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## Back on the bus



MIKE WRIGHT/Chronicle  
Citrus County Transit Director Joanne Granger displays one of the new signs the county is installing at Orange Line bus stops.

*Orange Line hitting the streets Aug. 9*

MIKE WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The buses are coming back.

Citrus County's deviated fixed-route Orange Line service returns Monday, Aug. 9, after being shut down in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

All bus fares — \$1 for fixed route, \$5 for door-to-door — are suspended until Oct. 1, transit director Joanne Granger said.

"We've had a lot of interest in the Orange Line," she said. "We want to get the word out that it'll be up and running again."

Orange Line is the fixed-route that serves Floral City, Inverness, Hernando, Crystal River and Beverly Hills. It discontinued a Homosassa route in 2019 due to low ridership.

Granger said riders consider the Orange Line convenient, whether for work, shopping or appointments.

The county had 45,000 Orange Line riders in 2019 and ridership is steady most years, she said.

While fares are on hiatus until Oct. 1, the system is free to those who qualify: anyone 60 and over; Medicaid recipients; those who are disabled. Discounted fares are also available on an income basis.

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## Animal shelter site could change

MIKE WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Donations keep coming in for a new Citrus County animal shelter.

Its new home, though, could still be up for debate.

County officials have learned that LifeStream Behavioral Services, which had planned to build a

mental health and addiction treatment center on county property with the jail and new shelter, now is moving the project two miles down the road to the site of the former Centers treatment facility.

Commissioner Jeff Kinnard, who helped spearhead LifeStream's plans to use 10 acres of county property

at the jail site for the mental health campus, said he expects LifeStream to seek funding from the county to help buy The Centers property.

"It's a great move for them and for the county," Kinnard said.

"Ultimately, rather than having the Centers and LifeStream in the county

offering similar services, you've got LifeStream, who we believe is doing a much better job, continue to expand operations here," he said.

What that means for the animal shelter is uncertain.

County commissioners voted 3-2 in May to spend

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Jeff Kinnard favors LifeStream plans.

## BEING CONSTRUCTIVE



Donna Bidlack, vice president of the Citrus Construction Academy, aids 10-year-old Carleigh Chippendale as the two drill a hole in a piece of wood used to create a toolbox. The construction academy uses a small school bus to bring construction lessons to youths in Citrus County.

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

### Innovative academy on wheels uses bus to teach trades to youths

BUSTER THOMPSON | STAFF WRITER

**A**nastyn Tucker stood back a couple of feet with

wide eyes after Donna Bidlack turned on a tabletop drill press, causing a whir to echo

within the Citrus Construction Academy bus.

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## Prosperity Citrus kicks off in Crystal River on Aug. 7

MICHAEL D. BATES  
STAFF WRITER

It's a lofty statewide goal: breaking the chains of generational poverty and cutting childhood impoverishment in half by 2030.

But it has to start somewhere. And for Citrus County, it

begins with a free neighborhood cookout from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at Jim LeGrone Park, 405 SE Seventh Ave. in Crystal River.

This is the first of several such community get-togethers organized by the newly formed Prosperity Citrus.

The Florida Chamber of

Commerce launched this initiative earlier this year and it has filtered down to individual county chambers, including Citrus, that tailored it for their respective communities.

Citrus embraced the initiative and ran with it from day one. So much so, it has garnered kudos from Florida Chamber

president Mark Wilson, who said he is impressed with the leadership in Citrus County.

"After the Citrus Chamber had me present key data, gaps and recommendations, your community leaders organized, created a vision and got to work," he said.

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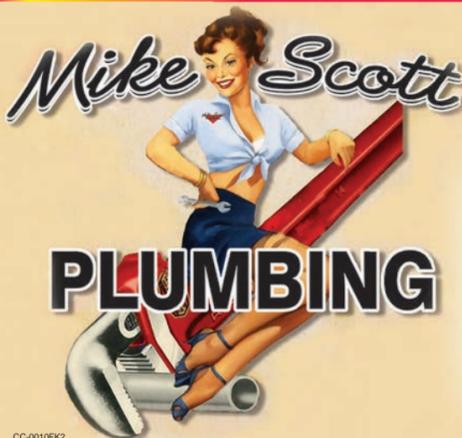
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WEEK

## IN REVIEW

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

## STATE RESTRICTS NOISE LAW



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

**Boaters crowd together at the Blue Hole, the headwaters of the Homosassa River. Local residents living along the river have voiced frustration about the noise from those visiting the Homosassa River area.**

After hearing from Homosassa residents who say the head springs and adjacent canals are clogged with loud boaters, county commissioners said they wanted to consider an ordinance restricting noise in that area.

However, County Attorney Denise Dymond Lyn, in an agenda memo, said state law restricts counties to the one specific noise regulation of no more than 60 decibels at 50 feet.

The proposed ordinance reflects that, along with a second-degree misdemeanor for anyone who

refuses to submit to a sound detector test by a law enforcement officer.

In 2005, an opinion from then-Attorney General Charlie Crist states that, other than the specific statute regarding noise, regulations are authorized "only for the purposes of protecting human life and limb, vessel traffic safety and maritime property, and manatees."

At Tuesday's commission meeting, without a vote commissioners declined to pursue a noise ordinance against rowdy boaters, but promised to continue to study how to address the noise problem.

## GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

**T**he Citrus County Education Foundation (CCEF) recently received a surprise anonymous \$25,000 donation to be used at the Marine Science Station.

The money will be used toward a new motor for their boat, along with other equipment for the station.

The CCEF relies on the support of the community for the success of their special events and 34 programs that benefit Citrus students. "We have to fundraise for every dollar," said CCEF Executive Director Shaunda Burdette. "Our community always steps up."



## HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK

The sudden D.A.B. Constructors shutdown prompted hundreds of people to voice their opinion on Facebook. Here's a sample of what people said:

■ Tina Christopher-Cornwell: "This whole situation sucks. No matter what anyone says about the company's work, there are close to 400 people unemployed from this. Single parents, this was their only income and are now trying to figure out how to feed their families. I personally have a loved one affected by this. Everyone needs to stop and think about this instead of when's the road gonna be finished or this done or that done."

"People have lost their jobs ... and yes, you all will say they can find new jobs, but the point is there will be a week or two with no income, and when you live paycheck to paycheck like most people do there is no savings to fall back on."

■ James Greeley: "I knew it was going to be a 10-year project from the start. Maybe now some company will pick this up and finally finish (U.S.) 19."

■ Jill Harris: "Do it Again Boys (DAB)."

■ MJ Beals: "They can now be called Dead and Buried (DAB)."

■ Christy D'Amico: "All you bashers of D.A.B., if you aren't road builders, if you don't know what it takes to build a road, if you don't know about the water issues, the sinkhole issues, the FDOT issues, the manpower issues, the issues with not being able to get the supplies you need because of places being shut down and not producing issues, then I suggest you either learn about them or keep your nastiness to yourselves! There are a lot of people who are at a loss. Maybe if the state would have done THEIR job correctly, this wouldn't have happened."

■ Amanda DeRosa: "Sad for the families, but hopefully this can finally get done and in a more organized way!"

■ Leo Furrell: "Now maybe they can get someone that will and finish the job in two weeks. They NEVER even cleaned up the mess the first time. All they do is work for a couple days then move all the stuff to another site. The toll road is almost done but D.A.B can't finish one part of U.S. 19."

## THE MOST POPULAR STORIES FROM THE WEEK THAT WAS



## D.A.B. closing, road projects stopped

On Monday, D.A.B. Constructors announced they were closing its business doors in Inglis over a dispute with Florida Department of Transportation, leaving its 400 employees suddenly out of a job.

D.A.B. is/was the company that has been working on the U.S. 19 road-widening project in Homosassa, which is still miles from completion.

The company blamed FDOT over what it called a "15-month tug-of-war" over design errors related to a \$33 million "diamond" interchange at Interstate 75 and State Road 56 in Pasco County.

Citrus County commissioners expressed shock and concern on Tuesday with news that D.A.B. Constructors Inc. had closed its doors and stopped all ongoing road projects.

Commissioners had planned to approve a contract extension for D.A.B. to complete neighborhood road resurfacing by September. Instead, the matter was pulled from Tuesday's agenda and County Administrator Randy Oliver said the county would look to D.A.B.'s bond company to decide the next step.

Josh Wooten, president/CEO of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, said he is meeting with CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion to explore employment options for the 400 workers.

"We've been through things like this but never to this magnitude," Wooten said, adding that some local companies are chatting with the D.A.B. employees on social media and advising them of possible job openings.

The chamber, Wooten said, is reaching out to FDOT to find out what its plan is going forward and that the chamber is there to help as is the new Citrus One-Stop Recovery and Economic (CORE) Business Center in downtown Inverness.

## Death closes Crystal River park; CCSO suspects drug overdose

A woman was found dead inside a restroom at Crystal River's Hunter Springs Park the morning of Friday, July 23, causing the park to be closed for part of the day.

Citrus County Sheriff's Office personnel believe the woman died from a drug overdose, but couldn't confirm an official cause of death until the medical examiner completes their investigation.

"We don't expect anything suspicious," agency spokeswoman Brittney Carman said.

Those who need assistance or resources to help with substance abuse can speak with the sheriff's office's Behavioral Health Unit by calling 352-249-2790.

## Citrus home prices soar; inventory remains low

Home buying continues to be a seller's market as the median sales price for a single-family home in Citrus County skyrocketed 37% in June, rising from \$174,900 the previous year to \$240,000.

Existing homes are still selling almost as fast as they are listed. In June, it took just seven days for a seller and buyer to reach a contract, compared to 48 days a year ago, according to Florida Realtors.

However, local home inventory remains in short supply with 417 homes for sale with the Realtors Association of Citrus County (RACC) as of July 23.



## Man arrested for attacking stranded motorist he was helping

A good deed turned violent when a homeless man from Crystal River allegedly struck a stranded motorist with a piece of rebar because he thought a shoe of his was stolen.

The motorist had been delivering building supplies to a Beverly Hills construction site and got his truck stuck in sand.

Kenneth McClellan Adkins, 37, walked onto the construction site to help get the truck unstuck.

According to the arrest report, Adkins showed the man a child's sized sports cleat and said one of the shoes went missing and then picked up a piece of rebar. He approached the man and accused him of stealing his cleat, then swung the rebar at the man.

In his defense, the man picked up a shovel and swung it at Adkins, who ran off and was later found by deputies and arrested. He faces a charge of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.



"This is terrible."

— LINDA GREEN, OWNER OF ART'S DINER ON U.S. 19, TWO DAYS AFTER D.A.B. CONSTRUCTORS ANNOUNCED IT WAS CLOSING DOWN THE COMPANY, BRINGING THE UNFINISHED WIDENING OF THE 2.1-MILE STRETCH FROM WEST GREEN ACRES STREET TO SOUTH JUMP COURT TO A HALT.

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**Family, friends of service members may do course**

Friends, family and significant others of military service members and veterans may sign up for an online class from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

The six-week session begins from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Aug. 3.

The course will help families understand what the service member or veteran may be experiencing related to trauma, combat stress, civilian life transition, PTSD and other mental health conditions.

For more information, visit [tinyurl.com/9v92372z](http://tinyurl.com/9v92372z). To learn more about where to turn for assistance with mental health conditions, contact NAMI Citrus at 844-687-6264.

**Hernando boat ramp to close for repairs**

The left side of the Hernando Beach Boat Ramp, 3650 E. Lake Place, will be temporarily closed for repairs from Monday, Aug. 2 through Friday, Aug. 6.

The right side of the ramp will remain accessible for launching.

For additional information, contact Citrus County Parks and Recreation at 352-527-7540.

**CCAS suspends community cat program**

Citrus County Animal Services (CCAS) has suspended the community cat Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate Return (TNVR) program until Aug. 3 due to a temporary increase in veterinary treatments and non-surgical responsibilities related to cruelty cases.

CCAS recommends that healthy cats found outside are left alone during the period services are suspended at the shelter.

Nationally, only 2% of cats are picked up by their owners when they end up in shelters but are up to 13 times more likely to make it home when allowed to remain in the community.

For more information, call 352-746-8400.

**Child loss grief group to meet in Homosassa**

The Compassionate Friends will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays monthly at the Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane in Homosassa.

Parents, siblings and grandparents grieving the loss of a child at any age can find highly personal comfort, hope and support by attending meetings of The Compassionate Friends, an international self-help organization.

The Nature Coast chapter, sponsored by Hooper Funeral Home and Crematory, brings together individuals and families supporting one another in many ways.

For more information, call 352-249-1470.

**Oakwood Village to have closed board meeting**

Oakwood Village will have a closed board meeting at 1 p.m. Aug. 2 at 679 W. Barrymore Drive in Beverly Hills. They will also have their quarterly board meeting at 1 p.m. Aug. 4 at 72 Civic Circle in Beverly Hills.

For more information, email [oakwoodvillageflorida@gmail.com](mailto:oakwoodvillageflorida@gmail.com) or call 352-445-7469.

— From staff reports

# Hate not being busy?

*Program pays income-qualified seniors while training to get back to work*

**NANCY KENNEDY**  
*Staff writer*

At age 60, Sandra Minton had retired as a traveling nurse. She had been living in California and 12 years ago came to Florida to retire.

"But I stayed busy," she said, doing home health care, private duty nursing, wound care.

Then her dog, a big mastiff/lab mix, accidentally fractured her back and, unable to work, she was idle for quite a while.

"I hate not being busy," she said.

One day, she started attending the community center in Lecanto as a way to meet other people. And, as many of the regulars do, she started helping out.

The receptionist at the Central Citrus Community Center at the time had been a part of a federally funded program under the Department of Labor called The National Caucus and Center on Black Aging (NCBA).

The program at one time was called Green Thumb and then Experience Works. As NCBA, it's still the same program, providing minimum wage payment for 20 hours per week to income-qualified people of any race or ethnicity age 55 and older while they acquire training from a nonprofit host agency that puts them to work.

It's learning new skills or brushing up or relearning old skills while getting paid. The host agency provides the training and the NCBA provides the wages.

When the receptionist left for a full-time job, Minton started filling in as a volunteer and then as

an NCBA participant.

Two weeks ago at age 72, Minton was hired by NCBA as a job counselor for the program. Her job now is to tell other seniors about NCBA and help them sign up for it.

She also is seeking more nonprofit organizations in Citrus County that are interested in being host agencies.

"As a host agency, we get someone who is valuable to us — they're mature, they're dependable, they want to work and they do a great job for us," said Janice Hale, Senior Programs Supervisor for Citrus County Support Services.

"We mainly have receptionists at all of our community centers, but they're so valuable to us because while our staff is running around keeping everything going, they're greeting our seniors, checking them in for activities, answering the phone, answering people's questions about what's going on, what's for lunch.

"We're getting a 20-hour a week employee, a very good employee, that we're not paying for," Hale said.

Besides the county-run community centers, local NCBA host agencies include the UF/IFAS Extension office, the county maintenance department and the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park.

Minton said the more organizations that sign up to be host agencies, the more people can be employed.

"Right now I'm trying to get the word out," she said, adding that for her, she had been happy as a program participant answering phones. "But now — I never



NANCY KENNEDY/Chronicle

Sandra Minton is the new Citrus County job counselor for the National Caucus and Center on Black Aging (NCBA), a program funded by the Department of Labor that provides minimum wage payment for 20 hours per week to income-qualified people of any race or ethnicity age 55 and older while they acquire training from a nonprofit host agency that puts them to work.

thought it would blossom the way it has."

To learn more about being a NCBA participant or a host

agency, call Sandra Minton at 408-387-2319.

Visit the website at [www.ncba-aging.org](http://www.ncba-aging.org).

**Stuff the Bus**



SYDNEY AKENS/For the Chronicle

Madelein Fernandez, 14, a Lecanto High School student, laughs with her classmates at the Winn-Dixie in Beverly Hills bus location, during the Citrus County Education Foundation's Annual Stuff The Bus Event, Saturday, July 31. The community is invited to drop off donations of school supplies to school buses around the county. All supplies gathered will stock CCEF's Supplies 4 Success, which provides free items to educators for their classrooms. "We ask to stuff the bus full of school supplies to help our students who are in need. The idea is that teachers don't buy for the students." said CCEF Executive Director Shaunda Burdette. The Beverly Hills location started their day with receiving donations from Winn-Dixie and The Breakfast Station on Lecanto Highway.

## Woman caught trespassing found with stolen gun, drug

*Chronicle*

A 36-year-old Beverly Hills woman caught trespassing in the Beverly Hills Plaza stumbled into additional legal problems, according to a Citrus County Sheriff's Office arrest affidavit.

Rebecca Ann Bilodeau was spotted walking Monday, July 26, through the Beverly Hills Plaza by Deputy David Elias, who alerted a colleague doing a security check about her presence on the property and that she had previously been trespassed from the grounds.

Deputy Ethan Vanscoy then spotted Bilodeau walking on the sidewalk in front of the plaza,

when she began walking through the parking lot toward the rear of the facility, the report stated. After spotting the deputy, Bilodeau changed directions, increased her speed before she walked off the property and turned toward Vanscoy.

Upon making contact with Bilodeau, she told Vanscoy she wasn't in the plaza and was just going for a walk. However, the report stated, the deputy told her she was being detained for suspicion of trespassing. The defendant provided Vanscoy with her information and while waiting for additional

information, Bilodeau told him she knew she was trespassed from the property and if she returned, she would be arrested. She said she didn't mean to walk through the plaza and she was sorry.

According to the report, Vanscoy was notified she had been trespassed from the property Dec. 4, 2020. The deputy arrested Bilodeau, securing her in handcuffs and placing in the rear of a patrol car as Vanscoy searched her backpack.

While going through Bilodeau's

backpack, the deputy found a Taurus Millennium G2 handgun, which was discovered stolen Aug. 3, 2020. Vanscoy called the owner of the firearm, who verified it had been stolen and Bilodeau did not have permission to possess it.

Also inside the backpack, the report stated, Vanscoy found multiple glass smoking pipes and two plastic bags, two of which contained methamphetamine and the third containing fentanyl. The third bag weighed 0.41 grams.

Bilodeau was charged with trespassing, grand theft of a firearm, possession of controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. Her bond was set at \$6,000.



Rebecca Bilodeau faces several charges.

Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthdays: When in doubt, take a step back and evaluate who you are dealing with and what you are up against. Embrace change with caution, but don't be afraid to make a move. Build a strong strategy that allows wiggle room. Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Pause while you gather as much information as possible. Avoid compromising situations with people who are trying to take advantage of you. Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Learn new skills, take courses, expand your mind and search for innovative ways to make your life better. Pay attention to detail, and update your image. Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Set aside time to socialize and catch up with interesting people. A conversation will get you thinking about something you'd like to pursue. Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): You'll find it difficult to make up your mind. Emotions will interfere with your ability to take advantage of an offer. Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): Think for yourself. Don't feel obligated to head in a direction because someone else does. Do your own thing. Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be sitting in a good position, so don't let anyone tell you otherwise. Turn your interests to home. Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): Wait your turn. If you take on something or someone you aren't familiar with, you will be at a loss. Ask questions. Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20): Take the plunge and jump into something that entices you. Let your uniqueness shine through and your fondness for someone be known. Aries (March 21-April 19): Take an aggressive approach in order to get things done. Discipline and determination will help you reach your goal. Taurus (April 20-May 20): Search for a way to please everyone. Focus on self-improvement, and refrain from criticizing others. Gemini (May 21-June 20): Protect your health and well-being. Listen to what's said, but don't contribute your take on a no-win situation. Cancer (June 21-July 22): It's OK to change your mind if something doesn't feel right. Don't take a risk that can cost you financially or emotionally. Protect your rights, assets and freedom.

ENTERTAINMENT

Disney requiring US employees to have COVID vaccinations

ORLANDO — The Walt Disney Company has joined other large companies in requiring employees to get vaccinated against COVID-19. The company said in a statement Friday that it will be requiring all salaried and non-union hourly employees in the U.S. who work on site to be fully vaccinated. The statement said employees who aren't already vaccinated will have 60 days to do so and that those still working from home will need to show proof of vaccination before returning. Disney said it was discussing the vaccine requirements with the union, and added that all new hires will be required to be fully vaccinated before starting work at the company.

"Vaccines are the best tool we all have to help control this global pandemic and protect our employees," the statement said. The announcement comes days after the federal Centers for Disease Control changed course on masking guidelines, saying that agency had received new information showing the delta variant's ability to spread among vaccinated people. Disney announced earlier this week that guests at U.S. theme parks would again be required to wear masks indoors.

Judge allows Jussie Smollett's lawyer to stay on the case

CHICAGO — A judge on Friday said he would not kick one of Jussie Smollett's attorneys off the case even though he believes the attorney spoke to two



Associated Press

Former "Empire" actor Jussie Smollett, center, arrives for an initial court appearance in this Monday, Feb. 24, 2020, file photo at the Leighton Criminal Courthouse in Chicago.

men the actor allegedly hired to help him carry out a staged racist and homophobic attack.

In his ruling, Cook County Judge James Linn took the unusual step of prohibiting Smollett attorney Neny Uche from questioning the two brothers, Abinbola and Olabinjo Osudairo, should the case go to trial, and that someone else on the actor's legal team would have to do it should the need arise.

Special Prosecutor Dan Webb argued that the alleged conversations between Uche and the brothers in 2019, shortly after Smollett said he was a victim of a hate crime, created a conflict of interest. However Linn found that it was in the court's interest to allow Smollett to retain his chosen lawyer "when his liberty is at stake," even if the judge found Webb's concerns to be legitimate.

"The totality of the evidence shows clearly and convincingly

that at different points, Mr. Uche talked to both brothers and their mother," Linn wrote.

The ruling came two weeks after Linn held a hearing that the media and public were not allowed to attend.

So it wasn't immediately clear if Uche continued to deny that he spoke to the brothers. Uche didn't immediately reply to a phone message seeking comment.

But the judge said there was convincing evidence that Uche had talked to the brothers and that the subject of those discussions included a \$3,500 check.

The judge didn't elaborate, but at the center of the case against Smollett is the \$3,500 he allegedly paid the brothers to carry out the January 2019 attack in which the Black, openly gay actor told police, two masked men beat him and looped a makeshift noose around his neck before running off.

— From wire reports

Today in HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Aug. 1, the 213th day of 2021. There are 152 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Aug. 1, 1907, the U.S. Army Signal Corps established an aeronautical division, the forerunner of the U.S. Air Force.

On this date:

In 1936, the Olympics opened in Berlin with a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler.

In 1971, the Concert for Bangladesh, organized by George Harrison and Ravi Shankar, took place at New York's Madison Square Garden.

In 1981, the rock music video channel MTV made its debut.

In 2013, defying the United States, Russia granted Edward Snowden temporary asylum, allowing the National Security Agency leaker to slip out of the Moscow airport where he had been holed up for weeks.

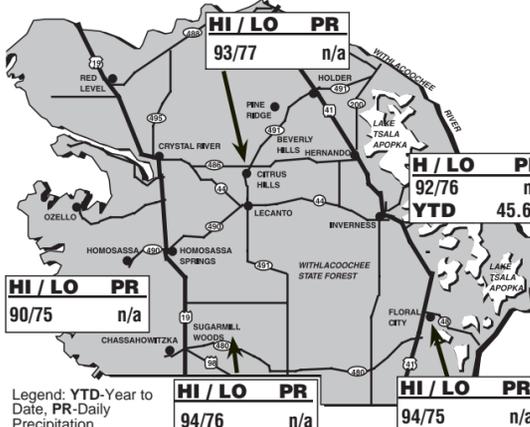
Ten years ago: The U.S. House of Representatives passed, 269-161, emergency legislation to avert the nation's first-ever financial default.

Five years ago: The United States launched multiple airstrikes against Islamic State militants in Libya, opening a new front against the group at the request of the United Nations-backed Libyan government.

One year ago: The coronavirus forced baseball's 17th postponement in 10 days, prompting at least two more players to opt out of playing during the shortened season.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Ramblin' Jack Elliott is 90. Former Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., is 84. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Roy Williams is 71. Blues musician Robert Cray is 68. Rapper Chuck D (Public Enemy) is 61. Rapper Coolio is 58. Actor John Carroll Lynch is 58. Movie director Sam Mendes is 56. Country singer George Ducas is 55. Actor Tempestt Bledsoe is 48. Actor Jason Momoa is 42. Actor Honeysuckle Weeks is 42.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

Table with columns: City, H, L, F'cast. Lists temperatures for cities like Daytona Bch., Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Gainesville, Homestead, Jacksonville, Key West, Lakeland, Melbourne, Miami, Ocala, Orlando, Pensacola, Sarasota, Tallahassee, Tampa, Vero Beach, W. Palm Bch.

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Southwest winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Isolated thunderstorms until late afternoon. Tonight: Southwest winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet.

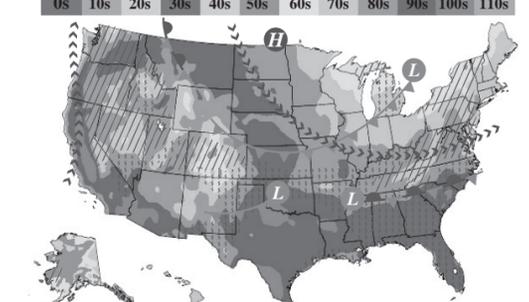
Gulf water temperature 88° Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS

Table with columns: Location, SAT, FRI, Full. Lists lake levels for Withlacoochee at Holder, Tsala Apopka-Hernando, Tsala Apopka-Inverness, Tsala Apopka-Floral City.

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.

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Sunday

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

THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Today & Tomorrow Morning: High: 92° Low: 74° Sunny with a few isolated storms. Monday & Tuesday Morning: High: 92° Low: 74° Partly sunny with scattered storms. Tuesday & Wednesday Morning: High: 91° Low: 73° Partly sunny with scattered storms.

ALMANAC

Table with columns: TEMPERATURE, DEW POINT, HUMIDITY, POLLEN COUNT, AIR QUALITY. Includes values for Yesterday, Record, Normal, Mean temp, etc.

SOLAR TABLES

Table with columns: DATE, DAY, MINOR (MORNING), MAJOR (MORNING), MINOR (AFTERNOON), MAJOR (AFTERNOON). Shows sunrise/sunset times for 08/01 and 08/02.

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

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## Obituaries

### James 'Jim' Daniels Jr., 83

CRYSTAL RIVER

Captain James Miller Daniels Jr., 83, took his last flight on July 20th, 2021 peacefully after being diagnosed with lung cancer.

Dad, grandpa, JD, Captain are among the names he went by and was a friend to many and left an impression on all those he met. He was boisterous until the end and still telling stories. Appropriately as a friend noted he left us on the anniversary of mans landing on the moon, "fly high."

Jim was born on May 20, 1938 in Albany, GA to James Miller Sr. and Hazel Dowdy. He was preceded by his wife Sandra, he leaves behind daughters Ruth (Craig) Leifels, Julie (Tom) Velchek, stepson Norm (Jen), and numerous grandchildren.

Jim spent most of his time in Florida, Fort Myers and Crystal River, FL as his final homestead. As a pilot his feet were never in one place for long, he called Georgia, Washington, Maryland, California and others home along his journey. In his profession as a pilot, he held many different roles; Captain, Copilot, Flight Engineer, teacher, mentor and friend. His love of the water was as great as his love of the sky. Living at Lake Arrowhead in Georgia he was always boating or working the dirt, in Savannah he would travel by boat to River Street. When it was time for him to slow down, he returned to his beloved Crystal River where he spent his youth and school years. He was the local historian and could speak of hours of the "old" Crystal River and the adventures he had then and later in life. Many knew Jim as Fred2's dad, as they were a frequent sight Jim biking and Fred2 ran on his leash. He will be loved by all and missed by many.

The family would like to thank all those who took the time to visit with Jim, call, send emails, words of encouragement and the list continues.

Jim's wishes were to be cremated and he will be with his wife and parents at that time, there will be no formal service per his wishes. If you would like to make a memorial tribute, please direct towards your local animal shelter.

Sign the guest book at [www.chronicleonline.com](http://www.chronicleonline.com).

### Norman Jason

CRYSTAL RIVER AND DURHAM, CONNECTICUT

Norman S. Jason, most recently of Crystal River, Florida, passed away after a brief illness on July 18, 2021, surrounded by family.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife Linda M. Jason. Norman was born on May 16, 1936, the only child of George and Marjorie Jason and grew up in Cohasset, Massachusetts.



Norman Jason

He remained deeply and actively connected to his close-knit Cohasset community throughout his life.

He graduated from Cohasset High School in 1954, where he excelled at football, baseball and basketball, and developed his life-long passion for singing and theater. He continued to shine in athletics and performance at Bates College, graduating in 1958, and earned his Master of

Education degree from Northeastern University in 1960.

Norman held a long and distinguished career in education, first as a history teacher, then as an administrator of independent schools. His service as Headmaster of Pine Point School (Stonington, CT, 1971-1979), The Independent Day School (Middlefield, CT, 1979-1985), and the Crossroads School (Paoli, PA, 1986-1991) transformed these schools in enduring ways. In his later years, Norman served as Admissions Director at The Winchendon School in Winchendon, MA and The Marvelwood School in Kent, CA.

Whether working as a teacher or administrator, Norman always made time to coach athletic teams and direct musical theater productions, cherishing these opportunities to develop personal relationships with students at his schools. The significance of Norman's influence on the lives of generations of students, families, and colleagues cannot be understated.

Norman and Linda retired to Durham, CT, where he immersed himself in the community, participating in the Exchange Club and serving on the local historic district commission, among other activities.

He was an active member of the Middlefield Federated Church where he sang in the choir. He moved to Crystal River, FL in 2017 where he quickly built a full life playing golf with his buddies, volunteering in the local library and soup kitchen, and contributing his beautiful tenor voice to the choirs of both the Crystal River United Methodist Church and the First Baptist Church of Crystal River.

Norman was a long-suffering but devoted Red Sox fan, whose loyalty paid off with their successes in his later years.

Norman is survived by his six children, Cynthia Sullivan (David) of Higganum, CT; Bonnie Jason (David Schneider) of Homer, AK; Meredith Jason (Chris Conte) of Washington, D.C.; Wendy Jason of Takoma Park, MD; Christina Cook (Jeffrey) of State College, PA; and Jeffrey Nelson (Jennifer) of Berkeley, CA, as well as his 11 grandchildren, Carter and Kyle Sullivan; Patrick (Elizabeth), Kenneth, and Emily Schneider; Alex and Billy Conte; Liam and Kieron Cook; and Leif and Elin Nelson.

Norman's love of sports and music and his commitment to education has been passed down through two generations. He supported and took great pride in his children's and grandchildren's endeavors, whether on the playing field, on stage, or in the classroom. His family loved him dearly and treasured every moment they spent with him.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any donations be sent to the Norman S. Jason Endowment Fund at Pine Point School (<https://www.pinepoint.org/support/endowment>) or the Middlefield Federated Church (<http://www.mfct.org/home.html>).

A graveside service was held at Sacred Heart Cemetery, 250 Gypsy Ln, Meriden, CT 06450 on Saturday, July 31st at 10:30 am.

There were no calling hours. Arrangements are under the direction of John J. Ferry & Sons Funeral Home 88 E. Main St., Meriden.

For online condolences, please visit [jfferryfh.com](http://jfferryfh.com).

### Richard Heymer, 64

HERNANDO



Richard Heymer

Richard Luke Heymer, age 64 of Hernando, Florida passed away on June 30, 2021. Devoted husband of Lorraine (nee Zakrzewski). Beloved father of the late Christopher (1983). Survived by 3 brothers and 3 sisters, preceded in death by 1 sister and 1 brother. Loving Uncle of numerous nieces and nephews.

Richard was born in Jersey City, NJ to the late Richard L. Heymer and the late Doris Eich. He lived in Belford, NJ before moving to Hernando, FL 10 years ago. He was a retired carpenter for NJ Carpenters Local 6, Hudson County and a volunteer fireman in Keansburg, NJ. He volunteered at Gulf To Lake Church, Crystal River, FL.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, August 6th at Gulf To Lake Church, 1454 N Gulf Avenue, Crystal River, FL, 11 AM.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Gulf To Lake Church, Crystal River, FL.

Sign the guest book at [www.chronicleonline.com](http://www.chronicleonline.com).

### Philip Largesse Jr., 72

INVERNESS

Philip V. Largesse, Jr., 72, of Inverness, FL passed away on July 24th, 2021 in Inverness. Cremation with Care is under the direction of the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, FL. A Celebration of Life will be held in Massachusetts at a later date.

### Glenn Gonzalez Sr., 66

INVERNESS

On Thursday, June 10, 2021 Glenn Gonzalez, Sr. (Double G/DaBullG) passed away unexpectedly at the age of 66 at Citrus Memorial Hospital in Inverness, FL. Born in Tampa, FL to Johnnie and Grace Gonzalez, he remained a Tampa resident until moving to Inverness, FL when he semi-retired in 2015.

Glenn held many positions throughout his life, but his two most loved careers were as a Hillsborough County deputy and working over 30 years in the radio industry as a Promotions Coordinator, Event Coordinator, Fleet Manager, Engineer Tech and pirate ship float driver. Well, basically, anything and everything, except for being a DJ.

As others have said, WQYK Radio's legacy was built on the back of Double G. He was a man who never met a stranger and easily made and maintained relationships with all types of vendors with whom he could call on to make every event or task he was involved with work smoothly.

He loved to please and would not turn down a request for help. But his greatest joys in life were his family, cooking and fishing and all the better when they were combined. He loved putting on a huge spread for all the holidays, always bringing a large group of family and

friends together.

Glenn was predeceased by his father Johnnie and son Justin. He is survived by and will be greatly missed by his mother, Grace, wife Laura; sons Glenn Gonzalez Jr. (Gina), Michael Gonzalez, Jonathan Gonzalez (Kathi), and Joshua Gonzalez (Kaitlyn), daughters Marissa Nuce (Dennis), Christina Schleman and Sadie Rau (Joshua), sisters Janet Rifkin (Steve) and Doreen Moore (Johnny), former stepdaughter Ashley, nine grandchildren (soon to be twelve!), one great-grandson and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Celebration of Life was held on July 17 at the Dallas Bull in Tampa, FL. Sign the guest book at [www.chronicleonline.com](http://www.chronicleonline.com).



### Wayne Dooley, 78

INVERNESS

DOOLEY, Wayne Scott, 78, of Inverness, FL, passed away Sunday, July 25, 2021.

He was born February 7, 1943 in Abington, PA. He served in the U.S. Army and was a Vietnam War veteran. He worked as a



Wayne Dooley

truck driver and was a member of the VFW Post 10137 Bushnell where he was a Senior Vice Commander, American Legion, and IRRU Inverness.

He is preceded in death by his son, Daniel Dooley.

He is survived by his son, James Dooley; daughters, Lara Aumick and Jennifer Dooley-Huston (Tony); brother, Donald Dooley (Carol); sister, Shirley Yard; grandchildren, Jonathan Dooley, Austin Aumick, Tyler Aumick. Services will be held at 10am, Thursday, August 5, 2021 at Florida National Cemetery, with military honors. Merritt FH (352)796-6699 [www.merrittfuneral.com](http://www.merrittfuneral.com)

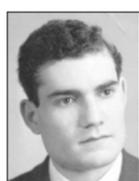
### Francesco Dichiar, 79

INVERNESS

Mr. Francesco Dichiar, age 79 of Inverness, Florida, died Sunday, July 25, 2021 in Inverness, FL. He was born February 13, 1942 in Pantellaria, Italy.

Francesco was a professional tailor with over 50 years experience, beginning his studies when he was 7 years old in Salemi, Italy. At 16 years old, Francesco moved to Turin to learn the art of industrial manufacturing.

After his arrival to the United States, Francesco



Francesco Dichiar

worked for Robert Hall in New York and later started his own company, manufacturing woman's clothing. His passion and love for Tailoring allowed him to continue alterations in Inverness as "Francesco the Tailor." He had endless customers who truly adored his beautiful gentle spirit and generous kind heart.

Truly gifted in reconstructing any clothing, he could alter anything to custom fit any woman or man. Francesco's alterations included anything from simple hems to more complex work, which he enjoyed the most.

A true artist, Francesco was also an accomplished painter and restored stain glass windows in a church. Francesco's family says that he was the most wonderful father and friend. He will be forever in the hearts of his children and family and be missed more than words can express.

He is survived by son, John Frank DiChiara and grandsons Gianfranco and Anthony of Cornelius, NC, his daughter, Joanna DiChiara Westcott of Hernando, FL, and a brother Nino of Italy.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.HooperFuneralHome.com](http://www.HooperFuneralHome.com). Arrangements by the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory.



### Robert 'Bob' Sperber, 86

FLEMING ISLAND, FLA.

Robert (Bob) Louis Sperber of Fleming Island, Florida passed away on July 5th at his home with Darlene by his side as she has been for the more than 65 years they have been married.

Bob was born in 1934 in Chicago, Illinois and spent his life making everyone around him happier for having known him with his funny stories and handsome smile. Bob is a proud U.S. Army Veteran; retired in Merrillville, IN from LTV Steel, and has been active in his communities of Bellingham, WA; Citrus Springs, FL; and Fleming Island, FL as a volunteer and member supporting numerous civic organizations including Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lions Club, Sheriff's Community Patrol, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Lincoln Gardens Homeowners Association, and Parent Teacher Associations, and if you know him well, you've also heard of his experiences "when he worked for the president".

He has been a little league and softball coach and played on sports teams from high school football, softball, bowling, golf, horseshoes, and as a keeper in soccer, and we can't overlook his uncanny abilities with 'foreign languages'.

Bob is survived by his wife Darlene Sperber, children Deborah (and Stanley) Gray, Brian Sperber, Cassandra (and William) Marks, Barry (and Tamara) Sperber; grandchildren Jason Gray, Cory Gray, Louis Thompson, Stephanie Acar, Philip Thompson, Elizabeth Sperber, Jeromy Beck, Nicholas Thompson, Stacie Simmons, and Amanda Sperber; brother Ernest Charles (Chuck) Sperber; and sister Marion Sperber; as well as twelve great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in passing by his parents, Ernest Hugo Sperber and Dorothy Elizabeth Sperber; siblings, Elaine Moore, Ronald Sperber, and Edward Sperber.

A cremation was performed on July 12 per Bob's wishes. A Celebration of Life to honor Bob is planned for October in Fleming Island, Florida. His family will be present to welcome loved ones. Contact family for details. Sign the guest book at [www.chronicleonline.com](http://www.chronicleonline.com).

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### Melanie Kaufman, 52

HOMOSASSA

Melanie E. Kaufman April 17, 1969-July 24, 2021

52 years old

Of Homosassa Florida passed away at home surrounded by her family.

Melanie was born in Tampa Florida, the younger of identical twins and spent the last 40 years in the Citrus County area having lived in Staten Island New York and the Tampa Bay area.

Melanie and her twin sister Michele graduated from Crystal River High School. Melanie spent her

life as a waitress serving the citizens of Citrus County and the surrounding areas with a loyal following that frequented wherever she worked.

Melanie was a member of the American Legion Post 155 Auxiliary having served 6 years as the secretary. She loved to draw and color, often sitting on the floor coloring with her grandchildren. She loved to read. The swimming pool in the backyard was Melanie's domain.

She had a large sea turtle raft that she used in the pool. Melanie was a mermaid for life. If it had to do with mermaids, Mel had it. Everything for Mel was nautical. She decorated her entire home under a nautical theme from sea life to ships and landscapes.

Melanie was married on November 20, 2016, in Homosassa to Gerald Kaufman and they lived in Homosassa Florida.

Melanie was preceded in death by her sister Holly Johnson, Her stepfather Francis Derouin, and Father Joseph Johnson.

Melanie is survived by her Husband Gerald Kaufman of Homosassa, Sons, Stephen Hollar Wife Tonya of Branford Florida, and Falcon Height of Fort Campbell Kentucky. Daughters, Alisha Brady Husband Jeff of Lecato Florida, and Heather Hollar of Miami Oklahoma. Brothers Mike Clayton Wife Debbie of St Petersburg Florida. Sisters Michele Shreve Husband William (Bill) of Homosassa Florida, JoAnne Johnson Wife Jeannette Rivera of Ocala Florida. Mother Barbara Derouin of Homosassa Florida and many other family members. Melanie had fourteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

There will be a celebration of life at the family home, 6420 W Patriot St Homosassa Florida on August 7, 2021. The service will begin at 10:00 am followed by the celebration that Melanie requested. Melanie wanted everyone to share in the pool that she so loved and to play cornhole and have one last get together in her honor. We ask that you bring a dish to share and what ever you choose to drink.

In lieu of flowers, The family requests that donations be made in Melanie's name to the Landmark Baptist Church 5713 284th Street Branford Florida 32008.

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**Worth NOTING**

**Equality Caucus to host representative speaker**

The Democratic Equality Caucus of Citrus County will meet at 7 p.m. Aug. 9 via Zoom.

Representative Carlos Guillermo Smith of Florida House District 49 will be the guest speaker.



**Carlos Guillermo Smith**

Guillermo Smith was elected to District 49 in the Florida House of Representatives in 2016, which serves east Orlando and parts of Orange County.

He brought back millions of dollars in state funding to his community for wounded combat veterans, first responders, the developmentally disabled, arts and culture programs and those affected by the Pulse nightclub tragedy.

In addition to being named Florida PTA Legislator of the Year in 2020, Guillermo Smith is a respected civil rights leader who has championed cannabis reform and gun safety.

He made history with his election by

becoming Florida's first openly LGBTQ Latinx state lawmaker and lives in Union Park with his husband Jerick Mediavilla, an educator from Corozal, Puerto Rico.

To register for the meeting, visit [tinyurl.com/mt639p5e](http://tinyurl.com/mt639p5e).

**Take a closer look at Florida's springs**

The Sierra Club Adventure Coast will host a virtual meeting, "Beneath the Surface of the Florida Springs," from 7 to 8 p.m. Aug. 18 via Zoom.

Guest speaker Ryan Smart, director of the Florida Springs Council, will speak about the state's imperiled springs and the efforts to protect them.

To register, visit [tinyurl.com/38hvpa36](http://tinyurl.com/38hvpa36). For more information, visit [sierraclub.org/florida/adventure-coast](http://sierraclub.org/florida/adventure-coast), the Sierra Club Adventure Coast Group on Facebook, call 352-277-3330 or email [sierraclubadventurecoastcc@gmail.com](mailto:sierraclubadventurecoastcc@gmail.com).

**Democratic Women's Club to meet via Zoom**

The Democratic Women's Club of Citrus County will have their monthly meeting at 2 p.m. Aug. 7 via Zoom.

Abeni Davies, Florida digital organizer at All On The Line, will be the guest speaker.

All On The Line is a national campaign that works to end gerrymandering and map manipulation, so that we may have a government that is reflective of the communities it represents.

A short business meeting will follow. Attendees must be registered democrats.

To RSVP, visit [tinyurl.com/fph4dbnz](http://tinyurl.com/fph4dbnz).

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**Nature Coast Republicans to meet in Crystal River**

The Nature Coast Republican Club will meet at 9 a.m. Aug. 14 at the Hampton Inn, 1103 Suncoast Blvd. in Crystal River. A \$5 hotel breakfast will be available at 8:30 a.m.

The guest speaker will be Maureen "Mo" Baird, Citrus County supervisor of elections. She will speak about election law updates.

For additional information, email [NCRC2021@aol.com](mailto:NCRC2021@aol.com).

— From staff reports

**Obituary**



**Dallas Mighell**



**Dallas Mighell, 80**

HOMOSASSA

Dallas E. Mighell, 80, of Homosassa, FL, passed away on Monday, July 26, 2021 surrounded by his loving family at his home.

A native of Buncombe, IL, he was born Aug. 3, 1940 to Willard and Irene (Yawney) Mighell, he was one of three children. Dallas proudly and honorably served his country in the U.S. Army Reserves for two years as a young man and became a long distance truck driver.

In 1980, he moved to Citrus County from Indianapolis, IN and in 1986 founded Dallas Land Clearing & Demolition. Dallas had since retired some years ago, but was still active in his family business. Mr. Mighell had a passion for hot peppers and liked to grow and eat the hottest he could!

When he wasn't working he enjoyed making home made salsa with tomatoes from the Jeff's produce, drinking Coca-Cola and watching NASCAR, going to estate auctions and flea markets, and classic car shows where he would show his prized red 1967 Shelby Cobra, he was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to his parents, Dallas was preceded in death by a son, Dennis Allen Mighell, and a sister Millie Kaufman.

He is survived by children Ron "Ronnie" Mighell (wife Leslee), of Hernando, FL and Melissa Lea, of Lecanto, FL; his former wife and mother of

his children, Wanda Shell, Hernando, FL; loving companion, Sandra Johnson, Homosassa, FL; sister Carolyn Wolf(Brad), Greentown, IN; granddaughter Heather Tarsia (husband Steven), great grandchildren Tyler, Breanna and Dayna Ferguson of Citrus Springs, FL and grandson Lawson Lea, Lecanto, FL; many nieces, nephews and cousins in Indiana and Illinois. Also, his beloved chihuahuas Joe, Cobra and Nonnie.

Friends will be received on Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021 from 12:30 to 1:30 P.M. at Wilder Funeral Home, Homosassa, where a Celebration Of Life will begin at 1:30 P.M. starting with military honors being rendered by the American Legion Post #155 Honor Guard, Crystal River. [www.wilderfuneral.com](http://www.wilderfuneral.com).

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# SHELTER

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\$7 million to \$8 million on a new animal shelter on county-owned property near the detention facility. Fundraising efforts, including those led by the Citrus County Chronicle, will provide money for add-ons.

About \$235,870 has been raised through donors sending checks to the Chronicle, which turns them over to Commissioner Ruthie Davis Schlabach. The donations include a pair of anonymous \$100,000 checks.

Kinnard said he believes

**LifeStream Behavioral Services has told county officials it plans to build a new mental health and addiction services campus at the site of the former facility run by The Centers on County Road 491 near the College of Central Florida Citrus Campus.**

MIKE WRIGHT/Chronicle

the shelter should stay on the county property in Lecanto, but he would be open to discussing moving it to the new proposed LifeStream site.

"I don't know that they've got enough room on that piece of property," he said. "If they do have the room out there, it would be worth having that conversation. We need to make sure they've got ample space to do what they need to do there."

Schlabach, who sends thank-you notes to donors, said the shelter should be sited near LifeStream, particularly because of its close proximity to College of Central Florida.

"That would be the perfect scenario if we could do that," she said.

Schlabach said if it comes to that, she hopes the county can avoid having to buy property for the shelter.

"It would have to be donated. I'm always more about donations," she said. "There's a lot of land in that vicinity. There's some options."

## THE ORANGE LINE: SO YOU KNOW

- Service restarts Monday, Aug. 9.
- No fares until Oct. 1, including door-to-door.
- Facemasks required for all riders.
- Buses run from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- The transit office is at 1300 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto. Phone: 352-527-7630
- For route information, go to [www.citrusbocc.com](http://www.citrusbocc.com) and search for transit under departments.

**PLEASE NOTE: Because the system is federally funded, masks are required to be worn when riding on all buses.**

## ORANGE

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Granger said the Orange Line is particularly helpful for Citrus County's population.

"They need to be able to get to their appointments," she said.

The county has eight Orange Line buses and 18 door-to-door buses.

Granger said interest in door-to-door picked up shortly after the Orange Line discontinued in April 2020. The

door-to-door requires a two days' notice to the county.

Federal and state funding generally make up most of the transit's budget, but this year and until 2025, the county will have enough CARES Act funds to cover the entire transit operational budget, Granger said.

Because the system is federally funded, masks are required on all buses.

Granger said she hopes Citrus residents will make use of the fixed-route system.

"If you time it right," she said, "you can get where you need to go."

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# ACADEMY

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“That’s going to drill a hole all the way through,” Bidlack said as she pulled a lever to lower a circular and serrated drill bit toward a wooden board.

Noticing her young apprentice’s hesitation, Bidlack switched off the machine.

“You nervous?” Bidlack asked the 10-year-old, who began to inch toward the workbench, pushing her safety glasses back into place.

Anastyn told Bidlack she watched her dad use a similar tool, and, with Bidlack’s instruction and supervision, the young student was quick to do the work herself.

“I think we’re almost there ... a little bit more,” Bidlack said before stopping the drill to check its progress through the inch-thick plank. “We’ll get used to this.”

Wood shavings flew everywhere.

“We get to make a mess,” Bidlack said to a smiling Anastyn.

After a few more seconds, the sound of drilling into wood stopped to signal the task was done, putting Anastyn another step closer to finishing her handmade toolbox.

“It was fun,” the girl said before taking her work-in-progress off to the next station inside the Cornerstone Baptist Church.

Anastyn and the almost 10 other children building toolboxes alongside her July 23 didn’t have to take a field trip from their church in Inverness to create their projects.

Citrus Construction Academy volunteers drove their bus and mobile workstation, equipped bench saws and drawers of tools, right up to the church’s front door.

It’s been a mission of the academy since its inception as a nonprofit in 2017 under the Citrus County Building Alliance to get more youths interested in construction trades.

“We’re making



The Citrus Construction Academy is a mobile teaching tool in the form of a former school bus. Above, vice president of the academy Donna Bidlack’s reflection is seen in rearview mirror of the bus.



Donna Bidlack helps Anastyn Tucker, 10, drill a hole in a piece of wood aboard the academy bus.

progress,” academy president Harold Walker said. “It’s really exciting.”

Since the academy bought it from the Key Training Center in October 2020, the former school bus has evolved as a brainchild of Bidlack and other board members to take part in that endeavor.

Thanks to a recent donation from Lowe’s, the construction academy could put the finishing touches on its bus, like a decal wrap and other upgrades to help attract and engage children.

“When we pictured this, we pictured the Magic School Bus, but way

cooler,” Bidlack said, referring to the 1994 children’s television series. “So getting this far and seeing the whole process is so fulfilling. ... It turned out better than I ever thought it could be.”

Walker said he has some more things in mind for the academy’s bus, like a PA system and ways to electrify the vehicle without having to plug into a building’s outside outlet.

“I’m trying to think of every scenario,” he said.

Walker said being a part of what his colleagues imagined has been incredible.

“I got drafted for a great

team and we made it to the Super Bowl,” he said.

Bidlack, who’s vice president of the construction academy, said it’s gratifying to see her hands-on lessons instill self-assurance in the young workers.

“You can see and feel the change in their confidence level once they’ve done it,” she said, “and, for me, that’s huge — I like to empower anybody.”

Anastyn said her biggest takeaway from her construction academy experience was safety.

“So you don’t cut your hand off,” she said, adding she hopes to use her new skills when helping her dad build shelves at home.

It’s the academy’s ultimate goal to help create a postsecondary and dual-enrollment construction training program on the grounds of local schools, similar to the Citrus County School District’s specialized academies it offers high schoolers.

For more information about the Citrus Construction Academy, like how to volunteer and donate, visit citrusbuilders.com/Citrus-Construction-Academy.

Walker sketched a 10,000-square-foot floor plan of his dream

construction academy for Citrus County, filled with classrooms sponsored by local business to teach — among other subjects

— carpentry, electricity, plumbing, air conditioning, home automation and solar installations.

“That was the dream,” he said, “but that’s so far off.”

Walker said plans are in the works to start construction courses at Citrus High School.

“It’s a start,” he said. “Our goal is to have classes, program, academy.”

Lindsay Blair, a spokeswoman for the school district, confirmed Citrus High is drafting up curriculum for the 2022-23 school year.

Blair said the district would also welcome a larger construction academy if there was enough interest from the student body.

“Anytime we can accommodate students who are passionate about a certain field, and we have a lot of feedback and a lot of willingness for certain areas or a certain profession,” Blair said, “we’re going to do our part.”

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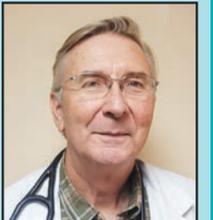
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Citrus County LIHEAP assists low-income residents with utility bill payments by assisting families with heating and cooling costs. Their automated

appointment system helps Citrus County residents schedule a home energy assistance appointment and learn more about the program and documents required for an appointment. Appointments are scheduled up to two weeks in advance.

LIHEAP is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

LIHEAP is not designed to pay a household's total

energy costs, but to provide supplemental assistance. Ordinarily, applications for LIHEAP are accepted by appointment only due to the demand for assistance.

For more information, call 352-527-7520 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**FCC has broadband discount program**

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) launched the Emergency

Broadband Benefit (EBB) program, which provides a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service.

Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer or tablet from participating providers.

A household is eligible if a member of the household has an income that is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines or participates in certain assistance programs; experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since Feb. 29, 2020, with a total household income

at or below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers; meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

For more qualifying criteria and information, visit [fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](http://fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit).

— From staff reports

**PROSPERITY**

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**Sobering stats**

State data shows over half the households in Citrus County are ALICE (asset-limited, income-constrained, employed). Overall, 15.7% of citizens live below the poverty line, but taking into consideration children under 18, the number jumps to 26.2%.

Bottom line: There are nearly 6,000 children living in poverty in Citrus County and that is unacceptable, said County Commissioner Holly Davis, who is leading the charge locally, along with the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce and other governmental, community and nonprofit representatives.

While the event is about bringing people in the neighborhood together for a good time, it's also about ascertaining the needs of the folks who live in that area and come up with a plan to help them.

Prosperity Citrus members believe it's easier to do that in an old-fashioned community get-together.

**34428, 34429 to start with**

For the inaugural event, Prosperity Citrus is inviting Crystal River folks who live in the zip codes 34428 — identified by the chamber as the most impoverished ZIP code in Citrus County with 56.9% poverty — and 34429 to attend.

Davis said the idea is to meet with the neighborhood, have a meal, play games — all in a non-intimidating environment.

She said it is for "families living on the edge or below the edge."

"That's who we want there," she said. "We want them to succeed and know that we're there to help."

She stressed that this is for people who live in those two ZIP codes and not for anyone and everyone in the county.

The chamber has identified 10 root causes of poverty and are the 10 pillars to prosperity: food, housing, health, safety, justice, voice, education, transportation, child care and employment.

Davis wants to start conversations with folks and develop relationships.

"Many times, folks want to achieve something and don't know how to do it or that tools exist," she said.

Each ZIP code has its specific needs and the events will be tailored to meet those needs.

There will be 10 tables set up to allow residents and mentors to meet and talk. "We want them to succeed and know that we're here to help," Davis said.

When the event is over, she hopes people will go away happy and armed with knowledge about how to secure help for their individual needs.

**Cookout details**

The free event includes a cookout at the city of Crystal River YMCA Community Engagement Center, where residents in the neighborhood can have hot dogs, hamburgers, snow cones, popcorn and more.

Local emergency management responders will be there, along with basketball players and the Harlem Globetrotters.

Citrus County Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Josh Wooten said the initiative will eventually get around to all 13 Citrus County ZIP codes.

The plan is to combine two or three ZIP codes at a time.

Trained counselors, he said, will be at each event to answer people's questions and share with them what resources are available countywide.

Specifically, they want to know their neighborhood's issues, whether they need assistance, job training, location of neighborhood food banks.

"We have a lot of economic services but if you don't know about them, they can't help you," Wooten said.

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While Prosperity Citrus is designed to help low-income folks, the success of the program will ultimately benefit everyone who lives in Citrus County.

There are 149,657 people who live in the county. Florida Chamber projections call for another 12,000 to 30,000 to move here in the next decade.

If those estimates hold, it means Citrus County will have to create 5,000 new jobs by 2030, Wilson said at a Citrus County Chamber luncheon in January.

That, he added, will be difficult if such poverty is allowed to worsen and reading scores of third-graders are not improved.

For more information about the Aug. 7 event in Crystal River, call 352-726-1931, ext. 2240.

To learn more about Prosperity Citrus and the poverty rates in each ZIP code in Citrus County and statewide, visit [www.flchamber.com/floridagapmap](http://www.flchamber.com/floridagapmap).

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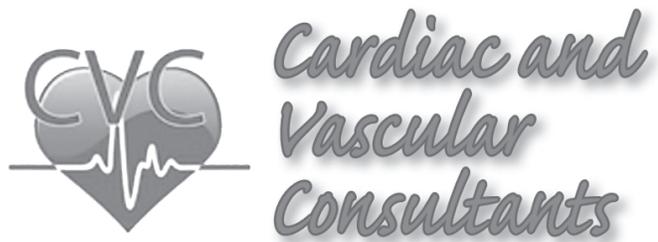
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**A workman works next to a pillar with a Tibetan motif carved over it Saturday at a ropeway building in Dharmasala, India.**

**Agency: Trump is due \$1M tax refund for skyscraper**

An Illinois tax agency has ruled that former President Donald Trump is due a \$1 million refund on the 2011 tax bill for his downtown Chicago skyscraper, but local officials are trying to block the refund.

The Chicago Sun-Times reports that at issue is the Cook County Board of Review's estimation of the value of the the Trump International Hotel & Tower's rooms and retail space. In June, the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board voted 5-0 to reduce the assessment on the building's commercial property.

The vote means that Trump is owed \$1.03 million, money that would come out of the property taxes due the city of Chicago, the Chicago Public Schools and several other government agencies. The Cook County State's Attorney is disputing the refund and has filed a lawsuit with the Illinois Appellate Court in the hopes of blocking it.

**French police clash with pass protesters in Paris**

PARIS — Thousands in France protesting a special virus pass marched through Paris on Saturday, with French police in full riot gear using their fists to push some demonstrators back and firing tear gas against some crowds.

Some 3,000 security forces deployed around the French capital for a third weekend of protests against the pass that will be needed to enter restaurants and other places.

French authorities are implementing the health pass because the highly contagious delta variant is making strong inroads. More than 24,000 new daily cases were confirmed Friday night — compared to just a few thousand cases a day at the start of the month.

**Evacuations by sea as high temps fuel wildfires in Sicily**

MILAN — Firefighters on the Italian island of Sicily on Saturday battled dozens of wildfires fueled by temperatures topping 113 degrees Fahrenheit, prompting the region's governor to request assistance from Rome.

Some 150 people trapped in two seaside areas in the city of Catania were evacuated late Friday by sea, where they were picked up by rubber dinghies and transferred to Coast Guard boats. A beach concession area with sunbeds and umbrellas was completely destroyed by fire.

The Catania airport also was briefly closed to give precedence to helicopters and planes battling the flames.

— From wire reports

# Florida breaks record

## More than 21,000 new COVID cases reported Saturday

**MIKE SCHNEIDER**  
*Associated Press*

ORLANDO — Florida reported 21,683 new cases of COVID-19, the state's highest one-day total since the start of the pandemic, according to federal health data released Saturday, as its theme park resorts again started asking visitors to wear masks indoors.

The state has become the new national epicenter for the virus, accounting for around a fifth of all new cases in the U.S.

Republican Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis has resisted mandatory mask mandates and vaccine requirements, and along with the state Legislature, has limited local officials' ability to impose restrictions meant to stop the spread of COVID-19. DeSantis on Friday barred school districts from requiring students to wear masks when classes resume next month.

The latest numbers were recorded on Friday and released on Saturday on the U.S. Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention's website. The figures show how quickly the number of cases is rising in the Sunshine State: only a day earlier, Florida reported 17,093 new daily cases. The previous peak in Florida had been 19,334 cases reported on Jan. 7, before the availability of vaccinations became widespread.

The Florida Hospital Association said Friday that statewide COVID-19 hospitalizations are nearing last year's peak, and one of the state's largest health care

systems, AdventHealth's Central Florida Division, this week advised it would no longer be conducting nonemergency surgeries in order to free up resources for COVID-19 patients.

Universal Orlando Resort and SeaWorld on Saturday became the latest theme park resorts in Florida to again ask visitors to wear masks indoors, with Universal also ordering its employees to wear face coverings to protect against COVID-19, which has been surging across the state.

# HEATED DEBATE ON MASKS

## *Guidance divides parents heading into new school year*

**PAT EATON-ROBB**  
*Associated Press*

HARTFORD, Conn. — With U.S. health officials recommending that children mask up in school this fall, parents and policy makers across the nation have been plunged anew into a debate over whether face coverings should be optional or a mandate.

The delta variant of the coronavirus now threatens to upend normal instruction for a third consecutive school year. Some states have indicated they will probably heed the federal government's guidance and require masks. Others will leave the decision up to parents.

The controversy is unfolding at a time when many Americans are at their wits' end with pandemic restrictions and others fear their children will be put at risk by those who don't take the virus seriously enough. In a handful of Republican-led states, lawmakers made it illegal for schools to require masks.

In Connecticut, anti-mask rallies have happened outside Gov. Ned Lamont's official residence in Hartford, and lawn signs and bumper stickers call on him to "un-mask our kids." The Democrat has said that he's likely to follow the latest advice from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC on Tuesday recommended indoor masks for all teachers, staff, students and visitors at schools nationwide, regardless of vaccination status. The agency cited the risk of spread of the highly contagious delta variant, even among vaccinated people.

Alima Bryant, 33, a mother of four who organizes anti-mask parents in Branford, Connecticut, said she's not a conspiracy theorist, but she believes scientists have overstated the dangers of COVID-19,



Associated Press

**Joann Marcus of Fort Lauderdale, left, cheers as she listens to the Broward School Board's emergency meeting, Wednesday in Fort Lauderdale. A small but vocal group spoke vehemently against masks, saying their personal rights were being eroded and their children were suffering socially.**

especially for children. She said she will take her children out of school rather than subject them to wearing masks, which she believes are more likely to make them ill than the virus.

"Especially with little kids, I can imagine how often they're touching dirty things, then touching the mask," she said. "Also, in kindergarten, you have to learn social cues, and even with speech and everything, it's so important to not be wearing a mask."

But parents such as Ryan Zimmerman, of Lenexa, Kansas, fear that approach will prolong the pandemic.

In Johnson County, Kansas, the state's most populous county, five districts recommend but do not require masks. A sixth district has not yet decided.

Zimmerman, speaking at a recent meeting of county commissioners, said that if masks are only recommended and not required, "95% of kids won't be wearing them."

Another public meeting, this one in Broward County, Florida, had to be postponed for a day this week after roughly two dozen mask opponents waged screaming matches with school board members and burned masks outside the building.

When the discussion resumed Wednesday, it was limited to 10 public speakers, and all but one spoke vehemently against masks, saying their personal rights were being eroded.

# Tenants prepare for the unknown

## *As eviction moratorium ends*

**MICHAEL CASEY**  
*Associated Press*

BOSTON — Tenants saddled with months of back rent are facing the end of the federal eviction moratorium Saturday, a move that could lead to millions being forced from their homes just as the highly contagious delta variant of the coronavirus is rapidly spreading.

The Biden administration announced Thursday it would allow the nationwide ban to expire, saying it wanted to extend it due to rising infections but its hands were tied after the U.S. Supreme Court signaled in June that it wouldn't be extended beyond the end of July without congressional action.

House lawmakers on Friday attempted, but failed, to pass a bill to extend the moratorium even for a few months. Some Democratic lawmakers had wanted it extended until the end of the year.

"August is going to be a rough month because a lot of people will be displaced from their homes," said Jeffrey Hearne, director of litigation Legal Services of Greater Miami Inc. "It will be at numbers we haven't seen before. There are a lot of people who are



Associated Press

**Roxanne Schaefer, of West Warwick, R.I., stands for a photograph outside of her apartment building, in West Warwick, Tuesday, July 27. Schaefer, who is months behind on rent, is bracing for the end to a CDC federal moratorium Saturday, July 31, a move that could result in millions of people being evicted just as the highly contagious delta variant of the coronavirus is rapidly spreading.**

protected by the ... moratorium."

The moratorium, put in place by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in September to try to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, is credited with keeping 2 million people in their homes over the past year as the pandemic battered the economy,

according to the Princeton University's Eviction Lab. Eviction moratoriums will remain in place in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Illinois, California and Washington, D.C., until they expire later this year.

Elsewhere, the end of the federal moratorium means evictions

could begin Monday, leading to a years' worth of evictions over several weeks and ushering in the worst housing crisis since the Great Recession.

More than 15 million people live in households that owe as much as \$20 billion to their landlords, according to the Aspen Institute. As of July 5, roughly 3.6 million people in the U.S. said they faced eviction in the next two months, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey.

Parts of the South and other regions with weaker tenant protections will likely see the largest spikes, and communities of color, where vaccination rates are sometimes lower, will be hit hardest. But advocates say this crisis is likely to have a wider impact than pre-pandemic evictions, reaching suburban and rural areas and working families who lost their jobs and never before experienced an eviction.

The crisis will only get worse in September when the first foreclosure proceedings are expected to begin. An estimated 1.75 million homeowners — roughly 3.5% of all homes — are in some sort of forbearance plan with their banks, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. By comparison, about 10 million homeowners lost their homes to foreclosure after the housing bubble burst in 2008.



## VETERANS NOTES

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

### COMING UP

#### Purple Heart breakfast on tap

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

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

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

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

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

### GOOD TO KNOW

#### Weekly karaoke at Post 10087

VFW Post 10087 will host karaoke from 6 to 9 p.m. every Saturday at the post, 2170 W. Vet Lane in Beverly Hills. For more information, call the post at 352-746-0440.

#### MOPH mobile education exhibit

The Military Order of the Purple Heart Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776 will host a mobile education exhibit from Wreaths Across America at 9 a.m. Oct. 18 at Liberty Park, 268 N. Apopka Ave. in Inverness.

The mission of Wreaths Across America is to remember the fallen, honor those who serve, teach children the value of freedom and bring together active-duty service members, veterans and civilians.

Community members will also have the opportunity to purchase a wreath for \$15 to be placed on a grave at Florida National Cemetery on Dec. 18. To request a specific gravesite, bring the full name of the veteran, the site and grave number.

At Liberty Park, guests will be able to talk to local veterans groups and sign up to vote in the next election. For additional information, call Sandy Cross at mom4sba@tampabay.rr.com.

#### Come for weekly fish fry

The VFW Post 10087 hosts a fish fry from 4:30 to 5:45 every Friday at the post, 2170 W. Vet Lane in Beverly Hills.

The event is open to the public and includes haddock fillet, scalloped potatoes and coleslaw for \$8.

#### MOAA to talk Veterans Village

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

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

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

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

#### Sponsor a gravesite wreath

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

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

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

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

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

#### WTC scholarships available

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

The funds may be used for the purchase of

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## American Legion Riders 237 honor the fallen, veterans and their families



Special to the Chronicle  
American Legion Riders 237, along with members of the community, placed 5,000 U.S. flags on graves recently to honor fallen soldiers, veterans and their families. They were escorted on their ride by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office. From left are: Deputy Geoffrey Blotz; Jimmy Brown, Riders Chapter 237 assistant director; Sheriff Mike Prendergast; and Sgt. Heath Schaffer.

## Amvets Post 89 swears in new officers



Special to the Chronicle  
At the Amvets Post 89 June meeting, officers were sworn in by past post commander Floyd Blodgett. The term of office for new officers will run from June 2021 to June 2022. Amvets members are active duty and honorably discharged veterans from all branches of services. They are chartered by congress to assist veterans in all aspects of their lives from disability claims to finding jobs. Post 89 provides assistance to veterans and partners with other veteran service organizations. The post also participates in local school supply drives, cemetery cleanups, American flag retirement, supports high school JROTC, Girl Scout and Brownie Troops, Nature Coast Young Marines, the VA and local assisted-living facilities. Meetings are at 6:30 p.m. the third Monday of every month, at 1 Civic Circle in Beverly Hills. New members are welcome. From left are: Floyd Blodgett, past commander and trustee; Gene Perrino, judge advocate and trustee; Arnold Rodriguez, finance officer and adjutant; Mike Yates, provost marshal and trustee; Louanne Braglin, first vice; Roger Ingall, post commander; and Bernard Gray, chaplain and second vice.

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

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

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

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Annie gives advice

Dear Annie: My wife and I are in a pickle. We are friends with another couple, "Josh" and "Vanessa." Vanessa happens to be a teacher at our kids' school. One day, I was picking up my offspring and started chatting with her. I could tell she was sad and asked her about it. That's when the floodgates opened.



DEAR ANNIE

Second, if need be, should we tell Josh at some point? If we were to tell him, Vanessa would hate us. But otherwise, Josh would hate us after eventually finding out. What would you do? — and started chatting with her. I could tell she was sad and asked her about it. That's when the floodgates opened. She started telling me how she's racked up credit card debt, and she said Josh doesn't know about it. Josh has been under a lot of stress, and she doesn't want to tell him. I consoled her and asked how much, thinking maybe a few hundred bucks. Her: "17." Me: "Thousand?" Her: (slowly nods) I lied and told her it's OK. I also told her she has to tell Josh. She agreed and said she's planning on doing it next month, after he's past a deadline at work. Then she asked whether my wife and I would lend her \$500 for the time being so she could pay the minimum. I told her we'd talk it over. So now we've got two questions. First, should we give her the money? ... Send questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

Today's MOVIES

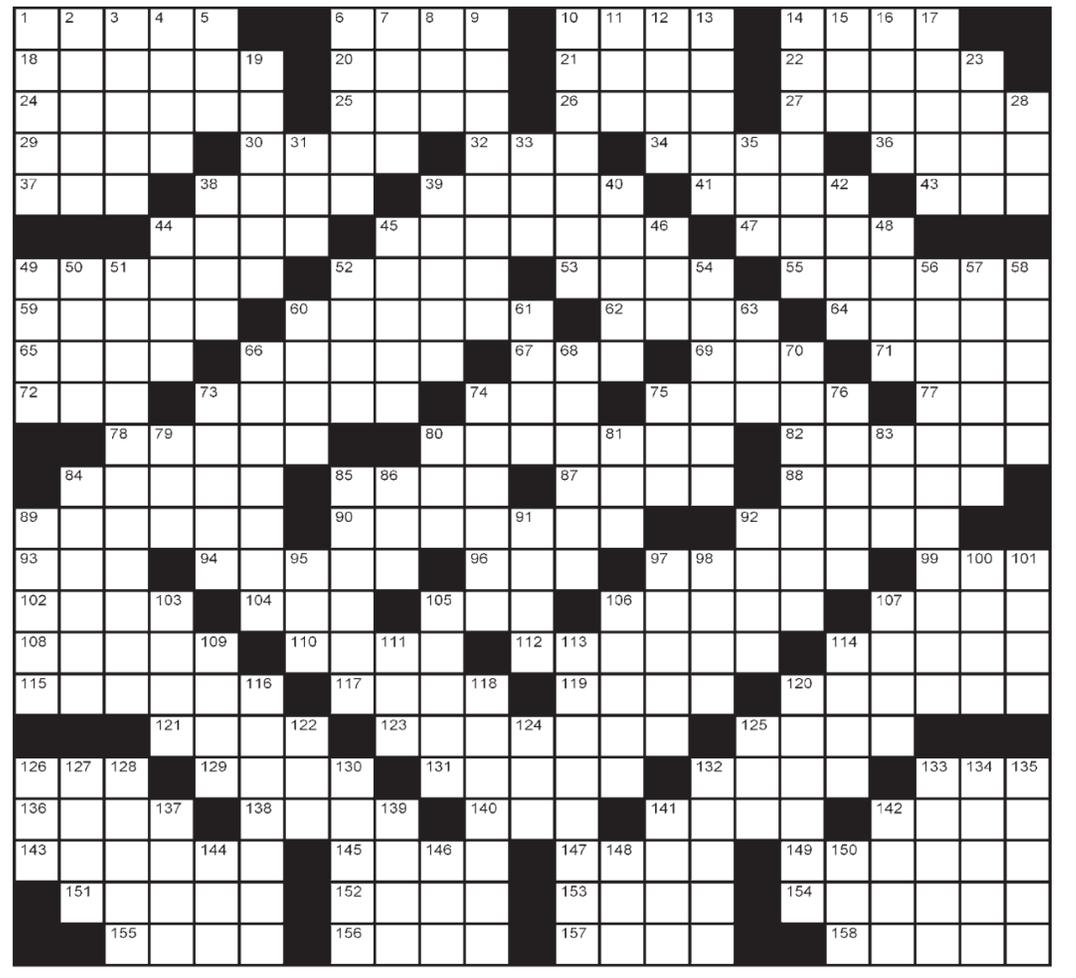
Table listing movie titles, times, and ratings for Citrus Cinemas 6 Inverness and Valerie Theatre, Inverness. Movies include 'Jungle Cruise', 'Old', 'Snake Eyes', 'Space Jam: A New Legacy', 'Black Widow', 'The Last of the Mohicans', 'Toy Story', 'A Dog's Purpose', 'Erin Brokovich', 'Frozen', 'As Good as It Gets', and 'To Kill a Mockingbird'.

Sunday PUZZLER

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6 Loud sound
10 Helper (Abbr.)
14 Long narrative poem
18 Stay
20 Nimbus
21 Burrowing creature
22 Steam
24 Attribute
25 Rainbow goddess
26 Sign on a door
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30 — eagle
32 Cup handle
34 Poke
36 Car for a VIP
37 Before
38 Ringlet
39 Copycat
41 Under the covers
43 Morning moisture
44 Stop
45 Extreme
47 Accessory for 35-Down
49 — lucida
52 Old Roman orator
53 The Bard's river
55 Interfere
59 Airborne
60 College lecturer
62 Particular
64 "Golden Girls" city
65 Boor
66 Farm machine
67 Linden or Ketchum
69 Knock
71 Stepped (on)
72 Swamp
73 Adjusted an instrument
74 Jewel
75 Plant part
77 Had a snack
78 Dense
80 Japanese warrior of yore
82 Tenant
84 Home of soccer's Pharaohs
85 Bouquet
87 Country
88 Ebb and neap
89 Sculptor's tool
90 Tall tower
92 Was concerned
93 Sprinted
94 Chopped
96 Empty the inside of
97 Thin piece
99 Devilkin
102 Designer — Cassini
104 Mil. rank
105 Animal enclosure
106 Overcharge
107 Wound mark
108 — evil

- 110 Lucy's ex
112 Come out
114 Layered rock
115 Leave high and dry
117 Rank
119 Burden of proof
120 In fact
121 Mountain lake
123 Breastbone
125 Valiant
126 Cigar residue
129 Singer — Simone
131 "So long, amigo!"
132 Horse's foot
133 Army constabulary
136 Form of "John"
138 Touched
140 Beret
141 By — or by crook
142 Painter — Chagall
143 Family member
145 The Buckeye State
147 — Khayyam
149 European peninsula
151 Variety show
152 Poet — Teasdale
153 Master
154 Not so hard
155 Repair
156 Wallop
157 Join draft animals
158 Disreputable
51 Climber on Everest
52 Nat King —
54 Sea nymph
56 Of ambulance crew members
57 Overacts
58 Jockey
60 Cold and wet
61 The ones there
63 Chart
66 Arcadian
68 Talisman
70 Be involved
73 Worn out
74 Kind of sale
75 — Luis Obispo
76 River in France
79 That man's
80 Favorite —
81 Rodent
83 Work in verse
84 Swiss house
85 Breakfast item
86 Performed
89 Traverse
91 Letter with magical power
92 Imprison
95 Payment option (Abbr.)
97 Public meeting
98 Hauls
100 Shopping haven
101 Victim
103 Troublesome bug
105 Work by Michelangelo
106 Group in biology
107 Food fish
109 — even keel
111 Sib.
113 Real estate board game
114 The "I"
116 Went aimlessly
118 Old British soldier
120 Beginner
122 Compass letters
124 Estuary
125 Disapproving cry
126 Snake
127 Burn superficially
128 Seraglio
130 At —
132 Vast multitude
133 "Ave —"
134 Snooped
135 Frightening
137 Snow field
139 Spring event
141 "Hark!"
142 Interlock
144 Mother Superior
146 Nest-egg letters
148 Low
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# NOTES

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

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

## FVN holds monthly meetings

Female Veterans Network (FVN) invites all

female veterans to their monthly meeting on the second Thursday monthly at the Citrus County Resource Center on 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto. The meeting is held in the cafeteria.

Masks and social distancing are strongly encouraged.

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

For information or to support FVN, contact Cynthia at 352-628-6481, Jo Monty at 352-527-6575 or visit femaleveteransnetwork.org.

## Buy a pin, support the FVN

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

For information, call 352-628-3246.

## Post 155 serves breakfast

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

## Sing, play at VFW post

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

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

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

## Vittles for Vets at Post 10087

VFW Post 10087 Harry F. Nesbitt will be hosting Vittles for Vets at 4 p.m. every

Tuesday at the post, 2170 W. Vet Lane in Beverly Hills.

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

## CCVC services re: COVID-19

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

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

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

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# 'Bingo Queen' celebrates 99th birthday

## Special to the Chronicle

With thunderstorms outside the social hall at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Inverness, 99-year-old Mary Piercy celebrated her birthday as she has for more than 25 years — by playing bingo.

She celebrated with more than 90 other players at the church's Tuesday afternoon bingo program.

Piercy was crowned as "Bingo Queen" for the day among clapping, singing and birthday cake. Piercy now relies on a walker and some oxygen, but her mind is alert and engaged as she daubs the numbers called out every 17 seconds from noon to 3 p.m. Piercy's daughter sits

across from her and calls out "bingo!" for her mother when needed.

The bingo program at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church recently re-convened after being closed due to COVID-19. Bingo is sponsored on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday evenings year-round.

For many people like Piercy, playing bingo is a social event and players form a strong sense of community and friendship over many years.

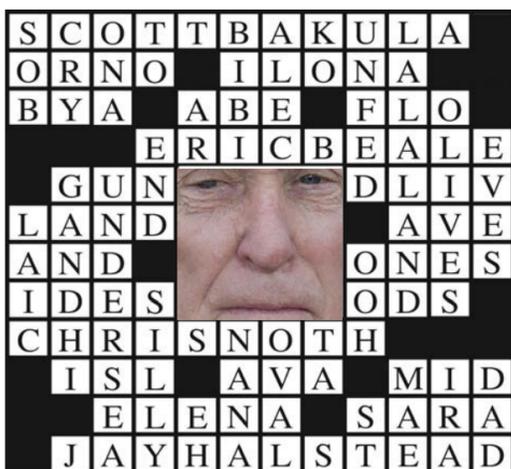
Mary Piercy recently celebrated her 99th birthday by playing her favorite game: bingo.

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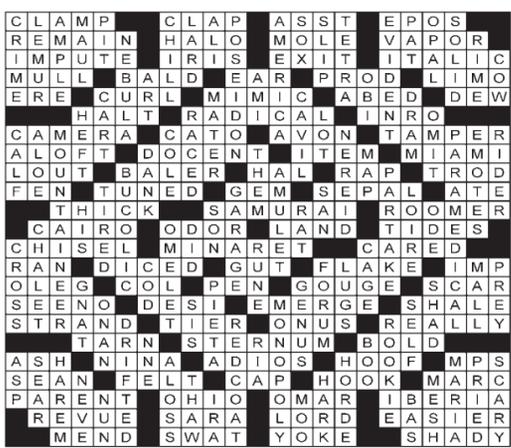
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## Sunday PUZZLER ANSWERS

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- The Chronicle runs birth announcements, engagements, weddings and anniversaries for free inside the Sunday Veterans section.
- To submit information, attach photos and email the text to community@chronicleonline.com or fill out the forms online at www.chronicleonline.com, at the bottom of the homepage under "Announcements."
- The Chronicle reserves the right to edit submissions and determine their placement. Publication on a specific Sunday cannot be guaranteed. Publication in color cannot be guaranteed.
- The News of Record is a matter of public record provided by the Citrus County Clerk of the Circuit Court.

## 60th ANNIVERSARY



Curtis Vaughn, third from right, and Sharon Vaughn, fourth from left, were married on Aug. 5, 1961 in Albany, Georgia.

## The Vaughns

On Aug. 5, 2021, Curtis and Sharon Vaughn will celebrate 60 years of marriage.

The couple were married in 1961 in Albany, Georgia.

Curtis and Sharon moved to Florida and fostered many children while living in the Tampa area.

They adopted four of their foster children, three girls and one boy.

Curtis retired from Yuengling several years ago and the two of them moved to Floral City after retirement.

## ADOPTABLE PETS

- The Citrus County Animal Shelter and other nonprofit groups are invited to showcase adoptable cats and dogs each Wednesday in the Hometown Happenings section of the Chronicle.
- Most all these groups welcome donations — of food, supplies, or money — and volunteers. Look for the contact information with each animal to find out specific needs.

## NEED SOME HELP?

- Don't have a photo scanner at home? Bring in photos to go with Together page submissions to be scanned and immediately returned to you at the Chronicle's main office, 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River.

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Olympic record individual gold medals won by a female swimmer after America's Katie Ledecky won the 800-meter freestyle.



**Katie Ledecky**

# SPORTS

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## To the quarters: USA routs Czech Republic

### Durant sets pair of U.S. Olympic records

**TIM REYNOLDS**  
AP basketball writer

SAITAMA, Japan — The U.S. lost its first two exhibition games of the summer in Las Vegas, dropped its opening game at these Olympics and had a difficult time shaking free of the Czech Republic in their group-play finale.

None of that matters now.

The Americans are headed to the quarterfinals at the Tokyo Games — with a shot of being good as gold once again. Jayson Tatum scored 27 points, Kevin Durant added 23 and set a pair of USA Basketball men's Olympic records, and the U.S. defeated the Czechs 119-84 on Saturday to

clinch a berth in the knockout stage.

"I think our guys really focused well and did a good job in gaining ground, day by day, practice by practice," U.S. coach Gregg Popovich said. "Hopefully we'll continue that moving forward. We have to if we want to be successful."

Zach LaVine scored 13 points, Jrue Holiday had 11 and JaVale McGee finished with 10 points for the U.S. The Americans shot 7 for 20 in the first quarter — then made 33 of 44 shots over the next 26 minutes, including a staggering 21-for-25 start to the second half.

"It's fun to watch," Holiday said, "and See USA/Page B3

**The United States's Kevin Durant (7) defends Czech Republic's Jaromir Bohacik (17) during a men's basketball preliminary round game Saturday at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Saitama, Japan.**

Associated Press



## New month, new leader



### Rays top Red Sox 9-5 to start August in first

**MARK DIDTLER**  
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — Wander Franco had two key run-scoring hits, the Tampa Bay bullpen worked out of a pair of bases-loaded jams, and the Rays moved into first place in the AL East with a 9-5 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Saturday night.

Franco's RBI triple off Nathan Eovaldi (9-6) gave Tampa Bay a 6-5 lead in the sixth. He added a run-scoring single during a three-run eighth that made it 9-5. Francisco Mejía had a two-run single in the eighth.

Andrew Kittredge (7-1) fell behind Christian Vázquez 3-0 with the bases loaded and one out in the sixth, but rebounded to get the strikeout. He kept the game tied at 5 when he fanned Bobby Dalbec on three pitches.

Boston also failed to score after loading the bases in the seventh, an inning in which reliever Jeffrey Springs sprained his right knee going after a bunt single by Rafael Devers that hit the third-base bag. Matt Wisler ended the threat by striking out Hunter Renfroe.

Tampa Bay currently has 14 pitchers on the injured list.

The Rays got homers from Ji-Man Choi and Mejía. The Rays connected on three home runs in winning the series opener 7-3 on Friday night.

Xander Bogaerts and Dalbec homered for the Red Sox, who had at least a share of the divisional lead since June 28 but fell a half-game

Tampa Bay's Ji-Man Choi celebrates with third base coach Rodney Linares after hitting a home run Saturday against the Boston Red Sox during the first inning in St. Petersburg. The Rays won 9-5 to take over first place in the AL East entering the month of August.

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## Thompson-Herah breaks Flo Jo's Olympic record

### Wins women's 100 in blistering time of 10.61

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TOKYO — Striking down the track, with only six steps to go until she reached the finish line, Elaine Thompson-Herah stuck out her left arm and started pointing at the clock.

She knew she had the win.

It was only a matter of what else would come with it.

With a time of 10.61 seconds, the latest in the long string of Jamaican speed stars defended her Olympic title in the 100 meters Saturday. She broke a 33-year-old Olympic record held by none other than Florence Griffith Joyner. And, as a more-than-fitting bonus, she revisited a debate first triggered

by the fastest Jamaican of all — Usain Bolt. Yes, the gold medal and Flo Jo's venerable record were great. But the question could not be avoided: Just as people wondered what Bolt might have given up when he hotdogged his way to the finish line in his first Olympic victory in 2008, how much faster might Thompson-Herah have gone had she run hard for 100 meters, not just 90 or 95?

"I think I could have gone faster if I wasn't pointing and celebrating, really," she said. "But to show you that there's more in store. Hopefully, one day I can unleash that time."

As it was, she finished the night as the second-fastest woman in history. Flo Jo's world record of 10.49 is only mark left to beat.

As it was, she beat a two-time Olympic champion, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, and joined bronze medalist Shericka Jackson in the first Jamaican podium sweep at the

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Elaine Thompson-Herah of Jamaica celebrates Saturday after winning the women's 100-meter final at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. Her time of 10.61 seconds broke the 33-year-old record set by Florence Griffith Joyner of the United States.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns for Division (East, Central, West), W, L, Pct, GB, WC, L10, Str, Home, Away. Lists teams like Tampa Bay, Boston, New York, Toronto, Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Kansas City, Minnesota, Houston, Oakland, Seattle, Los Angeles, Texas.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns for Division (East, Central, West), W, L, Pct, GB, WC, L10, Str, Home, Away. Lists teams like New York, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Washington, Miami, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Colorado, Arizona.

ROUNDUP/MATCHUPS

Blue Jays 4, Royals 0: George Springer hit two home runs, Alek Manoah pitched seven dominant innings. Angels 1, Athletics 0: Shohei Ohtani ended a long run drought for the Angels against the A's with an RBI double, Jaime Barria outdueling Cole Irvin. Giants 8, Astros 6: The San Francisco Giants hit five home runs, including four off Astros ace Zack Greinke. Orioles 5, Tigers 2: John Means struck out six in six strong innings, Maikel Franco homered. Yankees 4, Marlins 2: Anthony Rizzo homered in his second consecutive game since joining the Yankees, on a night Marlins manager Don Mattingly missed the game after testing positive for COVID-19. Pirates 3, Phillies 2: Jacob Stallings drove in the winning run with a fielder's choice in the bottom of the ninth inning. Twins 8, Cardinals 1: Ryan Jeffers hit a three-run homer, rookie right-hander Bailey Ober threw four effective innings. Cubs 6, Nationals 3: Kyle Hendricks earned his major league-leading 13th victory, Rafael Ortega homered. Rangers 5, Mariners 4: Jonah Heim hit his second two-run homer of the game in the bottom of the 10th inning. LATE Cleveland at Chicago White Sox Cincinnati at N.Y. Mets Milwaukee at Atlanta L.A. Dodgers at Arizona Colorado at San Diego TODAY'S GAMES Chicago Cubs (Alzolay 4-11) at Washington (TBD), 1:05 p.m. Philadelphia (TBD) at Pittsburgh (Keller 3-7), 1:05 p.m. Kansas City (Keller 7-9) at Toronto (TBD), 1:07 p.m. Baltimore (Watkins 2-1) at Detroit (Alexander 1-1), 1:10 p.m. N.Y. Yankees (Montgomery 4-5) at Miami (TBD), 1:10 p.m. Cincinnati (Gutierrez 5-3) at N.Y. Mets (Stroman 7-9), 1:10 p.m. Milwaukee (Anderson 3-5) at Atlanta (Morton 10-3), 1:20 p.m. Cleveland (Quantrell 2-2) at Chicago White Sox (Cease 7-6), 2:10 p.m. Minnesota (Pineda 4-5) at St. Louis (Wainwright 8-6), 2:15 p.m. Seattle (Gonzales 3-5) at Texas (Foltynewicz 2-10), 2:35 p.m. Houston (Garcia 7-5) at San Francisco (Webb 4-3), 4:05 p.m. Oakland (Kaprielian 5-4) at L.A. Angels (Barria 1-0), 4:07 p.m. Colorado (Gomber 8-5) at San Diego (Paddock 7-6), 4:10 p.m. L.A. Dodgers (Urias 12-3) at Arizona (Smith 3-7), 4:10 p.m. Boston (Pivetta 8-4) at Tampa Bay (McClanahan 4-4), 7:08 p.m.

BOX SCORES

Tampa Bay 9, Boston 5

Box score for Tampa Bay vs Boston. Includes batting order, totals, and pitching stats for both teams.

Toronto 4, Kansas City 0

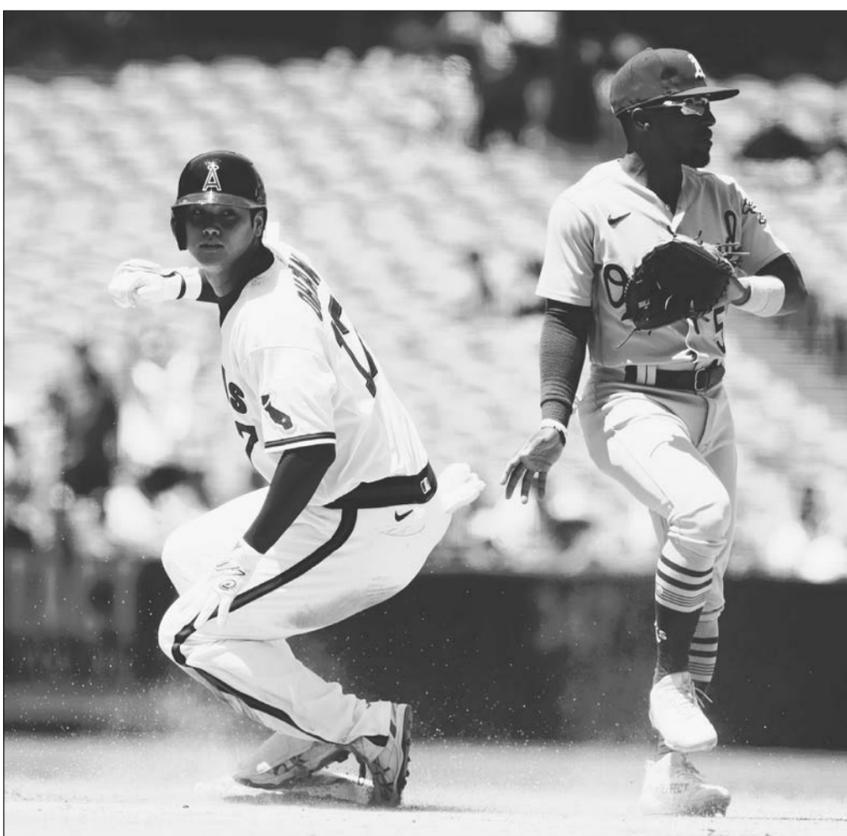
Box score for Toronto vs Kansas City. Includes batting order, totals, and pitching stats for both teams.

L.A. Angels 1, Oakland 0

Box score for Los Angeles Angels vs Oakland Athletics. Includes batting order, totals, and pitching stats for both teams.

San Francisco 8, Houston 6

Box score for San Francisco Giants vs Houston Astros. Includes batting order, totals, and pitching stats for both teams.



Los Angeles Angels designated hitter Shohei Ohtani, left, slides into second with an RBI double as Oakland second baseman Tony Kemp gets out the way during the third inning Saturday in Anaheim, Calif. The Angels won 1-0.

Box score for Houston Astros vs San Francisco Giants. Includes batting order, totals, and pitching stats for both teams.

Baltimore 5, Detroit 2

Box score for Baltimore Orioles vs Detroit Tigers. Includes batting order, totals, and pitching stats for both teams.

N.Y. Yankees 4, Miami 2

Box score for New York Yankees vs Miami Marlins. Includes batting order, totals, and pitching stats for both teams.

Chicago Cubs 6, Washington 3

Box score for Chicago Cubs vs Washington Nationals. Includes batting order, totals, and pitching stats for both teams.

Box score for Minnesota Twins vs St. Louis Cardinals. Includes batting order, totals, and pitching stats for both teams.

Minnesota 8, St. Louis 1

Box score for Minnesota Twins vs St. Louis Cardinals. Includes batting order, totals, and pitching stats for both teams.

Texas 5, Seattle 4

Box score for Texas Rangers vs Seattle Mariners. Includes batting order, totals, and pitching stats for both teams.

Box score for Philadelphia Phillies vs Pittsburgh Pirates. Includes batting order, totals, and pitching stats for both teams.

Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 2

Box score for Philadelphia Phillies vs Pittsburgh Pirates. Includes batting order, totals, and pitching stats for both teams.

Seattle 4, Texas 5

Box score for Seattle Mariners vs Texas Rangers. Includes batting order, totals, and pitching stats for both teams.

THIS DATE IN BASEBALL

1906 — Harry McIntire of the Brooklyn Dodgers pitched 10 2-3 innings of no-hit ball before Claude Ritchey of Pittsburgh singled. McIntire weakened in the 13th and lost 1-0 to the Pirates on an unearned run, finishing with a four-hitter. 1937 — Lou Gehrig of the New York Yankees hit for the cycle in a 14-5 rout of the St. Louis Browns. It was the second cycle of Gehrig's career. Gehrig hit a two-run homer in the first inning, doubled in the second, singled in the fourth and tripled in the seventh. 1941 — New York Yankees pitcher Lefty Gomez walked 11 St. Louis batters in a 9-0 victory to set a major league record for walks in a shutout. 1962 — Bill Monbouquette of the Boston Red Sox pitched a no-hitter to beat the White Sox 1-0 at Chicago. 1970 — Willie Stargell of Pittsburgh hit three doubles and two home runs to power the Pirates to a 20-10 rout of the Braves in Atlanta. 1972 — Nate Colbert of the San Diego Padres drove in 13 runs in a doubleheader with five home runs and two singles. San Diego beat the Atlanta Braves in both games, 9-0 and 11-7. 1977 — Willie McCovey of the San Francisco Giants hit two home runs, including his 18th career grand slam, a total that still leads the National League. 1978 — Pete Rose went 0-for-4 against Atlanta pitchers Larry McWilliams and Gene Garber to end his 44-game hitting streak as the Braves defeated the Cincinnati Reds 16-4. 1986 — Bert Blyleven threw a two-hitter and struck out 15 to become the 10th major league pitcher with 3,000 career strikeouts and Kirby Puckett hit for the cycle to lead the Minnesota Twins to a 10-1 victory over the Oakland A's. Puckett tripled in the first inning, doubled in the fifth, singled in the sixth homered in the eighth. Puckett finished 4 for 5 with three runs and two RBIs. It was the first cycle to happen at the Metrodome. 1994 — Baltimore's Cal Ripken became the second major leaguer to play 2,000 straight games, and the Orioles edged Minnesota 1-0. 1998 — Switch-hitter Tony Clark set an AL record by homering from both sides of the plate for the third time this year, powering the Detroit Tigers past Tampa Bay 8-0. 2005 — Rafael Palmeiro was suspended 10 days following a positive test for steroids, less than five months after the Baltimore Orioles first baseman emphatically told Congress: "I have never used steroids. Period." 2006 — Carlos Guillen hit for the cycle in Detroit's 10-4 victory over Tampa Bay.

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Table of statistical leaders in the American League and National League. Columns include Top Ten, G, AB, H, R, Pct. Lists players like Brantley, Guerrero, Mullins, etc.

OLYMPICS

Saturday's Olympic medalists

ARCHERY
Men's Individual
GOLD — Mete Gazoz, Turkey
SILVER — Mauro Nespoli, Italy
BRONZE — Takaharu Furukawa, Japan
ATHLETICS
Men's Discus Throw
GOLD — Daniel Stahl, Sweden
SILVER — Simon Pettersson, Sweden
BRONZE — Lukas Weisshaidinger, Austria
Women's 100m
GOLD — Elaine Thompson-Herah, Jamaica
SILVER — Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, Jamaica
BRONZE — Shericka Jackson, Jamaica
4 x 400m Relay Mixed
GOLD — Poland (Dariusz Kowaluk, Karol Zaleski, Natalia Kaczmarek, Iga Baumgart-Witan, Justyna Swietly-eresetic, Malgorzata Holub-Kowalik, Kajetan Duszynski)
SILVER — Dominican Republic (Lidio Andres Feliz, Marileidy Paulino, Anabel Medina Ventura, Luguelin Santos, Alexander Ogando)
BRONZE — United States (Trevor Stewart, Elija Godwin, Kendall Ellis, Lynna Irby, Kaylin Whitney, Taylor Manson, Bryce Deadmon, Veron Norwood)

BADMINTON
Men's Doubles
GOLD — Taiwan (Yang Lee, Chi-Lin Wang)
SILVER — China (Jun Hui Li, Yu Chen Liu)
BRONZE — Malaysia (Aaron Chia, Wooi Yik Soh)
FENCING
Women's Sabre Team
GOLD — ROC (Sofiya Velikaya, Sofia Pozdnikova, Olga Nikitina)
SILVER — France (Sara Balzer, Cecilia Berder, Manon Brunet, Charlotte Lembach)
BRONZE — South Korea (Jiyeon Kim, Jisu Yoon, Jiyeon Seo, Sooyeon Choi)
TRAMPOLINE GYMNASTICS
Men
GOLD — Ivan Litvinovich, Belarus
SILVER — Dong Dong, China
BRONZE — Dylan Schmidt, New Zealand
JUDO
Mixed Team
GOLD — France
SILVER — Japan
BRONZE — Germany
RUGBY SEVENS
Women
GOLD — New Zealand
SILVER — France
BRONZE — Fiji
SAILING
Men's Windsurfer - RS:X
GOLD — Kiran Badloe, Netherlands
SILVER — Thomas Goyard, France
BRONZE — Kun Bi, China
Women's Windsurfer - RS:X
GOLD — Yunxiu Lu, China
SILVER — Charline Picon, France
BRONZE — Emma Wilson, Britain
SHOOTING
50m Rifle 3 Positions Women
GOLD — Nina Christen, Switzerland
SILVER — Yulia Zykova, ROC
BRONZE — Yulia Karimova, ROC
Trap Mixed Team
GOLD — Spain (Fatima Galvez, Alberto Fernandez)
SILVER — San Marino (Alessandra Perilli, Gian Marco Bertl)
BRONZE — United States (Madelyn Ann Bernau, Brian Burrows)
SWIMMING
Men's 100m Butterfly
GOLD — Caeleb Dressel, United States
SILVER — Kristof Milak, Hungary
BRONZE — Noe Ponti, Switzerland
Women's 200m Backstroke
GOLD — Kaylee McKeown, Australia
SILVER — Kylie Masse, Canada
BRONZE — Emily Seebohm, Australia
Women's 800m Freestyle
GOLD — Kathleen Ledeky, United States
SILVER — Ariarne Titmus, Australia
BRONZE — Simona Quadrella, Italy
Mixed 4 x 100m Medley Relay
GOLD — Britain (Kathleen Dawson, Adam Peaty, James Guy, Freya Anderson, Anna Hopkin)
SILVER — China (Jiayu Xu, Zibei Yan, Yufei Zhang, Junxuan Yang)
BRONZE — Australia (Isaac Cooper, Isaac Stubbliety-Cook, Brianna Throssell, Bronte Campbell, Kaylee McKeown, Matthew Temple, Emma McKeon)
TENNIS
Women's Singles
GOLD — Belinda Bencic, Switzerland
SILVER — Marketa Vondrousova, Czech Republic
BRONZE — Elina Svitolina, Ukraine
TRIATHLON
Mixed Relay
GOLD — Britain (Jessica Learmonth, Jonathan Brownlee, Georgia Taylor-Brown, Alex Yee)
SILVER — United States (Katie Zaferes, Kevin McDowell, Taylor Knibb, Morgan Pearson)
BRONZE — France (Leonie Periault, Dorian Coninx, Cassandre Beaugrand, Vincent Luis)
WEIGHTLIFTING
Men's 81kg
GOLD — Xiaojun Lyu, China
SILVER — Zacarias Bonnat Michel, Dominican Republic
BRONZE — Antonino Pizzolato, Italy
Men's 96kg
GOLD — Fares Ibrahim E H Elbakh, Qatar
SILVER — Keydomar Giovanni Vallenilla Sanchez, Venezuela
BRONZE — Anton Plesnoi, Georgia

GOLF

Olympic Men
Saturday
At Kasumigaseki Country Club - East Course
Saitama, Japan
Yardage: 7,447; Par: 71
Third Round

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. Includes Xander Schauffele (68-63-68=199), Hideki Matsuyama (69-64-67=200), Paul Casey (67-68-66=201), Carlos Ortiz (65-67-69=201), Rory Molloy (69-66-67=202), Sebastian Munoz (67-69-66=202), Mito Pereira (69-65-68=202), Sepp Straka (63-71-68=202), Tommy Fleetwood (70-69-64=203), Shane Lowry (70-65-68=203), Abraham Ancer (69-69-66=204), Guido Migliozzi (71-65-68=204), Cameron Smith (67-67-66=204), Thomas Detry (70-67-68=205), Joaquin Niemann (70-69-66=205), Thomas Pieters (65-76-64=205), Christiaan Bezuidenhout (67-72-66=206), Corey Conners (69-71-66=206), Joachim B. Hansen (66-73-67=206), Mackenzie Hughes (69-72-65=206), Sungjae Im (70-73-63=206), Collin Morikawa (69-70-67=206), Alex Noren (67-67-72=206), C.T. Pan (74-66-66=206), Rory Sabbatini (64-77-66=206), Jhonattan Vegas (66-70-70=206), Scott Vincent (73-67-66=206), Rasmus Hojgaard (73-68-66=207), Jazz Janewattananon (64-71-72=207), Anirban Lahiri (67-72-68=207), Carl Yuan (69-68-70=207), Viktor Hovland (68-69-71=208), Romain Langasque (69-70-69=208), Renato Paratore (71-70-67=208), Matthias Schwab (69-69-70=208), Sami Valimäki (70-70-68=208), Fabrizio Zanotti (73-67-68=208), Maximilian Kiefler (73-69-67=209), Si Woo Kim (68-71-70=209), Patrick Reed (68-71-70=209), Justin Thomas (71-70-68=209), Wu Ashun (72-71-67=210).

Florida LOTTERY

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

Table with lottery numbers: PICK 2 (early) 9-8, PICK 2 (late) 9-0, PICK 3 (early) 6-7-5, PICK 3 (late) 0-2-8, PICK 4 (early) 0-7-5-4, PICK 4 (late) 8-9-9-6, PICK 5 (early) 7-0-4-4-1, PICK 5 (late) 7-7-6-2-8, FANTASY 5 Unavailable, LOTTO Unavailable, POWERBALL Unavailable, CASH 4 LIFE 10-21-44-53-58, CASH BALL 3.

Friday's winning numbers and payouts:

Table with lottery payouts: Jackpot Triple Play: 6-8-11-24-35-46, No winner; 6-of-6 No winner; 5-of-6 17 \$520; 4-of-6 976 \$22; 3-of-6 16,141 \$1; Combo10+ 1 \$10,000; Combo9 4 \$500; Combo8 65 \$50; Combo7 456 \$20; Combo6 2,339 \$10; Combo5 8,929 \$5; Mega Millions: 19-26-31-52-68; Mega Ball: 10; 5-of-5 MB No winner; 5-of-5 No winner; 4-of-5 MB 1 \$10,000; 4-of-5 14 \$500; 3-of-5 MB 64 \$200; 3-of-5 1,278 \$10; 2-of-5 MB 1,240 \$10; Fantasy 5: 8-13-16-27-36; 5-of-5 2 winners \$101,278.39; 4-of-5 261 \$125; 3-of-5 8,489 \$10.50; Cash 4 Life: 2-12-15-33-46; Cash Ball: 1; 5-of-5 CB No winner; 5-of-5 No winner; Players should verify winning numbers by calling 850-487-7777 or at www.flalottery.com.

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS AUTO RACING

8:55 a.m. (ESPN) Formula 1 Hungarian Grand Prix
4 p.m. (FOX) NHRA Drag Racing Lucas Oil Winternationals
8:30 p.m. (ESPN2) Formula 1 Hungarian Grand Prix (Same-day Tape)

MLB

1 p.m. (BSFL) New York Yankees at Miami Marlins
2 p.m. (TBS) Cleveland Indians at Chicago White Sox
5 p.m. (MLB) Oakland Athletics at Los Angeles Angels or Colorado Rockies at San Diego Padres
7 p.m. (ESPN) Boston Red Sox at Tampa Bay Rays

THE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

12 p.m. (ESPN) First Semifinal: Teams TBA
2 p.m. (ESPN) 3-Point Contest
2:30 p.m. (ESPN) Second Semifinal: Teams TBA

GOLF

8:30 a.m. (GOLF) LPGA & European Tour: ISPS HANDA World Invitational, Final Round
2 p.m. (GOLF) Women's U.S. Senior Open, Final Round
11 a.m. (FS1) Team Arsenal (Blue) vs. Team Wood (Gold)
1:30 p.m. (FS1) Team Treanor (Orange) vs. Team Warden (Purple)

2020 TOKYO OLYMPICS

5 a.m. (NBCSPT) Men's Field Hockey, Quarterfinal (Same-day Tape)
5:30 a.m. (NBCSPT) Men's Fencing
6:15 a.m. (USA) Beach Volleyball (Same-day Tape)
8 a.m. (NBCSPT) Women's Weightlifting
8:30 a.m. (NBC) Volleyball, BMX, Weightlifting, Fencing, Tennis, Gymnastics
8:30 a.m. (USA) Men's Handball: Denmark vs Sweden
8:40 a.m. (NBCSPT) Women's Badminton
10 a.m. (NBCSPT) Table Tennis (Same-day Tape)
10 a.m. (USA) Women's Water Polo: Hungary vs China (Same-day Tape)
11:30 a.m. (NBCSPT) Men's Field Hockey, Quarterfinal (Same-day Tape)
12:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) Men's Badminton (Same-day Tape)
12:45 p.m. (NBC) Volleyball, BMX, Weightlifting, Fencing, Tennis, Gymnastics (Same-day Tape)
12:45 p.m. (USA) Women's Water Polo: Netherlands vs Canada (Same-day Tape)
1:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) Equestrian (Same-day Tape)
1:45 p.m. (USA) Men's Handball: Germany vs Brazil (Same-day Tape)
3:15 p.m. (USA) Wrestling, Boxing (Same-day Tape)
4:45 p.m. (USA) Weightlifting (Same-day Tape)
5:30 p.m. (USA) Tennis (Same-day Tape)
6 p.m. (NBCSPT) Men's Volleyball: U.S. vs Argentina (Same-day Tape)
7 p.m. (NBC) Diving, Beach Volleyball, Gymnastics, Track and Field
8 p.m. (NBCSPT) Men's Handball: Denmark vs Sweden (Same-day Tape)
8 p.m. (USA) Track and Field
10:55 p.m. (USA) Canoe Sprint
12:05 a.m. (NBC) Women's Volleyball: U.S. vs Italy
12:30 a.m. (USA) Women's Basketball: France vs U.S.
2:30 a.m. (USA) Men's Water Polo: Spain vs Croatia
3 a.m. (NBCSPT) Beach Volleyball (Same-day Tape)
4 a.m. (USA) Women's Soccer, Semifinal: Teams TBA
RODEO
1 p.m. (CBS) PBR Bull Riding Express Ranches Classic (Taped)
MAJOR LEAGUE RUGBY
4 p.m. (CBS) Championship: Rugby ATL vs LA Giltinis
CONCACAF GOLD CUP SOCCER
9 p.m. (FS1) United States vs Mexico. Final

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. Includes Hurlly Long (70-70-70=210), Antoine Rozner (68-69-73=210), Adria Arnaus (68-69-74=211), Garrick Higgo (71-71-70=212), Rikuya Hoshino (71-68-73=212), Adrian Meronk (72-71-69=212), Gunn Charoenkul (71-71-71=213), Kristian Johannessen (72-70-71=213), Marc Leishman (70-71-72=213), Henrik Norlander (68-73-72=213), Kalle Samooja (75-68-70=213), Jorge Campillo (70-75-69=214), Ryan Fox (70-72-73=215), Udayan Mane (76-69-70=215), Juvic Pagunsan (66-73-76=215), Ratafel Campos (73-73-70=216), Gavin Green (74-72-70=216), Ondrej Lieser (72-77-73=222).

European Tour ISPS HANDA World Invitational

Saturday
At Galgorm Castle & Massereene Golf Courses; Co Antrim, Northern Ireland
Galgorm Castle Course
Yardage: 7,005; Par: 70
Massereene Course
Yardage: 6,827; Par: 70
Third Round

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. Includes Pajaree Anannurakarn (70-69-66=205-13), Jennifer Kupcho (66-69-70=205-13), Emma Talley (67-65-73=205-13), Chella Choi (66-69-71=206-12), Athaya Thitikul (71-67-70=208-10), Wichanee Meechai (70-72-67=209-9), Su Oh (68-72-69=209-9), Liz Nagel (75-68-67=210-8), Sarah Kemp (70-71-69=210-8), Ryan O'Toole (72-68-70=210-8), Mina Harigae (69-69-72=210-8), Charley Hull (68-68-74=210-8).

SPORTS BRIEFS

Rays ace Glasnow likely to have Tommy John surgery

ST. PETERSBURG — Tampa Bay Rays ace Tyler Glasnow is expecting to get a recommendation from doctors next week to have Tommy John surgery that would keep him out the rest of this season and possibly next year.

Glasnow has been taking part in a rehab program that included playing catch since going on the injured list June 15 in an attempt to avoid surgery.

The Rays originally didn't completely rule out Glasnow returning in time to help down the stretch run as the AL champions look to reach the World Series again.

Glasnow was examined on Friday, at which time he got on a mound and felt discomfort while throwing. He is scheduled to meet with doctors again on Tuesday.

The 6-foot-8 Glasnow went 5-2 with a 2.66 ERA in 14 starts this season.

Tampa Bay has 14 pitchers on the injured list.

Veteran right-hander Chris Archer, sidelined by right forearm tightness, is currently on a rehab assignment with Triple-A Durham and could be ready to join the rotation in a couple of weeks.

NHL to investigate claim Kane bet on own games

The NHL said it will investigate an allegation made by Evander Kane's wife that the San Jose Sharks forward bet on his own games and has intentionally tried to lose for gambling profit.

The league said Saturday night on Twitter that it was made aware of the social media posts by Anna Kane and plans to conduct a full investigation. Anna Kane wrote: "How does the NHL let a compulsive gambling addict still play when he's obviously throwing games to win money? Hmm maybe someone needs to address this."

She added: "Can someone ask (Commissioner) Gary Bettman how they let a player gamble on his own games? Bet and win with bookies on his own games?"

The NHL said: "The integrity of our game is paramount and the League takes these allegations very seriously."

Kane's gambling history and finances have been public knowledge for some time. A Las Vegas Strip casino sued Kane in 2019, alleging he failed to repay a \$500,000 gambling debt racked up during a playoff series against the Golden Knights.

— From wire reports

USA

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fun to be part of." The U.S. (2-1) finished second behind France in Group A, but will join the French, Australia and the winner of Sunday's game between Slovenia and Spain as a top-four seed for Tuesday's quarterfinals based on FIBA's tiebreaker system that includes point differential.

Those quarterfinal matchups will be decided in a draw on Sunday night, but the U.S. has now assured itself of not having to face any of the three group winners until at least the semifinals.

Blake Schilb scored 17 for the Czech Republic (1-2), which led by 10 early and was still within 60-54 midway through the third quarter.

In a flash, the Czech hope of a stunner ended there.

"I think the first half, we played amazing. ... Second half, we ran out of gas," Czech Republic coach Ronen Ginzburg said.

Durant — who passed Carmelo Anthony as both the U.S. Olympic men's all-time points and all-time field goals leader during the game — hit a 3-pointer to end the third quarter, capping a 22-6 run that put the Americans up by 22 going into the final quarter.

NEW

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behind Tampa Bay. Eovaldi gave up six runs and six hits over 5 1/3 innings. The right-hander allowed two homers after giving up just five over his previous 20 starts this season.

Mejia hit a two-run homer in the fourth that put the Rays up 5-3.

Dalbec tied it at 5-all on a fifth-inning, two-run drive.

J.D. Martinez had an RBI single and Bogaerts followed with a two-run shot off Ryan Yarbrough as Boston went up 3-0 in the first.

The Rays cut the deficit to 3-2 later in the first on Choi's two-run homer.

Tampa Bay pulled even at 3-3 in the third when second baseman Jonathan Arauz misplayed two grounders. Nelson Cruz drove in a run when Arauz misplayed his grounder for his second error of the inning.

Yarbrough gave up five runs and

four hits in five innings.

RED SOX REINFORCEMENTS

LHP Chris Sale (Tommy John surgery) allowed one run over five innings in his fourth rehab start with Triple-A Worcester. He last pitched in the majors on Aug. 13, 2019.

Sluggler Kyle Schwarber, acquired from Washington on Thursday, expects to start a rehab assignment "pretty soon" for a hamstring injury.

MILESTONE

Bogaerts played in his 1,000th game at shortstop, all with the Red Sox. He is the 70th player, and third with Boston (Everett Scott and Rick Burleson), to reach the total for a single franchise, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

UP NEXT

Red Sox RHP Nick Pivetta (8-4) and Tampa Bay LHP Shane Bieber (4-4) are the starters in the series finale Sunday night.

RECORD

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Olympics since 2008. "The legacy we have in Jamaica is incredible," Fraser-Pryce said.

On a sultry night in the near-empty Olympic Stadium in Tokyo, Thompson-Herah started pulling away from her top rival, Fraser-Pryce, early. By the 50-meter mark, it was a runaway. She won by .13 seconds, or about three body lengths, a veritable rout in a 100-meter final.

Jackson, a bronze medalist five years ago at 400 meters who moved to the shorter sprints for the Tokyo Olympics, took bronze in this one, as well, in 10.76.

Flo Jo's old mark of 10.62 came at the 1988 Seoul Olympics, not long after she ran the 10.49 on a breezy day in Indianapolis. For decades, debate has raged about whether the marks are legit, and the longer they held up, the more amazing the records seem.

No Olympic champion had even broken 10.7 since Flo Jo back in the day. Thompson-Herah insisted she wasn't sure she would either as she approached the finish. But, she said, "I knew that I won."

"The pointing, I don't know what it means. To show that I was clear," she said.

Thompson-Herah is now firmly

entrenched in a long list of Jamaican women track stars — a string some say is even more impressive than the men's. The Caribbean island was putting greatness such as Merlene Ottey and Veronica Campbell-Brown out there long before Fraser-Pryce moved to center stage as a brace-faced 21-year-old in Beijing.

She finished on top in that 2008 race, and this second-place finish completed her Olympic set in the 100, where she now has two golds ('08, '12), this silver and a bronze from 2016.

Even without American Sha'Carri Richardson, at home because of a doping positive for smoking marijuana at the U.S. Olympic trials, the women's 100 shaped up as potentially the best race of the Olympics, ahead of the Bolt-less men's sprint.

As if to accentuate that point, the favorite in the men's race, American sprinter Trayvon Bromell, finished fourth in his qualifying heat earlier in the evening and had to wait nearly an hour to see if he'd get one of three wild-card spots into Sunday's semifinal round.

He did, and said, "Honestly, I have no words for it," when asked to explain the lackluster run.

Another surprise came in the Olympic debut of the mixed 4x400 relay, where Poland won the gold and Alexander Ogando of the Dominican Republic sprawled over the line to edge the Americans for second.



Associated Press

Caeleb Dressel of the United States swims in the men's 100-meter butterfly final Saturday at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan. Dressel won gold with a world-record time.

# Ledecky, Dressel star for US

## Djokovic leaves without medal

JAY COHEN  
AP sports writer

TOKYO — Katie Ledecky made more history for the U.S. in the pool. Same for Caeleb Dressel.

Ledecky won the 800-meter freestyle, finishing her grueling Olympic program with a third straight victory in a race she hasn't lost since 2010. Dressel captured his third gold medal of the Tokyo Games with a world record in the 100-meter butterfly.

The 24-year-old Ledecky became the first female swimmer to earn six individual gold medals in her career. She won two golds and two silvers in Tokyo.

Dressel still has some work to do. The world's greatest swimmer

advanced in the men's freestyle semifinals with the top final time of 21.42 seconds. But Dressel lost out on another medal opportunity when he had to rally the U.S. to a fifth-place finish from the anchor leg of the new 4x100-meter mixed medley.

The Australian women added another gold when Kaylee McKeown completed a sweep of the backstroke events with a victory in the 200. Britain's team of Kathleen Dawson, Adam Peaty, James Guy and Anna Hopkin claimed the gold in the new mixed relay with a world record of 3:37.58.

### EMPTY-HANDED

Novak Djokovic is leaving the Tokyo Olympics without any medals.

The top-ranked Djokovic lost his cool and abused his racket several times during a 6-4, 6-7 (6), 6-3 loss to Pablo Carreño Busta of Spain in the bronze medal match of the

tennis tournament.

It was Djokovic's third defeat in two days and it came less than 24 hours after he was beaten by Alexander Zverev of Germany in the semifinals. That ended his bid for a Golden Slam, which is winning all four Grand Slam titles and Olympic gold in the same year.

Djokovic, who also lost with Serbian partner Nina Stojanovic in the mixed doubles semifinals on Friday, played a total of 16 sets over seven matches in four days.

He was due back on court later Saturday for one final match in Tokyo. He and Stojanovic were scheduled to face the Australian duo of Ash Barty and John Peers for the bronze medal in mixed doubles. But Djokovic withdrew from that match citing a left shoulder injury — handing the bronze medal to Australia.

### GOLDEN FOR BENCIC

Belinda Bencic of Switzerland won the women's tennis gold medal in singles, and she might not be done.

The 12th-ranked Bencic beat Marketa Vondrousova of the Czech Republic 7-5, 2-6, 6-3 for the first major title of her career.

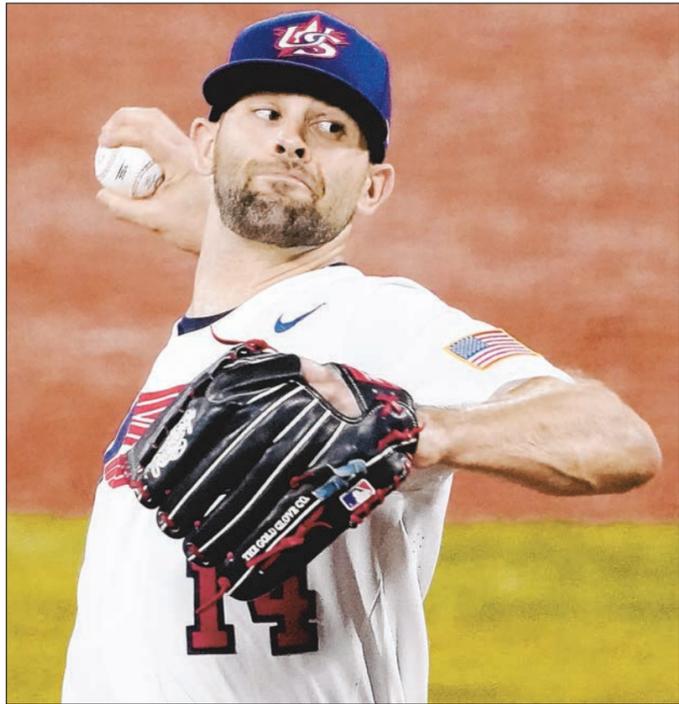
Bencic also is in the women's doubles gold medal match on Sunday. Bencic and Swiss partner Viktorija Golubic face the top-seeded Czech team of Barbora Krejčíková and Katerina Siniáková.

### U.S. BASEBALL WINS

Red Sox prospect Triston Casas hit a two-run homer, Nick Allen also went deep and the United States beat defending champion South Korea 4-2 to finish the group stage of the Olympic baseball tournament with a 2-0 record.

Nick Martinez, who left the major leagues for Japan after the 2017 season, struck out nine in five innings. Scott McGough, Edwin Jackson, Anthony Gose and David Robertson finished a five-hitter for the Americans, who struck out 14.

The United States, which beat Israel 8-1 in its opener, earned Sunday off as the Group B winner. It plays Japan on Monday night in the start of a double-elimination second stage.



Associated Press

The United States' Nick Martinez pitches Saturday during the first inning against South Korea at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Yokohama, Japan. The Americans won 4-2 to finish the group stage with a 2-0 record.

# Schauffele clings to lead

## All 3 men's golf medals up for grabs entering final round

DOUG FERGUSON  
AP golf writer

KAWAGOE, Japan — Just over three weeks ago, Hideki Matsuyama was in isolation for COVID-19 and desperate to record a negative test to have any chance of competing in his home Olympics.

Even when he cleared that hurdle, it was a matter of building endurance for stifling heat and shedding rust from not having played a full tournament since the U.S. Open six weeks ago.

And on Sunday, he steps onto the tee in the final group, one shot behind Xander Schauffele, a gold medal within his reach for a country with high hopes for its Masters champion.

"I definitely could not have believed it," Matsuyama said after a full Saturday that began with him capping off a 7-under 64 in the rain-delayed second round and then posting a 67.

"To be honest, the endurance part of my game has been struggling a little bit," he said. "Thankfully, it's held up the last few days. Hopefully, it's going to hold up tomorrow, as well."

Adding to the test was a medal round at Kasumigaseki Country Club that was wide open.

Schauffele, the 27-year-old American whose mother was raised in Japan, didn't have a lot go his way Saturday until he finished on a strong note, firing a 9-iron to within 3 feet for a birdie and a 68 to keep his one-shot lead.

So wild was the third round that five players had a share of the lead at one point and there was a three-way tie among Schauffele, Matsuyama and Carlos Ortiz of Mexico going down the 18th when the American made birdie.

That left Schauffele 18 holes away from an Olympic gold medal, and the podium still felt like it was miles away.

He was at 14-under 199.

Joining them in the final group is Paul Casey, who shot a 66 in his bid to keep the Olympic gold medal in golf with Britain. He was two shots behind along with Ortiz, who made bogey from the bunker on the 18th hole.

Rory McIlroy, indifferent about the Olympics until he arrived in Tokyo and already looking forward to Paris in 2024, made an early move until he was slowed by a poor pitch that kept him from birdie on the par-5 14th and a three-putt bogey on the 16th hole. He bounced back with a birdie and finished with a 67.

McIlroy was three shots behind, along with Sebastian Munoz of Colombia (66), Mito Pereira of Chile (68) and Sepp Straka of Austria (68).



Associated Press

Xander Schauffele of the United States walks across the third green Saturday during the third round of the men's golf event at the 2020 Summer Olympics at the Kasumigaseki Country Club in Kawagoe, Japan.

## Bowling SCORES

### Parkview Lanes

League scores for the week ending July 23:

#### MONDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

Handicap: Darrell Mitchell 281,772; Tony Wahl 279; John Fish Sr 680; Marla Carr 284,725; Wendy Smith 253; Carol Anderson 713. Scratch: John Welter 244; Tony Hyatt 235,671; John Fish Sr 670; Marla Carr 216; Wendy Smith 209,535; Carol Anderson 533.

#### PARKVIEW 7-9-8 NO-TAP

Handicap: Norm Patch 364,981; George Kohutich 349; Larry Ferguson 930; Nancy Vaughan 355; Susan Fabbre 347; Linda Ferguson 932; Jette Hansen 906. Scratch: Tony Hyatt 300,840; Bill Johnson 300,824; (men: nine 300's); Susan Fabbre 300; Nancy Vaughan 296; Jette Hansen 768; Marilyn Seymour 728.

#### YOUNG & RESTLESS

Handicap (adult): Chris Carr 291,789; Jordan Kusnierz 281; Wes Foley 727; Marla Carr 279,682. Scratch (adult): Chris Carr 299,628; Wes Foley 257,676; Marla Carr 211,478; Bridget Foley 179,440. Handicap (youth): Cody Underwood 264,742; Makaleb Washington 247; Tre Jones 694; Mackenzie Scordato 263,700; Emily Mills 258; Anna Mills 702. Scratch (youth): Cody

Underwood 237,661; Justin Rose 199,566; Mackenzie Scordato 188,475; Emily Mills 161,392.

#### MILITARY CHALLENGE

Handicap: Jeff Jankas 286,768; Bill Johnston 286; Tony Hyatt 262; Bob Reed 720; Trina Paliwoda 261,726; Nancy Vaughan 256,728. Scratch: Bill Johnston 245; Tony Hyatt 244,647; Sam Bass 661; Rosemarie Marcucci 172; Nancy Vaughan 171,473; Pam Murphy 483.

#### WEDNESDAY SCRATCH TRIO

Sam Bass 279,709; Rich Koller 269,763; Dalton Grudzas 269; Lucas Rabb 744; Michael Harrison 721; Wes Foley 717; Dorine Fugere 209,572; Marla Carr 187,505.

#### PARKVIEW NO-TAP

Handicap: Jerry Thompson 341,891; Bill Johnson 322; Cesare Nicoletti 875; Theresa Sardonio 324,848; Kathy Fuller 315; Jette Hansen 807. Scratch: Tony Hyatt 300,820; Jerry Thompson 300,768; Bill Johnson 278; Theresa Sardonio 250,626; Jette Hansen 235; Kathie Weavering 646.

#### HOLDER HOTSPOTS

Handicap: Curtis Hammon-tree 255; Matthew Rollason 239,711; Dusty Kelly 706; Kem Hammontree 253; Ellen Bowman 248,703; Dawn Rivera

248. Scratch: Dusty Kelly 206,610; Matthew Rollason 195,579; Vicki Jeffers 179,501; Kem Hammontree 172; Ellen Bowman 457.

#### FBC DUNNELLON

Handicap: Doug Schaem 286; Mark Emery 263,711; Rich Knutz 725; Vonnice Emery 268; Crystal Houser 252,672; Carol Spinelli 682. Scratch: Wes Foley 247,641; Doug Schaem 225; Paul Mast 594; Carol Anderson 183,468; Jillian Knutz 158,401.

#### BOWLERS OF THE WEEK

Adults: Jeff Jankas, 108 pins over his average, and Marla Carr, 59 pins over her average. Youth: Cody Underwood, 61 pins over his average, and Anna Mills, 57 pins over her average.

#### Sportsmen's Bowl

Tuesday Night Trios  
Men Scratch: Wilson Torres 214, Rob Cummins 214-574, Brian Arndt 207-564, R.J. Cummins 564

Men Handicap: Brian Arndt 261-726, Sixto Danois 255-699, Wilson Torres 254, R.J. Cummins 702

Women Scratch: Carmen Carrero 210-555, Gale Piazza 190-499, Suzanna Hooper 187, Edith Regan 510

Women Handicap: Jodi Ward 270-706, Carmen

Carrero 261-708, Suzanna Hooper 253, Edith Regan 696

#### Youth Summer Dynamic Duos, 9 Pin No-Tap

Boys Scratch: Cody Underwood 254-714, John Egan 234-617, Justin Rose 218-562  
Boys Handicap: John Egan 291-788, Tristin Friedrich 270-746, Tony Garrison 261, Trevor Zuppa 747

Girls Scratch: Tasha Cornwell 183-368, Kaitlyn Perrine 153-399, Sophia Dasch 109-293

Girls Handicap: Tasha Cornwell 295-704, Kaitlyn Perrine 243-669, Anabella Larios 242-674

Senior Fun Bowl, Thursdays 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: Art Beardsley 214, Edith Regan 180. High Scratch Series: Nick Montalvo Jr 604, Suzanna Hooper 502

Mixed Singles Match, Fridays 1 p.m.: Pay 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: Nick Montalvo Jr 760, Alan Rice 742, Sandy Smith 697.

#### Manatee Lanes

Looking for bowlers to join the Midweek Mixers league come fall. Start date is Aug. 23. Meeting is Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. If you are interested, leave your name and phone number at Manatee Lanes. If you have a full team advise the lanes. This information will be given to the Secretary of the league. The teams from last season will be contacted by the secretary.

Tuesday Summer Youth Boy's Scratch Game, 110, Logan Moore

Boy's Scratch Series, 299, Logan Moore

Girl's Scratch Game, 183, Alayna Lee

Girl's Scratch Series, 387, Alayna Lee

Tuesday Odd Balls

Men's High Game Hdcp, 318, Jim Bangs

Men's High Series Hdcp, 763, Greg Holding

Men's High Game Scratch, 221, Kevin Tremblay

Men's High Series Scratch, 631, Doug Williams

Women's High Game Hdcp, 256, Terri Tremblay

Women's High Series Hdcp, 691, Kim Mullis

Women's High Game Scratch, 163, Amber Mullis

Women's High Series Scratch, 489, Krissy Koller

Friday Fun Bunch  
Men's 'High Game Hdcp, 288, Dusty Ritrovato

Men's 'High Series Hdcp, 770, Rich Koller

Men's High Game Scratch, 255, Dave Hair

Men's High Series Scratch, 623, Tim Caldwell

Women's High Game Hdcp, 260, Brooke Wharton

Women's High Series Hdcp, 725, Tiffany Hair

Women's High Game Scratch, 184, Brooke Wharton

Women's Broke Series Scratch, 537, Michelle

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We also have drop in leagues. Stop in and check them out. Such as pba experience. Different oil patterns

each week and fun bowl Mondays and Wednesdays.

# Some county commissioners worth remembering



Gerry Mulligan  
**OUT THE WINDOW**

When you are in the business of doing the peoples' work, you had better have thick skin.

I tell every individual who wants to run for public office in this county that if you are elected, you had better be ready for a daily dose of criticism. If you cannot handle being told you are a dope at least once a day, you will not want to be elected.

The closer an elected office is to a community, the more criticism

you will get. Most folks do not have a great idea of what our Florida senators or representatives do on a daily basis. Therefore, they don't get a lot of criticism.

Most everyone has an opinion on their local county commissioner.

Reading some of the criticism being lobbed at the current Citrus County Commission members over the shutdown of the D.A.B. road paving company, it got me thinking about some of the commissioners who in the past really did some

things right.

Not that they were not criticized every single day — but in the long view — they did a lot of things right.

■ **Toughest woman:** Jean Grant was one of the first women to serve as the chair of the county commission back in the 1980s. For years, she ran the county fair and then she successfully ran for the commission. She was strong-willed, pig-headed and got the job done.

■ **The boss:** Jim Fowler was a powerful county commissioner

who accomplished big things. He built a coalition of fellow commissioners and controlled the county for most of his 12 years in office.

■ **The nicest guy:** Joe Meek served two terms as commissioner before he moved on to become Mayor of Crystal River. He is kind to almost everyone and really cares deeply about the issues that impact people. In addition, he makes stuff happen. How can you not like him?

■ **The veteran:** J.J. Kenney of See **WINDOW/Page C4**

# COVID-19 comeback

## Delta variant's spread sparks another chapter in virus saga

*Chronicle*

With a little over half of the county population vaccinated against COVID-19, and a surge in highly contagious Delta variant cases across the U.S., Citrus County citizens are focused on the future of a pandemic many thought was quickly fading from view. Discussion of the virus remains in conversation as the community sounds off on current cases, personal health, masks, politician response to COVID-19 and more.

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■ I see in Saturday, July 24's article where Josh Wooten got his first vaccine (Page A3's story, "Chamber head gets vaccinated," "Wooten gets shot after delay"). People stated they would like an incentive to get the vaccination. I'll give you an incentive: your life.

■ The Delta coronavirus is raging out of control. ... What makes me worry is — you want local issues — that in Citrus County. ... the ones that didn't get vaccines, the older ones, the middle-aged ones, the Delta virus is going to go after your grandkids. ... They're anti-environment, anti-science.

■ The White House recently announced that 1 in 5 cases of COVID are in Florida. Our governor has let us down with his attitude toward the virus. It's obvious many of his decisions are. ... not at all concerned with keeping our citizens healthy. We need logic at this time, not political games. Our citizens need to get vaccinated and, because the unvaccinated amongst us have always refused to wear masks, we need public mask requirements.

■ (Re the Friday, July 23, Page A11 "Hot Corner: COVID," call No. 7.) This is to the person in Sound Off saying that the COVID in our county is caused by all the unvaccinated coming and vacationing



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

The rapid emergence of the COVID-19 Delta variant has spurred another round of hefty virus and vaccine discussion. And Citrus County is not short of opinion on the topic, often polarized in view.

here and not by our locals who refuse to get vaccinated: Folks come here to get COVID and take it home. They don't bring it with them.

■ I understand the Chronicle's highly in favor of free speech, but the fact they keep printing people's views that masks and not getting the vaccine is OK is

irresponsible, in my opinion. These anti-vaxxers, anti-mask folks, they're spreading disease, they're killing others and they're destroying our economy. So it would be wonderful if the Chronicle would stop giving them a voice.

See **DELTA/Page C3**



Meredith Linley  
**ON MAIN STREET**

## Award-winning downtown

If you haven't heard the Main Street news of the month around Crystal River, let me fill you in. Crystal River Main Street brought home three state-wide awards from the Secretary of State Awards! For just finishing my first full year as executive director of this fabulous organization; these awards are a testament that we are on the right track.

Now that we are award winning, I suppose we have to maintain this status, so let me fill you in on what's to come from Main Street in the near future.

If you have been down near Hunter Springs lately, you may have noticed the new mural on the back of the Hunter Springs Kayak & Manatee Tour and Dive building. This work of art was also created by William Mickey who did the masterpiece at Town Square. The mural at Town Square actually was one of the awards we received recently. Mickey's works are now scattered all over downtown and in the near future we will be creating a Mural Walking Tour to showcase all these pieces and tell the story

See **MAIN/Page C4**

# Teachers start year anew



Cortney Stewart  
**SEEING BEYOND**

Tomorrow morning schools across the county will look a little different than they have for the past few weeks. Parking lots will be a bit fuller. Classrooms will start to be spruced up. Hallways will begin to be filled with chatter.

The teachers will be back. Summers always seem to go by quicker than one expects but I'd venture to say

that this summer went by a lot faster than previous years. After a tumultuous 10 months in the classroom, juggling the first year of in-person learning in the age of COVID-19, teachers were ready for a well-deserved summer break.

But summer is over and tomorrow marks the start of the new school year for educators.

See **BEYOND/Page C3**

# Open, read annual TRIM notices



Cregg Dalton  
**GUEST COLUMN**

On Aug. 20, the Citrus County Property Appraiser's Office will be mailing Truth in Millage notices. These notices are often referred to as "TRIM" notices.

Every property owner in Citrus County will receive a TRIM notice as required by law. Your TRIM notice is for informational purposes only. It is not a bill.

Please do not throw away

your TRIM notice — I ask you to read it carefully.

What is a TRIM notice? A TRIM notice tells you the taxable or just value of your property as of Jan. 1 of the previous year. As discussed in previous articles, taxable value is the just value or market value less any exemptions that a property owner may have on their property.

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Jeff Bezos

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UNEXPECTED DELAY

# DAB closure raises multiple questions

When D.A.B Constructors shut down all its jobs and closed its office last Monday, it left 400 employees, Citrus County government, and the state Department of Transportation with a host of questions and few answers.

The decision to close the 33-year-old company based in Inglis and doing business from Tampa to Daytona Beach was unexpected, surprising county

**THE ISSUE:**

Road building firm closes.

**OUR OPINION:**

A blow to employees and the local economy.

D.A.B. employee wrote to the Chronicle that "employees were given zero notice or made aware at any point they would be unemployed when they arrived for work Monday morning."

There is also uncertainty about what will happen to uncompleted projects like the U.S. 19 widening between Homosassa and Crystal River. Orange barrels line sections of the road-

way, but there is no work underway as there are no answers to when work will resume or be completed.

All uncompleted projects will be turned over to the bonding company which will have to find other contractors to finish the work.

It is common in major projects for the contractor to provide a performance bond, which is a guarantee to the owner of the project that the project will be completed if the contractor is unable to fulfill its obligation to do the work.

In this case, another contractor will have to be found and engaged to do the work. It is unclear how long this will take and when work will resume, since as with many construction-related disputes, this one could lead to litigation, which could further delay final resolution.

Citrus County officials have said they will either find another contractor to complete neighborhood road resurfacing or have the county do the work. This work will be paid for by the performance bond that the company provided as part of the contract. But like for the U.S. 19 work, there is uncertainty when this work will resume.

At this point, there are far more questions than there are solid answers. But whatever the answers to these questions, there is no doubt that the closing of a major employer and contractor who has done multiple county projects is a blow to the local economy and it will take time for both employees and the county to fully recover.

# Yes, we did it — with a lot of help

Saturday, July 24, marked the finale of the 45th annual Run for the Money week.

The week that volunteer community runners illustrate the daily struggles of those with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) by running 180-miles from Tallahassee to Lecanto.

The week kicked off with our dinner auction. Then, on Monday, a handful of runners left the steps of the Old Capitol, starting the journey southward in the blistering summer heat. Each runner takes turns covering the miles, with additional runners pitching in along the way. The result brings much-needed awareness and focuses on persons with I/DD and raised an astonishing \$273,210.48 to provide year-round day and residential scholarships to those in our community who get no or little government financial assistance.

Reflecting on this past week, our community's steadfast support of the Key Training Center's mission of enhancing the lives of those with developmental differences remains constant and is truly amazing. Our community continues to open its arms, hearts, and support of persons with I/DD.

There are so many hands that are weaved in making our Run for the Money events a success from businesses donations, community participation and donations, and a multitude of volunteers. Each activity has its unsung heroes. For the dinner auction, you have Leon McClellan with a

host of volunteers to feed over 300-plus attendees, to Crystal Automotive's 2021 Camaro drawing with a year of gas compliments of Lowman Law Firm, to the attendance of many individuals and businesses.

During the dinner auction, we recognized our 2021 Citizen of the Year, Debbie Selsavage; Organization of the Year, IMS Pharmacy; and 2020 Runner Celebration of Excellence, Roscoe Watts.

For the 180-mile Run, you have a core group of community runners that work together and run the entire week. These runners are caring, compassionate, and giving souls. We are grateful to Shawn Host, Chris Moling, Anthony Sequin, Rebecca Schmalstig, Craig Stevens and Stephanie Stevens. In efforts to keep our runners safe, Citrus County Professional Firefighters IAFF local 4562 took vital signs to ensure the health of these runners and with the following agencies provided traffic control to protect the runners: the Sheriff's Office of Citrus, Dixie, Levy, Taylor, and Tallahassee City Police.

For the community run, we have many individuals that put on their shoes to walk, run, and cycle to support the cause on the home front. This year, we accumulated over 1,000 miles on top of the traditional 180-miles. This brings our total miles logged from the beginning of the Run to a fantastic amount of 11,523. For the Walk a Mile in My Shoes, you have over 100 participants walking with a Key client team captain for a mile of pure celebration. For

the runner's celebration, you have hundreds of people coming out and joining the Key Center clients in the welcoming home of our runners! For the telethon, you have many individuals volunteering as hosts and taking phone pledges.

For our Impact Partners that make a significant donation each year to include: Advanced Disposal, Bay Area Air Conditioning, Citrus County Chronicle, Citrus Memorial Hospital, Digital Hound Media, Labels, LassiterWare Insurance, Nick Nichols Ford, Sissine's Business Solutions, Royal Legacy, Naturecoast Radio, and WYKE TV.

During the telethon, I was brought to tears after seeing one of the videos with our late, longtime Key Center executive director Chet Cole. Hearing his voice stopped me in my tracks and instantly brought me into his presence. After gathering myself, I shared with the viewers that Mr. Cole would be so proud of our continuing success of the Run that he established decades ago. His passion and mission endure through all of us as we continue to carry the torch. Our mission remains the same: to allow I/DD adults to reach their maximum potential, whether caring for themselves, working in the community, living independently, or just sharing the joy of life.

To that end, our community continues to play a significant role in supporting that mission, and this last weekend was a beacon of its success. Thank you to everyone that played a role in our success!

Melissa Walker is the Key Training Center Executive Director.

LETTERS to the Editor

## Extreme courtesy and professional contributor

I must acknowledge Cameron Ray, general manager, and the staff at the Citrus County Speedway!

The mother of my three children recently died of pneumonia. The hospital did all they could do to save her.

My children were already grieving because the husband of one of my daughters (Mike) had a massive stroke while running a large machine shop in Atlanta. For two years, he laid paralyzed staring at the ceiling from his bed, with only minor movement of his right hand and right leg.

He was a total paraplegic and grieving that he was unable to work and support his family. He at times prayed for death to take the pressures off his wife, who cared for Mike's every need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Before Mike's stroke, he worked a lot with race car drivers, designing parts and corrections needed for their racecars. Oh, how he missed the races so much!

Our entire family got together, drove to Atlanta in a caravan, loaded Mike and all

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his special equipment and drove him down to Inverness, where I live.

I contacted the management of the Citrus Speedway and explained our situation. We needed some way to get our family and Mike with his wheelchair to a position to see the races. God bless the

management and staff, who made the arrangements to reserve the new wooded platform sitting almost on top of the race pavement. The reserved spot had a ramp for the wheelchair and we all brought umbrellas and folding chairs.

Many in the family had never seen a live race, unlike me, who just lives blocks away. I am 84 years of age, an Air Force veteran with disabilities, and, oh God, how much I enjoyed the races too!

The Citrus County Speedway management had staff bring us a large bucket of iced-down water bottles. A waitress kept checking on us and we ordered food and drinks. I tried to tip the speedway management, but he would not hear of it.

Could you imagine how excited my son-in-law was? Tears came to his eyes as the cars (sounding like thunder) went by us on every lap, close enough for us to almost reach out and touch their cars.

There are some wonderful people still out there, especially those working at the Citrus County Speedway.

John Chambers  
Inverness



## Thank you for the fill up

Thank you, Garrett from Homosassa Race-Trac, for filling up my tires on my car. Thanks again.

## New flags a worthy investment

I'm calling about people who have the American flag — it stands for

our wonderful country — that are on flagpoles and they are shredded. We saw one today that you feel like you want to take a match and light it to get it down off the pole, but the people weren't home and we certainly wouldn't do that. Anyway, please, if you have an (old) American flag, take it down and get ... a brand-new American

flag. Please, people, do this. It represents our country.

## Special treat made dog's day

I would like special recognition to the sheriff's volunteer on the Withlacoochee Trail who gave my dog a morning bacon doggie treat. It made our day. Thank you again for your service.

## DELTA

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■ Let's get one thing straight: I could care less whether you wear your mask or not, but I just saw on TV that (an) attorney general is going to sue a county because they have a mask mandate. Now let's just take one example — seatbelts. I drive down a highway and it says you better click up or you're going to get fined. With seatbelts, the only one that's going to get hurt is me, but we don't care about that. I'm tired of politicians using this COVID. People are dying and they're using this and you don't say nothing in this paper. ... Woe is me.

■ Now they're coming back again with this COVID hogwash increasing. If that's happening, then why doesn't our government just shut our country down completely — no flights in, no flights out — and just shut the borders down. Then let's see what happens with COVID-19 and let's see what the actual numbers are in the United States of America.

■ It almost made my brain explode when I read how full of joy the person was that said alcohol will still be served at the Cooter Fest. We live in an area overflowing with anti-maskers, anti-vaxxers and new cases of the COVID variant. Why are we having these super-spreader events? The ignorance surrounding us in Citrus County is enough to make a person with any common sense cry.

■ I'm responding to the (Friday, July 23, Page A10) Sound Off "Pondering natural selection," where the person says: "I'm totally confused at this point. How do we keep these groups separated until (natural selection) eliminates the problem?" Really? There is no separation. The problem will never be eliminated. The virus will always be here. Just because a person don't decide to wear a mask — they could have

been inoculated from it or they can have the antibodies from it — don't mean they're going to catch it or give it. Everyone assumes if you're not wearing a mask, all of a sudden you can contaminate them. You want to separate everybody by masks or no masks, but I don't care to live in your world. I prefer not to wear a mask and if you don't want to be next to me, don't be next to me. You stay home like a hermit and just live your life to the fullest and enjoy it. But separating people that you want to wear a mask or don't wear a mask, I totally disagree on that concept, totally.

■ I'm calling about the (Friday, July 23, Page A11) "Hot Corner: COVID". ... If you got your vaccine, apparently you don't believe in it because you still want to wear a mask. If you had the vaccine, why bother wearing a mask? The vaccine should be protecting you.

■ This is in response to Joe Meek as a guest columnist (Sunday, July 25, Page C1, "Catching COVID-19 in Citrus County,". You know, he talks about how healthy he is and he goes to the gym and so forth. What he didn't tell you is, No. 1, did he ever social distance? Did he wash his hands? Did he not rub his eyes? Did he stay away from people? And, more importantly, he says he eats healthy, but in his healthy eating does he include zinc, vitamin C and vitamin D3, which was recommended in probably the first week — the only week that I heard of for only about a year — that people should have in their diet? Did he have all those things in his diet, as healthy as Joe Meek thinks he is?

■ Gov. DeSantis' margin of victory in 2018 was 32,463. Florida's COVID deaths, as of today (July 26), were 38,670. COVID has already killed off more Floridians than DeSantis won by in the governor's race. We need a mask mandate. We need a governor who will protect us. Citrus County, do something.

■ We have top medical experts in the country saying to wear masks to stop



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**Citrus County Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Josh Wooten receives his first of two Moderna vaccines Friday, July 22, at the Duke Energy Training Facility in Crystal River. Wooten receives his shot from Gary Jicha, LPN, from the Citrus County Department of Health.**

the spread of the virus and save lives. So common sense down here in Florida instead says let's listen to our governor, who doesn't appear to care how many of us die...

■ I just want to say that I'm going to listen to our governor. I'm not going to listen to anybody who says that we have to wear a mask. I'm going to listen to a man who knows what he's talking about...

■ This is to the person asking how does the government know what percentage COVID deaths are amongst the unvaccinated? Do you think possibly they ask you when you're admitted to the hospital if you've been vaccinated?

■ I'm calling Sound Off in reference to the Chronicle, the CDC, the health department of Citrus County or whatever saying our numbers are going up on the COVID. OK, so let's try this: Why don't we shut all the tourist stuff down? Shut it down and only let Citrus County residents

put their boats in the water and our kayaks in the water and see if our numbers go down.

■ I wonder if you could tell me, what's the cost of an average hospital stay for people who go in with the COVID virus? The last time I was in for (something) minor, the co-pay was quite high. I'm just wondering, what is the cost for the citizens who pay for these people who can't come up with the co-pay? Could you please tell me just what the average cost is? I would appreciate that. Just wondering what it's costing people.

■ I'm offended that the Chronicle gives voice to these anti-mask- and anti-vaccine-conspiracy folks living in Citrus County. If we don't stop this virus, not only will it kill many more people, but it's going to destroy our economy...

■ In a rather boring and too-often-played TV ad, Joe Namath says, "With the uncertainty of the virus, you need everything you're entitled to." Well,

the logic says that if the virus becomes certain, you won't need all the things you're entitled to.

■ I'm calling Sound Off in reference to the vaccine. Everyone says, "Take the vaccine, take the vaccine." How come after, what, a year now, the vaccine is still not approved by the FDA? How come? Can someone answer that one? I'd really like to see an answer on that one.

■ I've been reading about Gov. Ron DeSantis' fight against people wearing masks. We voted for him. I can't figure out why he wants to kill us.

■ For the last year or so with this COVID-19, all I've been hearing is, "Wear a mask, wear a mask, wear a mask." In the beginning, they also mentioned some vitamins that you should have in your system, mainly zinc, D3 and vitamin C. You don't hear that at all. I think, for the most part, the health of the nation should be considered more than wearing these masks. I think if you're a

healthy person and you build up your immune system, you should be able to ward this thing off, or, at least if you get it, not die from it. So I think a little bit more emphasis should be given on the health of the nation rather than wearing these masks. OK?

■ In the early 1940s, schoolchildren like me collected tinfoil from gum wrappers as part of the country's wartime scrap-metal drive. We felt that in our small way, we were being patriotic and helping our country. In January of 2021, I enthusiastically got the COVID-19 vaccine for two reasons: I thought it was good for my personal health and I also felt that in this pandemic war, I could do something to lessen the mushrooming death rate among Americans. Now in July, as the virus is surging in our area — the Delta strain — it's time for the unvaccinated to carefully consider stepping up and saying "yes" to the vaccine. Patriotism is so much more than flag-waving.

## TRIM

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Although market conditions may have changed recently, the TRIM notice considers sales that occurred in 2020 (prior to Jan. 1, 2021) on the TRIM notice you will be receiving in the mail.

There is essential information on the TRIM notice such as property identifiers, property values, taxing authorities, last year's tax rate, the tax rate this year if no budget change is made, the tax rate if proposed budget change is made, assessment reductions/additions, and contact information. The TRIM notice also provides information regarding public meetings to discuss tentative budgets to set your millage tax rates. If you have an existing homestead exemption, any increase to your assessment

may be limited to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) which is 1.4% this year — unless there is any new construction on your home or parcel. This is due to the "Save Our Homes" Amendment 10 to the Florida Constitution. You can read more about CPI and Save Our Homes through the Florida Department of Revenue at [www.floridarevenue.com/property](http://www.floridarevenue.com/property).

The TRIM notice is NOT a bill. It is extremely important that you open your TRIM notice(s). One significant task I ask all home owners to complete is to analyze your TRIM notice data for accuracy, including the physical and mailing addresses. We receive many returned TRIM notices from property owners who have not updated their information. If you are eligible for homestead exemption and have not filed for homestead exemption, I strongly urge you to apply on our

website or call or visit one of our offices in Inverness or Crystal River.

TRIM notices can also be viewed online starting on Aug. 20, on our website [www.citruspa.org](http://www.citruspa.org). Once you reach our homepage, on the right side of the screen under "Quick Links" click the "Search Parcel Database" tab and enter your parcel ID in the ALTKEY field or simply search by your address.

What do you do if you feel your property value on your TRIM notice is not accurate? The goal of our staff at the Citrus County Property Appraiser's Office is to ensure your property is appraised accurately and equitably. If you feel your value is inaccurate, the first option is to contact our office for a detailed explanation of your TRIM notice by speaking with one of our customer service representatives or certified appraisers. We are happy to communicate with you

about your value. Our contact information is on your TRIM notice.

The second option is to file a petition with the Value Adjustment Board (VAB). The purpose of the VAB is to hear appeals regarding property value assessments, denied exemptions or classifications, ad valorem tax deferrals, portability decisions, and change of ownership or control. The VAB consists of two members of the Board of County Commissioners, one member of the Citrus County School Board, and two citizens of Citrus County. You can file petitions with the VAB through the Citrus County Clerk of Court's Office. You must file the petition with the VAB by the deadline listed on your TRIM notice. The VAB appoints a special magistrate, who is a qualified real estate appraiser or attorney, to conduct the informal hearings on petitions challenging

assessments or exemption denials. Like you, the Citrus County Property Appraiser's Office would simply be a participant at the hearing in front of the VAB. As I stated in earlier articles, the Property Appraiser's Office (nor the VAB) sets the millage rate - nor does either party have jurisdiction over taxes. You can visit the Citrus County Clerk of Court's website for VAB information at [www.citrusclerk.org](http://www.citrusclerk.org).

All property owner's final tax bill from the Citrus County Tax Collector's Office, as prescribed by law, will be mailed on or before Nov. 1.

My biggest goal is to continually educate our citizens regarding the VAB by the deadline listed on your TRIM notice. The VAB appoints a special magistrate, who is a qualified real estate appraiser or attorney, to conduct the informal hearings on petitions challenging

and speaking engagements — I promise to keep striving for this goal each and every year that I am fortunate enough to be your property appraiser.

I look forward to providing you with important information in the upcoming months on our website, social media, and through various community outreach programs. Please check our various social media platforms for upcoming events and information. As always, our customer service staff is available to answer questions in both offices. In Inverness, call 352-341-6600 and in Crystal River, call 352-564-7130. You can also visit the Property Appraiser's website [www.citruspa.org](http://www.citruspa.org) or Facebook/Instagram page @citruscountyflpropertyappr.

Cregg E. Dalton is the Citrus County Property Appraiser.

## BEYOND

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In some ways, moving into this year is just as challenging as what they faced last year. The reality of teaching in the midst of a pandemic isn't over. In fact, experts now say that the Delta variant, accounting for the majority of cases in the United States, is not only causing cases in all 50 states to surge, but is also likely to be as contagious as the chickenpox.

This is a new chapter in the world of COVID-19.

No matter what political stance one takes or how one personally feels about masks, quarantines, vaccines, and "the new normal," what happens in the classroom should be apolitical. And that means that teachers face the tall order of giving kids a solid education while balancing their health and safety in

an atmosphere that is electrically charged by very strong opinions.

It is no easy task.

Teaching is a unique profession under normal circumstances. What society got a taste of last year with virtual learning woke many up to the truth about educators in the United States: teachers are undervalued and, in many places, underpaid.

Ask any classroom teacher in America why they went into the profession and the rate of pay won't make anyone's list. It's a career born out of passion and love. It is fueled by ingenuity and creativity. Teachers have to hold on to deferred success — the knowledge that the investment they make will often not be acknowledged or understood until the student is far beyond the reach of their classroom.

Maybe a handful will come back and say thank you, but that's not why they

do the job.

Teachers are motivated by the possibility of building the future; of helping a student recognize the potential they have to change the world; of sparking within them a light that may lead them for the rest of their lives. Teachers, by default, are hopeful. They see all that could be and are driven to help that become reality.

School districts across the country are short on teachers. Even here in Citrus County there are 60 open teaching positions and 47 open support positions. Filling these vacancies is vital to the healthy maintenance of our school system — not just because we need teacher-student ratios to be at optimal levels but also because when our schools are short-staffed, our teachers must pick up the slack. And overloaded and under-resourced classrooms are the quickest ways to snuff

out enthusiasm and innovation in a teacher.

The Citrus County School District is working to mitigate the personnel shortages. We have good leadership who can be trusted to work hard to find solutions to give our teachers and students the best educational infrastructure available to them.

But this isn't just the responsibility of the district administration. While they are working on the nuts and bolts of creative resolutions, the community has a job to do, as well. Sustaining our teachers with encouragement, gratitude, and support goes a lot further than one might think.

Teachers are filing back into the classroom tomorrow and they are ready to have students back in the hallways. They can't wait to get to know the kids they have sitting in their classrooms.

So return the favor. Get

to know the teachers your kids will be interacting with day in and day out. Send a thoughtful email. Say thank you. Acknowledge that navigating face-to-face learning in the midst of COVID is difficult. Commit to being on their team as we all work to give our kids the best education possible.

Go one step further. Find out where they like to get coffee in the morning or what their favorite sandwich shop is. Treat them every once in a while. That kind of gratitude and thoughtfulness makes a huge difference in the lives of teachers who are expending themselves for the sake of our future.

Teachers — you play an incredibly important and valuable role in our world. And I know it's not an easy gig. As you step into your classrooms tomorrow, my hope is that you are refreshed after an arduous

year. I know what lies ahead is ambiguous with more question marks than you are likely comfortable with. But take heart. If there is anyone in the world that can tackle the unknown with confidence and imagination, it is you.

I, for one, am cheering you on as you step into another year of investing in the future. You do make a difference. And it is, undoubtedly, worth it.

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## Sound OFF

### Alcohol doesn't have to be everywhere

I'm calling in reference to the decision to allow beer sales at the Cooter Festival. Some people do think it's a good decision. I just want to put my 2 cents in. Now, I'm an avid drinker and I enjoy drinking, but I also think that if you're unable to go out for a couple hours to a festival which has families and there's children around and such and if you're unable to do that without having alcohol, then I think you really need to question yourself. Another thing, too, is alcohol's a lot more expensive when you have to buy it out at a festival or something like that and it's just not really necessary. Have a good day.



### Temporary terminus a novel proposition

Wow, I had to force myself to read through the convoluted article from Rep. Massullo Sunday morning (July 18, Page C1's Guest Column, "Road will affect every citizen in Citrus County; all must be considered"). I am,

however, thrilled and fully support his proposal to remedy the issue of an interchange at State Road 44 and Pine Ridge Boulevard. Informed citizens understand Phase 2 must terminate at (County Road) 486. Massullo's proposal to make the terminus temporary and evaluate traffic patterns in the interim is the best option for Citrus County. I hope future dissertations will have his position stated at the beginning of his explanation rather than the end.

### Veterans need better care

(Re the Sunday, July 25, Page C2 editorial, "Fighting For Veterans," "Tragedy signs need for more mental health services"): I am very saddened and disheartened with the death and possible suicide report of the Air Force veteran, Sean (Liebman), you commented on. He served in combat for our country and was honorably discharged with PTSD. He worked to improve himself in the community. He went to the VA for some help and was just given sleeping pills and no further help. I can't

believe it. I'm an Army combat veteran, first lieutenant 1967-69, member of the VFW and the American Legion. I'm fortunate enough to be old enough now to have Medicare and enough finances I have a primary care physician, so I do not need the VA. I won't use them. Veterans should be treated more appropriately.

### Ten year projection isn't long enough

I'm just calling Sound Off (about the Monday, July 26, front-page story, "Plan would move courts"), where they want to move two new courts to the old Coke building. In here, it says that the renovations to the Coke building will serve them for 10 years. Really? So you want to build something and renovate it and rebuild it so it only lasts 10 years? So in 10 years, if the court system is so big like they are now, what are you going to do in 10 years? Say, "Oh, now we need a bigger facility" and then it's going to cost five or six times the amount of money? No, if you're going to build a court, build them so you know they're going to last more than just 10 years.

### Car washes seem counter to mission

(Re the Sunday, July 25, Page A3 story, "Two more car washes coming soon"): The powers that be are working so diligently to enhance the character of Crystal River. Why on earth are they going to permit a car wash at the main intersection? It seems counter to their mission.

### Nobody answers the phone anymore

Something has got to be done in this world that we're living in now. I called three places: two in Crystal River, one in Spring Hill. I couldn't get what I wanted. The phone rang off the hook. Ridiculous.

### Duke energy bills out of control

This call is for Duke Energy: Their bills they are expensive. I mean. ...Duke Energy is out of control and they need to think about a lot of senior citizens that live here in this county. They're getting out of control, these Duke Energy people and their prices.

### Thanks for being on the ball

(Re the July 27, Page A3 story): Thank you to the water patrolman who took that drunken driver of the boat off of the water so that he did not hurt someone else and cause an accident. Thank you for being on the ball and doing your job well. Congratulations. Have a good day.

### Keep the Sound Off coming

Thank you for Tuesday (July 20's Pages A9 and A10). You printed so many Sound Offs, it was wonderful. Some people made some good points. Some people were just ridiculous. I enjoy Sound Off. I loved to see the amount that you put out in this Tuesday's paper. Thank you.

### Finally a great Chronicle carrier

We in Black Diamond have finally, after two months, received a nice delivery carrier. He gets the paper here before 6 o'clock every morning and it's in the paper box. Thanks for the good service. I'm sure he'll have a nice Christmas.

## MAIN

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behind their creation.

We are hopeful to host the inaugural Taste of Crystal River this fall. This signature event will be a

large undertaking, but it's the one event that our residents and visitors ask for consistently. Stay tuned to our social channels for details.

We will continue to work with and support the city and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)

in any capacity they request. That might be helping work on historic preservation or doing city beautification projects. If you haven't seen, the splash pad was poured this week and we cannot wait to attend that ribbon cutting.

Big and little things are happening all over our downtown. We have new business and property owners coming to the table because they recognize that we are a "City on the Move."

If you haven't been downtown lately, come

join us this Friday, Aug. 6, for First Friday. Live music by Noah Hunton from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., local vendors featuring handmade or homemade products and several of our downtown businesses stay open later for extra shopping hours.

It won't be the same without you, see you all on Main Street!

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## WINDOW

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Sugarmill Woods fought hard for veterans in the county. He was a veteran himself and served for a time as the county veteran affairs officer.

■ The worker: Wilbur Langley drilled wells for a living and served as a county commissioner for the community. Langley would be up at dawn most days drilling a well or fixing someone's well

problem. He would sometimes show up at the county commission meeting in those same work clothes because he had to get back to work once the session ended. He was one of the hardest working people ever on the county board.

■ The environmentalist: Hank Cohen was a newspaper photographer before he got concerned about the county's environment. He helped form the Concerned Citizens of Citrus County with his wife, Miriam. Once

elected, he fought hard to create safeguards for all things environmental.

■ The smartest: Wayne Jordan had a PhD and great insight into how government should work. He would often shake his head in disbelief at some of the dumb things said at county commission meetings. He was smart as a whip.

■ The funniest: Josh Wooten was the last Democrat elected to the county commission. He now runs the county Chamber of Commerce. He is the best

'off the cuff' speaker to ever hold the office. His sarcasm runs deep and his kindness to people in need is legend.

■ The planner: Dennis Damato was the best planner ever on the county commission. He was a builder of custom homes and worked for years as the volunteer leader of the Crystal River community redevelopment agency. Once elected, he always got the project no one else wanted to deal with. It was his planning that created

at Meadowcrest and solved the space needs issue for a decade. However, Damato also had the ability to make people angry by ignoring what he believed to be their 'ignorant' suggestions. Tolerance was not one of his strong points.

■ The enthusiast: John Barnes was Mr. Homosassa. He would fight for anything and everything that made Homosassa a stronger community. He served as the county recreation director and once took a wild swing at me

over a story he did not like. He did not hit me, but he was the biggest enthusiast for the ideas he really liked. He led the charge for the county to purchase the Homosassa Springs Attraction when private developers wanted to turn the property into a condominium project. John left his mark, just not on my chin.

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**NONPROFIT BRIEFS**

## Nonprofit dissolution sometimes necessary

There comes a time when a nonprofit organization should be dissolved. The officers and directors have the statutory obligation to perform this duty.

The decision to terminate should come from the process of critical thinking.

This requires research regarding dissolution from reliable sources. Once the facts are collected and analyzed, a meaningful decision is possible.

IRS has established guidelines for terminating a nonprofit. Best practices assure successful outcomes.

### Reasons, causes

The reasons and causes that end the life of a nonprofit vary. IRS records indicate some charities last only around eight years. In some cases, termination may result from mission accomplished.

Other examples include lack of volunteer help, competition from other groups, donations dry up, grants are lost or mission and purpose no longer exist.

Unfortunately, serious breaches of IRS statutory regulations on the part of leadership can be the cause for dissolution. Examples include: using nonprofit funds for personal use or gain, hiring family or close relatives to perform paid-for services or involvement in unrelated business ventures.

Automatic revocation of income tax exemption due to lack of annual reporting will occur after three years. If multiple automatic revocations happen, involuntary dissolution is next.

Terminating a nonprofit impacts people, communities and other recipients of funding. Charitable works may stop, communities can lose financial support for social centers or parks and local governments may be obligated to level unwanted taxes to fill the absence of nonprofit funding.

### The process

The termination process of a nonprofit is the direct responsibility of the officers and board of directors. It starts with an agreement to dissolve the corporation, which should include meeting minutes articulating the reason(s).

The process can easily consume a full year. The state in which the corporation resides is the first entity to be dissolved and IRS-required documentation will follow.

A public announcement should be made and all creditors' final bills paid. Documentation from the state will need to be incorporated into the IRS filing for dissolution.

IRS will require the bulk of the filings and reports.

See **NONPROFIT/Page D2**

# Surviving, thriving



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Carol's Interiors and Flooring owner Carol Hedge sits with her dog Ranger as her staff stands behind. They are, from left: Rhonda Kennedy, general manager; Kelli Helms, installer; Randi Mandersen; Mickey Fambri, art curator; and co-art curator Toni Rodriguez.

## Carol Hedge's store survives two fires, pandemic, U.S. 19 road mess

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Staff writer

For a business owner to come back after a devastating fire is one thing.

But to come back and continue to thrive after a second? And in the middle of a global pandemic? Not to mention a five-year road-widening project that remains unfinished in front of her business off U.S. 19?

Carol Hedge, owner of Carol's Interiors and Flooring in Homosassa, could have given up. But she's not that kind of person. She refused to call it quits and today she's still open.

"We are thriving," said Hedge, flanked by two of her store's mascots: Sassy and Ranger, mini and standard Australian shepherds, respectively.

In addition to flooring products, Hedge has an attached art studio called Arts and Ends, where customers can browse through a wide range of items to adorn their home.

Hedge said quitting never entered her mind.

"I couldn't have done that," she said. "I have six people who work here. Never once did any of us give up."

But it wasn't easy.

While waiting to rebuild after the second fire, "we literally worked in the ashes," she said.

Employee Rhonda Kennedy remembers putting a plastic covering over her desk to protect herself from the ash.

"We had black all over our hands," Kennedy said. "We were just trying to make sense of where we were going."

For one thing, Hedge said she couldn't quit and leave



Art classes are offered at Carol's Interiors and Flooring, at the Arts and Ends section.



The showroom of Carol's Interiors and Flooring, with Arts and Ends, welcomes art enthusiasts and offers many different media of artwork from painting, photography to metal design and clothing.

her employees — who are like family — without jobs.

Hedge said it helps that the business has established a loyal following after being in business for 42 years.

"It's word of mouth, how

long we've been here and (the fact) that they trust us," Hedge said.

The first fire occurred on the night after Christmas 2015. Carol Hedges and her husband got a phone call

saying her business at 6410 U.S. 19 was ablaze.

But it was too late. They could only stand watch as the flames consumed much of their building.

Thanks to their insurance settlement and the expeditious rebuilding by Sweetwater Homes, which only took 18 weeks, they were back in business, selling flooring, carpeting, window treatments and interior design.

Flash forward to the wee hours of the night Thanksgiving 2019, when a second blaze broke out.

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Carol's Interiors and Flooring is in Homosassa across U.S. 19 from Howard's Flea Market.



# Delivery apps expand reach to meet demand

**DEE-ANN DURBIN**  
*AP Business Writer*

Spurred by skyrocketing consumer demand during the pandemic, restaurant delivery companies like DoorDash and Uber Eats are rapidly expanding their services to grocers, convenience stores, pharmacies, pet stores and even department stores.

On Wednesday, July 21, Uber Eats unveiled its newest delivery option: flowers. Uber Eats will let users order flowers directly from its app as part of a partnership with ProFlowers, an FTD subsidiary. Flower delivery will be offered first in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and a few other U.S. cities; it will be available nationwide by early next year.

"If we can deliver your burrito in 30 minutes or deliver your ice cream still frozen, we should be able to deliver anything in under an hour," said Fuad Hannon, the head of new verticals at DoorDash. "The technology makes that possible."

Expanding beyond restaurant delivery is critical for Uber Eats and DoorDash, which have struggled to make a profit on the slim margins they get from restaurants.

Restaurant delivery can be profitable in dense urban markets, where drivers can complete multiple orders in an hour, said Ali Mogharabi, a senior equity analyst with Morningstar. But outside of cities, where deliveries take longer, adding orders from Walgreens



Associated Press

**In this Wednesday, July 21, photo, attorney Cynthia Carrasco White and her daughter, Charlotte, 6, unpack supplies delivered by Instacart at their home in the Porter Ranch area of Los Angeles.**

or Costco makes better use of drivers' time.

Offering more items for delivery also attracts customers, many of whom will fork over the \$9.99 monthly fee DoorDash and Uber Eats charge for unlimited deliveries.

Raj Beri, Uber Eats' global head of grocery and new verticals, said the company saw a huge influx of users after the pandemic began, and many are sticking with delivery even as the pandemic ebbs. To keep them, it needs to offer goods and services they value.

"More of our users are trying these verticals outside of restaurants. Those customers have more stickiness on the platform," he said. "They're more engaged, so the membership becomes more valuable to

them."

DoorDash and Uber Eats face stiff competition from established players like Instacart and Amazon, which are also experts in delivery logistics. Instacart currently controls 67% of the U.S. grocery pickup and delivery business, while Amazon controls 22%, according to Edison Trends. DoorDash and Uber Eats together control 1%.

Non-restaurant delivery makes up around 5% of sales at both Uber Eats and DoorDash. But that business is growing rapidly. DoorDash started working with convenience stores like 7-Eleven in April 2020 and more recently opened its own DashMart fulfillment centers. It's already the market leader in convenience store delivery, with a 60% share of the

market, according to Edison Trends.

And there's enormous opportunity ahead. Beri says around 3 million customers per month are ordering non-restaurant deliveries from Uber Eats, but the company has a total of 98 million active users around the world. And Mogharabi estimates there will be \$1 trillion worth of deliverable goods and services in the U.S. by 2025.

Delivery comes at a price. The in-store price of a gallon of milk at a Meijer in Michigan is \$1.68; on the DoorDash app, it's \$2.99. But so far, the extra fees aren't dampening demand.

Uber Eats said non-restaurant delivery jumped 77% between the fourth quarter of 2020 and the first quarter of this year. DoorDash said non-restaurant delivery rose 40% in the same period.

Cynthia Carrasco White, a single mother and a lawyer for a Los Angeles nonprofit, used to think delivery was a luxury she couldn't afford. But she started getting meals, groceries and other necessities delivered last year so she could avoid taking her young, unvaccinated daughters to the store.

White has come to see delivery as a lifeline that saves her time, gas money and child care expenses. She uses various apps, including Uber Eats and DoorDash, and takes advantage of deals when she can.

"Now that I've seen how beneficial it is, I'll figure out a way to cut costs and continue to use it," she said.

Delivery also comes at a cost

to stores, depending on the services they're using. Some businesses, like Macy's and Walmart, have customers order products on their own web site and use DoorDash to make deliveries. At other stores, like 7-Eleven or CVS, Uber Eats and DoorDash drivers do the shopping and make deliveries.

In some cases, it's a mix. The grocery chain Alberstons recently signed a deal with DoorDash for delivery from nearly 2,000 U.S. stores.

In some locations, DoorDash drivers do the shopping and delivery. At other stores, Alberstons workers pack the groceries and DoorDash is only used for delivery.

Alberstons laid off many of its own delivery workers earlier this year; at least some were given other jobs within the store, the company says. Amber Kappa, Alberstons' vice president for e-commerce, said the chain simply couldn't keep up with digital order demand, which nearly tripled last year.

"If we don't offer one- to two-hour delivery fast and near-free, I don't know how long we'd last," Kappa said.

For some businesses, delivery companies are helping eliminate expensive shipping. Petco uses DoorDash to move heavy bags of kibble and kitty litter to customers' doorsteps, which is much faster and cheaper than shipping them.

"It costs the same amount of money to take a 40-pound bag as it costs for a tennis ball in that DoorDasher's trunk," said Petco CEO Ron Coughlin.

## THRIVING

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It took the Hedges an entire year to navigate through insurance, building

permits and contractor work until the county allowed them to again take occupancy at the end of December 2020.

Eight months later, her business stands. She and her staff are following the proper health protocols to keep staff and customers safe during the

pandemic. The road widening in front continues and could last even longer now that the project contractor closed and work has stopped.

Seeing as how both her store fires occurred on holidays (Christmas and Thanksgiving), Hedge wonders if she

should play it safe in the future.

"Holidays seem scary," she said. "Maybe I should spend Easter overnight here."

For more information, call 352-628-2861 or visit <https://www.carolsinteriorsandfloors.com>.

## NONPROFIT

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There are multiple forms to file and this often extends the process into the next calendar year.

IRS will request articles of dissolution. Documents showing a list of all assets remaining is needed. When the nonprofit is a membership organization, a meeting representing the members must vote to dissolution.

Depending on other factors, a list of the

members' votes may be required.

All assets remaining must be donated to one or more existing nonprofits. A special form must be filed which lists each recipient of donated funds. Verification is required proving all recipients are nonprofit corporations in good standing with the state in which they reside, and IRS.

### Submitting to IRS

Submitting the entire documentation package to IRS will need a cover letter listing the accompanying forms. In most

cases, the submission date will take place during a calendar year.

A final Annual Information Return is required to be filed immediately after the close of the year of dissolution.

All officers and the board of directors present during the time of dissolution should always adhere to best practices.

IRS reserves the right to request additional information. Professional

guidance is recommended during the entire process.

*Dr. Frederick J. Herzog is the executive director and founder of the*

*NonProfit Resource Center in Citrus County. He can be reached at 847-899-9000 or email to: fherzog@tampabay.rr.com. Visit the website at NonProfitResourceCenter.com.*

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Shaunda Burdette

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— Shaunda Burdette

Executive Director, Citrus County Education Foundation

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- 08/13 — Healthcare Heroes Luncheon sponsored by The Citrus County Chronicle — 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.; Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club
- 08/26 — August Chamber Mixer — 5 p.m.; Kelly's Half Shell in Crystal River
- 09/10 — September Chamber Luncheon sponsored by Big Brothers Big Sisters — 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.; Plantation on Crystal River; Speaker: Jennifer Quinn, Economist & Director of Economic Development | Florida Realtors®
- 09/23 — September Chamber Mixer — 5 p.m.; Realtor's Association of Citrus County in Lecanto
- 10/07 — Big BAM Mixer — 5PM; Bayfront Health Seven Rivers
- 10/15 — Salute to Business Luncheon sponsored by Bayfront Health Seven Rivers and The College of Central Florida — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 10/19 — Fire Up Citrus — 6 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.; The Valerie Theatre in Inverness
- 10/28 — BAM BBQ presented by Crystal Harley Davidson — 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.; M&B Dairy in Lecanto

## Healthcare HEROES



## Citrus County Sign-On Bonus Program offered

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

The program is available to all local businesses with 75 or fewer full-time or part-time workers.

Jobs to be filled must be

full-time positions that pay \$15/hour or less.

The newly hired workers must work for the employer for 90 days to qualify to receive the \$1,000 sign-on bonus.

To participate, employers must post the jobs they seek to fill through CareerSource.

Likewise, employees must apply for the job through

CareerSource.

Following 90-days of successful employment, employers will invoice CareerSource for reimbursement of the bonus.

Funding for the bonus program comes from \$70,000 in CARES funds that were set aside by the County for economic development uses aimed at boosting workforce

affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

An additional \$30,000 has been allocated to the Citrus County YMCA to provide day care scholarships for parents in the same workforce category.

If you are a business that would like to participate in the program, go to the CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion website at

<https://careersourceclm.com/> and click on the Citrus County Sign On Bonus link.

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

### Grants offered to businesses that rehire employees

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

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

ploying for a minimum of 90 days.

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

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



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This week, host Jade White, Chamber Public Relations & Communication Coordinator, talks with Erika Corley, Chamber Special Events Manager, about upcoming events including the Business Expo, Business Appreciation Month's BAM BBQ and Fire Up Citrus, and the 2021 Christmas Parades!

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# When, when not to co-sign for your young adult

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If you're the parent of a young adult, you may be asked to co-sign for a car loan or an apartment lease. Before you agree, know what's at stake — you could be putting your own financial security at risk.

## WHAT CO-SIGNING REALLY MEANS

When you co-sign, you become fully responsible for someone else's debt. If they don't pay, you're on the hook. Even if they pay on time, being a co-signer can make it harder for you to qualify for credit, because that debt is considered yours and creditors could see you as overextended. If your child doesn't pay on time, you could suffer significant damage to your credit score. When you put your name on someone else's debt, it's smart to make sure you can access account information so you know if trouble is brewing.

"You need to be prepared for the worst-case scenario, which is the other person is unable to pay and they ghost you," says Kelley Long, a certified public accountant and consumer financial education advocate for the American Institute of CPAs.

Or maybe a sudden end to communication is not the worst. Long points out that you may find yourself at the Thanksgiving table with someone whose debt you are paying, even though they have an Instagram full of vacation pictures and you can't afford to travel. Decide if you can keep financial betrayal from ruining your relationship.

While it has its pitfalls, co-signing can sometimes be smart. Lynnette Khalfani-Cox, CEO and founder of Money Coach University, co-signed for a condo with her daughter, now 23, four years ago. But this was no caving to puppy-eyed pleading. "It was pure strategy," she says, and it was a family decision.

Homeownership helped her daughter establish in-state residency and stop paying

out-of-state tuition. Khalfani-Cox and her husband, Earl, covered the down payment and closing costs — a total of about \$25,000. They saved that much on tuition the first year.

Because roommates' rent covered the monthly payment, their daughter spent three years living rent-free. And on-time mortgage payments helped her establish good credit. She graduated, got married and got a job, then she and her husband insisted on paying

rent. The young couple are looking for a bigger place, and Khalfani-Cox intends to rent the condo out.

## WHY DOES YOUR KID NEED A CO-SIGNER?

Lenders want co-signers when they can't approve someone's application on its own merits. Reasons are typically:

- Little or no credit history.
- Too little income or too much debt.

■ A history of mismanaging credit.

When co-signing for an adult child goes wrong, it's often because the young adult does not pay as the parent expected, Long says. Relationships can be damaged and credit trashed.

Long recommends spelling out issues such as:

- Who will make the payments.
- What to do if someone can't make a payment (it would affect both the borrower's and

co-signer's credit scores).

■ Whether and when the loan will be refinanced into the adult child's name.

In the end, though, the law won't be on your side if your child doesn't follow through.

## WHEN CAN YOU SAY YES?

"If it's a payment that you are going to make anyway, or are prepared to make, then co-signing isn't as risky," Long says. For instance, if you planned to pay for a car or student loans anyway, you might have the young adult apply. When their name is on the loan, the payments you make help them build credit.

There are qualified yeses as well. Long suggests spreading out responsibility as much as you can if you co-sign a lease. That could mean:

■ Asking for individual leases and co-signers for roommates. Landlords are often willing to do that, Long says. Co-signing for only your child's portion protects you if roommates skip out on rent, damage property, etc.

■ Splitting up responsibility for utilities. You don't want to be on the hook for all of them.

## WHEN TO SAY NO

Khalfani-Cox says she's generally against co-signing. "Many people who are seeking a co-signer have not proved themselves as creditworthy or they've had kind of poor credit behaviors in the past. If the bank isn't willing to loan to them, I'm kind of like, 'Why should you?'"

If you see signs that your young adult won't handle credit responsibly, pay attention. If co-signing would jeopardize your financial security, a gentle "no" along with an offer to help some other way — like a one-time cash gift or providing rides — may be wiser.

This article was provided to The Associated Press by the personal finance website NerdWallet. Bev O'Shea is a writer at NerdWallet. Email: boshhea@nerdwallet.com. Twitter: @BeverlyOShea.

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# A garden's lessons for handling, growing finances

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**S**oil, sun, water and seed: The ingredients of a garden are simple, but the final product is never guaranteed. Willing a plot of land into a vibrant state of bloom takes intention, know-how and no small amount of trial and error.

Like many people staying at home, I spent much of the past year tending to the soil of my yard and crafting a garden oasis of my own imagination. The work wasn't easy, and I'm sure many now-dead plants wish that I'd been a little more proficient.

But as my vision came to life — and I realized the care that this new hobby requires — I saw parallels between tending to a garden and handling finances with intentionality. Here's what my garden taught me about managing money.

**HAVE A VISION**

Before you put a spade into the ground — or sign up for a new financial instrument — define what you want to accomplish. Like a garden, your financial future can be a reflection of your passions and priorities.

"There are no rules — it's your garden," says Brooke Edmunds, associate professor of community horticulture with Oregon State University Extension. "Don't be afraid to try new things. You'll get so much joy out of the pride of growing things yourself."

How you manage your money is an individual endeavor, too. "When imagining your goals, a good jumping-off point is defining your needs and your wants and what you value," says Lacey Langford, a North Carolina-based financial coach. "Not everyone values the same thing. Some people might value a nice home or a nice car or retirement savings more."

Understand that big goals can take years to accomplish. "Take the long-view approach," Edmunds says. "It really takes five years or so to really see how plants are and to learn your garden space."

Likewise, think about various aspects of your finances — debts, income, investments — and define what you want them to look like in five years. Do some self-reflection and sketch out the life you want. Then get started on bringing this vision



In this May 14, 2018, file photo, a couple walks on a path at Fairmount Park as they proceed under the trestle bridge over the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia. Tending your garden also offers lessons for growing your money. Start by defining what you want to bring to life. Think about the various aspects of your finances — income, expenses, debts — and imagine what you want them to look like in one or five years' time.

to fruition.

**MAKE GROWTH EASY**

With goals defined, dig in and establish the right foundation for growth.

In a garden, this step means testing the soil to determine if it has the right components to support your specific plants. Developing the right soil can make the difference between a season of vigorous growth and a lackluster performance.

When it comes to managing money, think of the fundamentals — things like income, expenses and savings, as well as your attitudes and behavior toward money — as the soil. Your ambitions are the plants you put into the ground, hoping they'll take root and thrive. Upon inspection, you may find that you're primed for growth or that the soil needs amending. Adjusting financial habits to

meet an ambitious savings goal, like a down payment on a house, is one example. If you're not able to save much after covering your current expenses, get creative and trim expenses or increase your income.

Next, turn to your attitudes and habits around money, says Kathleen Burns Kingsbury, a wealth psychology expert based in Vermont.

"I recommend people look at what lessons they learned growing up about managing money," Burns Kingsbury says. "How have those beliefs about money impacted their behavior as adults? The foundational part is really looking at how these thoughts and beliefs impact your ability to make progress down this path."

Reorienting attitudes toward money can help you meet your goals. For example, you may have been taught that debt should be avoided at all costs.

You could reassess your thinking and explore ways to use debt as a financial tool with less risk. When paying for a major expense, a credit card that has a 0% annual-percent-rate period could help you cover the cost while keeping your savings intact.

**PUT IN THE WORK**

A green thumb or a certified financial planner certificate isn't necessary to achieve your goals. Much like weeding, regularly chipping away at tasks is easier than trying to accomplish everything immediately.

"You don't have to weed the entire garden in one day," Burns Kingsbury says. "Take a small chunk and think about how to get rid of those weeds."

Focus on regular tasks to nurture your finances. When paying off debt, for example, spend a day organizing accounts into a spreadsheet or using a debt

tracker. The next day choose a payoff path, like the debt snowball or debt avalanche method, then stick with it. Breaking tasks into small steps makes them easier to manage. The same is true when improving credit; making regular on-time payments will build your score over time.

"Your garden doesn't have to be perfect, but stay on top of your weeds so they don't affect the productivity of your garden," Edmunds says.

Tending to a garden and managing finances are about marrying a bold vision with daily, incremental tasks to bring it to life.

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**Adjunct-Communications - Levy**

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**CHRONICLE**

**Sports Reporter Correspondent**

The Citrus County Chronicle's editorial department is seeking a sports reporter correspondent to assist with local sports writing duties.

The successful candidate will possess the ability to write sports game stories/features on a deadline and be able to send them into the sports department by email. A press pass will be provided for free entrance into local sporting events.

Night work will be required and stories for games covered will be due that evening. The majority of work will take place within Citrus County and reliable transportation is a must. This is a contract position. Inquires may be made by contacting sports editor Matt Piffner: [mpiffner@chronicleonline.com](mailto:mpiffner@chronicleonline.com)

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

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**Gutters**

Get your mind out of the gutter! Cleaning \$25-\$45, most homes. Gutter guards, \$3-\$4 ft. And Handyman, Mark: 352-445-4724

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→ A ACTION TREE (352) 726-9724

**Upholstery**

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I buy, jewelry, silver, gold, paintings, instruments, records, antiques, coins, watches & MORE! 352-454-0068

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Wanted Model Trains \$ INSTANT CASH \$ For old Lionel & other model trains, any quantity - one piece or a house full! 330-554-7089

Beauty Services



Sandy's Barbershop has moved

New location is 725 SE 9th Circle Crystal River (Behind KFC)

Walk-ins Welcome Men's & Boy's Cuts just \$12.00 We cut womens hair too! Sandy's Barbershop (352) 228-8912

Pets

2 Baby Mini Pigs to good home 6 weeks old, males, Spotted \$90 each (352) 364-3009

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Wanted: Maltipoo or similar dog. Cute, young adult female, 1-2+ yrs, 10-12 lbs, does not chew/scratch, house-trained, healthy, has all shots 352-270-9548

Boat Accessories

2019 2.5HP Yamaha Less than 50hrs Like New! 4 cycle \$675 Generator Generac 4000W XL Exc. Cond. \$150 (352) 247-5899

Outboard Motor Antique 3 HP Evinrude Lightwin w/ spare props. Great for Marina or Restaurant decor. \$150 352-341-4306

Watercrafts

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

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

KAYAK- 2 person Kayak includes cart and 1 life preserver \$250 (352) 637-1842

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

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

Boats

DuraCraft 18-6 ft Tunnel Hull 115, 4 stroke 2006 Yamaha jet foot, 588hrs, 210 on all cylinders - poling platform, live well, vhf, alum. road king & more

JON BOAT 14' comes with Trailer and Motor \$1000 or Trade 352-344-0997

LOWE PONTOON 1996, 21ft, 80HP Yamaha, bimini top, gps w/ trailer - \$7K (runs excellent) (352) 613-2279

WANTED ALL RV'S & BOATS Any condition - We come to you- Same Day CASH (941) 284-3498

Recreation Vehicles

AEROLITE Wrangler 2007 - 30 ft, one slide-out - Remodeled & Furnished \$7K (762) 230-3851

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

Campers/Travel Trailers

2017 FOREST RIVER TRAVEL TRAILER Micro Lite - Couples Cabin 26ft - 1 Slide \$22,995 352-795-7820

2017 HEARTLAND PIONEER- 5th WHEEL P1 276 -32R/ 2 Slides, Auto Leveling, Rear Bunks, \$24,500 352-634-2247

2017 Rockwood Ultra-Lite, Travel Trailer, 30ft - 2 Slides \$28,995 352-795-7820

Auto Parts/Accessories

CAR COVER FOR 2012-2018 Volkswagen Beetle reflects the sun, silver \$100. 352-613-0529

Fifth Wheel Tail Gate for full size Dodge Truck \$125 (352) 220-2715

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CASH FOR CARS & TRUCKS Running or Not TOP \$\$\$ PAID \* 352-771-6191 \*

WANTED JUNK & ESTATE CARS Up to \$1,000 & MORE (352) 342-7037

Cars

1995 Oldsmobile CUTLASS SUPREME CONVERTIBLE - RED w/ White int. , A/C & Pwr everything! MAKE OFFER 352-795-7335 LV Msg



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Cars

2006 TOYOTA Solara, 2-dr, runs good, 2nd owner 109k mi., \$5,300 610-534-7489

CADILLAC 2005 DeVille DTS, Gold, low miles, exc cond., reduced \$5995, 352-442-1925

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

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

TOYOTA 2017 Camry XLE 48K miles, \$19,500 352-503-7287

Classic Vehicles

89 MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE 5.0 5sp - Older Restore Many Extras! Too Much to List- Discs, SS Exhaust, etc. \$12,000 (352) 436-9718

CHEVROLET 1969 CAMARO - 454 Engine / 700R4 trans., MANY upgrades! Call for details! \$40,000 810-841-2692

DODGE 1987 RAM 2500 Only 67K orig. mi., A/C, Manual Trans., Single cab, Long bed \$12,500 OBO 719-568-4882

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

Classic Vehicles

LINCOLN 1956 Custom. ONE FINE RIDE! \$25,000 By appt only 352-527-2835, lve msg

Trucks

DODGE 2011 RAM 1500 LONG-HORN, 5k on new eng, alt & w/oter pump \$14,900 (614) 563-7787

FORD 2004 F150 XLT 4x4 50K mi. -1- owner \$8700 (352) 423-1088

Truck Bed Cover "Undercover" Brand fits Chevy & GMC w/ 6.5 ft bed Years 99-06, \$125, Truck Steps - 3" Nerf Bars fr/ 2003 Chevy, \$50, Both \$150 352-341-4306

Vans

FORD BUS FOR SALE E-450 Ford, 2015, 23 passenger, 113K mi, \$14K (352) 422-7170

Motorcycles

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\*\*\*\*\*SCAM ALERT\*\*\*\*\*



How to Avoid a Fake Check Scam

- INSIST ON CASH
Don't accept a check for more than the selling price. You can bet it's a scam.
Inform the Buyer that you'll wait two weeks before sending any merchandise.
Never use money from a check to send gift cards, money orders, or wire money to strangers or someone you just met. Many scammers demand that you send money through money transfer services like Western Union or MoneyGram, or buy gift cards and send them the PIN numbers. Once you wire money, or give someone the gift card PINs, it is like giving someone cash. It's almost impossible to get it back.
Toss offers that ask you to pay for a prize. If it's free, you shouldn't have to pay to get it.

Lien Notices

1563-0801 SUCRN
Notice of Public Sale: FLORAL CITY AUTO SALES gives notice of foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on August 19, 2021, 9:00 am at 8109 S Florida Ave, Floral City, FL 34436, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. ... Published August 1, 2021

1564-0801 SUCRN (08/13)
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: GS AUTO TOWING gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles at 61 NE US HWY 19, Crystal River, FL 34429, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. ... Published August 1, 2021

Meeting Notices

1568-0801 SUCRN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CITRUS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Citrus County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB) will hold a Public Meeting on Thursday, August 12, 2021, beginning at 10:30 a.m., at the Citrus Transit Center, 1300 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, FL.

- Social Distancing Required - Persons must maintain 6 feet from each other during their stay in the building
Face Coverings are required

Items scheduled for the meeting include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) Business Meeting information
Annual CTD Training Conference
Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Quarterly Report
Actual Expenditures Report (AER)
TD Service Application Update

All meetings are open to the public. Any questions concerning this public meeting should be directed to Ms. Cayce Dagenhart, Transportation Planner II, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, FL 34601, telephone (352) 754-4082, extension 28013, or email mpo@hermandocounty.us. The meeting agenda will be available approximately one week prior to the meeting at: www.hermandocountyrmpo.us.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact the County Administrator's Office, Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 267, Lecanto, FL 34461; (352) 527-5214, TTY: (352) 527-5312 at least two (2) days before the meeting.

Meeting Notices

If a person decides to appeal any quasi-judicial decision made by the Citrus County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board with regard to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, said person will need a record of the proceeding, and that, for such purpose, said person may need to ensure that a verbatim of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based, 286.0105, F.S.

Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization /s/ Steve Diez MPO Executive Director

Published August 1, 2021 MPO 21-28

1569-0801 SUCRN
District 5 and 24 Medical Examiner Advisory Committee Meeting PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the District 5 and 24 Medical Examiner Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on August 11, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Green Clover Hall, located within the McPherson Governmental Complex, 319 SE 26 Terrace, Ocala, FL 34471.

Published August 1, 2021

Bid Notices

1574-0801 SUCRN
PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS RFQ NO. 21-095 Continuing Contract for Professional Engineering Services

In accordance with Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, Citrus County, Florida ("County") is requesting interested firms to submit Statement of Qualifications to provide Engineering, Architectural, Surveying, Mapping and related services in the professional disciplines noted below. County intends to select and enter into a "continuing contract" arrangement with a maximum of three consultants from each of the five professional disciplines noted below. Each consultant selected for the five main disciplines noted below should also be able to provide the services sub-noted within the five main disciplines either in-house or with sub-consultants.

- General Civil
Aviation and Airport Engineering
Transportation/Roadway Engineering
Stormwater Management/NPDES/Watershed Studies
Construction Testing/Geotechnical/Environmental

Minimum Requirements & Timeliness

Respondents shall demonstrate in their Response that they meet the following minimum requirements. If any Respondent is found not to meet these requirements, their Response will be rejected.

- Firms and personnel within those firms shall be qualified and meet requirements as specified in Chapters 471 (Engineering), 472 (Land Surveying and Mapping), 481 (Architecture, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture), and 492 (Professional Geology), Florida Statutes, for the professional discipline(s) for which they are applying.
Firms shall be registered with the State of Florida to conduct business in the State.
Key Personnel within the firm shall possess a valid and current professional license or certification issued by the State of Florida for the professional discipline(s) for which they are applying.
Firms must have been in the business of providing the type of professional services for the discipline(s) for which they are applying for a minimum of five (5) years. If a firm has a history of less than five years, the principal individual within the Firm must demonstrate that they were previously employed with another firm providing the type of professional services for the discipline(s) for which they are applying for a minimum of five (5) years to meet this minimum requirement.
Key Personnel within the Firm must have a minimum of five (5) years of experience in their discipline of expertise.
Project Managers proposed by the Firm must have a minimum of three (3) years of project management experience.
Sub-consultants and sub-contractors that Firms may propose to use must also meet the above minimum requirements.

COUNTY VENDOR REGISTRATION: County has partnered with VendorLink, a web-based e-Procurement service. Current bid solicitations and associated addenda, notices of recommended bid award, and current bid awards will be posted at www.myvendorklink.com.

Visit https://www.myvendorklink.com/common/register.aspx to register. VendorLink is an online Respondent registration system that provides a free at no cost to Respondent, a secure, user-friendly Internet portal and one-stop service center to register with County. This system also allows you to receive automatic email notifications regarding County's upcoming competitive solicitations as opportunities become available. Registration assistance is available by e-mail support@evendorlink.com.

SEALED Responses are to be submitted on or before September 29, 2021, at 2:00 PM (EST). The County will now receive proposal submittals through the online solicitation management portal, www.myvendorklink.com.

SEALED Responses shall be opened on September 29, 2021, at 2:15 PM (EST). Electronic Proposals shall be opened via MICROSOFT TEAMS conference call. See Solicitation document for detail information on www.myvendorklink.com. The only information conveyed at the Public Opening will be the names of the Respondents.

Public Tally Individual Scorers review of the Proposals will publicly be opened and read aloud on October 28, 2021, at 10:00am (subject to Change). Public opening shall be held via MICROSOFT TEAMS phone conference call. See Solicitation document for detail information on www.myvendorklink.com.

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the County Administrator's Office, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, FL 34461, (352) 527-5210, at least two days before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, dial 7-1-1, 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service.

Si necesita un traductor de español por favor haga arreglos con el Condado dentro de dos días de la notificación de la publicación 352-527-5370

English Translation: (If you need a Spanish Translator, please make arrangements with the County by telephone within two days of the publication notice at 352-527-5370)

To obtain a copy of the Request for Proposal Document for this announcement, please visit the Citrus County Website at www.myvendorklink.com and www.demandstar.com. Copies can also be obtained by calling the Department of Management & Budget/Purchasing at (352) 527-5457.

CITRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Scott Carnahan, Chairman

Fictitious Name Notices

1571-0801 SUCRN
PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Name
Notice under Fictitious Name Law, pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:
CLARITY BUSINESS COACHING

located at 8808 E Lake Breeze Lane, Inverness, FL 34450 in the County of Citrus, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, FL.
Dated at Inverness, FL, this 26th day of July, 2021.
/s/ Don Purcell
Owner
Published August 1, 2021

1573-0801 SUCRN
PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Name
Notice under Fictitious Name Law, pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:
MARTINEZ ENTERPRISES OF FLORIDA LLC

located at PO Box 774, Inverness, FL 34451 in the County of Citrus, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, FL.
Dated at Crystal River, FL, this 27th day of July, 2021.
/s/ Chris Martinez
Owner
Published August 1, 2021

Large advertisement for 'End Rolls' featuring images of children and text promoting 'Packing', 'Projects', and 'Pets... While Supplies Last!'. Includes a '5 Donation to NiE' logo and contact information for Citrus County Chronicle.

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**2017 KIA Soul Base**  
#RT0455A  
**\$15,991**



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#R0548A  
**\$18,992**



**2017 KIA Sportage EX**  
#RT0465A  
**\$23,993**

2016 Kia Soul Base R0082B.....	<b>\$14,991</b>	2018 Kia Optima LX R0444A.....	<b>\$18,991</b>	2020 Kia Soul LX R0135C.....	<b>\$19,992</b>	2020 Kia Soul LX R0514A.....	<b>\$21,492</b>
2016 Kia Soul Base RT0292B.....	<b>\$14,992</b>	2021 Rio S R0003A.....	<b>\$18,991</b>	2019 Kia Optima LX RT0566B.....	<b>\$20,492</b>	2020 Kia Soul LX R0394A.....	<b>\$21,991</b>
2017 Kia Soul Forte LX R0233A.....	<b>\$15,991</b>	2019 Kia Soul+ R0280B.....	<b>\$18,991</b>	2020 Kia Soul LX RT0379A.....	<b>\$20,991</b>	2020 Kia Optima LX R0099B.....	<b>\$21,992</b>
2017 Kia Soul Base R0374B.....	<b>\$15,991</b>	2018 Kia Sportage LX R0479A.....	<b>\$18,993</b>	2018 Kia Optima S R0351A.....	<b>\$20,991</b>	2020 Kia Soul EX R0132A.....	<b>\$22,991</b>
2016 Kia Soul Base R0579A.....	<b>\$16,991</b>	2019 Kia Forte LXS R0594A.....	<b>\$19,491</b>	2018 Optima LX RT0341A.....	<b>\$20,991</b>	2019 Kia Sportage LX R0396A.....	<b>\$22,991</b>
2020 Kia Rio S R0627A.....	<b>\$17,992</b>	2020 Kia Soul LX R0236A.....	<b>\$19,892</b>	2020 Kia Forte LXS R0439B.....	<b>\$20,991</b>	2019 Kia Sportage LX R0522B.....	<b>\$23,492</b>
2019 Kia Rio S R0503A.....	<b>\$17,993</b>	2019 Kia Forte LXS R0199A.....	<b>\$19,991</b>	2018 Kia Soul+ R0414A.....	<b>\$20,992</b>	2020 Kia Sportage LX R0249A.....	<b>\$23,991</b>
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JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle



**Inside this week:**

**Jane's Garden**

Camellias and azaleas./Page E8

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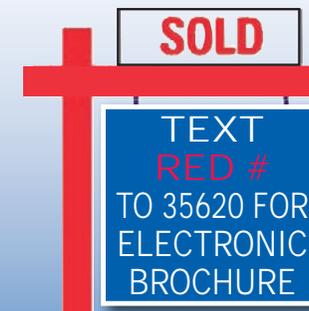
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Associated Press

A copy of a covenant for property now owned by Fred Ware is seen in Manchester, Conn. Fred and Dave Ware recently found a whites-only covenant on his property dating back to 1942 when researching the title chain. The covenant described as letter "F" states that "No persons of any race other than the white race shall use or occupy any building or any lot, except that this covenant shall not prevent occupancy by domestic servants of a different race domiciled with an owner tenant."

# State lawmakers work to strip racial language from covenants

**SUSAN HAIGH**  
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Fred Ware and his son were researching the history of the home he's owned in the Hartford suburbs since 1950 when they discovered something far uglier than they expected.

Tucked in a list of rules on the home's original deed from the developer was a provision that said: "No persons of any race other than the white race shall use or occupy any building or any lot," with the exception of "domestic servants of a different race."

"He was stunned and I was stunned. This is the house I grew up in and is the only home my dad has ever owned," David Ware said.

While the U.S. Supreme Court in 1948 ruled such racially restrictive housing

covenants unenforceable, many remain on paper today and can be difficult to remove. In Connecticut, David Ware asked legislators to help homeowners strike the language, and a bill ultimately was signed into law by Gov. Ned Lamont, a Democrat, in July.

The nation's reckoning with racial injustice has given new momentum to efforts to unearth racist property covenants and eradicate the language restricting residency to white people. It also has highlighted the ramifications such restrictions have had on housing segregation and minority home ownership challenges that persist today.

Scot X. Esdaile, president of the Connecticut State Conference of the NAACP, said the law's passage is bitter-sweet because housing discrimination remains an

enduring problem.

"We're glad that the law is being passed, but the practices are still being carried out today. We see gentrification going on all over America. So housing is a huge issue and this law doesn't eradicate behavior," he said.

Ten states this year have passed or are considering bills concerning restrictive covenants based upon race or religion, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Besides Connecticut, the list includes California, Indiana, Ohio, Utah, Washington, Colorado, Nebraska, New York and North Carolina. In 2020, three states — Maryland, New Jersey and Virginia — passed legislation concerning covenants. In some cases, the bills update earlier anti-discrimination

See COVENANTS/Page E14

## CHRONICLE EVENT CALENDAR

- The Chronicle's community calendar solution changed June 7 to better serve our readers and event-goer audience.
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**BRAD BUCK**  
*UF/IFAS Extension*

BRADENTON — Now, in the middle of summer, when those afternoon or evening rains come, stormwater from lawns, driveways and roofs drains down to any of the 76,000 stormwater ponds scattered around Florida.

As stormwater flows into these ponds, it can bring excess nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen with it. The pollutants can come from such sources as excess fertilizer, yard and pet waste.

Left untreated, phosphorus and nitrogen can wind up in natural bodies of water, such as nearby lakes and rivers. While stormwater ponds are built primarily to control flooding from rainwater, they're also designed to remove nutrients that run off urban landscapes.

Stormwater ponds don't always meet this goal.

But University of Florida researchers are trying to change this. Specifically, researchers with the UF Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences want to use plants to absorb the nutrients in stormwater ponds.

They're going to start their scientific quest this summer in Manatee County by installing plants in and around stormwater ponds — and, if they see success, they'll take their project statewide.

"What we learn can be applied to existing and new stormwater ponds in Florida's rapidly expanding residential landscapes," said Basil Iannone, a UF/IFAS assistant professor of urban landscape ecology. "This is important because we need to find ways to limit the nutrients getting into



MICHELLE ATKINSON/UF/IFAS Extension Manatee County

**A stormwater pond in Manatee County in which plants have recently been installed to help absorb nutrients from stormwater.**

Florida's valuable water resources."

Data are scant on how well plants control nutrients from escaping stormwater ponds. That's why UF/IFAS researchers are using a four-year, \$197,000 EPA grant to find out more about how well plants control nitrogen and phosphorus. If the data show plants as beneficial, researchers hope to educate residents

and businesses statewide to install plants as a best management practice.

Iannone, principal investigator on the project, said the team will compare planted versus unplanted ponds in the plants' ability to remove nutrients during the project.

"We want to see if the plants improve stormwater pond quality," Iannone

said. "We also want to gauge people's willingness to adopt the idea of plantings, and we want to identify the best ways to educate people about the benefits of installing plants in and around stormwater ponds."

In a prior project in Lakewood Ranch, also in Manatee County, UF/IFAS researchers found 20% less phosphorus in

areas of stormwater ponds with plants grown in the water.

As helpful as plants might be, many residents view them as unsightly, according to UF/IFAS research. So not only do scientists need proof that the plants keep the nutrients from escaping the stormwater ponds, they need the public to buy into the aesthetics of the plants.

Paul Monaghan, a UF/IFAS associate professor of agricultural education

and communication, will lead efforts to identify the best educational approaches to promote planting as a best management practice. That includes speaking to, and getting feedback from, stakeholder groups, such as residents and business owners.

One meeting will be held in fall 2022, one in spring 2023 and one in fall 2023. Contact Monaghan at paulf@ufl.edu for more information on those workshops.

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# Summer refresh for the al fresco tabletop

**KATIE WORKMAN**  
Associated Press

Socializing and outdoor entertaining carry an extra kick this summer as pandemic restrictions ease. What better time to freshen up your al fresco tabletop and entertaining gear?

To me, outdoor entertaining is the perfect time to get a little untraditional with an eclectic mix of tableware, or repurposing an unusual piece as serveware. You might serve chips in small planters. Put wildflowers in small pitchers. The energy of an eclectic table adds to the fun of outdoor dining.

Matching or not, a welcoming table with colorful new dishes and serveware lets guests know they are in for a festive time.

## Plates and such

While paper and plastic (recyclable please!) are an option, today's durable, reusable plates are a notch above for both looks and sustainability. There are outdoor-friendly items made of melamine, bamboo and other lightweight materials that look like china or pottery.

Certified International has some cool melamine choices, including their Medallion line, which has a cheery floral pattern, and comes in both cool and warm colorways. There's also a creamy French Country line with sweet embossing on the edges.

Tag Living makes all kinds of bowls and plates in colors and finishes reminiscent of ceramic pottery (truly, you might be surprised when you lift one and find out how light it is!). Fable has a series of lightweight bamboo plates and bowls with clean lines in a variety of shapes and colors; pick one hue, or blend different ones.

As for serveware, also plenty to choose from. I love my set of lightweight Bamboo-zle nesting bowls in pastel,

candy-like colors; the various sizes are perfect for salads, chips, piles of cherries, dips, what have you. They are durable, made from biodegradable bamboo fiber, and dishwasher-safe.

Fortessa makes melamine serving dishes in that fun, speckly, camp enamel pattern, only — hey! — it's melamine, so perfect for outdoor dining. Ekobo makes recycled bamboo-fiber serving trays in cheery summer colors like lemon yellow or lagoon blue.

Drinks-wise, Vinglace makes modern-looking wine chillers that keep that rose or sparkling wine icy (choose from colors like navy and sea glass). And check out their insulated stainless wine glasses and tumblers that have glass on the inside to keep drinks cold with no metallic taste.

Or lay in a set of acrylic reusable Govino wine glasses, with an elegant shape and a smart little thumb notch that allows the glass to sit comfortably in your hand. They come in various shapes, sizes and colors and are reusable, and ultimately recyclable.

Cheerful napkins can make a table. The paper selection is vast, but don't rule out cloth napkins. Using cloth napkins in an al fresco setting instantly elevates the dining experience; just toss in the wash after use. No need to iron.

And for a larger group, no worries about having all the napkins match. An assortment of patterned or brightly hued napkins gives a table an instant lift.

## Scent and light

Citronella candles are an important part of outdoor entertaining, and there are some pretty ones out there.

Skeem Design makes a nice selection with delicate insect illustrations on the outside. Yield makes minimalist citronella candles and incense sticks, lightly fragrant with gardenia,

eucalyptus and citronella.

Citronella candles can be scented or not; some people love a fragrant candle, others prefer a more neutral scent.

Murphy's Naturals has an expansive line of plant-based mosquito-repelling products which smart hosts know to keep at the ready. They offer assortments including mosquito-repellent candles, incense, sprays and insect-bite balms.

## Extra touches

When the sun goes down and the temperature drops, you can be the classiest host in town by having a pile of soft blankets ready for your guests. Consider some buttery soft throws from Bole Road Textiles, handwoven in Ethiopia. Or some Alpaca blankets from the Modalatina store on Etsy.com.

For streamlined, contemporary-looking torches to keep the party going after dusk, check out the Blomus line.

## Where to shop

You can find ample selections of the above items at some of the bigger chain stores, from Target to West Elm. But it's worth seeking out smaller companies or independent makers, especially if you want your table to look unique.

Local houseware stores often have nicely curated selections of items for summer entertaining. Etsy is always an option. And when you are looking for more inspiration, a spin around Pinterest or Instagram can get those table-scape juices flowing.

And I must make a pitch for flea markets and tag sales, where it's common to find entire sets of dishware, or a funky serving bowl, or some vintage linen napkins.

So, go forth and entertain! Soon enough these summer nights will be but warm memories, so let's grill while the grilling's good.



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Colorful bamboo plates and bowls, stylish acrylic wine glasses, a sleek wine chiller, a cozy throw for cooler nights, and smart bug-repelling gear. These are just a few ways you can amp up your outdoor entertaining this summer.

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# How to make a summer rental feel like a home

SARAH YANG  
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Living SPACE

**R**enting a house for a getaway this summer? Whether you're staying for a week or the entire summer, you want to feel at home and at ease on your vacation. Here's some help turning that summer rental into a place you love kicking back and relaxing in.

1. Use your own bedding.

Rental bedding is often bare bones and simple. Up the comfort level by making the bed with your own sheets from home. "I always say your bed is your ultimate sanctuary, so bring a fresh sheet set with a pop of summer color to instantly personalize your rental and make sure you're comfortable at night after those long beach days," says interior designer Kyle Schuneman. It's also a good solution if you're someone who has trouble falling

asleep in new places.

2. Don't forget your own pillow

It's the same idea as the rest of your bedding: If you have the pillow you use every night, you might feel more relaxed and comfortable when it comes time to sleep. "Taking your own pillow is a great way to make the bedroom feel more like home," says interior designer Peyton Lambton. "There is nothing worse than a pillow that is uncomfortable!"

3. Add some personal items.

Make the rental your own by adding some small personal details. "Take along a few photos of family and friends in cute picture frames," says interior designer Julia Buckingham. Or put out a vase with some favorite fresh flowers—the kind you normally display in your own home.

4. Bring some everyday items.

What gadgets and other household favorites do you use every day? Bring them (if they're easy to tote around, of course). "A small blender or smoothie-maker for the kitchen is something a typical rental house won't have, and if you're like me and prefer your smoothie a certain way, you'll want to bring that along," Lambton says. "If you are a fan of music, take your own wireless speakers because that usually isn't something that's included in a rental. Also, a bathrobe is always nice for the bathroom, especially if you are sharing the rental with friends or in-laws."

5. Use your favorite scents.

Familiar scents — like those you use at home — may trigger certain

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# Reader's impressionist painting is by still-living artist

**Dear John:** Would you be able to give me any information on this painting? Thank you. — S., internet

**Dear S.:** You have an Impressionist painting signed lower right Jean Daumier. He was born in France in 1848 and is still active in Paris. Impressionist painting got its start in France in the 1870s and by the late 19th century had become very popular. The same popularity still continues, with the highest prices being paid for early works by notable artists such as Renoir and Monet.

I think your painting would currently sell in the \$500 range or higher on a lucky day. I think the value will go up over the



John Sikorski  
SIKORSKI'S  
ATTIC

next few years; now is not the time to sell.

**Dear John:** I have a Singer Featherweight sewing machine. It was made between 1948 and 1950. It is in great condition. I would like to have it appraised. Are there collectors or just sewers out there who would be interested in it? Can you help me? — D.F., internet

**Dear D.F.:** There is considerable market interest in your Singer Featherweight sewing machine. Sewers actively seek them out. Current potential dollar value is \$250 to \$500.

**Dear John:** I am interested in what you can tell me about a single edge razor blade sharpener I have. It was my grandfather's and he said he had it at least 75 years. I have the original box which has Kriss Kross and the price of \$6.00 on it. There is Rhodes Manufacturing Company, Kriss

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**This is an impressionist painting by Jean Daumier, who is still alive and active.**

Special to the Chronicle



# Florida blueberry growers part of national survey

**BRAD BUCK**  
UF/IFAS

July was National Blueberry Month, a time to savor the fruit's flavor, reap its health benefits — including fiber and vitamins C and K — and appreciate how it grows. For example, most blueberry farmers use pollinators, such as bees, to help their plants blossom.

A national group of scientists that includes University of Florida researcher Rachel Mallinger aims to find out more about how growers employ pollinators to boost their yields for the state's \$60 million-a-year industry.

In fact, this summer, Mallinger is surveying Florida blueberry farmers to see how they utilize pollinators.

"Pollination is extremely important for blueberries as little to no fruit forms without it," said Mallinger, a UF/IFAS assistant professor of entomology. "While there are different ways plants can be pollinated — including wind, animals and gravity — blueberries depend greatly on insects, primarily bees, for pollination. Research has shown that when you exclude insect pollinators, yields are very, very low."

Mallinger is an investigator on a \$2 million, U.S. Department of Agriculture project. With the grant, led by Michigan State University — with help from UF/IFAS, Washington State University and Oregon State University — researchers will gather blueberry farmers' responses to a questionnaire about pollinators.

Results from the survey will help scientists give growers guidelines as to which pollinators to use



RACHEL MALLINGER/UF/IFAS

## A honeybee pollinating a plant.

— for example honeybees, bumblebees or both — and how many to use, Mallinger said.

Here's a little bit on how to tell these types of bees apart: Bumblebees are rounder and hairier than honeybees. They have black hairs with one or more bands of white, yellow or orange hairs. Honeybees are slender. They're not as hairy and have orange and gray coloration. There are multiple species of bumblebees. But in general, roundness and hairiness are good differentiating features.

"Right now, we think growers make their decisions based on trial and error and their own past experiences, as well as on the experiences of other growers they know," she said. "We expect farmers will report significant pollination problems, but that this may vary across cultivars, with some cultivars more frequently getting poor pollination."

Through the survey, Mallinger hopes to find out:

- How farmers utilize pollinators.

- How satisfied they are with their pollinators.

- Barriers to successful pollination.

- The economics of blueberry pollination.

There is no current deadline for farmers to complete and turn in the survey.

"We will use survey

results to track change during our project, then we will give information and recommendations to growers," Mallinger said.

In recent years, Doug Phillips, the UF/IFAS blueberry Extension coordinator, has surveyed

farmers at the end of each growing season and included a few questions about pollination. His survey focuses on all aspects of management. But this is the first such survey specifically about pollinators, Mallinger said.

"I am not aware of any recent nationwide surveys, other than ours, though it's certainly possible that individual states have surveyed growers," she said.

In Florida, all commercial blueberry growers use managed pollinators to some degree, but they face barriers, Mallinger said.

"There's insufficient information on what density (how many pollinators) to use and whether to use just honeybees (which is traditional) or combine them with newer commercial pollinators, including managed bumble bees," she said. "Furthermore, growers don't have good ways to assess the quality of the hives they rent or purchase, and one of our research goals is to identify a simple protocol they can use to ensure they are receiving quality bees."

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# Don't prune camellias, azaleas in summer

**A** Chronicle reader has had a camellia, an evergreen ornamental small tree, growing in her garden for 25 years. It is a double flower form with 3-inch white blooms in November to December and was planted in memorial. As the senior does not prune the beautiful plant, a new-to-Florida neighbor offered to prune the shrub. I was called for advice.



Jane Weber  
**JANE'S  
GARDEN**

Pruning camellias or azaleas now, in summer, will trim off the developing flower buds and

does not promote flowering. Pruning destroys the natural shape and form of slow-growing camellias. Modern man-made repeat blooming cultivars of azaleas, hydrangeas and gardenias have a fixed height and width so need no pruning. Recently developed named cultivars of many non-native, introduced plants like laegerstroemia crape-myrtles and Chinese loropetalums also have a fixed height and width printed on their plant tag. Modern cultivars do not need pruning.

Gardeners can tape plant tags in a spiral notebook for safekeeping and future reference. Or they can check the plant breeders' websites for accurate flowering seasons, cold hardiness zones, height and width as well as planting instructions and ongoing care and maintenance. Informed gardeners may prune immediately — as flowering ends — no later than March or April. Flower buds developing on new wood will be removed by summer pruning. However, any dead, diseased or rubbing branches can be removed if needed.

Never use mechanical shears to prune ornamental flowering cultivars. Hedge shearing removes next season's flower buds and creates an unsightly, unnatural, geometric shape. The dense foliage that grows after pruning is on the outside of

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JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

The large shrub 'Professor Sargent,' *C. japonica*, grows in an oval to round shape, 15 feet high and about 8 feet wide without pruning. In Jane's Central Florida garden, it has red peony form flowers from December to January. It is thought to originate about 1925 in Seidel Nursery in Germany and was imported to the U.S. by Berkman's Nursery (later Fruitland Nursery). The Rev. John G. Drayton named it for American botanist Professor Charles Sprague Sargent (1841–1927), who was the first director of Harvard University's Arnold Arboretum in Boston, Massachusetts, from 1872 until his death.



JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

'Kanjiro' grows 10 to 12 feet high by 8 to 10 feet high without any pruning needed. This named variety has semi-double, cherry pink flowers with red edged petals from November to December. Jane takes a photo of newly bought plants with their tag to save in a folder on her computer. The plant tags get taped into a spiral-bound notebook and a sketch map of the planting bed pinpoints the plant's location.



'Mine-no-yuki,' dubbed White Doves and Snow on the Ridge, has small, 2-inch snow white, double blooms in the early season during late fall. It has abundant flowers, sometimes up to 100-150 on a plant. It has a willowy, spreading growth habit that needs no pruning. Pruning will destroy the natural shape and not induce flowering. Size can reach 6 to 8 feet high by 5 to 8 feet wide.

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# JANE

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the artificial shape and blocks sunlight and air flow that discourage pests and disease in the interior. Pruning tools should be sterilized between plants and between cuts if there is spreadable disease. Cut healthy about wood 6 inches below visibly disease or infected wood.

Individual camellia cultivars flower for just 4 to 5 weeks but are bred to bloom at certain times — traditionally called early, mid and late season. Camellias grow very slowly. They should not be pruned into shrubs or kept short. Any dead, rubbing or unwanted limbs can be pruned. Lightly prune neglected plants for shape and remove unwanted limbs as needed. I never prune the dozens of camellias planted in my garden. They have enough space to grow to maturity.

Several species of camellias grow in the north half of Florida in USDA cold hardiness zones 7–9. With small leaves and flowers, Sasanqua-type camellias including *Camellia sasanqua*, *C. hiemalis* and *C. vernalis* bloom the earliest October to December. Japonica camellias flower mid-season in November or late fall, in January or February (winter) or early spring February to March. Tree-sized japonica camellias produce a huge variety of colorful blooms and have larger leaves with serrated edges.

*C. reticulata* and the tea plant *C. sinensis* are scarcer in the retail trade. Cold-sensitive Chinese *Camellia reticulata* can grow 50 feet tall and live 600 years. It has large leaves and huge flowers up to 12 inches wide. It is

rarely commercially available. This is a large tree and cannot be made into a shrub.

Early season sasanqua-type camellias are dense, evergreen and shrub-like. Different cultivars bloom for about four weeks each in October, November or December.

In my garden, Southern Living's 'October Magic' has delicate pink flowers in October. Created by Monrovia and growing 6 to 8 feet high by 5 to 8 feet wide, white-flowered 'Mine-No Yuki' has 2-inch wide double flowers in November at the same time as pink flowered 'Shi Shi Gashira' that grows 10 to 12 feet high and 6 to 8 feet wide. 'Kanjiro' grows 10 to 12 feet high by 8 to 10 feet wide and has semi-double, cherry pink flowers with red edged petals from November to December. 'Yuletide' has Santa-red double flowers from late December.

Camellias prefer well-drained, humus-rich, acidic soil. Most prefer dappled light in part shade. Leaves can sunburn in Florida's hot summer sun. The more sunlight, the more irrigation is needed. Overwatering causes root rot. Once established, camellias can survive on rainfall except during dry season — April until the rainy season starts in mid-June. Florida's summer rainy season is a good time to plant camellias.

For a list of cultivars with photos and descriptions, see <https://tinyurl.com/29d3zvud>. The University of Florida has several helpful publications on camellias, including <https://tinyurl.com/5my6ne65>.

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JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle  
**Southern Living's 'October Magic' is the earliest *Camellia hiemalis* to flower in Jane's garden in cold zone 8b–9a in southwest Marion County. Planted 10 years ago, this compact plant has become a dense evergreen small tree about 7 feet high by 4 to 5 feet wide, but will grow 8 to 10 feet high and 5 to 7 feet wide. By July, new leaves have darkened and hard tiny flower buds can be felt and seen at the twig tips. Summer pruning would remove the flower buds.**



You'll want your rental to become your home away from home.

## LIVING

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memories and make you feel more comfortable. "Good design should affect all your senses, so bring in a great smell to your rental home," Schuneman says. "Whether it be through a fragrance diffuser, your favorite candle or using a lavender potted plant as a dining table centerpiece, make sure your rental smells like home."

6. Bring in extra accents.

"Add throw pillows and blankets in different textures like cable knits, linens and terrycloth to

personalize the living room with," Schuneman says. "You can also bring them onto the deck at night for those cool summer evenings around the fire pit." Plus, this is great for germophobes who might be hesitant to nap on the couch or use the rental's throw blankets and pillows — at least you know exactly who used these items and how often they've been cleaned.

7. Think about the little things.

If you only have the rental for a weekend, you can still bring in your own items to make the space cozy — just think a little smaller. "A favorite mug or cup can add a level of comfort when staying in someone else's home, and it doesn't take

up too much space in your bag," Lambton says.

8. Entertain effortlessly.

Just because it's not your house, doesn't mean you can't entertain. Make do with what you have and don't forget the essentials. "Music is key when entertaining, so make sure you have some wireless speakers and a good playlist on hand," Lambton says. "Candles can set the mood, especially outdoors. Citronella candles are good to have so your guests aren't eaten alive while trying to have dinner outside."

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## ATTIC

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Kross, St. Louis, Mo., Patented June 30, 1921, Sept. 25, 1923, Jan. 16, 1927 written on it. As you turn the handle, the blade holder lifts up and rotates over so that both sides get

sharpened. Is it a collectible, does it have any value other than sharpening an occasional single-edge razor blade? — A.R., *internet*

**Dear A.R.:** Your Kriss-Kross razor blade sharpener is in the Shaving Memorabilia category. It is always good to have the original box. If the box has colorful advertising graphics, it will enhance collector interest. I

think it would sell in the \$50 to \$100 range. The Loveland Museum in Colorado has a website with information about Kriss Kross. The website is [www.lovelandmuseumgallery.org](http://www.lovelandmuseumgallery.org).

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## HomeFront BRIEF

### US average mortgage rates mixed; 30-year loan rises to 2.8%

WASHINGTON — Mortgage rates were mixed last week. The key 30-year home loan remained below 3% for the fifth straight week amid continued concern over the surging delta coronavirus variant and the progress of economic recovery.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac reported Thursday that the average for the 30-year mortgage edged up to 2.80% from 2.78% last week. The benchmark rate, which

reached a peak this year of 3.18% in April, stood at 2.99% a year ago.

The rate for a 15-year loan, a popular option among homeowners refinancing their mortgages, fell to 2.10% from 2.12% last week.

In a fresh sign that the U.S. has enjoyed a sustained recovery from the pandemic recession, the government reported Thursday that the economy grew at a solid 6.5% annual rate last quarter. The total size of the economy has now surpassed its pre-pandemic level.

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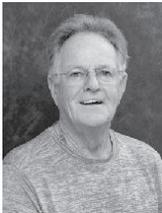
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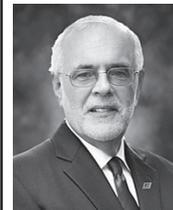
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# COVENANTS

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laws already on the books.

The restrictive language was written into property documents in communities throughout the U.S. during the early- to mid-20th century amid the Great Migration, which saw millions of African Americans move from the rural South to the urban Northeast, Midwest and West.

These restrictive covenants were a tool used by developers, builders and white homeowners to bar residency by Blacks, Asians and other racial and ethnic minorities. Even after they became unenforceable, according to historians, people privately abided by the covenants well into the 1960s.

David Ware, a corporate attorney, was working on a Master of Laws degree in human rights and social justice in 2019 when he first learned about such covenants. That prompted him and his father Fred, a genealogy buff who is now 95, to go through a deed for the family home from 1942, the year it was built. Both men are white.

“Sure enough, there was this blatant race-based covenant — only white people can use or occupy the property,” said David Ware, who dug further and found 248 properties in the same Connecticut town of Manchester with racially restrictive covenants. The list includes many homes in his father’s neighborhood, which, unlike some historically restricted communities in the U.S., has become racially and ethnically diverse over the years.

Under Connecticut’s new law, which passed both chambers of the General Assembly unanimously, the unlawfulness of such covenants is codified in state statute and homeowners are allowed to file an affidavit with local clerks identifying any racially restrictive covenant on the property as unenforceable. The clerks must then record it in the land records.

In Washington, under a law that took effect July 25, the University of Washington and Eastern Washington University are tasked with reviewing existing deeds and



Associated Press

**Dave Ware, left, and his father, Fred Ware, look over a deed and copy of a covenant for their home in Manchester, Conn. Fred and Dave Ware recently found a whites-only covenant on his property dating back to 1942 when researching the title chain. Upon finding the covenant, Dave Ware, who grew up in the home, reached out to state lawmakers and helped get a bill passed that strips these covenants on properties.**

covenants for unlawful racial or other discriminatory restrictions and then notifying property owners and county auditors. The law also includes a process for striking and removing unlawful provisions from the record.

“Obviously, most homeowners have no idea that these covenants ... actually exist and they’re in their deeds,” Washington state Rep. Javier Valdez, a Democrat from Seattle, said during a floor speech in March. “I think if they knew that these restrictions existed in their documents, even though they’re not enforceable, they would want to

do something about it.”

Several bills concerning covenants are currently before the California legislature, which previously passed legislation allowing property owners to address restrictive covenants. One bill would redact “any illegal and offensive exclusionary covenants in the property records” as part of each sale before they reach the buyer.

In Minnesota, where thousands of racial covenants have been discovered by a team of historians, activists, geographers and community members, a law was signed in 2019 that

allows residents to fill out a form seeking to clarify that the restrictive covenant is ineffective, and subsequently discharge it from the property.

Rep. Jim Davnie, a Democrat from Minneapolis who pushed for the legislation, said even though such covenants no longer have any force of law, residents should have the ability to address the “dated racist stains” on their homes’ titles.

Since passage of the law, a group called Just Deeds has provided free legal and title service to help more than 100 homeowners discharge covenants from

their properties. A group of neighbors in Minneapolis went so far as to have lawn signs printed that say, “This home renounced its racial covenant.” The Minneapolis Star-Tribune reported that some are planning to support other initiatives to close the home ownership gap between whites and minorities, support reparations legislation and make micro-reparation payments directly to Black residents of Minnesota.

“Renouncing the covenants is really the first step,” neighbor Eric Magnuson told the newspaper.



Associated Press

A sold sign is shown in a new neighborhood under construction in Orange County near Mebane, N.C.

## Sales of new homes fall 6.6% in June

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sales of new homes fell for a third straight month in June, dropping by 6.6% to the lowest level in more than a year.

The June sales decline left sales at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 676,000, the Commerce Department reported Monday. That followed a 7.7% sales decline in May and a 10.1% fall in April.

The pace last month was down 19.4% from a year ago and the slowest since April 2020. Housing has been a stand-out performer since the economy began emerging from the steep-but-short pandemic recession in April last year.

The median price of a new home sold in June was \$361,800, up 6.1% from a year ago, but down 5% from May, suggesting the surge in prices may be slowing a bit as builders increase inventories. The number of new homes for sale at the end of June increased to 353,000, up 7% from May.

A shortage of homes on the market and rising costs for material such as lumber and also higher labor costs had fueled a sharp

jump in prices. But analysts said the trend for sales and price gains has clearly slowed from the red-hot pace seen over the past year as the economy emerged from the pandemic.

Rubeela Farooqi, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics, noted that new home sales averaged 728,000 at an annual rate in the April-June quarter, down sharply from a monthly average of 926,000 in the fourth quarter of last year.

“The trend has clearly slowed,” she said. “Prices remain above pre-recession levels and are likely a factor weighing on demand for new homes.”

By region of the country, sales of new homes rose 5.7% in the Midwest in June but declined in the other three regions. Sales fell 27.9% in the Northeast and were down 7.8% in the South and 5.1% in the West.

The report on new homes followed news last week that sales of existing homes rose 1.4% in June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.86 million units with the median price of an existing home hitting a record high of \$363,300, up 23.4% from a year ago.

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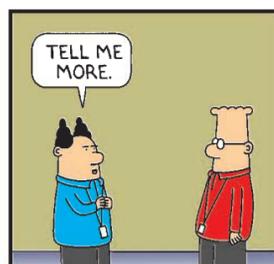
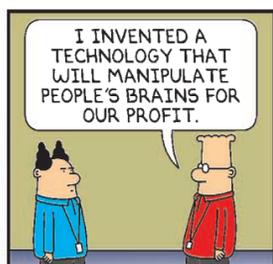
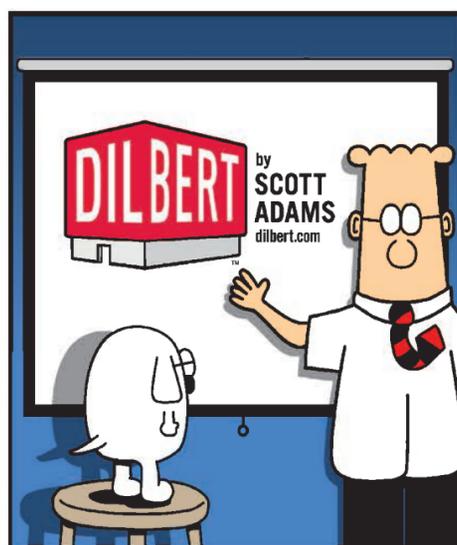
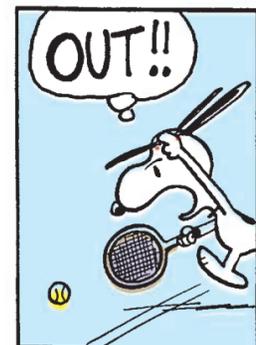
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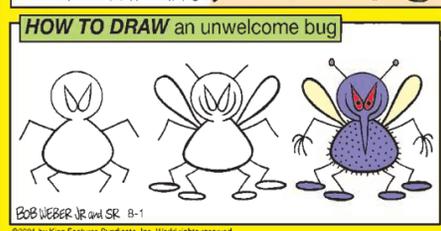
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### Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer - 1) Beetle  
2) Tennis racket  
3) Cricket  
4) Dragonfly

Answer - Branch, ball, hair, mouth, water and fence.

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**BARNEY GOOGLE and SNUFFY SMIF**  
BY JOHN ROSE

PARTIN' IS ALWAYS SUCH SWEET SORROW !!

WHEN IT COMES TO MY HARD-WON CASH, IT'S DOWNRIGHT 'XCROOSHEEAYTIN' !!

DOC !! COME QUICK !! THAR'S SUMPIN' TURRIBLE A-GOIN' ON OUTSIDE !! FOLKS ARE FAINTIN' ALL OVER TH' HOLLER !!

FAINTIN' FOLKS ?! AH !! I KNOW WHAT THIS IS !!

IT'S A VERY RARE CONDITION THAT I'VE ONLY SEEN A FEW TIMES OVER ALL MY YEARS OF DOCTORIN' !!

IT'S CAUSED BY SNUFFY SMIF PAYIN' OFF HIS IOUS !!

**Mort Walker's beetle bailey**

COME ON, YOU GUYS, LET'S GET GOING!

HE ALWAYS GETS A "WUPS" ON THE FIRST HOLE

OOPS! THEN HE GETS AN "OOPS" ON THE SECOND HOLE

THEN "YIPS" ON THE THIRD HOLE

YIKES!

"YIKES" ON THE FOURTH

AND SO ON UNTIL HE GETS TO THE END...

WHERE HE GETS OVER IT ALL WITH THE "AHS" AAHHH!

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**  
By Bil Keane

READY FOR ICE CREAM?

DOLLY ALWAYS GETS MORE ICE CREAM THAN I DO.

NO, I DON'T! JEFFY OR BILLY ALWAYS GETS THE MOST!

UH-UH! MINE IS ALWAYS THE LITTIEST.

HOLD IT!

THERE'S ONE WAY TO SETTLE THIS.

Bill and Jeff Keane

**blaine**  
by Lincoln Peirce

THE BOOK OF LOVE

HI, THERE. UH... HELLO.

HERE FOR THE SUMMER BOOK CLUB MEETING?

YES, I'M HERE EVERY WEEK.

I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU HERE, THOUGH. I'M NEW.

...BUT I HAVE A PASSION FOR BOOKS! LITERATURE IS MY LIFE!

...WHICH IS SOMETHING WE HAVE IN COMMON, AM I RIGHT? WE BOTH LOVE READING!

YOU LIKE READING, HUH? I SURE DO.

HERE. READ THIS.

READING IT WASN'T THAT BAD, BUT I'M NOT STICKING AROUND FOR THE DISCUSSION.

# PICKLES

by BRIAN CRANE

DID YOU KNOW THE WHITE PART OF YOUR FINGERNAIL IS CALLED THE LUNULA?

I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE THINGY IN BACK OF YOUR THROAT.

NO. THAT'S THE UVULA.

I THOUGHT UVULA WAS A CITY IN NEW YORK.

NO. THAT'S UTICA.

REALLY? I THOUGHT UTICA WAS THE DAD IN "TO KILLA MOCKINGBIRD."

NOPE. THAT WAS ATTICUS.

ARE YOU SURE?

ARGH! I CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE OF THIS!!

WE MUST BE SLIPPING. IT TOOK US ALMOST TEN MINUTES TO GET RID OF THAT GUY.

# SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

I THOUGHT THE FORTHS WERE COMING BACK TO THE RV CAMPSITE THIS SUMMER.

WELL, THAT WAS CERTAINLY A MEMORABLE VACATION...

ANYONE ELSE GOT POISON IVY?

YES.

YES.

YESSS!

BUT YOU KNOW, DESPITE THE POISON IVY, THE FRANTIC LATE-NIGHT SEARCH IN THE WOODS, THE FACT RALPH OBVIOUSLY MISTAKES BOXERS FOR SWIM TRUNKS...

WE ACTUALLY GOT TO GO SOMEWHERE THIS YEAR! WE ACTUALLY GOT TO SPEND TIME WITH FAMILY!

AND WE CAN NOW HEAD HOME KNOWING WE ARE MAKING THE MOST OF THIS SUMMER...

I CAN HEAR THE NEIGHBORS' DOG BARKING ALREADY.

SAL, WE'RE STILL THREE HOURS AWAY FROM OH, FOR THE LOVE OF--DID THAT PUPPY HIJACK A BROADCAST SIGNAL?!

# BY MASTROIANNI AND HART

FOOF

GO EXTINCT ALREADY!

MUNCH

MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH

MUNCH

MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH

MUNCH

PICK

BLEURP

TOSS

AND YOU THOUGHT THE DEER WERE A NUISANCE...

# Dennis the Menace MOOD SWING

Walt Ketchum's

I JUST MADE A FRESH BATCH OF COOKIES!

AND DON'T EAT THEM ALL!

BELIEVE IT OR NOT....

...MR. WILSON USED TO BE HAPPY.

I GUESS THESE DAYS HE'S GRUMPY.

ZZZZZZ OR SLEEPY.

# CURTIS

by RAY BILLINGSLEY

YAWN! I FINALLY GOT A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP!

HI, FAMILY

MORNIN', CURTIS

GOOD MORNING, HONEY

H'LO, UGLY

HEY, I DIDN'T HAVE A NIGHTMARE

GOOD, HONEY

MY NIGHTMARES ARE USUALLY SO REALISTIC

WHEN I STEPPED ON THE SCALE, I FOUND I'VE LOST FIVE POUNDS

I ENTERED THE CHURCH BAKE-OFF!

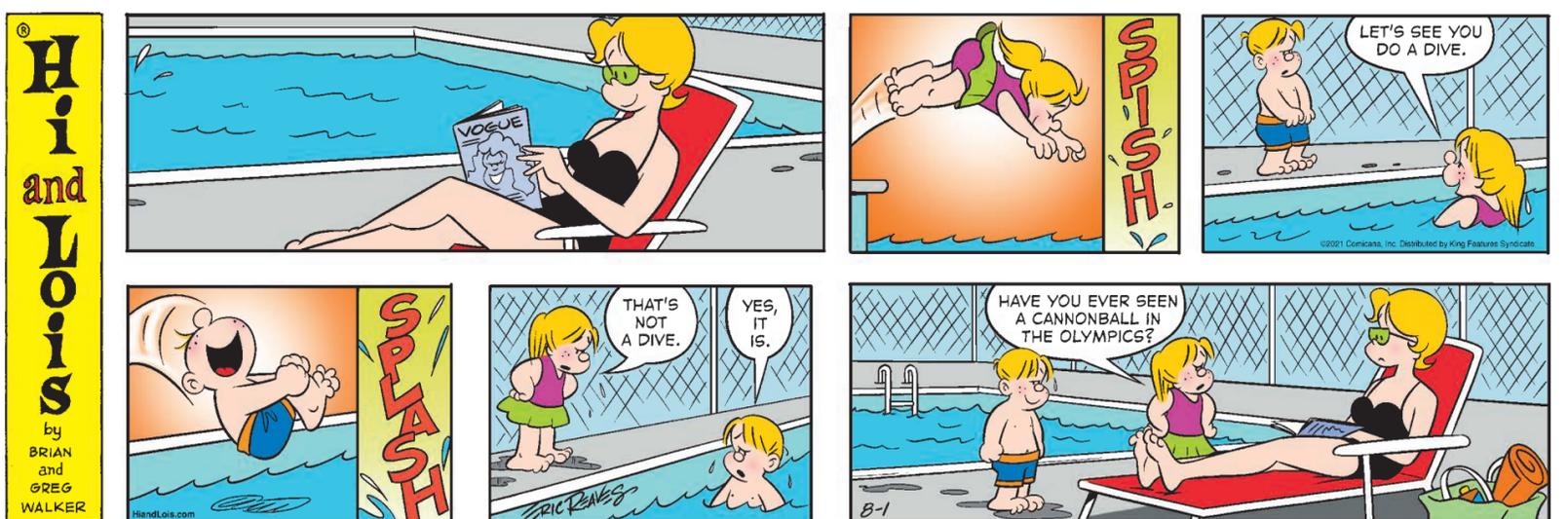
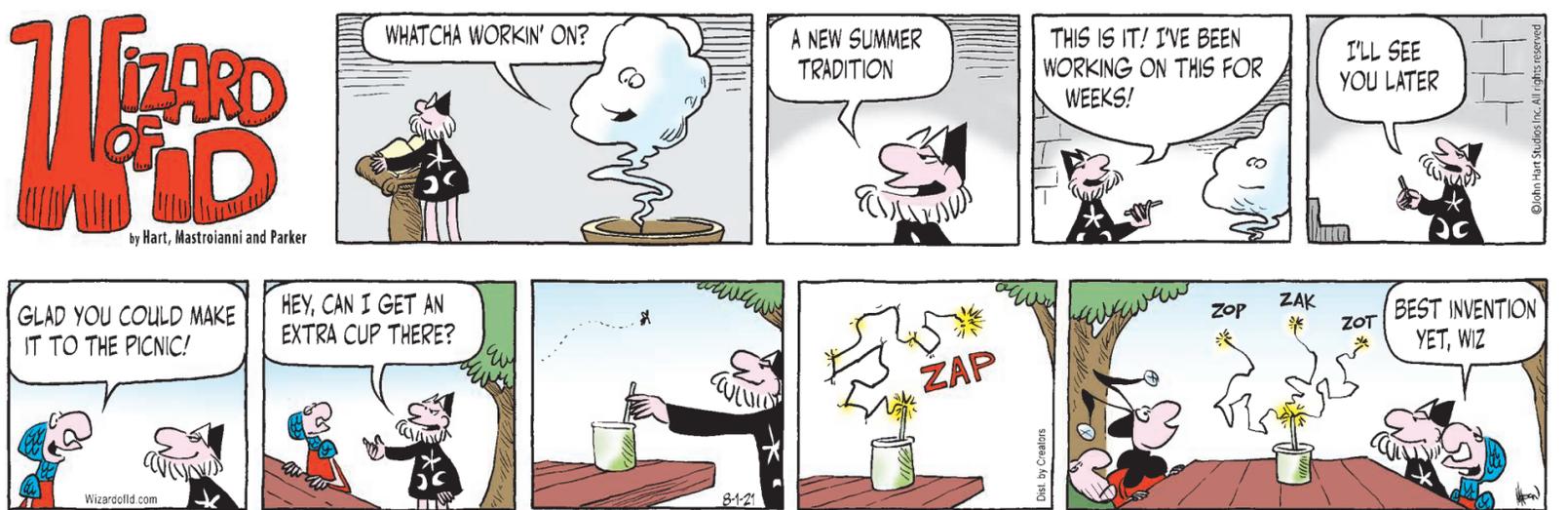
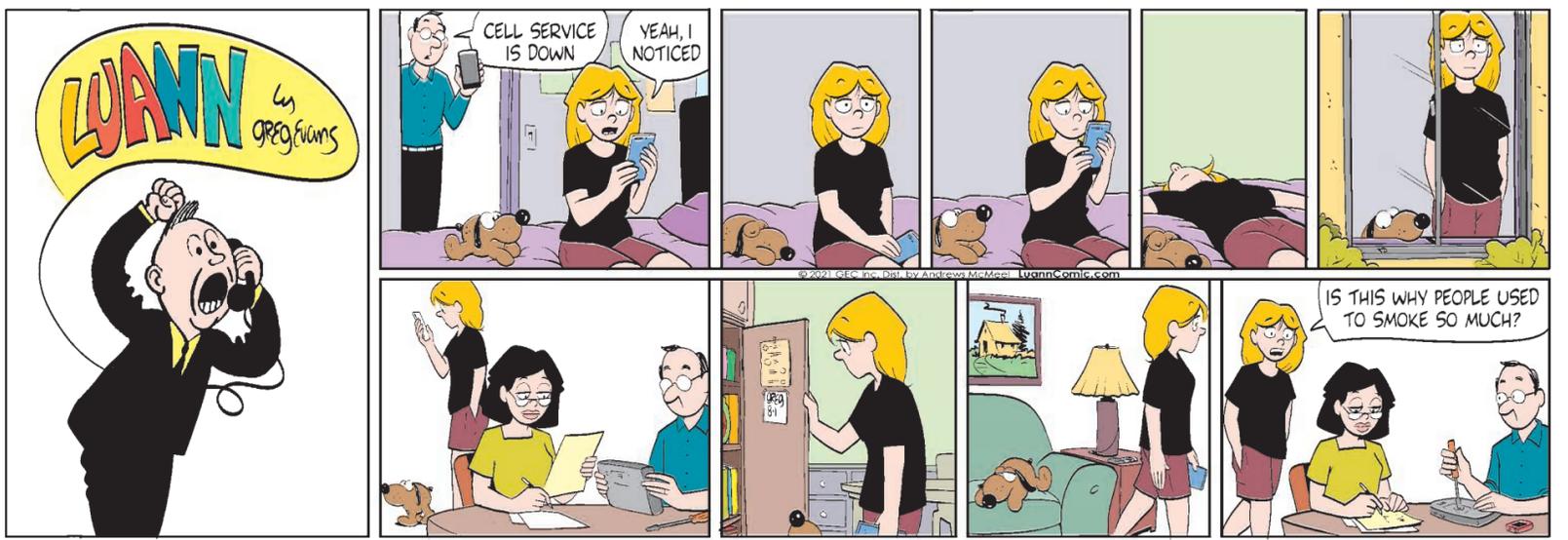
MOMMY, YOU ALWAYS WIN!

SO...WHAT'S TO EAT?

BRAINS!!

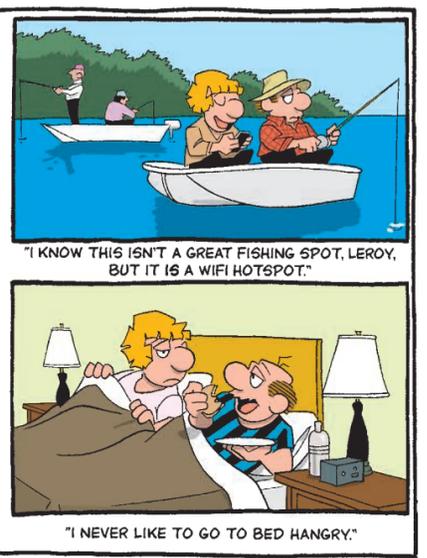
YAAHH

BEST-ONE-YET!



# THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER



# School Supply Savings

## Back to School Tax Free Week: July 31 – August 9, 2021

- ▲ Clothing, wallets, bags, backpacks — but not briefcases, suitcases or garment bags — having a sales price of \$60 or less per item. Clothing includes footwear but excludes watches, watchbands, jewelry, umbrellas, handkerchiefs, skis, swim fins and roller blades and skates.
- ▲ School supplies having a sales price of \$15 or less per item. You can use the tax break on things like pens, pencils, erasers, crayons, notebooks, notebook filler paper, legal pads, binders, lunch boxes, construction paper, markers, folders, poster board, composition books, poster paper, scissors, cellophane tape, glue

- or paste, rulers, computer disks, staplers and staples you use on paper products (not for construction, for example). Also, protractors, compasses, and calculators.
- ▲ Personal computers or personal computer-related accessories such as the first \$1,000 of the sales price of these items. Personal computers includes electronic book readers, laptops, desktops, handhelds, tablets or tower computers. But the sales tax holiday does not include cellphones, video game consoles, digital media receivers or devices that are not primarily designed to process data.

### A guide to insulated food containers

If your child doesn't have easy access to a microwave at school, consider packing their lunch in an insulated food container. This is an ideal way for them to enjoy hot meals. Here are some things to keep in mind if you plan to purchase one.

**WHAT TO BUY**  
Since an insulated food container won't retain heat as long if it's only half full, choose a model based on the typical portion size you serve your child. Opt for a container with a large opening, as it'll be easier to fill and clean. Additionally, look for terms such as "double wall" and "vacuum insulation" in the product description to ensure meals stay hot for more than a few hours.

If you select a stainless-steel insulated food container, keep in mind that this material is highly efficient at retaining heat. Therefore, you'll need to make sure it's cool enough to the touch that there's no risk of your child getting burnt.

**HOW TO USE IT**  
Never put an insulated food container in the microwave. Instead, fill it with boiling water and let it sit for at least 10 minutes. Additionally, heat the food to a high temperature (too hot to eat right away) before placing it in the container. This will prevent bacteria growth. If you heat up a meal in the microwave, stir it to ensure the heat is evenly distributed before you place it in the container. Be sure to immediately seal the lid.

Note that food won't stay hot for long in an insulated food container unless there's some liquid in it. Therefore, avoid dishes such as fried rice and grilled meats, and opt instead for soups, stews and chili.

Finally, even if the manufacturer claims the container is dishwasher safe, it's best to clean it by hand. This will ensure it stays in good condition and won't lose its thermal capabilities. If there's a lingering scent in the container, fill it with hot water and baking soda, and let it sit for a few hours.



### How to streamline your morning routine

With the start of a new school year on the horizon, you may be wondering how to ensure your mornings aren't spent frantically rushing around. Here are some tips to help you create a stress-free morning routine.

**START THE NIGHT BEFORE**  
One way to save time in the morning is to complete any tasks you can the night before. Be sure to get your kids involved. They can set the table for breakfast, put their gym bag by the front door and lay out the clothes they want to wear.

**BE CONSISTENT**  
As much as possible, do things in the same order every day. This will help make your mornings more efficient and ensure no one forgets to brush their teeth. For young children, an established routine can also help them become more independent.

**MAKE ADJUSTMENTS**  
It's likely that you'll need to implement a few changes before you find a morning routine that works for everyone. Give yourself time to adjust to the new school year, and don't hesitate to divide up tasks between family members.

**INCLUDE SOME FREE TIME**  
Schedule 10 minutes of free time for your children in the morning. Not only will they be tempted to get ready faster so they can play, but you'll also have some time for yourself. Additionally, this serves as a good buffer if something unexpected comes up.

Happy back-to-school season!

### How to encourage your child to be more independent

In order for children to develop their problem-solving skills, improve their self-esteem and ultimately be academically successful, they need to learn to be independent. Here are some ways to encourage your children to do more on their own.

- Assign your children an increasing number of responsibilities according to their age, abilities and maturity level. Avoid giving them too many new duties at once or choosing tasks for which they don't have all the necessary skills yet.
- When you assign your children a new responsibility, take the time to clearly explain how to complete the task. Supervise them the first few times, but avoid stepping in to do the job yourself. Remember to be patient,

- and repeat instructions if necessary.
  - If a task is particularly challenging, break it down into several steps. This will help prevent your children from getting discouraged. If they encounter a problem, guide them to a solution by asking questions rather than immediately providing an answer.
  - Create a chart or calendar outlining your children's responsibilities (setting the table, helping do the groceries, brushing their teeth, etc.). If your children can't read yet, use pictures or symbols to help them keep track of their chores.
- Finally, remember to highlight your child's successes, and praise them for trying even if things don't go as planned.

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