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CITRUS COUNTY VIRUS UPDATE

INSIDE

View the latest COVID-19 data about Citrus County today on **Page A7**.

DOH-Citrus vaccine registration

DOH-Citrus' preregistration system to schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments for individuals 65 and older and frontline health care workers is now available.

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

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

Vaccine supply remains limited and appointments may not be available for several weeks.

Drive-thru food drive on March 16

The Esther Chapter of the Daughters of the King at Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church in Lecanto is asking for food donations to benefit SOS food pantry.

The monthly drive-thru food donation collection is the third Tuesday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon at Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, 2540 W. Norvell Bryant Highway (County Road 486), Lecanto.

The Donation Drop-Off is at the Portico entrance at the church. The food collected on Tuesday will be taken to SOS on Wednesday in time for distribution on Thursday. Refrigerated and frozen items can be accepted.

— From staff reports



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

Cost of growth



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Roofers Tyler Miller, left, and Andrew Lyman work on a standing-seam roof that is being built Wednesday, March 10, on King's Bay in Crystal River. The workers are employed by Certified Roofing Solutions LLC in Ocala.

Comparing impact fees across the region

MICHAEL D. BATES

STAFF WRITER

Any talk about raising impact fees, even a little bit, is an emotionally charged issue any time it's brought up.

Both sides line up to make their pitch: "Impact fees can hurt a recovering economy and will stunt new home construction" versus "It's only fair that new growth pay for itself."

That proved true two weeks ago when county commissioners held a public hearing on proposed amendments to the current fees. They tabled the matter to allow the public more time to comment and review a report by Duncan Associates that suggested some hikes.

Another public hearing will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, at the Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Ave. in Inverness.

Even though two county commissioners have said they will not vote to change the current rate structure, that hearing promises to bring lively debate.

Impact fees help local government fund infrastructure necessitated by new growth. They are one-time fees on new development and are to be used for capital construction, not operational expenses.

There are eight impact fee

categories collected in Citrus County: roads, schools, libraries, fire, law enforcement, parks, emergency medical services (EMS) and public buildings.

Currently, the county's adopted impact fee policy is at 50% of the full amounts for two categories: transportation and schools.

Single- and multi-family homes

Traditionally, single-family homes capture the lion's share of attention when it comes to tinkering with the fees. Multi-family homes — which can include apartments, duplexes and condominiums — are also attention-getters, although less so in Citrus County because there aren't as many.

Assuming commissioners do increase fees with the same formula currently in effect, how would that affect single-family homes?

Based on the consultant's report, impact fees would rise \$1,363 — from the current \$4,809 to \$6,172.

A detached single-family home is defined as one that is 2,000 square feet with three bedrooms.

If the board goes with that recommendation, here's how Citrus would stack up to other counties in the region that impose impact fees for single-family homes:

■ Hernando County: \$4,714.
■ Hillsborough County: \$16,293.
■ Lake County: \$12,833.
■ Levy County: \$1,613.
■ Marion County: \$1,397.
■ Pasco County: \$18,212.
■ Pinellas County: \$2,066.
■ Polk County: \$10,425.
■ Sumter County: \$2,997.

The impact fee for a multi-family home in Citrus County would actually decrease by \$433: from the current \$3,644 to \$3,211.

Here's how Citrus would compare to other counties' fees for multi-family homes:

■ Hernando County: \$3,493.
■ Hillsborough County: \$8,052.
■ Lake County: \$9,846.
■ Levy County: \$1,047.
■ Marion County: \$903.
■ Pasco County: \$12,292.
■ Pinellas County: \$1,420.
■ Polk County: \$7,053.
■ Sumter County: \$2,176.

Losing business?

County Administrator Randy Oliver said the board can set the impact fee percentage at anything between 0% and 100%.

He also said the numbers from the consultant are strictly his estimate of the impact of a new single-family home on the community.

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Citrus sun shines

... mostly
Chronicle
conducts
exercise

CHRONICLE STAFF

Sunday, March 14, marks the beginning of what's become known as "Sunshine Week," a time to highlight Floridians' rights to their government's public information.

Florida lawmakers in 1909 endorsed the Public Records Law, which evolved into the Sunshine Law. It's defined in Article 1, Section 24 of the Florida Constitution, and in Chapter 119 of the Florida State Statutes.

"Sunshine Week is the annual nationwide celebration of access to public information and what it means for you and your community," according to the Florida First Amendment Foundation.

However, the "sunshine" dims each year across the state and nation as lawmakers stunt citizen's avenues to public documents.

In the state's legislative session for 2021, the Florida First Amendment Foundation is tracking 123 bills seeking to either create new government exemptions to public records or expand current ones.

"Every exemption makes government less transparent!" the foundation's website, floridafaf.org, states.

In conjunction with Sunshine Week, the

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Home & Outdoor show draws crowd to The Depot

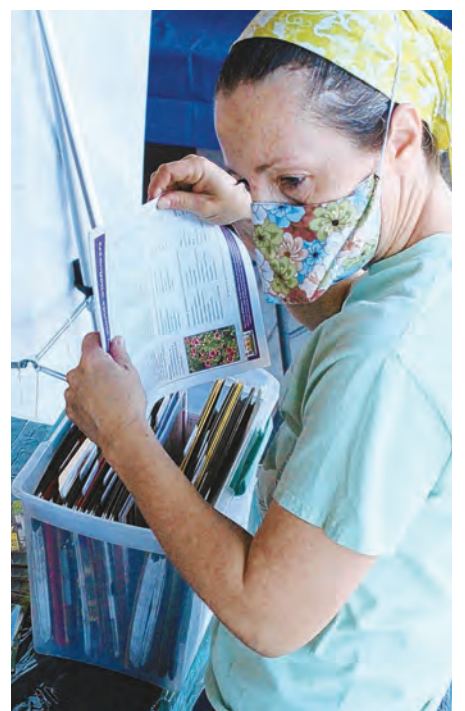
JEFF BRYAN

STAFF WRITER

The 2021 Spring Home & Outdoor Living Expo, sponsored by the Citrus County Chronicle, was hosted Saturday, March 13, at The Depot at Liberty Park in Inverness.

There were more than 40 vendors on site to answer any home and outdoor questions eventgoers had. These experts, in many fields, are willing and able to help educate you on your next project whether it is flooring, solar, paint, landscaping, pest control, roofing, window replacement or cabinets.

In addition to the numerous vendors on hand, the UF/IFAS Extension Services and a variety of local nonprofit agencies offered information about their services.



JEFF BRYAN/Chronicle

ABOVE LEFT: Grace Akins puts her crafty skills to use Saturday, March 13, at The Depot as she makes a sign for Angelic Air, one of the 40-plus vendors on hand for the 2021 Spring Home & Outdoor Living Show. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Athena Phillips, of the Citrus Chapter of Florida Native Plant Society, sets out informational fliers Saturday at the show.



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WEEK
IN REVIEW

PHOTO OF THE WEEK
GOLF COURSE GATOR



JOE DUBE/Special to the Chronicle
Joe Dube's tee shot Monday, March 8, on hole No. 17 at the Plantation on Crystal River landed in a precarious spot — next to a large alligator.

Unhappy Gilmore: Local golfer encounters gator

After teeing off on the 17th hole at the Plantation on Crystal River's golf course, Dube found his ball — right at the belly of a very large gator. Even though Adam Sandler's character in "Happy Gilmore," wrestled his ball from the jaws of an angry gator, Dube chose not to wrestle the gator. Instead, he took the drop. As a past president of the board of directors of the Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park and an accomplished nature photographer and writer, Dube did, however, take a photo of the gator with his phone.

GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

On his 93rd birthday, Sunday, March 7, beloved "Coach" Archie Dabney, a long-time county educator, was honored with a drive-by parade of between 70 and 80 cars filled with well-wishers. Dabney is currently recuperating from COVID-19 at New Horizon Assisted Living Residence in Inverness. During the 40-plus minute parade, Dabney received greetings and cards and told many of his former students how much he appreciated them for doing this.



HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK

The exchange between the Crystal River Mall and the city of a manatee sculpture for code violation fines being waived drew interest among Chronicle Facebook friends. Here's what some said:

■ **Yan Wayne Santiago:** "The way the city is able to so easily waive a fine over a manatee sculpture — lol. Y'all wanna waive my permit fines for a manatee mailbox?"

■ **Ralph Santiago:** "I got an old Paul O'Neil bobblehead. Hard to keep the head on but I am willing to trade it for a warning instead of a speeding ticket. Lol."

■ **Krista Dumproff Gantt:** "Yes! So glad the city is installing something that will look nice and add beauty to this park. Those tired little shrubs (dwarf Nandina) need to go — and please, no poinsettias at Christmas, they looked awful — half dead and not taken care of. Can't wait to see the manatee sculpture!"

■ **Marie Rago:** "Sounds like a good deal to me. They could have commissioned a new statue that cost way more than the fees."

■ **Nathan Sharp:** "Can we trade parking ticket fines for a cookie now?"

■ **Scarlett Dearheart:** "Bartering for the win!"

■ **Jay Martel:** "So, if you ever get in trouble with code enforcement take it to court and show up with your manatee mailbox or figurines and call it a day."

THE MOST POPULAR STORIES FROM THE WEEK THAT WAS

Developer buys long-vacant Crystal River waterfront site

After decades sitting empty, a choice piece of 1.35-acre waterfront property on King's Bay in Crystal River, known as the Hampton property, has been sold for \$1.275 million and is now primed for development. New owner Andrew Hupp, a retail developer in Clearwater who also owns Twin Rivers Marina in Crystal River, said he's excited about the prospects — especially since he has a vacation home in Crystal River and loves to spend time here enjoying the area and riding his bike. "I want to figure out what I want to do — what is the best use for a great piece of property," Hupp said. "I was very fortunate to be able to buy it," he added. "It's got water frontage. It's located on U.S. 19 and you have the dynamics of King's Bay. It has a lot of potential and I want to do a great project (for) the community and the city."

Owner of Snow's Produce and Country Market knew produce and loved people

Kent Snow started out installing wallpaper and window treatments and ended up selling peaches and pumpkins, sweet potatoes and even sweeter corn, and in between he loved and cared for people. The owner of Snow's Produce and Country Market in Holder died Feb. 19 at age 64. From 1987 until 1993, he and his wife, Georgia, operated their wallpaper business out of their home, and in 1994, they moved the business to a building on County Road 491 near U.S. 41 in Holder and opened as Discount Window and Wallcoverings, next to Charlie Oliver's produce stand. After Oliver died, the Snows started running the produce stand, which eventually evolved into their country market, which was named one of four destination country stores in Florida by Floridagriculture magazine in 2014. "I started here when I was young, so I feel like I've grown up with him," Snow's employee Staci Masukevich said. "He taught me so much, especially about how to be an adult. He was a good 'life coach' for me, guiding me, teaching me, always with kindness and humor. He was a good, kindhearted man who everyone loved. He is missed."



Details released of investigation that led principal of AES to resign

Zachary Leonard, the former principal and lead teacher of the Academy of Environmental Science campus in Crystal River, resigned Jan. 14 amid district investigations into him by the Citrus County School District. According to a 76-page investigative report, released Wednesday, March 3, the school district found Leonard disciplined students inconsistently, sent pornographic memes to staff, personally used the school's boats, wrongfully charged the school credit card for boat fuel and took the staff refrigerator along with school water supplies. Members of the school district's Human Resources Department in their investigations also alleged Leonard had alcohol on school boats, encouraged teachers to change student grades and demonstrated unprofessional behavior toward staff. "I am truly sorry for the events that have impacted my family and brought me to this point," Leonard wrote to the district in response to its findings, "and am moving forward with my life."



City of Crystal River
This rendering shows what the Crystal River Mall's manatee sculpture would look like at the entrance of the city's town square on the corner of U.S. 19 and Citrus Avenue. Mall management and city officials agreed to have the mall transfer ownership of its \$185,000 sculpture to Crystal River, which, in exchange, would waive the mall's \$95,200 in accrued code enforcement fines.

CR Council OKs trade of mall sculpture for city to forgive code enforcement fines

In a "win-win situation," Crystal River got a sculpture for the new town square and the mall got some financial freedom after city council members voted 5-0 to OK an agreement for the mall to transfer ownership of its manatee statue to the city in exchange for the city waiving the mall's \$95,200 debt in code violations from a faulty fire-sprinkler system from several years ago. City Manager Ken Frink said the mall has since complied with city codes but still isn't able to pay the fines. The bronze sculpture was commissioned for the mall around its opening in 1990 and was appraised at a value of \$185,000. Currently located at the mall's main entrance, the statue used to occupy a fountain at the center of the mall's food court. "This was a win-win situation," Mayor Joe Meek said. "This really solves (the mall's) issue, and we get a statue that has real value to it and will be a real, neat asset."

“ If I was a right-handed golfer, I probably could have taken the shot.”

— JOE DUBE, A LEFT-HANDED GOLFER WHO, AFTER TEEING OFF ON THE 17TH HOLE AT THE PLANTATION ON CRYSTAL RIVER, FOUND HIS BALL RIGHT AT THE BELLY OF A VERY LARGE GATOR.

— compiled by Nancy Kennedy

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Around the COUNTY

Homosassa Republican Club plans meeting

The Homosassa River Republican Club is meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 16 at the Margarita Grill Restaurant, 10200 W. Halls River Road in Homosassa.

The Margarita Grill Restaurant will be serving lunch at the meeting.

Ernesto "Tito" Rubio, Administrator for Florida Department of Health in Citrus County, will be the featured speaker.

He will address COVID-19 issues, as well as other important health issues in the county.

Masks are required to attend.

Feed Citrus County drive-thru food giveaway

Beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesdays, March 17 and 24, the public can receive boxes of assorted food items at the New Church Without Walls at 300 S. Kensington Ave., Lecanto, next to the Holiday Inn Express.

Monetary donations are needed to continue feeding Citrus County residents. Please consider donating through the New Church Without Walls (www.newchurchwithoutwalls.com), Citrus United Way (www.citrusunitedway.org), Community Food Bank of Citrus County (www.communityfoodbankofcitruscounty.org) or We Care (www.wecarefoodpantry.org).

DEC announces 2 March events, live and via Zoom

The Citrus County Democratic Executive Committee (DEC) announces two events for the month of March.

At 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, the Citrus DEC will have their monthly general meeting via Zoom.

The DEC meetings feature guest speakers and discussion of local, state and national political and social issues. For registration information, visit tinyurl.com/kcsaxpey. Registration is open to all registered Democrats.

On 8:30 a.m. Sunday, March 21, the Citrus DEC will conduct its annual spring Adopt-A-Highway clean up. Supporting community beautification efforts in an environmentally friendly way promotes tourism. For information and to sign up, visit tinyurl.com/49awryae.

— From staff reports

City of Inverness celebrates safer way to school



The City of Inverness team was joined recently by the Citrus County School District, Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, Pleasant Grove Elementary School, FDOT West Central — Tampa Area and Citrus County representatives for a ribbon cutting, celebrating the new sidewalk along the eastern side of Pleasant Grove Road between State Road 44 and Grove Manor Boulevard. This project was partially funded by the Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) initiative to provide pedestrian and multi-modal facilities to school facilities.

Plan for sales tax, unemployment funds get house support

JIM TURNER
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — A day after legislative leaders unleashed the plan, the House began moving forward Thursday with a proposal that would cover a pandemic-caused shortfall in the unemployment system by requiring out-of-state online retailers to collect sales taxes from Floridians.

The House Ways & Means Committee voted 16-2 to support the measure (HB 15), which is projected to bring in about \$1 billion a year in sales taxes. The vote came after lawmakers made changes that included directing the additional money to be used to replenish the state's Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund. Bill sponsor Chuck Clemons, R-Newberry, said Florida businesses are facing large automatic increases in unemployment taxes, triggered by the steep jump in people losing jobs because of the coronavirus pandemic. Using the additional sales tax money would be designed to prevent unemployment tax hikes.

"All businesses, whether they laid people off or not, would pay per employee," Clemons said. "What we are trying to do ... is to make sure those businesses are not penalized."

But Rep. Anthony Sabatini, a Howey-in-the-Hills Republican who announced a run for Congress on Monday, voted against the bill and called it "a temporary tax cut attached to a permanent tax increase."

"In my opinion, we should be eliminating the entire unemployment tax," Sabatini said. "Why are we punishing businesses for something they cannot control? Why, if somebody gets fired from a business, that business has to pay for their unemployment? Why isn't that money from the general fund?"

The full Senate had been scheduled Thursday to take up its version of the sales-tax bill (SB 50), sponsored by Sen. Joe Gruters, R-Sarasota. But consideration of the bill was postponed to allow time to draft an amendment that would link the increase in

revenue to the unemployment trust fund.

The moves Thursday came after House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, and Senate President Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, announced the plan Wednesday evening to tie the tax and unemployment issues.

The announcement was a major victory for business groups that have lobbied for years to force out-of-state retailers to collect and remit sales taxes on purchases made by Floridians.

Currently, retailers that have a physical presence in Florida must collect and remit sales taxes for items sold in the state. Through what is sort of an honor system, Florida residents are supposed to submit sales taxes when they are not collected by out-of-state retailers. But few Floridians comply with that requirement, and the proposal would require out-of-state retailers to collect and remit the taxes.

The surge in demand for jobless benefits over the past year caused Florida businesses to face an

increase in unemployment taxes that took effect in January, with additional increases expected in the coming years to replenish the trust fund.

Florida economists have estimated that the proposal to require out-of-state retailers to collect sales taxes could generate \$973.6 million in the upcoming 2021-2022 fiscal year and \$1.08 billion in each following year, according to the House and Senate.

Proposals in the past to begin requiring the tax collections stalled because of concerns similar to those raised by Sabatini — that it would equate to a tax increase on consumers.

But supporters of the change point to a 2018 U.S. Supreme Court decision in a case known as South Dakota v. Wayfair, a large online retailer. The court ruled against Wayfair, overturning a "physical presence test" and expanding states' abilities to collect sales taxes.

Simpson said the

agreement to tie the sales-tax and unemployment issues would help small businesses.

"The biggest thing we could think of, the single biggest thing, is take this Wayfair money, which I believe is a fairness bill, it's certainly not a tax bill, and apply that to the unemployment system so that the burden doesn't hit our small businesses," Simpson said Thursday.

The revised proposal drew the support of groups such as the Florida Chamber of Commerce, the Florida Retail Federation, the National Federation of Independent Business, the International Council of Shopping Centers, Associated Industries of Florida and Amazon. Amazon collects and remits sales taxes because it has a physical presence in Florida.

Simpson said a bill is being crafted that could address increasing the weekly unemployment maximum, which he believes should go to \$375 a week.

Correction

Due to a reporter's error, the story, "Residents voice concerns over pool, roads," on Page A1 of the Saturday, March 13, edition had an error. Ruthie Davis Schlabach

beat Mark Hammer, Angel Lewis, Luis Marin, Thomas Corkery, and Edwin Roberts in the August primary election. The Chronicle apologizes for the error.

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Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Put pizzazz into everything you do. Share feelings, make suggestions and find out who will pitch in and help you.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Emotions will rise to the surface. Be kind, compassionate and mindful, and you'll avoid distress caused by a misunderstanding.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — You'll feel better once you have everything in order. The freedom you gain will lift your spirits and ensure that you reduce worry and stress.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Charm, a well-thought-out plan, discipline and hard work will pay off. Set your sights on something you want to pursue.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Get past emotional anguish, and delve into what matters most to you. Personal growth, spirituality, educational pursuits and nurturing a relationship with a loved one will lead to positive changes.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Take a chill pill and stop letting other people interfere with your plans. Making a change to please someone else will not help you solve existing problems.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Less criticism and more encouragement will win favors. If you want to change, you have to go about it the right way.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Put your energy to work for you. You'll have plenty of opportunities to get things done and to enhance your life.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Tidy up loose ends, then move on to more pleasurable activities. A creative outlet will encourage you to look at life differently.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Refuse to let someone misrepresent you. Speak for yourself, and correct anyone spreading misinformation about you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be subtle regarding your plans and feelings. Working alone will allow you to get more done in a shorter period.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Consider what makes you happy, and entertain ways to turn what you love to do into a moneymaking operation.

ENTERTAINMENT

Black scholar:
It's time France
confronts its
colonial past

PARIS — A Black French scholar and expert on U.S. minority rights movements who's taking charge of France's state-run immigration museum says it's "vital" for his country to confront its colonial past so that it can conquer present racial injustice.

"The French are highly reluctant to look at the dark dimensions of their own history," **Pap Ndiaye** told The Associated Press in his museum, initially built to display colonial exploits but now meant to showcase the role of immigration in shaping modern France.

Ndiaye was named to head France's National Museum of the History of Immigration at a crucial time, as his country is under pressure to reassess its colonial history and offer better opportunities for its citizens of color, in the wake of Black Lives Matter and other racial justice movements.

Following **George Floyd's** death in the U.S. last year, thousands took to the streets in Paris and across the country expressing anger at racism and discrimination in French society, particularly toward people from the country's former colonies in Africa.

What happened in the U.S. "echoes the French situation," Ndiaye said.

The upcoming trial of a former police officer charged in Floyd's death will be closely monitored in France, Ndiaye said, because "it tells about the reality of police violence, and we would like very much for this reality of police violence to be discussed the same way in France."



Associated Press

Pap Ndiaye, a Black French scholar and expert on the U.S. civil rights movement poses for a photo inside France's National Museum of the History of Immigration, in Paris, Thursday, March 11. Ndiaye, who is taking over France's state-run immigration museum, advocates for a better understanding of France's long history of slavery and colonialism and the role of immigration in the construction of the country as key in the fight against racial injustice and discrimination.

Many young French are increasingly pushing back against a national doctrine of colorblindness, which aims at encouraging equality by ignoring race altogether — but has failed to eradicate discrimination.

They "are disappointed in many ways in the French promise of equality and opportunities for all," Ndiaye said. "We must go beyond the official discourse and acknowledge reality."

These issues "have to be discussed. They have to be measured also through the use of statistics," Ndiaye said, also urging "more effective policies" targeting discrimination in the job and housing markets.

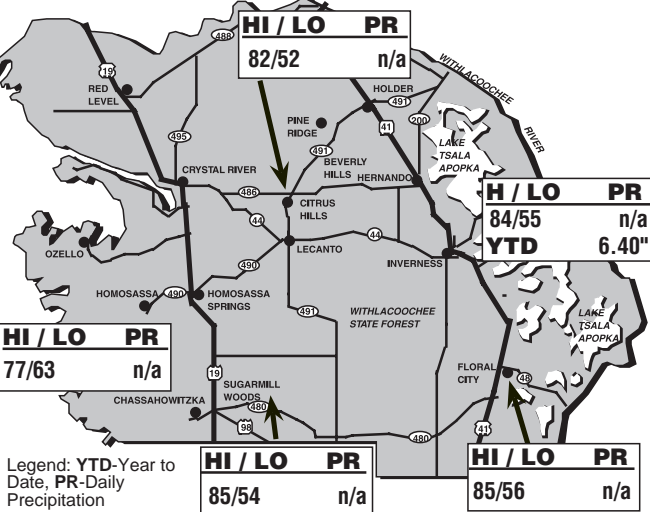
These are bold statements for

a top government-appointed official in France, where collecting data based on race or ethnicity is frowned upon, and where the far-right has brought anti-immigrant rhetoric to the mainstream. President **Emmanuel Macron** has promised more steps to fight discrimination and has treaded carefully on how to address colonial wrongs.

Ndiaye, who was born and raised in France, described his stay in the U.S. from 1991 to 1996 to study as "a personal revelation." Born to a French mother and Senegalese father, he said his U.S. experience "helped me integrate that Black part of me I had put aside a little bit to make it a source of pride."

— From wire reports

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 84° Low: 51°
Mostly sunny with a sea breeze and low humidity

MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING
High: 84° Low: 54°
Some PM clouds, light winds

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING
High: 84° Low: 56°
Mostly sunny and breezy

ALMANAC			Data from Crystal River Airport	
TEMPERATURE		DEW POINT		
Yesterday	82/51	Yesterday at 3 p.m.	54°	
Record*	91/31	HUMIDITY		
Normal	78/49	Yesterday at 3 p.m.	38%	
Mean temp.	64	POLLEN COUNT**		
Departure from mean	3	Today's active pollen:		
PRECIPITATION		oak, juniper, nettle		
Yesterday	0.00"	Today's count: 9.5/12		
Total for the month	0.31"	Monday's count: 11.1		
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		(MORNING)		(AFTERNOON)		
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03/15	MONDAY	7:38	3:02	7:37	3:22	

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SUNSET TONIGHT 7:37 pm
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MOONSET TODAY 8:54 pm

BURN CONDITIONS

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

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

WATERING RULES

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

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

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

TIDES						
*From mouths of rivers		**At King's Bay		***At Mason's Creek		
SUNDAY						
City	High		Low			
Chassahowitzka**	7:47 a.m.	0.5 ft 7:36 p.m.	0.4 ft 1:41 a.m.	0.1 ft 2:49 p.m.	0.1 ft	
Crystal River**	5:50 a.m.	2.2 ft 6:08 p.m.	2.0 ft 12:40 p.m.	0.3 ft None	n/a	
Withlacoochee*	3:16 a.m.	3.2 ft 3:41 p.m.	3.0 ft 10:30 a.m.	0.0 ft 10:42 p.m.	0.1 ft	
Homosassa***	7:03 a.m.	1.1 ft 7:12 p.m.	1.1 ft 1:39 a.m.	0.1 ft 2:24 p.m.	0.1 ft	

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	76	60	s	Miami	78	69	pc
Fort Lauderdale	80	67	pc	Ocala	84	56	s
Fort Myers	84	61	s	Orlando	84	62	s
Gainesville	83	56	s	Pensacola	73	63	mc
Homestead	81	66	pc	Sarasota	81	60	s
Jacksonville	84	58	s	Tallahassee	84	57	pc
Key West	81	72	pc	Tampa	82	61	s
Lakeland	85	59	s	Vero Beach	79	60	s
Melbourne	79	63	s	W. Palm Bch.	78	70	pc

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Southeast winds around 10 knots then becoming west around 5 knots late in the afternoon. Seas 2 feet or less. Bay and inland waters a light chop.

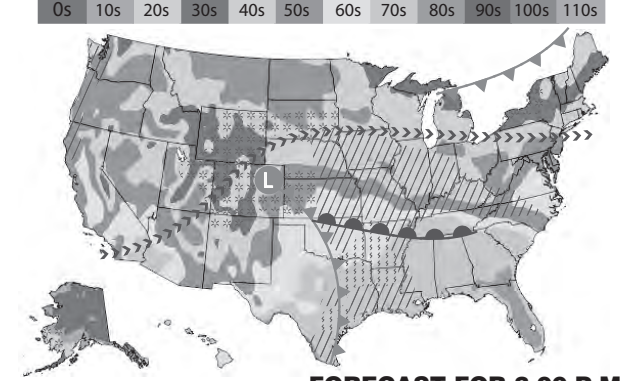
Gulf water temperature
72°
Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS

Location	SAT	FRI	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	27.97	28.02	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.37	37.39	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	38.44	38.45	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	39.71	39.73	41.37

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

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Sunday

City	SAT			SUN			City	SAT			SUN		
	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fcst		H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fcst
Albany	39	23	0.00	41	9	mc	New Orleans	79	68	0.00	78	65	mc
Albuquerque	50	36	0.00	55	32	mc	New York City	50	33	0.00	47	23	s
Asheville	63	50	0.07	62	45	sh	Norfolk	58	47	0.00	68	36	pc
Atlanta	79	51	0.00	78	55	pc	Oklahoma City	70	51	0.01	66	47	sh
Atlantic City	55	39	0.00	53	26	s	Omaha	57	34	Trace	48	35	ra
Austin	77	68	0.13	75	49	sh	Palm Springs	73	45	0.00	74	51	pc
Baltimore	57	44	0.00	58	27	s	Philadelphia	55	37	0.00	54	26	s
Billings	54	21	0.00	51	30	mc	Phoenix	61	45	0.25	71	48	s
Birmingham	82	57	Trace	82	61	pc	Pittsburgh	49	27	0.00	50	22	s
Boise	59	26	0.00	63	38	s	Portland, ME	43	28	Trace	39	11	ss
Boston	49	32	0.00	45	14	sh	Portland, OR	62	32	0.00	54	36	ra
Buffalo	34	21	0.00	37	17	ss	Providence, RI	49	32	0.00	47	14	sh
Burlington, VT	37	21	0.01	34	9	mc	Raleigh	68	57	0.00	68	41	pc
Charleston, SC	79	50	0.00	72	56	mc	Rapid City	52	22	0.09	35	26	sn
Charleston, WV	54	43	0.00	58	31	mc	Reno	61	24	0.00	56	27	mc
Charlotte	67	59	0.00	66	47	mc	Rochester, NY	37	23	0.00	36	15	ss
Chicago	61	33	0.00	43	31	mc	Sacramento	64	40	0.00	59	39	ra
Cincinnati	54	39	0.00	55	31	mc	Salt Lake City	45	36	0.02	54	37	pc
Cleveland	43	30	0.00	41	23	s	San Antonio	79	66	0.07	76	48	sh
Columbia, SC	76	52	0.00	73	52	mc	San Diego	64	52	Trace	60	51	mc
Columbus, OH	52	30	0.00	52	25	pc	San Francisco	56	50	0.00	58	44	ra
Concord, NH	43	26	Trace	38	8	pc	Savannah	85	65	0.00	77	58	pc
Dallas	79	66	Trace	71	52	sh	Seattle	61	32	0.00	54	40	ra
Denver	36	30	0.11	34	21	sn	Spokane	59	28	0.00	62	37	pc
Des Moines	57	30	0.00	48	32	ra	St. Louis	58	46	0.02	54	45	ra
Detroit	54	23	0.00	44	22	s	St. Ste Marie	45	15	0.00	28	9	s
El Paso	64	48	0.00	65	45	s	Syracuse	40	24	0.00	35	13	ss
Evansville, IN	61	48	0.00	55	42	cl	Topeka	50	42	0.22	55	43	ra
Harrisburg	57	38	0.00	53	23	s	Washington	61	46	0.00	61	28	s

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

Today in
HISTORY

Today is Sunday, March 14, the 73rd day of 2021. There are 292 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
On March 14, 1964, a jury in Dallas found Jack Ruby guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, and sentenced him to death. (Both the conviction and death sentence were overturned, but Ruby died before he could be retried.)

On this date:
In 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry.
In 1951, during the Korean War, United Nations forces recaptured Seoul.
In 1990, the Soviet Congress of People's Deputies held a secret ballot that elected Mikhail S. Gorbachev to a new, powerful presidency.

Ten years ago: In the wake of Japan's earthquake and tsunami and mounting nuclear crisis, President Barack Obama said that he had offered the Japanese government any assistance the United States could provide.

Five years ago: Europe and Russia launched the ExoMars probe on a joint mission to explore the atmosphere of Mars and hunt for signs of life on the red planet.

One year ago: The number of U.S. deaths from the coronavirus climbed past 50. President Donald Trump expanded a ban on travel from European countries, adding Britain and Ireland to the list.

Today's Birthdays: Former astronaut Frank Borman is 93. Actor Michael Caine is 88. Composer-conductor Quincy Jones is 88. Country singer Michael Martin Murphy is 76. Rock musician Walt Parazaidier Comedian Billy Crystal is 73. Actor-writer-comedian-radio personality Rick Dees is 70. Actor Tamara Tunie is 62. Actor Chris Klein is 42. Olympic gold medal gymnast Simone Biles is 24.

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SUNSHINE

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Chronicle's reporting staff conducted an exercise to request records from a handful of government agencies within Citrus County.

It was an effort to illustrate how a records request could be fulfilled by local leaders.

Reporters drafted similar requests, asking what the agencies budgeted and spent for fuel over the past five fiscal years, and what their department heads received in pay and benefits.

According to state law, the deadline to complete a public records request must be done within a reasonable period, based on its complexity.

Depending on what's being requested, agencies might also charge for estimated labor, transcription and copying costs.

Requests from the Chronicle were sent to county government officials, the school district, the sheriff's office and the cities of Crystal River and Inverness between 11:45 a.m. and noon on Monday, March 8.

Here's what the Chronicle received in response:

BOCC

The county records management division acknowledged receipt of the requests at 1:56 p.m. Monday, providing a reference number. The department sent two clarification requests: one Monday,

March 8, regarding the fuel budget for CCFR. Because CCFR had fallen under BOCC direction for the past three years, it explained it could not provide figures for the past five years.

By 9:39 a.m. Tuesday, March 9, the county fulfilled the request regarding budgeted fuel for the county's regular fleet of vehicles as well as the past three years of budgeted fuel for CCFR.

The second clarification came Tuesday, March 9, to the Chronicle, when the records management division sought to know what benefits the Chronicle sought for department directors as well as captains and lieutenants within CCFR ranks.

For fuel, Citrus County budgeted \$1,512,652 for FY2015-16 and spent \$853,039.17; in FY2016-17, it budgeted \$1,574,146 and spent \$909,743.72; for FY2017-18, the budget was \$1,875,249 and it spent \$1,161,016.99; in FY2018-19, the county's budget was \$1,561,967 and \$1,164,730.81 was spent; and in FY 2019-20, the budget was \$2,291,011 and it spent \$1,015,285.

For fuel, in FY2017-18, CCFR budgeted \$125,000 and spent \$115,747.72; in FY2018-19, the budget was \$130,000 and \$118,319.80 was spent; and, in FY2019-20, CCFR budgeted \$117,000 and spent \$115,144.12.

Salaries for director positions with Citrus County and CCFR were: economics development director, \$68,750.03; animal services director, \$63,166.27;

GIS director, \$81,461.06; parks and recreation director, \$66,731.18; transit director, \$70,941.10; support SVC director, \$63,129.04; library services director, \$83,481.63; housing services director, \$71,569.26; code compliance division director, \$60,038.42; visitor and convention bureau director, \$76,440.52; solid waste management director, \$75,709.50; utility operations division director, \$81,904.78; aquatic plant control director, \$81,337.78; road maintenance director, \$77,865.01; fleet management director, \$70,753.28; facilities management director, \$72,146.26; utility business services director, \$72,146.26; building official director, \$94,253.33; deputy chief/paramedic, \$98,702.24; engineering director, \$91,383.14; assistant public works director, \$101,840.54; utility planning and engineering division director, \$88,885.89; chief information officer, \$104,199.08; human resources director, \$99,780.93; assistant county attorney, \$79,097.41; management and budget director, \$104,518.54; fire chief, \$107,127.90; community services director, \$97,503.33; growth management director, \$92,467.23; public works director, \$105,697.07; and, water resources director, \$120,816.38. The county pays \$6,628.32 annually toward employee's benefits.

Sheriff's office

As for the Citrus County

Sheriff's Office, spokesman Sgt. Lee Carey received the request at 11:51 a.m. Monday, March 8.

At 12:06 p.m., March 8, Carey emailed the requesting reporter that he would have the Sheriff's Office Finance Department respond to the Chronicle with the information.

At 8:21 a.m. Friday, March 12, Carey emailed the Chronicle reporter saying he had checked with the Finance Department and that the department was still working on the request.

As of 5 p.m. Friday, the Chronicle had not yet received the records it had requested.

Citrus County School District

Citrus County School District spokeswoman Lindsay Blair called a Chronicle reporter soon after the request was emailed to clarify it.

She asked if the Chronicle was requesting the pay and benefits for every department head in each of the district's schools.

In response, Blair was asked to provide the pay and benefits for department directors working within just the school district's administrative offices.

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Obituaries

Carla Wilder, 65

NEMO, TEXAS

Carla Ann Wilder, 65, passed away on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at her home in Nemo.

Carla was born February 23, 1956 in Newport News, Virginia to Carl and Jackie Litton Taylor.

She retired after (40) years as a Registered Nurse.

Carla was a member of the First Baptist Church of Glen Rose.

She was preceded in death by her father, Carl Taylor; father-in-law, Morris Wilder and by a brother-in-law, Darrell Wilder.

Carla is survived by her husband of almost (42) years, Daniel Wilder; daughter, Ashleigh Ingram and husband Michael Ingram and their children, Hunter, Halle and Mason; sons, Josh Wilder, Chase Wilder, Bryce Wilder and wife Cheryl Wilder and their children Greyson and Kaia; mother, Jackie Taylor; sister, Michele Taylor-Caldwell; brothers,

Brad Taylor, Skip Taylor and wife Elissa Taylor; mother-in-law, Jean Daley and spouse Larry Daley.

A Memorial Service was held at 1:00PM, Saturday, March 6, 2021 at the First Baptist Church of Glen Rose, 201 W. Bo Gibbs Blvd. in Glen Rose.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in memory of Carla to Defeat Glioblastoma [nbtsevents.braintumor.org/carla](https://www.braintumor.org/carla)

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Eileen Wisnieski, 58

FLORAL CITY

Eileen Jane Wisnieski, 58, of Floral City, FL passed away March 8, 2021 at Citrus Memorial Hospital, Inverness, FL. Private cremation arrangements under the care of Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness.

SO YOU KNOW

- To read more local obituaries, turn to **Page A5** in today's Chronicle.
- The Chronicle does not edit obituaries for content.

Adventure Coast Group to meet March 17

Special to the Chronicle

The Adventure Coast Group will be hosting a virtual meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 17.

The special guest will be Dory Larson of the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, who will discuss the benefits of electric vehicles as a conservation strategy.

To join the virtual event, visit tinyurl.com/ehdnm7.

Visit sierraclub.org/Florida/Adventure-Coast or the Sierra Club Adventure Coast Group Facebook. To contact the club, email sierraclubadventure-coastcc@gmail.com or call 352-277-3330.



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Obituaries

Charlotte Banks, 83

INVERNESS

Charlotte Frances Banks, 83, of Inverness, FL passed away March 8, 2021 at Citrus Memorial Hospital in Inverness.

She was born in Nyack, NY on October 16, 1937 to the late Charles Frank and Helen Augusta (Holznagel) Bozdech. Charlotte was an auditor for Blue Cross-Blue Shield and arrived in this area in 1999, coming from Middletown, NY.

She attended Ft. Cooper Baptist Church in Inverness. Charlotte enjoyed sewing and Sudoku puzzles, but especially loved "Marbles Night with the Ladies".

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 21 years, Floyd R. Banks, one son, Dale R. Conklin, two daughters, Billie Jean Quimby and Deborah F. Conklin, and one step daughter Debra Springstead.

Charlotte is survived by her children William M. Conklin and his wife Elizabeth of Middletown, NY, Dirk M. Conklin and his wife Katherine of Goshen, NY, Patricia Shaw of Goshen, NY, and Lillian M. Hager and her husband John of Middletown, NY; and stepdaughter Joyce Williams and her husband Bill of Liberty, NY; 14 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

Charlotte's urn will be laid to rest with her husband Floyd at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL at a later date. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.



James Borowski, 84

LECANTO

On Valentine's Day of 2021, James Robert Borowski passed away at the age of 84 in Citrus County, Fla, after a decade with Alzheimer's disease.

James was born Sept. 24, 1936 in Hamtramck, Michigan to Helen and Edward Borowski. At the age of 18 he met the love of his life, Roberta. After joining the Army to serve in Korea as a Recon & Tandem Helicopter Mechanic, he returned home to marry her. Together they had three children and six grandchildren, and a marriage that lasted 62 years.

A lifelong car guy, Mr. Borowski spent 40 years working for Ford Motor Company where he was a Millwright, completing his apprenticeship on Feb 25, 1966 after 8,576 combined hours of classroom and shop training. He shared his passion for cool cars, and his sense of humor, with his children and grandchildren. James was an expert wood working craftsman who enjoyed making furniture and other decorative items in his home workshop. He also enjoyed puzzles, driving and simulation computer games, reading fantasy books and watching auto racing.

Throughout their life, James and Roberta regularly vacationed on Sanibel Island, FL, in Hawaii, Jamaica, The Cayman Islands, Barbados and on St. Thomas. After retiring, he found them a spot in Lecanto, FL, where they lived until his passing.

James is survived by his wife Roberta, his sons Mark and Brian and his daughter Susan (Gloria Graham), his grandchildren Jaclyn, Rachel, Mark and Tommy Borowski and Joey Christunas and Drake Borowski.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.



James Borowski

Lorraine Bourque, 88

INVERNESS

Lorraine S. Bourque, 88, of Inverness, FL passed away March 8, 2021 at Vitas Hospice in Lecanto, FL.

She was born in Fitchburg, MA on October 21, 1932 to the late Paul and Gwendolyn (Wright) Santella. Lorraine was a beautician and arrived in this area in 1995, coming from West Townsend, MA. She was Catholic by faith and attended Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Inverness. Lorraine loved to travel, and enjoyed fine cuisine and doing needlepoint.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Robert D. Bourque of 56 years, and her brother Richard Santella.

Survivors include her son, Robert D. Bourque, Jr. and daughter Jacqueline Amico of Fitchburg, MA; 2 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren, and close friends Leonard Chester and his wife Kim.

A Celebration of Life Catholic Prayer Service for Lorraine will be offered on Wednesday, March 17, 12:00 P.M. at the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness with Father Tim Cummings officiating. Friends are invited to the funeral home for a gathering one hour prior to service.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Alice Boynton Barley, 91

HOMOSASSA

Alice Boynton Barley, 91, traveled from earth to her eternal heavenly home peacefully in her sleep on February 11th after a battle with Alzheimer's.



Alice Boynton Barley

She has been made whole and reunited with her husband Frank Barley. Alice was a person who loved people. She never met a stranger. She could make friends in the line at the supermarket or on an elevator between two floors. Alice made her home in ten neighborhoods and always created a network of dear friends that she kept close her entire life.

She loved to talk and learn about people's lives. Alice's caring personality is why she studied nursing at the College of St Rose in Albany NY and spent her career working in hospitals, nursing homes, and doctor's offices caring for people and enriching their lives. After retiring to Sugarmill Woods, she volunteered with Meals on Wheels for many years and called Bingo at a local assisted living facility.

Alice met her late husband, Frank Barley, during a late-night hospital shift when she had to kick him out for overstaying visiting hours to see an Army buddy. He came back the next day to see Alice as much as his friend. They married in 1954 and had a loving 63-year marriage.

Together they adopted three children who survive her and will miss her terribly; son Frank Barley and his wife Michelle of Durham ME; daughter Mary Sparkman and her husband James of Inglis FL; and son Stephen Barley of Homosassa FL. Alice is also survived by her loving brother John Boynton, Albuquerque NM and granddaughters Makenna Barley of Portland ME and Kelsey Barley of Boston MA.

Known as "Grammy" to the grandchildren, they shared lots of deep conversations, enthusiastic card games, learning the art of shuffling, and instructions to "breast their cards".

Our deepest gratitude goes out to Willadean, who was the best friend, caretaker, and companion Alice could ever have asked for; and to all the staff of Rosecastle who took such good care of her over the past few years. During her stay at Rosecastle, Alice would sit in on nurses' meetings and loved getting out for car rides.

Alice's faith in God was unshakable, and she was often to be found saying the rosary when she was concerned about the people that she loved. It is comforting to know that she is warm in the comfort of God's embrace and has all the M&Ms that her heart desires.

Alice will be buried with her husband at the Florida National Cemetery at Bushnell FL. The date of her memorial mass and burial have not been set at this time. Donations in Alice's name can be made to Meals on Wheels of Citrus County.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Martha Burns, 83

FLORAL CITY

Mrs. Martha Jane Burns, age 83 of Floral City, Florida, died Sunday, March 7, 2021 in Inverness, FL.

Martha was born January 23, 1938 in Salem, OH, daughter of Clarence and Nellie (Dickey) Noel. Martha attended and graduated with a Bachelors degree from Kent State University and taught for Beaver Local in Ohio as well. In 1979 Martha moved to Floral City and worked as the Store Manager for Ferris Farms for 30 years, later she owned and operated her own produce market for 15 years entitled Aunt Martha's Produce Market in Floral City for 15 years.

Martha was a people person, she loved working and interacting with her customers and spending time with her family. Martha was one of the co-founders of the Floral City Strawberry Festival. During her off time Martha enjoyed watching football and was a fan for both the Florida State Seminoles and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Martha was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, John Gary Burns and 2 sisters: Janet Gonter and Carole Watkins. She is survived by 2 daughters: Christine Burns of Hernando, FL and Shannon Burns of Floral City, FL, 3 grandchildren: Charles Wayne Priest, III, Bailey DeMilt, and Madison DeMilt.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com. Arrangements by the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory.



Steven Farmer, 79

FLORAL CITY

Steven W. Farmer, 79, of Floral City, FL passed away at Citrus Memorial Hospital of Inverness, FL on March 9, 2021. He was born to the late Wesley R. and Lima (Dubois) Farmer on June 8, 1941 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

He was an Audio Engineer for WTVJ Channel 4 (later known as NBC 6) in Miami for 35 years and he also bravely served our country as a member of the United States Air Force.

He married his beloved wife, Margaret, in June of 1968 and they celebrated 52 years of marriage



Steven Farmer

together before his passing. They made Citrus County their home after retirement in 2003, when they relocated from Miami.

Steve enjoyed playing guitar with his band in his younger days and he had just recently started guitar lessons to better his guitar skills. He loved old cars and was very actively involved in the restoration of his cherished 1967 GTO and his El Camino. He was very involved in car shows all over Florida, including Inverness. He and his wife also enjoyed attending the Turkey Run Car Show in Daytona, FL. He followed the Stock Market avidly, and loved vacationing in Georgia in his vacation home with his family.

Steven is preceded in death by his brother, Dr. Gary Farmer (Linda) who passed in September of 2020.

Those left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife, Margaret; his two sons, Michael Farmer (Tiffani) of Louisiana and Scott Farmer (late wife, Amy) of Texas; his eight grandchildren, Stacy, Kit, Kaleb, Leo and Liana, MicKayla, Andrew, and Logan; his two great-grandchildren, Anthony and Kayla; and his sister-in-law, Patty Troutman of Floral City, FL.

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

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Jean Frank, 86

FLORAL CITY

Jean Delores (Cahill) Frank of Floral City, FL passed away at her home while under the care of her family and HPH Hospice on March 6, 2021 at the age of 86.

She was born to the late Walter and Lucy (Phillips) Cahill on November 7, 1934 in New Britain, CT. Jean made Floral City her home in 1986 after relocating from Apple Valley, CA.

She was a Christian by faith and attended

worship services at Floral City United Methodist Church. Jean worked in accounting as a bookkeeper throughout her lifetime. In her spare time she enjoyed taking RV trips and camping.

Those left to mourn Jean's passing include her son, Michael Cypcar of Floral City, FL; and sisters: Phyllis Vallera of Newington, CT, Shirley Sapia of Old Lyme, CT, Margaret Rubino of Southington, CT; stepsons: Ronald Craig Frank and wife Kathleen of Brookpark, Ohio, Hugh Langin, Jr and his wife Susan of Bethlehem, CT; Stephen Langin; and stepdaughters: Lynne Ann Moran and husband Patrick of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Deborah Warga and her husband Craig of Bethlehem, CT; Jean was preceded in death by husbands: Hugh Langin in 1995, Melvin Frank in 2014; and sister, Lucy Wyzatecki.

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Eugene 'Gene' Larimer, 80

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Eugene "Gene" Larimer, 80, of Inverness, FL passed away at Citrus Memorial Hospital of Inverness on February 22, 2021. He was born to the late Larry and Evelyn (Nicels) Larimer on March 31, 1940 in Galesburg, Illinois. He was a Truck Driver for many years and moved to Citrus County with his beloved wife, Barbara, in 1983 from Illinois.

Gene loved camping with his family, restoring golf carts and tractors with his son, David, and he thoroughly loved life. He will be remembered for being a very hard worker who enjoyed the outdoors and riding on his golf cart, visiting with his neighbors, and spending time with his two puppy dogs, Bandit and Blaze, his beloved cat, BayBay, and his granddog, Zeus.

He was a very humble and kind man who loved his family dearly, and his family very deeply loved him.

Those who are left to cherish Gene's memory are his children, Don (Kelly) Larimer of Illinois, Diane Unzicker of Illinois, and David Larimer of Inverness; his four step-siblings, Kevin, Larry, Linda, and Lisa; his five cherished grandchildren, Dustin, Koree, Derek, Jason, and Ryan; and his 11 adored great-grandchildren. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

A Celebration of Gene's Life will be held on Wednesday March 31st, at 3:00 P.M., at the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, FL, with Pastor Terry Roberts, of Crossroad Baptist Church, officiating. A Visitation will begin at 2:00 P.M. until the hour of service. Memorials in Eugene's memory would be appreciated to Habitat for Humanity, 3703 E. Gulf to Lake Hwy., Inverness, FL 34453.

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David Littlefield, 75

LECANTO

David W. Littlefield, 75, of Lecanto, FL passed away unexpectedly March 9, 2021. He was born in Rockland, Maine on October 21, 1945 to the late Carl and Viola (Weymouth) Littlefield. David was the supervisor of a vocational training facility in Freeport, Maine, and arrived in this area in 2000 after retirement. He was Christian by faith. He loved to work cutting lawns and helping people in need with his handyman skills.

He also enjoyed golfing with his buddies, kayaking, and riding the bike trails. He was also lucky to have a neighbor, Paxson Rose who became his best friend.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Thomas Littlefield.

David is survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Brenda Littlefield. Other survivors include his children Nathanael Littlefield and his wife Leigh of Charlotte, North Carolina,



David Littlefield

Rebeca Norton and her husband Eric of New Gloucester, Maine, and Lisa Hall and her husband Jay of Lancaster, PA; Keagan Whitney of Gray, Maine; and brother Donald Littlefield and his wife Ruth of Portsmouth, NH; niece Jennie Windscheffel and nephew Tyler Littlefield; 9 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life Service for David will be held in Maine at a later date. Cremation arrangements under the care of Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

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Cynthia Rabelo, 25

RICHMOND, IND.

Cynthia Melanie Rabelo, age 25, Richmond, IN passed away suddenly at home on March 6, 2021. Cynthia was born in Fall River, MA on August 28, 1995, cherished daughter of Hector and Cynthia Cordero.

She was a happy person and devoted mother, always smiling and truly enjoyed being with her children and family. Cynthia enjoyed music, especially Disney music. Additionally, she enjoyed drawing and crafting during her spare time.



Cynthia Rabelo

Left to cherish her memory are 3 children: Cayson Moncrieff, Richmond, IN; Landon Wiens, New Mexico; Addison McMiller, Richmond, IN; 3 brothers: Johnnie Delvalle, Inverness; Elving Delvalle, Brockton, MA; Juan Carlos Rabelo, Fall River, MA; many nieces, nephews, and extended family loved ones including her boyfriend, Franklin McMiller.

There is a Celebration of Life Service scheduled for Monday, March 15, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Hills of Rest Cemetery, Floral City, FL. Friends may visit the family at the funeral home on Monday from 12:00 Noon until the services begin.

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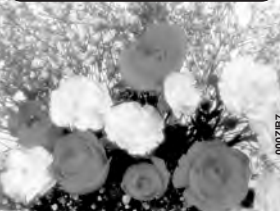


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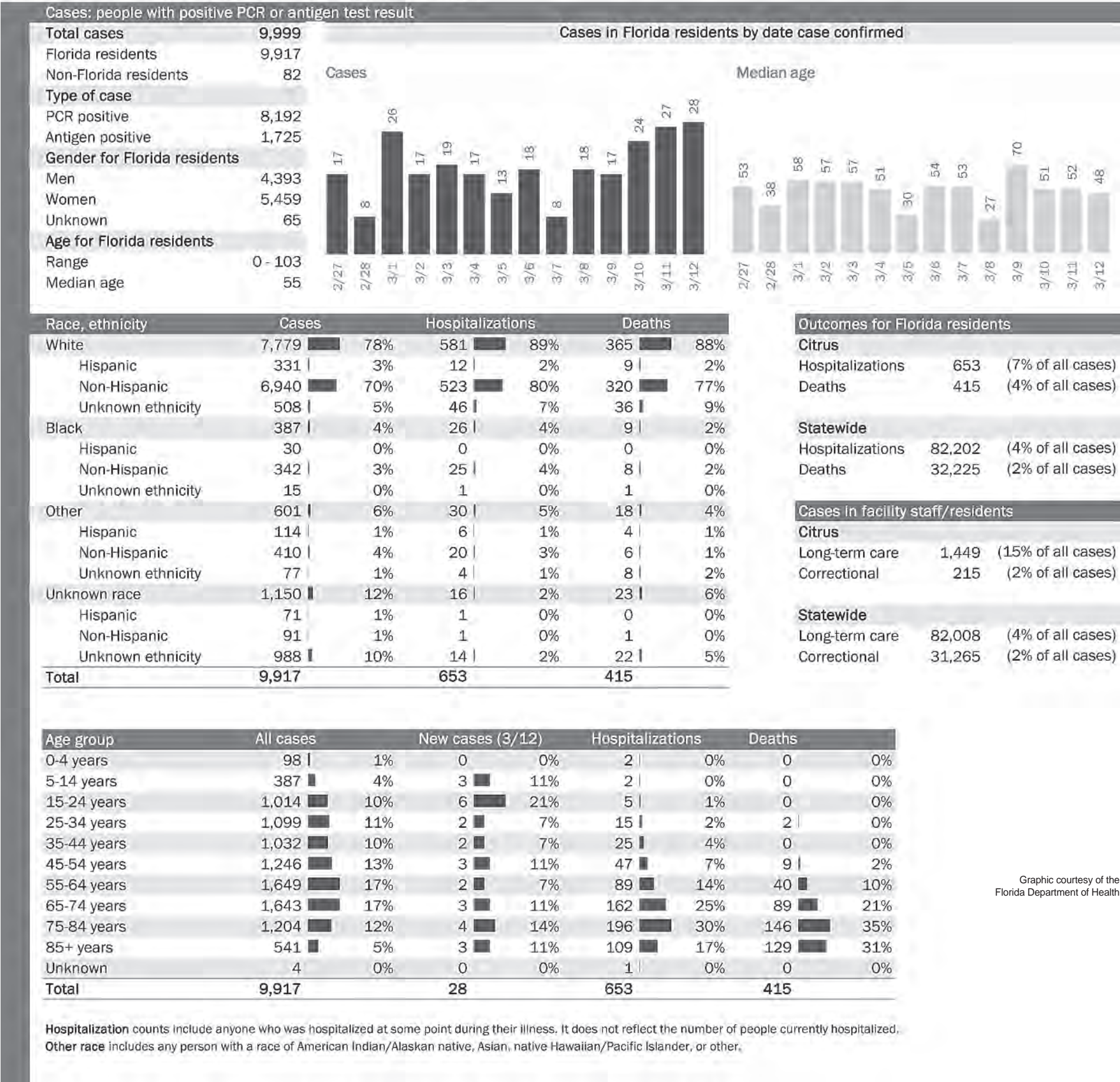
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JIM LAKE’S TEN PRACTICAL TIPS FOR THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUESTER

Florida has a well-deserved reputation for allowing public access to most government records. But that reputation does not mean the right of access is always easy to assert. Here are ten practical tips that can help open up public records:

Put the request in writing. Although the Public Records Act does not require that requests be submitted in writing, doing so provides real practical benefits to the requester. The benefits include eliminating uncertainty about what was sought and when. In fact, to make doubly sure a request is received, submit the same request two ways – for example, via mail and fax. It’s unlikely an agency will lose both copies of the same request.

Ask to inspect unfamiliar or voluminous records. The Public Records Act provides a statutory right to inspect records, not just to obtain copies. Don’t be too quick to reject the inspection option, particularly if the responsive records are voluminous or unfamiliar. It may be that you can save money, obtain a quick response, and understand the information you’re seeking better by inspecting originals before requesting copies.

Agree in advance to pay 15 cents per page for copies of records that are only a few pages. Agencies have a statutory right to charge 15 cents per page for copies of most records. So, if you know the records being sought are only a

couple of pages long, offer in your request letter to pay 15 cents per page.

Ask for a citation to any exemption. The Public Records Act requires agencies to state the basis for any claim that requested records are exempt and to provide a statutory citation to the claimed exemption. Reminding the agency of that obligation will help to educate new employees who might not be familiar with the law and will show the agency that you’re familiar with your rights.

Ask for a written explanation of a denial. A requester has the right to a written statement explaining with particularity the reasons for a conclusion by the agency that the records are exempt. So every request

letter ought to include language asking for such a written explanation.

Ask for a prompt acknowledgment and response. The Public Records Act requires the agency to acknowledge requests promptly and to respond in good faith. It’s worth reminding the agency of that.

Be willing to take one bite at a time. If you expect the agency will have a lot of responsive records, consider starting with a narrow request, and then making follow-up requests.

Be willing to negotiate. If an agency calls or writes in response to your request, pay careful attention to any explanation that’s given. It might be that the request was phrased in a way that didn’t describe the records

the way the agency does. If so, it might help to rephrase your request.

Make practice requests. If you expect to deal with the same agency regularly and will sometimes need records in a hurry, consider making a practice request.

Don’t give up! Keep asking for the records even if the agency delays or doesn’t respond. Particularly if you deal with that agency often, a reputation for giving up easily might lead the agency to be even less helpful next time.

— Jim Lake is a media lawyer with the firm of Thomas & LoCicero in Tampa and an adjunct professor at the Stetson University College of Law and a former journalist.

SUNSHINE

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Blair later said on Friday the school district was having difficulties fulfilling the requests because of a staff emergency from earlier in the week.

At 3:42 p.m. on Friday, Blair emailed the salary and benefits of the district’s administrative heads. She also sent the school district’s pay for its top-25 paid instructional employees.

The school district was unable to provide its fuel budgets and expenses by the end of business on Friday.

Here’s what the school district sent:

Assistant superintendent of business and support salary is \$109,736; assistant superintendent of school operations, \$115,682; coordinator of special academies, \$87,653; virtual programs director, \$92,715; education technology director, \$91,057; risk management director, \$91,795; Withlacoochee Technical College (WTC) director, \$104,562; assistant WTC directors, \$75,170 and \$84,699; research and accountability director, \$93,520; planning and growth management director, \$105,965; transportation director, \$104,516; chief academic officer, \$104,572; student services director, \$96,839; elementary education director, \$101,818; exceptional student education director, \$100,156; food services director, \$105,965; career, technical and adult education director, \$93,453; facility construction and maintenance director, \$90,234; human resources director, \$98,498; finance director, \$95,180; professional development director, \$105,965; Marine Science Station supervisor, \$84,607; and police chief, \$103,712.

For school district instructional staff, employees can hold similar positions but can have varying salaries based off of their experience or number of certifications. Their salaries are also based on the school days they work, which is not a calendar year.

Here are examples from the 25-top-paid district instructors:

JROTC teacher, \$82,395-\$72,058; certified high school counselor, \$78,070-\$76,070; school psychologist, \$77,870; exceptional student education specialist, \$76,870-\$71,672 (25th highest instructional salary); middle school counselor, \$74,825-\$73,825; and elementary school coun-

selor, \$71,864.

City of Inverness

Inverness City Manager Eric Williams received the Chronicle’s request at 11:53 a.m. Monday, March 8.

Within an hour Williams telephoned the reporter requesting the information to clarify the request and the format that would best fit the newspaper’s request. Williams followed up that telephone call with an email to say the data the chronicle requested would take some time to retrieve.

At 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, March 10, Williams emailed the data the newspaper requested.

For the city’s fuel budget and spending, Williams emailed: 2020 budget: \$67,925.00; 2020 actual: \$30,011.98; 2019 budget: \$61,475; 2019 actual: \$37,203.93; 2018 budget: \$65,275; 2018 actual: \$42,728.87; 2017 budget: \$64,800; 2017 actual: \$38,355.71; and, 2016 budget: \$79,575; 2017 actual: \$36,479.25.

As for department head salaries, Williams wrote: “Below are the latest salaries by department. All receive the same benefit package of full health insurance (medical, dental, vision), life insurance, paid

holidays, annual/personal leave, and participation in the Florida Retirement System (FRS),” he emailed.

Information Technology: \$102,688; Finance: \$97,850; Community Development: \$89,095; Public Works: \$75,190; Inverness Fire: \$74,263; Marketing, Events, and Cultural Arts: \$67,987; and, Parks and Recreation: \$67,987.

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IMPACT

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The unfunded portion from the impact fee is paid by the current tax base, he said.

“The purpose of impact fees is to have new growth pay for itself,” Oliver said.

Several builders and Realtor representatives at last month’s meeting opposed higher impact fees for fearing it would derail the hot housing market and freeze out lower-income buyers. Builders, they said, would be forced to pass on the higher costs to home buyers.

Some homeowners, they said, bailed out of building a new home here and opted to go to Marion County, which has much lower fees.

Stacey Worthington, president of the Citrus County Building Alliance, said builders are already putting up with increased costs for lumber and other construction materials due to the pandemic.

County Commissioner Jeff Kinnard said one big reason why Marion County is able to keep impact fees so low is because the voters there have approved a 1% public safety and transportation infrastructure sales tax.

The money from that tax goes toward a variety of uses, including road projects, law enforcement and fire rescue.

At least with impact fees, the costs are borne by new construction and not levied on all taxpayers, Kinnard said.

Carnahan, Kinnard: Stay the course

County Commission Chairman Scott Carnahan said in a public hearing in February he already knows how he will vote: no changes at all to the current fee schedule.

He echoed that intention at last week’s commission meeting.

Kinnard said he also won’t vote to change fees at this time. Maybe when it

next comes up for discussion in five years, but not now.

“The impact fees that we’re collecting right now seem to be enough to fund the growth that we have lined up,” Kinnard said.

Kinnard said he has no confidence in the consultant’s report. For example, one section talked about fees as related to the construction of a new jail.

That is not even on the county’s radar right now, he said.

“I don’t think there was a thorough assessment of our needs,” Kinnard said.

Kinnard said he doesn’t believe Citrus County is losing housing starts to other counties.

County Commissioner Holly Davis said her inclination right now is to either leave the transportation and schools at 50% or raise either or both categories slightly.

The remaining categories would remain at 100%, she said.

“What the taxpayers need to understand, and that includes any and all people who are building, infrastructure then falls on them if we don’t get the impact fees,” she said.

Report: Don’t look solely at competing counties

One of the most frequent reasons for raising impact fees is to allow a county to remain competitive with other counties nearby. And comparing one county to the next is a common practice.

But the consultant’s report said the desire to remain competitive in attracting new development “may be misguided.”

An area’s attractiveness to new development depends on a variety of factors, and relative impact fees do not appear to be a significant factor, the report said.

“An analysis comparing Florida counties that reduced their impact fees in response to the Great Recession and counties that did not reduce them or raised them found no significant difference in the rate of single-family permit issuance,” the report said.



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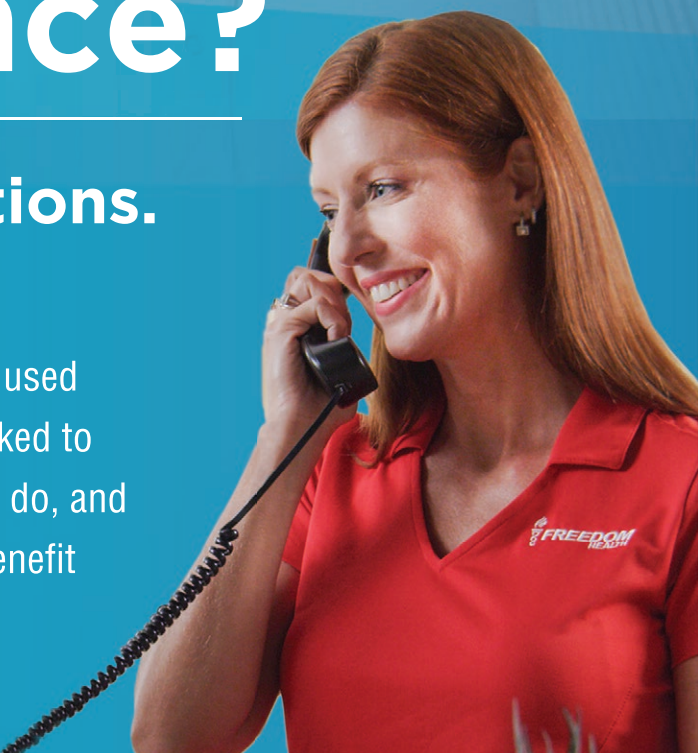


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Hunt for vaccine slots often leads through scheduling maze

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PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The road to a COVID-19 shot often leads through a maze of scheduling systems: Some vaccine seekers spend days or weeks trying to book online appointments. Those who get a coveted slot can still be stymied by pages of forms or websites that slow to a crawl and crash.

The technological obstacles are familiar to L. Shapley Bassen, a 74-year-old retired English teacher and editor in East Greenwich, Rhode Island. She lost track of the hours she spent making phone calls and navigating websites to get appointments for herself and her 75-year-old husband, Michael.

"A lot of us don't sleep at night worrying about whether or not we'll be able to get in," Bassen said.

Technological shortcomings across the nation's fragmented public health system have frustrated millions of Americans trying to get shots and left officials without a full picture of who has been vaccinated.

"We're creating an unnecessary amount of human suffering. This could have been avoidable, and we could have done better," said Tinglong Dai, a professor who studies health care operations at Johns Hopkins University's Carey Business School.

The White House promised improvements, pledging to establish a new website and an 800-number by May 1 to help people find nearby locations with vaccines.

"No more searching day and night for an appointment for you and your loved ones," President Joe Biden said Thursday in a prime-time address to the nation.

The administration also promised to send technical teams to states that need help improving their websites.

The bottleneck in vaccine demand seems to be easing in some locations, and on Friday the U.S. surpassed 100 million doses administered. Nearly 66 million people have received at least one dose. But vaccine slots are sometimes still so hard to obtain that people resort to vaccine hunter Facebook groups and bots that scan sites for open appointments. Vaccine seekers who are not accustomed to those methods and don't have anyone to help are at a steep disadvantage.

Bassen finally landed a slot at a pharmacy near home for her husband. The website even offered to schedule the second dose, but when she clicked on it, nothing happened.

Figuring it was a glitch, they printed out the appointment confirmation email. When he arrived, he was rejected. They told him he had to schedule the second shot at the same time as the first.

The rejection sent Bassen back down into the rabbit hole of state, local government and pharmacy websites and phone numbers. She likened it to a game of musical chairs.

"From the point of view of the patient, the consumer, there seemed to be no continuity amongst these three entities," Bassen said.

The confusion isn't surprising. An investigation by The Associated Press and Kaiser Health News found that since 2010, spending for state public health departments has dropped by 16% per capita, and spending for local health departments has fallen by 18%. Little money was left for investing in technology.

To help states prepare for the rollout of COVID-19 shots, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention began building a vaccine-management system known as VAMS.

Many states were hesitant to commit because it takes time for

employees to learn new programs, and new systems often have kinks. Few state health departments adopted the CDC program, and at least one has since decided to drop it.

In New Hampshire, officials planned to switch to their own program after thousands of people were unable to schedule second shots within the recommended time frame. Others had their appointments canceled after the system mistakenly allowed them to book slots for which they were not eligible.

Coming up with a national program that worked well everywhere was never likely to happen, especially given the unprecedented scale of tracking COVID-19 vaccinations, said Claire Hannan, executive director of the Association of Immunization Managers.

Prior to the pandemic, local vaccine registries around the country were used mostly to track childhood vaccines. Some are decades old and were never meant to be used to schedule appointments.

"A lot of them are just sort of that spaghetti bowl of code, where you just keep adding on," said Rebecca Coyle, executive director of the American Immunization Registry Association.

Many vaccine providers such as smaller pharmacies also were not hooked up to the registries before the pandemic because of the time and cost of doing so — including the required maintenance, which involves constantly uploading data and ensuring it's properly stored and shared.

"There's always been this perception that you build it and you're done," Coyle said.

Many states have concluded that they need a single, easy-to-access "front door" for scheduling shots, Dr. Deirdre Gifford, acting commissioner of Connecticut's health department, noted during a recent CDC forum.

Afghan minister cautions US



Associated Press

Afghan Interior Minister Masoud Andarabi speaks during an interview to the Associated Press at the Ministry of the Interior in Kabul, Afghanistan, Saturday, March 13.

Hasty retreat benefits Taliban

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KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghanistan's Interior Minister Masoud Andarabi said Saturday that Afghan security forces can hold their ground even if U.S. troops withdraw, challenging a warning from the United States predicting a withdrawal would yield quick territorial gains to the Taliban.

Andarabi's comments in an interview Saturday with The Associated Press were the first government reaction to U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken's warning issued in a sharply worded letter to Afghan President Ashraf Ghani last weekend.

In the letter pressing Ghani to step up efforts to make peace with the Taliban, Blinken said, "I am concerned the security situation will worsen and that the Taliban could make rapid territorial gains" after the American military withdraws.

Andarabi said Afghanistan's National Security Forces could hold territory, but would likely endure heavy losses trying to hold remote checkpoints without U.S. air support.

"The Afghan security forces are fully capable of defending the capital and the cities and the territories that we are present in right now," he said. "We think that the Afghan security forces this year have proven

to the Taliban that they will not be able to gain territory."

While the Taliban have not attacked U.S. or NATO forces as a condition of the agreement, the Afghan National Security forces have faced some blistering assaults.

Interviewed at the heavily fortified Interior Ministry, Andarabi also repeated his government's warning against a hasty U.S. retreat from the war-ravaged country, saying that the Taliban's ties to al-Qaida remain intact and that a swift pullout would worsen global counterterrorism efforts.

He said that Afghan National Security Forces backed by U.S. assistance have so far put a squeeze on terrorist groups operating in Afghanistan, including the local Islamic State affiliate.

A hasty "uncalculated withdrawal could certainly give an opportunity for those terrorists ... to threaten the world," he said from inside the compound, protected by concrete blast walls, barbed wire and a phalanx of security guards.

The warning comes as Washington is reviewing a deal the Trump administration struck with the Taliban over a year ago that calls for the withdrawal of the remaining 2,500 U.S. troops by May 1.

That deal also calls for the Taliban to break ties with terrorist groups, like al-Qaida.

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VETERANS NOTES

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VFW Post 4864 announces spaghetti dinner

VFW Post 4864 of Citrus Springs announces a special spaghetti and meatball dinner meal from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, 10199 N. Citrus Springs Blvd. The cost is \$7 per person. Groups larger than four should call to reserve a table at 352-465-4864.

VFW post 10137 hosting Vietnam veterans BBQ

VFW Post 10137 is having their Vietnam Veteran's Day BBQ at noon on Saturday, March 27, at 6036 County Road 618 in Bushnell.

Vietnam veterans eat free and all others for \$7. Veterans should bring proof of their Vietnam service.

This event welcomes all Vietnam veterans, not just those who are part of the VFW post 10137 community.

For questions, call 352-793-8511.

American Legion Post 166 to throw birthday bash

American Legion Post 166 is hard at work getting ready for the American Legion's 102nd birthday beginning at noon Monday, March 15. Post members will celebrate with a big birthday bash.

The event includes an auction, food, clothing, toy, and membership drive.

A blood drive will begin at 11:30 a.m., held in memory of recently departed members Ray Zapfel, Steve Cheney, Don Dotson and Cmdr. Rick Starkey.

All are invited to check out the many programs of the Legion. Find out about our Auxiliary Unit, the Sons of the Legion, and the Legion Riders.

The American Legion is veterans helping veterans.

For more information, call the post at 352-765-3949. American Legion Post 166 is located at 4520 S. Suncoast Blvd, Homosassa.

Planning underway for 29th annual vets appreciation

The Veterans Appreciation Week Ad Hoc Coordinating Committee will conduct its initial planning meeting for Citrus County's 29th annual Veterans Appreciation Week at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 17, in the Conference Room of the Citrus County Chronicle Building, 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River.

All veteran service organizations are encouraged to send representatives to participate in the planning process. Individual veterans are also welcome.

Attendees are asked to respect the Chronicle's COVID-19 wishes of wearing a face mask and practicing social distancing.

Any organization or individual desiring additional information should contact Chris Gregoriou at 352-302-9777.

VFW Post 4864 plans festive St. Paddy's dinner

VFW Post 4864 Citrus Springs will host a St. Patrick's Day dinner beginning at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 17, with dinner of corned beef and cabbage, followed by entertainment by Rocky and Michelle.

Cost is \$20 per person; purchase tickets in the post canteen at 10199 N. Citrus Springs Blvd.

VFW Post 4252 flea market assists veterans in need

Members of VFW Post 4252 will host a flea market to benefit veterans in need and their families from 7:30 to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the post at 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway (State Road 200), Hernando.

Breakfast food will be available for purchase.

Table rental is \$10 inside; \$5 outside. Set up will begin after 2 p.m. Saturday, March 20. Call the VFW to reserve a space at 352-726-3339.

VFW plans Bunco Night for March 25

VFW Post 10087 Harry F. Nesbitt of Beverly Hills will host a Bunco Night starting at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 25.

Call the post at 352-746-0440 for more information.

VFW Auxiliary 4337 sets auction

VFW Auxiliary 4337 will host a Chinese Auction open to the public Saturday, March 27, starting at noon, with drawings beginning at 2 p.m. featuring a variety of items including donations from local businesses. The Eugene Quinn VFW Post 4337 is at 906 State Road 44 E., Inverness.

For information, call Gloria Lane at 786-283-1795.

Young artists wanted for Patriotic Art Contest

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

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Raising a new flag

The POW/MIA flag flies below the U.S. flag in accordance with state policy.



Rolling Thunder members joined with officers of the Dunnellon Police Department for the flag raising ceremony. From left are Rob Wyckstrom, Sharon Wyckstrom, Gene Collins, Sgt. Shane Yox, Jack Hughes, Will Harris, Officer James Robert and Ray Addison.

Special to the Chronicle

Rolling Thunder provides POW/MIA flag to Dunnellon Police

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The Rolling Thunder veterans group recently raised the POW/MIA flag at the Dunnellon Police Department, remembering prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Conceived in the 1970s, the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia's official POW/MIA flag was installed March 9, 1989, in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda — the one flown over the White House on National POW/MIA Recognition Day 1988.

According to the League's website, "Passage by the 105th Congress of Section 1082 of the 1998 Defense Authorization Act required that the League's POW/MIA flag fly six days each year: Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day and Veterans Day. It must be displayed at the White House, the U.S. Capitol, the Departments of State, Defense and Veterans Affairs, the headquarters of the Selective

Service System, major military installations as designated by the Secretary of Defense, all Federal cemeteries and all offices of the U.S. Postal Service.

"In addition to the specific dates stipulated, the Department of Veterans Affairs voluntarily displays our POW/MIA flag 24/7. The National Vietnam Veterans, Korean War Veterans and World War II memorials are now also required by law to display the POW/MIA flag daily. Most state Capitols have adopted similar laws, as have local governments nationwide."

According to the Florida Department of State, "The flag of the state of Florida is usually displayed second in honor position to that of the United States. The Florida state flag becomes third when a foreign visitor is being honored in Florida by an agency or department of the United States Government or when the POW/MIA flag is displayed."

For more information on Rolling Thunder FL Chapter 7, call Trish Kallenback at 352-794-3943.



Will Harris, left, and Jack Hughes raise the flags.

Female Veterans Network honors Angela Vick



Female Veterans Network (FVN) presents Clerk of the Court Angela Vick with a certificate of appreciation for her support of FVN and for her part in the Female Veteran Monument dedication ceremony as the soloist. From left are: Jo Monty, Angela Vick, Cynthia Henderson, Jo Hirst and Jane Mundis.

Special to the Chronicle

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

■ Early submission of timely material is appreciated, but multiple publications cannot be guaranteed.

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

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2 (WESH) NBC	19					News	News	The Voice (In Stereo) PG				Ellen's Game		Good Girls (N) '14		News			
3 (WEDU) PBS	3	3		14	6	Downton Abbey on Masterpiece Rivalry between sisters Mary and Edith. PG				Downton Abbey on Masterpiece Rumors about about Mary's virtue. PG				The Best of WEDU					
5 (WUFT) PBS	5		5			Frontline PG		Rick Steves Fascism in Europe		Overcoming Anxiety, Depression, Trauma				Longevity Paradox-Steven					
8 (WFLA) NBC	8	8	8	8	8	News	Nightly News	The Voice The coaches seek America's best voice. (In Stereo) PG				Ellen's Game of Games (N) PG		Good Girls "Big Kahuna" (N) '14	NewsChannel 8	Super Sports			
9 (WFTV) ABC	20	7	20			News	World News	America's Funniest Home Videos PG		American Idol '405 (Auditions) The final auditions in California. (N) PG				Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N) PG	News Sunday	Spo Night on 9			
10 (WTPS) CBS	10	10	10	10	10	NCAA Basketball Selection Show		60 Minutes (N) (In Stereo)		The 63rd Annual Grammy Awards Excellence in the recording industry. (N) (In Stereo Live) PG						10 Tampa Bay			
13 (WTVT) FOX	13	13		13	13	NASCAR Cup Series Instacart 500. (N)	Cherries Wild PG	Bless the Harts '14		The Simpsons	The Great North '14	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy '14	FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo)		FOX13 11:00 News (N) (In Stereo)			
20 (WCJB) ABC			11			WCJB T ABC	Funny Home Videos			American Idol '405 (Auditions)" (N) PG				Who Wants to Be	WCJB T	Gone Vi			
22 (WCLF) IND	2	2	2	22	22	Joseph Prince	Empowered Life	Real Life 'G	Great Awakening, Rodney, Browne	Love a Child 'G	Billy Graham	Jewish Jesus 'G	Mark T. Barclay	Jesse Duplantis	Global-Crisis	The Great Awake			
23 (WYKE) FAM	16	16	16		15	Bible Say?	Nature Coast										Vegas Unveiled		
23 (WFTS) ABC	11	11		11	11	ABC Action News	World News	America's Funniest Home Videos PG		American Idol '405 (Auditions) The final auditions in California. (N) PG				Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N) PG		ABC Action News	Joel Osteen PG		
62 (WMOR) IND	12	12		5		Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Nightwatch "Back From the Brink" '14		Dateline "Fatal Attraction" PG		Soledad O'Brien	Greta Van Susteren		
63 (WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	9	9	Funny	Funny	FamFeud	FamFeud	NewsChannel 8		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Murdoch Mysteries		Born Ride	Paid Prg.		
40 (WACB) TBN	21		21			In Touch		Rejoice in the Lord		Divine	Bill W.	Barclay	Chris	Jentezen Jim Raley	Paula		Paid Prg.		
43 (WTOG) CW	4	4	4	12	12	Mike & Molly '14	Mike & Molly '14	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	Batwoman (N) (In Stereo) '14		Charmed "Private Enemy No. 1" PG		NCIS: New Orleans '14 (DVS)		NCIS: New Orleans "Let It Ride" '14			
50 (WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	15	14	Politica	Noticiero	Aqui y ahora (N)		Mira Quién Baila Univision All Stars (N)				Sal y pimienta PG		María	Noticiero		
51 (WOGX) FOX				13	7	NASCAR Cup Series	Cherries Bless			Simpsons "The-North Burgers	Fam. Guy			FOX 51 News		TMZ (N) PG			
53 (WXPX) ION			17			Blue Bloods '14	Blue Bloods '14			Blue Bloods '14		Blue Bloods '14		Blue Bloods '14		Blue Bloods '14			
(A&E)	54	48	54	25	27	Storage Wars PG	Storage Wars PG	Storage Wars PG	Storage Wars PG	Storage Wars PG	Storage Wars PG	Storage Wars PG	Storage Wars PG	Storage Wars PG	Storage Wars PG	Storage Wars PG	Storage Wars PG		
(ACCN)			99			Unbelievable		Nothing But Net		Nothing But Net		Nothing But Net		Nothing But Net		Nothing But Net			
(AMC)	55	64	55			*** "Jurassic Park III" (2001) R	The Walking Dead 'MA			The Walking Dead "Find Me" MA		The Walking Dead "One More" (N) MA		Talking Dead (N) '14		The Walking Dead "One More" MA			
(ANI)	52	35	52	19	31	Lone Star Law "Lying Dogs" '14	Lone Star Law (In Stereo) '14			Lone Star Law: Bigger and Better '14		Lone Star Law (N) (In Stereo) '14		Lone Star Law (In Stereo) '14		Lone Star Law (In Stereo) '14			
(BET)	96	71	96			*** "Think Like a Man Too" (2014)				Tyler Perry's Madea's Farewell Play Madea and her family gather for a party. (In Stereo)						Tyler Perry's The Oval '14			
(BIGTEN)	742	809				College Hockey	The Journey			The B1G Show (N) (Live)				College Hockey B1G Tournament, Game 3. (N) (Live)			The B1G Show		
(BRAVO)	254	51	254			Married to Medicine	Housewives-Atlanta			Housewives-Atlanta		Married to Medicine	Watch	Chat		Housewives-Atlanta			
(CC)	27	61	27		33	*** "Step Brothers" (2008) Will Ferrell. Two spoiled men become rivals when their parents marry.				*** "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" (2004) Vince Vaughn. PG-13				South Park "Vaccination Special" MA			MA		
(CMT)	98	45	98	28	37	*** "Clueless" (1995) Alicia Silverstone. Spoiled Beverly Hills teens careen through the good life.				*** "Easy A" (2010, Comedy) Emma Stone, Penn Badgley. PG-13						To Be Announced			
(CNN)	40	29	40	41	46	CNN Newsmoon	CNN Newsmoon		Stanley Tucci		Stanley Tucci		Lincoln: Divided We			State-Union			
(ESPN)	33	27	33	21	17	SportsCenter (N)	Bracketology (N) (Live)					NBA Basketball: Clippers at Pelicans				SportsC.			
(ESPN2)	37	28	34	43	49	30 for 30	30 for 30			SportsCenter Special		Bracketology				World of X Games			
(FBN)	106	149	106	99	41	Maria Bartiromo	Kudlow			Kennedy		History of Socialism		Return: Apollo 13		Maria Bartiromo			
(FLIX)		118	170			*** "Working Girl" (1988) Harrison Ford. (In Stereo) R				*** "Meet the Parents" (2000, Comedy) Robert De Niro. (In Stereo) PG-13				*** "Meet the Fockers" (2004) Robert De Niro. Future in-laws clash in Florida.					
(FNC)	44	37	44		32	Fox Report	Justice With Jeanine			Life, Liberty & Levin		The Next Revolution		Greg Gutfeld		Life, Liberty & Levin			
(FOOD)	26	56	26			Diners	Tournament of Champions 'G			Tournament of Champions (N) 'G				Food Truck Race		Beat Play	Beat Play		
(FREEFORM)	29	52	29	20	28	*** "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1" (2014) R	*** "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2" (2015, Science Fiction) Jennifer Lawrence. (In Stereo) PG-13			*** "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2" (2015, Science Fiction) Jennifer Lawrence. (In Stereo) PG-13				*** "Molly's Game" (2017) Jessica Chastain. R					
(FS1)	732	112	732			Athletes Unlimited	NHRA Drag Racing AMALIE Motor Oil NHRA Gatornationals.							NASCAR Cup Series Instacart 500.					
(FSNFL)	35	39	35			Horse Rc	Pregame	NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Orlando Magic. (N)		Postgame				World Poker			World Poker		
(FX)	30	60	30		51	*** "Jumanji" (1995) Williams, Bonnie Hunt. (In Stereo) PG	Children's Robin Williams, Bonnie Hunt. (In Stereo) PG			*** "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (2017, Adventure) Dwayne Johnson. (In Stereo) PG-13						*** "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (2017) PG-13			
(GOLF)	727	67	727			Live From THE PLAYERS (N) (Live) 'G				Live From THE PLAYERS 'G									
(HALL)	59	68	39	45	54	"Unleashing Mr. Darcy" (2016) NR	"A Summer Romance" (2019, Romance) Erin Krakow, Ryan Paevvey. NR			When Calls the Heart (N) 'G		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls		
(HBO)	302	201	302	2	2	The Investigation "In Dubio Pro Reo" '14	*** "Speed" (1994, Action) Keanu Reeves, Dennis Hopper. (In Stereo) R			Allen v. Farrow (N) MA		Allen v. Farrow (In Stereo) (Part 4 of 4) MA				Last Week To.			
(HBO2)	303	202	303			*** "The Book of Eli" (2010) R	Allen v. Farrow MA			Allen v. Farrow MA		*** "Get Shorty" (1995, Comedy) John Travolta. R			*** "Be Cool" (2005) John Travolta. (In Stereo) PG-13				
(HGTV)	23	57	23	42	52	Home Town "Moving to Main Street" 'G	Home Town "Woodland Wonderland" 'G			Home Town "A New Beginning" 'G		Home Town (N) 'G (DVS)		Home Town "A Musician's Retreat" 'G		Home Town "Leaving the Nest" 'G			
(HIST)	51	54	51	32	42	The Food That Built America PG	The Food That Built America PG			The Food That Built America PG		The Food That Built America (N) PG		Modern Marvels (N) (In Stereo) PG		The Food That Built America PG			
(LIFE)	24	38	24		21	"Stalked by My Husband's Ex" (2020, Suspense) Alex McKenna. NR				"Deadly Dating Game" (2021, Suspense) Skye Coyne. Premiere. NR				"Girl in the Basement" Stefanie Scott, Judd Nelson, Joely Fisher. NR					
(LMN)	119	50	119			"The Evil Twin" (2021, Suspense) Emily Piggford, Ish Morris, Cory Lee. NR				"The Single Mom Conspiracy" (2021, Suspense) Allison McAtee. NR				"The Secret Sex Life of a Single Mom" (2014, Docudrama) Ashley Jones. NR					
(MSNBC)	42	41	42			American Voices	American Voices			Mehdi Hasan		Week-Johnson		American Voices		Mehdi Hasan			

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(NBCSN)	448	26	730			NHL Live (N) (In Stereo) Live		NHL Hockey Los Angeles Kings at Colorado Avalanche. From Ball Arena in Denver. (N) (Live)				NHL Overtime		Cycling 2021 Paris-Nice, Stage 8. 'G		Sailing America's Cup. (N) 'G																			
(NGED)	109	65	109			Wicked Tuna '14		Wicked Tuna "Back in the Game" '14		Wicked Tuna (N) '14		Wicked Tuna "Best Laid Plans" (N) '14		Wicked Tuna "Record Breakers" '14		Wicked Tuna "Best Laid Plans" '14																			
(NICK)	28	36	28	35	25	Are You Afraid	Danger	Hustle	Kids' Choice Awards 2021		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends																		
(OWN)	125	24	103			Iyanla, Fix My Life	20/20: Homicide	20/20 on OWN '14		20/20 on OWN '14		20/20 on OWN '14		20/20 on OWN '14		20/20 on OWN '14																			
(OXY)	123	44	123			Snapped (N) PG	In Ice Cold Blood (N) '14			Snapped PG		Killer Motive '14		Dateline: Secrets		Bar Rescue (In Stereo) PG	Bar Rescue (In Stereo) PG																		
(PARMT)	37	43	37	27	36	Bar Rescue "Muscle Madness" PG	Bar Rescue (In Stereo) PG			Bar Rescue "Scary Mary's" PG		Bar Rescue "Dalia's Inferno" PG		Bar Rescue (In Stereo) PG		Bar Rescue (In Stereo) PG																			
(SEC)	745	72				College Softball: Bulldogs at Rebels		SEC Now		SEC Now		SEC Now		SEC Now		College Basketball																			
(SHOW)	340	241	340			Supervillain VICE 'MA'		Shameless (In Stereo) 'MA'		VICE (N) 'MA'		VICE 'MA' (N) 'MA'		Shameless "Cancelled" (N) 'MA'		Desus & Mero (N) VICE 'MA'	Desus & Mero																		
(SUN)	36	31	36			Inside the HEAT	Inside the HEAT	Ship Shape TV	Sport Fishing	Sportsman	Sportsman	Addictive Fishing 'G	Flats Class 'G	Sport Fishing	Silver Kings 'G	Reel Animals 'G	Into the Blue 'G																		
(SYFY)	31	59	31	26	29	*** "Olympus Has Fallen" (2013)		*** "London Has Fallen" (2016, Action) Gerard Butler. R (DVS)		*** "Cold Pursuit" (2019) Liam Neeson. A vigilante seeks justice against a drug lord and his crew. R						Futurama '14																			
(TBS)	49	23	49	16	19	*** "Avengers: Infinity War"		*** "Avengers: Endgame" (2019, Action) Robert Downey Jr. PG-13									Avengers																		
(TCM)	169	53	169	30	35	*** "Marnie" (1964, Suspense) Tippi Hedren, Sean Connery. PG		*** "Trouble in Paradise" (1932) Miriam Hopkins.		*** "Jewel Robbery" (1932) NR		*** "Mandalay" (1934, Drama) Kay Francis. NR																							
(TDC)	53	34	53	24	26	Naked and Afraid "In Too Deep" '14		Naked and Afraid: Uncensored (N) '14		Naked and Afraid "The Devil's Woods" The frig-id Montana wilderness. (N) '14		Naked and Afraid: Uncensored (N) '14		Naked and Afraid (In Stereo) '14		Naked and Afraid (In Stereo) '14																			
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(TMC)	350	261	350			*** "Paranoia" (2013, Suspense) Liam Hemsworth. (In Stereo) PG-13		*** "21 Bridges" (2019) Chadwick Boseman. R		*** "Alex Cross" (2012) Tyler Perry. A serial killer pushes Cross to the edge.						*** "Porky's"																			
(TNT)	48	33	48	31	34	*** "Suicide Squad" (2016, Action) Will Smith. Armed supervillains unite to battle a powerful entity. PG-13		*** "Aquaman" (2018, Action) Jason Momoa. Aquaman must save Atlantis from his power-hungry brother. PG-13								"Batman v Sup"																			
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Young artists in ninth through 12th grade wanting to enter the contest should call 352-419-8981 and ask for Judy Prive. If no answer, leave your name, telephone number and a brief message to request an application to enter this contest. Deadline is March 31.

GOOD TO KNOW

CCVC cancels yard sales

Due to the seemingly uncontrollable spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Citrus County

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

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

However, it is our intention to continue offering our food services to veteran clients. We ask that any veteran coming to collect food on Tuesdays and the first and third Thursdays of the month, to please wait in their cars, until the food is delivered to them. We ask that you wear a mask and that any new applicants, please have proof of residency and proof of honorable discharge from military service. All active duty members of the Armed Forces are also invited to apply for services. All CDC guidelines will be strictly adhered to. We will

continue to accept any food donations to help replenish our supplies. These donations can be dropped off during our usual opening hours, of 9 a.m. until noon. Canned goods and non-perishable food items, as well as paper goods are in short supply.

During these trying times, we wish to adhere to an over abundance of safety in order to protect our staff as well as our clients. We ask that you please bear with us, until there is some sense of normalcy returned to our lives.

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

CCVC expands services

In addition to existing clients at the Citrus County Veterans Coalition (CCVC), the

coalition is now accepting any veteran who now be unemployed, due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Also, any veteran, whose financial situation has changed, is also invited to attend the CCVC food pantry for assistance.

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

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

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The Meahls



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The couple married March 14, 1971, in Inverness. They have lived for more than 60 years in Citrus County. Cindy was a real estate broker and Richard is owner of Aero Pest Control Inc.

They have three children, all of whom live in Inverness: Kellie (John) Strickland, Renee (Darrell) Reneau and Chad (Jessica) Meahl.

Their grandchildren are: Bailey (Lauren), Kyra, Dillon (Ashlynn), Faith, Sarah, MaKenzie, Maci, Calvin, Blake and Alydia.

The couple have one great-grandchild, Kylie.

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100th BIRTHDAY

Sunday PUZZLER ANSWERS



Dorothy 'Dottie' Pitman

Dorothy Pitman (Dottie, as she prefers to be called) turns 100 years old on March 14, 2021.

Dottie was born March 14, 1921, in Haverhill, New Hampshire. She attended school in Fryeburg, Maine. As a child, she learned to ski and toboggan at an early age.

She attended the POSSE Institute for Physical Education. She taught gym classes to elementary school children in Fryeburg. At 19, she married her husband Erwin. Together they had a boy and a girl.

She was a notary public, marrying many couples. Dottie and Erwin had a small grocery store and rental cabins at the base of Jockey Cap Rock in Fryeburg.

She moved to Citrus Springs in 1975. She now lives at New Horizon Senior Citizen Home in Inverness.

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Rick Pitino

SPORTS

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Chance for redemption

Lee Westwood leads at Sawgrass, getting another shot to stave off Bryson DeChambeau

DOUG FERGUSON

AP golf writer

PONTE VEDRA BEACH — One week later, the two leading characters and the roles they play are still the same.

Only the stage — and the stakes — have changed.

Lee Westwood went from surprise to delight when his tee shot to the island green on the par-3 17th stayed on the top ridge, and then he trickled in a 25-foot birdie putt that carried him to a 4-under 68 on Saturday at The Players Championship.

Bryson DeChambeau pumped his powerful arms twice when he made a 15-foot par putt on the 18th hole, giving him a 67 and leaving him two shots behind and in the final group with Westwood.

That's how it was last week at Bay Hill, when DeChambeau came from one shot behind to beat Westwood with a par on the final hole at the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

"It's like Round 2, the rematch," Westwood said.

Westwood, who turns 48 next month, no longer has to go up a few classes to face DeChambeau, golf's fearsome heavyweight. Unlike Bay Hill, the TPC Sawgrass is all about position, not power.

Then again, DeChambeau is playing well enough for any style of golf course.

"I suppose if you sat Bryson down here and you asked him which golf course would suit him more, he'd probably say Bay Hill," Westwood said. "You can open your shoulders a little bit more around Bay Hill than you can around here. This place is a little bit more strategic. But credit to Bryson. You wouldn't associate this golf course with his style of play, and he's up there. It shows he can adapt his game."

It was the first time the same two players were in the final group in consecutive PGA Tour events in more



Associated Press

Lee Westwood, of England, smiles after making a birdie putt on the 16th hole during the third round of The Players Championship golf tournament Saturday, in Ponte Vedra Beach.

than 14 years, with one big difference. This one is separated by seven days. Vijay Singh and Adam Scott faced off nine weeks apart — the season-ending Tour Championship in 2006 and the season-opening Mercedes Championship at Kapalua.

Westwood capped off his round with a 5-foot par putt, extending his streak to 44 holes without a bogey, and he's

dropped only two shots this week on a Stadium Course where one swing can lead to a big number.

Westwood was at 13-under 203.

"He's making a lot of amazing putts, too," DeChambeau said. "That's what it takes to win golf tournaments."

Westwood has 41 victories around the world — at least one on every major tour of the International

Federation of PGA Tours — and knows better than to get caught up with DeChambeau, especially here.

He had the 54-hole lead at The Players in 2010 when 14 players were separated by five shots going into the final round, and Tim Clark rallied from three behind to win.

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One year later, NASCAR reflects

COVID-19

changed the sport

DAVID BRANDT

AP sports writer

AVONDALE, Ariz. — The big story at Phoenix Raceway one year ago was the remarkable recovery of veteran driver Ryan Newman, who strolled around the infield sipping a soft drink just weeks after a horrific crash in the Daytona 500 had everyone fearing the worst.

It was an entertaining race on a beautiful Sunday afternoon with Joey Logano holding off Kevin Harvick for his second win of the season. Kyle Larson finished fourth, continuing his rise with Chip Ganassi Racing.

Then came COVID-19, and everything in auto racing — and the world — changed.

"Gosh, it doesn't feel like a

year ago," driver Ryan Blaney said.

After 12 long months, it'll be a much quieter scene for this year's spring race in the desert, with a smaller crowd, masks, social distancing and everything else that's been deemed necessary for sports to continue during a pandemic. It's a compromise that's become somewhat normal, even if it's less than ideal.

"I miss a lot," Logano said. "Obviously, the fans not being at the racetrack, the energy that they bring is second to none, so that quietness is awful. I like hearing the cheering, the booing and everything in between. I like that. I like having our sponsors at the racetrack and people walking through the garage thinking it's the coolest thing they've ever seen when they see these cars up close."

NASCAR's season was paused See NASCAR/Page B3



Associated Press

Joey Logano (22) and William Byron (24) battle for position during a NASCAR Cup Series race, on Sunday in Homestead.

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Bellows scores twice, Isles win streak at 8

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Kieffer Bellows scored his first two goals of the season early in the third period and the New York Islanders rallied to beat the New Jersey Devils 3-2 for their eighth straight victory.

Oliver Wahlstrom also scored and Semyon Varlamov made 26 saves to help the East-leading Islanders extend their points streak to 11 games (10-0-1).

The winning streak is the longest for the Islanders since they won 10 in a row last season. The team record is 15 in early 1982.

Pavel Zacha and Janne Kuokkanen scored for the Devils, who have lost 10 straight at home. Mackenzie Blackwood made 26 saves for New Jersey.

With New York down 2-1 entering the third period, Bellows tied it at 1:59, taking a pass from Mathew Barzal and beating Blackwood from between the circles.

Bellows, who was playing in his first NHL game since Feb. 18 and only his ninth of the season, put New York ahead at 5:10 with a power move cutting in from the right circle and beating Blackwood in close.

Bellows got in the lineup because of a lower-body injury to Islanders' captain Anders Lee. Coach Barry Trotz placed the former first-round pick on his top line with Barzal and Jordan Eberle and it paid off.

Zacha gave the Devils the lead early in the first period and Wahlstrom tied it later in the period with a blistering shot on a rush.

Kuokkanen gave New Jersey the lead at 1:04 of the second period, diving to poke a rebound into an open net. He has goals in three straight.

Columbus 4, Stars 3, OT

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Zach Werenski scored with 4.5 seconds in overtime and Elvis Merzlikins made 27 saves as the Columbus Blue Jackets rallied to beat the Dallas Stars 4-3.

Werenski scored his first goal since Jan. 23. Max Domi added a goal and an assist, Cam Atkinson



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New York Islanders left wing Kieffer Bellows (20) celebrates his goal with defenseman Adam Pelech (3) and right wing Jordan Eberle (7) during the third period of the team's game against the New Jersey Devils on Saturday, in Newark, N.J. The Islanders won 3-2.

and Nick Foligno also scored, and Jack Rosilevic finished with three assists as Columbus snapped a three-game losing streak.

Andrew Cogliano, Andrej Sekera and Denis Gurianov scored for Dallas.

Jake Oettinger had 22 saves for the Stars, who have lost two straight and seven of nine.

The Stars are 1-5 in their last six road games and 1-7 in the last eight games in Columbus.

The game had just one penalty, with the Blue Jackets Emil Bemstrom missing a penalty shot after being pulled down by Jamie Benn at 10:02 of the third.

Rangers 4, Bruins 0

BOSTON — Chris Kreider scored his team-leading 14th goal, Artemi Panarin had an assist in his first game back since leaving the team, and the New York Rangers beat the Boston Bruins 4-0 to halt a three-

game losing streak.

Panarin left Feb. 22 after a Russian tabloid printed allegations from a former coach that he attacked a woman in Latvia almost a decade ago, which he denies. His return clearly provided a lift for New York.

Keith Kinkaid stopped 18 shots for his first shutout since 2018. Ryan Strome, Pavel Buchnevich and K'Andre Miller each had a goal for New York, which lost 4-0 in Boston on Thursday. Mika Zibanejad added two assists and Kreider had one.

Jaroslav Halak made 29 saves for the Bruins, who have dropped eight of their last 12 games.

The Rangers called the story about Panarin fabricated and designed to intimidate him for his political views against Russian President Vladimir Putin. His former coach in the Kontinental Hockey League, Andrei Nazarov, said he was motivated to speak about the alleged incident because he disagreed with

Panarin's criticism of the Russian government.

Playing in just his fourth game this season, the 31-year-old Kinkaid was hardly tested as the Rangers got to most of the loose pucks, limited the Bruins' break-ins and ability to control the puck in the offensive zone.

At the end, a Rangers player could be heard yelling: "That a boy, Keith!"

Recalled from the taxi squad on March 6 when Igor Shesterkin was injured, Kinkaid played in relief Thursday, stopping all 13 shots. On Saturday, he saw just 11 on goal in the first two periods.

Boston forward Jake DeBrusk, who had a goal Thursday after being benched and called out for his play this season by coach Bruce Cassidy, missed the game because he was in COVID-19 protocol.

Coming off a lackluster effort when they were decidedly outplayed on Thursday, the Rangers were

Cockburn scores 26, No. 3 Illinois beats No. 5 Iowa

No. 9 Ohio State edged No. 4 Michigan

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Kofi Cockburn scored 18 of his 26 points in the first half, and No. 3 Illinois beat No. 5 Iowa 82-71 on Saturday to advance to the Big Ten Tournament title game.

The Fighting Illini (22-6) have won six straight, with three coming against top-10 foes. If Illinois wins one more, against No. 9 Ohio State, it would claim its first tourney title since 2005.

Ayo Dosunmu scored 18 points for Illinois, and reserve guard Andre Curbelo finished with 12 points, seven rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Luka Garza had 21 points and 12 rebounds for Iowa (21-7). Jordan Bohannon scored 20 points.

No. 9 Ohio St. 68, No. 4 Michigan 67

INDIANAPOLIS — Duane Washington Jr. scored 24 points, E.J. Liddell had 18 and Ohio State held off Michigan to advance to the Big Ten Tournament championship.

The Buckeyes (21-8) will play their fourth game in four days against No. 3 Illinois on Sunday.

Michigan managed to cut a 13-point deficit to one in the final 4 1/2 minutes. After a third consecutive Buckeyes turnover in the final 90 seconds, Mike Smith's long jumper with 2 seconds left bounced off the back of the rim and time expired in the scramble for the loose ball.

Hunter Dickinson had 21 points and eight rebounds for the Wolverines (20-4), who played without Isaiah Livers after he was diagnosed with a stress fracture in his right foot.

Ohio State forward Kyle

Young sat out after he was hit in the head with an inadvertent elbow against Purdue.

No. 6 Alabama 73, Tennessee 68

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Herbert Jones had 21 points, 13 rebounds and four assists, helping Alabama rally for the win.

Jahvon Quinerly had 19 points for the Crimson Tide, including two free throws with 15.5 seconds left.

Top-seeded Alabama (23-6) faces LSU in Sunday's championship in search of its first SEC Tournament title since 1991.

Tennessee (18-8) awaits an NCAA Tournament seeding on Sunday.

Trailing 48-33 with 16:56 remaining, the Crimson Tide stormed back to lead 60-59 with 5:26 left.

Keon Johnson had 20 points for Tennessee, and Jaden Springer finished with 18.

No. 7 Houston 76, Memphis 74

FORT WORTH, Texas — Justin Gorham scored 15 points, including four free throws in the final 27 seconds, and Houston advanced to its third consecutive American Athletic Conference Tournament final.

Boogie Ellis had 27 points for Memphis, but he had a huge turnover with 49 seconds left. He fell down with the ball when trying to respond to the Gorham's nifty one-handed reverse layup with just over a minute left that had put the Cougars up 72-71.

Gorham added two free throws with 27 seconds left, and two more with 4 seconds left. Ellis made a running 3-pointer just before the final buzzer.

Quentin Grimes had 21 points for Houston (23-3), which is already a lock for a spot in the NCAA Tournament. Next up for the Cougars is fifth-seeded Cincinnati on



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Illinois guard Trent Frazier (1) defends against Illinois center Kofi Cockburn (21) in the first half of a game at the Big Ten Conference tournament on Saturday, in Indianapolis.

Sunday.

DeAndre Williams had 16 points for Memphis (16-8), an NCAA bubble team.

LSU 78, No. 8 Arkansas 71

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Cameron Thomas scored 21 points, and LSU reached the Southeastern Conference Tournament championship for the first time since 1993.

The Tigers (18-8) will play No. 6 Alabama on Sunday looking to improve their NCAA Tournament seeding even more. LSU has won this tournament only once — back in 1980.

Javonte Smart scored 19 points for LSU, and Darius Days had 13 points and eight rebounds.

Moses Moody tied his season high with 28 points for Arkansas (22-6). Justin Smith added 21.

No. 13 Texas 91, No. 12 Oklahoma St. 86

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Matt Coleman scored a

career-high 30 points and Jericho Simms added a career-best 21, leading Texas to its Big 12 Tournament title.

Kai Jones and Andrew Jones added 13 points apiece for third-seeded Texas (19-7), which edged No. 20 Texas Tech in the quarterfinals before advancing to the finals when Kansas had to withdraw due to a positive COVID-19 test.

The title was the first for the Longhorns in seven frustrating appearances in the Big 12 championship game, and their first conference tournament trophy since winning the old Southwest Conference title in 1995.

Cade Cunningham had 29 points for the fifth-seeded Cowboys (20-8). Isaac Likekele added 13 points.

Georgetown 73, No. 17 Creighton 48

NEW YORK — Patrick Ewing is taking Georgetown back to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2015 after the eighth-seeded Hoyas completed a surprising

run to a Big East championship.

On the 49th anniversary of the day Georgetown hired John Thompson, the late Hall of Fame coach who transformed the program into a national power and one of the most iconic brands in college basketball history, the Hoyas won their record eighth Big East Tournament title and first since 2007.

The Hoyas (13-12) closed the first half on a 23-2 run that put them up 18 at the break against second-seeded Creighton (20-8).

Georgetown's Chudier Bile matched a season high with 19 points.

Marcus Zegarowski scored 17 points for Creighton.

The 58-year-old Ewing is the first person in Big East history to be the most outstanding player on a Big East Tournament champion and coach a team to a Big East Tournament title.

No. 19 San Diego St. 68, Utah St. 57

LAS VEGAS — Matt

ready from the start, hitting the Bruins early and controlled most of the first two periods.

Miller's wrist from the right point ricocheted into the net off the far post, making it 1-0 just 3:06 into the game.

Kreider's goal made it 2-0 in the second period when he one-timed Zibanejad's pass from the right corner after the puck slid through the slot just past the stick of Jarred Tinordi's diving attempt to block it.

Penguins 3, Sabres 0

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Casey DeSmith stopped 24 shots, and the Pittsburgh Penguins handed Buffalo its 10th straight loss with a 3-0 victory over the lowly Sabres on Saturday night.

Jake Guentzel scored the go-ahead goal by batting in his own rebound with 3:23 remaining in the second period. The power-play goal was set up by Evgeni Malkin, who has three goals and seven assists in a seven-game point streak.

The Sabres dropped to 0-8-2 in their past 10. The winless streak matches the fourth-worst in team history, and the longest since Buffalo dropped a franchise-worst 14 straight midway through the 2014-15 season.

It was DeSmith's second shutout against Buffalo and No. 5 for his career. He made 26 stops for the Penguins in a 5-0 win over the Sabres on March 14, 2019.

Sidney Crosby, from deep in his own end, and Mark Jankowski scored empty-netters in the final minute as Pittsburgh completed a two-game sweep of Buffalo following a 5-2 win on Thursday night. The Penguins have won five in a row overall, matching the team's longest win streak since Oct. 10-18, 2019.

Carter Hutton stopped 31 shots for Buffalo, which was shut out for the fifth time this season. It has scored two or fewer goals in seven of its past eight.

The Sabres were without captain Jack Eichel, who missed his third straight game and is out for what coach Ralph Krueger called the "foreseeable future" with an upper-body injury.

Iona 60, Fairfield 51

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Rick Pitino's vagabond coaching career bathed in scandal and success brought him back to the NCAA Tournament. Asante Gist scored 18 points and Pitino took his fifth school to the tournament with Iona's 60-51 victory over Fairfield in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Tournament championship.

Norfolk St. 71, Morgan St. 63

NORFOLK, Va. — Joe Bryant scored 17 points and Kashaun Hicks added 14, including a pair of clinching dunks, as Norfolk State defeated Morgan State 71-63 in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tournament championship game to earn its first NCAA Tournament bid in nine years.

Hartford 64, UMass Lowell 50

HARTFORD, Conn. — Austin Williams scored 20 points with eight rebounds and three steals, and Hartford earned an automatic bid to its first NCAA Tournament, beating UMass Lowell 64-50 in the America East championship.

NASCAR

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Saturday At Phoenix Raceway Avondale, Ariz. Lap length: 1.00 miles (Start position in parentheses)
1. (3) Austin Cindric, Ford, 200 laps, 57 points.
2. (27) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 200, 38.
3. (11) Brandon Brown, Chevrolet, 200, 34.
4. (30) Riley Herbst, Ford, 200, 33.
5. (4) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 200, 36.
6. (6) Jeb Burton, Chevrolet, 200, 39.
7. (29) Bayley Currey, Chevrolet, 200, 30.
8. (12) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 200, 42.
9. (20) Brett Moffitt, Chevrolet, 200, 0.
10. (13) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 200, 27.
11. (19) Myatt Snider, Chevrolet, 200, 26.
12. (7) Harrison Burton, Toyota, 200, 42.
13. (33) JJ Yeley, Chevrolet, 200, 24.
14. (39) Timmy Hill, Ford, 200, 23.
15. (14) Santino Ferrucci, Toyota, 200, 22.
16. (24) Colby Howard, Chevrolet, 200, 21.
17. (15) Tommy Joe Martins, Chevrolet, 200, 20.
18. (35) Stefan Parsons, Chevrolet, 200, 19.
19. (21) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 200, 18.
20. (12) Jade Buford, Chevrolet, 200, 17.
21. (17) Josh Williams, Chevrolet, 200, 16.
22. (18) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 200, 15.
23. (1) Daniel Hemric, Toyota, 200, 31.
24. (28) Blaine Perkins, Chevrolet, 200, 13.
25. (16) Joe Graf Jr, Chevrolet, 200, 12.
26. (5) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, accident, 199, 21.
27. (34) Gray Gaulding, Chevrolet, 199, 10.
28. (37) David Starr, Toyota, 199, 9.
29. (22) Dexter Bean, Chevrolet, 198, 8.
30. (25) Ryan Vargas, Chevrolet, 197, 7.
31. (40) Loris Hezemans, Ford, 195, 6.
32. (36) Alex Labbe, Chevrolet, accident, 194, 5.
33. (2) Brandon Jones, Toyota, accident, 165, 14.
34. (26) Kyle Weatherman, Chevrolet, 164, 3.
35. (38) Matt Mills, Chevrolet, 157, 2.
36. (9) Josh Berry, Chevrolet, accident, 146, 4.
37. (31) Ryan Sieg, Ford, accident, 133, 1.
38. (8) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, engine, 93, 3.
39. (10) Noah Gragson, Chevrolet, engine, 67, 7.
40. (23) Jesse Little, Chevrolet, accident, 44, 1.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 82.984 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 25 minutes, 37 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.360 seconds.
Caution Flags: 11 for 65 laps.
Lead Changes: 10 among 6 drivers.
Lap Leaders: D.Hemric 0; A.Cindric 1-50; D.Hemric 51-94; J.Allgaier 95-125; T.Gibbs 126; R.Sieg 127-128; A.Cindric 129-136; J.Allgaier 137; A.Cindric 138-144; B.Jones 145-146; A.Cindric 147-200
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): A.Cindric, 4 times for 119 laps; D.Hemric, 1 time for 44 laps; J.Allgaier, 2 times for 32 laps; B.Jones, 1 time for 2 laps; R.Sieg, 1 time for 2 laps; T.Gibbs, 1 time for 1 lap.
Wins: A.Cindric, 2; A.Allmendinger, 1; M. Snider, 1; T.Gibbs, 1.
Top 16 in Points: 1. A. Cindric, 248; 2. D.Hemric, 201; 3. J.Burton, 172; 4. A.Allmendinger, 162; 5. H.Burton, 162; 6. B.Jones, 154; 7. M. Snider, 149; 8. J.Haley, 149; 9. B.Brown, 137; 10. J.Clements, 134; 11. J.Allgaier, 114; 12. R. Herbst, 98; 13. M.Annett, 93; 14. L.Cassill, 89; 15. T.Gibbs, 88; 16. T.Martins, 87.

NASCAR Driver Rating Formula
A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.
The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

HOCKEY

NHL standings

East Division
GP W L OTPts GF GA
N.Y. Islanders 28 18 6 4 40 83 62
Washington 27 17 6 4 38 94 87
Pittsburgh 27 17 9 1 35 89 79
Boston 25 14 7 4 32 70 60
Philadelphia 25 13 9 3 29 83 83
N.Y. Rangers 26 11 12 3 25 72 71
New Jersey 24 8 13 3 19 60 79
Buffalo 26 6 16 4 16 58 88
Central Division
GP W L OTPts GF GA
Carolina 26 19 6 1 39 93 67
Tampa Bay 25 18 5 2 38 91 57
Florida 26 17 5 4 38 89 76
Chicago 28 14 9 5 33 87 88
Columbus 29 11 12 6 28 79 97
Nashville 27 11 15 1 23 64 90
Dallas 23 8 9 6 22 67 63
Detroit 28 8 16 4 20 63 95
West Division
GP W L OTPts GF GA
Vegas 24 17 6 1 35 78 55
Minnesota 25 16 8 1 33 79 63
St. Louis 27 14 8 5 33 87 87
Colorado 25 15 8 2 32 74 59
Los Angeles 26 11 9 6 28 78 74
Arizona 27 12 11 4 28 69 81
San Jose 24 10 11 3 23 72 88
Anaheim 28 8 14 6 22 62 92

North Division
GP W L OTPts GF GA
Toronto 28 19 7 2 40 97 70
Edmonton 29 18 11 0 36 99 85
Winnipeg 26 16 8 2 34 86 76
Montreal 26 12 7 7 31 85 71
Calgary 27 12 12 3 27 73 81
Vancouver 30 12 16 2 26 84 99
Ottawa 30 9 20 1 19 79 121
NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. The top four teams in each division will qualify for playoffs under this season's temporary realignment.

Friday's Games
Minnesota 4, Arizona 0
Vegas 5, St. Louis 4, OT
Edmonton 6, Ottawa 2
San Jose 6, Anaheim 0
Colorado 2, Los Angeles 0
Saturday's Games
N.Y. Rangers 4, Boston 0
Columbus 4, Dallas 3, OT
N.Y. Islanders 3, New Jersey 2
Washington 5, Philadelphia 4
Pittsburgh 3, Buffalo 0
Chicago at Florida, late
Montreal at Calgary, late
Nashville at Tampa Bay, late
Winnipeg at Toronto, late
Vegas at St. Louis, late
Edmonton at Vancouver, late
San Jose at Anaheim, late
Today's Games
Arizona at Minnesota, 2 p.m.
Carolina at Detroit, 5 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 5 p.m.
Los Angeles at Colorado, 5:30 p.m.
Dallas at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Monday's Games
Nashville at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.
Boston at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Florida, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Washington at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Vegas, 10 p.m.
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

Florida LOTTERY

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

PICK 2 (early) 6 - 4	PICK 5 (late) Unavailable
PICK 2 (late) Unavailable	FANTASY 5 Unavailable
PICK 3 (early) 8 - 3 - 8	LOTTO Unavailable
PICK 3 (late) Unavailable	POWERBALL Unavailable
PICK 4 (early) 3 - 6 - 5 - 5	POWER BALL Unavailable
PICK 4 (late) Unavailable	CASH 4 LIFE Unavailable
PICK 5 (early) 2 - 8 - 8 - 9 - 5	CASH BALL Unavailable

Friday's winning numbers and payouts:

Jackpot Triple Play: 2 – 10 – 14 – 27 – 36 – 44	4-of-5 MB 2 winners \$10,000
6-of-6 No winner	4-of-5 16 winners\$500
5-of-6 23 winners \$468.50	3-of-5 MB 34 \$200
4-of-6 1,151 \$22.50	3-of-5 1,111 \$10
3-of-6 19,643 \$1	2-of-5 MB 895 \$10
Combo 10+ 4 \$10,000	Fantasy 5: 3 – 4 – 26 – 27 – 35
Combo9 6 \$500	5-of-5 No winner
Combo8 72 \$50	4-of-5 251 \$555
Combo7 613 \$20	3-of-5 8,691 \$23.50
Combo6 2,878 \$10	Cash 4 Life: 6 – 21 – 26 – 41 – 48
Combo5 10,680 \$5	Cash Ball: 4
Mega Millions: 2 – 24 – 25 – 31 – 65	5-of-5 CB No winner
Mega Ball: 18	5-of-5 No winner
5-of-5 MB No winner	
5-of-5 No winner	Players should verify winning numbers by calling 850-487-7777 or at www.flalottery.com.

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS
AUTO RACING

12 p.m. (13 FOX) NHRA Drag Racing AMALIE Motor Oil NHRA Gatornationals
3:30 p.m. (13 FOX) NASCAR Cup Series Instacart 500
7 p.m. (FS1) NHRA Drag Racing AMALIE Motor Oil NHRA Gatornationals (Same-day Tape)
10 p.m. (FS1) NASCAR Cup Series Instacart 500 (Same-day Tape)

SPRING TRAINING BASEBALL

1 p.m. (MLB) St. Louis Cardinals at New York Mets
4 p.m. (MLB) Chicago White Sox at Oakland Athletics
9 p.m. (MLB) Kansas City Royals at Los Angeles Dodgers
12 a.m. (MLB) Los Angeles Angels at Chicago Cubs (Same-day Tape)
3 a.m. (MLB) Washington Nationals at Houston Astros (Same-day Tape)

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

8 a.m. (ESPNU) MEAC Tournament, Final: Teams TBA (Taped)
10 a.m. (ESPNU) SWAC Tournament, Final: Teams TBA (Taped)
12 p.m. (ESPNU) Atlantic 10 Tournament, Final: Teams TBA
1 p.m. (ESPNU) Big 12 Tournament, Final: Teams TBA
2 p.m. (ESPNU) NEC Tournament: Wagner at Mount St. Mary's. Final

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

1 p.m. (10 CBS) Atlantic 10 Tournament: VCU vs St. Bonaventure
1 p.m. (ESPN) SEC Tournament, Final: Teams TBA
3:15 p.m. (ESPN) AAC Tournament, Final: Teams TB (Same-day Tape)
3:30 p.m. (10 CBS) Big Ten Tournament, Final: Teams TBA
6 p.m. (10 CBS) NCAA Basketball Championship Selection Show
8:30 p.m. (ESPNU) NIT Selection Special
11 p.m. (SEC) SEC Tournament, Final: Teams TBA (Same-day Tape)

NBA

4 p.m. (NBA) Utah Jazz at Golden State Warriors
6:30 p.m. (NBA) San Antonio Spurs at Philadelphia 76ers
7 p.m. (FSNFL) (SUN) Miami Heat at Orlando Magic
9 p.m. (ESPN) Los Angeles Clippers at New Orleans Pelicans

BICYCLING

8 a.m. (NBCSPT) Paris-Nice, Stage 7 (Taped)
10 p.m. (NBCSPT) Paris-Nice, Stage 8 (Same-day Tape)

BOATING

11 p.m. (NBCSPT) America's Cup

BOWLING

7 a.m. (FS1) WSOB XII PBA World Championship (Taped)
3 p.m. (FS1) Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship

EQUESTRIAN

3 p.m. (FSNFL) America's Day at the Races

GOLF

1 p.m. (8 NBC) Players Championship Final Round
2 p.m. (GOLF) European PGA Tour Commercial Bank Qatar Masters, Final Round (Same-day Tape)

NHL

12 p.m. (NHL) Vegas Golden Knights at St (Taped)
2 p.m. (NHL) Arizona Coyotes at Minnesota Wild
7 p.m. (NBCSPT) Los Angeles Kings at Colorado Avalanche
12:30 a.m. (NHL) Los Angeles Kings at Colorado Avalanche (Same-day Tape)

MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY

12 p.m. (BIG10) Big Ten Tournament: Notre Dame vs Penn State
4 p.m. (BIG10) Big Ten Tournament: Minnesota vs Michigan State
8:30 p.m. (BIG10) Big Ten Tournament: Michigan vs Ohio State

COLLEGE LACROSSE

12 p.m. (ACCN) Women's Notre Dame at Syracuse
4 p.m. (ESPNU) Michigan at Ohio State

RUGBY

6 a.m. (NBCSPT) Premiership Exeter Chiefs vs Harlequins (Taped)
1 a.m. (NBCSPT) Six Nations Championship Scotland vs Ireland (Same-day Tape)

SOCCER

7:25 a.m. (ESPNU) Italian Serie A Bologna vs Sampdoria
12:25 p.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League Arsenal vs Tottenham Hotspur
3:10 p.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League Manchester United vs West Ham United

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

1 p.m. (SEC) Arkansas at South Carolina
1 p.m. (SUN) Liberty at Oklahoma
2 p.m. (ACCN) Virginia Tech at NC State
3 p.m. (SEC) Alabama at Auburn
5 p.m. (SEC) Mississippi State at Ole Miss
COLLEGE TRACK AND FIELD
9 p.m. (ESPNU) NCAA Men's and Women's Indoor Championships (Taped)

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

4 a.m. (SEC) South Carolina at LSU (Taped)

SPORTS BRIEFS

Cindric holds on in final restart, wins at Phoenix

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Austin Cindric used a dominant performance and a good restart with two laps left Saturday for his second straight victory at Phoenix Raceway.

Cindric won again on the track where he captured his first NASCAR Xfinity Series championship in November.

He led 119 of 200 laps in the No. 22 Ford and was never far from the front of the field, but he had to survive a chaotic restart with a couple laps left for his second victory of the season.

Ty Gibbs, the 18-year-old who won in his first Xfinity start on the road course at Daytona last month, was second after starting 27th. Gibbs — who is the grandson of three-time Super Bowl winner Joe Gibbs and part of Joe Gibbs Racing — also won the ARCA race in Phoenix on Friday night.

Gibbs worked his way into the top 10 by the end of the first stage and then moved into the top five late in the race. He took advantage of the final tense restart — which included a stretch of five-wide racing for a few seconds — to push into second place.

Justin Allgaier gave Cindric a hard run on the final restart, pulling to the outside

for the pass, but he got too close to the wall, lost traction and Cindric was able to shoot by and win with room to spare. Allgaier fell to eighth, which was his first top 10 of the season.

Knicks cruise past Thunder after shaky start

OKLAHOMA CITY — RJ Barrett scored 32 points and Julius Randle added 26 to lead the New York Knicks past the Oklahoma City Thunder 119-97 on Saturday.

The Knicks trailed by nine after one quarter after the Thunder shot 70.6% from the floor, but they outscored the Thunder 97-66 over the final 36 minutes.

Al Horford had 16 points to lead seven Oklahoma City players in double figures.

LaMelo Ball leads Hornets past short-handed Raptors

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — LaMelo Ball had 23 points and nine rebounds, and Charlotte defeated the short-handed Toronto Raptors 114-104 Saturday night in the Hornets' first game with the general public allowed to attend.

Devonte Graham and Terry Rozier each added 17 points for the Hornets, who seemed to feed off having fans in attendance for the first time this season.

— From wire reports

PLAYERS

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Among those three back going into Sunday was Justin Thomas, who started with four straight birdies and capped off his 64 with a 5-iron that stopped inches away from the hole on the par-5 16th for a tap-in eagle.

Doug Ghim, who is making his debut in The Players, also was three behind. He was among seven players who had at least a share of the lead at one point Saturday and was motoring along until one costly swing on the easiest hole, the par-5 16th. He came up well short in a bunker under a tree, tried to blast low under the limbs and caught the rough and wound up with his lone bogey.

Paul Casey had six birdies and an eagle to offset his mistakes in a 67, leaving him four shots behind with Jon Rahm (67). Also four shots behind was Brian Harman, who began his day by holing a wedge for eagle and shot 69.

Sergio Garcia was five shots behind and still can't handle the short putts, including a 4-footer for birdie that missed badly on the low side at the 17th. He had to settle for a 72.

DeChambeau can't blast away at Sawgrass because of the bending treelined fairways and water hazards. But

The Players Championship

Saturday At TPC Sawgrass Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Purse: \$15 million Yardage: 7,189; Par: 72 Third Round		
Lee Westwood	69-66-68—203	-13
Bryson DeChambeau	69-69-67—205	-11
Justin Thomas	71-71-64—206	-10
Doug Ghim	71-67-68—206	-10
Paul Casey	73-67-67—207	-9
Jon Rahm	72-68-67—207	-9
Brian Harman	67-71-69—207	-9

Chris Kirk	72-65-71—208	-8
Sergio Garcia	65-72-71—208	-8
Matthew Fitzpatrick	68-68-72—208	-8
Cameron Smith	71-73-65—209	-7
Si Woo Kim	72-70-67—209	-7
Ryan Palmer	70-72-68—210	-6
Abraham Ancer	72-70-68—210	-6
Talor Gooch	71-68-71—210	-6
Harry Higgs	71-73-67—211	-5
Adam Long	70-74-67—211	-5
Shane Lowry	68-74-69—211	-5
Will Zalatoris	70-71-70—211	-5
Tom Hoge	69-71-71—211	-5
Patton Kizzire	70-69-72—211	-5

NASCAR

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for two months after Logano's win at Phoenix. The sport was one of the first in the nation to return on May 17 in Darlington, South Carolina, during a one-day event in front of no fans.

The slow march to normalcy continues in Phoenix.

“Hopefully, we’re making progress on this thing of getting the world healthy again, but it’s changed the way that our sport has operated,” Blaney said. “It’s changed the way everything has operated, from sports to businesses and things like that, and I’m looking forward to the day we can all get healthy again and put this all behind us and get back to normal life.”

LARSON'S RETURN

Little did anyone know that Larson's fourth-place finish in Phoenix would be his last race with Chip Ganassi Racing.

The driver's effort of a racial slur while participating in an online race last April cost him his job, his reputation and his ability to attract the corporations that fund a race team. Larson wasn't sure he'd race in NASCAR again until Rick Hendrick took a chance on a him.

Last weekend at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Larson raced to his first NASCAR victory since he was reinstated from a nearly yearlong suspension. He was hired by Hendrick Motorsports when NASCAR said the suspension would lift at the start of this year.

Bubba Wallace, NASCAR's only Black fulltime driver, was one of the first competitors to congratulate Larson.

“It meant a lot for Bubba to come to victory lane,” Larson said. “He's always believed in me. That was special.”

HOMECOMING FOR MCDOWELL

Daytona 500 winner Michael McDowell will be racing close to his hometown of Glendale, Arizona, where he grew up racing karts before moving to North Carolina to pursue his NASCAR dreams.

The 36-year-old McDowell was an unlikely Daytona winner, earning his first Cup victory in his 358th start.

McDowell returned to his old kart track in Glendale on Thursday, where he raced under the lights against local kids aged 7 to 16. He signed autographs and brought his Daytona 500 trophy for fans to check out.

KEEP IT COOL

Last year's spring race in Phoenix was a hot one, with temperatures pushing close to 90 degrees.

Sunday's race should be quite a bit cooler, with a high around 70 degrees expected, but the rain that fell in the desert on Friday and early Saturday should be gone.

ODDS AND ENDS

Reigning Cup champ Chase Elliott won at Phoenix in November to clinch his title and is the 5-1 favorite to win Sunday. Kevin Harvick, Brad Keselowski and Denny Hamlin are all 6-1. Defending race winner Joey Logano is 8-1 and Michael McDowell at his home track is 100-1, the same odds he overcame to win the Daytona 500. ... The Cup Series has had four different winners in four races to start the season but none by active Cup champions. It is the first time since 2008 that a former series champion did not win in the first four races of a season. ... There have been five different winners to start the season 14 times before but not since 2017. The record is 10 different winners in 10 races in 2000. ... There are seven former winners at Phoenix in the field. Harvick leads all drivers with nine victories at Phoenix. ... Jason Biggs, host of “Cherries Wild” on NASCAR broadcast partner Fox, is the grand marshal.

LeMahieu HR ends inning, no more early exits

*Roll over innings
no longer in play*
Associated Press

New York Yankees star DJ LeMahieu launched a three-run homer, and that was all for Pittsburgh starter JT Brubaker. Brubaker walked off the mound with two outs in the bottom of the second inning, having thrown 49 pitches Saturday. And taking advantage of a rule put in place for early spring training games, the rest of the Pirates left the field, too.

Starting Sunday, no more “roll over” breaks like that. Managers won’t be able to call off innings at any point to protect hurlers because of high pitch counts.

That’s fine with Texas skipper Chris Woodward.

“Now that we can’t, it’s no longer an option. So we’ve either got to let that guy go or we’ve got to have somebody warming up,” Woodward said. “So it’s actually good, because we need to start playing real baseball, we need to start playing like real games.”

But what if those innings weren’t cut short?

“I had our analyst guys kind of mock up a run expectancy, two outs if we rolled it, what was the run expectancy there? It’s like .35 — so we’ve won a few games at 7.2 to 4.8, that type of thing. Bases loaded, one out, like there’s a 1.9 run expectancy there, whatever,” Woodward said.

“But I mean, I’m over it. I want some even numbers, some even integers like this, let’s just go real numbers here — 5-4 win, yes,” he said.

ON THE WAY

Top Marlins pitching prospect Sixto Sánchez will make his first appearance of spring training Monday against the Astros, and he’s expected to work two innings.

The Dominican’s progress in camp was delayed by a visa issue and then a false positive on a COVID-19 test. Sanchez is expected to land a spot in the rotation after going 3-2 with a 3.46 ERA in seven starts last year.

TWINS 1, RAYS 0 (8)

Randy Dobnak made his first



Associated Press

New York Yankees second baseman DJ LeMahieu hits a three-run home run off Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher JT Brubaker during the second inning of a spring training exhibition game on Saturday, in Tampa.

start in his second appearance for Minnesota, allowing one hit in three shutout innings, striking out six. Williams Astudillo hit his first home run.

Rich Hill made his second start for Tampa Bay, yielding a hit and a walk in three scoreless innings. Randy Arozarena had one of the Rays’ two hits.

WHITE SOX 6, ANGELS 5

Shohei Ohtani was roughed up in his second start for Los Angeles, allowing five runs on six hits and a walk in 2 1/3 innings. He struck out four.

Luis Robert’s homer started

Chicago’s five-run second inning against Ohtani. Tim Anderson had an RBI single, José Abreu drew a bases-loaded walk and Yoán Moncada hit a two-run single.

Juan Lagares had an RBI double and is batting .500 in his first spring with the Angels. Brandon Marsh, LA’s top prospect, had an RBI single.

YANKEES 7, PIRATES 5

Newcomer Corey Kluber made his second start for New York, allowing two runs on four hits in four innings. Closer Aroldis Chapman pitched a scoreless inning in his

second appearance.

Non-roster invitee Troy Stokes Jr. continued to turn heads with a diving catch in right field and a home run. Bryan Reynolds also homered. Outfielder Anthony Alford exited with wrist discomfort after being hit by a pitch from Kluber.

BREWERS 4, RANGERS 4 (7 INNS.)

Newly signed outfielder Jackie Bradley Jr. played his first game for Milwaukee, going 1 for 3 from the leadoff spot and scoring a run. Daniel Robertson and top prospect Garrett Mitchell each homered.

Leody Tavares doubled twice for Texas, driving in a run and scoring.

PHILLIES 9, TIGERS 3

Bryce Harper homered, doubled and scored three runs for Philadelphia and Didi Gregorius hit a grand slam. Starter Zach Eflin pitched four shutout innings, allowing two hits and striking out four without a walk.

Detroit starter Casey Mize was tagged for six runs on four hits and three walks in 2 1/3 innings. Reliever Joe Jimenez retired just two batters and threw two wild pitches, allowing Harper and Jean Segura to score. Akil Baddoo homered for the Tigers.

ROYALS 10, CUBS 2 (7)

Jorge Soler hit his third home run for Kansas City and added an RBI double. Andrew Benintendi also had an RBI double and Nick Pratto homered twice.

Adbert Alzolay, competing for the fifth spot in Chicago’s rotation, made his second start in his third spring appearance, yielding two runs on three hits and a walk while retiring five batters.

INDIANS 6, GIANTS 5

Zach Plesac was knocked around in his third start for Cleveland, surrendering four runs on six hits and two walks in 2 1/3 innings. José Ramírez had an RBI double and Leury García homered. Outfielder Billy Hamilton was released by the Indians.

Logan Webb made his third start for San Francisco, striking out six in three shutout innings. He has yet to allow a run this spring. Curt Casali and Austin

Slater homered for the Giants.

DIAMONDBACKS 6, PADRES 3

Ketel Marte led off the game with a home run for Arizona. Josh Green made his first start in his third appearance for Arizona, yielding one run on one hit in three innings with three strikeouts. Josh VanMeter and Trayce Thompson homered.

Fernando Tatis Jr. singled to lead off the San Diego first and scored on Manny Machado’s sacrifice fly. Machado added a double. Adrian Morejon struck out five in three innings. Mark Melancon followed Morejon and walked one in a scoreless inning.

ROCKIES 2, MARINERS 1

Kyle Freeland allowed three hits in four shutout innings in his second start for Colorado, striking out four. Greg Bird hit a solo home run with one out in the bottom of the ninth to win it.

Seattle’s Marco Gonzales threw four shutout innings in his second start, allowing two hits while striking out four.

RED SOX 7, BRAVES 2

Xander Bogaerts picked up his first hit of the spring for Boston. The star shortstop made his debut a day earlier after being slowed by a sore right shoulder. Hunter Renfroe homered for the Red Sox. Martín Pérez made his second start, allowing two hits and a walk in four scoreless innings.

Ian Anderson struck out seven in 3 1/3 innings in his second start for Atlanta. He gave up three runs on four hits and a walk.

BLUE JAYS 5, ORIOLES 0 (8)

Robbie Ray threw four hitless innings in his third start for Toronto. Cavan Biggio homered and doubled for the Blue Jays.

Baltimore didn’t get a hit until top prospect Adley Rutschman doubled off Jordan Romano with two outs in the seventh. Rutschman, a catcher and the top pick in the 2019 draft, fouled off five straight two-strike pitches before connecting.

Wade LeBlanc gave up two runs on two hits and three walks in three innings for the Orioles.

Bowling SCORES

Sportsmen’s Bowl

Bowlers of the week
Our male bowler of the week Mark Ash had an honor game score of 290. He started out with a spare and then rolled 11 strikes in a row. This was in his second game. His first game was 257 and his third game was 219. His series was 766. This was 202 pins over his average. This was in the Hits & Misses League. Congratulations Mark. Women: Arleane Malatt 81 pins over average in the Pinbusters League

His And Hers Mixed
Men Scratch: Brian Crosby 224-628, Tyler Beatty 223-617, Tom Frost 222, Carl Hilgert 601
Men Handicap: John Rogers 305-771, Brian Crosby 267-757, Carl Hilgert 265-733
Women Scratch: Edith Regan 189-492, Carmen Carrero 189-526, Kathy Shampine 188, Annia Vargoshe 468
Women Handicap: Kathy Shampine 267-691, Carolyn Crosby 261-714, Helen Turner 247, Carmen Carrero 673

Tuesday Afternoon Mixed
Men Scratch: Bob Biggs 190-460, Dick Newhall 177, Jeff Wright 174-478, Jim Micker 458
Men Handicap: Bob Biggs 240-610, Robert Riechel 231-633, Jim Micker 221, Kenny Piispanen 610
Women Scratch: Elizabeth Riechel 191-480, Millie George 171-478, Brenda Naylor 169, Kem Hammon-tree 447
Women Handicap: Elizabeth Riechel 251-660, Kem Hammon-tree 240-666, Millie George 228-649

Firstnighters, Men
Scratch: Richard Adams 280-665, Tim Lawrence 237-646, Scott Brown 234,

Nicholas Montalvo IV 645
Handicap: Richard Adams 317-776, Billy Barker 294-778, Nathon Conner 290-764, Richard Rollason 764

Wednesday Mixed
Men Scratch: Eric Avery 259-597, Tyler Beatty 247-669, Art Avery 226, Tom Frost 578
Men Handicap: Art Avery 278, Eric Avery 276, Tyler Beatty 261-711 Roger Jones 732, Curtis Hammontree 730
Women Scratch: Edith Regan 184-477, Sue Hooper 180, Annia Vargoshe 180-482, Jennifer Brooks 483
Women Handicap: Jamie Honnegar 249, Sue Hooper 248, Edith Regan 241, Jennifer Brooks 714, Pat Avery 672, Kem Hammontree 664

Hits & Misses, Mixed
Men Scratch: Mark Ash 290-766, Rick Rollason 244-579, Bill Spreen 243, Rich Murdock 579, Gary Strausbaugh 581
Men Handicap: Mark Ash 309-823, Rick Rollason 272-663, Bill Spreen 270, Gary Strausbaugh 689, Bob Biggs 663
Women Scratch: Kathy Polari 213-572, Jennifer Williams 196-466, June Micker 186-489
Women Handicap: Jennifer Williams 254-640, Kathy Polari 254-695, June Micker 240-651

Pinbusters, Women
Scratch: Judy Carpenter 191-518, Arleane Malatt 183-498, Ashley Worrell 178-509,
Handicap: Arleane Malatt 237-660, Judy Carpenter 236-653, Kimberly Richie 235-646
Mixed Trios Draw League, Fridays 1 p.m. Play only if you bowl. Prizes paid each week. Number of prize winners is dependent on the number of entries. Handicap is 100% of 210. Entry Fee \$10. High Handicap Scores: Mike Robinson 704, Nancy Aycock 654
Senior Fun Bowl, Saturdays at 1 p.m. Prizes for high game and series for both men and women, colored pins, mystery frames, mystery

game, Bingo, side pots, 50/50. Also money is put aside each week for the Split-Pot which is held three times each year. To win the Split-Pot a bowler must first convert a split in any of the three games bowled. After completion of the three games each bowler who has converted a split must roll three balls. The winner is the one who scores exactly 21 pins. If there are ties the money is split between winners. Refreshments and fun for all each week. Entry Fee \$10. High Scratch Game: Nick Montalvo Jr 190, Peg Murdock 177. High Scratch Series: Rick Rollason 588, Jennifer Williams 502

Parkview Lanes
LEAGUE SCORES FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 7:
PARKVIEW SENIORS
Handicap: John Marcucci 268,757; Jeff Wright 260,731; Mike Krombach 731; Rosemarie Marcucci 281,753; Patty Krombach 267; Kathy Fuller 730. Scratch: Tony Hyatt 232; Jeff Wright 214,593; John Marcucci 565; Rosemarie Marcucci 209,537; Sharon Ericson 172,481.

MONDAY NIGHT SPECIAL
Handicap: Ryan Aguilar 288; Fred Aguilar 263,746; Eric Mesick 263,739; Mark Davis 263; Holly Aguilar 285,796; Carol Anderson 260; Stacy Christopher 727.
Scratch: Ryan Aguilar 278,684; Sonny Arashiro 227; Chris Carr 602; Holly Aguilar 210,571; Carol Anderson 198,506.

PARKVIEW 7-9-8 NOTAP
Handicap: Mike Krombach 382; Don Demers 377,976; K E Conrad 929; Nancy Dijulio 382,1005; Patty Krombach 374; Lydia LePinnet 922. Scratch: KE Conrad 300,812; (men nine 300’s); Greg Dawidowicz 297,797; Marilyn Seymour 300,752; Glenda Johnston 300,727; Mae Johns 300; Yette Hansen 295.

SANDY OAKS WINTER
Handicap: John Whitley 252;

Bill Johnson 241; Don Powers 665; Jeff Hyde 663; Pat Young 252,679; Ruth Frazier 243; Jill Weigel 670. Scratch: Homer Raush 212,572; Bill Johnson 210; Jeff Hyde 567; Ruth Frazier 193,511; Pat Young 191,496.

MARCH MADNESS
Handicap: Mark Smith 307,836; Tony Hyatt 283,766; Bunny Higginbotham 249,707; Lauren Dolphin 247,718. Scratch: Mark Smith 279,752; Tony Hyatt 268,721; Bunny Higginbotham 201,563; Glenda Johnston 180; Lauren Dolphin 508.

LATE STARTERS
Handicap: Walter Hodosky 304,834; Keith Carthen 280; Jeff Wright 758; Marilyn Seymour 273,723; Janet Carthen 242,699. Scratch: Walter Hodosky 255,687; Tony Hyatt 237; Ted Rafanan 630; Marilyn Seymour 195,489; Janet Carthen 131,366.

WEDNESDAY SCRATCH TRIO
Ryan Aguilar 258,700; John Charette 255,743; Stephanie Flory 265,674; Lisa Pozzi 215,576.

WOMEN’S TRIO
Handicap: Sally Miller 245; Carol Roberts 144; Carolyn Handley 680; Rose Damico 678. Scratch: Rose Damico 179,489; Carol Roberts 177; Shirley Tenity 474.

GOOD TIMES
Handicap: Jerry Ness 234,605; Leo Hoinski 210,605; Bill Montross 592; Laura Bonadonna 226,585; Fran Montross 216,622. Scratch: Jerry Ness 212,539; Leo Hoinski 156,443; Bob Krueger 156; Laura Bonadonna 176,435; Laurie Anderson 142; Fran Montross 394.

HOLDER HOTSHOTS
Handicap: Mike Serrano 283; Bronson Steinbrook 265; Darrell Mitchell 725; Tom Yuelling 713; Cynthia Cater 250,709; Taylor Mitchell 245; Kaylee Honeggar 676. Scratch: Mike Serrano 227; Dusty Kelly 220,567; Darrell Mitchell 572; Taylor Mitchell 181,468; Vicki Jeffers 167,480.

PARKVIEW TGIF
Handicap: Brodie Santagata 288; Ed Starling 271,742; Morris Frank 721; Susan Fabbre 276; Susan Dantoni 275,767; Marian Steenstra 724. Scratch: Brodie Santagata 233; Tony Hyatt 223,569; Ray Botts 573; Susan Dantoni 236,650; Dora Golubski 199,503.

PARKVIEW YOUTH
Handicap: Jake Welzel 273,743; Mason Thomas 273; Jeremy Parrish 721; Anna Bella Larios 259,716; Kaitlyn Perrine 252,724. Scratch: Justin Rose 241,611; Casey Ramos 195; Jake Welzel 494; Megan Allen 1678,484; Destiny Snyder 136,374.

BOWLERS OF THE WEEK
Adults: Tony Hyatt, 106 pins over his average, and Holly Aguilar, 133 pins over her average. Youth: Evan Posey, 89 pins over his average, and Sophia Dasch, 49 pins over her average.

Manatee Lanes
TUESDAY ODD BALLS
MEN’S HIGH GAME HDCP, 274.,John Walker
MEN’S HIGH SERIES HDCP, 754, Bobby Nast
MEN’S HIGH GAME SCRATCH, 255, Mike Harrison
MEN’S HIGH SERIES SCRATCH, 742, Ryan Carlisi
WOMEN’S HIGH GAME HDCP, 251, Amy Cochran
WOMEN’S HIGH SERIES HDCP, 687, Lola Mc Carthy
WOMEN’S HIGH GAME SCRATCH, 233, Patty Brennan
WOMEN’S HIGH SERIES SCRATCH, 597, Melissa Widerman

TUESDAY YOUTH
BOY’S HIGH GAME HDCP, 263, Ethan Hamm
BOY’S HIGH SERIES HDCP, 757, Skyler Beville
BOY’S HIGH GAME SCRATCH, 218, Robert Pierson
BOY’S HIGH SERIES SCRATCH, 645, Payton Beville
GIRL’S HIGH GAME

HDCP, 232, Alyssa Beville
GIRL’S HIGH SERIES HDCP, 744, Kylee Carey
GIRL’S HIGH GAME SCRATCH, 117, Suzanne Rohn
GIRL’S HIGH SERIES SCRATCH, 478, Alayna Lee
WEDNESDAY MEN’S
HIGH HDCP GAME, 279, Sonny Arashiro
HIGH HDCP SERIES, 735, Tim Lawrence
THURSDAY LADIES
POWDER PUFFS
HIGH GAME HDCP, 253, Cathie Lutes
HIGH SERIES HDCP, 712, Lee Heeschen
HIGH GAME SCRATCH, 213, Sharon Gonzalez
HIGH SERIES SCRATCH, 560, Susan Dantoni
THURSDAY
FLORIDA POWER
MEN’S HIGH GAME HDCP, 308, Zachary Longnecker
MEN’S HIGH SERIES HDCP, 781, Ken Smith
MEN’S HIGH GAME SCRATCH, 258, CJ Lawson
MEN’S HIGH SERIES HDCP, 624, Matt Ivkovic
WOMEN’S HIGH GAME HDCP, 265, Dalene Klein
WOMEN’S HIGH SERIES HDCP, 709, Danyelle Lee
WOMEN’S HIGH GAME SCRATCH, 200, Renee Smith
WOMEN’S HIGH SERIES SCRATCH, 540, Kim Mullis
FRIDAY FUN BUNCH
MEN’S HIGH GAME HDCP, 274, Steven Mallory
MEN’S HIGH SERIES HDCP, 699, Greg Holding
MEN’S HIGH GAME SCRATCH, 266, Mike Pozzi
MEN’S HIGH SERIES SCRATCH, 691, Dax Vila
WOMEN’S HIGH GAME HDCP, 251, Karen Norby
WOMEN’S HIGH SERIES HDCP, 704, Audrey Stelter
WOMEN’S HIGH GAME SCRATCH, 223, Joyce Johnson
WOMEN’S HIGH SERIES SCRATCH, 607, Kim Mullis

Nobody comes for free in NFL free agency game

League's 'cheating period' starts up on Monday

BARRY WILNER
AP pro football writer

The term in use these days is "legal tampering." Doesn't seem sensible, and some might call it the "cheating period" instead.

Regardless, on Monday, two days before the NFL's 2021 business year begins, the 32 teams and agents for the players will be making deals. Lots of deals, even if they aren't official until Wednesday.

"I hate calling it the legal tampering period because that just seems like that's a debacle of the English language," Rams general manager Les Snead says. "Legal tampering, and tampering is illegal? But we'll have to adjust based on that because there's no guarantee that you can re-sign (players)."

Even at a time when the salary cap has plummeted by \$16 million due to lost revenues during the COVID-19-impacted 2020 season, lots of money will be going to the most-prized players.

That likely will include Tampa Bay pass rusher Shaq Barrett; Green Bay All-Pro center Corey Linsley and standout running back Aaron Jones; Detroit wide receiver Kenny Golladay; San Francisco tackle Trent Williams; and Chargers tight end Hunter Henry. No superstars about to break the bank, but plenty of proven talent to help teams



Associated Press

Tampa Bay Buccaneers outside linebacker Shaquil Barrett (58) reacts after a play during the second half of Super Bowl 55 against the Kansas City Chiefs, Feb. 7 in Tampa. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers defeated the Kansas City Chiefs 31-9. Barrett is one of the NFL's top free agents in line for a big payday this offseason.

improve before turning attention to next month's draft.

Of course, free agency always is a buyer-beware situation.

"Yeah, we want talented players; but we want a good cohesive unit and guys who fit well together," Dolphins coach Brian Flores said. "That's not always 11 stars. It's almost never that way."

"So we've scoured free agency, the draft, and I think we have a pretty good feel for the types of guys we are looking for from a skillset standpoint, but also from a locker room standpoint as people as well. ... That's an important factor that can't be overlooked. All of those things play a role."

Nine players have been given franchise tags: receivers Chris Godwin (Tampa Bay) and Allen Robinson (Chicago); offensive linemen Taylor Moton (Carolina), Cam Robinson (Jacksonville) and All-Pro Brandon Scherff (Washington); safeties Marcus Maye (New York Jets), Marcus Williams (New Orleans) and Justin Simmons (Denver); and defensive tackle Leonard Williams (New York Giants).

Dallas locked up quarterback Dak Prescott with a four-year deal, and J.J. Watt, released this offseason by Houston, signed with Arizona. Those were the biggest names potentially available.

Snead's Rams didn't use the

tag, which could mean losing solid safety John Johnson or revitalized linebacker Leonard Floyd or center Austin Blythe.

"Strategically, probably philosophically, you'd love to be able to not utilize the franchise tag and work to get something done long term," Snead said. "Just because usually when there's a franchise tag used, the history of it says it's very hard to get something done longer term off of that tag."

Thus far, the Super Bowl champion Buccaneers have played the free agency game best this month. It helps when your high-priced quarterback is willing to redo his deal to open up spending room, something Tom Brady did frequently in New England, then again this week in Tampa Bay.

Voila: Lavonte David, a key linebacker, was re-signed, and several other key guys in the title run could be back.

Another star, Panthers running back Christian McCaffrey, followed Brady's lead in reworking his contract.

Players in a strong position to land a nice payday include Saints defensive end Trey Hendrickson; Steelers wideout JuJu Smith-Schuster and edge rusher Bud Dupree; Ravens edge rusher Yannick Ngakoue and linebacker Matthew Judon; Patriots guard Joe Thuney; Titans tight end Jonnu Smith; Bengals defensive end Carl Lawson; Chargers linebacker Melvin Ingram; and Bucs running back Leonard Fournette.

And yes, there are quarterbacks on the market, some of whom could wind up starting in new locales. Will Jameis Winston leave New Orleans,

particularly if Drew Brees retires? Teddy Bridgewater seems destined for somewhere other than Carolina in 2021, though he still belongs to the Panthers. The same could be true with the Jets' Sam Darnold.

Free agent Jacoby Brissett will be heading away from Indianapolis and Ryan Fitzpatrick possibly will find yet another team to help as a mentor/backup/starter. Same thing for NFL Comeback Player of the Year Alex Smith.

Mitchell Trubisky is out there. So are Andy Dalton and Joe Flacco.

Long-term deals will occur, but with a reduced salary cap this year and the promise of rising caps through the rest of the decade after the NFL's new broadcasting contracts kick in, a more than usual number of one-year deals are possible. That could delay some signings for weeks as players expecting big numbers are disappointed with initial offers.

Flores admits the Dolphins could be observers rather than participants.

"This is a very unique year," he says. "We do have some money from a cap standpoint that we can spend; but again, it's an interesting year. I think I'm going to be playing the song 'You Can't Always Get What You Want' on Day 1 in free agency, to be honest with you, because we may get priced out on some guys we're looking at that we'd like to have."

Many clubs could be in that position — and need to recognize that if you try sometimes, well, you might find what you need.

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Marvelous Marvin Hagler dies at 66

TIM DAHLBERG
AP boxing writer

Marvelous Marvin Hagler stopped Thomas Hearns in a fight that lasted less than eight minutes yet was so epic that it still lives in boxing lore. Two years later he was so disgusted after losing a decision to Sugar Ray Leonard — stolen, he claimed, by the judges — that he never fought again.

One of the great middleweights in boxing history, Hagler died Saturday at the age of 66. His wife, Kay, announced his death on the Facebook page for Hagler's fans.

"I am sorry to make a very sad announcement," she wrote. "Today unfortunately my beloved husband Marvelous Marvin passed away unexpectedly at his home here in New Hampshire. Our family requests that you respect

our privacy during this difficult time."

Hagler fought on boxing's biggest stages against its biggest names, as he, Leonard, Hearns and Roberto Duran dominated the middleweight classes during a golden time for boxing in the 1980s. Quiet with a brooding public persona, Hagler fought 67 times over 14 years as a pro out of Brockton, Massachusetts, finishing 62-3-2 with 52 knockouts.

"If they cut my bald head open, they will find one big boxing glove," Hagler once said. "That's all I am. I live it."

Hagler was unmistakable in the ring, fighting out of a southpaw stance with his bald head glistening in the lights. He was relentless and he was vicious, stopping opponent after opponent during an 8-year run that began with a disputed draw against

Vito Antuofermo in 1979 that he later avenged.

He fought with a proverbial chip on his shoulder, convinced that boxing fans and promoters alike didn't give him his proper due. He was so upset that he wasn't introduced before a 1982 fight by his nickname of Marvelous that he went to court to legally change his name.


"He was certainly one of the greatest middleweights ever but one of the greatest people that I've ever been around and promoted," promoter Bob Arum said. "He was a real man, loyal and just fantastic person."

Hagler was born in Newark, New Jersey, and moved with his family to Brockton in the late 1960s.

He was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame and World Boxing Hall of Fame in 1983.



Associated Press
"Marvelous" Marvin Hagler, left, moves in on "Sugar" Ray Leonard during the third round of a boxing bout in April 1987 in Las Vegas. Leonard won with a split decision. Hagler, the middleweight boxing great whose title reign and career ended with the loss to Leonard in 1987, died Saturday. He was 66.



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Be afraid, but don't be frightened



Gerry Mulligan
OUT THE WINDOW

Editor's note: This is a question raised by a reader of the Chronicle this week:

Mr. Mulligan, I always feel that you're an honest and intelligent man. You don't show partiality toward any political party. My concern and my worry is that with all the changes that these people in Congress made, will this still be a free America like we were used to and that the country was founded on? I find some of the letters in the

Chronicle that the people write in unfortunate. I can't email something in, but maybe you could answer this simple question: I'm not a young girl anymore, but I would love the United States to stay free. My husband fought for it in Vietnam. My father fought for it in World War II — proud Americans. But it looks like some of the things that are going on are changing our country. This is a proud country with proud people. Please see if you can come up with an answer that might help me and a lot of

other people that are worried. I know your answer is going to be bipartisan and not prejudiced. If you can't answer, it is understandable, but I do look forward to you because I find you're intelligent and fact-checkable. You check before you say; you seek facts before you speak and you don't make up stories. I don't want it sugarcoated. I'm frightened, I very frightened that we won't be free in a few years and I'm not young enough to stand through it. I just had to ask you because I do feel confident

in all your commentaries and your answers whenever you can. Thank you again and stay strong and bipartisan and true to your word, as you are.

And my answer:
Dear reader: Be afraid, but not frightened.

Be afraid that there are some folks in our country who are so self-righteous in their hatred that they will compromise the very
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JEFF BRYAN/Chronicle

"Coach" Dabney is with his great-grandsons Alexander, left, and Anthony Dabney, during his recent drive-by birthday celebration.

Dabney defines hometown hero

I spent all of my pre-college years in Citrus County. My family wasn't big on traveling much. We went on vacations from time to time but we mostly stayed put. Both of my parents were, and still are, heavily invested in our community. Citrus County was where the Stewart family was planted and that was where we had chosen to bloom.

The bedrock for me during those first 18 years of my life was cemented in two places: my church and the Citrus County school system.

They were the foundational and transformative anchors of my existence.

We often think about the nature of the institutions that form us and find ourselves looking back critically. There is more they could have done, more they could have taught us. And yet, this past week I was reminded that sometimes, there just isn't a lot of room for criticism. Sometimes they did it right.

Last week many from our community drove through a parade to honor the 93rd birthday of one of Citrus County's greatest assets: Mr. "Coach" Archie Dabney.

Coach is in quotes only because I never knew him in

that capacity. By the time Mr. Dabney got around to me, he was well into the final years of his career, serving as principal of Citrus Springs Elementary School. He was there for my very first day of kindergarten, and I was there for his very last day as the head of our school.

I remember thinking that Mr. Dabney was the tallest person I'd ever met. Every morning he would stand at the doors and I remember that the first time I gave him a hug, it felt like I only came to his knees. His twinkling eyes and white beard met all of the kids who walked through those doors every morning.

If he wasn't such a kind and gentle man he would have been intimidating. And I imagine that in his coaching prime he could probably turn that switch on. But my 5-year-old self never saw him with anything other than caring and thoughtful eyes.

Mr. Dabney knew us all by name. All of us. There wasn't one student in his school that he didn't know. He knew where we came from, what our parents did for a living, how many of our siblings had passed through school under his care. As I grew up I learned about Mr. Dabney's faith — how



Archie Dabney

strong and bold it is — and I can guess that each day, with every kid who walked through that door, he not only gave them a friendly welcoming smile, but he also said a short prayer, naming each one of us.

I wonder how many of us benefitted from those whispers to heaven.

I remember that Mr. Dabney taught me the difference between how to spell "principle" and "principal." He was quick to remind us that he was always our pal and we should remember that when we spell "principal." I remember being in the hallway one day and hearing some singing by the doors going out to the playground. Mr. David, one of the custodians, and Mr. Dabney were singing together — a beautiful rendition of a song I didn't know. Later on, when I was in the fourth grade, Mr. Dabney announced to our school that he was leaving.

With tears in his eyes, he sang us that same song in our final assembly with him.

Education is really important. I think we've learned that the hard way this year as the pandemic has stolen away parts of that system that we didn't even know we counted on so much. My education journey started at Citrus Springs Elementary School and I really learned there. In fact, I'm convinced that the kids who were there in the early and mid '90s got the best education in the country. The teachers were bar none.

But they were bar none, in part, because the environment that was created in that school was one of love, acceptance and grace. And that only happens when you have an exceptional administration.

Mr. Dabney was my elementary school principal, but he is much more than that to me. As

an adult I look back and I can see how much character he was molding in his students; how much he was teaching us to look beyond what meets the eye; to always treat people the way we wanted to be treated; to not return insult with insult but to forgive; to quietly and inconspicuously take a minute to imagine what it would be like to walk in another man's shoes.

If you don't believe that it's possible for an elementary school principal to do all of that, then it is clear that you've never met Mr. Dabney.

I know I'm a little late, Mr. Dabney, but knowing you I don't think you'll mind too much. Happy Birthday, sir! I hope you feel as loved and cherished as you made the thousands of kids under your care feel throughout your decades of service to our community. There isn't a better definition of hometown hero than you.

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As Sunshine Week kicks off, let government know who's the boss



Ken Paulson
GUEST COLUMN

When government fails, it's the rare public official who says, "Oops. My fault."

That's human nature, particularly for officials in the public eye who may have to run for office again. No one wants to be held directly responsible for letting the public down.

Case in point is the recent catastrophe in Texas, when unexpected winter

storms left 4 million homes without power, ruptured pipes and tainted the water supply for many.

Texas' energy grid essentially collapsed. While Texas Gov. Greg Abbott was quick to blame frozen wind turbines, the cause was much more complex than that. To truly understand how things went so terribly wrong will require time, study and research.

So, too, with the coronavirus vaccine distribution. In this state and others, residents are frustrated with the slow rollout of vaccines. Is it poor distribution? Politics? A flawed strategy? These are literally matters of life and death.

But how do you get to the truth when public officials so rarely step up to take direct responsibility for failures?

The answer is public records. And public meetings. And access to the information that taxpayers deserve.

States throughout the country have laws that guarantee access to government records and meetings. But the details vary widely and there are many statutory exceptions. New challenges to access emerge every year in virtually every state.

The need to fight for government transparency is reaffirmed each year during Sunshine Week, a national awareness event overseen by the News Leaders Association and keyed to the March 16 birthday of James Madison. The fourth president of the United States drafted the Bill of Rights — including the

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DETAILS IN THE PIPES

BOCC sewer project a logical next step

The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) recently considered whether to approve spending CARES Act-derived funds to design and construct wastewater infrastructure to serve the Cardinal Street Interchange Management Area.

BOCC members didn’t line up in opposition to the project, but they were in a go-slow mode. While they instructed county administrator Randy Oliver to find the \$300,000 in BOCC’s budget for design, they agreed to have the county’s CARES advisory/working group review and vet the overall project.

Oliver will bring numbers and a report to the March 23 meeting, and the advisory/working group is set to meet next week, so the BOCC should be able to move on this project soon. As commissioner Holly Davis noted, when you’re talking about infrastructure, it will never be any less expensive than right now.

This is a logical next step for the county in taking control of anticipated development associated with extension of the Suncoast Parkway. The BOCC already approved, and sent to Tallahassee for review, the proposed new mixed-use plan

for the Cardinal Street Interchange area. Having wastewater infrastructure there may tip the scales for organizations considering the Cardinal location and the town center concept. This interchange management area is key to economic development because of the Suncoast’s arrival, expected in 2022.

Making a sewer system available will add value to the area, and it demonstrates good stewardship of the land. When the BOCC does get around to strategic planning, certainly adding value and preserving the environment will be high on the list. In the future, such infrastructure may be mandated by the state, in any case.

Yes, infrastructure is expensive — constructing the force main and piping from the Cardinal interchange to U.S. 19 is expected to come in at around \$2 million. However, it’s smart to get the design done now, so the project will be ready to go when construction monies are available. As commissioner Jeff Kinnard said, when the state reaches out to fund “shovel-ready” projects, Citrus County will either be involved or at the end of that line.

This project will cost, but we don’t see a downside. Make it happen.

THE ISSUE:

Sewer system for the Cardinal interchange management area.

OUR OPINION:

Work out the details, and make this happen.

COVID-19 liability protection is the vaccine small business needs

When pharmaceutical companies began developing COVID-19 vaccines at the very beginning of this pandemic, no one questioned the wisdom of the effort. No one second guessed the prudence in being prepared for what might happen.

Scientists didn’t wait until the United States had 28 million cases. They began when the number was closer to 28,000. Florida needs the same foresight when it comes to protecting small businesses and other employers from unwarranted COVID-19 lawsuits.

Florida’s small businesses need a vaccine to protect them against unreasonable trial attorneys hoping to profit from the pandemic. Fortunately, there are legislators who understand this, who recognize the potential for harm and have begun developing a way to keep employers and employees’ jobs safe.

COVID-19 liability protection is key to restoring small business owners’ confidence and critical to giving small business owners a sense that the daily struggle in owning and operating a small business in a

pandemic is worth it. The government can compel a business to close, but it can’t compel a business to stay open.

Since the outset of the pandemic, small business owners have been asked to make dozens of decisions every day in the interest of public health. Now, they are slowly realizing that every decision they have made in reaction to COVID is a potential lawsuit liability. They need to know that the state has their back.

Like the epidemiologists who predicted the breadth of the pandemic from early on, groups like the National Federation of Independent Business see the epidemic of lawsuits to follow with great clarity. We might not have a lot of cases right now, but we believe they are coming.

A single letter from a plaintiff’s lawyer demanding payment for damages stemming from a business owner’s decisions in managing their operation through the pandemic is just about enough to close their doors for good. The small business sector is on precarious footing. One in five small business owners say they may not



Bill Herrle
GUEST
COLUMN

LETTERS to the Editor

People burning masks, not books

In response to Stephen Monier’s March 12 letter, “Outraged over decision on books”:

Actually, sir (I know how much being called “sir” meant to the former guy), people are burning masks in the town square, not books.

Susan Clemons
Inverness

Allocate funds to assist needy litigants

I enjoyed the Jack Moring’s column in the March 10 Chronicle, concerning the evolution of family law in Florida, and the evolution of some of its nuances, namely the Florida Legislature’s published attempts to assist both parties in a divorce or individual child custody/visitation/child support matter. Your good counsel, it is hoped, will aid them in their deliberations, along with the literally hundreds of likely additional letters and comments.

However, the evolution of both lawyer-related assistance, and court-appointed mediators came at a high price. That is why so many Americans can’t afford legal representation in any meaningful sense, or the outrageous costs of the filing fees and expenses, forcing them to seek both pro-bono assistance

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from such legal associations and volunteer attorneys, and the obvious necessity of filing a “Pauper’s Affidavit,” alleging the inability to pay all or most of the costs of a dissolution, or child-related matters, which places the obvious burden on the Florida taxpayers, and ultimately, the U.S. government.

I therefore submit for your consideration, and that the Florida Legislature, allocate funds, as needed, to assist needy litigants seeking legal methods to redress their family law-related matters, much

like criminal defendants (Indiana has such a fund), to hopefully avoid some of the well-documented personal and legal tragedies, arising from either litigants’ perceived short-changed result, and promoting the Florida law schools’ acceptance and encouragement of third-year law students to volunteer some measured amount of time before graduation, and/or paid participation in such a future methodology of legal assistance.

I am a native Floridian, University of Florida graduate, retired lawyer, and a very concerned citizen.

Robert Burns
Crystal River

Be aggressive with cruelty case

Regarding the article from March 11, “Out of the Box animal rescue owner ordered to relinquish remaining animals; banned from owning animals again.” This is horrific. I applaud the county, CCSO and everyone who helped rescue these animals. I hope the resulting charges will be aggressively prosecuted as criminal cases, not in civil court. If Robert Schweickert is proven to be the monster responsible for this cruelty, he should receive a very long sentence, without possibility of parole.

David Burns
Floral City

Please use your turn signals

(Re the Tuesday, March 9, Page A11 Sound Off, “Why don’t you use turn signals?”) This is information for (using) no turn signals, to Mrs. Paranoid and all others in that same line of thinking: Nobody cares where you are going. However, it sure would be considerate of everyone to appropriately use their turn signals to avoid potentially expensive, dangerous and fatal accidents. Consider this: What if it is your parent, sibling or child that loses their life because someone didn’t want him or her to know where they were going?

Wonderful people helped me

I was in the Winn-Dixie parking lot yesterday (March 9) and lost my keys in my husband’s truck. There was several

wonderful people — at least 10 people — that came to my aid, including Winn-Dixie employees and a gentleman in a purple shirt that insisted on helping me. Finally, a man came along and his wife and they were able to get the door open. I just wanted to express my gratitude for these people for taking the time out in these crazy days to help an upset, old lady that’s a snowbird. I appreciate everyone’s assistance and you guys rock. Thank you.

Boat ramp in preserve is a bad idea

What makes a good public boat ramp facility? 1. Floating docks to adjust for water level or effect of the tides. 2. Twenty-four hours of service with illumination of ramps and parking.

3. A restroom facility. The Fort Island Trail boat ramps are a good example of these three issues. At the opening of the swing gate at 8 a.m. of the Crystal River Reserve State Park, there could be waiting boaters with trailers, if that is the choice of Crystal River for a new ramp in the preserve. In summer, an 8 a.m. opening is some two hours after daylight. A public boat ramp in the preserve does not cut the mustard, in my opinion.

Still waiting for a call back

I’m responding to Sound Off in reference to the vaccine and the way they have it set up. It’s just totally ridiculous. You can’t even get through online for the Publix website or any other website. It kicks you out. There’s

apparently a lot of glitches. It says Citrus County’s only 11%, but yet you still couldn’t get through. You call the health department because you’d like to speak to somebody. I had my letter from my doctor. I have severe underlying conditions. You give them your name and number and they said when it becomes available, they will call you. Here it is, over a week now, and guess what? No call back. So how are the people like myself and many other people who are in the same boat supposed to get this vaccine if we can’t get through to anybody or speak to anybody? This is totally ridiculous.

Nice to see no one wearing a mask

To all the mask wearers out there complaining about these restaurants: Yesterday I went to Inverness to pick up a breakfast to go. Everyone in

there was having a great time enjoying their meal and not one person in there was wearing a mask — not one — and everybody was talking. It was wonderful to see. It was wonderful to see the people happy and chatting and having a great time and nobody was wearing a mask.

Please open the movie theater

This is for the Regal Cinema on State Road 44 in Inverness: Please open up. I miss it. I love to go to the movies and it’s been a long time now. Please open up.

Not much work on the highway

They must have gotten a 10-year extension on the U.S. 19 project because the last couple of weeks, there has been nothing but a skeleton crew there working on the highway.

Key West voters switched to cruise control

A spark of old-fashioned democracy flared in Key West, Fla., last fall, but the Big Government Republicans in Tallahassee are working fast to extinguish it.

Lawmakers have filed a bill that would nullify the outcome of a November election in which residents of the continental United States' southernmost town overwhelmingly voted to limit the size of cruise ships using their seaport, and to restrict the number of passengers allowed to swarm the streets every day.

Local backlash had been building for years as the deep-hulled cruise liners muddled Key West's legendary harbor and surrounding azure waters. Near-shore reefs were being smothered by silt, which affected fishing and diving.

Nearly 1 million cruise passengers were arriving annually, but they didn't rent hotel rooms, ate almost all their meals on the ships and spent most of their eight-hour stay in souvenir shops and bars on Duval Street.

Before the pandemic shut down the cruise lines, a busy day at the piers near Mallory Square meant as many as three huge ships and more than 6,000 passengers a pale stampede of chipper pilgrims coming down the gangways in search of rum drinks and witty T-shirts about rum drinks.

While destinations like Miami or San Juan can absorb thousands of tourists in a single surge, Key West is small, only about seven square miles. The historic Old Town district was overrun daily and, worse, the harbor channels were being churned to

zero-visibility by the ships' giant propellers. (One of the liners, the Disney Magic, is 84,000 gross tons and longer than three football fields.)

When the COVID-19 outbreak closed the Keys, a group called the Key West Committee for Safer, Cleaner Ships began a petition drive. One study found that while roughly 50 percent of all visitors arrived on cruise lines, their spending accounted for only about 7% of tourist revenue.

The industry countered that its passengers "spend more per hour," probably because they're rushing to get back on board for the buffets.

Despite a sleazy scare campaign bankrolled by the cruise companies, three cruise-related referendums passed easily. Under the new laws, no ship with more than 1,300 passengers can dock at the port, only 1,500 total passengers can disembark daily and cruise companies with top environmental and health records will be given priority.

Public safety is a key issue because the COVID-19 infection rate in Monroe County remains high. The virus has infamously thrived aboard passenger liners, and the hospital in Key West has only nine ICU beds.

The cruise industry wasn't happy about the election. All the big players — Carnival, Disney, Norwegian Cruise Lines — were making big bank with little Key West on their itineraries.

What do you do when locals rise up? Go to Tallahassee and buy some Big Government. Hire lobbyists to write a law that takes the power away from voters, and then find some obedient lackeys in the Legislature to file it.

First on the cruise lines' Lackey List was Sen. Jim Boyd, a Republican insurance executive from Bradenton. The bill he submitted would bar local governments from regulating "maritime commerce" at their own seaports, retroactively negating the Key West referendums.

Conveniently for Boyd, there's no cruise port in his coastal home district. Bradenton residents would have little enthusiasm for annually unleashing a million day tourists on their streets.

The same can be said for North Fort Myers, home of Rep. Spencer Roach. He co-filed a bill identical to Boyd's in the state House, written by the same cruise-line lobbyists.

None of the lawmakers who actually represent the people of Key West are trying to wipe out the city's election results. It's only distant politicians hoping to chum up campaign donations from Carnival and Disney.

In February, the Key West City Commission unanimously approved a resolution asking the Legislature to respect home rule, asserting that the proposed cruise-ship law would "deny the will of local voters at the expense of the environment."

Also opposing the Boyd bill is the Florida Port Council, the primary lobby

group for the port industry. A spokesman said that the move to remove local control of seaports is "too broad and frankly unnecessary."

No cruise liners have docked at Key West in a year, and the fishing guides and boat captains are amazed at how fast the waters have cleared up. When I was on the island last weekend, it was packed — hotels, restaurants, gift shops, dive boats, parasailing trips, backcountry tours.

Naturally, the dumbest subsection of tourists acted as if the pandemic was over, but most of the locals were safely masked up.

And, happily, busily making good money thanks to sunny skies and gorgeous blue water — with nary a single 900-foot cruise ship in sight.

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SUNSHINE

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guarantee of a free press — in 1791. That journalism connection reflects the role news media play in the free flow of information, but it unfortunately can also leave the public with a sense that Sunshine Week reflects the concerns of a single industry.

To the contrary, access to government information is critical to every American who cares about the quality of his or her community, state and nation.

It's important to see government employees — including elected officials — as the people we hire through our tax dollars to do a good job for all of us. If you run a business or hire a contractor, you wouldn't hesitate to demand a full understanding of how something went wrong. That should be exactly our relationship with government.

Getting that information, though, requires public meetings where residents can ask questions. It also means access to the documents that led to a poor decision. Words on paper can be much more forthright than the dissembling of politicians.

It's critical that we hold government accountable, for better or worse. (It's also important to acknowledge when government leaders are doing a good job.)

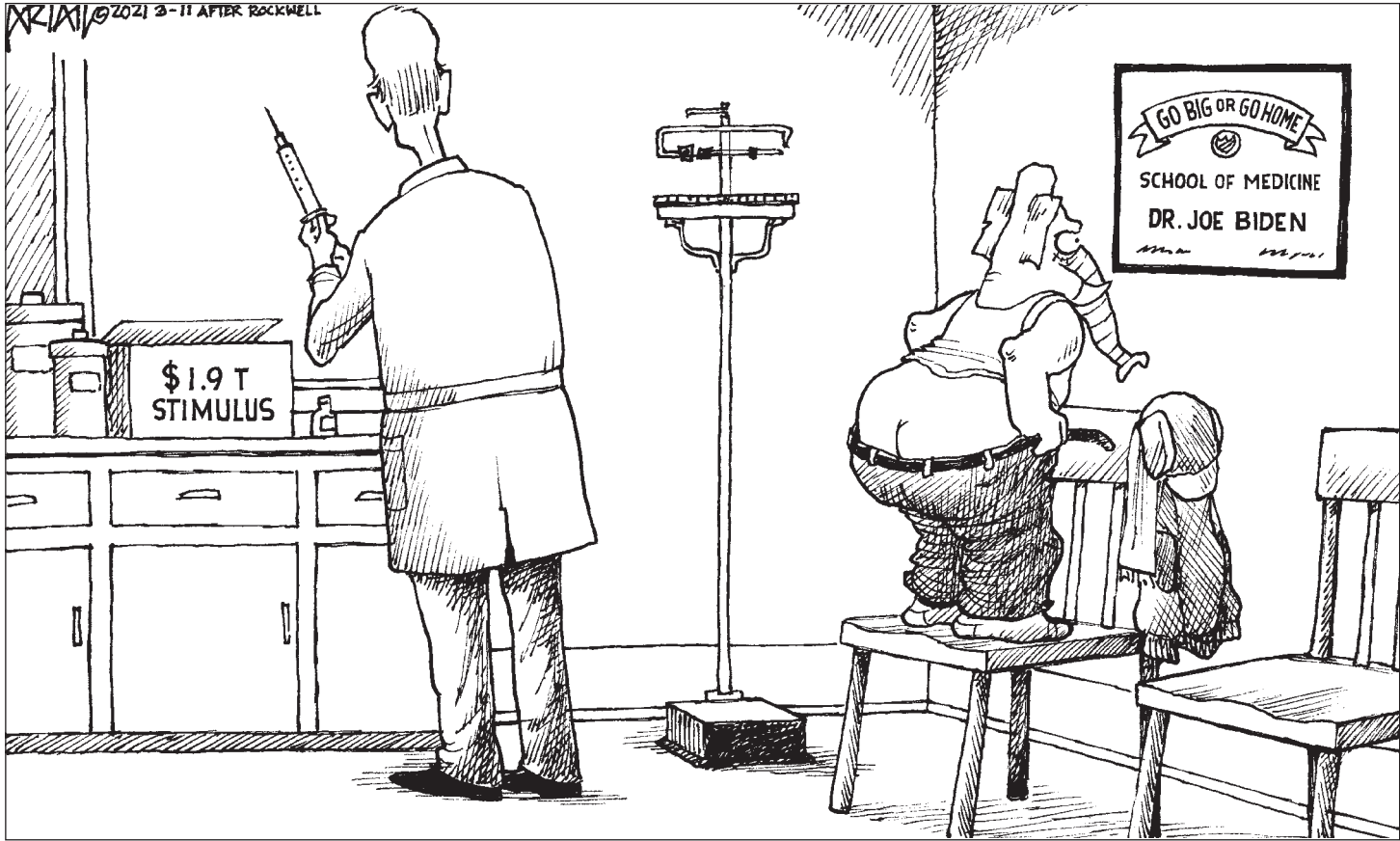
How can you help? I have two suggestions.

First, keep doing exactly what you're doing at this moment. Read and support your local newspaper. Local journalists, more than anyone else, will stand up for your right to information. Facebook will not be going toe-to-toe with your mayor.

Second, when you believe government isn't doing its job, demand an explanation. Ask to see the documents. Attend public meetings. And above all, support legislative efforts to make government more transparent.

It's too easy for officials who have failed us to point fingers, blame the media and wait for their side of the partisan fence to rally to their defense. We deserve better. We all pay taxes to support the work of government. We should get our money's worth.

Ken Paulson is the director of the Free Speech Center at Middle Tennessee State University, a lawyer and a former editor-in-chief of USA Today.



Sound Off

Like to see people in photos mask-less

I'm responding to Sound Off about (the Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021, Sports Section B front-page story), "Moving on to the next level of play," where you're showing the high school players who are going to colleges and so forth. I think it's wonderful and great that you showed them with no face masks on so I could see their full face and I might know who they really are. I think it's wonderful. But, of course, you know you're going to get a lot of feedback from all these ones that are so fearful that you've got to wear your mask. I think it's wonderful that you put these photos out. Keep it up and keep doing it. Let's move forward. Keep moving forward.

New boat ramp will destroy habitat

People have evidently forgotten the middle name of the Crystal River Preserve State Park. A new boat ramp at Mullet

Hole will destroy woods, destroy habitat and destroy a beautiful stream spot to go fishing, birding, walking or just sitting and enjoying the peace of nature. A boat ramp at Mullet Hole — a new boat ramp — is not wanted and certainly not needed.

Get united, take down flag

I was wondering, why is a flag still flying at the corner of (State Road) 44 and North Apopka's stoplights of the former president when we have a new president since January? Let's all get united and get things done, please. Have a wonderful day.

Take down the political signs

In reference to all these political signs all over the city everywhere I go, anywhere down here in Florida: I've never lived in a place where political signs were allowed to be shown after 30 days after an election. They're everywhere. They're beyond belief — a mess, torn apart and rude, actually. So it's

time everybody got over (it) and quit leaving all that junk flying everywhere. ... I'm sick of it and so is everybody else, plus it makes the town look so shabby. I appreciate you listening to me and I hope this hits the newspaper, because you really should clean up the town. Enough is enough.

Hire people to collect trash

You know, the county commissioners are trying so hard to find a place to spend the CARES money that they've gotten from Washington, D.C. Maybe the commissioners should read Sound Off and look at all of the complaints about the litter and the trash along our highways and byways. They should partner with some organization, nonprofit or for profit, in Citrus County who could hire many unemployed and/or homeless people to collect the trash that is so unsightly. This would solve several problems with one stroke. Think about it.

COVID improved customer service

While it's sometimes hard to find something good to say about the COVID crisis in our country, one thing you can say is that customer service among most of the businesses in Citrus County has improved greatly — curbside pickup, about anybody will deliver to your house. It's just made things a lot easier for people to do business in the community and really has forced businesses to make some changes and, overall, I think that's a good thing. It's definitely more convenient. So, way to go, Citrus County businesses. We're keeping it local. Thank you.

A NOTE ABOUT SOUND OFF

■ Sound Off is meant for readers to voice their opinions on local issues. If you would like to comment on state or national issues, please submit a letter to the editor.

WINDOW

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foundations of our republic to achieve their short-term political goals.

But don't be frightened because there are far more good and reasonable people in our nation who place high value on the institutions and constitutional structure that makes us the greatest nation on Earth. The good people far outnumber the radicals on both sides of the political spectrum. The majority of our citizens are not willing to sell out.

Be afraid of people who tell you that only Democrats are correct or that only Republicans have the righteous answers.

But don't be frightened because the majority of

Americans, the good and decent people of this nation, understand that both political parties filter the truth to fit their narrative. They are both skewed — and deep down we all know it. There are good and decent people on both sides of the debate, but neither faction has the franchise on truth.

Be afraid of the national news media that pretends to present you the truth through a biased filter in hopes of creating huge like-minded audiences so they can make millions for themselves and their corporations.

But don't be frightened because we know that the news presented by the profit-crazed entities such as MSNBC, FOX News, CNN and others is not really news — it is mostly opinion about the news. It belongs in the same

category as your brother-in-law at Thanksgiving dinner telling everyone what's wrong with the country. The right response is: "Please pass the turnips."

The local news media — like this newspaper — are part of the towns and cities where they reside. If they get off track — and we all do on occasion — the community will let us know about it.

Be afraid that some people are so radicalized that they believe they have the right to storm the U.S. Capitol, create mayhem, and injure the people inside.

But don't be frightened because the majority is outraged and embarrassed by the thugs. Real Americans know that change happens through elections. Laws are changed by the legislative process and

challenged in the courts. The process might be slow at times, but it is the best ever created. Thugs are losers and they go to jail.

Be afraid that some alleged demigods want to control the country by creating fear and hatred among the population.

But don't be frightened because America is not made up of unknown people. We know these people because they are us.

There are 19,495 small towns in America. There are another 310 cities with populations over 100,000 people.

In each one of those towns and cities there are good people like Joe Meek, who serves as the mayor of Crystal River. Their schools are run by people like our Sam Himmel and Thomas Kennedy. And they have their own Ruthie Davis Schlachach

and Jeff Kinnard steering their counties. They have law enforcement agencies managed by people like Mike Prendergast. They have leaders like Mayor Bob Plaisted and council member Cabot McBride in Inverness.

Each of those places have libraries and churches and food banks. The have business communities that have leaders like Josh Wooten and Ardath Prendergast. They have Boy Scouts, YMCAs and Boys and Girls Clubs. There are small businesses, Little League teams and dance lessons.

Don't be frightened because together we are the backbone of America. There are 19,805 places just like our community.

We may root for different ball teams, elect people from another political party and attend different

churches. But at the end of the day, we have much more in common with each other than you can ever imagine.

We all value our freedom and the basic foundations of our form of government. We will disagree about the specifics of how we are governed. We will argue with passion. But we will not forfeit our collective right to govern ourselves.

We don't know each other's names, but they are just like us.

Be afraid. But don't be frightened. We will climb out of our current problems because that is what we do. And we will be free.

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Letters to THE EDITOR

Biden also got deferments

After doing some research, I found out that President Joe Biden took five deferments to avoid the draft and, of course, avoid the Vietnam War — a draft dodger. Now the Chronicle prints every liberal Democrat who writes in and criticizes Donald Trump, a Republican, for doing the same thing that Biden, a Democrat, did. Is there a reason you won't print about Joe Biden? Does it show you're biased? Come on, guys. Let the folks know that Trump wasn't the only one who was a draft dodger.

Chris Kellerman

Editor's note: On Jan. 18, the Chronicle printed a letter referring to Joe Biden's deferments.

Some of Trump's many failures

From time to time, I see people write in about what a great businessman our previous president was, so I decided to look up some of Trump's many failed businesses. Judging by his record below, I don't think he is capable of running anything let alone our government. So let's just judge him by his record.

Trump bankruptcy disasters: 1985 Trump football team, 1989 Trump Airlines, 1989 Trump bike races, 1989 Trump gaming, 1998 Trump news media, 2004 Trump Water and Bottling Company, 2004 Trump radio and talk show, 2005 Trump University, 2006 Trump Vodka, 2006 Trump Mortgage Company, 2006 Trump Travel and search engine, 2007 Trump Magazine company, 2007

Trump Steaks, 2009 Trump Network Vitamins, 2012 Trump Restaurant and Catering.

Now, this list doesn't even include his many real estate failures or construction bankruptcies or even how many people and contractors he has stiffed after contracting them to do work on his casinos and buildings, but that's another story.

Trump has a legacy of failures and bankruptcies that go back his whole life. Maybe that's why he is so paranoid of being called a loser? By looking at his record, I can't imagine electing this person to any office or position of authority, but then maybe that's why his presidency was such a controversial disaster and so many Americans died from COVID-19.

Harry Booth
Pine Ridge

Pay heed to health care pros

Ho hum, another couple of deaths; only 400 heading to 500 here in Citrus County. Gov. Ron DeSantis doesn't care; our BOCC doesn't care.

Big talk about the centers for the vaccine, where and when, but no effort to get the fools who parade around without masks to protect either themselves or the rest of us. There are few businesses that require masks, and the few that do are rewarded with insults by those same fools. What does it take to get those to wake up? This is not ending quickly, especially in the states where the governors, like DeSantis, ignore science.

The only way to end this pandemic is to pay heed to the health care specialists! Wake up, Citrus County!

Ellen B. Miller

Our nation is being destroyed

The Democrats and the liberals in the media spent four years criticizing everything that former President Trump did or said. Now that they are in power and have no clue as to what to do or which way to go, they continue the same old tired and worn-out pattern of blaming former President Trump for everything.

President Biden said over and over again that he had a plan to end the COVID-19 crisis; now he is claiming that the reason he has not gotten this COVID-19 crisis under control is because Trump did not leave him a plan. If Biden had a plan, why does he need a plan from Donald Trump? I wish some newspaper would print this brilliant plan that Biden claimed he had.

Maybe the CIA needs to search his basement and see if they can find that great plan because it is apparent that Biden forgot where he placed it.

So far, all Biden has done is cost Americans great-paying jobs thus costing those people their home, their family and pretty much everything. He sounds like Obama when he keeps claiming we will create new clean energy jobs. When will these jobs be available? Can we expect them this summer or this fall or maybe next winter? My expectation for these clean energy jobs is sometime in the year 3535.

So, folks break out the popcorn and watch America burn to the ground as our once great nation is destroyed.

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Mari-Elain Ebitz
**ALL THINGS
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How to fry an Apple

I have an iPhone X, which is not called X but 10, in case you didn't know. A lot of non-Apple people make that mistake. I've had it since this phone was introduced by Apple in 2017. I love it. However, last Saturday I noticed that the screen seemed to have pulled away from the back.

It was an appreciable gap, so I called a store that specializes in repairing cell phones and they said to bring it in. I drove there and showed it to the rep. She told me that one of two things could potentially have happened, if I had not done anything. Either the phone would have caught fire or exploded! How lucky was I? Well, I was lucky after I spent \$95.84 to replace the battery.

I also contacted Apple about this and although some years ago there were issues with their batteries and Apple replaced them, there isn't a current program for any battery service caused by swollen batteries. Thus, mine was not covered. Oh well.

Speaking of the iPhone battery, would you like to get more life out of your battery? Here's how.

Never let your battery drain down to zero. Your iPhone's lithium-ion battery will last longer if it's not drained down completely. Today the recommended charge level is between 40 and 80%.

The old nickel batteries had a "memory effect," which had them forget a portion of their total capacity, if they weren't allowed to go to zero. There's no "memory effect" with today's lithium-ion battery. When you drain down to zero, you are actually diminishing the battery capacity. Just pay attention to the battery percentage.

Other ways to help the battery.

■ Set the lock screen to 30 seconds. This will increase your battery life, although you will have to unlock the phone more frequently. Go to settings > display and brightness > auto-lock.

■ You can also turn off background refresh. Settings > general > background app refresh.

■ Don't keep your phone in a hot car. Also, don't keep it in a holder on your windshield or dashboard in the summer. It can do more harm than just affecting the battery. It can also cause data to be lost or corrupted. Consider using one of those cup holders, instead. You can find them under \$10 on Amazon and Ebay. Just do a search for "cell phone cup holder."

However, the battery bottom line is that once you've reached 400 charging times, it will start to degrade. According to Apple, "All rechargeable batteries have a limited number of charge cycles and may eventually need to be serviced." Regarding Apple's lithium-ion batteries, they say, "If you find yourself charging your device more frequently, it might be time for a new battery."

Or if you notice that there is a gap between the screen and the back and is "squishy", you are going to need a new battery. I know, for sure.

Questions or suggestions? Contact me at the email address below.

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'Blessing the community'



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Houston's Beauty Supply is now open in the Lakeside Ranches Plaza in Inverness. Melvenia Houston, front right, owns the shop with family members, back left, Destiny Jackson, Lucille Farrington and Jennifer Clark, at front left.

Houston's Beauty Supply opens in Lakeside Ranches Plaza

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

Melvenia Houston wanted a way to bless the community.

As she explained, weaves and extensions and braiding hair is part of her culture and Black heritage, learned and passed down from mothers and aunts and older cousins to the younger girls in the community.

Dating back to the days of slavery, people braided designs and patterns into one another's hair to show pathways of escape, Houston said.

Today, braids and weaves, extensions, crochets and wigs are more about style.

But that's important, too.

Recently, with the help of her sisters Lucille, Deleen and Jennifer, Melvenia opened Houston's Beauty Supply at 111 N Florida Ave., Unit B, in Inverness, a store that focuses on the needs of the Black community, although there's something for everyone, including men.

In addition to hair supplies and accessories, the



Houston's Beauty Supply offers a wide variety of hair-care products for varying types of men's, women's and children's hair types.

store carries jewelry, accessories and cosmetics.

"It was always in the back of my mind to do this, especially for people who live here in Citrus County, because a lot of people travel all the way to Ocala or Leesburg to get products like this," she said. "Not having to travel so far will definitely be a blessing."

Being a blessing is part of growing up a Houston.

Melvenia is one of nine children of Demus and Bertha Houston, longtime Citrus County residents in the small, tight-knit community of Hernando.

Besides working as chief mechanic for the county school board for 34 years and owning one of the first

Black-owned garages in Citrus County, Demus Houston was also the pastor of Mt. Carmel Methodist Church in Floral City for 17 years until his death in December 1999. After he died, Mrs. Houston served as pastor until her death in 2009.

The Houston kids learned

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Blessings receives support from Wawa



Special to the Chronicle

Wawa staff present a \$1,500 grant to Citrus County Blessings from The Wawa Foundation. From left are Jody Monroe, Blessings program coordinator Rachel Garrett and Carolina Kruis.

Special to the Chronicle

Citrus County Blessings, a local nonprofit dedicated to hunger relief, recently received a \$1,500 grant through The Wawa Foundation.

Wawa staff members have been committed volunteers for Citrus County Blessings through special holiday packings, regular bag packings and unloading food on delivery day. They also provide nonperishable food donations when available.

"We love having Wawa and the wonderful culture they bring in our community," said Christina Reed, executive director of Blessings. "They have been so supportive with any request we have made, whether for volunteers or grant opportunities. Even before the store opened, their staff was in our pantry packing bags for our local children in need."

Find more information about Citrus County Blessings at www.citruscountyblessings.org.

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Florida Manatee Festival coming up!



Manatee Season isn't over just yet! The 34th Annual Florida Manatee Festival is set! Join us on March 27th & 28th in Downtown Crystal River as we celebrate our favorite floating friends, the manatees!

WHAT'S IN STORE?

This festival is known for its top notch musical performances and this year's lineup will hold true to that!

With multiple stages throughout the festival, you can expect performances from local favorites Barefoot Bob & the Hope and the JoJo & Jay Experience, local up and coming band Bad Luck Penny, Nashville recording artist Rob Nichols, Gypsy Sparrow, Palomino Blonde, and headliner MoonFlower "Spirit of Santana" on Sunday and Stonegrey on Saturday.

Returning are manatee boat tours in partnership with META (Manatee Eco Tourism Association). Our participating local guides will take you to their favorite manatee watch spots for a chance to see our favorite floating friends up close!

New this year, we are partnering with Hunter Springs Kayaks to offer \$10 1-hour guided Kayak Tours of the bay and Hunter Springs area giving a first hand glance at the beauty of our Nature Coast!

Of course, what's a festival



without the food? Two food courts will offer an array of delectable delights as well as two beer and wine gardens with the addition of hard seltzers this year!

Additionally, more than 300 fine art, craft, commercial and non-profit vendors will line the streets on both the north and south sides of downtown. "Art in the Park" will be held in Crystal River's beautiful Town Square, offering the perfect setting to browse and purchase an original piece of art for your home, business or as a wearable piece of jewelry that will be a treasure of special meaning forever.

We are excited to move forward, safely and responsibly, as we enjoy the beauty of our nature coast and see just why Crystal River is the Manatee Capital of the World.

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stay home if they are vulnerable or feeling ill. We encourage all attendees to practice social distancing, wash hands regularly, utilize the on-site sanitation stations and wear a mask if social

distancing is not possible. The Florida Manatee Festival, and the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, will be implementing and practicing safety precautions to ensure the health

of our attendees, volunteers, vendors, and staff. For more information, full entertainment lineup, and more visit our website at www.GoManateeFest.com

CORPORATE COLLEGE

Service Dogs: The Law and How It Affects Businesses

Do you know where a service animal can go and under what conditions? Do you know what animals can be considered service animals? Whether you are front line staff, a volunteer, a manager or owner, or even an elected official, you need to know the law. The goal of this workshop is for businesses and community organizations to understand and operationalize their rights and responsibilities when a service animal is on the premises. Attend this valuable

workshop March 16th via Zoom and learn who can have a service animal, the responsibilities of the animal handler, when a service animal can be excluded, and what to do when the needs of customers, with and without service animals, conflict.

Individual workshop fee is \$29. Register and pay online at: CF.edu/CorporateCollege or call 352-873-5855. No refunds will be granted five (5) business days prior to each workshop.

Rehire Furloughed Employee Grant Program

The BOCC recently allocated \$300,000 to the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce for a grant program for businesses that furloughed employees due to COVID-19 and have since rehired them. To qualify, the business must have furloughed an employee for a minimum of two months before rehiring and steadily employing for a minimum of 90 days. The grant amount is \$2,000 per rehired full-time equivalent employee.

All local businesses are eligible. Complete information on the grant program and documentation required is on the application form.

It is preferred that businesses use the online application. However, in the event that is not possible, the application form may be printed and mailed back along with the required documentation. Application are open at www.Citrus

Small Business Grants Funding Extended

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has extended its Citrus County Small Business Grant Programs.

There are two programs available to small businesses with less than 35 employees:

- The Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Micro Grant will have a minimum award of \$250 up to a maximum award of \$2,500.

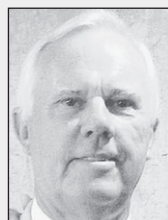
- The Retrofit/Adaptation Grant will have a maximum award of \$10,000 per business.

A small business may be eligible for both grants. To Apply visit www.CitrusBOCC.com

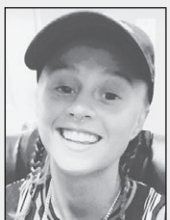
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This week, host Jade White, Chamber Public Relations & Communication Coordinator, talks with Jim Green of SCORE Nature Coast about the availability of PPP Loans and EILD loans for independent contractors, self-employed, and sole proprietors.

Also, Erin Rice, owner of World Fusion, comes on to talk about their new restaurant location, Downtown Fusion, set to open in Crystal River.

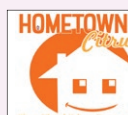
Jake Vaughan, owner of Conservation Plus and now JV Southern Real Estate, about his decision to open another business in Citrus County and the unique services they offer.

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BUSINESS DIGEST**Revisions to PPP Lending Program**

The Small Business Administration (SBA) announces the deadline for PPP loan applications is Wednesday, March 31. Loans are available for independent contractors, self-employed and sold proprietors.

Individuals who file an IRS Form 1040, Schedule C, are now allowed to calculate their maximum loan amount using gross income. Borrowers can apply for the Paycheck Protection Program by downloading the First Draw PPP loan application or Second Draw PPP loan application and working with a participating PPP lender through the SBA Lender Match tool.

If you need assistance with your PPP loan, call SCORE Nature Coast at 352-249-1236.

Sign up for Virtual LEAD Summit

The eighth annual LEAD Summit, presented by the Florida Commission on the Status of Women, runs from 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, to 5 p.m. Thursday, March 25.

The goal of the summit is educating, engaging and inspiring Florida's women leaders. The summit is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Learn more and sign up at fcswnet/lead. Call the FCSW office at 850-414-3531 for more information.

— From staff reports

Hemp Pantry celebrates ribbon cutting

Officials with the city of Inverness recently conducted a ribbon cutting for Hemp Pantry, 2044 State Road 44 W. From left are: Eric Williams, city manager; Dave Ryan, councilmember; Jacquie Hepfer, council president; Kevin Hepfer; William Potter, store owner; Rebekah Potter, store owner; Linda Bega, councilmember; Susan Jackson, city clerk; Sheila Densmore, city staff.

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BEAUTY

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both business skills and community service from their parents.

"Hernando played an intricate part in my desire to open a store," Melvenia said. "Growing up, my first example of an entrepreneur was my father. He owned Houston's Mechanic shop. Then there were the Alexanders who sold peanuts, the Tribble's who had a 'juke joint,' Lamb's Restaurant, and my Uncle Russell raised cows and pigs and sold the meat."

"From the outside it looked like we didn't have a lot, but those living on the inside knew and respected the value each person brought to the table," she said.

Melvenia got her first business license at age 21, when she started selling clothes out of the trunk of her car.

"I used to manage retail (at a store in Tampa), and when things would go



Products for a multitude of hair styles are offered at Houston's Beauty Supply in Inverness. The store is located in the Lakeside Ranches plaza north of Inverness of U.S. 41.

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

discount, I would purchase those items at the lowest price and resell to people who didn't have access to the great prices that we had," she said. "At that time when I was working at that store I thought, 'If I can do this for somebody else, I can do this for myself.'"

But opening up her own

store was put on hold and she became a nurse instead, working at Citrus Memorial Hospital and then in home health.

"I still work as a nurse from home as a quality review specialist," she said. "I educate nurses and audit charts for home health agencies."

Her sisters also have

varied backgrounds.

Lucille has worked as a CNA and a house counselor at Camp E-Ni-ni-Hassee. Currently, she is working with TLC Health and Wellness and getting her license as a life coach.

Deleen is an X-ray technician at Advent Health and Jennifer has worked



Fashion accessories are also available at Houston's Beauty Supply in Inverness.

in retail and food service at Floral City Elementary School.

The sisters all volunteer their help at the store as it's getting off the ground.

So far, the store is increasingly getting more traffic, mostly through word of mouth and social media.

Tamona DeVaughn and her mother, Gerri DeVaughn, came in on a Wednesday morning from Crystal River after reading about it from a friend on Facebook.

"I love extensions and wigs," Tamona told a

Chronicle reporter, as she purchased a wig. "It's so nice not having to go all the way to Ocala."

Melvenia said her goal for the store is to be able to employ people from the community — another way to be a blessing.

She also hopes to have an in-house braider — it can take up to 10-plus hours to braid someone's hair — and also an in-house nail technician.

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Dissolution Of Marriage Notice

David Scott Lambert II 2021-DR-000216 Dissolution of Marriage
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Petitioner,
and
KATELYN MARIE ALLEN
Respondent,

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: **Katelyn Marie Allen**
1011 S. Palm Avenue
Homosassa, FL 34448

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to David Scott Lambert II whose address is 1011 S. Palm Avenue, Homosassa, FL 34448 on or before March 22, 2021, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in petition.**

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-mailing Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Dated: 2-22-21
(COURT SEAL)

By: /s/ L. Pickett, Deputy Clerk

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Self Storage Notices

1366-0314 SUCRN PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Hernando Storage intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the Hernando Storage, Storage Facility Act Statutes. The owner will sell at public sale on **March 23rd, 2021 at 5 PM** at Hernando Storage, 1274 East Norvell Bryant Highway Hernando, FL 34442. Website for auction is www.lockerfox.com. Property will be sold for cash only. Unit must be cleaned out within 48 hrs. of purchase.

Robert Jones Unit 1046 Unit contents seem to be boxes, totes, buckets, bookcase, cabinet, car parts, chair, clothing, dresser, ice chest, ironing board, lamp, pictures, radio, shelf, speakers, stereo, coffee table, suitcase and an armoire among other various items.

Rose Hicks Unit 2117 Unit contents seem to be Bags, boxes, baskets, mattress, chest, clothing, dressers, radio, rocking chair, shelf, sofa, stool, night stand, vacuum and a coffee table among various other items.

Ellen O'Sullivan Unit 3004 Unit consists of an RV*** Disclaimer: Vehicle not included in sale ***

Published March 7 & 14, 2021

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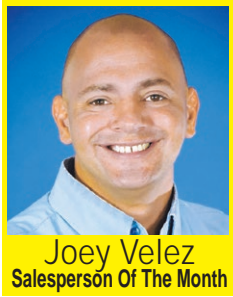
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Long-term mortgage rates rise; 30-year at 3.05%

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. long-term mortgage rates again rose modestly this week against the backdrop of an improving economy and further distribution of coronavirus vaccines. Rates remain near historic lows, however.

The benchmark 30-year loan stayed above the 3% mark, a level it

breached last week for the first time since July 2020.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac reported Thursday that the average rate on the 30-year fixed-rate home loan rose to 3.05% from 3.02% last week. By contrast, the benchmark rate stood at 3.36% a year ago.

The average rate on 15-year fixed-rate loans, popular among those seeking to refinance their

mortgages, increased to 2.38% from 2.34% last week.

President Joe Biden signed into law Thursday the long-awaited \$1.9 trillion relief package targeted to help the U.S. defeat the coronavirus. The prospect of the massive stimulus has helped lift uncertainty about the economic recovery.

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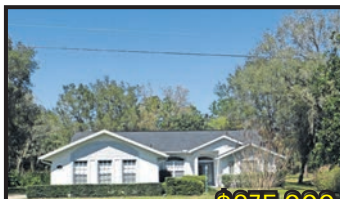
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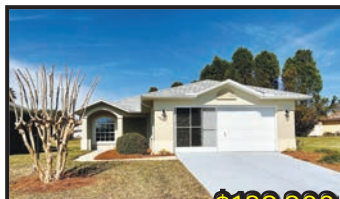
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As spring nears, plants feel it too and get unruly

LEE REICH
Associated Press

No matter that winter winds and snow still come and go in much of the country. The sun's earlier rising and higher climb into the sky let us know that spring is on the way. Even houseplants indoors feel the changing season.

Take a closer look at the stems of your houseplants. Any young, new leaves? Swelling buds? Inside their pots, roots might likewise be awakening. All of this makes today, tomorrow, or sometime soon a good time for repotting and pruning.

How tall is too tall?

The most obvious reason to prune a houseplant's stems is to keep the plant manageable. For example, growing in the ground in a tropical climate, branches of weeping fig, a familiar houseplant, will reach skyward and spread as high and wide as a sugar maple's. Indoors, at the very least, your ceilings limit the desired height of a houseplant. For looks, you might want to keep the plant smaller, perhaps much, much smaller.

When pruning the stems of a houseplant, the goal is to reduce its size without giving it a hacked-back look. For a plant with many stems, such as a weeping fig, a few severe cuts usually gives better results than many small cuts. Trace one of the tallest stems down to its origin, and cut it off right there. Perhaps do this with another tall stem too.

After one or more drastic cuts have lowered the plant, go back over the plant to make some smaller cuts. Cut back any dead or diseased stems, and any that look gawky or out of place.

There are houseplants, such as dracaena and ponytail palm, that naturally sport only one or very few stems. These rarely need pruning; when they do, it's because they've finally grown too tall. Lop back the stem to lower than the final desired height. New growth will appear near the cut, perhaps even a couple



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A ponytail palm in New Paltz, NY. Cutting back the single stem of this plant to prevent it from growing too tall has coaxed it to send new stems all along the remaining trunk.

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Five ways to make a small living room look bigger

Living SPACE

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Snug rooms are a chance to get cozy.

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These ideas will help you squeeze more style into your small living room — without sacrificing function.

1. Forget elbow room.

Snug rooms are a chance to get cozy. To seat a crowd, ditch the awkward sectional in favor of small sofas and chairs packed closely together. Keep the profiles of the pieces trim and tight: no bulky wing chairs or overstuffed arms. Instead, look for armless slipper chairs or others with straight sides that can be placed hip to hip.

2. Expand on the architecture.

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A vase, a marble table, a baseball and a butter mold

Dear John: Attached are pictures of a vase that was left to me by a deceased friend. I have always loved it, and only recently realized it is signed and numbered on the base.

Can you tell me more about it? I looked up Mr. Hutter online and noted he was a very good art glass maker, although I could not really

find a vase like mine. I appreciate your help. Thank you. — M.H., *internet*

Dear M.H.: I appreciate the good photographs including one of the signature on the base. I can clearly see Sydney



John Sikorski
SIKORSKI'S
ATTIC

R. Hutter and 3/79, indicating he made 79 art glass vases like the one you have, which is the third one he made. Mr. Hutter was born in the United States in 1954. He continues making beautiful modern art glass. The name of his business is Sydney Hutter Glass and Light, located in Waltham, Massachusetts. The website is www.sidneyhutter.com.

He might even give you some insight about your vase. The phone number is 617-630-1929. Let us know what you find out.

Dear John: I have the marble table in the attached photographs. It is from Italy. I am

trying to find an interested party. — N.A., *internet*

Dear N.A.: Finding an interested party is not going to be an easy task. Handling such a large marble table makes it very hard for any dealer that might take the table on consignment. The style is generic and does not speak to any particular decorative period. Good luck, but expect disappointment.

Dear John: I have a baseball with twenty-seven signatures on it. Ted Williams and Joe DiMaggio both signed it twice. I do not recognize any of the other signatures. Do I need to

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This vase is signed and numbered by the artist, who is still alive and still working.

Special to the Chronicle



LIVING

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Small living rooms often offer clues about how to expand their function and style. For example, if the space has a nook that is underutilized, tuck in a bench or desk — or create a custom window seat. If the room has an interesting feature, such as a coffered ceiling or a fireplace, make the most of it with decorative treatments. Hang a chandelier to draw the eye to the ceiling, or place artwork above the mantel to make the fireplace stand out. Adorn windows with elegant curtains that highlight their shape and size.

3. Work your way up.

When you emphasize its height, a small room feels bigger. Often overlooked, the wall space just below the ceiling has wonderful decorative potential. Mount window treatments at that height to make the room appear grand, or create a grouping of art or photographs that reaches up to the ceiling. To further the appearance of extra height, install picture-rail molding around the room about 18 inches down from the ceiling, and paint the wall space above it a coordinating color.

4. Layer it.

Nudging one piece of furniture in front of another is a way to build necessary function into a tiny living room. Place a console table or low dresser against the back of a sofa for a flat surface where lighting, food and drinks can be placed. Tuck low stools, poufs or floor pillows under the coffee table for extra seating. Use a well-stocked bookcase as an elegant backdrop for a desk or sofa.

5. Tie it all together.

In a small house, living rooms might also serve as the entry, home office or dining space. To smoothly incorporate these other functions, keep the overall color palette similar. Carry through any decorative touches too. Does the entry rug coordinate with the living room rug? Do the seat cushions on the dining chairs work with the sofa and pillow upholstery? When the areas work as a unit, the space feels comfortably cohesive.

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This Italian marble table could be hard to sell because of the large size and generic design.

ATTIC

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have the names authenticated before I sell the ball? Could you tell me a reputable person or company that could do this and also sell the ball for me? — T.W., *internet*

Dear T.W.: I wish you had included the story about why your baseball was signed twice by the same player; I have never heard of it happening. In order to check on its current potential dollar value, I suggest you contact Leland's Auction company. They specialize in baseball memorabilia and have set

many record prices. The website is www.lelands.com. Good luck and let us know how things work out.

Dear John: Here is a picture of what looks to me to be a wooden mold. What it is meant to mold is a mystery. I am hoping you know what this is. Thanks. — L.N., *internet*

Dear L.N.: The item is a butter mold, also referred to as a butter print. In the category of butter mold collecting, it is low on the totem pole of collector interest.

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



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Irish shamrock story

The U.S. loves its monthly commercial holidays.

March festivities may bring out the Irish in everyone. The three-leaved sprigs of shamrock that symbolize Ireland originally referred to both the Lesser Clover, *Trifolium dubium*, and the low-growing, recumbent,

White Clover, *T. repens* — both of which grew in Ireland, Britain and Europe at the time the Celts settled on the island now called Erin or Ireland. Clovers are beneficial pollinator legume plants that fix nitrogen in the soil. The Irish word “seamróg” means young clover. The English word “shamrock” is a young sprig of clover — a trifoliate leaf and its stem — not the whole plant.

With clover-like leaves, many trifoliate plants are marketed as shamrocks, including oxalis woodsorrel species and Black Medick. Why not celebrate the Irish and the start of spring with a sprig of shamrock? Pre-Christian Celtic tribes emphasized the number three, which represented past, present and future life. To Celts, three represented Earth through the elements of sky, earth and the underground. Pagan Celtic society had three classes (including slaves), three main gods, and used trio designs in stone and metal artwork.

Born in Britannia to a Romanized Christian family about 386 C.E., a 16-year-old lad was kidnapped and taken to Ireland as a slave. While tending flocks for six years, he had time to ponder

Christianity. The young man escaped by boat to France, eventually returned home, became an ordained bishop, took the name Patrick and in 432 C.E. returned to preach in Ireland as a missionary. He allegedly used the trifoliate clover leaf as a natural symbol to explain the Christian holy

trinity to his followers. Patrick was not formally canonized, as he lived before the current laws of the Catholic church. On March 17, 461 C.E., Patrick died in Saul (now called Downpatrick), southeast of Belfast in Northern Ireland — currently part of the United Kingdom.

St. Patrick is the popular patron saint of Ireland.

In 1571, a British scholar wrote that Irish folk ate shamrock. Historically, people did indeed eat woodsorrel leaves, but not clover, during famines. The Brits repeated this story until it became entrenched in folklore. Woodsorrel species are in the Oxalis family, but are not legumes. In garden centers, woodsorrel is sold as a shamrock due to its trifoliate leaves and pretty flowers that bloom just in time to celebrate with the Irish.

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Jane Weber
JANE'S GARDEN



JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

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A BIT ABOUT JANE

In the interest of transparency, Homefront readers should know I was born in southwest England, raised in a Catholic family with Irish immigrant ancestors and had a Protestant German fiddler for a grandfather. I remember being beaten every school day at school

before I had a chance to break any Catholic rules.

Luckily — must be my Irish heritage — I am now a global citizen, have three passports, three citizenships and choose to live in the U.S. In my traveled opinion, Central Florida is the best place in the world. My

family emigrated from Britain by boat in 1957. To gain political freedom and potential economic prosperity, I escaped Canada by sailboat in 1989. In 1996, I eventually settled in Central Florida and became a citizen in 2004. Ahh, the luck of the Irish... Slán (bye).

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Q: Tim, I really need your help. I just moved into my new home and have a smoking full masonry fireplace. It's 55 inches wide and has an arched opening that's 33.5 inches at the peak of the arch. It looks like regular brick mortar was used with the firebrick. For whatever reason, it has two flues and a damper on each one. It smokes like an old steam locomotive, sending clouds of choking smoke into the house! Cracking a window helps but doesn't solve the problem. Should there only be one flue?

Should I only open one damper? What's wrong? —
Tim Y., Broken Arrow, Okla.

A: When I opened Tim's email and saw his fireplace photo, I exhaled a heavy sigh. I was flooded with a range of emotions. Frustration, sorrow, mild anger and sympathy were at the top of the list. It breaks my heart to get bad news like Tim's knowing that it's so easy to build things, even fireplaces, that work perfectly. The science of how fireplaces and chimneys work has been known for hundreds of years.

I want to take this opportunity once again to plead the

case for you to lobby your local school board to bring back vocational training in both grade school and high school. In my opinion, it should be mandatory, and all boys and girls should be exposed to the same learning material each year as they move through the 12 grades. We need to expose students to the ways in which houses work — and the right way to build and repair things — because they're all going to need a roof over their heads as they grow older.

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JANE

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Blooming in late winter, native perennial Common Yellow Woodsorrel, *Oxalis stricta*, has upright, bright lemon-yellow flowers in gardens, woodlands, meadows and mowed areas. It spreads underground by rhizomes, by stolons aboveground, and by seeds forcefully expelled up to 16 feet from cylindrical seed pods. Seeds germinate quickly. Woodsorrel shamrock's heart-shaped leaflets curl down overnight and on cloudy days. This is called nyctinastic movement. Leaves open to photosynthesize. This wildflower and groundcover prefers dry to moist well-drained sandy soil.

Nonnative, perennial Purple Shamrock, *Oxalis triangularis*, has

triangular trifoliate dark purple leaves and pretty white flowers. With low-growing foliage, it makes an attractive houseplant plant.

South American Pink Woodsorrel, *Oxalis debilis*, originated in Venezuela, and a similar species, *O. auriculata*, is from Uruguay. Pretty pink flowering cultivars have escaped gardens to naturalize as far north as Minnesota. However, no oxalis species are currently listed on the 2019 FLEPPC invasive plant list. Oxalis woodsorrels have ornamental interest and delicate flowers. Their trifoliate seamróg leaves are perfect for Irish St. Patrick's Day!

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PLANTS

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of new stems. If you want to keep the plant single-stemmed, remove all but one of the emerging stems.

Check below ground also

Pruning the stems of a houseplant is just the first step. After a few years, depending on how fast a plant grows, roots will fill a pot until they have no room left to grow. Roots attempting to escape out the drainage hole of a pot is one indication of overcrowding.

More telling is to have a look at the root ball itself. Slide the root ball out of the pot. If it's a large plant, the easiest way to do this is to first tip the pot on its side. Are the roots cramped together and circling around and around the outside edge of the root ball?

If the roots are overcrowded, you could just move the plant to a larger pot. Of course, then it will grow even bigger, which may or may not be your wish.

If the plant is to go back into its

old home, root pruning is needed. Stand the plant upright and — brutal as it might seem — slice off the outer edge of soil and roots all around the root ball. The bigger the root ball, the more you can slice off.

Stand the plant back in its old pot and pack new potting soil in the gaps between the shorn root ball and the container. Use a stick or your fingers to firmly press it in place.

Water the plant, and it's ready for spring.

Not for every plant

No need to prune and repot every houseplant every year. Many grow very slowly, so might need this treatment only every few years. And some plants — clivia and amaryllis, for example — grow in clumps rather than skyward-shooting stems, and actually do better with their roots cramped in their pots.



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Let's roll up our sleeves and deal with what should have happened at Tim's house as his fireplace was built. I'm sorry to say that Tim's fireplace is the absolute worst job I've ever seen in my career. It was destined to fail from the get-go.

The Brick Industry Association (BIA) has published clear and concise pamphlets for decades that show exactly how to build a residential wood-burning fireplace that will never smoke. Not only do these pamphlets cover the sizing requirements, but they also go into great detail about how to size the flue properly and match it to the height of the chimney.

It's important to realize the size and shape of the firebox are directly related to the width and

height of the opening to the fireplace. You can't just guess, as Tim's mason did. As crazy as this sounds, Tim's mason created a firebox that had two short stub walls that projected back into the firebox, then the two walls went off at 45-degree angles to meet at a hard 90-degree corner in the rear of the firebox. It's no wonder smoke billowed into Tim's house.

The shape and size of the firebox critical, but what you don't see above the firebox is even more important. The shape and size of the throat of the fireplace as well as the design of the smoke shelf is of the utmost importance to ensure all the smoke and hot gases go up the chimney rather than roll into the room.

What's sad about all this is that just about anybody with moderate hand-eye skills can build a non-smoking fireplace using the easy-to-understand information available for free from the BIA. It's maddening that anyone would have a smoking fireplace when you think about how the technical drawings, specs, etc., are all readily available.

Let's talk about the use of ordinary brick mortar inside fireplace fireboxes. It's a mistake, plain and simple. The firebrick used in a firebox is special refractory brick meant for high temperatures. It's quite possible the temperature in a roaring fire could exceed 1,000 degrees in certain situations.

Normal brick mortar is not made to withstand this temperature swing from room temperature to 4-digit temperatures.

Fireclay is the best thing to use to create thin joints between the firebrick. Fireclay is a special fine clay you mix with water to the consistency of a thick gravy. Skilled masons carefully dip the edge of a firebrick in this to apply the perfect amount of fireclay to each brick. The joint between the firebrick usually ends up no wider than 1/16 inch.

With the wet fireclay on the edge of a firebrick, the mason then presses it against another brick, and the fireclay creates a

fireproof bond. This fireclay is not much different from the clay my daughter uses to make pottery. She fires this clay in a kiln that reaches temperatures in excess of 2,100 F. It will easily withstand thousands of fires over decades of use without crumbling, as ordinary brick mortar will.

I've created a special page on AsktheBuilder.com that shares all the BIA information with you. Just type this exact URL into your browser so you can have a non-smoking fireplace: GO.askthebuilder.com/fireplace.

Subscribe to Tim's free newsletter and listen to his new podcasts. Go to AsktheBuilder.com.



TIM CARTER/Tribune Content Agency

To the untrained eye, this may look like a well-built fireplace. In fact, it was built by a buffoon who neglected to follow simple, readily available instructions from the Brick Industry Association on how to build a proper fireplace.



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RATES

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The government reported that the number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits fell last week to 712,000, the lowest total since early

November, evidence that fewer employers are cutting jobs amid a decline in confirmed virus infections and signs of a healing economy. Still, many businesses remain under pressure and 9.6 million jobs remain lost to the pandemic that flattened the economy one year ago.

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THE SUNDAY CHRONICLE

March 14, 2021

COMICS

PEANUTS

featuring
"Good ol' Charlie Brown"
by SCHULZ



BAM!
BAM!
BAM!

HA! I KNEW YOU'D FORGET!!
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTED
AGAIN!!! IT'S NOT SIX O'CLOCK..
IT'S SEVEN O'CLOCK!!

YOU MISSED YOUR
SUPPERTIME!!!

SUPPERTIME! SUPPERTIME! OH,
HE MISSED HIS SUPPERTIME!


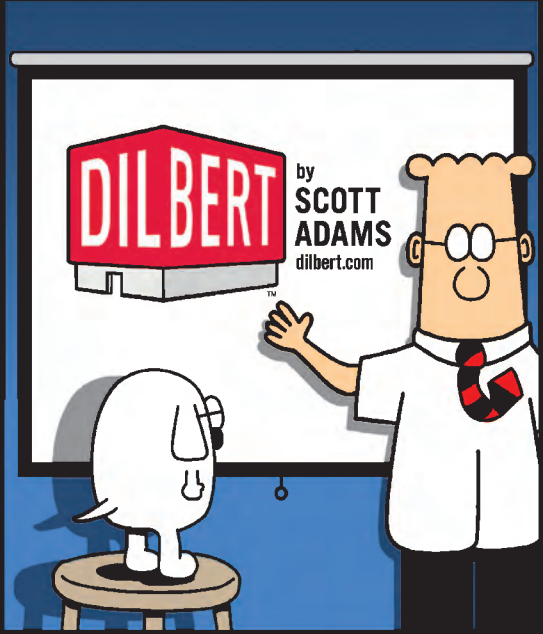
THE CLOCK WAS READY, BUT
HIS STOMACH WAS LATE!

SUPPERTIME! SUPPERTIME!
YEAH!! HE MISSED
HIS SUPPERTIME!!

I THINK I'LL GO
DOWNTOWN, AND STAY
IN A HOTEL FOR
ABOUT A WEEK...

DILBERT

by SCOTT ADAMS
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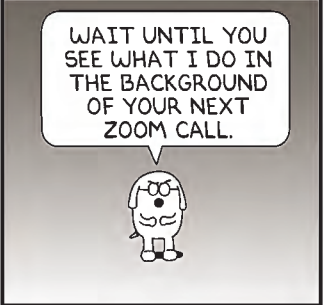


CAN YOU PLEASE
STOP TALKING SO
LOUDLY ON YOUR
ZOOM CALLS? ?!!!

I'M SORRY, BUT
I PAY THE MORTGAGE,
AND I HAVE A RIGHT TO
MAKE AS MUCH NOISE
AS I WANT IN MY
OWN HOUSE.

OH, WOW. DID
YOU REALLY PLAY
THE "MORTGAGE
CARD" ON ME?

THIS IS
WAR!



WAIT UNTIL YOU
SEE WHAT I DO IN
THE BACKGROUND
OF YOUR NEXT
ZOOM CALL.

I DON'T WANT TO
RUIN THE SURPRISE,
BUT THINK OF THE
NUMBER-ONE WORST
THING YOU CAN
IMAGINE ME DOING.

ARE YOU PICTURING
IT IN YOUR MIND?


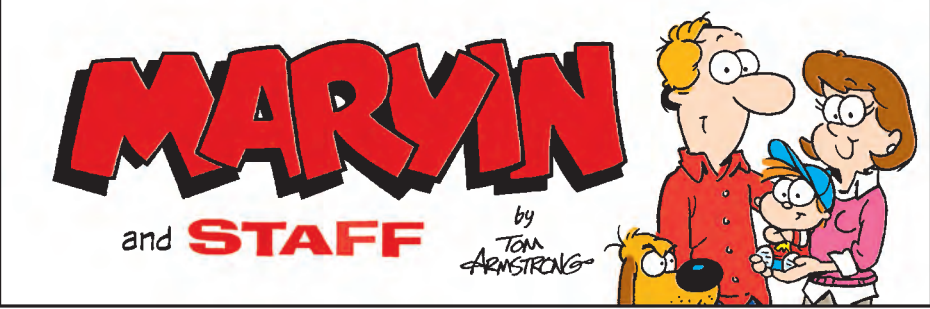
IT'S BAD,
ISN'T IT?

NOW IMAGINE
AT THE SAME TIME I
ALSO START DOING
THE SECOND-WORST
THING YOU CAN
IMAGINE.


NOOOO!!!!

MARVIN


and STAFF
by TOM ARMSTRONG




WHY ARE WE ALWAYS
BEING WATCHED, GILL?




LOOKING AT FISH IS SUPPOSED
TO BE RELAXING, FINN



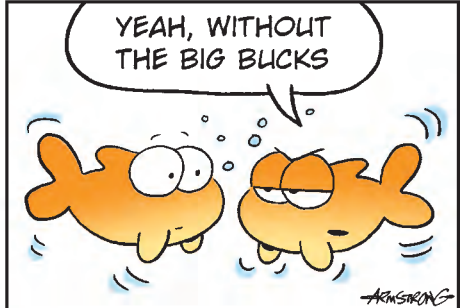
WE TAKE AWAY
THEIR STRESS



...AND WE MAKE THEM
FEEL BETTER




WE'RE LIKE
DOCTORS



YEAH, WITHOUT
THE BIG BUCKS


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



Silas Swipe and Gary Grab stole a commuter's wallet on the station platform and then dashed into a crowded subway car to hide. Help Slylock Fox and Max Mouse find the thieves before they flee at the next stop.

Solution - Silas Swipe is the thief. He is sitting in the car. Gary Grab is the thief. He is sitting in the car. Silas Swipe is the thief. He is sitting in the car. Gary Grab is the thief. He is sitting in the car.

HOW TO DRAW a grouchy dog



Today's terrific artist is Lisa, age 15

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



YOUR DRAWING

Which city has the greatest number of subway stations?

a) London
b) New York
c) Bangalore
d) Paris
e) Agatha

Answer - b) New York has 472 stations.

Spot six differences between these panels.



Answer - Bow, star, whiskers, pants, spring and mouse.

For more Spot Six Differences, Slylock Fox and other puzzles and comics go to www.slylockfox.com

Sunday Puzzle Fun

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

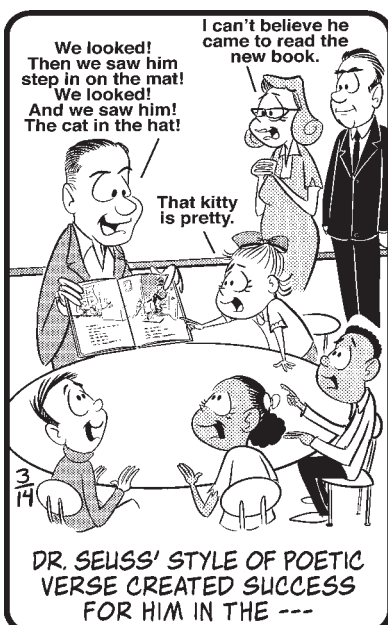
Unscramble these Jumbles,
one letter to each square,
to form six ordinary words.

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	○		○		○
VINTIE					
○			○		
GRAULF					
○	○				○
VEDUTO					
	○		○		
PETAUB					
	○		○		
COSOHM					
○	○				○

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PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

“ - ”



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

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES *By The Mephram Group*

4			3				2	
9				2	8		3	4
8								
5				6	9			
			7		5			
			4					9
7								5
1	4		2	5				8
	9				3			7

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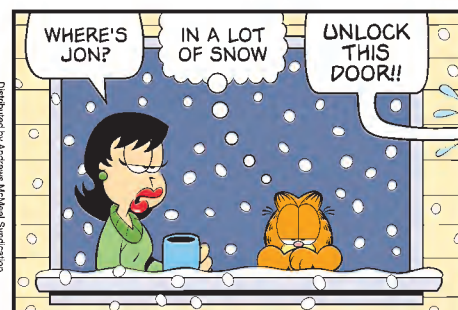
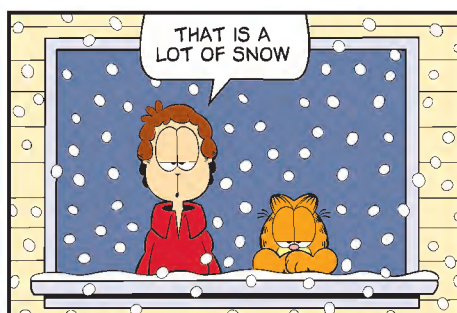
Level

1	2
3	4

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

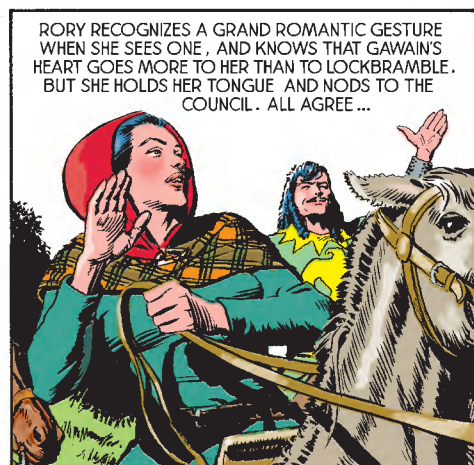
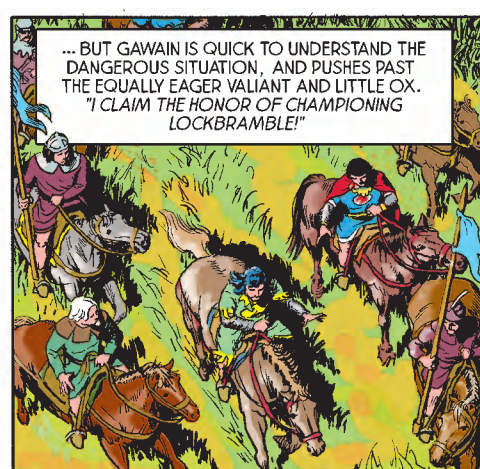
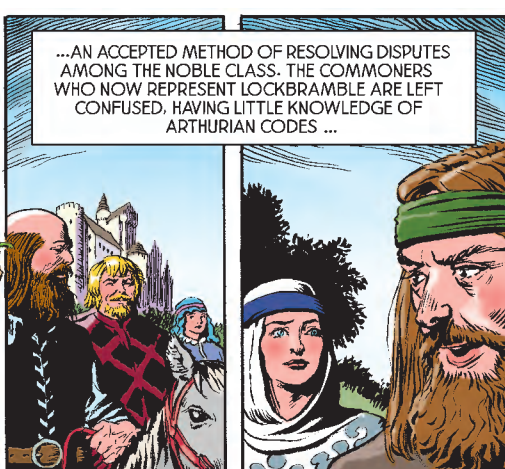
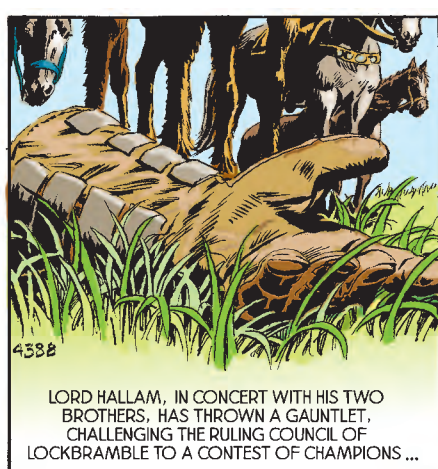
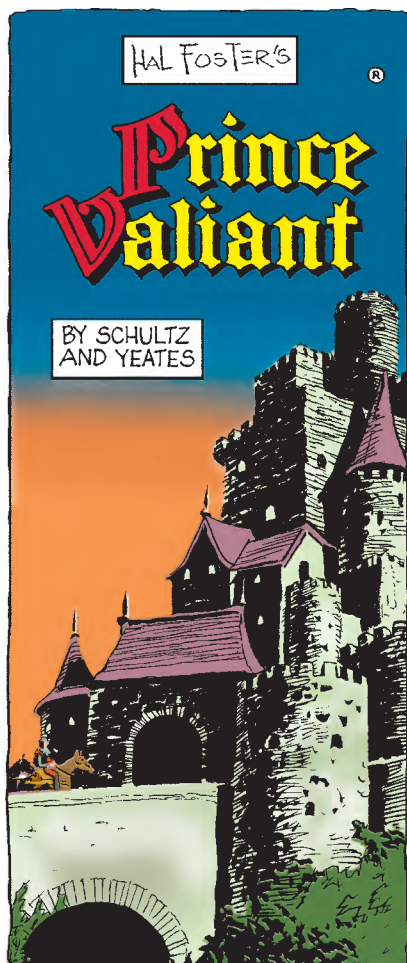
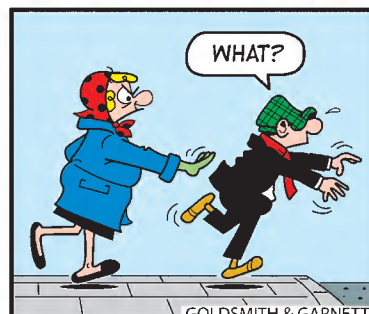
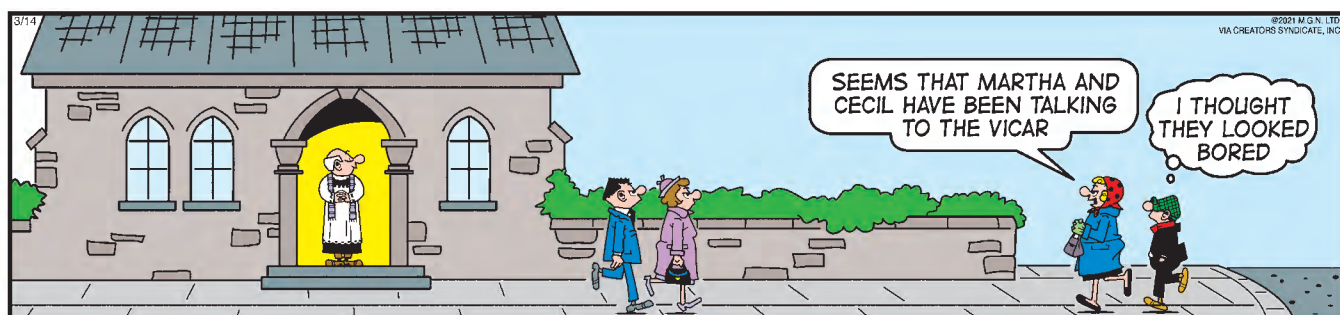
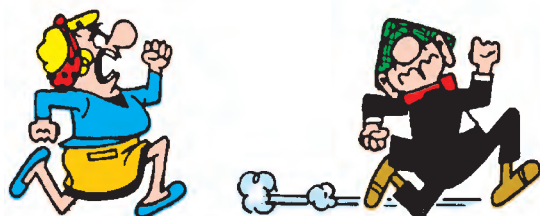
Solution to Last Weeks puzzle

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3	8	7	9	2	5	1	6	4
6	9	2	4	3	1	5	8	7
5	1	4	8	7	6	2	3	9
9	7	6	5	1	4	3	2	8
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ANDY
CAPP

by Smythe



NEXT: ~~My~~ reputation

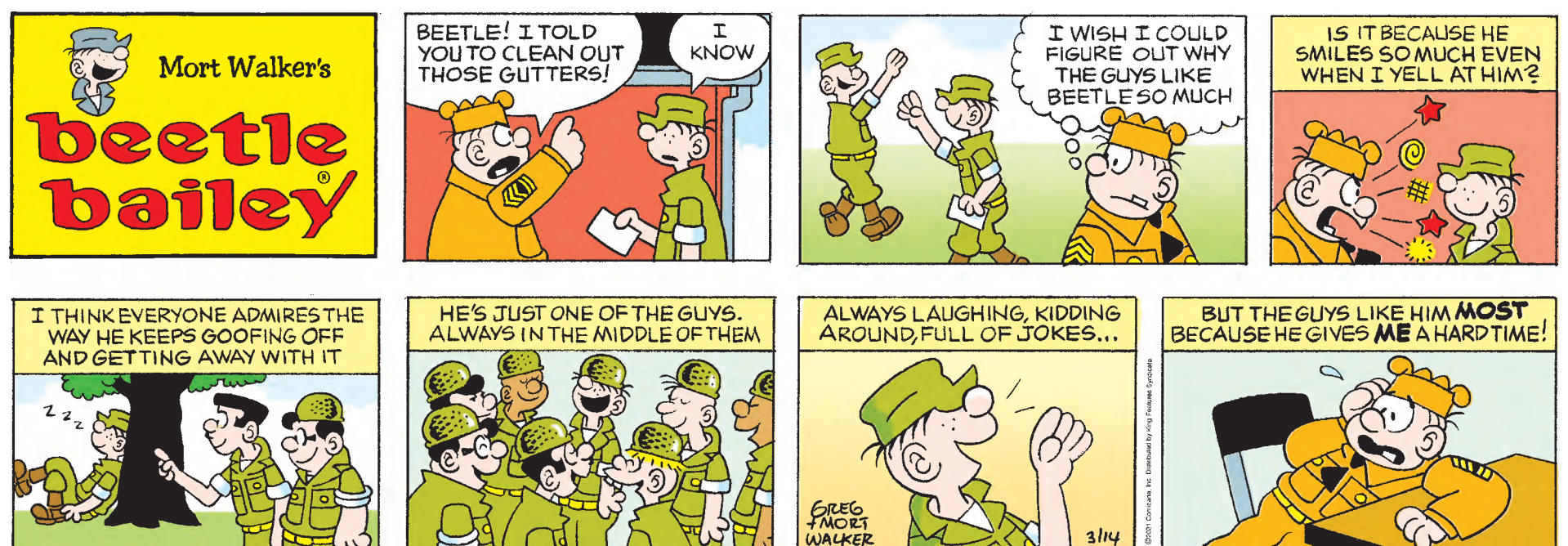
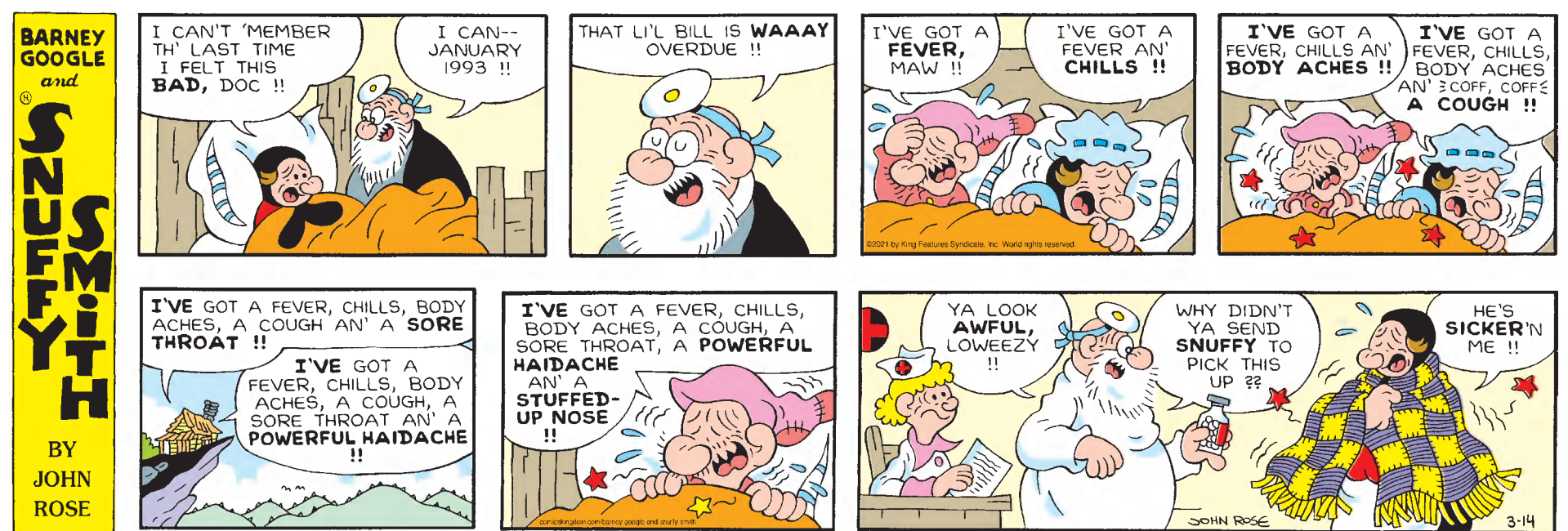
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Answer:

SHIFT	FRUGAL	UPBEAT
INVITE	DEVOUT	SMOOTH

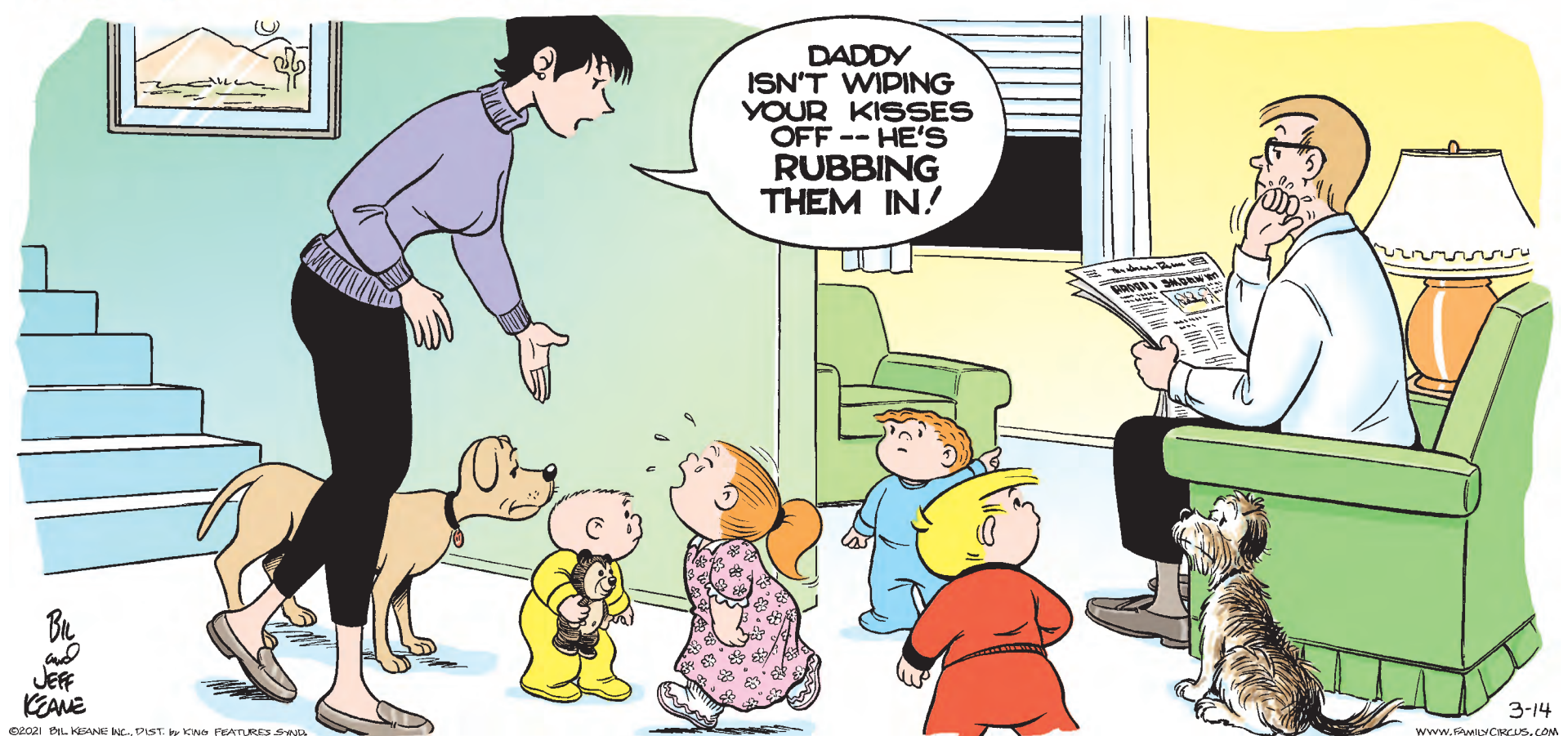
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OH, I AM VERY INTERESTED! PLEASE TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT.

WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THAT FOR A SMALL MONTHLY FEE WE COULD REDUCE YOUR ENERGY BILLS, HELP SAVE THE PLANET AND IMPROVE YOUR LOVE LIFE?

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING... HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE? ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN...

MMPHFLURL BLARGHMEFT

ISN'T THAT UNCOMFORTABLE? A LITTLE, BUT IT'S WORTH IT.

SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

HOW CAN SOME OF THESE PROPERTIES COST LESS THAN \$100?

I HAVEN'T HAD A GRASP OF TIME ALL YEAR. I'M NOT ABOUT TO START NOW.

OH NO. NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO!

YOU HAVE GOT TO BE JOKING, TED.

WHAT?

"WHAT?" THERE IS NO WAY HIL AND I ARE GOING TO PLAY MONOPOLY WITH YOU YET AGAIN!

WHY NOT?

YOU ADD SPECIAL RULES LIKE TIME PORTALS AND MULTIVERSES WITH OTHER BOARDS AROUND THE HOUSE AND POST-APOCALYPTIC CANNIBAL TOKENS...

AND CHANCE CARDS THAT LET YOU POSSESS ANOTHER TOKEN'S SPIRIT AND A SARLACC PIT IN THE MIDDLE THAT SWALLOWS DICE AND SUDDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS LIKE A STRING OF HOTELS ARE ACTUALLY THE SCALES OF AN UNDERGROUND DRAGON.

AND AFTER ALL THAT, FOR YOU TO EVEN THINK THAT WE WILL... WHAT ON EARTH ARE THOSE?

FREELANCE ASSASSIN DROID TOKENS.

I'M IN.

I... I KINDA HAVE TO AGREE WITH FAYE.

OKAY, FAYE, YOU'RE NEW TO OUR FAMILY MONOPOLY GAMES SO IT'S IMPORTANT YOU KNOW--ONLY MY DROID IS EVIL SO ONLY I CAN ROB THE BANK.

BY MASTROIANNI AND HART

ANOTHER BORING AFTERNOON.

I NEED SOMETHING TO CHEER ME UP...

LOOK AT ME! LOOK AT ME! PET ME!

I JUST LOVE HUMANS!

MY ENTIRE EXISTENCE IS DEPENDENT UPON MAKING YOU HAPPY!

ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?

YES.

Dennis the Menace OFF The BUS

by Hank Ketchum

HOW HAVE YOU BEEN? WE HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR ALMOST A WEEK.

I'VE BEEN HOME STARING AT THE COMPUTER EVERY DAY SINCE SCHOOL SHUT DOWN!

AND NOW IT FEELS LIKE MY BRAIN HAS SHUT DOWN...NO MORE RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS WITH FRIENDS...OR SPITBALLS AT SNACKTIME...

...I EVEN MISS THE CRUMMY CAFETERIA FOOD!

I CAN'T IMAGINE GROWING UP THESE DAYS ON A COMPUTER. ESPECIALLY AT YOUR AGE. NEW FRIENDS AND LIFE EXPERIENCES ALL SUDDENLY STOPPED...

...IT'S A REAL TRAGEDY FOR HUMANITY.

OH, HI, DENNIS! I DIDN'T HEAR YOU KNOCK!

I JUST NEEDED A QUIET PLACE TO SIT FOR A MINUTE.

WHY DON'T YOU COME INSIDE FOR A LEMONADE?

I COULD USE A COLD ONE!

HOW ABOUT ANOTHER ROUND OF LEMONADE, DEAR?

THANKS. JUST LEAVE THE BOTTLE.

CURTIS

by RAY BILLINGSLEY

THANKS FOR AGREEING TO TAKE MY VIRTUAL CALL, CURTIS

SO...WHATCHA DOIN', CURTIS?

NOT MUCH OF ANYTHING, CHUTNEY. SITTIN' 'ROUND, BORED CRAZY

GOT MY HAIR DONE. ALL POOFY AGAIN. WAS THINKING ABOUT YOU WHEN I WAS GETTING IT ALL POOFED

UH, WHAT'S THAT, MA? OK! GOTTA GO, CHUTNEY, MY MA IS CALLING ME NOW!!

OK, BBFN, BUH-BYE FOR NOW


PUCKER

PUCKER

SLEPM

I THOUGHT I'D END THAT BEFORE SHE SAW ME VIRTUALLY DRY HEAVE!

MOOANN
by GREG EVANS



LOOK! I MADE A PICTURE PUZZLE. GUESS WHAT IT SAYS

NOT NOW. I HAVE TO GET THIS ESSAY DONE

OH, YOU'RE DOING ONE?

IT'S ONES UPON A DIME. GET IT? "ONCE UPON A TIME!"

UH...

"THE END."

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HAGAR
the horrible
by DIK BROWNE

DO SWEDES HAVE BAKERIES LIKE THE DANISH DO?

I SUPPOSE

IT'S JUST THAT I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A PRUNE SWEDISH!

THIS NEEDS SAMPLING!

BAKERY

MMM!

HAGAR! YOU DIDN'T PAY FOR THAT DANISH!

IT'S JUST *ONE* DANISH!

IF EVERYONE CAME INTO THE BAKERY AND SAMPLED ONE DANISH, THERE WOULD BE *NO* DANISHES LEFT! THEN WHAT?

I'D SAMPLE AN ECLAIR!

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WIZARD OF ID
by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

NOPE

NAH

NOPE

CLOSE

NO

PERFECT!

THAT IS *NOT* YOUR PATRONUS!

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BLONDIE
BY SEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL

SHH...

DID YOU REMEMBER TO LOCK THE FRONT DOOR, SWEETHEART?

WHY DIDN'T YOU ASK ME THAT BEFORE I DID ALL THAT TIPTOEING AROUND?!

BECAUSE IT'S MORE ENTERTAINING THIS WAY, DEAR

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YOUNG & MARSHALL
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Hi and Lois
by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

DOT?! IN HERE!

WANNA GO OUTSIDE AND TOSS A FOOTBALL?

IT'S NOT IN MY COMFORT ZONE.

HOW ABOUT A FRISBEE?

IT'S NOT IN MY COMFORT ZONE.

WANNA RIDE BIKES?

NOT IN MY COMFORT ZONE.

TAG?

NOT IN MY COMFORT ZONE.

CHECKERS?

NOT IN MY COMFORT ZONE.

WHERE IS YOUR COMFORT ZONE?!

ANYPLACE WITHOUT YOU IN IT.

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THE

LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"I'M NOT A NAG ... I'M A CHEERLEADER WHO'S LOST HER POMPOMS."

"LEROY'S HORSE CAME IN FIRST IN THE SIXTH RACE... UNFORTUNATELY, HE WAS RUNNING IN THE FIFTH."

"THE INVITATION SAID 'CASUAL,' LEROY ... NOT 'CASUALTY.'"

"WHERE THERE'S A WAIL, THERE'S A WEIGH."

"HE'S REALLY LIVED THE BLUES... ACCORDING TO THIS, HE'S BEEN MARRIED FOR OVER FORTY YEARS."

SPRING FORWARD!

Daylight Saving Time