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NEWS BRIEFS

Nominate Citrus' top citizen

The Citrus County Chronicle is seeking nominees for 2020 Citizen of the Year. Winners in the past have been honored for everything from philanthropy to volunteerism, civil rights work to service to country, and environmental efforts to governmental initiatives.

While all nominations are considered, preference is usually given to community contributions that are above and beyond the role one plays in their day-to-day job.

Email nominations, in 200 words or less, to Editor Jeff Bryan at jeff.bryan@chronicleonline.com; or, mail to Jeff Bryan, 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429 by Dec. 15. Nominations received after Dec. 15 will not be considered.

Nominate Citrus' top nonprofit

The Citrus County Chronicle is seeking nominees for 2021 Nonprofit Organization of the Year.

While all nominations are considered, preference is usually given to contributions that are above and beyond the role one organization plays in its day-to-day community efforts.

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Turnpike meetings scheduled

FDOT has scheduled two public meetings in early December to begin the process of a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study for the Northern Turnpike Extension. The meetings will be held Dec. 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the College of Central Florida, 15390 U.S. 19, Chiefland, and Dec. 9, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the College of Central Florida, 3800 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto.

Meetings can be attended either in person, or virtually VIA Computer, or by telephone. You can register for the meetings at <https://tinyurl.com/acbberdj>.

A link to the FDOT environmental evaluation process and maps can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/s4dpx4xa>.

— From staff reports

Local tapped for top post

Dr. Peter Tan named civilian aide to Army Secretary Christine Wormuth

MARGO WILSON
Special to the Chronicle

A Citrus County former Army commander received an award Nov. 16 that no one in the county has received before.

Col. Peter Tan of Herndon was inducted as a

Civilian Aide to Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth. Tan joined eight others from across the continental United States and Guam who were appointed to the post.

The ceremony was on Zoom and 13 people

watched the event from Tan's house as the secretary discussed the mission of the program and talked about each inductee. Then she administered the oath of office to the aides.

"It definitely was a big honor to be selected and

be recognized by the secretary and have the opportunity to serve the U.S. Army and the nation at the highest levels," Tan said. "The responsibility we have is an important one for the success of the future of the Army."

In his new role, Tan will serve "like the eyes and ears" of the secretary, said Curt Ebitz, adjutant with Citrus County's Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776 Military Order of the Purple Heart.

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ART IN THE SPOTLIGHT



STEPHEN SHANER/For the Chronicle

ABOVE: Ronny Blackwell, Laura Porter and their 4-year-old son, Oliver, watch the new mural being painted Saturday morning while visiting the Inverness Festival of the Arts. Originally from Michigan and now living in Inverness, the couple says they love the variety of festivals in the area and were impressed with the quality of the art for sale. The Inverness Festival of the Arts, celebrating its 50th year, continues from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Courthouse Square.

RIGHT: Artist Richard Franklin finishes signing a print for a customer Saturday morning at the Inverness Festival of the Arts. Franklin, who lives in Galveston, Texas, travels to art shows full time with his wife Shelly in their RV. The former teacher and nonprofit employee says he works in a "naive style" and tries to find his own voice from a southern standpoint.

Festival of the Arts returns to Inverness



A customer selects a decorative wire tree created by Joe Lewis of Polk City. Lewis, who began creating art to sell after he retired six years ago, uses aluminum, brass and copper wire to sculpt his unique items.

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Citrus jobless rate falls 0.1 percentage point

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Citrus County's unemployment rate in October fell 0.1 percentage point to 5.2%, according to data released Friday by the Florida Department of

Economic Opportunity (FDEO).

It was 5.3% the previous month and 5.8% in September 2020.

Regionally, the numbers were positive.

Dale French, CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion (CLM) executive vice

president, said the numbers across all three counties show great improvement for current talent pool shortages.

"Not only are we seeing labor force figures rising, but the numbers also indicate that individuals gaining employment are

outpacing labor force growth," French said. "This shows that workers who had previously dropped out of the labor force are also returning to work."

Citrus tied with Sumter County for the sixth highest unemployment rate in

the state at 5.2%. Here are highlights from FDEO's October report:

■ Citrus County's labor force increased by 440 over the month to 49,128.

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WEEK IN REVIEW

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

LET THE SPLASHING BEGIN



JEFF BRYAN/Chronicle

Four-year-olds Thomas Bleakley and Charlotte Bolin run through the newly constructed Crystal River Splash Pad on Friday, Nov. 12, as city officials hosted a unique "ribbon cutting." The venue opens to the public Tuesday, Nov. 23. Thomas is the son of Meredith Linley, executive director for Crystal River Main Street, and Charlotte is the daughter of Leslie Bolin, the city of Crystal River's events and marketing director.

GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

The NFL is coming to Inverness. At a recent Inverness City Council meeting it was announced that the National Football League's flag football program will be utilizing Whispering Pines Park for some of its teams' training and games.

The NFL's flag football program has more than 1,600 teams and more than 500,000 youth athletes ages 4-17 participating in the program across the country.

"This is a pretty big deal for Whispering Pines to get something like this," Inverness Parks and Recreation director Woody Worley told the council. "(And it brings more people into the park.)"

For questions and information about registration, contact league organizer Jason Grace at 352-302-7591 or alissagrace@yahoo.com.

HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK

The news that the county's bid to purchase Pirates Cove in Ozello was rejected prompted people to comment on the Chronicle Facebook page. Here's what some said:

■ **Karissa Gandee:** "Good. The county doesn't need to buy any more land, especially since they can't afford to maintain boat ramps and want to raise taxes to 'pay for roads.' Proper budgeting doesn't look like not being able to afford the responsibilities you already have, asking for more money from people, and then spending 600 thousand dollars unnecessarily."

■ **GiGi Galasso:** "How about leave it alone?"

■ **Letta Alexander:** "The county can leave it alone but it's for sale and eventually it will sell. So I see it as preserved as a park or developed into condos or a hotel. Either will increase

traffic. Choose your poison carefully." ■ **Laura McKee:** "Saying we don't need a park is not looking forward to the future. Maybe we don't right this moment, but future generations will need more parks. Look at the growth we're experiencing. That isn't bound to stop anytime soon. More important things should have been budgeted all along. And there will still be crumbling roads 50 years from now, but there won't be much room to add more waterfront parks."

■ **Wanda L. Lynch-Sentz:** "The traffic on Ozello Trail is getting crazy ... with all the traffic on U.S. 19, more accidents are happening. I have lived here since the 90's and so many people run that light. Could you imagine a hotel or park at the end of that winding road and the traffic that it would generate? No thank you for now."

THE MOST POPULAR STORIES FROM THE WEEK THAT WAS

Crystal River unveils splash pad park

After conceptualizing the idea around four years ago, Crystal River unveiled its Splash Pad Park the morning of Friday, Nov. 12, next to its water tower on the northeast corner of Northeast First Avenue and Northeast Fifth Street.

Nov. 23 is the first day the park opens to the public. Along with Crystal River's Town Square and Riverwalk, this park makes up another component of the city's plans to better weave the business and amenities along Citrus Avenue.

"Today, it's become a reality, and I'm just so excited to be here," City Manager Ken Frink said, introducing observers of the park's soft opening. "What you see now is the next phase in turning downtown Crystal River into a destination for all the state to come and enjoy."

Duke coal plant implosions signal end of an era

A foggy morning delayed the end of an era, but it ended nonetheless as more than 350 explosives with a force of about 300 pounds imploded two 500-foot-tall stacks at Duke Energy's Crystal River coal plant in Citrus County on Saturday, Nov. 13.

While many cheered when the earth rumbled as the stacks came down, some were somber, as they said farewell to a friend that reliably served Floridians for more than 50 years, said Heather Danenhower, Duke Energy spokeswoman.

Duke retired the plant in 2018 when its 1,640-megawatt Citrus Combined Cycle Station, a natural gas plant, came online.

One hundred percent of the steel, copper and other metals, along with the concrete, will be recycled.



Data shows Citrus still a commuter county

According to Cory Weaver, director of operations for Career-Source Citrus Levy Marion (CLM), the pandemic not only changed people's lives, it also affected the workforce in ways that may have a lasting impact in the way employees and employers co-exist.

The data shows that Citrus remains a commuter county. The majority of employees (24,939) live here but work out of county; 18,138 live and work here; 13,046 work here but live elsewhere.

Weaver said many employers are having trouble finding employees because many of them are looking for new careers and learning skills to better their financial status.

Weaver also said CLM can help job seekers and career-changers in three ways: through work-based learning grants, job fairs and other such events and free online training.

Learn more at: <http://citruslevymarion.skillupamerica.org>.

County's bid for Pirate's Cove rejected

Pirate's Cove, a pristine 3.6-acre site with 750 feet of water frontage and abuts an existing park, has sat idle since the restaurant/motel on it was destroyed by the 1993 no-name storm and later demolished in 2010 — and the county wants to buy it.

However, a recent bid of \$616,000 to buy the Pirate's Cove property off Ozello Trail has been rejected.

The county had received two appraisals: one for \$616,000 and another for \$700,000.

"The seller has decided to decline it," local Realtor Steve Varnadoe advised the board. "The price and undefined terms just doesn't interest her at this time."

County Commissioner Jeff Kinnard remains hopeful a deal can be made if it includes private support.

"Obviously, there will need to be a significant amount of private money to come into this," said Kinnard, the board's strongest supporter of the county buying Pirate's Cove. "People who want to see this property preserved as a public park — those are the folks we're going to need to step up and help out."

Teen suffers with rare, debilitating form of epilepsy

April Haganeay describes her daughter Maegan's condition this way: It's like someone with dementia or Alzheimer's plus teenage hormones.

Maegan Haganeay, 16, suffers with a rare form of epilepsy called PCDH19. She had her first PCDH19 seizure at 13 months. The Chronicle has been following her since she was 9.

For most of her life, Maegan and her family have lived in a state of perpetual waiting, waiting for the next seizure or cluster of seizures.

Besides painful headaches and an all-over body soreness, the seizures affect her memory and, over time, have severely affected her cognition.

"Sometimes we'll start seeing our 'old kid' shining through, but then she'll regress," April Haganeay said. "At one time she was in gifted classes at school, but now she's in a special needs class with a special curriculum and a bunch of accommodations. Now, after a seizure, she can't walk or talk or swallow very well."

"But we have our faith, and there's joy in the people we're surrounded by, and there's always hope that they'll find a cure for this," she said. "They (researchers) know so much, but there's still much to learn."



"I really felt the Lord was giving me a gift of letting me know we're all on the right track with this."

— COMMISSIONER RUTHIE DAVIS SCHLABACH AFTER LEARNING TWO DONORS GAVE \$515K TOWARD THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ANIMAL SHELTER, A PROJECT SHE HAS BEEN FIGHTING HARD FOR.



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Are they needy — or just greedy?

The man on the other end of the phone is desperate. He needs several hundred dollars so he can travel north to be with his dying child. It is a heartbreaking story but some of the pieces don't add up and when questioned about details, such as where his child is being treated, he can't provide the answers. You tell him that you are very sorry for his troubles, but you can't help him right now. That's when he ends his call abruptly.

A young woman approaches you in the gas station parking lot. She asks you for \$20 to help

her pay for gas. She just needs to get "down the road a ways" to her grandparents' home. You start to reach in your wallet and think better of it. You ask her where her car is. She mumbles an answer. You offer to pay for her gas instead of giving her cash and she mumbles, "Whatever," before walking away.

With economic uncertainty and hard times



Amy Douglas
SENIORS VS. CRIME

lingering for many families, there are a lot of people in our community who need help. Unfortunately, these unpredictable times also bring out the con artists. These unworthy individuals go from city to city, house to house and religious organization to religious organization. Their tales of woe pull at the heartstrings of caring individuals and organizations, ultimately conning their victims out of money and making it difficult to get help for those who are truly in need of assistance.

It is only natural to want to help others. However, when making charitable contributions, it is important to use your head as well as your heart. Knowing which needs are legitimate and which needs are fabricated can be difficult. Fortunately, there are precautions you can take to avoid being conned by these unscrupulous thieves.

■ Never give money spontaneously. If possible,

investigate the request thoroughly and make certain there is a need.

■ When making a donation through crowdfunding sites such as GoFundMe, verify the details prior to making the donation.

■ Never give cash or gift cards, especially to individuals. Consider donating to charities working your area, rather than giving directly to individuals.

■ If a person requests money to pay a utility bill, write a check directly to the utility company and mail it yourself. That way, you know the money is going to be used as you intended.

■ When someone requests money for food, purchase groceries or a meal from a restaurant, instead of handing over cash.

While it can be challenging to distinguish between the truly needy and the truly greedy, doing a little bit of homework before giving money will ensure that the funds you give are going to make a difference in someone else's life, and not end up in the pockets of a scam artist.

Amy Douglas is the Senior Services Coordinator for the Citrus County Sheriff's Office.

Man charged with battery; allegedly tried to bite officer

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An Inverness man tried to bite a deputy's fingers after being arrested for trespassing at a local Save A Lot, according to a Citrus County Sheriff's Office arrest report.

Joseph Auger, 41, was arrested and charged with violence, trespass other property after warning and battery of law enforcement officer. Bond was set at \$11,000.

On Nov. 17, a deputy was dispatched to the Save A Lot in Inverness in reference to a verbal



Joseph Auger

disturbance. Upon arrival, individuals reported that Auger was trying to fight people in the parking lot.

According to the report, the deputy walked up to Auger, who was sitting in front of the Family Dollar located in the same plaza. He was believed to be intoxicated due to his slurred speech and shouting of obscenities.

Auger initially refused to provide his name and reportedly became agitated when the deputy repeated the request. When he provided his name, it was discovered that he had been trespassing from the location just two days prior.

The deputy placed

Auger under arrest, handcuffed him and escorted him to the patrol vehicle. While patting Auger down, he reportedly spit on the patrol vehicle multiple times and attempted to pull away.

According to the report, Auger refused to get into the patrol vehicle after being given a loud verbal warning. The deputy grabbed ahold of Auger's bicep to push him into the back seat and Auger spit in his face.

Auger was shoved into the back seat with both hands, but the deputy was reportedly unable to close the door because he was kicking him and attempting to exit the car. The deputy shoved Auger further into the vehicle

with one hand on his face and the other on his body.

Auger reportedly attempted to bite the deputy's fingers. The deputy then struck him in the face with a closed fist. Auger was secured and transported to the Citrus County Detention Facility.

On the ride there, Auger allegedly continued to spit on the back seat of the patrol vehicle. He also told the deputy he wanted to "catch (him) out in the world and fight (him)."

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Annual rodeo wraps up Saturday night



SYDNEY AKENS/For the Chronicle
ABOVE: Four-year-old Oliver Jackson plays cowboy with his lasso Friday, Nov. 19, at the 25th annual Citrus Stampede Rodeo at the Citrus County Fairgrounds in Inverness. The rodeo had plenty of games, refreshments and good food while getting geared up for the big event to begin. All proceeds benefit the 4-H program, providing scholarships to local students.



RIGHT: Jax Crusco, 5, lassos a mock bull Friday, Nov. 19 with volunteer Desiree King keeping a watchful eye during a children's game at the 25th annual Citrus Stampede Rodeo at the Citrus County Fairgrounds in Inverness.

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Around the COUNTY

Citrus cyclist struck, killed in Marion County

A 57-year-old Citrus Springs man was struck and killed by a motorist in the early morning hours of Saturday, Nov. 20, along State Road 200, according to a Florida High Patrol crash report.

The Citrus Springs man, who was not identified in the report, was riding a bicycle while traveling east within the designated bicycle lane, adjacent to the outside right lane State Road 200, east of Southwest 90th Street, the report stated. A 23-year-old Ocala man, driving a pickup truck, drifted toward the right out of its travel lane, entered the bicycle lane and struck the bicyclist's rear section with its right front section. The incident occurred at 6:10 a.m. Saturday.

According to the report, the bicyclist was pronounced deceased on the scene by Marion County Fire Rescue. The driver of the truck did not sustain any injuries during the crash.

WTC to have open house event Dec. 2

Withlacoochee Technical College (WTC) will host an open house event from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Dec. 2, 1201 W. Main St. in Inverness.

Interested persons are invited to visit the college, meet the instructors, visit classrooms and shops, ask questions, enroll in classes and learn more about WTC and the programs it offers.

Most programs at WTC can be completed in one school year or less. Among the 22 career and technical education programs offered are medical assisting, nursing assistant, cosmetology, medical coder/biller, industrial machinery controls technician, automotive service technology,

professional culinary arts and hospitality, technology support services and massage therapy.

Additional programs offered include adult education such as GED preparation and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). Additionally, law enforcement and corrections training are available through the Public Safety Academy.

WTC is fully accredited by the Council on Occupational Education. Financial assistance is available for qualifying programs for qualified students, including veterans.

Holiday grief support available for children, teens

Children and teens who have experienced the loss of a loved one will discover ways to address grief and learn to cope at the Camp Good Hope and Teen Encounter Mini-Camp from 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 4, at the Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane in Homosassa.

Camps bring together grief professionals and volunteers to help campers learn about loss and healing through interactive stations and support. The theme for the December gathering is "Navigating Through the Holidays After Loss."

The family unit is encouraged to attend camp along with children/teens. To register a camper for Camp Good Hope (ages 6 through fifth-grade) or Teen Encounter Mini-Camp (middle and high school students), call 352-249-1470 or email info@friendsofcitrus.org.

Camper applications must be completed by Nov. 29. A \$10-per-camper registration fee reserves a space. Scholarships are available upon request. Camps observe CDC guidelines.

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Weekly state roundup: It's all about the Brandons

RYAN DAILEY
The News Service of
Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Ron DeSantis let a Tampa-area burg do the trolling for him this week as he signed four bills aimed at fighting vaccination mandates pursued by President Joe Biden's administration.

The Republican-dominated Florida Legislature signed off on the measures during a three-day special session that paved the way for the governor's bill-signing event Thursday at Brandon Honda in Hillsborough County.

DeSantis has spent months battling with the Biden administration about COVID-19 policies, and Thursday's event was held in a community that shares a name with part of a conservative derogatory slogan about President Joe Biden — "Let's Go Brandon."

When asked whether his choice of the Brandon dealership to sign the bills was a nod to the "Let's Go Brandon" meme, DeSantis replied with a grin that he held the event in the unincorporated community because it is a "great American city."

DeSantis' political committee, Friends of Ron DeSantis, quickly capitalized on the choice of venue for the bill-signing ceremony in a fundraising email with the subject line "Fighting Brandon's Mandates ... from Brandon, FL."

Ducking the job

DeSantis on Thursday touted the suite of bills passed by the Republican-dominated Legislature as the "strongest piece of legislation that's been enacted anywhere in the country."

The main bill (HB 1B), which the governor called the special session's "big enchilada," allows Florida

private-sector workers to avoid vaccination requirements if they provide medical reasons, religious reasons or can demonstrate "COVID-19 immunity."

Also, employees can be exempt if they agree to regular COVID-19 testing or agree to wear personal protective equipment. Employers could face fines up to \$50,000 per violation if they don't properly follow the law.

The bill also bars government agencies from requiring workers to be vaccinated, and reinforces a law known as the "Parents' Bill of Rights" to ban student mask and vaccination requirements in public schools.

DeSantis defended his efforts to overrule local governments and the federal government on issues like mandates during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The states are the primary vehicles to protect people's freedoms, their health, their safety, their welfare, in our constitutional system," DeSantis said during Thursday's bill-signing ceremony. "What Biden is doing is not constitutional. There has never been a federal vaccine mandate imposed on the general public."

Another bill (HB 3B) signed by DeSantis Thursday creates a public-records exemption related to allegations that employers have violated the law preventing vaccination mandates. The exemption would shield from public release information about investigations into the alleged violations.

Other bills signed Thursday included a controversial measure (HB 5B) that will start a process to move away from oversight of worker safety by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration. A fourth bill (HB 7B) strips the state surgeon general of

authority to order vaccinations during public health emergencies.

Democrats criticized the new laws and the special session, which they decried as a waste of time and as being about DeSantis' widely speculated White House ambitions in 2024.

Moody over mandates

As DeSantis thumbed his nose at Biden with this week's special session, Moody launched an attack on another front.

Calling the Biden administration's actions "reckless," the state attorney general filed a federal lawsuit Wednesday challenging a federal requirement that workers at hospitals, nursing homes and other health-care providers be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Moody asked a judge to issue an injunction or temporary restraining order that would block the requirement before Dec. 6. Under the federal regulation, health-care workers are required to receive at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine by that day.

STORY OF THE WEEK: Gov. Ron DeSantis quickly signed into law four bills from a special legislative session this week aimed primarily at preventing workers from being required to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "This is political theater. This is not about helping anyone. This is not about guaranteeing anyone's freedoms. This is not about governmental policy. This is about two men having a measuring contest that they should have in private, and instead they're letting it spill out in front of full public view." — House Minority Co-Leader Evan Jenne, D-Dania Beach, on this week's special legislative session.

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Obituaries

Alma Nibling, 92

FLORAL CITY

Alma M. Nibling, 92, of Floral City, FL, passed away November 4, 2021, at the Marliere Hospice House in New Port Richey, FL. Alma was born in Akron, Ohio on May 29, 1929, to the late Chester and Mary Catherine (Mullhair) Udell.



Alma Nibling

On January 3, 1946, Alma married the love of her life, Cecil Nibling, with whom she shared 70 years of marriage. For years Alma enjoyed life as a homemaker, one who had several exceptional talents including professional cake decorating & catering, seamstress, and artistic painting, with reverse glass painting her specialty. Later Alma began working in the medical field as a physician assistant. In 1990, Alma and Cecil moved from Akron, Ohio to Floral City, Florida. Alma continued working as a physician assistant until retiring; she continued painting and also took up card-making. Alma attended New Testament Baptist Church in Floral City during her time in Florida.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters: Sandra Meyers and husband, David, of Akron, OH; and Carolyn Pennell of The Woodlands, TX; grandchildren: Scott Meyers, Brian Meyers, and Jennifer Pennell; and great grandchild, Jennifer Meyers. In addition to her husband Cecil, she was preceded in death by her sons, Bruce Nibling in January 2002, John Nibling in September 2021; and her four siblings: Anita Miller, Ellanore Bilich, Gerald Udell and Elmer Udell.

Alma will be interred with her husband at the Western Reserve National Cemetery in Seville, OH. Private cremation with care is provided by the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

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Nathanael Reynolds, 21

HERNANDO

The Service of Remembrance for Nathanael Eli Reynolds, 21, of Hernando, FL, who died on Saturday, November 13, 2021 in Ocala, FL, will be held at 11:00 AM, Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Inverness.



Nathanael Reynolds

Nate was born on July 19, 2000 in Gainesville, FL and was the son of Tracy and Felicia (Corne) Reynolds. He was an electrician and worked for SRE Electrical in

Ocala. Nate was a 2018 graduate of Citrus High School and loved riding his motorcycle, racing and all athletics. Most of all Nate loved his fiancé Jade.

Nate is survived by his parents, Tracy and Felicia Reynolds, his fiancé, Jade Panyko, along with his 3 brothers, Jake, Aaron and Isaac Reynolds, and his sister, Emily Reynolds. He is also survived by his maternal grandparents, Tim and Karen Redlin and his paternal grandmother Judy Reynolds. In addition, Nate is survived by Jade's mother and father, Judie Banfield and Joe Joe Panyko, her grandfather, Joe Panyko and her brother Joe Panyko, III.

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Timothy Paul, 69

FLORAL CITY

Timothy L. Paul, 69, of Floral City, FL passed away on November 13th, 2021 under the care of Oak Hill Hospital of Brooksville, FL.

A Celebration of Life, held at First Christian Church of Inverness, will be held on Monday, November 22, 2021 at 11:00AM. Cremation with Care is under the direction of Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, FL.

Robert Schantz, 85

INVERNESS

Robert A Schantz, age 85, Inverness, FL passed away November 18, 2021 at the Vitas Hospice House in Lecanto, FL. Robert was born in Gibson City, IL on December 1, 1935. He was predeceased in death by his parents, Albert P. Schantz & Hazel D. Schantz and brother, Delmar Schantz.



Robert Schantz

Bob graduated from Gibson City High and earned a full athletic scholarship toward his college BS degree. He was inducted into the Gibson City High Hall of Athletic Fame in 2013 for his efforts in basketball and football. After 18 years coaching and teaching in Fort Lauderdale, he moved to Inverness in 1977. He taught Metal and Wood Shop, Drafting and Drivers' Ed at Crystal River High School until his retirement in 1995. He then worked parttime at Plantation Golf Course for 25 years. Bob enjoyed Tennis, Golf, woodworking, traveling, fishing, RV camping and spending time with his family.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 57 years, Josephine Davis Schantz; 2 children; Robert Schantz, Jr and his wife Shelley of Inverness; Deanna Hadley and husband Jeffrey of Citrus Springs; 1 brother, Edward Schantz; 4 sisters: Betty Sallee, Ruth Mettauer, Jean Williams and Wilma Streenz; 5 grandchildren:

Sydney, Taylor and Tyler Schantz; Tyler and Trent Hadley.

There will be a private Memorial Service soon. Cremation with care by Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness.

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Mary Ann Terrian, 72

INVERNESS

Mary Ann Terrian, 72, of Inverness, FL passed away on October 22nd, 2021 under the care of her family and hospice at her home. A Celebration of Life will be held at Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, FL on Monday, November 29, 3:00 PM. The family will be receiving friends one hour prior to the service.

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

Betty Skidmore, 66

CRYSTAL RIVER

Betty Jean Salmons Skidmore, 66, of Crystal River, FL passed away unexpectedly from an illness on October 26, 2021. Family was by her side to comfort her.



Betty Skidmore

Betty was born in Alexandria, Virginia to Ennis Lee and James Wesley Salmons Jr on December 22, 1954. Her father was a military officer and the family relocated extensively throughout her early childhood. She graduated from Hernando High School in Brooksville, Florida class of 1973. During her high school career she was the Southern Majorette on the majorette squad; she also played clarinet in the HHS band.

After graduation she met her first husband Erick Preston Smith, with whom she had a daughter Christina Lynn Smith. After Erick's passing, Betty was married to her second husband Larry Joe Skidmore Sr until his untimely passing in 2005. She and Larry ran both Skidmore's Sports Supply and Action Design businesses successfully in Citrus County Florida.

Betty was a member of First Baptist Church of Crystal River. She dearly loved singing in the choir, participating in the annual Living Christmas Tree celebration and other programs. Betty was deeply loved and cherished by family and everyone who met her. She will be dearly missed and always remembered.

Betty was predeceased by her mother, Ennis Lee Salmons, father, James Wesley Salmons Jr., stepfather, Elmer E. "Slim" Simpson, her first husband Erick Preston Smith

and her loving husband Larry Joe Skidmore Sr. She is survived by her daughter Christina Lynn McMinn and husband Brandon of Crystal River, FL; granddaughter Erica Michelle Almeida and husband Nick, also of Crystal River, FL; four great grandchildren, Camilla Almeida, Davey, Felix and Violet; sister Linda Bailey and husband Rick of Johnson City, TN; sister Sarah Lee Simpson Laws of N. Wilkesboro, NC and, niece Karen Marie Laws also of N. Wilkesboro, NC.

Betty requested a celebration of life be held in her honor as opposed to traditional funeral services. We request all of Betty's loved ones to join us in celebrating her beautiful life at a location to be determined on December 22, 2021.

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John Strawbridge III, 78

INVERNESS

John W. Strawbridge III of Inverness, Florida, surrounded by his loving wife Susan and sister-in-law Lorraine



John Strawbridge III

Cramer, passed away Sunday, November 7, 2021 following a brief illness. He was born July 30, 1943, and was a native of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Williamsport High School, briefly attended Penn State University and subsequently graduated in architectural drafting from what was then called the Technical Institute.

He was the first director of the Thomas Taber Museum and later became director of the Hershey Museum in Hershey, PA in the early 1970s. He had a lifelong interest in wildlife, and with his friend,

Clyde Peeling, spent a month in Colima, Mexico filming wild animals; together they designed and built ZooAmerica Wildlife Park in Hershey in the mid-1970s.

John was an avid photographer, a talented illustrator and clever designer who created interpretive signage for many nature centers and parks in East Africa, Central America, Florida, and Pennsylvania. These included Hawk Mountain and most recently a wildlife refuge being developed near State College. He had eclectic tastes in art, classical music, and architecture.

Clyde Peeling tributes their 58-year friendship as important to the development of Reptiland. "It was my good fortune that I met him in 1964 and the synergy that developed between us has influenced my thinking about a variety of subjects ever since. We continued to 'brainstorm' ideas until his death."

John was predeceased by his first wife, Priscilla (Rothermel) of Williamsport, PA. He leaves behind three

stepsons. John is survived by Susan, his loving wife and soul mate for 16 years. Together they shared many wonderful memories, interests and adventures. Both enjoyed and were inspired by the natural world and all its creatures. They also shared an appreciation for art and music, and much more. Adventures together included exploring Florida's rivers, preserves, and trails, as well as art museums and exhibits. In recent years they made several trips to Mid Coast Maine and Monhegan Island where they enjoyed photography, long walks, and painting.

He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Lorraine Cramer and her sons, Gregory Sean Mooney and Jon Mooney, and her daughter Chenoa Sblano. John will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and family pets, Sophie, the tortoise shell cat and Phoebe, the Chihuahua.

A Celebration of John's Life will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.cremationcenterofthenaturecoast.com.

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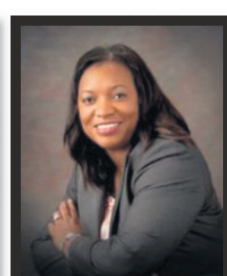
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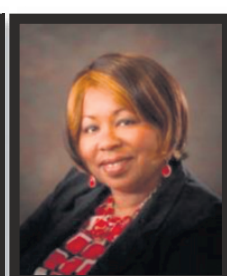
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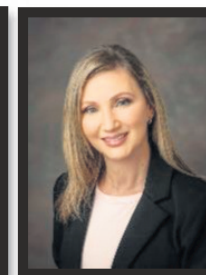
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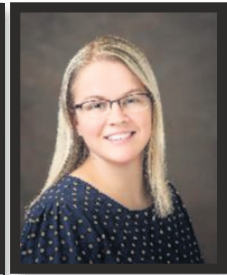
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AIDE

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Among other things, the aide helps in recruitment, in promoting diversity and inclusion in the Army, and in supporting the idea that those who have served in the military are soldiers for life.

Tan retired as a colonel in the Dental Corps of the Army Reserve after 36 years with the Army. He is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon.

Among his many positions, he has served as the highest ranking Reserve Dental Corps officer in the Office of the Surgeon General and Pentagon. He was the second in command of the Pacific Regional Dental Command, as well as of the Europe Regional Dental Command. He commanded the 185th Dental Company and the 7301 Medical Training Support Battalion.

He previously had a private practice in oral and maxillofacial surgery in Maryland and taught for the Army and for the University of Maryland, among other places.

He was president of such groups as the Maryland Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology and its Anesthesiology Research Foundation, and of the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology's Maryland Component, among his many contributions to professional groups.

The ultimate over-achiever, Tan seemingly always has been this way. He was valedictorian of his grade school graduating class. He was a Notre Dame Scholar, an honor extended to only about 13% of the students. Tan was enrolled in ROTC in college and graduated commissioned in field artillery.

However, he immediately was accepted into dental school and was transferred to the Medical Service Corps and the Dental Corps.

Upon graduation, Tan took his dental boards and married Grace Armonio. Then, the Army caught up with the Tans. Peter was sent to Fort Sam Houston for training. Then, he was stationed at Fort Leavenworth, where the Tans had their first child, Kristin.

After that, it was three years as a general practice dentist with the Army, followed by medical school at



Dr. Peter Tan sits with his wife Grace Tuesday, Nov. 16, in their Terra Vista home following his appointment as civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army. Dr. Tan said Tuesday his family includes four generations of soldiers serving the United States.

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

what is now Rutgers University to study oral and maxillofacial surgery. More study followed in craniofacial/maxillofacial surgery and oro-facial pain at St. Louis University School of Medicine/St. Mary's Health Center. Tan also earned dual master of science in health services degrees in public health and emergency/disaster preparedness from Touro University California, in Cypress, Calif.

Today, Tan is somewhat retired. He is president and CEO of TANARM, a consulting firm involved with leadership development, emergency and disaster management, public health consulting and military/defense work.

He is a partner in Academic Innovation Partners Inc., a consulting group that encourages the application of academic research to real-world problems.

Tan and his wife, Grace, were named Family of the Month in January by the St. Scholastica Knights of Columbus Council 14485.

He is president-elect of the Military Officer Association of Citrus County and vice president of the Association of U.S. Army Suncoast Chapter.

His local achievements are all the more impressive because Tan and his wife have lived in Citrus County only since 2019. They moved here from Frederick, Md.

"My concept about retirement is not to go from 100 to zero," Tan said.

He said he wants to

continue being an advisor for those who could use his help. But retirement also means that "I'm able to play golf more. I'm able to enjoy the weather more. And I'm able to have more family time."

On Nov. 12, his daughter, Kristin, gave birth to the Tans' fifth grandchild and first granddaughter.

"For me, I consider this a robust retirement," Tan said.

For his job as civilian aide to the secretary of the Army, Tan is expected to

work only about 120 days a year.

The positions in which Tan remains involved are top-level posts, where people look to him for advice and decisions.

He said his philosophy of being the one to whom others look — the boss — is "to have understanding, to have compassion and empathy. It's not about me, it's about them."

He and his wife chose to retire to Citrus County after vacationing in Florida for years. They

decided to settle in Citrus County after looking in the Tampa/St. Petersburg area, as well as in Naples and Jacksonville. They spotted an ad for Citrus Hills, "and after we saw it, it was a done deal," Tan said.

"We like the climate. There are a good three seasons and a not bad fourth," he said.

He said he also likes that "We're surrounded by so much volunteering. In the Northeast, it's all about jobs. Here, it's volunteering."

Willingly giving of his time and skills is something that appeals to the veteran Army officer. Remaining active in and loyal to the military also is something that is important.

Tan said he made some of the best friends in the Army, and they live all around the world.

"We believe in selfless service. ... Paying it forward is what I do most," he said.

Both Tan and Grace come from military families. Tan's father served in World War II and his mother was a military nurse who received a Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously for her service as a nurse and as a guerrilla during World War II.

The Tans' son, Maj. Peter Tan Jr., also is with the Army Dental Corps and their son, Ryan, just

graduated from West Virginia University and is a military intelligence officer and second lieutenant.

Grace's family members were in the Navy and Marines, and some survived the Bataan Death March and were POWs.

Tan has earned many medals and awards for his military service, including the Legion of Merit Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (two oak leaf clusters), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (one silver oak leaf cluster and two bronze oak leaf clusters), National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (two awards), and the Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon.

He also received an Army Service ribbon, an Army Staff Identification Badge, the "A" Proficiency Designator by the Surgeon General, and the D7A Skill Identifier by USA NORTHCOM. He is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit.

Tan said he learned many of his "life lessons" from military comrades.

As he teaches life lessons to others in his role as civilian aide to the secretary of the Army, Tan also will serve as an example of what it means to be a soldier for life.

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Tallahassee based artist Kelly Rysavy, right, dicusses her work with Deborah Elliott, center, and Dar Isler on Saturday morning at the Inverness Festival of the Arts. The festival, celebrating its 50th anniversary, is the longest-running juried art festival in Citrus County. The show continues from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Courthouse Square.

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FESTIVAL

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year. The festival, free to the public, hosts fine artists for visitors to explore and purchase art.

Judges Nan Smith and Daniel Stepp, artists and professors from Gainesville, will determine which of the 50 artists juried into this year's show will win the eight awards totaling \$6,500.

Last year's best in show winner and local artist, Jordan Shapot, will be back to defend his title.

Awards are open to any

medium, including clay, digital art, drawing, fiber, jewelry, metal, mixed media, photography, sculpture, watercolor and wood.

Entertainment experiences take place both outside and inside the Valerie Theatre. Outside on the plaza will be Billy Buchanan on Sunday. Inside the theatre will be an animation by the Lecanto School for the Arts on Sunday.

All Citrus County Schools have the opportunity to display their work in the School Zone tent for the entire festival.

Attendees to the festival will be able to see a brand

new mural being painted live. Just approved by city council on Oct. 19, the mural features bikers on the trail, the water tower, the Old Courthouse and a bass jumping from the lake.

This is the first project in the city's new public art program. The mural will go up on the west wall of Coach's Pub and Eatery. Artist Christian Stanley will be on hand to chat with festival goers who would like to know more about the mural or the process.

For more information, visit InvernessFestivaloftheArts.com. To share the

event on Facebook, visit tinyurl.com/2021invernessartfest. To volunteer, visit inverness.gov/637/Volunteer-Opportunities.

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Corps completes reservoir for Everglades

STUART — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has completed work on a \$339 million Everglades restoration project aimed at cleansing water runoff before it flows into a troubled Florida river.

Corps and local officials held a ceremony Friday for the 12,000-acre project in Martin County known officially as the C-44 Reservoir

and Stormwater Treatment Area. It's a key part of a broader effort to restore the vast Florida Everglades.

The reservoir will capture, store and clean fertilizer-laden runoff from farms and development before it is routed into the St. Lucie River and ultimately the Indian River Lagoon. Both have been plagued by harmful algae blooms and other long-term problems associated with water pollution that threatens wildlife and human health.

— From wire reports

RATE

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■ The number of employed rose by 486 to 46,588 and the number of unemployed fell by 46 to 2,540.

■ Compared to October 2020, when the unemployment rate was 8.0%, the county's labor force fell by 3,178, there were 3,323 more employed and

145 fewer unemployed. Hendry County, in the south-central part of Florida, had the state's highest unemployment rate in October at 6.3%. Monroe County, in the southernmost county in Florida, had the lowest at 2.5%.

Florida's unemployment rate in October was 4.0%, down from 4.3% a month earlier. Nationally, the rate was 4.3%, down from 4.6%.

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Hurdle for home tests



Associated Press

Boxes of BinaxNow home COVID-19 tests made by Abbott and QuickVue home tests made by Quidel are shown for sale Monday, Nov. 15 at a CVS store in Lakewood, Wash., south of Seattle. After weeks of shortages, retailers like CVS say they now have ample supplies of rapid COVID-19 test kits, but experts are bracing to see whether it will be enough as Americans gather for Thanksgiving and new outbreaks spark across the Northern and Western states.

Rush for kits before Thanksgiving could bring shortages

MATTHEW PERRONE
AP health writer

WASHINGTON — Millions more home tests for COVID-19 are hitting store shelves, but will there be enough for Americans hoping to screen themselves before holiday gatherings? Gone are last year's long lines to get tested, thanks to nearly a year of vaccinations, increased testing supplies and quicker options. But with many Americans unvaccinated and reports of infections among those who've gotten the shots, some are looking to home tests for an extra layer of protection ahead of this year's festivities.

Janis Alpine of Seattle is getting together with seven relatives for Thanksgiving, including her 97-year-old father. While everyone is vaccinated, she plans to bring enough Abbott rapid tests for them to use. "I'm just used to testing now," said Alpine, who is retired. "Even though he's vaccinated, just getting a little bit sick is probably not the best thing for a 97-year-old."

She began testing herself regularly in September after flights to Las Vegas and the East Coast for vacation. Because local pharmacies sometimes sell out of tests, she usually buys five packs at a time when she finds them.

After weeks of shortages, chains like CVS and

Protests over virus rules in Austria, Italy, Croatia

VIENNA — Tens of thousands of protesters, many from far-right groups, marched through Vienna on Saturday after the Austrian government announced a nationwide lockdown beginning Monday to contain skyrocketing coronavirus infections.

Demonstrations against virus restrictions also took place in Switzerland, Croatia, Italy, Northern Ireland and the Netherlands on Saturday, a day after Dutch police opened fire on protesters and seven people were injured in rioting that erupted in Rotterdam. Protesters rallied against coronavirus restrictions and mandatory COVID-19 passes needed in many European countries to enter restaurants, Christmas markets or sports events, as well as mandatory vaccinations.

The Austrian lockdown will start Monday and comes as average daily deaths have tripled in recent weeks and hospitals in heavily hit states have warned that intensive care units are reaching capacity. The lockdown will last at least 10

days but could go up to 20, officials said. People will be able to leave their homes only for specific reasons, including buying groceries, going to the doctor or exercising.

The government also will make vaccinations mandatory starting Feb. 1. Not quite 66% of Austria's 8.9 million people are fully vaccinated, one of the lowest rates in Western Europe.

Saturday's march started off at Vienna's massive Heldenplatz square. Chanting "Resistance!" and blowing whistles, protesters moved down the city's inner ring road. Many waved Austrian flags and carried signs mocking Chancellor Alexander Schallenberg and Health Minister Wolfgang Mueckstein. Some wore doctor's scrubs; others donned tinfoil hats. Most signs focused on the vaccine mandate: "My Body, My Choice," read one. "We're Standing Up for Our Kids!" said another.

Among those protesting were members of far-right and extreme-right parties and groups, including the far-right Freedom Party, the anti-vaccine MFG party and the extreme-right Identitarians.

— From wire reports

Walgreens now say they have ample supplies and recently lifted limits on how many can be purchased at one time. The shift comes after test makers ramped up production, spurred by more than \$3 billion in new purchasing contracts and assistance from the government. Home tests are typically more than \$10 each and take about 15 minutes.

Despite the improving picture, health experts warn that a winter surge could easily overwhelm supplies, especially if holiday gatherings and colder weather continue sparking new outbreaks across the country. And, they note, the U.S. is still

far from having the kind of cheap or free widespread testing seen in some European countries that were early adopters of the technology.

"Unfortunately, we're still going to be playing catch-up until next year or until demand subsidies," said Neil Sehgal, a health policy specialist at the University of Maryland.

White House officials say the U.S. is on pace to have about 200 million home tests per month by December, quadrupling the number from this summer. Still, spot shortages continue, particularly in cities and suburban communities

with higher rates of testing.

Market leader Abbott says it is back to producing 50 million of its BinaxNow tests per month, after slashing production last summer when testing demand plummeted. Only a few home tests are widely available nationwide with new ones set to launch, including from Acon Laboratories.

Much of the upcoming supply won't be available at places like CVS, Walmart and Target. Bulk purchases by federal and state officials will be distributed to community health centers, nursing homes, schools and other government facilities.

Nation/World BRIEFS

Mourning



Associated Press

Palestinians mourn around the body of Isra Khazimia who was killed by Israeli fire after allegedly trying to stab an officer in Jerusalem's Old City in September, during her funeral in the West Bank village of Qabatiya, Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021. Israel had withheld the body of Khazimia through its controversial policy of holding the remains of Palestinians killed while reportedly carrying out attacks, although agreed to return her to her family on "humanitarian grounds." At the time of her alleged attacks, Khazimia was reported to have had mental health issues.

Airport chaos: Person grabs gun in bag, it goes off

ATLANTA — A passenger undergoing a search at the Atlanta airport's main security checkpoint reached into a bag and grabbed a firearm, and it went off, causing chaos among travelers and prompting a temporary ground stop on flights Saturday afternoon, authorities said.

The passenger immediately ran from the checkpoint and fled out an airport exit, the Transportation Security Administration said in a statement, adding it was not an active shooter incident.

The discharge, described as accidental, caused a frenzy on social media as alarmed travelers posted videos to Twitter and other online sites of the moments of chaos at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, one of the nation's busiest.

Three people were hurt in the chaos, but the injuries were not life-threatening and no one was shot, the TSA said without elaborating.

Social media users said the disruption meant long lines and missed flights for some afterward. The incident comes ahead of the peak Thanksgiving holiday travel season as travelers are still coping with the frustrations and concerns of safely traveling during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Hundreds protest Rittenhouse acquittal in US

PORTLAND, Ore. — Law enforcement in Portland Friday night declared a riot as about 200 demonstrators protested the acquittal of a teen who killed two people and injured another in Wisconsin.

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office said the protesters were breaking windows, throwing objects at police and talking about burning down a local government building in downtown Portland, KOIN TV reported, but the crowd had dispersed by about 11 p.m. Several people were given citations, the Portland Police Bureau said, but only one person who had an outstanding warrant from another matter was arrested.

The protesters gathered following the acquittal of Kyle Rittenhouse, 18, in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Rittenhouse killed two people and injured another during a protest against police brutality in Wisconsin last year.

Protests have been held in several other U.S. cities nationwide over the verdict, including New York, Los Angeles and Chicago.

UN agency: 75 migrants drown in Mediterranean

ROME — The United Nations migration agency said 75 migrants drowned in the Mediterranean Sea north of

Libya earlier this week as they attempted to reach Italy by boat.

The International Organization for Migration reported the latest tragedy in a tweet on Saturday, attributing the information to 15 survivors who were rescued by fishermen and brought to the port of Zuwara in northwestern Libya. It did not immediately provide further information.

Also on Saturday, the Italian Coast Guard rescued more than 420 migrants, including dozens of minors, from boats in difficulty in the Mediterranean Sea. A coast guard statement said 70 people were brought safely by one of its motorboats to the tiny Italian island of Lampedusa, south of Sicily.

Russia hits record COVID deaths for 2nd straight day

MOSCOW — Russia's record high coronavirus death toll persisted for a second straight day on Saturday, as the number of new infections declined.

The state coronavirus task force reported 1,254 COVID-19 deaths, matching Friday's tally.

The task force also reported 37,120 new confirmed cases. The daily new infections in recent weeks appear to have a downward trend but still remain higher than during previous surges of the virus.

The latest surge in deaths comes amid low vaccination rates and lax public attitudes in Russia toward taking precautions. About 40% of Russia's nearly 146 million people have been fully vaccinated, even though the country approved a domestically developed COVID-19 vaccine — Sputnik V — months before most of the world.

In total, Russia's coronavirus task force has reported nearly 9.3 million confirmed infections and 262,843 COVID-19 deaths, by far the highest death toll in Europe.

Heavy rains in southern Indian state kill 17

HYDERABAD, India — At least 17 people have died and dozens are reported missing in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh after days of heavy rains, authorities said Saturday.

The state has been hit by intense torrents since Thursday, sparking massive floods in at least five districts.

The death toll rose to 17 late Friday night after three people were killed when a building collapsed, police said. Ten people trapped under the debris were rescued but two are still missing.

Earlier on Friday, at least a dozen people died as heavy floods washed away the bus they were on. Search and rescue efforts for missing passengers continued on Saturday.

— From wire reports

US climate pledge faces test in Senate

ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After talking the climate talk at U.N. negotiations in Scotland, the Biden administration now tests whether a divided United States can walk the climate walk: push a massive investment for a new era of clean energy through the narrowest of margins in the Senate.

The House passed a roughly \$2 trillion social policy and climate bill Friday, including \$555 billion for cleaner energy, although the legislation is almost certain to be changed by the Senate. What ultimately emerges in the climate part of the bill will have a lasting impact on America and all its neighbors on Earth, and help determine whether the United States does its promised share to keep climate damage at a level not disastrously worse than it is now.

"The problem is that when you have these storms that are coming with such frequency, just as soon as you deal with one, you're dealing with the next one," said Houston

Mayor Sylvester Turner, who has struggled with five federally declared disasters in his six years leading the global oil hub on Texas' Gulf Coast.

Turner talked on the sidelines of the U.N. conference in Glasgow, where he was one of dozens of mayors pushing for investment in climate. After years of storm deaths in intensifying deluges and hurricanes from the tropics, Houston residents froze to death in record numbers in a wobbling polar vortex this year.

"And so for our vulnerable communities ... where people are already on the margins, it keeps getting a little bit further down," Turner said.

In the Senate, cost-cutting demands by Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin from the coal state of West Virginia and that chamber's strict rules seem certain to force significant changes to the bill. That would prompt fresh disputes between party centrists and moderates that will likely take weeks to resolve.

If Biden's package passes, its impact boosting clean energy sources and technologies will mean the

U.S. likely will just miss, by 5%, Biden's target of halving fossil fuel emissions by the end of this decade — more precisely and wankily, of halving the amount of carbon dioxide that the U.S. is pumping out by 2030 compared with 2005 levels.

That's according to modeling by researchers at Princeton University and elsewhere, climate scientist and energy analyst Zeke Hausfeather explained.

But if Biden's bill fails in Congress, the United States likely will fall shy of its emission-cutting promise by much more, by 20%, the academic modeling shows.

Market forces making renewable energy ever cheaper would help carry the United States a lot of the way regardless, Hausfeather said.

But with that broken promise behind it, it would be harder for the U.S. "to convince countries like China and India to follow through on their climate commitments ... if we are unable to follow through on our own promises," noted Hausfeather, a director at the Breakthrough Institute research center.

Veterans Appreciation Day Parade brings out the best

After some extremely hard work by the Citrus County Adhoc Committee and many others from our county, the 2021 Veterans Day Parade and Memorial Service in Inverness was a success.

There have been several public statements this week that our parade here is the largest in the southeast and based upon my personal observation of others around the country I believe that position to be true. Because of the tremendous support of the community, Citrus County is a truly amazing place for the 20,000-plus veterans to reside. As it is



John Stewart
VETERANS VOICE

for 1,500,000-plus veterans living throughout our Florida paradise.

Media coverage of this year's events by the Chronicle, with wonderful photos from Matthew Beck, was very much appreciated. The Memorial Service conducted at the Old Courthouse in Inverness was outstanding and Brigadier Gen. Thomas Sellars' speech was truly inspiring. Also, the professionalism by the Citrus County Sheriff's staff was the finest seen in many, many years while providing traffic and safety support.

I have posted two slideshows

of photos from the parade on our new veterans website at www.veteransofcitruscounty.com. Go to the link and click on website menu selections PHOTOS, then VETERANS PARADE to see numerous photos of this event. You will, however, not see any photos of me possibly falling out of a golf cart in the middle of the parade. It is only a rumor of occurrence. Perhaps.

In the military after a deployment, we always conducted an after-action report to see how we could improve our capabilities next time around and, in the case of this parade and memorial service, we intend to do the same action. There are some areas needing slight improvement and they will be addressed.

In the very near future, we intend to hold a meeting to discuss successes or small problems surfacing during the parade and memorial service to ensure next year's events are even better. Representatives from Citrus County organizations will be invited to voice inputs to this meeting.

Our veterans were very appreciative of the tremendous local citizen turnout along the parade route and at the Old Courthouse.

Simply look at the smile of veterans in the parade in my slideshow photos, or those standing along the route, to see their obvious emotions from the support and honor being given to them.



JOHN STEWART/Special to the Chronicle
The double-decker bus participated in the Veterans Day Parade through Inverness.

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VETERANS NOTES

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

COMING UP

Sponsor a gravesite wreath

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

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

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

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

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

Police-escorted ride Dec. 19 will honor veterans

Join the American Legion Riders Chapter 237 and veterans for "Wreaths for Our Fallen Heroes," a police escorted ride to Bushnell National Cemetery on Dec. 19. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. with kickstands up at 10 a.m.

Participants will line up at Crystal Harley-Davidson, 1147 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Homosassa, and take wreaths to Bushnell to place on gravesites to ensure veterans and families are not forgotten.

Join the American Legion Riders' Poker Run on Jan. 29

The American Legion Riders Chapter 237 will have their 11th annual Poker Run on Jan. 29 beginning at the post, 6726 N. Lecanto Highway in Beverly Hills. Sign up begins at 9:30 a.m. with kickstands up at 10:45 a.m.

A \$15 entry fee includes a poker hand, prize ticket and meal. Event proceeds will benefit Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast.

Festivities include door prizes, a silent auction, a 50/50 at every stop and music donated by Better Than Nothin'. Best hand wins the Poker Run and all vehicles are welcome.

For more information, call ride chairman John Roby at 352-341-5856 or 352-536-7480, or the post at 352-897-4776. For more information about Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast, call 352-249-1470, visit friendsofcitrus.org or Friends of Citrus on Facebook.

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Lady veterans



CLAIRE PHILLIPS LAXTON/For the Chronicle

The guest speaker at the GFWC Crystal River Woman's Club's luncheon honoring women in the military was Cindy Johnston who served 12 years in the U.S. Air Force.

Woman's club honors U.S. servicewomen

CLAIRE PHILLIPS LAXTON
 For the Chronicle

Let's hear it for the red, white and blue and our military women who served in many different capacities.

Numerous Citrus County women who served our country in the U.S. Navy, U.S. Army, U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Air Force were well represented as the GFWC Crystal River Woman's Club honored them at their annual women's military luncheon. This was the first time there were not any women from the Marines.

A few women in the club also served in the military.

The young Coast Guard members were in full uniform and attending from the U.S. Coast Guard in Yanketown. They were: Anna Jackson who is an E-4 and has been in for three and a half years; Anaiah Suarez, an E-2 who has been in for three months; Murphy Brady an E-3 who has been in for four months; and Katherine Hogg, an E-6 who has been in for the past 10 years.

Woman's club member Leslie Martineau has chaired this event for many years and welcomed everyone. She also introduced special guests such as Commissioner Holly Davis.

Another well-known was introduced — Cynthia Henderson, founder and



MARGARET WILLIAMS/Special to the Chronicle

GFWC Crystal River Woman's Club hosted a luncheon recently honoring lady veterans for their service in the military. Members of the club greeted the veterans as they came in the clubhouse. At left is Kim Gaines and on the right is Barbara Campbell.

president of the Female Veterans Network, along with some of her members. Henderson served proudly in the Air Force during the Vietnam era.

The luncheon began with the Presentation of Colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Crystal River High School's NJROTC Color Guard presented the colors.

Club member Margie Harper gave the invocation.

Margaret Williams is the president of the GFWC Crystal River Woman's Club and provided each of the military women a Hershey chocolate bar decorated in a red, white and blue cover.

"I ordered them from my niece who works at Hershey and then I put the additional wrappers on them," said Margaret Williams, who also had the wrappers made for the event.

See LADY/Page A18

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

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GOOD TO KNOW

Chapter 776 MOPH offers scholarships for seniors

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Scholarship information and an application can be obtained at www.citruspurpleheart.org, by contacting your school guidance department or by either emailing info@citruspurpleheart.org or calling 352-382-3847. Chapter 776 must receive scholarship applications no later than 5 p.m. on Feb. 26, 2022.

Apply for the Veterans Services Advisory Board

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is seeking applications for two positions on the Veterans Services Advisory Board. This advisory board is seeking qualified members for terms that will begin on Feb. 1, 2022 and last two years.

Eligible applicants must be a veteran of a war time era as defined by the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs, have a recommendation by a local veteran organization and be appointed by the BOCC.

They meet the second Thursday of every other month at the Citrus County Resource Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto. The purpose of this board is to advise the veterans service officer on the unmet needs, policies, services and other pertinent matters.

Applications are due by Dec. 2 and should be submitted to Denise Gallagher, Citrus County Administration, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, FL 34461.

For more information, visit bocc.citrus.fl.us/commserv/vets or call 352-527-5915.

VFW raffle for charity

VFW Post 4337 in Inverness is raffling off a 70-inch afghan star for \$2 per ticket or six tickets for \$10.

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For more information or to purchase a

ticket, visit the post at 906 U.S. 44 E. in Inverness or call 352-344-3495.

WTC scholarships available

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

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

FVN holds monthly meetings

Female Veterans Network (FVN) invites all female veterans to their monthly meeting at 1 p.m. the second Thursday monthly at the Citrus County Resource Center on 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto. The meeting is held in the cafeteria.

Masks and social distancing are strongly encouraged.

The mission of the (FVN) is to unite female veterans, develop camaraderie and discuss issues that are important and unique to female veterans. For information or to support FVN, contact Cynthia at 352-628-6481, Jo Monty at 352-527-6575 or visit femaleveteransnetwork.org.

American Legion Post 155 invites public to breakfast

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

Buy a pin, support the FVN

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

For information, call 352-628-3246.

'Vittles for Vets' every week

VFW Post 10087 Harry F. Nesbitt will be hosting Vittles for Vets at 4:15 p.m. every Tuesday at the post, 2170 W. Vet Lane in Beverly Hills. For information, call the post at 352-746-0440.

CCVC food pantry open

The Citrus County Veterans Coalition continues to serve the needs of veterans and their families at its food pantry, on every Tuesday, and on the first and third Thursdays of every month, from 9 a.m. until noon. Our pantry is at 1039 N. Paul St. just off Independence and U.S. 41 N., Inverness.

We are no longer accepting donated clothes, or article for sale, for the yard sale. Cash donations or nonperishable food goods will still be accepted, during the pantry open hours. Corporate sponsorship would be greatly appreciated.

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Dunnellon	Dunnellon Public Library	20351 Robinson Road	11/23	11:00am
Inverness	Applebee's Grill & Bar	1901 West Main Street.....	11/22, 11/24, 11/30, 12/3, 12/7	10:00am
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LADY

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Army veteran Carole Jasler, who served three years in communication during the Vietnam era, led everyone in singing the National Anthem. And later, she started each branch of the service with their military theme songs.

A scrumptious chicken salad lunch was served and everyone received a red, white and blue cupcake for dessert.

There was a free raffle with one winner from each branch of the military taking home a lovely throw honoring the Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Air Force. Many of the women also won door prizes as their ticket numbers were called.

Club member Libby Wentzell was in charge of the door prizes.

Jan Torppa served in the U.S. Navy in 1952 and was in the administrative department.



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The Crystal River High School NJROTC were getting ready to present the colors at the GFWC Crystal River Woman's Club as they honored military women for their service to our country. From CRHS, left to right, are: Cadet Lt. 03 Joy Adams, Cadet Commander 05 Mariana Cruz, Cadet Lt. Commander 04 Channol Miller and Cadet Seaman Apprentice Sage McBee.

"We were called 'Waves' back then," Torppa said.

Barbara Brack served in the Army from 1963-1966. She was in Virginia, Maryland and Germany and worked in communications.

Jeanne Nally was in the Women's Army Corps in the late 1960s.

Marianne Hagenbrock served in the Air Force Nurse Corps, working in hospitals from 1961 to 1973.

Karen Garland was a WAC in the Army and worked in the finance center at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indiana.

"I met my husband there and we've been married for 54 years," Garland said.

Marge Blunk served in the Army and ended up as a pediatric nurse. She joined the service in 1958, was in Denver, Colorado, Hawaii and Los Angeles where she recruited for student nurses. She traveled to nursing schools and colleges in Southern California, Arizona and Nevada.

"In 1965, I married an officer and left active duty to become a military wife," Blunk said. But by 1975, she joined the Army

reserves. She retired to Florida from 1978-1996. Then activated again in 1991 to "backfill" as a nurse for 10 months at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. Then she retired as a nurse in 1996.

U.S. Air Force veteran Cindy Johnston of Homosassa was the guest speaker. She served in the Air Force for 12 years, first as the only female mechanic working on F-15s, then as a veterinary assistant and last working in the chapel as a chapel manager, which she did for nine and a half years of her military career.

A funny thing happened while working as a veterinary tech. They had caged gorillas, Johnston said, the ones that go into space. One day, a general came in to see them, he wanted to get close to them and Johnston advised him not to.

"As he got up close to the cage, the two gorillas started throwing poop at him and he was covered in it," Johnston explained.

"I worked on the aircraft in Bitburg, Germany."



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Young women representing the U. S. Coast Guard in Yankeetown attended the military luncheon hosted by the GFWC Crystal River Woman's Club. From left are E-4 Anna Jackson, E-2 Anaiah Suarez, E-3 Murphy Brady and E-6 Katherine Hogg.

"My favorite job was working on the planes and I got to fly in an F-15 once at Langley AFB," Johnston added.

She was a staff sergeant and served in many different places.

Johnston was at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico, Langley Air Force Base in Virginia and served at Howard Air Force Base in Panama.

Howard AFB is the former U.S. base in Panama. It discontinued its operation on Nov. 1, 1999, as a result of the Torrijos-Carter Treaties, which specified that U.S. military facilities

be closed and turned over to the Panamanian government.

Johnston said she suffered later with six different knee surgeries.

Johnston enjoyed most of her time in the military and said, "I'd go back in a heartbeat, if I could."

"The woman's club has so much fun putting on this luncheon for our military women and our women veterans," said Leslie Martineau.

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VOICE

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Causing many tears, the involvement of children as we passed was incredible as they cheered, waved, saluted or stood as an American flag or veteran passed by in the parade. I hope those who did not do so will learn from their counterparts, as should their parents also learn, that honoring those who served our country in uniform and our grand flag deserves full respect.

We were supported by many organizations, too many to list here, and our thanks go out to each of them who contributed so much to our event. Volunteers were critical to being successful and we have special thanks for Duke Energy, who provided a number of volunteers to help with parade marshal positions. It could not have been accomplished without their support.

This was my first involvement in the parade

after a short hiatus up north and return for improvements in treatment for our personal illnesses. I did note some changes since leaving here three years ago.

In the past we saw that most, if not all, government officials from senatorial offices down through city positions attended the parade to honor our veterans and their families. There was an apparent lack of interest by some elected officials in this year's events, ones obtaining their position because of freedom of elections provided by those who serve in uniform.

Also, in previous years I believe most county veterans organizations, schools, civic organizations, private clubs, etc., were parade participants. Although to some people this parade may have seem massive, I would estimate a 30% reduction in this year's participation from only a few years ago. There are possible reasons for this, most being pandemic-related,

and I hope our future will not see any further impact from this situation.

Of course, the war is over and sadly some emphasis towards remembering our veterans may decrease because of it. But one thing to remember is that our veterans continue

to serve for our freedom, just as those who served so bravely in the past. All, including their families, of every single generation deserve to be remembered and honored for their countless sacrifices whether past, current, or future heroes of America.

In a few short months, we will begin planning the 2022 Veterans Day appreciation events. I hope the "largest parade in the southeast" will be known thereafter as the "largest parade in America." With full support of government officials, organizations and

private citizens we can make that goal happen. *John Stewart is a retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeant, disabled Vietnam War veteran and has been a veterans advocate for nearly three decades. Email cornhusker69@yahoo.com.*

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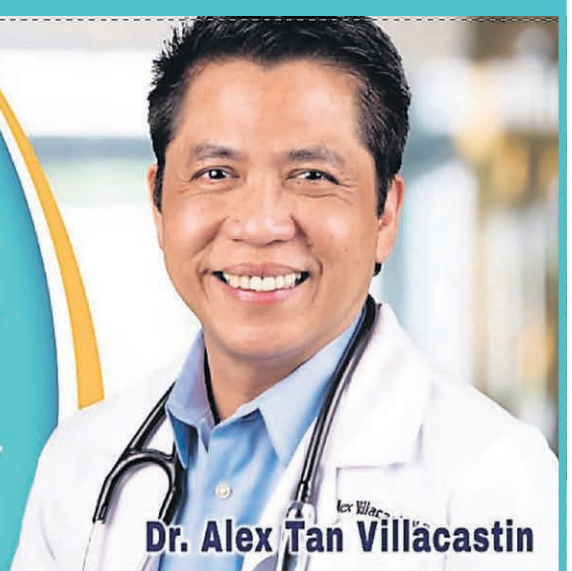
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Annie gives advice

Dear Annie: I am an 18-year-old girl living very far from you, but I recently read one of your columns and thought you might be able to help me. I am doing really well in my academics and was just accepted by one of the best engineering institutions in our country.



DEAR ANNIE

I broke up with my boyfriend last year, whom I loved with the core of my heart. He was my classmate. Eventually, he told me he loved me, too.

However, after four years of this shy love, we finally got into a relationship that created some of the happiest moments of my life. And his life, too.

But a year later, we found ourselves in a complicated situation and decided to separate. Both of us are depressed, and it's been one year, and we are not able to move on. Neither of us wants to, yet I haven't talked to him for a long time. — Ms. Unforgettable

Dear Ms. Unforgettable: It sounds like neither of you can forget each other and both of you would be much happier together. At the very least, it sounds worth giving the relationship a second try. Pick up the phone and call him. Life is too short to worry about "what ifs."

See if you can get back together. Best of luck to you. Dear Annie: My husband is a chronic procrastinator. He puts off everything — from the small things, such as

fixing a broken chair, to the really important stuff, such as making a will or getting a medical test. It's hard to schedule anything because he always waits until the last minute to decide what he wants to do.

Sometimes, I just have to wait because he won't be pushed to act or make a decision. Other times, I just have to act on my own. I've tried the gentle approach and the firm approach. Nothing works.

To be fair, he has a lot of good qualities. He is kind and loving, and he's a great cook. I don't expect perfection, but this problem affects not just me but whoever is waiting for an answer from him. That often involves friends and relatives, and it puts me in the middle. I realize that he may never change, but how do I live with this and achieve peace of mind? — Tired of Waiting

Dear Tired of Waiting: People often procrastinate because they are afraid they won't be able to complete the tasks at hand. Fear of failure promotes procrastination primarily when it reduces people's sense of autonomy or when they feel incapable of dealing with a task that they're afraid to fail at.

Don't bail him out with friends and family who are waiting for an answer. Direct them to ask him again, and tell him and them that you are not his timekeeper.

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Sunday PUZZLER

- ACROSS 1 Spume 6 Kind of goose 11 Meat stock jelly 16 Like a bungler 21 Water barrier 22 Like an acrobat 23 Singer ___ Reese 24 Sawbuck relative 25 Of birds 26 Set things straight (3 wds.) 28 Burn brightly 29 Convent dweller 30 War god 31 A letter 32 Linger 34 Never say ___ 35 Retain 37 French article 38 Goes up 40 ___ volente 41 Railways on high 42 Raucous 44 Lavish 46 Gray wolf 49 Shriek 52 San ___ Obispo 53 Prepare to fire 55 Team symbol 59 Handle 60 Topgallant 61 Opera by Bizet 64 Seaside 65 Kind of warrior 66 Expense 67 Masculine 68 Give silent assent 70 Iowa town 71 Printer's measures 72 Debatable 73 Rotary motion 74 Auricles 76 Doily 77 Horse opera 79 Costa del ___ 80 Villain in Shakespeare 82 Unwavering 84 Nullify 85 Sampras or Buttigieg 86 Roman love god 87 Blueprint 88 Container 90 For one 91 Broken-down horse 92 Expression of approval 95 Santa ___ 96 Fragrant wood 98 Hankering 100 Prejudice 101 Ora N nobis 102 Tie together 104 Metallic element 105 ___ vera 106 Sainted 107 Washday need 108 Famed English race-course 110 Make less loud 112 Post 113 Hurriedness 114 Space to move 116 Also 117 Factory 118 Good working order 119 Fed. investigative org. 121 Internet program 124 For fear that 125 Small 128 Pinna 130 Reveals 131 Cakes and ___ 132 Northerner 136 Harem room 137 Thin porridge 139 Popular pet 140 Coll. subj. 141 Hopper 142 Strictness 144 Deserving censure 147 Tehran native 149 Office worker of old 150 Hawaiian porch 151 Placed 152 Rat and relay 153 Pitch 154 Put forth effort 155 Mild oath 156 Inundated

- 56 Military headquarters (2 wds.) 57 Mountain nymph 58 Irritable 60 Orbiting body 61 A state (Abb.) 62 Confederation 63 Likewise not 66 Crown 67 Make a mountain out of a ___ 69 Show 72 Wine variety 73 Campus mil. gp. 74 Excited 75 A Titan 78 Explosive stuff 79 Burn 81 Eastern servant 83 ___ de cologne 85 Goober 88 Conspiracy 89 Licorice-like flavoring 92 Tablet 93 Angry 94 Sot 97 Not very bright 99 Shoe part 100 Recipe direction 103 ___-and-out 105 Underway 106 Sentry's command 107 Like a pretzel 109 Make lace

- 111 Dandy 112 Young woman 113 That guy's 115 River in Belgium 117 Sugar type 118 Sharp 120 Plaything 122 Con man's forte 123 Talon 124 ___ of London 125 Sickest 126 Bunker or Piaf 127 Zealous 129 Take it easy 131 Hurt 133 Banana tree 134 Dressed to the ___ 135 Potato turnover 137 Develop 138 Country way 140 Kett of old comics 143 Yoko ___ 145 Damage 146 Fix fraudulently 147 Levin or Gershwin 148 Uncookedt

Sunday Puzzler answers are on Page A22.

20x20 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-156 indicating starting points for words.

VFW 8189 donates to Gainesville VA



Special to the Chronicle
VFW 8189 Auxiliary recently made a donation of chemotherapy bags and comfort bags to the Gainesville VA. Auxiliary members Mariann Cornwell, Grace Moshier, Lisa Charrette and Gina Grune shopped for items and put the bags together for the VA. Auxiliary president Roger Ingall, left, and treasurer Juliene Crowe made the delivery.

St. Paul's honors veterans



Special to the Chronicle
On Nov. 7, St. Paul's Lutheran Church congregation in Beverly Hills gave special recognition and great appreciation to all veterans for their loyal service to the country. First row from left are: Mike Young, U.S. Marines; Dana Eynon, U.S. Army; Len Sempert, U.S. Army, World War II; Rick Robinson, U.S. Air Force; and Ed Siecienski, U.S. Air Force. Second row from left are: Tom Leinberger, U.S. Navy; Jim Gauthier, U.S. Army; Ken Everts, U.S. Air Force; Ray Koeppel, U.S. Navy; and Frank Hamlin, U.S. Navy. Third row: Bill Hartman, U.S. Marines. Pastor Mark Gabb gave a special message of the blessing veterans are to the country for the freedoms we enjoy because of their sacrifices. He also gratefully acknowledged the important support of their families.

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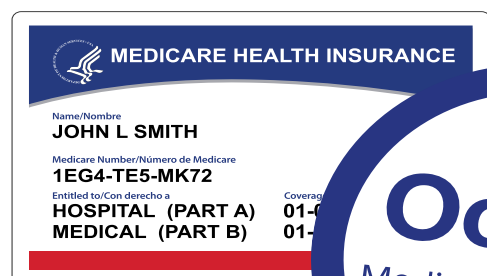
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VFW Military Card Party a success



Special to the Chronicle

The Military Card Party, sponsored by the VFW Post 4252 Auxiliary, was held Nov. 3. The proceeds of this and previous Military Card Party events are donated to the VFW Veteran's Village in Ft. McCoy, Florida, the only U.S. facility of its kind. Doris Ricard, event chairperson, extends thanks to the volunteer auxiliary members, without whom this event would not have been such a success.

VETERANS NOTES

CCVC expands services to those hit by COVID-19

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

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

The CCVC pantry is at 1081 N. Paul Drive, Inverness, and is open from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday, and the first and third Thursdays monthly. For information, call 352-400-8952.

Dog tag sales benefits veterans programs

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Fish fry benefits charities

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

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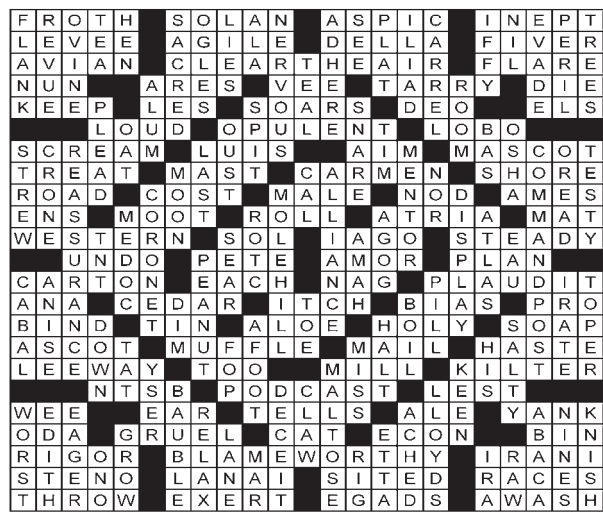
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The Crystal River American Legion Post 155 hosts a breakfast from 8:30 to 11 a.m. every Sunday, at American Legion Post 155, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River, for an \$8 donation. The proceeds from these meals support the Legion programs, veterans and community. All are welcome. Information: 352-795-6526.

Sunday PUZZLER ANSWERS

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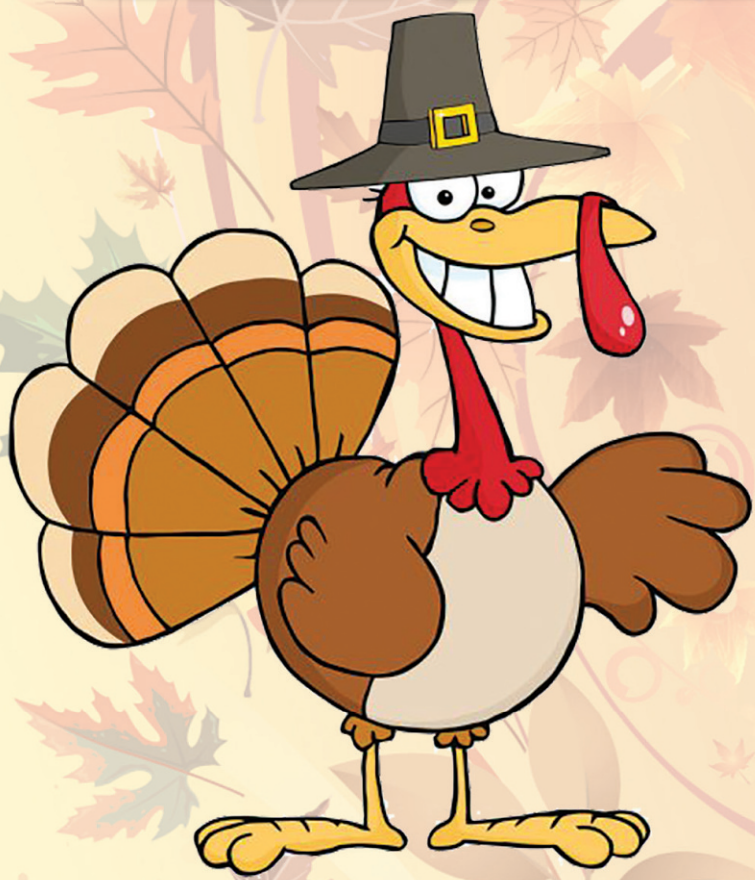
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- The Chronicle reserves the right to edit submissions and determine their best placement. Publication on a specific Sunday cannot be guaranteed. Publication on a color page cannot be guaranteed.

DI-Y ONLINE CALENDAR

- The Chronicle's community calendar solution changed to better serve our readers and event-goer audience.
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First **ANNIVERSARY**

The Davises

Richard and Holly Davis of Inverness were married Dec. 5, 2020, in Cedar Key, Florida.

Holly is a salon owner/master stylist and Richard is a welder. The couple have four grandchildren.

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Passing yards for Bryce Young, setting a new Alabama school record to go along with five TD tosses against Arkansas.



Bryce Young

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Florida State holds off BC, 26-23

Travis throws for 3 TDs for 'Noles

KEN POWTAK
Associated Press

BOSTON — Florida State's extra work this week figuring out how to pressure Boston College quarterback Phil Jurkovec paid off right to the end.

Now, the Seminoles have a shot to keep their own season going a little extra, too.

Jordan Travis threw for three touchdowns and 251 yards and Florida State stopped the Eagles in its own territory in the final two minutes for a 26-23 victory on Saturday.

A week after rallying from an eight-point deficit in the final five minutes for a victory over rival Miami, the Seminoles (5-6, 4-4 Atlantic Coast Conference) rolled to a 23-point lead before holding on to move a victory

away from becoming bowl eligible.

"It sets us up for a huge week ahead," Florida State coach Mike Norvell said. "They've battled back to this point. We're 0-and-4 at the beginning of the season, not many people gave us a chance. We're going into this week with an opportunity to win one more and that's special."

Florida State has won five of seven after its rough start.

Travis completed 20-of-34 passes with no interceptions, connecting with three different receivers for scores.

"It means everything," Travis said of the chance to make a bowl. "It's a big week for us. It's a big rival week again. We've just got to get back to work."

Coming off his five-touchdown day last Saturday in a victory at Georgia Tech—three rushing and two throwing—Jurkovec went 10 of 24 for 148 yards with a TD and one INT. He carried 17 times



Florida State wide receiver Ontaria Wilson (80) dives into the end zone for a touchdown ahead of Boston College linebacker Vinny DePalma (42) during the first half of Saturday's game, in Boston.

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Gators stuck in free fall

Missouri beats Florida on 2-point conversion in OT

JOE WALLJASPER
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Missouri quarterback Connor Bazelak heard boos from the home fans as he trotted to the sideline after fruitless drives Saturday. It was nothing but cheers after he lofted a 2-point conversion pass to Daniel Parker Jr. to lift the Tigers to a 24-23 overtime victory over Florida.

"I'm proud of Connor," Missouri coach Eli Drinkwitz said. "He takes a lot of criticism, he takes a lot of boos, but when we needed him, he stepped up."

The Tigers (6-5, 3-4 Southeastern Conference) drew within a point on Tyler Badie's 13-yard touchdown run, and Drinkwitz elected to go for 2 rather than send the game to a second overtime with a PAT kick.

Last week, Drinkwitz benched Bazelak for the last drive of a victory over South Carolina after he threw his second interception. Missouri fans sounded eager to see backup Brady Cook throughout Saturday's game, but Drinkwitz stuck with Bazelak. The play-action pass was designed to go to Badie in the right flat, but when he was covered and so was the second option, Bazelak turned to his left and released the pass to Parker just before getting hit.

Bazelak completed 15 of 26 passes for 165 yards and a touchdown. Badie rushed 27 times for 146 yards.

"He showed a lot of grit and passion for the game," Badie said of Bazelak. "He came out victorious, too. The last play, the ball was in his hand and he delivered for our team."

Florida (5-6, 2-6 SEC) got the ball first in overtime, and Emory Jones caught a 6-yard touchdown pass from



Florida quarterback Emory Jones, left, is sacked by Missouri defensive lineman Jatorian Hansford, right, during the fourth quarter of Saturday's game, in Columbia, Mo.

wide receiver Trent Whittemore on a trick play to give the Gators a brief lead. Jones completed 20 of 32 passes for 261 yards and a touchdown.

"That's our seventh straight loss in one-possession games," Florida coach Dan Mullen said. "That's on us as coaches to create the mental toughness for the guys to make sure we have the right guys in the right position to make a play when the game's on the line."

Missouri entered the game with the nation's 118th-ranked defense, and Florida had yielded 92 points in its last two games. No matter. The

defenses dominated in a stingy battle of field position and field goals. Missouri led 9-6 at halftime on three Harrison Mevis field goals.

Florida finally broke the touchdown drought on its first drive of the second half. Jones hit Jacob Copeland on a 49-yard pass to set up a Dameon Pierce 2-yard scoring run. Missouri answered early in the fourth quarter when Bazelak connected with tight end Niko Hea for a 41-yard touchdown.

Missouri missed a chance to take the lead with 1:04 left in regulation when Mevis—who had made 17 of 18 field-goal

attempts this season—pushed a 46-yarder wide right. Florida responded by running the ball three straight times and punted. Mullen said he called a draw on first down to take advantage of Missouri playing the pass, but when Nay'Quan Wright slipped in the backfield and lost 4 yards, he opted to run out the clock rather than throw the ball.

In overtime, Drinkwitz opted to put faith in his quarterback to win the game.

"Everybody has the right to

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Devils score 4 in third period to beat Bolts

Loss ends 9-game point streak

Associated Press

TAMPA — Mackenzie Blackwood stopped a penalty shot in the third period for one of his 31 saves, Yegor Sharangovich scored his second goal of the game in New Jersey's four-goal third period, and the Devils beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 5-3 on Saturday.

New Jersey also got goals from Dawson Mercer, Jimmy Vesey and Tomas Tatar.

"We didn't like where we were at after two periods, and we

came out with a lot more fire," Vesey said.

Jan Rutta, Pat Maroon and Victor Hedman scored for the Lightning, who had a nine-game point streak end. Andrei Vasilevskiy made 22 saves.

"The (other) team outworked us," Tampa Bay coach Jon Cooper said. "It's simple. It's the National Hockey League, when you get outworked, you're playing with fire. A sense of arrogance. When we got up 3-1, this is going to be easy. We got what we deserved."

Sharangovich, who also had an assist, got the Devils' third straight goal to start the third from the low left circle to put New Jersey up 4-3 at 9:34. Tatar had an empty-net goal.

Rutta opened the scoring 5:49 into the game, but Sharangovich tied it with six minutes left in the first when the center stopped a 16-game goal drought. Then Maroon put the Lightning up 2-1 during Tampa Bay's third power play with 1:45 left in the first.

Tampa Bay took a 3-1 lead at 6:17 of the second when Hedman skated in alone from the blue line and scored from the left circle off a pass from Boris Katchouk.

Mercer got the Devils within 3-2 with a nifty goal 1:12 into the third by starting to skate around the net but reached back with his stick and stuffed the puck



New Jersey Devils goaltender Mackenzie Blackwood (29) stops a shot by Tampa Bay Lightning right wing Mathieu Joseph (7) during the second period of a game Saturday, in Tampa.

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Giannis, Bucks top Magic

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Giannis Antetokounmpo had 32 points and 20 rebounds and the Milwaukee Bucks held off the Orlando Magic 117-108 on Saturday night to open a two-game set.

The teams will meet again Monday night in Milwaukee.

Bobby Portis had a season-high 24 points along with 15 rebounds to help the Bucks win their third straight and improve to 9-8. They're above .500 for the first time since they were 3-2 on Oct. 27.

R.J. Hampton had 19 points off the bench for the Magic. Jalen Suggs added 14, and Chuma Okeke had 13. Orlando lost for the fifth time in six games to fall to an East-worst 4-13.

Orlando played without leading scorer Cole Anthony, who sat out after spraining his right ankle on the final play Friday night game against the Nets in Brooklyn. The second-year player is averaging 19.6 points.

Celtics 111, Thunder 105

BOSTON — Jayson Tatum scored 33 points, Dennis



Milwaukee Bucks forward Thanasis Antetokounmpo, right, defends against Orlando Magic guard R.J. Hampton (13) during the second half of a game Saturday, in Milwaukee.

Schroder had 29 and the Boston Celtics beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 111-105.

Wizards 103, Heat 100

WASHINGTON — Kentavious Caldwell-Pope and Spencer Dinwiddie each scored 16 points and hit two 3-pointers during a crucial late stretch and the Wizards rallied to beat Miami.

Hawks 115, Hornets 105

ATLANTA — Clint Capela had 20 points and 15 rebounds, Trae Young scored 19 points and Atlanta beat Charlotte.

Knicks 106, Rockets 99

NEW YORK — Alec Burks scored 17 of his 20 points in

the fourth quarter, Evan Fournier added 19 and New York handed Houston its 14th consecutive loss,

Pacers 111, Pelicans 94

INDIANAPOLIS — Domantas Sabonis had 20 points and 10 rebounds and Indiana's starters bounced back from being benched a night earlier to beat New Orleans.

Vols can't keep up with Villanova

Associated Press

UNCASVILLE, Conn. — Jermaine Samuels scored 14 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as No. 5 Villanova eased to a 71-53 win over No. 17 Tennessee on Saturday in the opening round of the Hall of Fame Tip-Off tournament.

Collin Gillespie and Brandon Slater also scored 14 points and Justin Moore added 13 for the Wildcats (3-1), who had a 20-point lead at halftime.

Santiago Vescovi scored 23 points for Tennessee (2-1), which had opened the season with lopsided wins over Tennessee-Martin and East Tennessee. He was the only Volunteer to get to double figures.

No. 6 Purdue 93, No. 18 UNC 84

UNCASVILLE, Conn. — Sasha Stefanovic scored 23 points and Jaden Ivey put up 22 points to go along with his 10 rebounds as Purdue beat North Carolina in the first round of the Hall of Fame Tip-Off tournament.

No. 8 Texas 79, San Jose State 45

AUSTIN, Texas — Timmy Allen scored 17 points, and Texas defeated San Jose State.

Tre Mitchell had 14 points and eight rebounds for the Longhorns (3-1). Andrew Jones scored 13.

No. 9 Baylor 86, Stanford 48

WACO, Texas — LJ Cryer scored 21 points and James Akinjo had 11 points with a career high-tying 11 assists, leading Baylor over Stanford.

A game after matching a school record with 21 steals in a 92-47 win over Central Arkansas, the Bears had nine during a 26-2 run that covered nearly 10 minutes and ended with Baylor in front 60-31. Baylor (4-0) finished with 16 steals.

No. 23 Uconn 87, Binghamton 63

HARTFORD, Conn. — Tyrese Martin had 15 points and 11 rebounds for UConn, which beat Binghamton.



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"Communication is not a two way street. It is a bridge. Either you have one or you build one. It's about connecting, not correcting." — Farshad Asl

If you are a social media influencer, don't expect to get much attention from either Commissioners Ron Kitchen or Scott Carnahan. For that matter, if you are influential you're not likely to get a minute of their time. And depending on who you are affiliated with, don't expect a



Jeff Bryan
THE OTHER GUY

response from the current chairman and the first vice-chairman. Citizens expect the ability to be heard. They also expect clear-cut communication from leaders, peers or colleagues. The notion of listening to citizens is foolhardy in the eyes of Carnahan and Kitchen. The brouhaha began when it was recommended Kitchen consider passing on accepting the role of chairman if nominated. He lost his cool, proceeding to chide

his colleagues for their reasoning. Carnahan stepped in when it was brought up other commissioners were feeling pressure from influential people within the community, calling it "damn scary." Here's where it got "damn scary." Carnahan admitted he received a bunch of calls prior to the commission's most recent workshops. "You think I called them back?" he queried his colleagues. "Hell no. Because I do my own homework. I make my own decisions. I'm not going to listen to anybody to tell me how to vote." Kitchen told his colleagues,

he'll talk to anyone. But that comes with a caveat, because Kitchen says he won't speak to builders and the chamber of commerce. "They're only influential if they can get to you," he said. The underlying message both commissioners managed to convey to constituents throughout the county: neither your voice, nor your opinion, matters. They have it all figured out. That's a poor message to send to citizens, businesses or organizations seeking to have an official hear them out. If Kitchen and Carnahan want to label the builders association or chamber as "influential"

groups, then the same should be done with homeowners associations and civic clubs, too. All have interests in their communities or organizations. Your failure to engage the citizens is a failure of your duties as a duly-elected representative. The key word here is "representative." The commission, as a whole, has a responsibility to answer to citizens — regardless of what business or organization they are a part of and regardless of their age. You can't have your pulse on the community if your fingers are plugging your ears. Contact Chronicle Editor Jeff Bryan at jeff.bryan@chronicleonline.com.

On the bright side, there's Epsom salt



Courtney Stewart
SEEING BEYOND



Chronicle Publisher Trina Murphy, left, and Editor Jeff Bryan pose next to their ride for the Veteran's Day Parade. Murphy's Law struck again, forcing the pair to walk in the parade.

Nancy Sinatra once crooned, "These boots are made for walkin'." Unfortunately, she made no mention about heels. I can tell you why, "these heels aren't made for walkin'." As fate would have it, Murphy's Law struck again, and while I'm learning to roll with the punches my feet would likely kick me if they could. The Chronicle has always been a strong supporter of our local veterans and veteran's week celebrations. It was without question that we would participate in the Veterans Day Parade, as we have done for many years. Being new at this publisher gig I wasn't sure how to do that, so I reached out for help. One of our supportive readers who owns a beautiful blue 1967 convertible Mustang offered to drive us in the parade. Perfect! And "us," included Editor Jeff Bryan. I excitedly shared that "we" would be riding in this beautiful car. The morning of the parade came; the



Trina Murphy
MURPHY'S LAW

weather cooperated, everyone was happy, veterans lined the parade staging area and tons of residents lined the streets waiting for the opportunity to salute our veterans. It was fantastic — until the beautiful blue 1967 Mustang convertible decided it no longer wanted to idle. We had been idling for far too long. The Mustang no longer wanted to do anything but sit — right in the middle of the exit of the staging area for the parade route, blocking dozens others from joining in the festivities. Thankfully, one last turn of the ignition, the engine revved and we were on the street, where it once again stalled out. We watched, painfully, as the world marched right on by. We were embarrassed by the disruption we caused, but after a while of being patient we determined the vehicle was done for the day. The only thing left to do was walk the parade route. So we did. It was fun, the walk was short, and it gave

us the chance to really hear the thunderous support from our community for our veterans. It was an amazing opportunity! I'm so thankful to live in a community that is so supportive of our veterans and that is so filled with incredible former military veterans with unbelievable stories of bravery. Did you read Nancy Kennedy's recent feature story about U.S. Marine Walt Clevenger? What an incredible man who made, and continues to make, an impact on our country, as well as our community. If I had known we would be walking the Veterans Day Parade, I would have taken Nancy Sinatra's advice — or worn better shoes. On the bright side, at least the heel didn't break. I'm considering changing my last name — one that I've had for 23 years — but my husband isn't a fan of that idea. I guess I'll just keep plugging along — or maybe walking along — Main Street in high heels, but I won't give up. In the meantime, pass the Epsom salt. Trina Murphy is publisher of the Chronicle. Email her at tmurphy@chronicleonline.com.

Be grateful for all on a daily basis

I was chatting this week with a good friend of mine. He and I were mournfully considering just how much of a downward slide it is once you hit 35. The stuff we could eat without consequence in our younger years now adds poundage just by looking at said packages in the grocery aisle. A quick meal through a fast food restaurant tastes good on the way down and then leaves you with buyer's remorse while feeling the aftereffects. It just didn't used to be this way. He regaled me with the story of how he used to drive through a popular fast food restaurant almost every day after work. He was hungry, needed a cheap meal, and this particular establishment offered big sandwiches for only a few dollars. He went pretty consistently — to the point that most of the workers knew him by his voice as he pulled in to give his order. When new staff joined the workforce, he found himself slightly annoyed that he wasn't received with the familiar fanfare. A couple of months into this, he was sitting on the bed and bent over to tie his shoe. He noticed it was a little less comfortable to do that than it once was. And those pants were a bit tighter than was necessarily pleasant. Being a young guy, who for three decades pretty much ate whatever he wanted whenever he wanted, had never considered that the phenomenon of a wickedly fast metabolism would ever fail him. So he did an experiment.

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Lines, lines, everywhere lines

Today I stopped in to pay my property taxes at the Meadowcrest office. Come to find out, I had to stand in line at the DMV in order to get to see the tax collector. Who was the brain trust behind this idea? Only in "Circus County."

Gospel Island needs bike trail

With the growing population in Inverness, Gospel Island Road needs a bike trail. Bicyclers ride on the road — very dangerous. Also, kids walk from the bus stops. Please try to get us a bike trail. There's extra room that it could be put there.

Millionaires getting free turkeys

I see on the front page of the Chronicle (Nov. 18), "Thousands flock to food giveaway," for the turkeys. Isn't it a shame that (some) of those people there are millionaires? It's a shame because turkey's 49 cents a pound. To sit in line from 3 o'clock in the morning to get a free turkey is really the pits, especially since (some) people have money and could afford to pay 49 cents a pound for a turkey. Why don't they leave those turkeys for the people that are poor instead of sitting in line from 3 o'clock in the morning? I hope this is printed...

BEYOND

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He stopped going to the drive-thru every evening. Lo and behold, his pants began to fit again. This isn't so much a cautionary tale as it is a statement to the fact that our bodies are designed to work in a certain way. Garbage in, garbage out, they say. Eat stuff that tastes amazing but has zero nutritional benefit and inevitably one's pants will no longer fit. Eat vegetables, drink water, walk a little and, sure enough, the pants fit better.

I guess it isn't rocket science. It's not just physical, either. The body-mind connection is pretty strong. I'm not a psychologist or anything, but we've all experienced the effects of stress on our bodies or the difference it makes when we're surrounded by people who are encouraging and loving versus people who spout vitriol and toxicity.

That isn't something that the average person learns in school, necessarily. It's just what we learn by living life.

The physiological nature of our bodies is fascinating. Researchers are always looking for ways to improve our daily lives. They look at normal, everyday activities, and search for connections and correlations so that we can live with less stress and more general happiness.

Interestingly enough, study after study have all pointed to one major physiological reality of the human body: the more grateful we are the healthier we are.

We are all about to participate in some version of Thanksgiving — a holiday designed around a fact-bending re-telling of the pilgrims as they landed in America. Perhaps in modern times it is supposed to be a moment to reflect on the year and to give thanks to God and others for the blessings we have. Whether that happens or not is anybody's

What if we stopped for a minute and actually reflected on the things we have to be grateful for? ... What if it became an actual routine that wasn't relegated to the last Thursday in November.

guess. In commercial America, it mostly stands as the last hurdle to jump through before we get to the Christmas season.

But what if we stopped for a minute and actually reflected on the things we have to be grateful for? What would it mean for our lives? What if it became an actual routine that wasn't relegated to the last Thursday in November and then shoved away for 364 days?

Science says that the regular practice of it will not only make us way more pleasant to be around but it will actually help us sleep better, reduce stress, and increase our resilience. The practice of gratitude gives us a better capacity to regulate

emotions, enhances our ability to be empathetic, improves self-esteem, and increases mental toughness.

It's so tempting to look at the world, be grumpy, and complain. That's the easy thing to do. But the practice of gratitude can actually lead us to be better citizens; people who proactively find solutions to the problems we're so keen to complain about.

And even more hopeful is the idea that if we practice gratitude around our kids and the young people whom we influence, they will grow up with the notion that gratitude is a habit they should cultivate. Imagine a world where our kids have less stress, more empathy, and

a mental strength that pushes them to do hard things under difficult circumstances.

Officially, Thanksgiving is just one day in November, but maybe it shouldn't be. Perhaps it should be the thing we do all year, the outlook we set for ourselves on a daily basis, rather than a momentary reflection before gorging on an annual feast.

Then that 24-hour official holiday becomes a true reason to celebrate as we look back on all the ways a practice of gratitude has improved our lives.

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Inverness - December 5th by 5:00 p.m.

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Nonprofit bookkeeping best practices

Nonprofits can be exempt from certain taxes, specifically federal income and state sales tax. However, IRS has established rules, similar to the for-profit business, relative to accounting and bookkeeping practices.

A 501(c)(3) organization must keep its books and records on an annual accounting period called a tax year. This is the base period for compliance in annual reporting requirements.

The tax year

There are two types of tax years. Both consist of 12 consecutive months in length. The calendar year is a period of 12 consecutive months beginning on Jan. 1 of a year and ending on Dec. 31 of that same year.

A fiscal year is a period of 12 consecutive months ending on the last day of any month except December. As an example, if a nonprofit begins its tax year on July 1 of any year, the last day of that fiscal year is June 30 of the next year.

Accounting methods

There are two forms of accounting methods. One method is called the cash basis and the other the accrual method. Both record transactions in the tax year they chose to use. The entries document when and how income and expenses occur.

After one year of existence a nonprofit must file an Annual Information Return known as the 990. At that time the organization must choose the accounting method they will use.

There are some variations in information reporting in either method. The differences are usually based on the source and amount of revenue received during the first year.

Cash basis versus accrual

If the cash basis is selected, income is recorded on the date it is deposited in a checking or other bank account. Expenses are recorded on the date they are paid. In some cases, a bill could be received in one month and paid in the next month.

This method does not lend itself well to matching income with the expense expended to generate the income.

Should the organization decide on the Accrual method, income is recorded when earned even if not yet received. As an example: when a pledge, donation or grant is made (via written notice) but not yet (realized) received.

Expenses are recorded on the date a bill is received, but not yet paid. Even if the bills are not paid during the same month received, they are matched against the income that created the expense in the same period. The practice of matching income to related expenses provides the margin (profit) of income over expense or the reverse (loss) of expense over income.

Best choice and practice

As a general rule and suggestion, IRS prefers the Calendar Year on the 990 Annual Information Return. And this works well using the cash basis of accounting and bookkeeping. Keeping the books on an accrual basis and a fiscal tax year will require more entry work and can lead to errors issues.

Also, nonprofits can use more simple bookkeeping practice to match costs of and revenue received for an event or program that is part of mission and purpose.

Saving transactions & documentation

All financial matters should have documents describing and supporting each transaction. On the income/revenue side there will be donations, awards, gifts, grants, functions that earn revenue supported by checks, deposit receipts, written pledges and grants. All must be saved.

On the expense side canceled checks, receipts, paid invoices and bills should be saved. These documents represent the flow of income and expense. They should be entered into a journal so that all transactions are recorded, backed up in detail and ready for the reporting process.

There are charts of account unique to nonprofits that can be used to organize all transactions. It is best to always keep records in a safe place so if IRS comes calling they are readily available.

Few IRS agents will accept thinly veiled excuses as to why documentation is not available, especially during an audit. If and when a nonprofit is audited, you can be sure there is a justifiable reason that something may not look right on the annual returns.

Final considerations

Bookkeeping and Accounting rules and practices have had a wide range of changes due to the age of digital reporting and especially accounting programs. Nonprofit officers best choice is to have trained a professionals recommend the which way to go.

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Dr. Frederick Herzog, Ph.D.

NONPROFIT BRIEFS



Associated Press

Aunts et Uncles in Brooklyn, New York, is a Caribbean plant-based cafe owned by Nicole and Michael Nicholas. It is part of the Small Business Saturday annual event created by American Express.

4 reasons to shop Small Business Saturday

LAUREN SCHWAHN
NerdWallet

When you think about holiday shopping, your mind probably goes to big-box retailers before your neighborhood bookstore or antique shop. But in a time marked by widespread supply chain disruptions and inflation, underdog small businesses deserve our attention.

Enter Small Business Saturday. Small Business Saturday is an annual event created by American Express that encourages consumers to shop at small businesses during the busy holiday season. It takes place the Saturday after Thanksgiving, which lands on Nov. 27 this year.

Here's why you should consider shopping small for the holidays, and what to expect.

1. MAIN STREET BUSINESSES NEED SUPPORT

The pandemic hit businesses hard. Roughly 200,000 additional establishments — mostly small ones — permanently closed between March 2020 and February 2021, according to a Federal Reserve report.

That's on top of the pre-pandemic rate of roughly 600,000 annual closures. Many surviving businesses are still at risk, due to factors like deferred rent payments and overdue credit card bills. Your patronage could give them a fighting chance.

"I think we have to ask ourselves as consumers, would we be sad if a retailer closed?" says Lauren Beitel-spacher, associate professor and chair of the marketing division at Babson College in Massachusetts.

RELATED LINKS

■ **NerdWallet:** How to save money: 17 proven ways — bit.ly/nerdwallet-save-money-17-ways

■ **American Express:** Shop Small map — www.americanexpress.com/en-us/maps?cat=Shop-Small&version=shops-small

"And if the answer is yes, then we have to find ways to shop and support there when we can."

Shopping and dining on Small Business Saturday is one way to show appreciation for local businesses, especially those we've depended on during the pandemic, Beitel-spacher adds.

Remember the restaurants you got takeout from during stay-at-home orders? Or the skin care boutique that supplied you with hand sanitizer? They were there for us when we needed them; let's return the favor.

2. COMMUNITIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT BENEFIT

The dollars you spend on Small Business Saturday make a difference beyond retailers' doors. Small businesses create local jobs and pay local taxes, which keeps money circulating within communities.

"By doing their shopping at local small businesses, customers can directly support their neighbors and help benefit their local economies," said Mark Madrid, associate administrator for the Office of Entrepreneurial Development at the U.S. Small Business Administration, in an email.

Shopping small for the holidays can also be environmentally

friendly. When locally owned businesses locally source raw materials or manufactured products, it reduces the distance that goods travel, says Madhav Durbha, vice president of supply chain strategy at Coupa Software, a California-based business spend management platform.

"No shipping from across the globe and less packaging make for a smaller carbon footprint," Durbha says.

3. IT CAN OFFER A BETTER SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

Ongoing supply chain issues and inflation mean shoppers will likely see less inventory and higher prices this holiday shopping season.

"It's basic economics, right? The supply is going to be lower, and so the demand is going to be higher, and so the prices are not going to drop like they have in the past. I'm not saying that there won't be deals, but it might not be deals on the hot-ticket items that we want," Beitel-spacher says.

Flashy doorbuster deals that big-name retailers traditionally flaunt during holiday sales might be harder to come by. Shoppers can expect sold-out items and shipping delays in categories like toys, luxury goods and consumer electronics, Durbha says.

Small Business Saturday shoppers might fare better, depending on what they're searching for. Shops that sell secondhand goods or items produced in the same community will be shielded from much of the supply chain disruption, Durbha says.

Shopping small for the holidays boasts other advantages, too.

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Meghan Pitzer, CEO, is pictured with Morgan Sundberg, co-owner of The Loft Bar and Grill. They are two-year members of the LIVE UNITED 365 Small Business Circle of the United Way of Citrus County. To learn more about the program, call the United Way at 352-795-5483.

Special to the Chronicle

REASONS

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Shoppers can receive more personalized service and experience smaller crowds. Many small businesses also entice customers with exclusive discounts, promotions or freebies on Small Business Saturday — so saving money is still on the table.

4. YOU CAN FIND UNIQUE GIFTS

Shop at Target, Walmart or Best Buy and you'll find little variation among their product selection.

"If you go to a big brand store, you can find that (inventory) in a thousand stores. But if you go to a small, locally owned business, you can find something very special and very unique for the holiday season," Durbha says.

Maybe that's hand-crafted jewelry, a print made by a local artist, a vintage record player or a gift card for the best bakery in town. See what interesting, rare or one-of-a-kind gifts you can discover on Small Businesses Saturday.

TIPS FOR SHOPPING SMALL

Check your favorite local retailers' websites and social media pages for store offerings, hours



Associated Press

Kido, a kids boutique in Chicago, prepares for the 12th annual Small Business Saturday on Nov. 27. Founded by American Express in 2010, Small Business Saturday is a key component of the Shop Small campaign.

and event announcements in the days leading up to Small Business Saturday. You can also find participating businesses online using the American Express Shop Small map or by exploring hashtags like #shopsmall and #SmallBusinessSaturday.

Then, start gathering ideas for your gift list. You can get a sense of what might be in stock and within budget when Small Business Saturday arrives.

"Or get a head start on your shopping now," Madrid said. "It's never a bad time to support small businesses and to help boost your local economy."

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Our local businesses are the core of our economy and our future and need your support now, more than ever.

Will the big box stores and online markets have better deals? Maybe,

but will they sponsor your child's little league team or donate to our local charities?

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12/17 – December Chamber Luncheon hosted by BWA; Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club

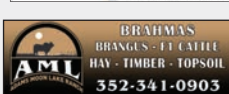
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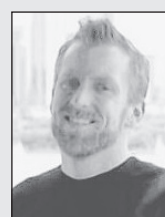


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This week, host Jade White, Chamber Public Relations & Communication Coordinator, talks with Alex Fresonke, General Manager of Ag-Pro – Crystal River, with an update on their business and their holiday specials. Also joining Jade is Kelli Cohen, Owner of Mary Jane Wellness Clinic, to talk about the services they offer, the benefits and uniqueness of their services, and the great holiday specials they are offering. Finally, Meredith Linely, Executive Director of Crystal River Mainstreet, discussing the upcoming Christmas on the Square event with 3 days of Christmas magic including a synthetic ice skating rink, pictures with Santa, the Crystal River Christmas parade and more!

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HOMEFRONT

Citrus County Chronicle Real Estate Guide

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Reduce, reuse, recycle

How to reduce waste over the holidays./Page E6

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TEXT 636087 TO 35620 FOR ELECTRONIC BROCHURE
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Both lots located in Citrus Springs and close to the golf course. This is a really great time to make your home in an area that's growing, at an awesome price point!

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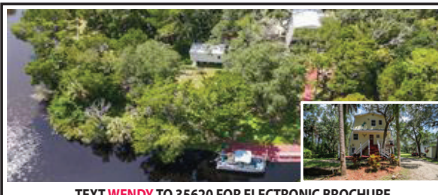


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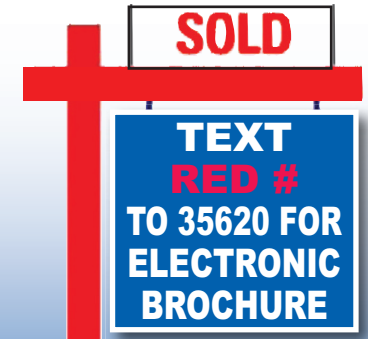
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ERA agents achieve new milestones

ERA American Suncoast Realty is proud to announce the production milestones reached by a number of our agents in October.

Steve Latiff, a multi-million in sales-dollar producer month after month, leads the company in closed sales, followed by **Dawn Theroux** with \$12 million in sales.

Lynn Harris achieved \$12 million in sales; The Home Team of **Janice Ayers** and **Bill Moore** achieved \$9 million in sales; **Rob Ash** achieved \$7 million in sales; **Jill Miller** achieved \$7 million in sales; **Geri Jones Gaugler** achieved \$6 million in sales; **Greg** and **Deanna Rodrick** achieved \$5 million in sales; **Carol Colson** achieved \$4 million in sales; **Jimmy Ledson** achieved \$3 million in sales; the team of **Karen**

Stukes and **Harry Eck** achieved \$3 million in sales; **Jen Munn** achieved \$2 million in sales; **Margaret Baker** achieved \$2 million in sales; **Jacqueline Beech** achieved

\$2 million in sales; **Tasia Seijas** achieved \$2 million in sales; and **Cindy Burkhardt** achieved \$2 million in sales. ERA American Suncoast Realty is proud to recognize the achievements of these fine real estate professionals and they were honored at a luncheon earlier this month.

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US home construction dips 0.7% in October

Associated Press

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Construction of new homes in the U.S. fell 0.7% in October, but a big jump in the number of permits last month points to anticipation by builders that supply chain problems that have dogged them for much of the year will soon ease.

October's decline put home construction at a

seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.52 million units, which is an increase of 0.4% from the rate at this time last year, the Commerce Department reported Wednesday. September's number was also revised down to 1.53 million units from 1.56 million units.

But in a positive sign of future activity,

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How to clean upholstered furniture like a professional

Living SPACE

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Spill something on your couch? Don't panic! Start fighting stains like an expert.

If you've ever saved up to buy a nice couch or armchair — or have one you inherited and absolutely love — you know how much it hurts the first time a glass of wine tips all over your favorite couch. First, don't panic! A stain doesn't mean the end for your couch. Just learn how to combat tough stains, and while you're at it, get in the habit of regularly cleaning your furniture to keep it looking its best.

Vacuum your furniture, not just the floors. Our number one DIY upholstery cleaning tip? Vacuum your upholstered furniture often, since dirt not only affects the appearance of your furniture, it can also wear away upholstery fibers. Use a clean, dry upholstery attachment, or any stiff-bristle brush, to loosen dried dirt and debris. Use the crevice tool for hard-to-reach nooks and crannies.

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Molded glass pieces were made during the 20th century

Dear John: I enjoy your articles and hope you can tell me about the items in the attached pictures which I received after my mother-in-law passed. I do not know anything about this pitcher and vase. They both have designs. Are these of any value or just for show? Thank you for your response — A.T., Homosassa



John Sikorski
SIKORSKI'S
ATTIC

Dear A.T.: The two pieces, one a creamer and the other a sugar with lid, are made of molded glass. They were made in America during the 20th century. The creamer is

decorated with circular scenic vignettes — one depicting a windmill in a landscape, another a woodland cottage at the edge of a lake with a fellow in a rowboat. The lidded creamer is not in the same pattern as the pitcher, but likely made by the same maker.

This type of glass has been a popular collecting category for a long time. I suggest you contact Replacements Ltd.; they might be able to identify the pattern and perhaps the maker. The number is 1-800-REPLACE

(737-5223). Good luck and let us know what you discover.

Dear John: I have a tackle box full of old fishing lures. The box has been in a storage cabinet for over 20 years. I had completely forgotten about it until I found while I was cleaning out the cabinet. I have never had any interest in fishing; I believe it belonged to my wife's brother, who is now deceased.

I have been reading your interesting column for a long time. I recall you have mentioned fishing lures are of collecting interest to some. Most of the lures in the tackle box are in good condition; some are even in



Special to the Chronicle

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Molded glass pieces like these have been a category of collecting for a long time.

ATTIC

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their original packaging. I am interested in selling them. Can you help me find a resource or interested collectors? Thank you for your help.
—P.R., internet

Dear P.R.: Fishing lures, tackle, as well as advertising memorabilia associated to sport fishing is a large category of collector interest. It would be best to contact an auction company that specializes in the category. Lang's Auction in New York State is considered "the World's Leading Fishing Tackle Auction." First make an inventory of the collection, then contact them. The website is www.langsauction.com. Good luck!

John Sikorski has been a professional in the antiques business for 30 years. Send questions to Sikorski's Attic, P.O. Box 2513, Ocala, FL 34478 or asksikorski@aol.com.

LIVING

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Baby your furniture with wipes. Baby wipes are surprisingly effective for quick DIY upholstery cleaning. They offer a nice mixture of water and soap, use very little moisture and are gentle. Keep a travel-pack stashed in the living room for instant spot removal.

Know your upholstery codes. Your piece probably came with a DIY upholstery cleaning code. "W" means it's OK to use water. "S" means skip the water and use a nonwater-based solvent, such as alcohol, instead. "S/W" means you're OK using either solvents or water, and "X" means use neither — vacuum only.

Treat your stains frequently. If your furniture doesn't come pretreated with a fabric protector to repel stains, apply one yourself (or have an expert do it for you). If it does, ask how long it will last. "Many of the treatments on the market must be reapplied

every few years to retain their stain-fighting powers," says Melissa Homer, chief cleaning officer of MaidPro. Keeping it treated is key in maximizing the life of your furniture, she says.

Develop a need for spot-cleaning speed. The sooner you treat a spot, the better your chances of removing it. If you catch it right away, says MyClean COO Kenny Schultz, you may be able to get away with simply blotting with a microfiber cloth.

Don't scrub stains. Don't scrub, even when you're dealing with tough, set-in stains. Scrubbing could actually grind the stain further into the fibers or damage the fabric. Better to let the stain remover sink in and do its thing, then gently blot away.

Don't oversaturate stains. "Many people believe that the more moisture you use, the better. This is not always true," says Ron Holt, CEO of Two Maids & a Mop. Try a specially formulated solvent (water-free) spot remover

first. Many upholstery sprays are inexpensive and work beautifully on most stains. If you move on to a water-based approach, Holt says, use it sparingly.

Try a DIY spot remover. If water is safe to use on your upholstery, there are many DIY upholstery cleaning tactics you can try. Vacuum before attempting removal, says Two Maids & a Mop's Holt, to reduce the risk of spreading the stain. (Always test in an inconspicuous spot first.)

General stain removal: Start with club soda. Dab it on gently with a clean, white cloth. Two more easy options: A little vinegar, left to sit for about 15 minutes before blotting with clear water, or plain old soap and water.

Grease/oil stains: Sprinkle with salt, let sit, then dab with soap and water.

Alternatively, try using rubbing alcohol instead of salt.

Coffee stains: Blot with a mixture of equal parts water and vinegar with a little dish detergent.

Crayon stains: Work in a dab of non-gel toothpaste, then rinse with clear water.

Blood stains: Blot with hydrogen peroxide, then water.

Red wine stains: Sprinkle with salt. Blot with hydrogen peroxide or lemon juice. Blot with water to rinse.

Banish pet hair using just your hands. To remove pet hair, put on a pair of rubber gloves and run them over your furniture, says Leslie Reichert, aka The Cleaning Coach.

"The gloves create static that pulls the hair off to the edge of the

piece, where you can easily vacuum it off," she says.

Treat blankets and throw pillows too. Don't forget the blankets and throw pillows! Stick with the gentle cycle on cold. If the pillow covers are removable, remove and wash them inside-out. Be sure to dry pillows thoroughly, as inner dampness can lead to mold. If you're not sure your pillows are washable, freshen them with a spritz of water, spiked with your favorite essential oil, followed by a tumble in the dryer with a couple of tennis balls.

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Reducing waste during the holidays

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Associated Press

With concern about climate change growing, this holiday season is a chance to try celebrating in more planet-friendly ways. Simple changes to the way we gift wrap, send cards, decorate and entertain can cut out a lot of waste. (And often save money in the process.)

“This is the year to approach the holidays with sustainability foremost in mind. It’s a great way to feel good as you enter the giving season,” says Liz Vaccariello, editor in chief of Real Simple.

Think carefully about what you’re buying, says Melissa Ozawa, features and garden editor of Martha Stewart Living, “and focus on things that are meaningful and last.”

That often means natural and recyclable materials.

“Now more than ever, it’s good to ask yourself, ‘Do I really want this? Will I use it? What’s the impact on the planet?’” Ozawa says.

Some activities to look at:

Gift wrap

Unease over paper waste has many people turning to reusable bags and other options. Some companies that make wrapping paper have launched recyclable lines, or removed glitter, which is not recyclable, from their products.

Vaccariello recommends stocking up on gift bags and ribbons that come your way and reusing them.

Or consider things like old maps, pages from magazines, and decorated Kraft paper as recyclable gift wrap, and embellishing them with fragrant sprigs of rosemary or evergreen, says Amy Panos, home editor at Better Homes & Gardens.

Both she and Ozawa like the Japanese tradition of furoshiki, in which gifts are elegantly wrapped in cloth. The pretty and sturdy wrapping cloths can



Gift wrap made from saris that are recycled by artisans in Bangladesh. Ten Thousand Villages says sales have been growing steadily since the wraps were introduced in 2013.

be found in shops or online.

Or use colorful tea towels or scarves, making the wrapping cloth part of the gift itself. Better Homes features a guide to wrapping in cloth on its website.

Holiday cards

“The tide has really turned, and it’s fine to give and receive electronic cards. There are so many digital options now, and people get just as much joy out

of it,” says Vaccariello.

Those who stick with traditional cards might opt for ones printed on recyclable paper, and skip those featuring glitter or foil.

Cards from California-based PaperCulture.com, for example, are printed on 100% post-consumer recycled paper. To offset its carbon footprint, the company says, it works both locally and with the Arbor Day Foundation and Trees for the

Future, pledging to plant a tree for every order.

“There’s room, and demand, for saving the planet while having things that are inspirational in the way they’re designed,” says CEO Christopher Wu.

Decorations

Again, think of reusing and recycling, says Vaccariello. Greenery left over from trimming a tree or clipped from the outdoors can be used in wreaths or gar-

lands, for example.

Last year’s holiday cards can be cut out and hung as decorations, says Panos.

If your holiday lights are old, switch them out for energy-saving LED ones, says Ozawa, at Martha Stewart Living. They use 75% less energy than incandescent bulbs according to Energy Star, and will last years longer, she says.



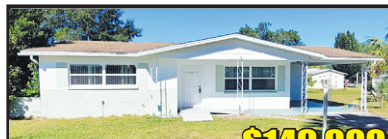
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Thank a tree this Thanksgiving

I have submitted a similar article previously, but since Thanksgiving weekend is upon us, I feel it bears repeating. The Thanksgiving holiday is a time to reflect on our blessings and to give thanks to our God and others in our lives.

Most of us take many of our blessings for granted, including yours truly. And I'm sure most of us take trees for granted. We drive by them every day and we have them in our yards. Trees provide a plethora of benefits, so I want each of you to walk up to your favorite tree in your yard or park (although you might want to do this in private), put your hands on its trunk and say thank you for



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each of the following.

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■ Thank you for helping hospital patients recover more quickly when they can see you from their room.

■ Thank you for raising my property values up to 15%.

■ Thank you for making office workers more productive when they have offices in wooded areas.

■ Thank you for reducing winds during a storm.

■ Thank you for making our highways quieter when you are planted next to them.

■ Thank you for providing a home for birds, and yes, even the squirrels.

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The tree

Artificial or real? "The greener choice would be buying a real Christmas tree from a local farm," says Ozawa.

"The trees are grown for the purpose of being cut, and new ones are typically replanted every year, so the cycle continues," she says.

"Buying local means that it didn't use tons of fossil fuels to get to you. Plus many municipalities pick up trees after the

holidays and chip them to use as mulch, so you're not adding to the landfill. And you can't beat the smell of a fresh-cut tree."

If you do buy an artificial tree, she says, plan to use it for many years.

"I would also consider the material of the artificial tree. When making your decision, ask: Is it made with recycled materials? Or can it be recycled?" Ozawa suggests.

Entertaining

When hosting a gathering, avoid single-use plastics and go with more eco-friendly options, like regular plates and cups. If

single-use seem unavoidable, choose compostable versions made from things like bamboo or sugar cane, says Vaccariello.

"Just be sure to put out clearly labeled bins for compostables and recyclables," reminds Panos. "Otherwise it'll still end up in the trash."

Instead of offering guests a plastic goodie bag or doggie bag on their way out, save takeout containers and reuse them, she suggests.

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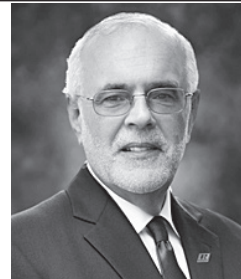
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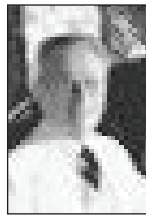
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Single-family home starts fell 3.9% from September to October and are down more than 10% from last year. Apartment construction has helped offset some of those declines, with starts of buildings with five or more units rising to 470,000 in October, an increase of 6.8% from September's 440,000. Apartment construction starts are up nearly 40% over this time last year.

Construction activity by region saw modest declines in the Northeast, South and West, while the Midwest came in 5.6%

higher in October.

Low interest rates and a desire for more space have lured buyers into the market, but rising costs for materials and a years-long shortage of supply have pushed prices up. Economists and builders say demand remains strong, even as the median price for a new home is about 20% higher than a year ago.

A monthly survey of builder sentiment by the National Association of Home Builders and Wells Fargo showed sentiment improved to 83 in November from a reading of 80 in October, which was also an increase over September's 76. The index hit a record reading of 90 last November.

The Commerce Department issues its report on new home sales for October later this month.



Special to the Chronicle

Most of us take trees for granted. We drive by them every day and we have them in our yards, not thinking about the plethora of benefits they provide.

TREES

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■ Thank you for reducing water runoff by absorbing water in your roots and soil and intercepting the rain.

■ Thank you for reducing my stress when I sit with you in my yard.

This is not even a complete list! But what would our lives be like without trees? So, this year, when you are saying grace at the Thanksgiving table, remember to add trees to your list of things to be thankful for.

Eric H. Hoyer is a certified arborist, a certified forester, a registered consulting arborist and a qualified tree risk assessor with Natural Resource Planning Services Inc. He can be contacted at erich@nrpsforesters.com.

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<p>5815 N. LARKSPUR WAY 3/2/2 807596 \$445,000</p>	<p>1386 E. MCKINLEY ST. 3/2/2 804171 \$399,900</p>	<p>4305 N. ELKCAM BLVD. 4/2/2 806998 \$369,900</p>
<p>181 W. REXFORD DR. 3/2/2 802868 \$385,000</p>	<p>8650 N. SARAZEN DR. 3/2/2 804389 \$209,999</p>	<p>2345 W. AMBER PL. 4/2 807604 \$199,900</p>
<p>916 S. SUNFISH AVE. 1/1 807283 \$68,500</p>		

CITRUS SPRINGS LOTS

8291 N. DOWNER WAY 804014	\$8,900
1682 W. HILL LANE .31 ACRE, 806787	\$12,000
6767 N. ELKCAM BLVD. .23 ACRE, 802236	\$12,000
7155 N. CRICKET DR. .23 ACRE, 801316	\$12,500
1896 W. CARY DR. .33 ACRE, 801340	\$12,500
1383 W. KENMORE ST. .23 ACRE, 806105	\$12,900
3149 W. FAIRBANK DR. .23 ACRE, 803021	\$13,000
7848 N. IBSEN DR. .33 ACRE, 803023	\$13,000
11863 N. MONICA DR. .23 ACRE, 777664	\$13,500
7483 N. GIMS WAY .31, 804377	\$16,900
8254 N. KROUSE WAY .23 ACRE, 803349	\$19,900
10253 N. ATHENIA DR. .39 ACRE, 804026	\$18,900
2819 W. EDISON PL. .45 ACRE, DOUBLE LOT, 803022	\$26,000
10100 N. OCEAN DR. .25 ACRE, 802817	\$28,000

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51 E. CITRUS SPRINGS BLVD. 2.73 ACRES, 795215	\$250,000
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LAUREL RIDGE LOTS

169 W. CLIFTON PL. .22 ACRES, 799917	\$24,000
593 W. PLAYER PATH. 14 ACRES, 787880	\$24,900

PINE RIDGE LOTS

4434 N. PINK POPPY DR. 1.00 ACRE, 807200	\$52,000
5818 N. HAZELWOOD DR. 1.00 ACRE, 803854	\$55,000
5361 N. PEPPERMINT DR. 1.00 ACRE, 804005	\$54,900
3070 W. BRAZILNUT RD. 1.03 ACRES, 799519	\$59,900
5825 N. PECAN WAY 1.00 ACRE, 805466	\$62,500
2518 W. MUSTANG BLVD. 1.20 ACRES, 806785	\$65,900
4815 N. MANGROVE WAY. 1.25 ACRES, 807555	\$74,900

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NEW LISTING
 5575 N. PRINCEWOOD DR., BEVERLY HILLS
 Check out this 3/2 home nestled on a 1.06 acre lot located in the Pine Ridge Subdivision and is move-in-ready. This community has a community center, equestrian trails, golf course, and pro shop.
 MLS #807439 **\$300,000**
 Call Jakob Solute 352-257-1582 to schedule your showing appointment today!



NEW LISTING
 3 bedroom 1.5 baths, city water and sewer. LARGE lot fenced in backyard, and newer roof! Close to the boat ramp.
 MLS #807363 **\$160,000**
 Call Jeanne Pickrel 352-212-3410 today!

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Paradise found. 14.38 acres build your dream home. Paved road. Not in a flood zone.
 NO HOA - NO RESTRICTIONS.
 Beautiful unspoiled natural Florida foliage. A large variety of wildlife, deer, and big bucks.
 Farm animals allowed.
\$219,000
 Call David A. Kurtz 954-383-8786 today!

NEW LISTING VACANT LAND COMMERCIAL

2012 W. DUNNELLO RD.
 DUNNELLO
 Check out this .81 acre commercial lot with approximately 175 feet of frontage with high traffic volume.
 MLS #807450 **\$48,900**
 Call Lindsey Mounsey 352-201-0099 for additional property information today!



PRICE REDUCTION
 2408 WILSON ST.
 INVERNESS
 Check out this 3/2 screen enclosed pool home located in the Inverness Acres Subdivision, is nestled on a .46-acre lot, is within city limits, minutes from historic downtown Inverness, and enjoy all the indoor/outdoor amenities it has to offer.
 MLS #804795 **\$285,000**
 Call Kate Von Staden 352-464-2787 to schedule your showing appointment today!

NEW LISTINGS

(2) VACANT LAND/ LOTS LAKE EST. SUBDIVISION INVERNESS

9794 TULIPTREE DR.
 .36 acre lot • Zoned CLR • Flood zone AE, X
 MLS #807484 **\$17,500**
 9782 TULIPTREE DR.
 .39 acre lot • Zoned CLR • Flood zone AE, X
 MLS #807490 **\$17,500**
 Skyler Hastings 352-422-6096 for additional property information today!



NEW LISTING
 3044 W. BERMUDA DUNES, LECANTO
 Fully renovated 3/2 located in gated Diamond. Call today for a tour
 MLS #807424 **\$309,000**
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NEW LISTINGS

(2) VACANT LOTS CITRUS SPRINGS SUBDIVISION

6528 N. WINLOCK TER.
 .23 acre lot • Zoned RUR • Flood zone X
 MLS #807440 **\$9,500**
 7912 N. POCONO DR.
 .22 acre lot • Zoned PDR • Flood zone X
 MLS #807519 **\$12,000**
 Call Stefan Stuart 352-212-0211 for additional property information today!

WATERFRONT

This nice lot is on open water to the Hernando pool of the Tsala Apopka Lake Chain, comes with a 2 bedroom, 2 bath, DW mobile, shed, 2 docks, also has an extra lot that can be built on, or build a beautiful home here. Use mobile for friends/relatives or use as AIRBNB.
\$189,900
 Call Me - Ruth Frederick 352-563-6866



NEW LISTING
 3826 N. BRIARBERRY
 55+ community features 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, large rooms, and lots of closets. The kitchen offers an eat-in area & French doors leading to the outside front porch. Newer carpets, new tile flooring, and bathroom update. Roof 2015. Water heater 2020. Maintenance free. Come visit the Florida lifestyle. Ready to move in!
 MLS #805493 **\$125,000**
 Call Lorraine O'Regan 352-586-0075 today!

NEW LISTINGS

(3) VACANT LOTS IN CRYSTAL RIVER

10223 N. DAWNFLOWER AVE.
 1.14 acres • Zoned CLR • In Crystal Manor
 MLS #807501
 10234 N. DAWNFLOWER AVE.
 1.19 acres • Zoned CLR • In Crystal Manor
 Both flood zone X
 MLS #807501 **Both Priced at \$25,000 Each**
 6456 W. CHERRYWOOD ST.
 .88 acres • Zoned LDRMH • In Crystal Heights
 Flood zone X
 MLS #807502 **Priced at \$24,000**
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NEW LISTING
 9290 W. KEITH BRAY CT., CRYSTAL RIVER
 Check out this prime commercial location. This 3/1 home has 1,548 living square feet building, would be great for a retail store, cafe/lounge, or an in-home business, plenty of options.
 MLS #807568 **\$185,000**
 Call Skyler Hastings 352-422-6096 to schedule your showing appointment today!



PRICE REDUCTION
 4389 N. FROLY POINT, HERNANDO
 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath with Carport Handyman Special!! Cash Only Central AC & Screened-In Lanai Re-Shingled Roof in 2010
 MLS #806797 **\$72,000**
 Call Laura Grady, Realtor 352-302-2340 today!



NEW LISTING
 2037 FOREST DR., INVERNESS
 Look at this quaint remodeled 2/2 detached garage/carport and nestled on a full acre lot located in the Fletcher Heights Subdivision, is within minutes from Whispering Pines Park, and historic downtown Inverness where you can enjoy all the indoor/outdoor amenities it has to offer.
 MLS #807476 **\$299,000**
 Call Nilda Cano 352-270-0202 to schedule your showing appointment today!



NEW LISTING
 CITRUS SPRINGS HOME
 3/2 • Fresh Interior Paint
 New Vinyl Plank Flooring
 Split plan with Living Room and Family Room
 MLS #807494 **\$215,000**
 Call LaWanda Watt 212-1989 today!



PRICE REDUCTION
 8585 N. TROJAN DR., CITRUS SPRINGS
 Check this 4/2 home located in Citrus Springs Subdivision with 2,214 sq. ft. living with a large backyard with several kinds of fruit trees, a 10x14 shed, and a large enclosed back lanai.
 MLS #803258 **\$294,900**
 Call Nicholas Kliffis 352-270-1032 and schedule your showing appointment today!



NEW LISTING
 560 E. WINNETKA ST., HERNANDO
 Check out this 2/2 detached garage and carport located in the forest Lake North Subdivision and is nestled on a 2.74-acre lot. It has a front/back covered porch and is move-in-ready!
 MLS #807432 **\$150,000**
 Call Lisa Trick 352-212-0807 to schedule your showing appointment today!

THE SUNDAY CHRONICLE

November 21, 2021

NOVEMBER

PEANUTS

featuring "Good ol' Charlie Brown"

by SCHULZ

11-21

DON'T TELL ME... LET ME GUESS... IT SNOWED LAST NIGHT!

WOODSTOCK! I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO WOODSTOCK!

POOR WOODSTOCK DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF IN EMERGENCIES...

HE'S PROBABLY SNOWED UNDER, OR FROZEN STIFF, OR...

SCHULZ

DILBERT

by SCOTT ADAMS

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WOULD YOU MIND GIVING MY SON SOME CAREER ADVICE?

HE WON'T LISTEN TO MY ADVICE BECAUSE I'M HIS FATHER.

YEAH, THAT'S THE REASON.

SO, JUNIOR, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO FOR A CAREER?

I WANT TO DO SOMETHING I'M PASSIONATE ABOUT.

AND IT HAS TO BE FUN BUT NOT A LOT OF WORK.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHY THE REST OF US DIDN'T THINK OF DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

IS IT BECAUSE YOU'RE IDIOTS?

THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT YOU THAT SCREAMS "MANAGER."

MARVIN

by Tom Armstrong

11-21

THERE'S NO FOOD OR DRINK ON THE COUCH, MARVIN

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

I CAN HAVE A DRINK ON THE COUCH BECAUSE IF I SPILL, I'LL CLEAN IT UP

WELL, IF I SPILL, HE'S JUST GOING TO CLEAN THAT UP TOO, SO I DON'T SEE THE DIFFERENCE!

Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

WILD GUESSES

Albert Owl, Slick Smitty, Rose Swank

Slylock Fox and Max Mouse are on the set of TV game show Wild Guesses. Slick Smitty is hitting the buzzer, racking up points and leaving the other contestants far behind. What does Slylock see that indicates Smitty rigged the game?

Solution -- Smitty connected the owl's and skunk's buzzers. Then made his buzzers less obvious by sending a single unconnected cord in and out from behind the set. Smitty's buzzer cord is the only one that is properly connected.

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HOW TO DRAW a baby ape

YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Julian, age 11

Submit your black-and-white drawing to www.slylockfox.com

A group of porcupines is called a ...

- Jab
- Prickle
- Needle
- Spike
- Skewer
- Harpoon

Answer -- Crater, rocket ship, Saturn's ring, card, antenna and man's mouth.

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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.

SLOPAT
O O O O O O O

EDILYE
O O O O O O O

MPLUME
O O O O O O O

GURSA Y
O O O O O O O

UDONEF
O O O O O O O

RXTEPE
O O O O O O O

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THE WORKERS FINISHING UP LUNCH AT THE CLOCK FACTORY WERE ---

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

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

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SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mephram Group

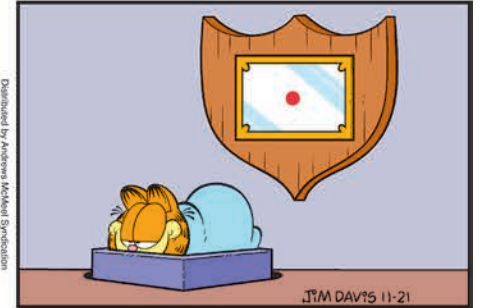
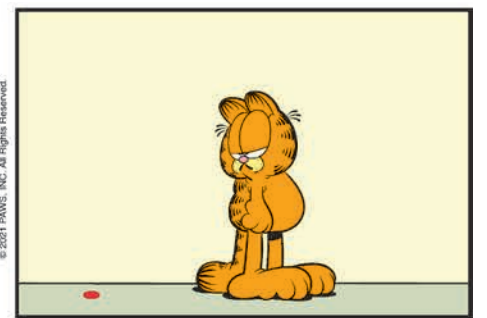
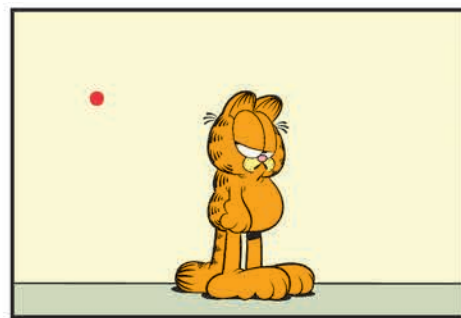
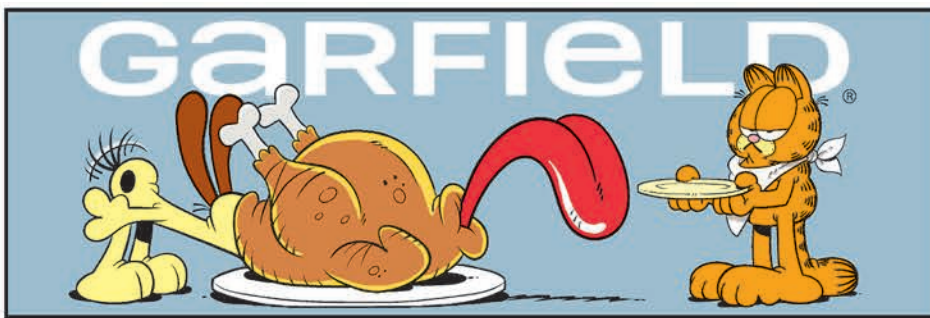
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, please visit sudoku.org.uk

Solution to Last Weeks puzzle

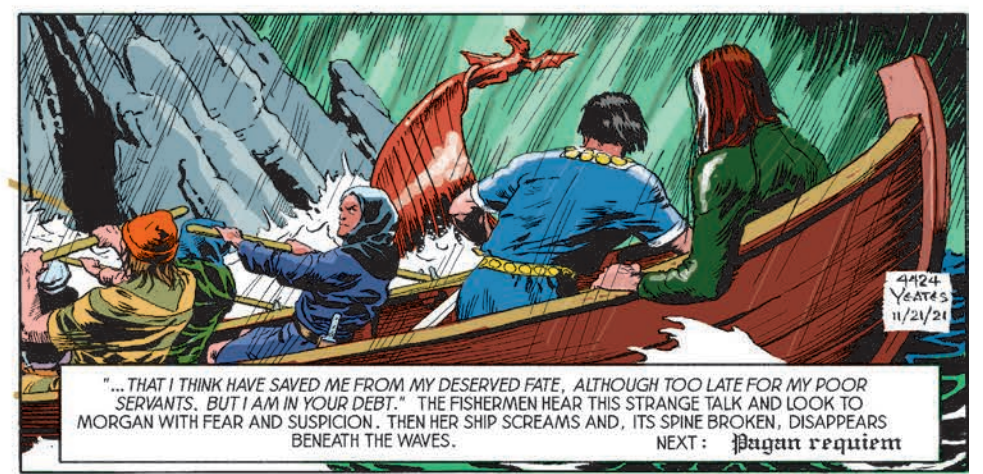
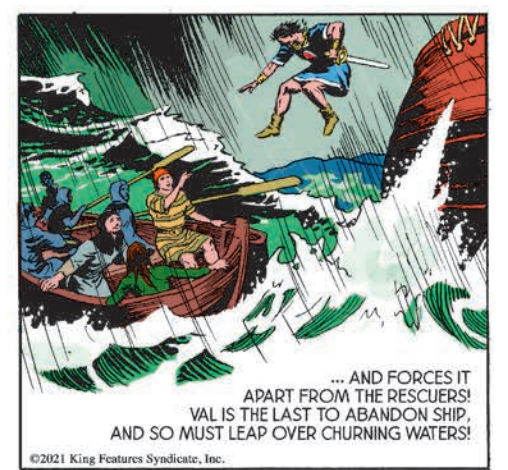
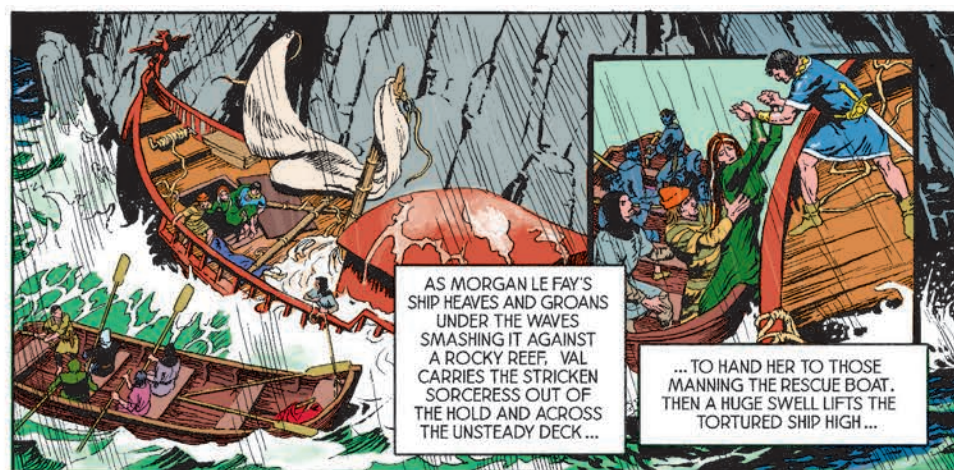
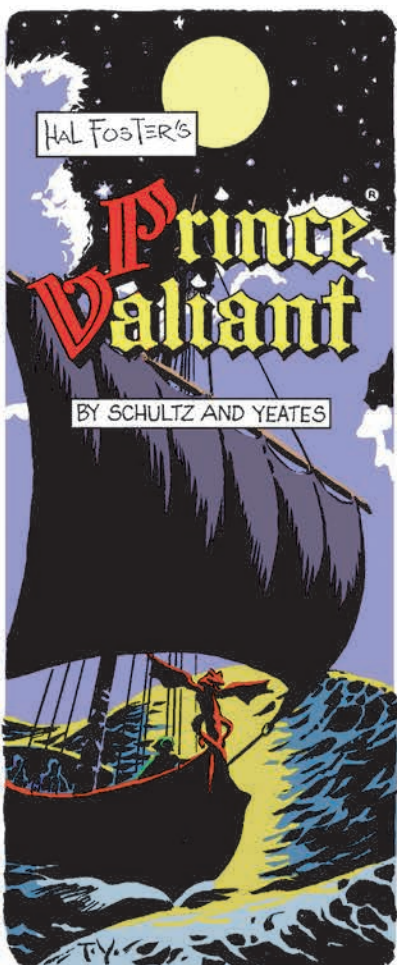
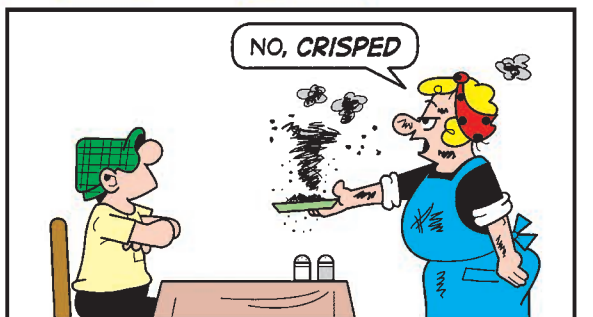
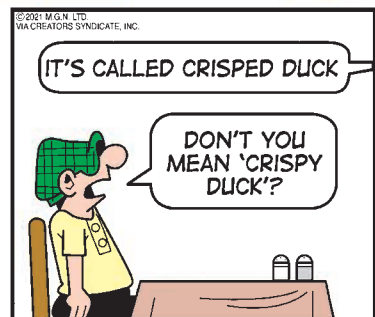
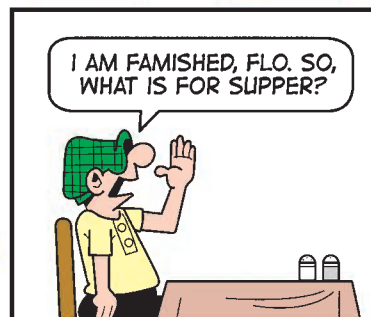
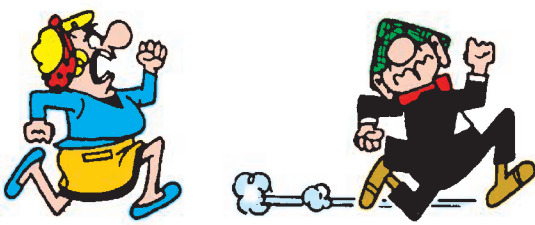
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by Smythe

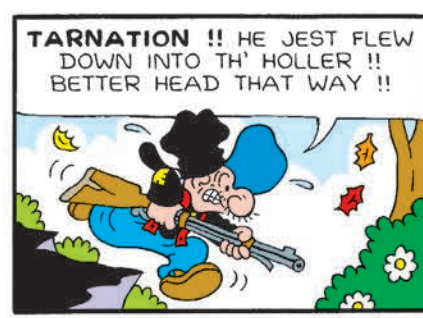
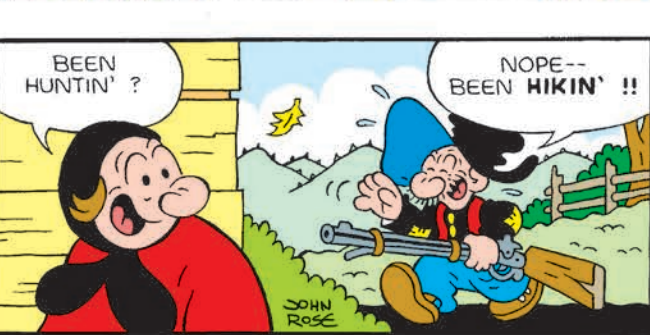
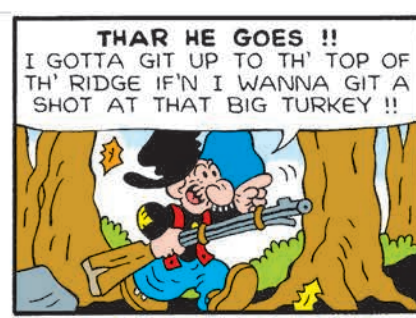
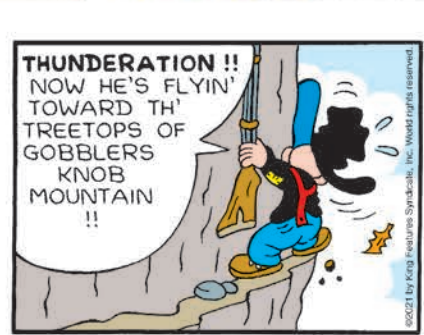
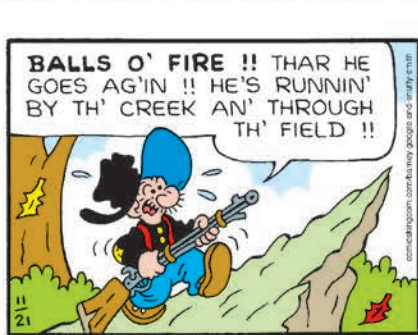
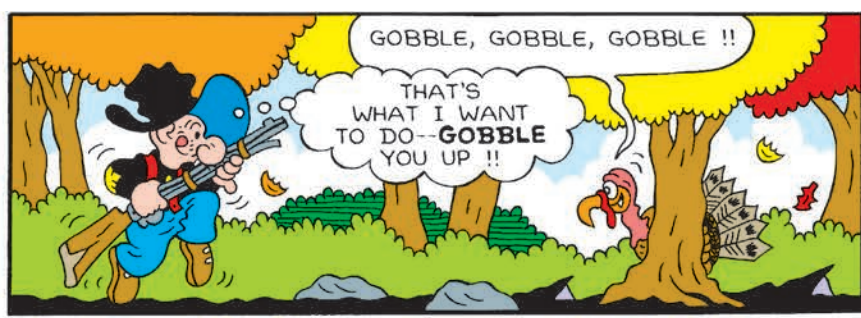


JUMBLE

Answer:

POSTAL PUMMEL FONDUE
EYELID SUGARY EXPERT
The workers finishing up lunch at the clock factory were ---
FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

BARNEY GOOGLE and SNEAKS WITH THEM BY JOHN ROSE

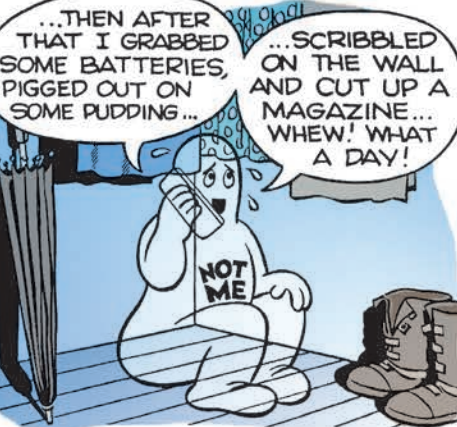
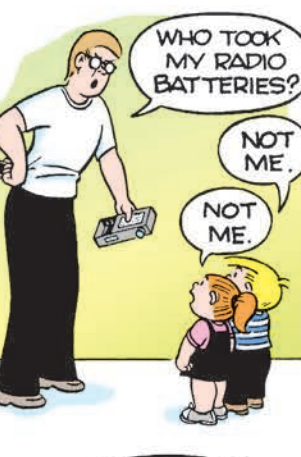


Mort Walker's beetle bailey

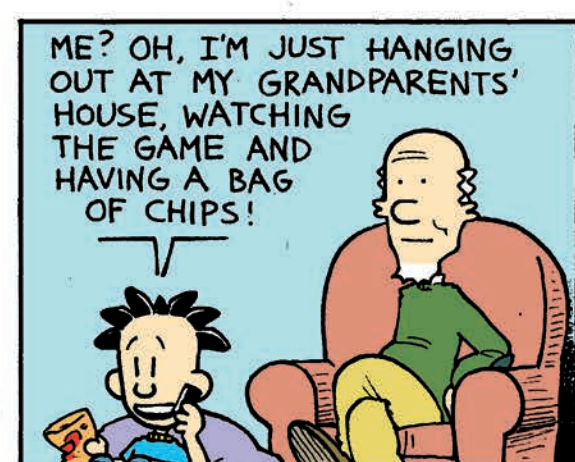
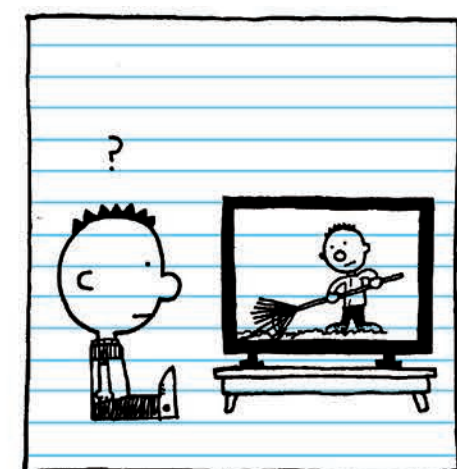


THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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PICKLES

by BRIAN CRANE

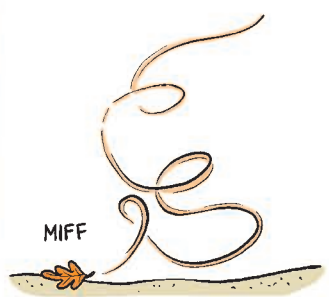
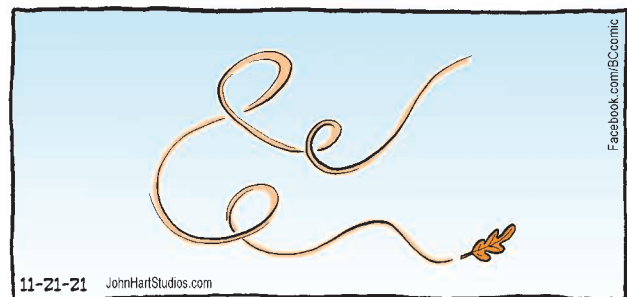
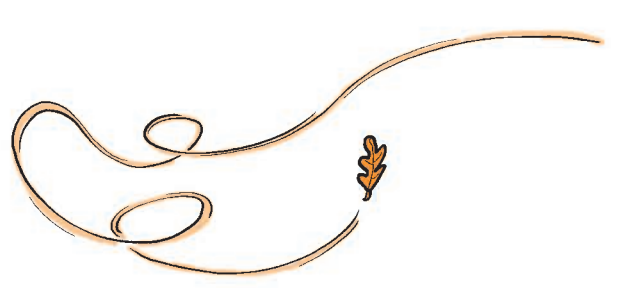
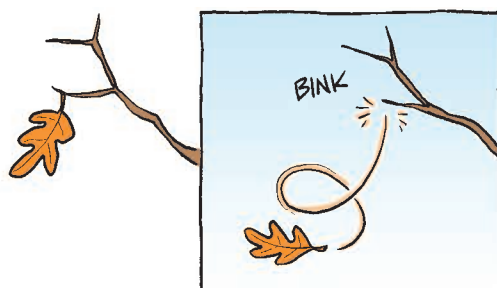


SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

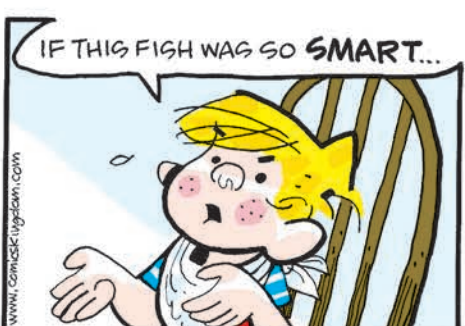
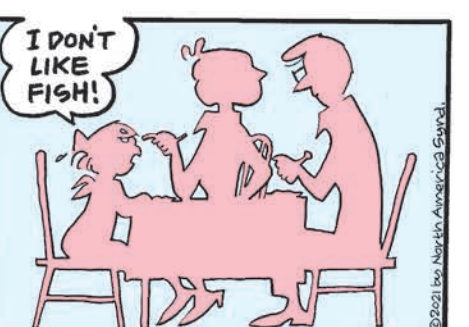


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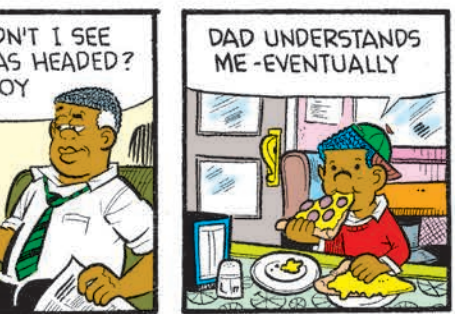
Hank Ketchum's Dennis the Menace

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



CURTIS

by RAY BILLINGSLEY



LUANN
BY GREG EVANS?

CAN GOD KILL A GHOST?
IS HEAVEN IN OUR TIME ZONE?
WHEN IS SANTA'S BIRTHDAY?
WHERE DO CLOWNS COME FROM?

UH...

COULD A RICH PERSON BUY MARS?
WHY DON'T BABY RATTLESNAKES HAVE RATTLES?
IF I BURP INTO AN ENVELOPE, CAN I SEND IT TO MY DAD?

UH...

WHEN FOG DRIES OUT, DOES IT TURN INTO DUST?
IS IT OK TO SAY A SWEAR WORD THAT I INVENTED?
WHY DOES POOP STINK?
WHEN A SOUND GOES IN OUR EAR, DOES IT STAY THERE?
IS FOREVER-AFTER LONGER THAN INFINITY?

UH...

MOM, WHEN A KID ASKS QUESTIONS YOU CAN'T ANSWER, WHAT DO YOU SAY?

UH...

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HAGGAR
the horrible
by DIK BROWNE

WHY IS HARD LIQUOR CALLED "SPIRITS"?

'CAUSE IT MAKES YOU SEE THINGS THAT AREN'T THERE?

LOOK! THE MOON JUST LANDED ON TOP OF THAT MOUNTAIN!

THERE COULD BE PEOPLE LIVING ON THE MOON!

YEAH! THEY MAY BE JUMPING ONTO THE MOUNTAIN TO LAUNCH AN INVASION!

YOU'RE RIGHT! AND WHEN THE MOON RETURNS TO THAT SPOT, THEN THEY'LL ESCAPE WITH THEIR LOOT!

HYUK HYUK
CHUCKLE

THIS SURE IS SOME MIGHTY GOOD RUM!
I'LL SAY!

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WIZARD OF ID
by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

BRRR...

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REALLY?! I CAN'T ACCEPT THE END OF AUTUMN

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BLONDIE
BY DEAN KELLOGG & JOHN MARSHALL

LET'S TALK ABOUT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS THIS YEAR

NO, I DON'T THINK SO

SO, YOU'RE NOT PUTTING UP CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON YOUR HOUSE THIS YEAR?

OH, I'LL HANG A SINGLE STRING OF LIGHTS OVER THE FRONT DOOR, BUT THAT'S ALL

I'M TIRED OF CLIMBING UP AND DOWN A LADDER OVER AND OVER FOR HOURS!

AND THINK ABOUT ALL THOSE BURNED-OUT LIGHTS THAT HAVE TO BE REPLACED

ALL OF A SUDDEN, THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER AND YOU HAVE TO BOX IT UP FOR NEXT YEAR

THANK GOODNESS I'VE SEEN THE LIGHT THIS YEAR!

I'M PRETTY SURE HERB HAS BEEN BUYING TONS OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ONLINE ALL YEAR

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Hi and Lois
by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

IT'S TIME FOR OUR FOOLPROOF GAME-WINNING PLAY.

GOT IT!

THROUGH THE FENCE.

AROUND THE MAILBOX.

LOOK BOTH WAYS.

CROSS THE STREET.

JUMP THE BUSH.

CATCH THE BALL.

TOUCHDOWN!

WHY ARE YOU PLAYING FOOTBALL IN MY YARD?

OURS ISN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR THE "LONG BOMB."

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THE LOCKHORNS

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"I SAID WE'RE HAVING MY ASSORTED RELATIVES FOR THANKSGIVING, NOT SORDID."



"LEROY PICKED UP SOMETHING AT ARTHUR'S BAR, BUT I'M SURE IT WASN'T THE TAB."



"SEE, THIS IS WHY I NEVER BRING YOU FLOWERS... YOU ALWAYS THINK I DID SOMETHING WRONG."



"IT'S SIMPLE ECONOMICS, SIR... THE LESS YOU GET, THE MORE YOU PAY."



"SO THIS IS THE ADDRESS YOUR ONLINE GENEALOGICAL TRACING SITE GAVE YOU?"

PRIORITY HEALTH



3 mistakes to avoid when working out

Regardless of whether you just started exercising at home or you've been going to the gym for years, there are certain rules you should follow to ensure your workout is as beneficial and enjoyable as possible. Here are three common mistakes to avoid.

1. WEARING THE WRONG OUTFIT

When it comes to working out, your choice of clothes and shoes is important. For instance, you should opt for polyester rather than cotton because it's stretchier and breathes better. Additionally, be sure to select footwear intended for your activity of choice and the types of movements you'll be doing.

2. EXCEEDING YOUR LIMITS

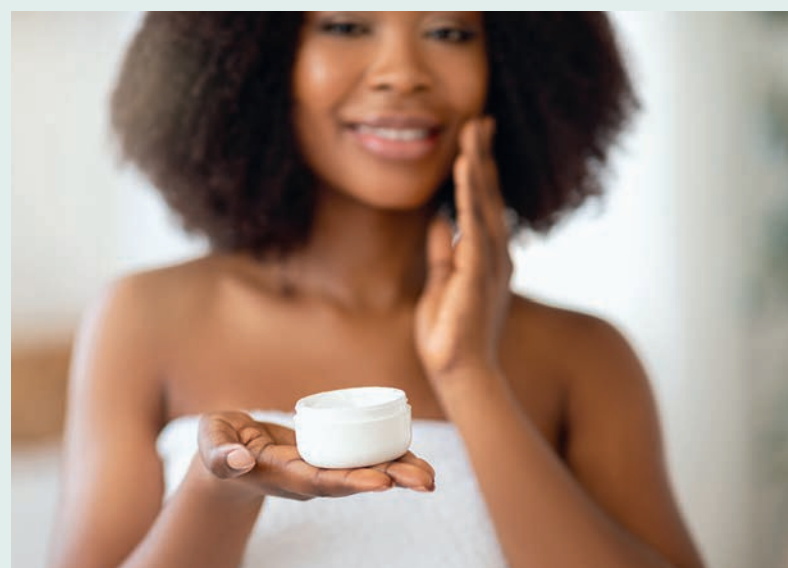
Pushing yourself to your limits every day with the hope of seeing quick results will

only increase your risk of getting injured. While it's good to challenge yourself, make sure you listen to your body and give yourself plenty of time to recover after a workout. This approach will pay off in the long run.

3. NEGLECTING YOUR DIET

Be sure to drink enough water during your workouts, as exercise speeds up dehydration. You should also eat a snack that's rich in carbohydrates and easy to digest about an hour before you exercise to give you the energy you need. To maximize the benefits of your workouts, reduce your sugar intake and make other improvements to your diet.

For personalized advice about adopting a healthier lifestyle, consult your doctor or a personal trainer.



What to do about dry skin in winter

Low temperatures, cold winds and dry indoor air can make skin lose moisture in winter. Here are some tips to help you keep your skin soft and hydrated this season.

- **Take shorter showers.** Long, hot showers might be enjoyable, but they also remove your skin's protective oils and dry it out even more. Spend less time in the shower or bath, and opt for lukewarm water instead.
- **Use the right soaps.** Gentle cleansers or creams that contain nut butters or oils, for example, will protect your skin against damage while also keeping it hydrated. You should also avoid using exfoliants.

- **Moisturize regularly.** For deep-penetrating skincare, use fat-based body butters and moisturizers or thermal water. If your skin is particularly dry, choose a rich, soothing cream. For best results, apply the product immediately after showering or washing your hands while your skin is still damp.

- **Stay hydrated.** Be sure to drink plenty of water throughout the day. Additionally, you can maximize your skin's health by eating foods that are rich in omega-3 fatty acids.

If your dry skin persists despite a rigorous care routine, consult a doctor or dermatologist. They may be able to recommend habits or products adapted to your specific needs.

How to prevent frostbite

Frostbite can occur if skin is exposed to freezing temperatures for too long. This type of damage often affects the extremities of the body such as the ears, nose, fingers and toes. If not properly treated, frostbite can lead to serious complications. Here's how to prevent it.

DRESS APPROPRIATELY

Wear several layers of warm clothes, and make sure you're covered from head to toe when you venture outside in cold weather. A wool hat, mittens, a scarf and boots are all winter wardrobe essentials. You should also invest in a quality, waterproof winter coat.

Dampness promotes heat loss. If your clothes get wet while you're outside, be sure to change them as soon as possible.

LIMIT YOUR OUTINGS

Avoid staying outside for too long when the temperature drops, especially if you aren't

wearing the right clothes. When you do spend time outdoors in winter, prioritize activities that keep you moving. Don't forget to take breaks, preferably indoors, so you can refuel with a snack and hot beverage.

CHECK THE FORECAST

Always check the weather before you leave the house in winter. Pay particular attention to extreme cold warnings, and don't hesitate to reschedule your planned outing for a day when it's safer to be outdoors for an extended period of time.

If you notice early signs of frostbite, such as cold, numb or reddish skin, get inside and slowly warm up the affected areas.

Newborns, adults over the age of 65 and people with chronic health conditions are more sensitive to the effects of cold weather than healthy adults and children.



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