend gatherings, and a short distance from the Withlacoochee Rails for Trails bike path, boat ramps, fishing, and boating.
MLS #799718 $139,900
Call Kimberly Miner 352-586-9549 for your showing appointment today

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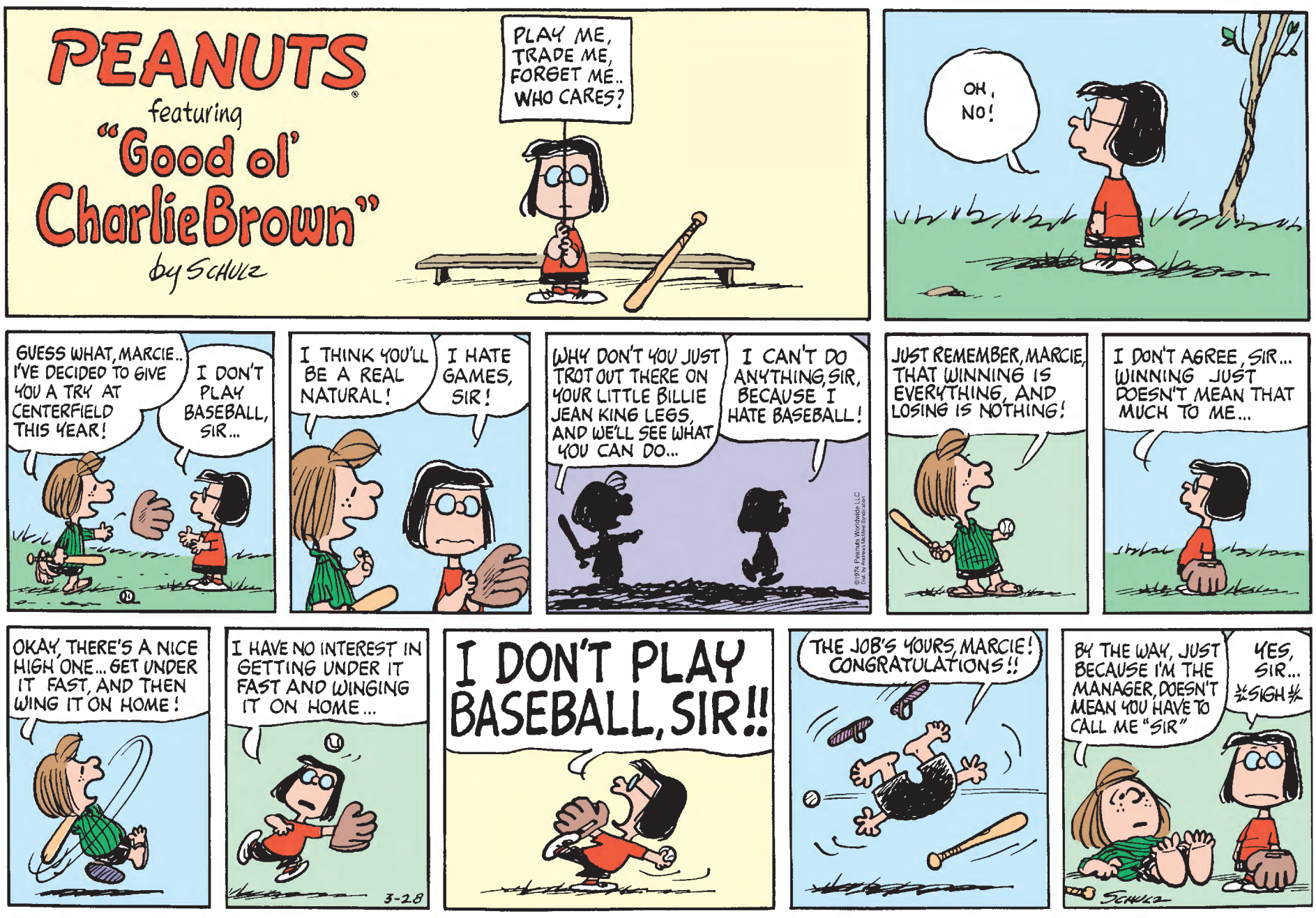
THE CHRONICLE SUNDAY
March 28, 2021

COMICS

PEANUTS
featuring "Good ol' CharlieBrown"
by SCHULZ



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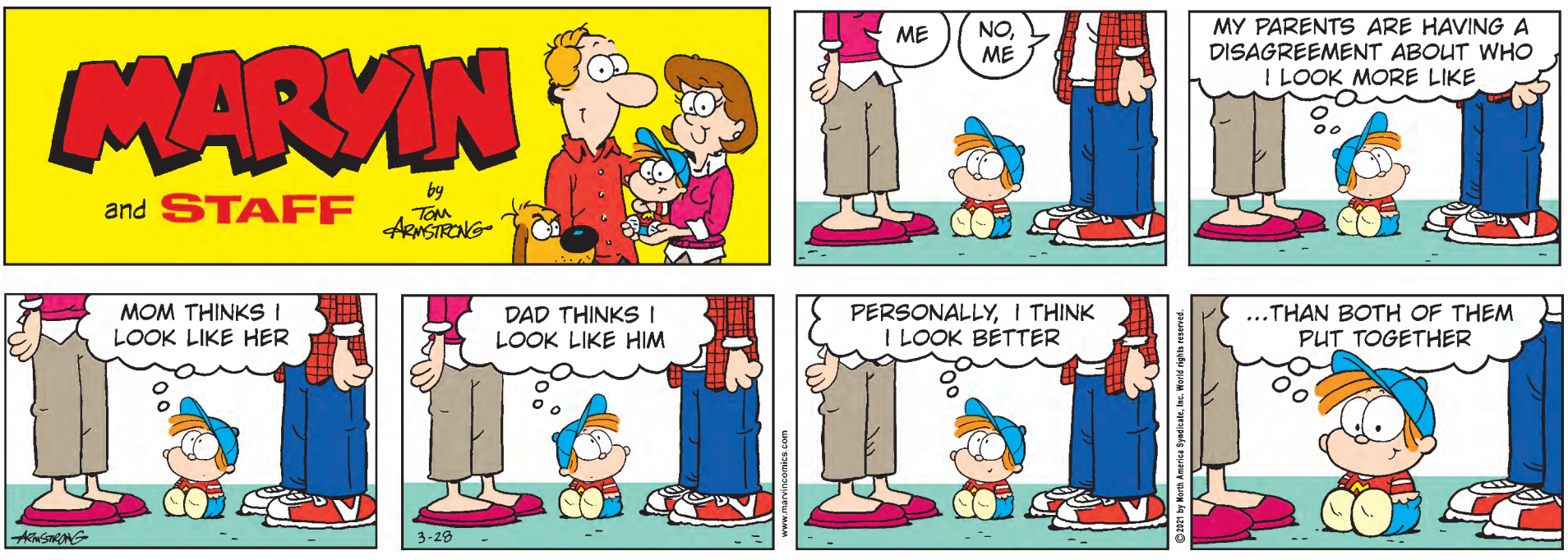
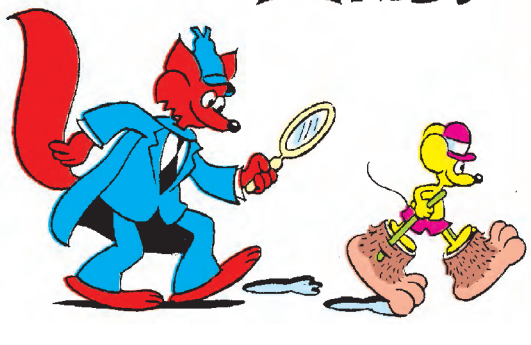
MARVIN and STAFF
by TOM ARMSTRONG

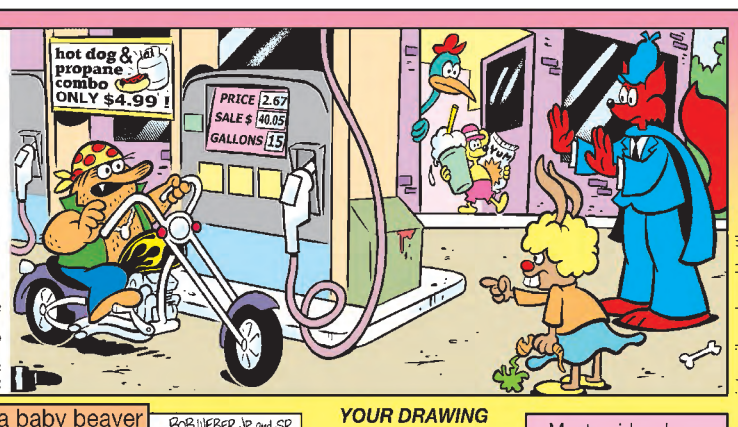


Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS



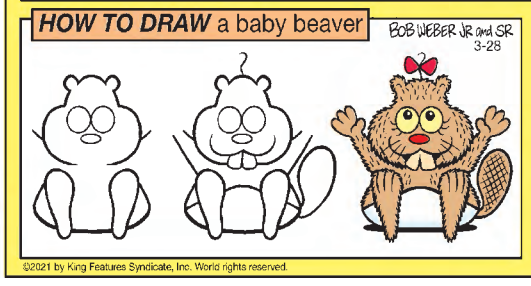
Rachel Rabbit claims Shady Shrew drove his chopper through her garden minutes ago, but Shady insists he was busy at the gas pump filling his tank. As Shady was about to drive away, Slylock Fox observed evidence that suggests the shrew lied. What did Slylock see?

Solution -- The pump meter shows that the last purchase was for 15 gallons of gas. Most motorcycles have a gas tank between 3 and 6 gallons.



HOW TO DRAW a baby beaver

BOB WEBER JR and SR. 3-28



YOUR DRAWING
Today's terrific artist is Dani, age 7

Submit your black-and-white drawing to **www.slylockfox.com**

Most spiders have eight eyes, but some, like the brown recluse spider, only have ...

a) One
b) Two
c) Four
d) Six

Answer -- d)

Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer -- Saw, lightbulb, paint, nail, sack and bottle.

For more Spot Six Differences, Slylock Fox and other puzzles and comics go to **www.slylockfox.com**

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Sunday Puzzle Fun

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

TETDCE

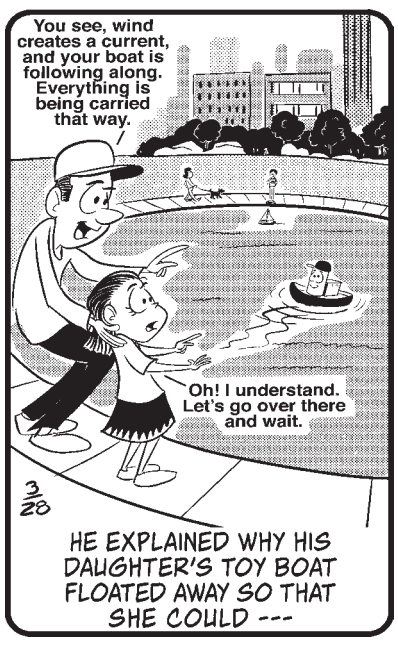
CFILEK

LATCET

RECAOS

YFNMIA

GHUATT



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

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PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level 1 2 **3** 4

9	1	6		5				4
				4			5	6
					3			
4		8					2	
		9				1		
	2							8
			3				4	
2	5			9				
7				2		8		5

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, please visit ***sudoku.org.uk***

Solution to Last Weeks puzzle

5	9	8	6	1	4	7	3	2
2	3	6	7	8	9	1	5	4
7	4	1	2	5	3	9	6	8
1	6	5	8	9	2	3	4	7
4	2	7	5	3	1	8	9	6
3	8	9	4	6	7	2	1	5
9	5	4	3	7	8	6	2	1
8	1	2	9	4	6	5	7	3
6	7	3	1	2	5	4	8	9

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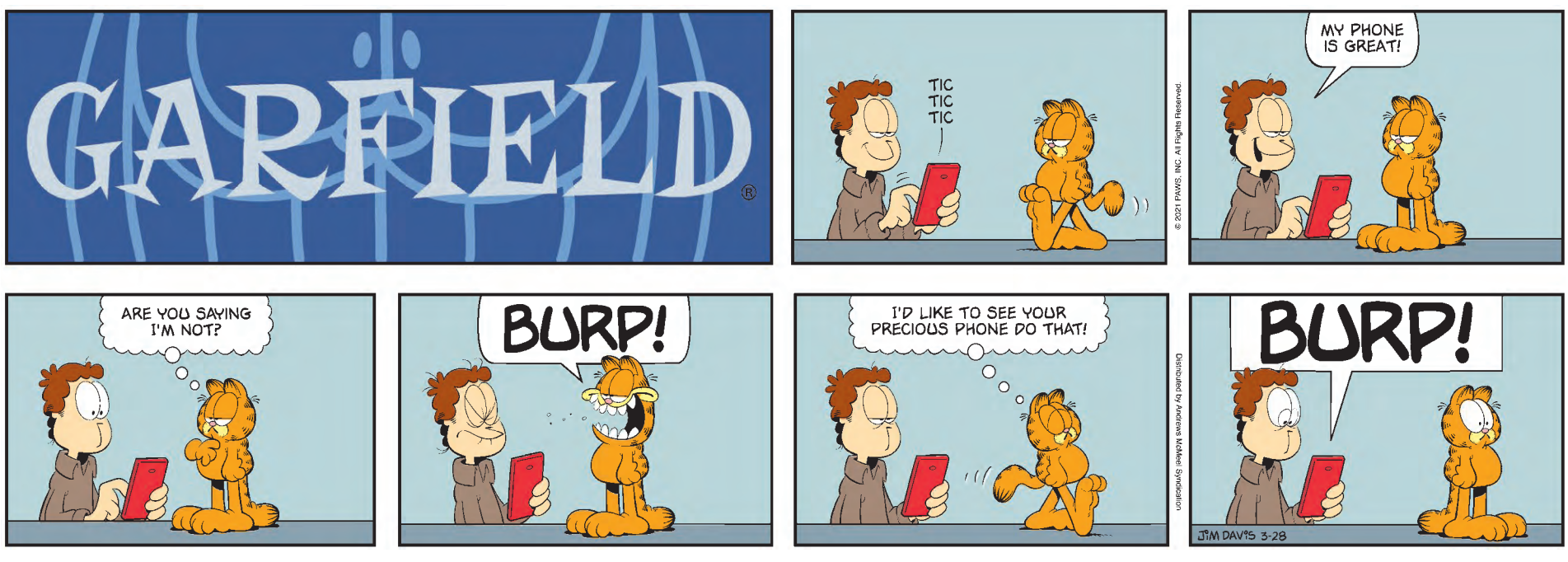

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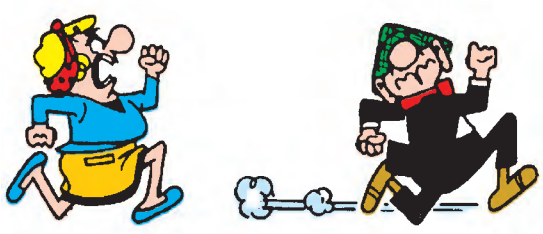
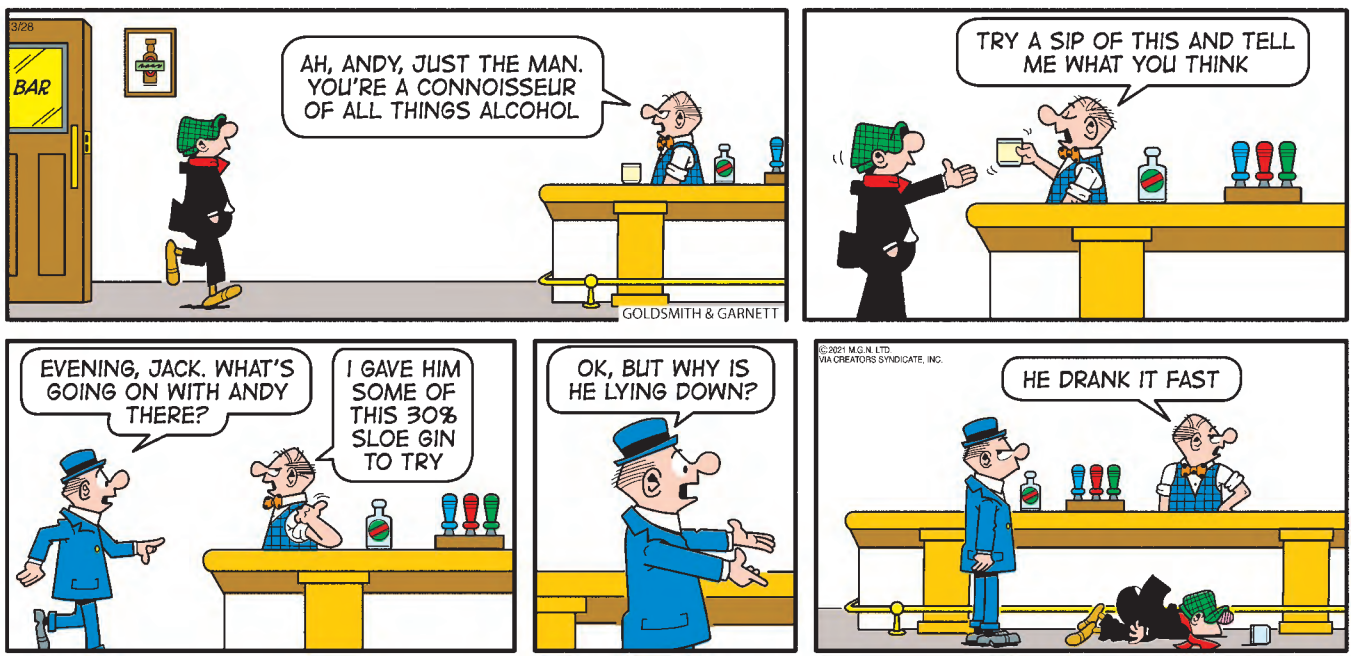
ANDY CAPP

by Smythe





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HAL FOSTER'S

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

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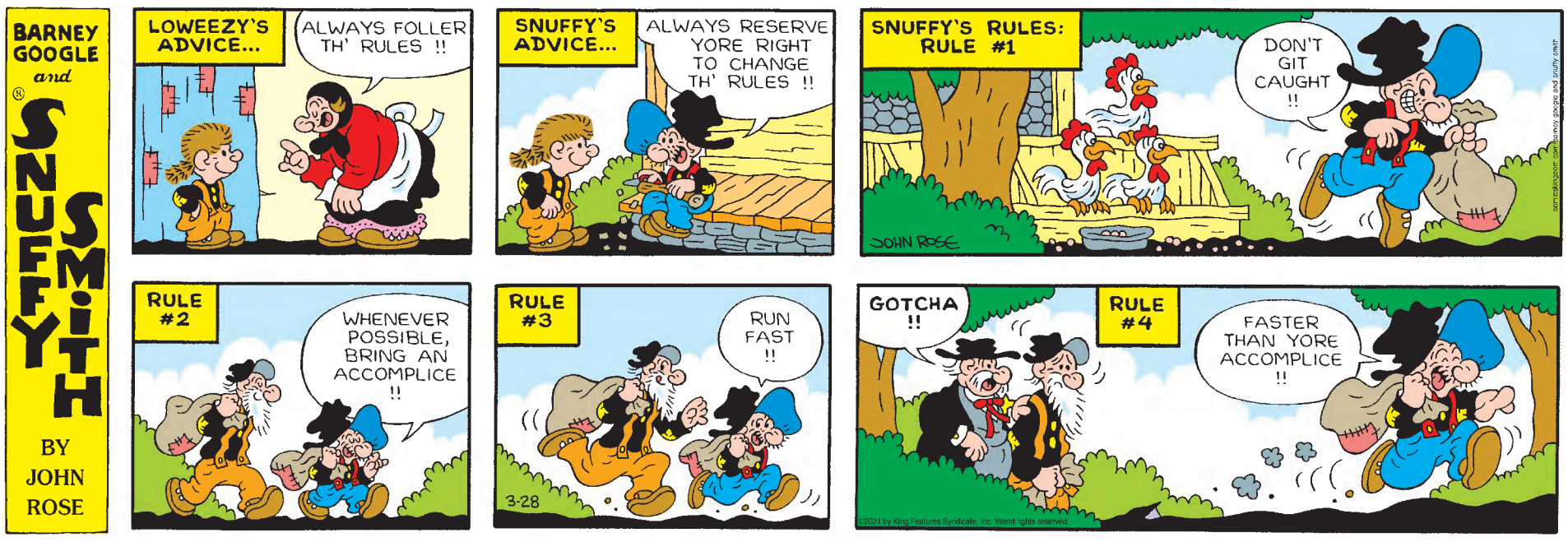
JUMBLE

Answer:

DETECT CATTLE COARSE INFAMY
FICKLE TAUGHT

He explained why his daughter's toy boat floated away so that she could —

GET THE DRIFT OF IT


BARNEY GOOGLE and SNUFFY SMITH
BY JOHN ROSE
LOWEEZY'S ADVICE...
ALWAYS FOLLER TH' RULES !!
SNUFFY'S ADVICE...
ALWAYS RESERVE YORE RIGHT TO CHANGE TH' RULES !!
SNUFFY'S RULES: RULE #1
DON'T GIT CAUGHT !!
JOHN ROSE
RULE #2
WHENEVER POSSIBLE, BRING AN ACCOMPLICE !!
RULE #3
RUN FAST !!
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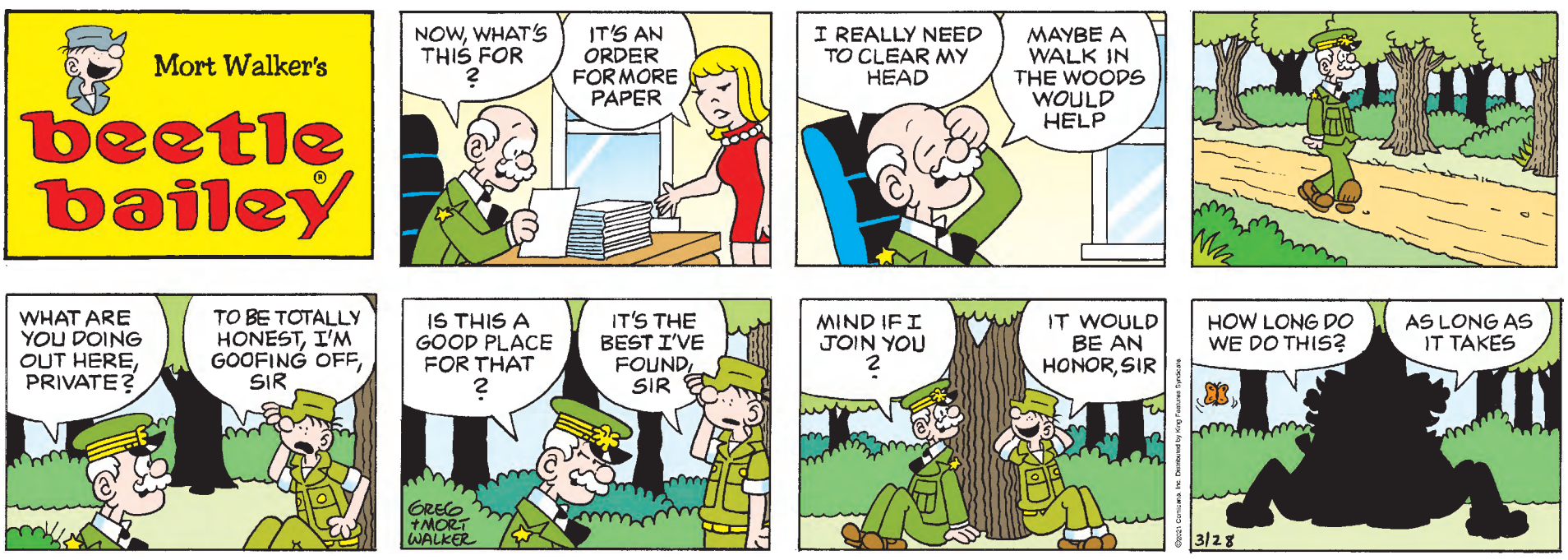
GOTCHA !!
RULE #4
FASTER THAN YORE ACCOMPLICE !!


Mort Walker's
beetle bailey
NOW, WHAT'S THIS FOR ?
IT'S AN ORDER FOR MORE PAPER
I REALLY NEED TO CLEAR MY HEAD
MAYBE A WALK IN THE WOODS WOULD HELP
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE, PRIVATE?
TO BE TOTALLY HONEST, I'M GOOFING OFF, SIR
IS THIS A GOOD PLACE FOR THAT ?
IT'S THE BEST I'VE FOUND, SIR
GRECO + MORT WALKER
MIND IF I JOIN YOU ?
IT WOULD BE AN HONOR, SIR
HOW LONG DO WE DO THIS?
AS LONG AS IT TAKES
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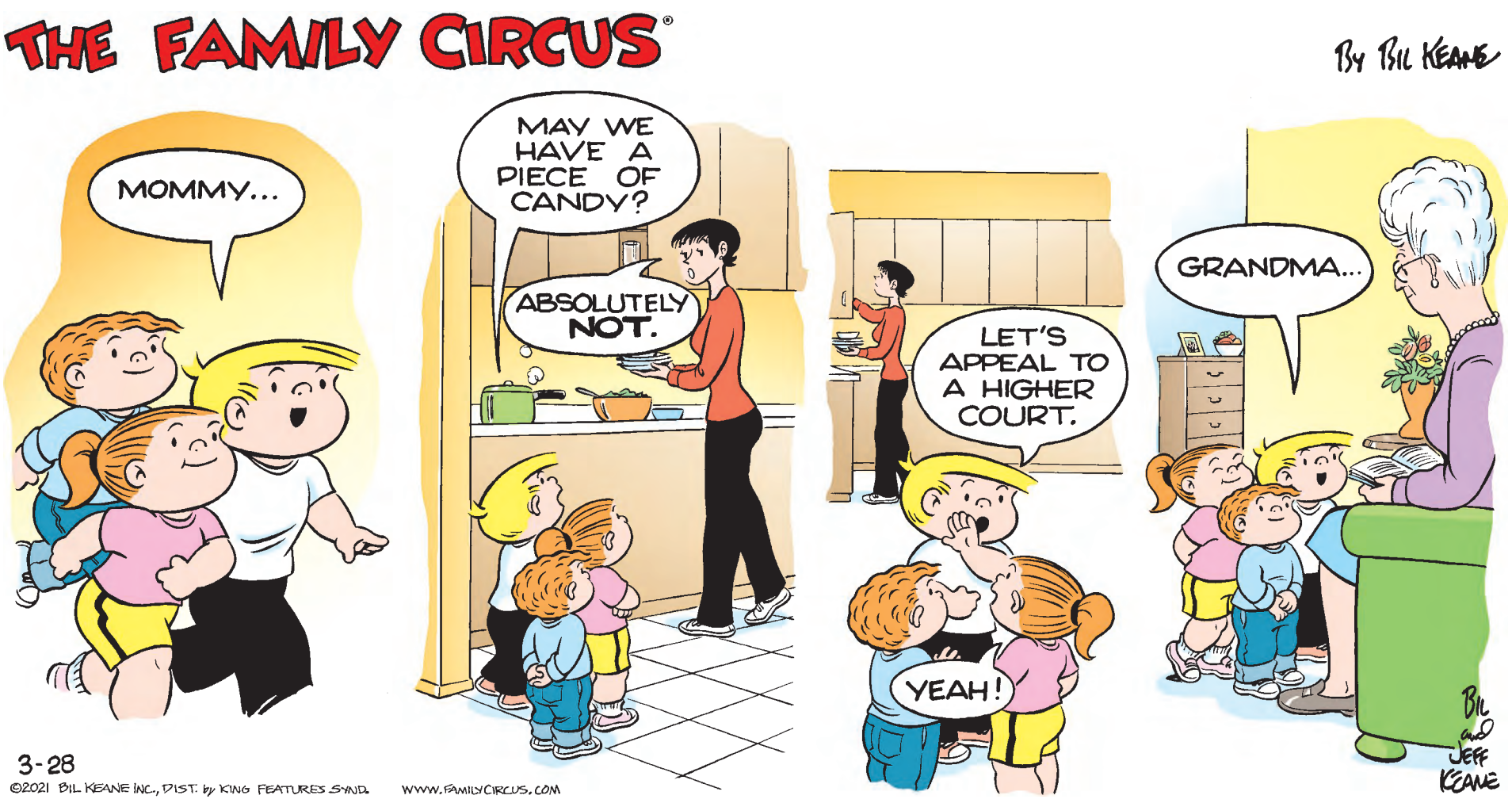
THE FAMILY CIRCUS
By BIL KEANE
MOMMY...
MAY WE HAVE A PIECE OF CANDY?
ABSOLUTELY NOT.
LET'S APPEAL TO A HIGHER COURT.
YEAH!
GRANDMA...
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big NATE
by Lincoln Peirce
oh, no.
GUESS WHAT, KIDDOS! YOUR BOOK BUDDIES ARE HERE!
PETER, M'BOY!
BEGONE.
IT'SH POINTLESSH FOR YOU TO BE HERE! I ALREADY READ AT A GENIUSH LEVEL!
PETER, PETER, PETER! BOOK BUDDY TIME DOESN'T HAVE TO BE ONLY ABOUT READING!
IT DOESHN'T?
Visit bignate.com
THINK OF THE NEXT HOUR AS A CHANCE FOR ME TO TEACH YOU SOME VALUABLE LIFE SKILLS!
LIKE MONEY MANAGEMENT, FOR EXAMPLE!
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OKAY, SO IN THIS GAME, PHILLY'S ON THE SECOND NIGHT OF BACK-TO-BACKS, SO I'D TAKE ORLANDO AND THE POINTS.
CRIPES.
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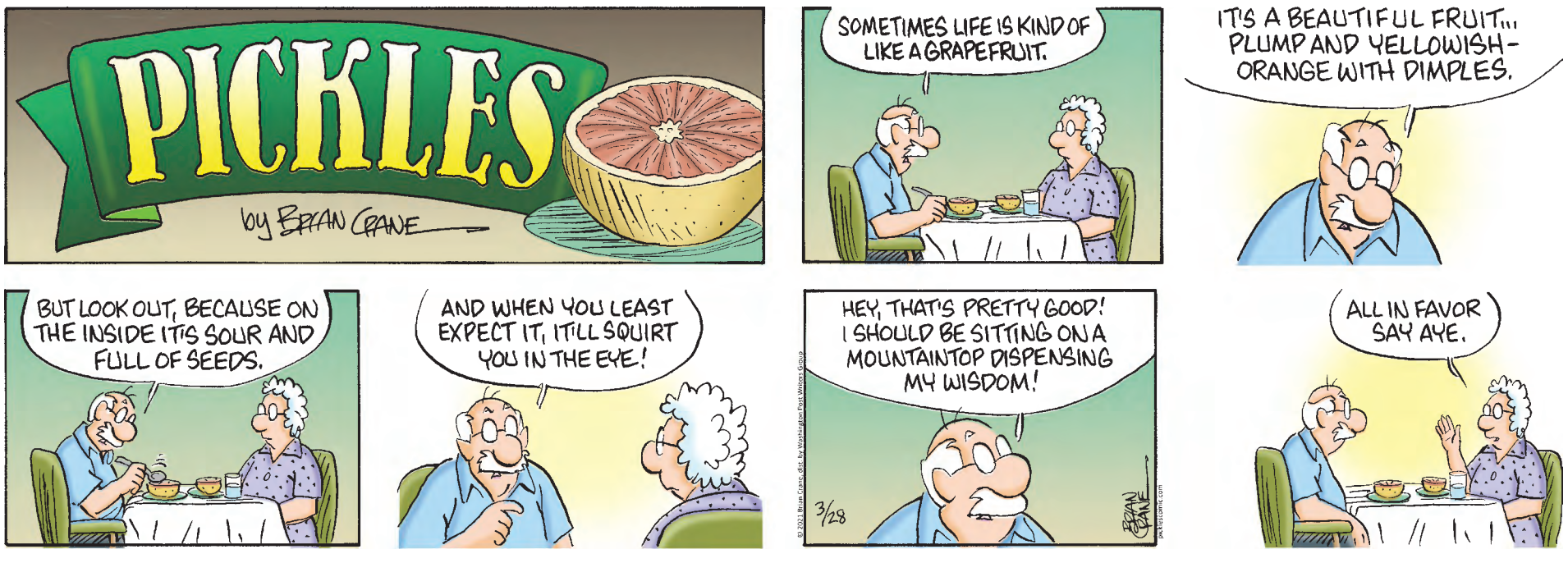
PICKLES
by Brian Crane
SOMETIMES LIFE IS KIND OF LIKE A GRAPEFRUIT.
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL FRUIT... PLUMP AND YELLOWISH-ORANGE WITH DIMPLES.
BUT LOOK OUT, BECAUSE ON THE INSIDE IT'S SOUR AND FULL OF SEEDS.
AND WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT, IT'LL SQUIRT YOU IN THE EYE!
HEY, THAT'S PRETTY GOOD! I SHOULD BE SITTING ON A MOUNTAINTOP DISPENSING MY WISDOM!
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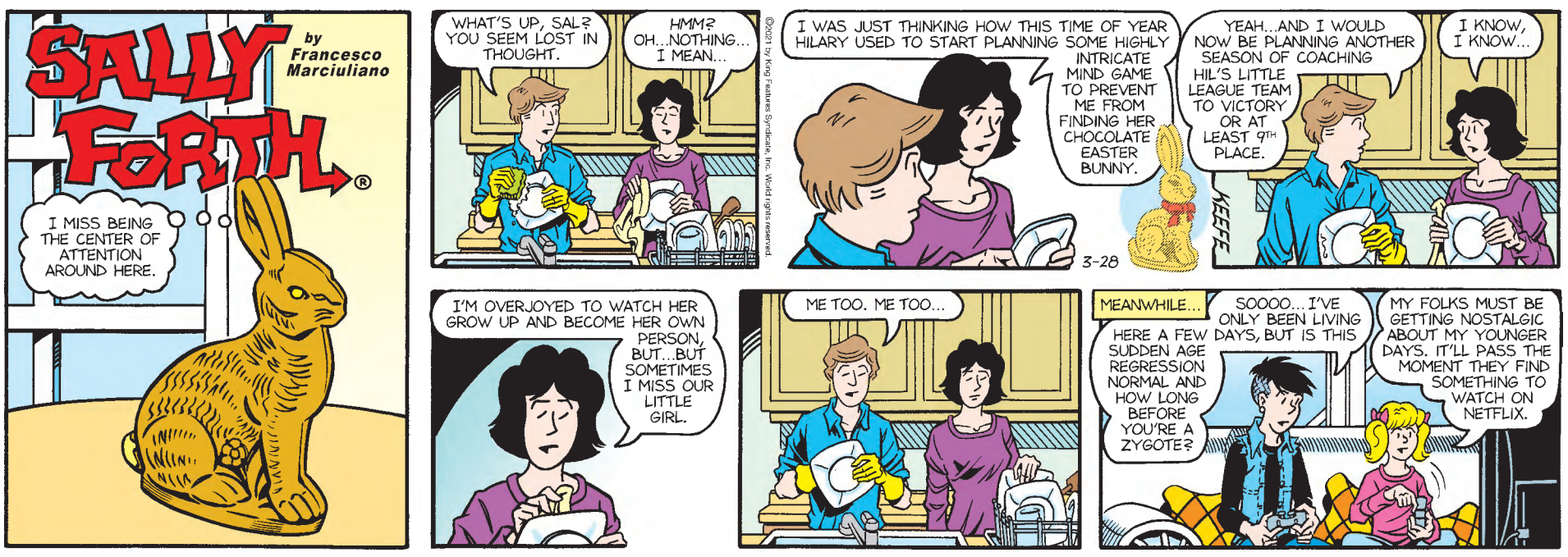
ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE.


SALLY FORTH
by Francesco Marciuliano
I MISS BEING THE CENTER OF ATTENTION AROUND HERE.
WHAT'S UP, SAL? YOU SEEM LOST IN THOUGHT.
HMM? OH...NOTHING... I MEAN...
I WAS JUST THINKING HOW THIS TIME OF YEAR HILARY USED TO START PLANNING SOME HIGHLY INTRICATE MIND GAME TO PREVENT ME FROM FINDING HER CHOCOLATE EASTER BUNNY.
YEAH...AND I WOULD NOW BE PLANNING ANOTHER SEASON OF COACHING HIL'S LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM TO VICTORY OR AT LEAST 9TH PLACE.
I KNOW, I KNOW...
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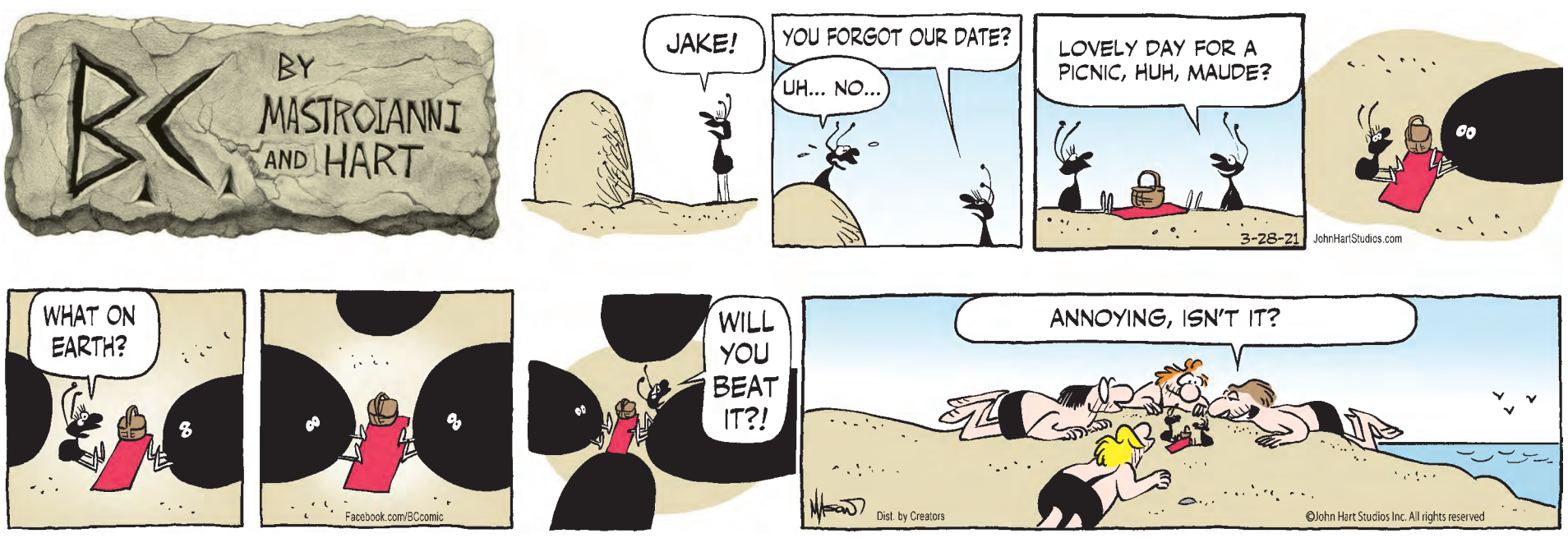
I'M OVERJOYED TO WATCH HER GROW UP AND BECOME HER OWN PERSON, BUT...BUT SOMETIMES I MISS OUR LITTLE GIRL.
ME TOO. ME TOO...
MEANWHILE...
HERE A FEW SUDDEN AGE REGRESSION NORMAL AND HOW LONG BEFORE YOU'RE A ZYGOTE?
SOOOO... I'VE ONLY BEEN LIVING DAYS, BUT IS THIS
MY FOLKS MUST BE GETTING NOSTALGIC ABOUT MY YOUNGER DAYS. IT'LL PASS THE MOMENT THEY FIND SOMETHING TO WATCH ON NETFLIX.


BC
BY MASTROIANNI AND HART
JAKE!
YOU FORGOT OUR DATE?
UH... NO...
LOVELY DAY FOR A PICNIC, HUH, MAUDE?
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WHAT ON EARTH?
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WILL YOU BEAT IT?!
ANNOYING, ISN'T IT?
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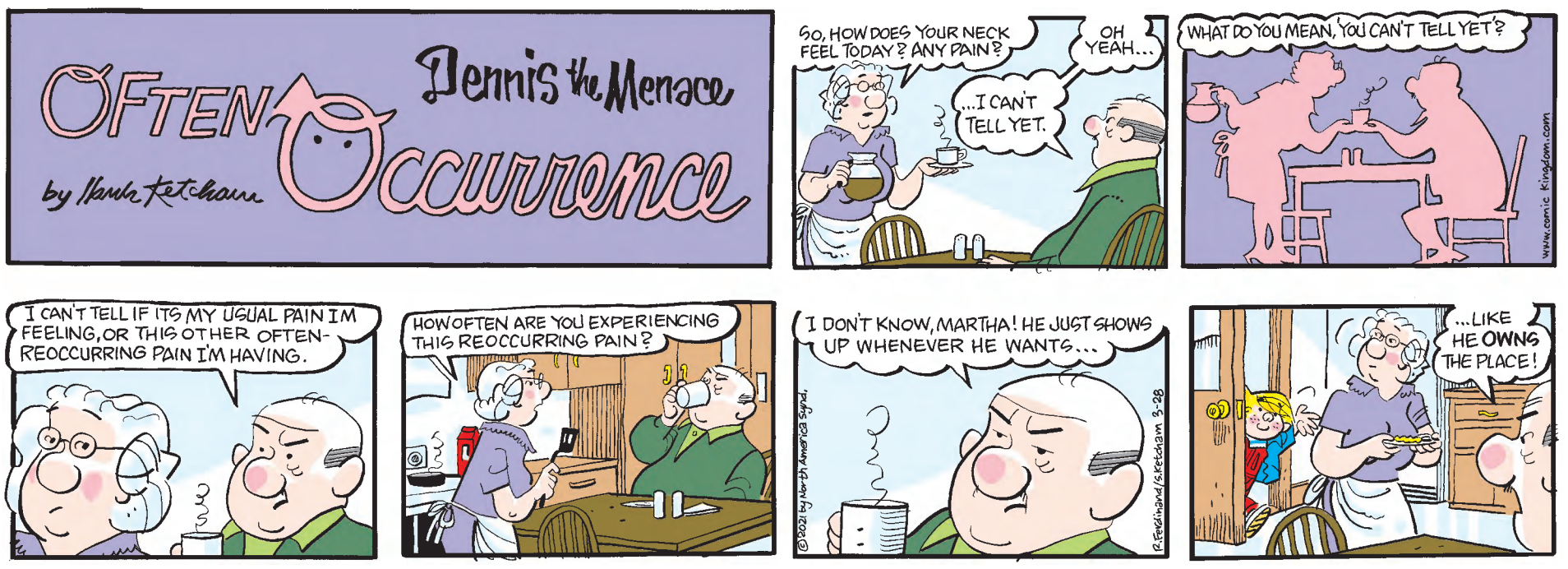
OFTEN Occurrence
Dennis the Menace
by Hank Ketcham
SO, HOW DOES YOUR NECK FEEL TODAY? ANY PAIN?
OH YEAH...
...I CAN'T TELL YET.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, 'YOU CAN'T TELL YET'?
www.comic kingdom.com
I CAN'T TELL IF ITS MY USUAL PAIN IM FEELING, OR THIS OTHER OFTEN-REOCCURRING PAIN I'M HAVING.
HOW OFTEN ARE YOU EXPERIENCING THIS REOCCURRING PAIN?
I DON'T KNOW, MARTHA! HE JUST SHOWS UP WHENEVER HE WANTS...
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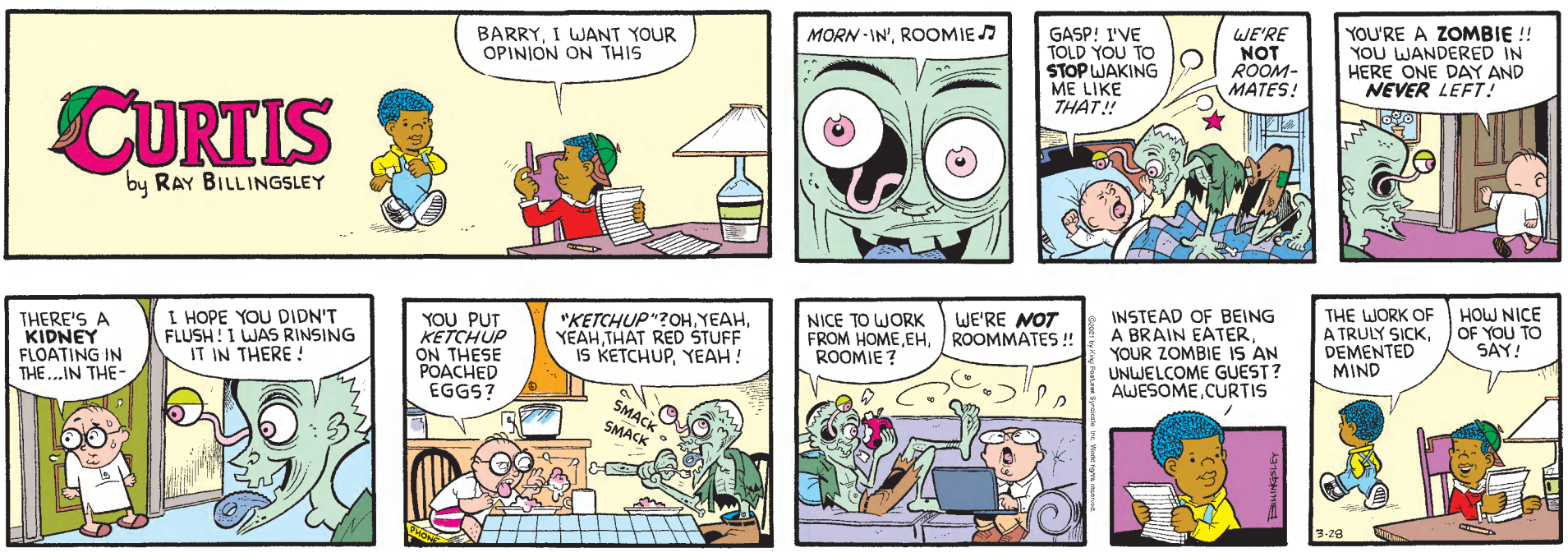
R. Ferdinand/S. Ketcham 3-28
...LIKE HE OWNS THE PLACE!


CURTIS
by RAY BILLINGSLEY
BARRY, I WANT YOUR OPINION ON THIS
MORN-IN', ROOMIE♫
GASP! I'VE TOLD YOU TO STOP WAKING ME LIKE THAT!!
WE'RE NOT ROOM-MATES!
YOU'RE A ZOMBIE!! YOU WANDERED IN HERE ONE DAY AND NEVER LEFT!
THERE'S A KIDNEY FLOATING IN THE...IN THE-
I HOPE YOU DIDN'T FLUSH! I WAS RINSING IT IN THERE!
YOU PUT KETCHUP ON THESE POACHED EGGS?
"KETCHUP"? OH, YEAH, YEAH, THAT RED STUFF IS KETCHUP, YEAH!
SMACK SMACK
PHONE
NICE TO WORK FROM HOME, EH, ROOMIE?
WE'RE NOT ROOMMATES!!
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INSTEAD OF BEING A BRAIN EATER, YOUR ZOMBIE IS AN UNWELCOME GUEST? AWESOME, CURTIS
THE WORK OF A TRULY SICK, DEMENTED MIND
HOW NICE OF YOU TO SAY!
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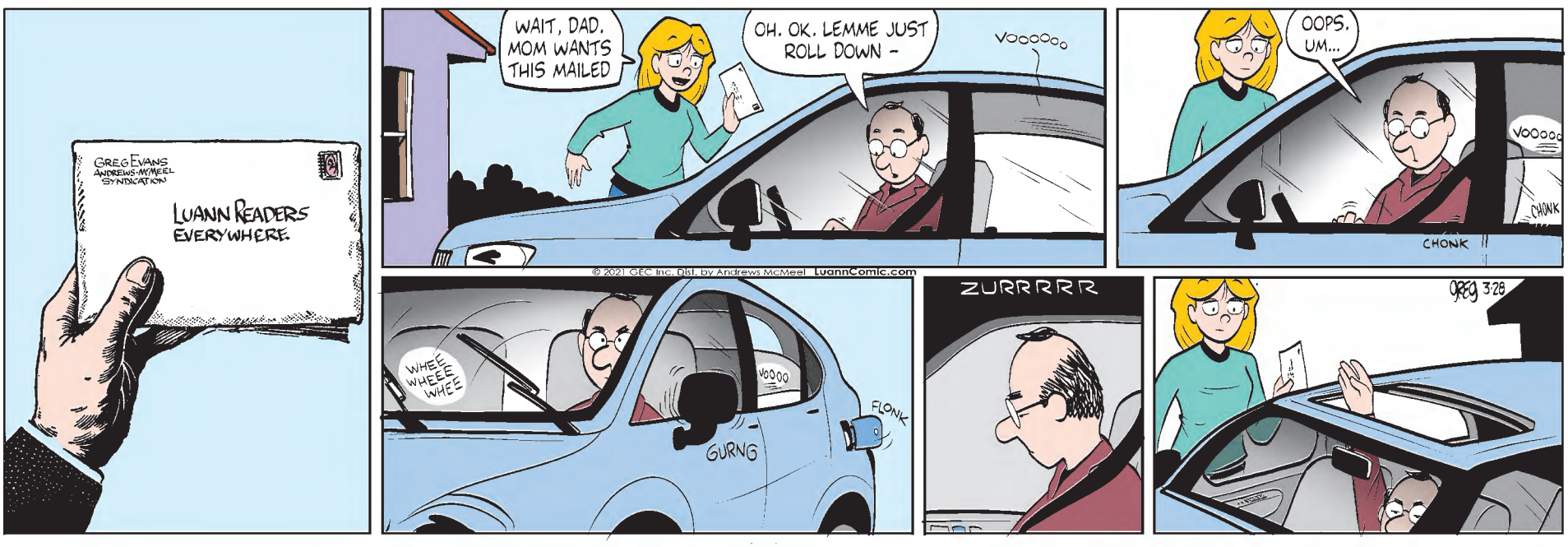
GREG EVANS ANDREWS-MCMEEL SYNDICATION
LUANN READERS EVERYWHERE
WAIT, DAD. MOM WANTS THIS MAILED
OH. OK. LEMME JUST ROLL DOWN -
VOOOOOO
OOPS. UM...
VOOOOO
CHONK
CHONK
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WHEE WHEEE WHEE
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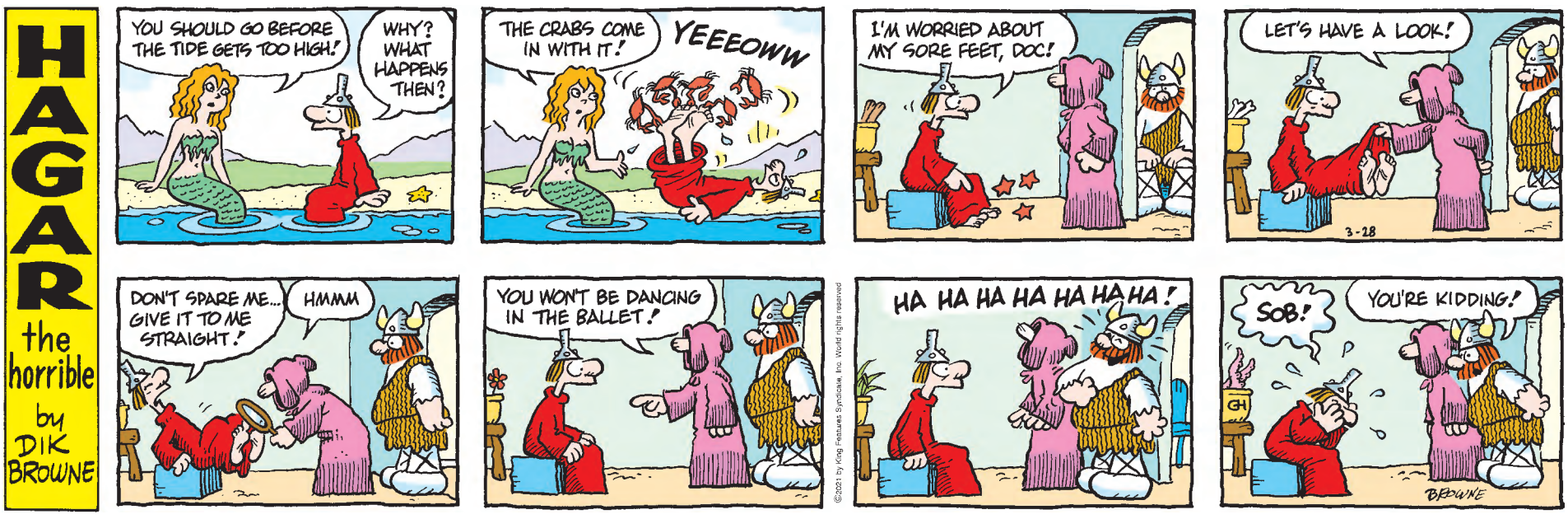
HAGAR the horrible by DIK BROWNE
YOU SHOULD GO BEFORE THE TIDE GETS TOO HIGH!
WHY? WHAT HAPPENS THEN?
THE CRABS COME IN WITH IT!
YEEEOWW
I'M WORRIED ABOUT MY SORE FEET, DOC!
LET'S HAVE A LOOK!
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DON'T SPARE ME... GIVE IT TO ME STRAIGHT!
HMMM
YOU WON'T BE DANCING IN THE BALLET!
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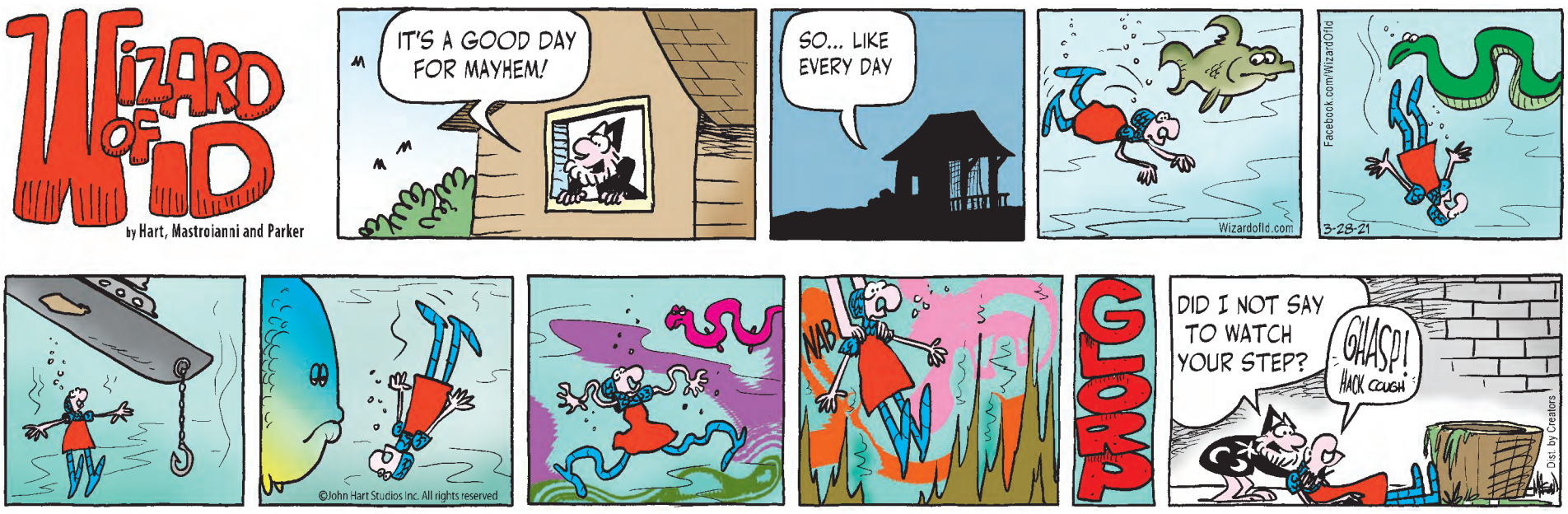
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!
SOB!
YOU'RE KIDDING!
BROWNE


WIZARD OF ID by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker
IT'S A GOOD DAY FOR MAYHEM!
SO... LIKE EVERY DAY
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NAB
GLORP
DID I NOT SAY TO WATCH YOUR STEP?
GHASP! HACK COUGH
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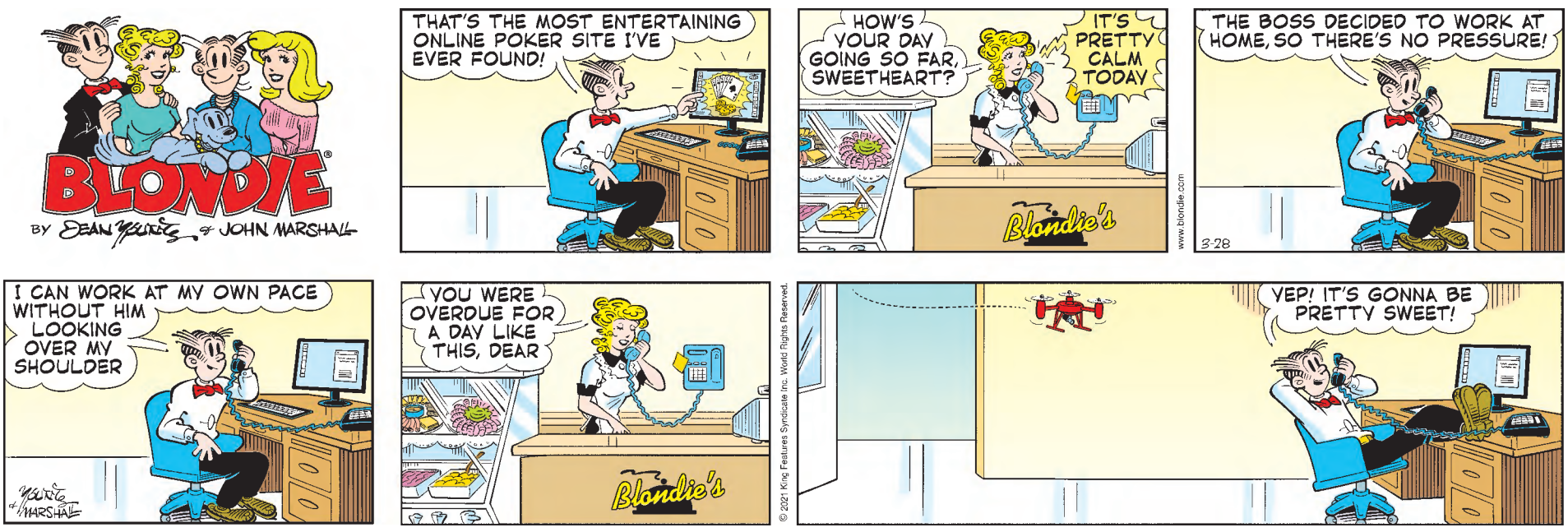
BLONDIE BY DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL
THAT'S THE MOST ENTERTAINING ONLINE POKER SITE I'VE EVER FOUND!
HOW'S YOUR DAY GOING SO FAR, SWEETHEART?
IT'S PRETTY CALM TODAY
Blondie's
www.blondie.com
THE BOSS DECIDED TO WORK AT HOME, SO THERE'S NO PRESSURE!
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I CAN WORK AT MY OWN PACE WITHOUT HIM LOOKING OVER MY SHOULDER
YOU WERE OVERDUE FOR A DAY LIKE THIS, DEAR
Blondie's
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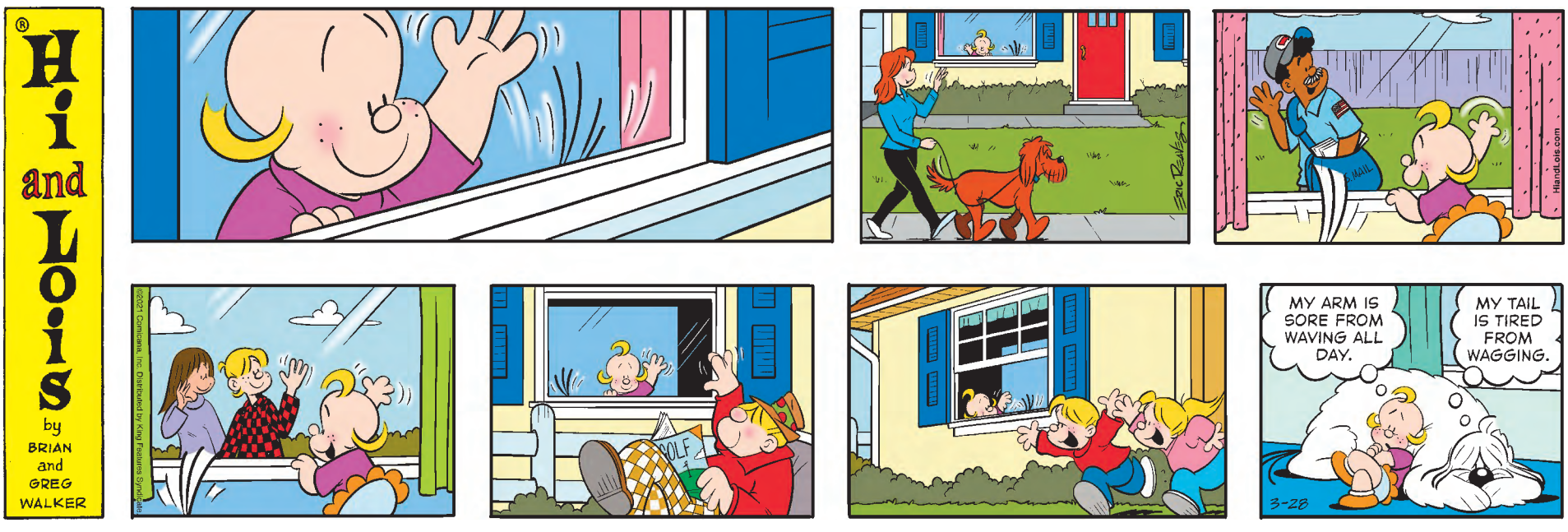
YEP! IT'S GONNA BE PRETTY SWEET!


Hi and Lois by BRIAN and GREG WALKER
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GOLF
MAIL
HiandLois.com
MY ARM IS SORE FROM WAVING ALL DAY.
MY TAIL IS TIRED FROM WAGGING.
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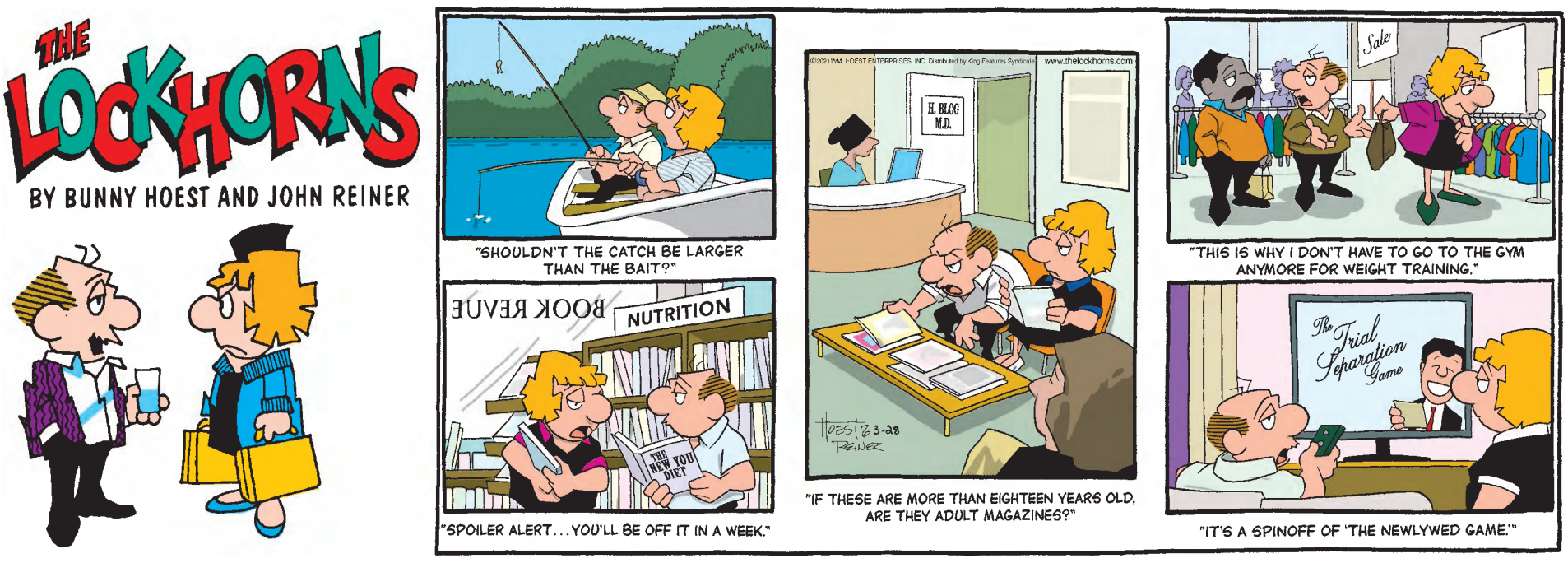

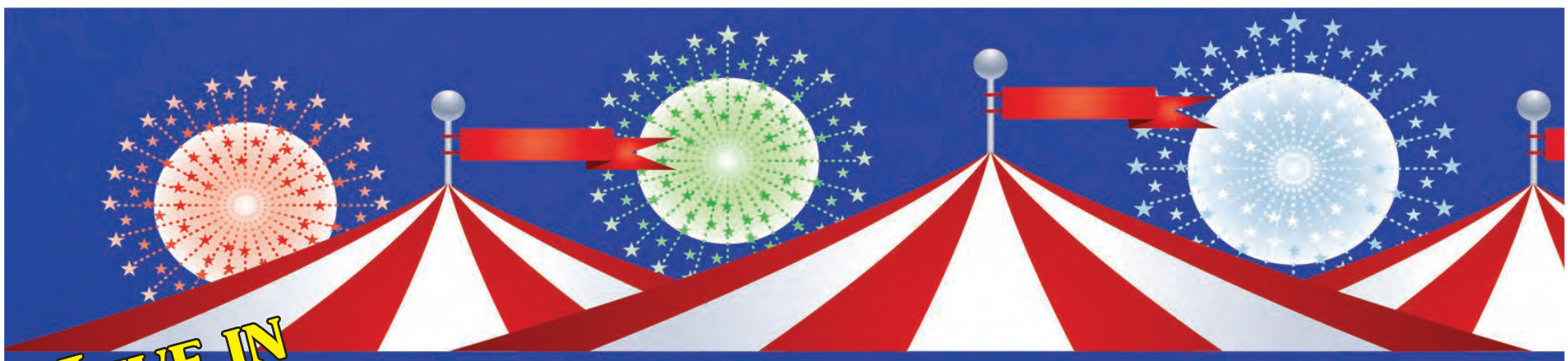

LIVE IN CONCERT

The Dennis Lee Show

Monday, March 29, 2021 ▸ 7:00 p.m.

Citrus County Fair Auditorium

$5.00

Advance Concert Ticket

Citrus County Fairgrounds Auditorium
3600 S. Florida Avenue, Inverness, FL

Tickets:
Citrus County Fair
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Concert at 7:00 p.m.

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PRE-FAIR WEEK FESTIVITIES:
SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 11 A.M.: ● Horse Show
SATURDAY, MARCH 27:
Last chance to enter competitive exhibits
● Goat Show ● Sheep Show
SUNDAY, MARCH 28: ● Open Beef Show

TUES., MARCH 30
5:00-10:00 PM
WRISTBAND
$15.00*
$1.00 GATE ADMISSION

WED., MARCH 31
1:00-10:00 PM
SENIOR & MILITARY DAY
Seniors 55 & Older $5.00 Admission
5:00-10:00 PM
CHRONICLE NIGHT
$2 discount on $20 Midway wristband w/coupon*
MIDWAY OPENS AT 5PM

THURS., APRIL 1
7:00 PM-12:00 AM
MIDNIGHT MAGIC
$20 WRISTBAND SPECIAL*

FRI., APRIL 2
1:00-5:00 PM
SCHOOL DAY
STUDENTS FREE UNTIL 5:00 PM
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7:00-11:00 PM
FRIDAY NIGHT MAGIC
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SAT., APRIL 3
11:00 AM-4:00 PM
DAYTIME MAGIC
$20 WRISTBAND SPECIAL*
6:00-10:00 PM
SATURDAY NIGHT MAGIC
$20 WRISTBAND SPECIAL*

SUN., APRIL 4
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NO GATE ADMISSION
BONUS MIDWAY SPECIAL
$22 WRISTBAND SPECIAL*
ENTER AT MAIN GATE ONLY

SATURDAY, APRIL 3
12:30 P.M.
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