

SATURDAY

TODAY & next morning

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SHOWERS decreasing. Breezy and cool.

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NEWS BRIEFS

DeSantis: GOP has registration lead first time

Florida now has more registered Republicans than Democrats, Gov. Ron DeSantis said Friday during the National Conference of State Legislatures Republican breakfast in Tampa.

"When I got elected governor, we had 280,000 more registered Democrats than Republicans in the state of Florida," DeSantis said. "Today — and it'll probably be fully publicized very soon — today, for the first time in the history of Florida, we've now overtaken Democrats. There are more registered Republicans in Florida than Democrats."

A spokesman for the state Division of Elections did not immediately return a request for comment Friday.

As of Aug. 31, the state had 5.107 million registered Republicans and 5.13 million Democrats from among 14.28 million registered voters, according to the Division of Elections website. The state also had 3.79 million voters registered without any political party. In November 2018, when DeSantis was elected governor, Florida had 4.94 million registered Democrats and 4.68 million Republicans. It also had 3.55 million people registered without party affiliation.

While Democrats historically have had a registration edge, Republicans have dominated state politics for more than two decades, controlling the governor's office, the state House and the state Senate. Florida Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Mark Wilson said Oct. 27 that a majority of Floridians already believed the state had more registered Republicans than Democrats.

Earn your Florida Safe Boaters card

The next online U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary "About Boating Safely" course will be from 6:45 to 9:15 p.m. Nov. 16 to 19.

A good working knowledge of safe boating skills is needed to avoid a catastrophe on the water. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary of Homosassa is here to help boaters learn or refresh these necessary skills.

After successfully completing the test, participants will be sent the Florida Safe Boaters card from FWC and possibly be eligible for discounts on boat insurance. Anyone born after Jan. 1, 1988, must have a safe boater card to legally operate a vessel with a 10 HP motor or greater.

The course is offered at \$30 payable by cash or check. A discount is applied for family members sharing a book.

Space is limited, so RSVP no later than Nov. 8. To reserve a seat, email Dee Imhoff at hal1414@tampabay.rr.com or visit tinyurl.com/2ynykyp.

— From staff and wire reports

Child vaccine available today

For prevention of COVID-19 in children ages 5-11

FRED HIERS
Staff writer

Local pharmacies and government health care providers will

start Saturday to provide the coronavirus vaccine to children 5 through 11 years of age.

The move by the local Department of Health in Citrus County, Winn-Dixie, Walgreens, CVS and Publix pharmacies followed the U.S. Food and Drug Administration late last month granting emergency use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19 to include children.

The local grocery stores and pharmacies sent out media releases this week that they intend to make the vaccine available Saturday to young children if supplies arrive as expected.

Ernesto "Tito" Rubio, administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Citrus County, told the Chronicle he too would provide the vaccine for children as soon as his agency received it.

But local pharmacies are

asking that people make appointments online to determine which pharmacies are participating and when supplies become available. The businesses also said that walk-ins would be welcomed as supplies last.

Rubio said the vaccines are the same as the Pfizer vaccine used for adults but that doses are reduced. He said when supplies arrive to his agency, he would let the

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Granddaddy grin

Valentine Rooks, longtime Citrus County native; well-known cattleman, well-loved family man

Postscript

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

Valentine Rooks had something his family called his "Granddaddy grin."

His daughter-in-law, Nancy Rooks, tells the story of the time a bunch of family members were building a fence behind the house.

"Granddaddy leaned over the fence, trying to nail the boards on and one of the boards wasn't long enough," she said. "I heard him say something like, 'Darn it!' and then he said to someone, 'Will you go to the barn and get me a board stretcher?'"

"So, she started heading that way and turned and asked, 'What does it look like?' and I looked at him and he was grinning that Granddaddy grin," she said. "He was always trying to catch you and he would just laugh and laugh."

Valentine "Buster" Marion Rooks died Oct. 30. He was 97.

In the community, Valentine Rooks was known as a cattleman and a leader in local agriculture, a fourth-generation Citrus County native, an integral supporter of the Citrus County Fair, a sweetheart of a man.

But the role he loved best was Granddaddy.

"As the only grandson, I have a different perspective from the granddaughters," said Justin Rooks. "He taught me to be a well-balanced, honorable man. He showed love, respect, toughness, to be a good listener, have thoughtful respectful communications and be slow to anger."

"He was a leader with many organizations, and knew how to build consensus as a leader," Rooks said. "He always had great humor, and a smile that

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Special to the Chronicle

Valentine Rooks and youngest son, Larry Rooks, standing for the National Anthem at the 2010 Florida Ranch Rodeo and Heritage Festival where Valentine was awarded honorary team captain. Valentine "Buster" Marion Rooks, fourth-generation Citrus County native and well-known cattleman, died Oct. 30 at age 97.

Stone Crab JAM returns to downtown CR

Chronicle staff

Cool weather, claws and eclectic entertainment will greet event goers at the 14th annual Stone Crab JAM Music Festival on Saturday throughout downtown Crystal River as the event makes its return after being postponed a year ago.

The Stone Crab JAM, presented by the Kings Bay Rotary Club, will run from noon to 10 a.m.

Admission is \$15, with

children 12 and younger free. The "JAM," according to the event page, is an open street festival with the season delicacy — stone crabs — beer, wine, a variety of vendors and

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The 14th annual Stone Crab JAM makes its return Saturday in downtown Crystal River, where event goers can enjoy food, drinks and live entertainment.

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file



VACCINE

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public know.

Walgreens is asking those who want their children vaccinated against the coronavirus to go to <https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid/19/landing> and enter information about where they live and the child's age to find the closest Walgreens pharmacy with the vaccine and to make an appointment.

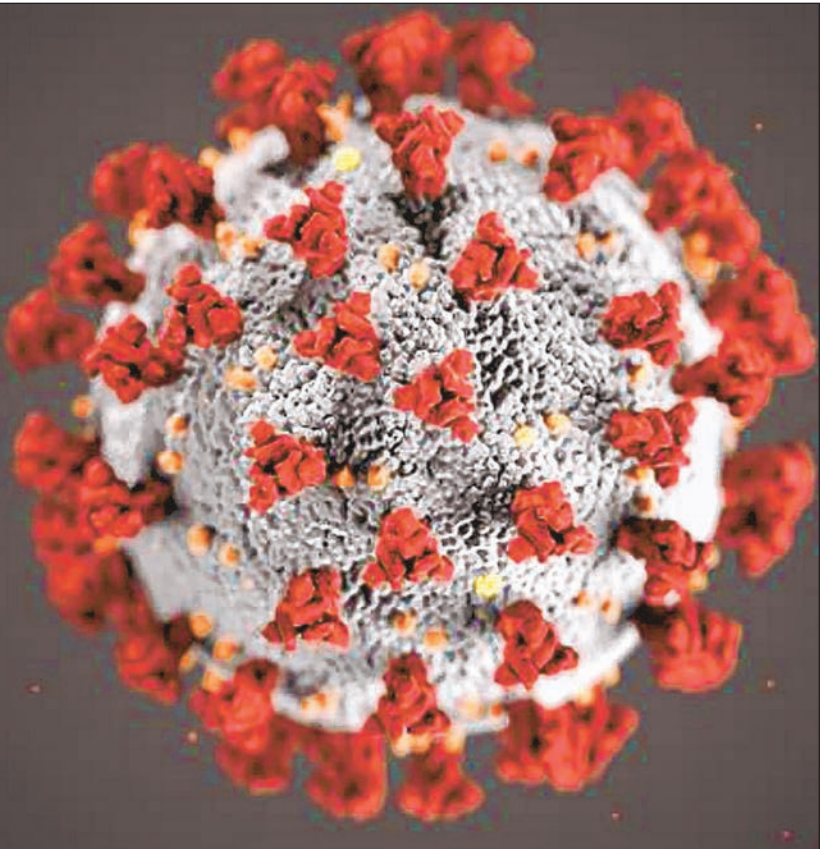
CVS Pharmacy requests people go to <https://www.cvs.com/vaccine/intake/store/covid-screener/covid-qns> to make an appointment.

A Publix spokeswoman told the Chronicle that her store pharmacies would soon also offer the children's dose.

"While we have not made a formal announcement, once the vaccine is received select Publix pharmacies will administer Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine doses to children ages 5 to 11 as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention," wrote Maria Brous to the Chronicle. "Pfizer doses for children ages 5 to 11 will be available as select pharmacies receive the vaccine over the next few days. We'll provide more details once they're available."

Rubio said he did not know if offering the vaccine to children would be successful, saying only that "it's a preventable disease if you get a prevention."

Contact Chronicle reporter Fred Hiers at fred.hiers@chronicleonline.com or 352-397-5914.



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

JAM

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dancing in the streets, with the help of six live bands set to perform on three stages. The Kings Bay Rotary Club Charitable Foundation uses the proceeds to benefit area charities.

■ Stage 1 will be at Citrus Avenue and U.S. 19. Beginning at 1 p.m., Cheap Date will perform followed by 22N at 6 p.m.

■ Stage 2 will be at Fifth Street at Norton's, where Southern Branded will take the stage at 1 p.m., with Borderline to follow at 6 p.m.

■ State 3 will be at the waterfront at Northwest Third Street at Kings Bay Park, with Groove 41 to perform at 1 p.m., with the Chad Montana Band to cap it off at 6 p.m.

Parking for the event will be free, with fees in some areas, or free at the Crystal River Mall with a shuttle bus to and from the event.

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Around the
COUNTY

COVID-19
patients in ICUs
down to 400

The number of Florida COVID-19 patients needing treatment in hospital intensive-care units has dropped to 400, according to data posted online Friday by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The data also showed continued decreases in the overall number of patients hospitalized because of COVID-19, a steady trend over the past two months. The 400 patients reported Friday in intensive-care unit beds was down from 516 a week earlier and 1,425 on Oct. 1.

Also, the report showed that Florida hospitals had 1,732 inpatients with COVID-19. That was down from 2,139 a week earlier and 5,414 on Oct. 1. Cases and hospitalization surged in July and August because of the spread of the highly contagious delta variant of the coronavirus. But the numbers improved through September, October and the first few days of November.

Band fest to
benefit Citrus
United Basket

A band fest will be held at 1 p.m. Nov. 7 at the IR-RU Family Social Club, 922 U.S. 41 South in Inverness.

This is an annual benefit for Citrus United Basket (CUB). The following bands will be donating their time and talent: Cheap Date, Bad Kitty, Eruption, Hat Trick, Shift n' Gears and JoJo and the Jenerators.

Sound and lighting will be provided by Steve Champagne/Shining Star Productions.

Food plates will be available for \$5 and raffles will be held throughout the event. The club is asking attendees to bring a new, unwrapped toy/game or a nonperishable food item for CUB.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call 352-637-5118.

County offices
closed for
Veterans Day

Citrus County Government offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day. Normal hours of operation and services will resume Friday, Nov. 12.

The Citrus County Central Landfill will close early at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11. There will be no hazardous waste drop-off. The Administrative Office will be closed all day. Normal hours will resume Friday, Nov. 12. For landfill hours, call 352-527-7670 during office hours.

Attend Healthy
Living Fair

Join Citrus County Support Services for the 16th annual Healthy Living Fair from noon to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Citrus Springs Community Center, 1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd.

Admission is free. There will be more than 50 vendors on site offering free information, health screenings, demonstrations, product sampling and door prizes. LifeSouth Community Blood Center's Bloodmobile will be accepting blood donations.

There will be a grand prize drawing for a new flatscreen TV, donated by Home Instead Senior Care. Riviera Mexican Cantina will be on site providing food for purchase.

Proceeds will benefit the "No Seniors Left Waiting" program. For more information, call 352-527-5980.

— From staff reports

County judge appointed mentor

Bruce Carney to help new 5th Circuit Court judges

Staff report

Citrus County Court Judge Bruce Carney was tasked to be a guide for new judges of the 5th Judicial Circuit

of Florida.

Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles Canady on Oct. 28 appointed Carney to be a mentor for fresh judges in the circuit, which

covers Citrus and four neighboring counties.

"Thank you for your service on the bench and for your willingness, as part of the judicial mentor program, to

share the benefit of your experience with new members of the judiciary," Canady said in an email to Carney.

Carney's appointment, which runs through Sept. 30, 2023, doesn't begin until the judge completes his mentorship training.



Bruce Carney



Special to the Chronicle

The Citrus Master Gardeners raised more than 2,400 plants from their own gardens to sell during their annual October plant sale.

Citrus Master Gardeners plant sale a win

Special to the Chronicle

The Citrus Master Gardeners really "bloomed" during their annual plant sale Oct. 16.

Propagating and raising plants from their own gardens, master gardeners produced more than 2,400 Florida-friendly plants, including trees, perennials,

succulents and edibles.

Member volunteers shared great gardening advice with the more than 200 sale visitors. Questions ranged from weird weeds, to pest management, to what will grow under certain conditions in their landscapes.

Master gardeners host a plant sale each fall on the third Saturday in October.

If you missed this year's sale, drop by the Citrus County Extension office, 3650 W. Sovereign Path in Lecanto, where master gardeners host a plant clinic each weekday.

They also offer programs at each of the county's libraries on a regular basis. For more information, call BJ Jarvis at 352-527-5700.

Wildwood man leads FHP on chase

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

A Sumter County man is accused of leading state and county authorities on a high-speed vehicle chase in Citrus and Marion counties with almost a pound of marijuana on him.

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) troopers and Marion County Sheriff's Office deputies apprehended Wildwood 20-year-old Kennedy Jamar Robinson the afternoon of Wednesday, Nov. 3, from an Ocala-area intersection, where Robinson crashed his getaway car into a tree.

According to Robinson's arrest report, obtained Friday, the alleged pursuit began after FHP Trooper Eric Kjekstad tried to pull over a silver Toyota sedan on North Deltona Boulevard in Citrus Springs for having "sunscreen material" on its windshield, and dark-tinted windows.

When Kjekstad tried to overtake the Toyota, the trooper noticed the car was traveling more

than 100 mph in a 45-mph zone within the neighborhood.

"I observed the vehicle to be weaving within its lanes as we approached the intersection of West Citrus Springs Boulevard," Kjekstad wrote in Robinson's arrest report, "where I detected the odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle."

Kjekstad watched the Toyota swerve pass the intersection's stop bar, travel into the junction and toward traffic before it made a U-turn to go south on North Deltona Boulevard in the roadway's northbound lane.

Documenting speeds of up to 130 mph, Kjekstad pursued the Toyota as it turned north onto County Road 491, ran a red light at the intersection with U.S. 41 and then headed north onto State Road 200 into Marion County.

According to the arrest report, the Toyota passed other traffic by traveling over S.R. 200's grass



Kennedy Robinson

shoulders and crossing over its double-yellow lines.

Kjekstad followed the Toyota as it turned east onto C.R. 484, north onto Southwest 95th Circle, back north onto S.R. 200 and then east onto Southwest 103rd Street Road, where Marion County Sheriff's Office Deputy Kevin Turner took lead of the pursuit.

Turner and Kjekstad tailed the Toyota until it entered the intersection with Southwest 49th Avenue, collided with another vehicle, struck a tree and overturned in a front yard.

Robinson and a woman exited the Toyota with Turner having them covered at gunpoint before they were detained.

Inside and outside the Toyota, authorities found and seized 410 grams — or roughly 14 ounces — of marijuana, numerous empty baggies, a digital scale and a loaded firearm magazine.

In his Mirandized statement to

Kjekstad, according to his arrest report, Robinson said he was driving the Toyota, and claimed ownership of the marijuana.

"When asked why Mr. Robinson fled, he shrugged his shoulders," Kjekstad wrote in the arrest report. "I then asked if marijuana was the reason, in which he replied that it was part of the reason."

Kjekstad arrested Robinson and booked him at the Citrus County jail under charges of aggravated fleeing or eluding, possessing more than 20 grams of marijuana, possessing marijuana with intent to sell and possessing drug paraphernalia.

Robinson was jailed with a \$15,000 bond, which a judge doubled to \$30,000 during Robinson's first court appearance on Thursday, according to court records. Robinson's arraignment was scheduled for Nov. 15.

Robinson also had an open warrant out for his arrest because his bond was revoked for a pending criminal mischief case out of Marion County.

FHP: Motorist causes crash with CCSO deputy

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

A motorist and a Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputy were unharmed after their vehicles collided near an Inverness intersection while the

deputy was on his way to a nearby crash.

Just before the 1:20 p.m. collision Thursday, Nov. 4, according to Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), a 36-year-old Hernando man driving a white Hyundai Sonata was stopped on Richards Road at its junction with

State Road 44.

At the same time, the 50-year-old deputy was driving his marked patrol car east on S.R. 44 with lights and sirens on in a response to a vehicle crash near Pleasant Grove Road.

According to FHP, the deputy was driving in S.R.

44's center-turn lane because both of the roadway's eastbound lanes were blocked by traffic by the crash ahead.

Stopped traffic in S.R. 44's eastbound lanes allowed the Hyundai's driver to travel in front to turn left onto westbound

lanes S.R. 44, but the Hyundai traveled into the path of the deputy's cruiser as it went into the median.

No injuries were reported from the collision. FHP cited the Hyundai's driver for failing to yield to oncoming traffic.

Today's
HOROSCOPES

Birthdays: Take control of your life, and deal with situations that are holding you back. Look for opportunities that let you follow your dreams and use your skills to reach your goals. Change isn't easy, but it will lead to peace of mind and an exciting plan.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): Trust your instincts, not what others tell you. Think for yourself, and don't be afraid to take the road less traveled.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): Discipline and hard work will pay off. How you handle others and the incentives you offer will help you reach a goal.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a trip down memory lane, and it will help you remember what's important. Look for a unique way to dodge negativity.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): Put a hold on unnecessary expenditures. Look at the big picture and refrain from making a premature move.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20): Keep your feelings to yourself. Focus on money matters and stick to friends and family who won't let you down.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Distance yourself from anyone trying to stand in your way. Avoid joint ventures, shared expenses and unnecessary purchases.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Look at the facts; if you act on an assumption, you'll regret it. Put on a happy face, listen carefully, and look for solutions.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Refuse to let an emotional incident get blown out of proportion. Be direct and careful when you share personal thoughts.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You can accomplish plenty if you let your charm lead the way and allow your insight to encourage others to do and be their best. Say what's on your mind.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Be prepared to deal with changes that transpire at home or that affect your reputation, status or position. Participate in events or get-togethers that allow you to voice your opinions.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make an adjustment at home that helps you begin an exciting project. Be creative, and you'll come up with a plan to turn a hobby into a lucrative project.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Be careful how you handle money, health and secrets. Overspending on entertainment or investing in something risky will cause financial worries.

ENTERTAINMENT

Crab Club feasts on Asian American stories for projects

One of the hottest "clubs" in Hollywood is run by "Crazy Rich Asians" actor **Jimmy O. Yang** and his producing partners. There's no DJ or bottle service. If you gain entry, you better know how to eat a Dungeness crab.

Yang, whose Netflix holiday rom-com "Love Hard" drops Friday, has been turning Crab Club, the production company he operates alongside **Jessica Gao** and **Ken Cheng**, into a real Hollywood force.

Why Crab Club? The moniker comes from their regular crab dinners with other Asian American friends working in entertainment. The aim was not just to eat, but also to support each other. The meals rotate among their Los Angeles-area homes. For Yang, it was a "cool dinner club."

"I just felt very normal, kind of like when I was shooting 'Crazy Rich Asians,' where we didn't have to explain ourselves," Yang told The Associated Press.

Being in Hollywood, the gatherings eventually transcended beyond being a support group and are now an incubator for TV and film projects told on their terms. In 2019, Yang, Gao and Cheng formed Crab Club Inc., and it didn't take long for the company to prove it has legs.

Comedian **Jo Koy** showed up to one of the dinners and there was a spark of "synergy," Yang said. Talk of all of them working together led to Crab Club's first project: "Easter Sunday," a comedy about a Filipino American family starring Koy. The movie, which will premiere in April, found a partner in Steven Spiel-



Associated Press

Ken Cheng, from left, Jimmy O. Yang and Jessica Gao, co-founders of the Crab Club production company, pose for a portrait in Los Angeles on Wednesday, Oct. 27. Yang, whose Netflix holiday rom-com "Love Hard" debuted Friday, has been turning the production company he operates with Gao and Cheng into a real Hollywood force.

berg's Amblin Entertainment.

"We all broke the story together. But Ken is the main writer," Yang said. "He wrote such an amazing script that it was legendarily greenlit by **Steven Spielberg** on the first draft."

They're now co-writing "The Great Chinese Art Heist" with Yang's former "Crazy Rich Asians" director, **Jon M. Chu**, attached. Crab Club is also producing an Amazon Studios comedy series, to be co-penned and executive produced by Cheng, about outcasts in Los Angeles.

"If somebody sends us a project, we have two rules," Cheng said. "The first is the project has to sort of spotlight a marginalized voice or a marginalized community. We're three Chinese Americans. Obviously, we're going to lean toward Asian American projects or Asian diasporic projects. ... The second mandate is all three of us have to like it and want to do it."

Crab Club dinners — which

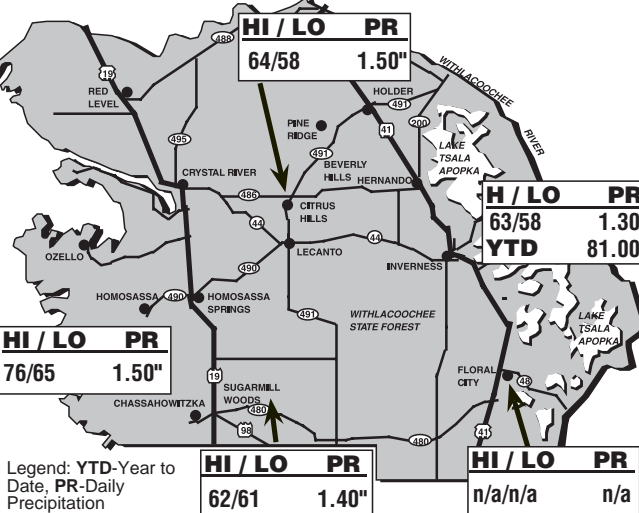
were temporarily halted during the pandemic — weren't intended to be some exclusive Asian Algonquin Round Table. It really started out as being about eating crab. Gao, showrunner of the highly anticipated Marvel/Disney+ "She-Hulk" series, said they and two other friends created a text thread in 2017 to alert each other if they saw Dungeness crab at a bargain price.

"When the prices dropped to the single digits per pound, we would all — like the Avengers — assemble to have a crab dinner," Gao said. "We would all take turns hosting at each other's houses. And we're all very good cooks."

It's been invite-only due to the difficulty accommodating beyond 10-15 people and because the host has to buy the crabs. Their little supper club has started to generate buzz, with producers and actors asking how they can join.

— From wire reports

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 59° **Low:** 49°
Showers decreasing. Breezy and much cooler.

SUNDAY & MONDAY MORNING
High: 72° **Low:** 45°
Becoming mostly sunny. Mild day and chilly night.

MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING
High: 75° **Low:** 40°
Sunshine and mild, but cold at night.

ALMANAC			Data from Crystal River Airport	
TEMPERATURE				
Yesterday	65/57	DEW POINT		
Record*	93/34	Yesterday at 3 p.m.		n/a
Normal	81/55	HUMIDITY		
Mean temp.	68	Yesterday at 3 p.m.		95%
Departure from mean	-7	POLLEN COUNT**		
PRECIPITATION		Today's active pollen:		
Yesterday	1.41"	Ragweed, grasses, elm		
Total for the month	1.42"	Today's count: 2.7/12		
Total for the year	60.88"	Sunday's count: 3.5		
Normal for the year	47.96"	Monday's count: 4.7		
As reported from https://citrusmosquito.org				
UV INDEX:		AIR QUALITY		
4		Yesterday observed		Good
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high		Pollutant		PM2.5
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE				
	29.98			

SOLUNAR TABLES					Provided by ezfshn.com
DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
11/06	SATURDAY	7:45	2:32	6:40	3:03
11/07	SUNDAY	6:46	2:34	5:39	3:06

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK			
Nov 11	Nov 19	Nov 27	Dec 4
SUNSET TONIGHT 6:40 pm			
SUNRISE TOMORROW 6:46 am			
MOONRISE TODAY 9:42 am			
MOONSET TODAY 8:19 pm			

BURN CONDITIONS

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

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

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TIDES				
*From mouths of rivers **At King's Bay ***At Mason's Creek				
SATURDAY				
City	High	Low		
Chassahowitzka**	7:33 a.m.	0.7 ft 8:42 p.m.	0.2 ft 12:28 a.m.	0.1 ft 3:45 p.m.
Crystal River**	5:41 a.m.	2.6 ft 6:54 p.m.	1.8 ft 12:03 a.m.	0.7 ft 1:00 p.m.
Withlacoochee*	2:49 a.m.	3.9 ft 4:30 p.m.	3.4 ft 10:44 a.m.	-0.8 ft 10:44 p.m.
Homosassa***	6:08 a.m.	1.7 ft 7:42 p.m.	0.8 ft 12:23 a.m.	0.3 ft 2:50 p.m.

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	62	53	sh	Miami	79	62	sh
Fort Lauderdale	78	59	sh	Ocala	54	48	sh
Fort Myers	72	58	pc	Orlando	61	51	sh
Gainesville	53	47	ra	Pensacola	65	46	s
Homestead	79	58	sh	Sarasota	70	59	t
Jacksonville	55	49	ra	Tallahassee	52	46	ra
Key West	81	70	sh	Tampa	65	55	t
Lakeland	65	52	t	Vero Beach	73	54	sh
Melbourne	72	53	sh	W. Palm Bch.	75	62	sh

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Northwest winds 20 to 25 knots. Seas 5 to 7 feet with occasional seas to 9 feet. Bay and inland waters rough. A slight chance of thunderstorms. Tonight: Northwest winds around 20 knots. Seas 4 to 6 feet with occasional seas to 8 feet.

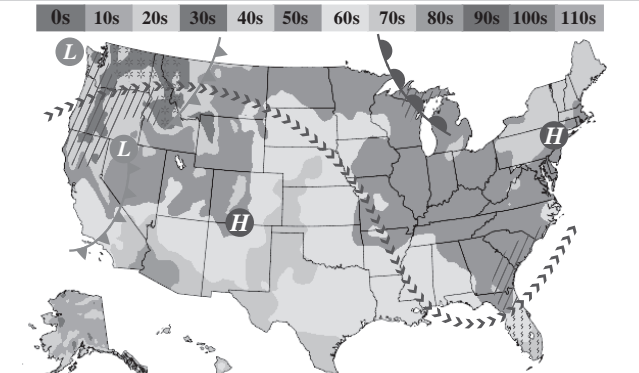
Gulf water temperature
68°
Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS

Location	FRI	THU	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	30.02	29.90	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	38.03	37.94	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	39.36	39.26	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	40.53	40.40	41.37

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

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Saturday

City	FRI			SAT			City	FRI			SAT		
	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fest		H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fest
Albany	50	26	0.00	51	28	s	New Orleans	63	55	0.00	67	52	s
Albuquerque	72	39	0.00	77	39	s	New York City	51	39	0.00	54	42	s
Asheville	50	35	0.00	54	31	mc	Norfolk	55	47	0.00	59	54	ra
Atlanta	55	42	0.00	57	39	mc	Oklahoma City	60	36	0.00	66	47	s
Atlantic City	55	31	0.00	55	48	pc	Omaha	64	42	0.00	70	48	pc
Austin	66	41	0.00	71	45	s	Palm Springs	91	63	0.00	88	63	s
Baltimore	56	28	0.00	56	40	pc	Philadelphia	54	35	0.00	54	39	pc
Billings	65	44	0.01	64	39	pc	Phoenix	91	63	0.00	89	60	s
Birmingham	60	46	0.00	63	40	s	Pittsburgh	49	30	0.00	50	34	s
Boise	63	42	0.00	57	36	sh	Portland, ME	48	28	0.00	50	34	s
Boston	51	37	0.00	53	31	s	Portland, OR	57	51	0.12	50	41	sh
Buffalo	49	30	0.04	51	38	s	Providence, RI	53	36	0.00	53	31	s
Burlington, VT	47	26	0.00	48	31	s	Raleigh	54	34	0.00	52	46	ra
Charleston, SC	49	44	0.01	54	50	ra	Rapid City	67	46	0.00	72	45	pc
Charleston, WV	53	26	0.00	62	30	s	Reno	72	34	0.00	57	32	ra
Charlotte	53	32	0.01	52	43	ra	Rochester, NY	49	30	0.00	52	34	s
Chicago	52	34	0.00	57	42	s	Sacramento	65	44	0.00	62	45	cl
Cincinnati	54	25	0.00	57	33	s	Salt Lake City	66	41	0.00	67	44	mc
Cleveland	49	39	0.00	54	37	s	San Antonio	68	46	0.00	70	48	s
Columbia, SC	54	39	0.00	52	45	ra	San Diego	70	59	0.00	70	57	fg
Columbus, OH	52	27	0.00	55	33	s	San Francisco	65	53	0.00	64	50	mc
Concord, NH	50	25	0.00	52	24	s	Savannah	50	46	0.14	52	49	ra
Dallas	61	41	0.00	67	45	s	Seattle	52	46	0.11	48	42	ra
Denver	74	42	0.00	75	40	s	Spokane	52	39	0.10	50	32	ra
Des Moines	59	36	0.00	66	45	s	St. Louis	54	24	0.00	62	39	s
Detroit	52	28	0.00	52	36	pc	St. Ste Marie	50	30	0.00	53	43	sh
El Paso	79	42	0.00	80	53	s	Syracuse	51	30	0.00	53	31	s
Evansville, IN	56	28	0.00	59	35	s	Topeka	61	35	0.00	67	45	s
Harrisburg	54	28	0.00	51	31	s	Washington	56	36	0.00	55	40	pc

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

Today in
HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Nov. 6, the 3190th day of 2021. There are 55 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
On Nov. 6, 1860, former Illinois congressman Abraham Lincoln of the Republican Party was elected President of the United States as he defeated John Breckinridge, John Bell and Stephen Douglas.

On this date:
In 1990, about one-fifth of the Universal Studios backlot in southern California was destroyed in an arson fire.

Ten years ago: Greece's embattled prime minister, George Papandreou, and its main opposition leader, Antonis Samaras, agreed to form an interim government to ensure the country's new European debt deal.

Five years ago: FBI Director James Comey abruptly announced that Democrat Hillary Clinton should not face criminal charges related to newly discovered emails from her tenure at the State Department.

One year ago: The federal agency that oversees U.S. election security pushed back at unsubstantiated claims of voter fraud in a statement, saying that local election offices had detection measures that "make it highly difficult to commit fraud through counterfeit ballots."

Today's Birthdays: Actor June Squibb is 92. Country singer Stonewall Jackson is 89. Singer P.J. Proby is 83. Actor Sally Field is 75. Singer Rory Block is 72. Jazz musician Arturo Sandoval is 72. TV host Catherine Crier is 67. News correspondent and former California first lady Maria Shriver is 66. Actor Lori Singer is 64. Actor Lance Kerwin is 61. Former Education Secretary Arne Duncan is 57. Rock singer Corey Glover is 57. Actor Brad Grunberg is 57. Actor Peter DeLuise is 55. Actor Kelly Rutherford is 53. Actor Ethan Hawke is 51. Chef/TV judge Marcus Samuelsson is 51. Actor Thandiwe Newton is 49. Model-actor Rebecca Romijn is 49. Actor Zoe McLellan is 47.

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In this Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019, file photo, a roseate spoonbill searches for food in a shallow wetland near Fort Myers.



In this Wednesday, April 21, 2012, file photo, an osprey keeps an eye on a chick in its nest on a directional pole at the Kennedy Space Center in Canaveral.



In this Friday, July 15, 2016, file photo, two American flamingos tussle in their exhibit space at Zoo Miami.

Florida considers new bird



This photo provided by Nancy Glickman shows a scrub jay in 2012 in Cape Coral.

Mockingbird may be outsted from honorary state perch

CURT ANDERSON
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — After nearly a century on its lofty perch, the northern mockingbird may be singing its last melodies as the state bird of Florida.

An effort is taking flight to replace the far-ranging musical mockingbird with a bird that is more identifiable as distinctly Floridian.

“Part of what we’re working to do is highlight that Florida has these incredible species and we should recognize the bird that most represents Florida,” said state Sen. Jeff Brandes, a St. Petersburg Republican whose legislation would strip the mockingbird of its title. “To me, it’s a fun conversation to have.”

Suggestions for a new state bird are all over the map, but four main contenders have emerged: the Florida scrub jay, flamingo, osprey and roseate spoonbill. The white ibis, swallow-tailed kite and wood stork also get mentioned. Some joke it should be the construction crane.

The gray-and-white mockingbird, celebrated in literature and music, has been Florida’s state bird since 1927, when the state was much more agricultural and less populated on the coasts. It may

not be quite as representative of today’s bustling, modern Florida — and four other states also call it the state bird.

But it has supporters, including Marion Hammer, the lobbyist in Florida for the National Rifle Association and executive director of the Unified Sportsmen of Florida. She wrote in a recent opinion piece that the mockingbird deserves our continued love.

The mockingbird can sing up to 200 different tunes and mimic artificial sounds like car alarms. Its Latin name translates to “many-tongued thrush.”

“The mockingbird is a well established, independent, prolific bird that doesn’t need government protection or our tax dollars to survive,”

Hammer wrote. “It can be seen, watched, studied and enjoyed by children and adults on any given day in all areas of Florida.”

The same cannot be said of the Florida scrub jay, described by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology as the sole bird species found only in Florida.

Trouble is, there are only about 4,000 of them concentrated in central Florida and the federal government lists them as threatened.

Brandes did not suggest

a mockingbird replacement in his legislation. But separate bills in the state House and Senate would elevate the blue-headed scrub jay to the honorary post.

One of those bills is sponsored by Sen. Tina Polsky, a Boca Raton Democrat. She argued in a recent editorial that the scrub jay “represents the hard-working, family-oriented nature of our residents.”

“Friendly, cooperative, family-oriented, bold, curious, talented builder, protective, shares chores, stays close to home — does this sound like someone you would want to represent your community?” Polsky wrote.

Not to be left out, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission voted in early October to support naming the fish-preying osprey to represent the state. The commission did the same thing in 2009, after a poll of 77,000 school students resulted in a victory for the large raptor commonly seen building big nests or roosting on light poles near bodies of water.

“That doesn’t necessarily mean that that’s the way it’s going to go, if you know the Legislature,” said commission chair Rodney Barreto. “But at

least we can put a marker down.”

The bright pink American flamingo is a different story. Often linked to Florida in popular culture — think state lottery ticket logos, plastic lawn ornaments or the “Miami Vice” opening credits — for decades it was considered a foreign interloper.

That changed in recent years when researchers proved flamingos are native to the Sunshine State but were mercilessly hunted to near extinction in the early 20th century. They have since rebounded, bolstered by captive flocks like the one at the Hialeah horse track, but exist mainly in the Everglades, the Florida Keys and around Biscayne Bay in Miami.

The roseate spoonbill, like the flamingo a large, pink wading bird, is more widespread in the state and is not listed as threatened. They have unique rounded bills used for scooping food in shallow waters and usually live near shorelines or on islands.

To Julie Wraithmell, executive director of Audubon Florida, any debate about Florida birds is a good thing — especially if it raises consciousness about what’s needed to protect them such as

habitat conservation, water quality improvements and Everglades restoration.

“Being the state bird doesn’t confer any protection on the bird. We just get excited when people are talking about it and acknowledge how integral birds are to our quality of life in Florida,” Wraithmell said. “We’re hoping that through these conversations, people will want to get more involved.”

The future of the mockingbird will likely be debated during the 2022 Florida legislative session that begins Jan. 11.

There is precedent for states switching their honorary state animals, including birds: In 1948, South Carolina shifted from the mockingbird to the Carolina wren. Brandes said it’s time for Florida to also find a new feathered friend.

“Why does the northern mockingbird make sense in the southernmost state?” he said. “I think it’s a bird that doesn’t make sense for Florida.”

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GRIN

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would change anyone’s attitude ... he could always turn around a bad outlook.”

Granddaughter Martha Moen said she loved Granddaddy’s grin and his teasing.

“I also loved his old cow hunting stories from when he worked cattle before there were fences in Citrus County.”

Granddaughter Nacona Anderson recalled Granddaddy’s “ear wiggling competitions.”

“He would look at you right in the eye and start wiggling his ears and ask, ‘Can you do it?’ I would try and practice until I thought I got it and ask, ‘Am I doing it?!’ He would just laugh and say, ‘Just your ears — you can’t move your eyebrows!’ Then he would go back out to work and I would be with Gran and still practicing the rest of the day,” she said. “One day I just perfected it and he couldn’t say much, but he celebrated right along with me.”

Sometimes he’d say, “I’m putting on my collar and my t-i-e and going into town for some p-i-e.”

Then there was something called a “whompus” or a “wampum” cat.

“If you were scared to go out in the dark he would ask, ‘Is the whompus cat going to get you?’ He’d also ask if you had seen the whompus cat when you came in from being inside,” granddaughter Rebecca Green said.

Granddaughter Katie Weaver remembered it as a wampum cat.

“After taking my four little ones through the woods or camping he’d always ask, ‘Did you see any wampum cats?’ It was always with the best mischievous grin ever! It always made them giggle, and wonder ... it still makes me smile because I heard it as a child, too,” she said. “There’s so many wonderful things about him, and words don’t encompass the amazing man he was.”

Back in the 1870s, back when Citrus County was in

its infancy, back when cattle roamed and citrus fruit was plentiful, Christopher Columbus “Kit” Rooks and his wife Mattie lived with their 14 children in the area of Inverness known as Pleasant Grove.

Kit raised cattle and Mattie grew oranges. One of their sons, Samuel Jefferson Rooks, grew up and moved to a house on what would eventually become County Road 581.

Kit Rooks migrated from Georgia to Florida in the 1870s, driving cattle. The 14 children — Daniel, Francis, Elizabeth, Columbus, Lewesar, Josephine, Thomas, Martha, Nancy, Samuel, William, Nathaniel, James and Sally — were born in Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and Florida.

Valentine and his eight siblings are part of Daniel Rooks’ family.

Their dad, Jim Rooks, was a Citrus County commissioner for 23 years.

The Rooks kids went to elementary school in a two-room schoolhouse until eighth grade and then went to Citrus High School in Inverness when it was a two-story building on Main Street where Wendy’s is now.

That’s where Valentine met Frances Spooner, from the longtime Citrus County pioneer families, Croft and Van Ness.

She was a Hernando girl.

She was also the love of his life. They were married 74 years before her death May 23, 2021.

A few days after his wife’s death, Valentine told the Chronicle:

“In those days, we had study hall together and we sat alphabetically. My name is Rooks and hers was Spooner, so she sat behind me. She used to say I picked on her, but I said maybe I was just flirting with you.

“World War II was going on at that time, and some of the teachers were called to military duty, Rooks said. “The English teacher was trying to (also) teach algebra, and Frances just couldn’t get it. So, we went over to the big window and I showed her some things about algebra, and that turned into an everyday at

noon deal.”

The Methodist Church in Inverness had a social time for all the kids in the neighborhood, and Rooks went — and so did Frances.

“I walked her home one night, and the moon over the lake was really beautiful,” Rooks said. “I said to her: ‘Look yonder at that moon,’ and I kissed her. She never forgot that, and neither did I.”

Every Christmas he would hide a gift that he had gotten for Frances, and just about when all the gifts were passed out and opened he would find the gift he had hidden and say, “I wonder what this might be?”

“It was always something special, just for her,” Nancy Rooks said. “When she was sick, he’d walk into the room and sing a ditty to her — he was always singing little ditties. He could light up her face.”

Valentine and Frances raised three children, Ella, Eugene and Larry, in a house built by Frances’ father, Fred Spooner.

They raised hogs in the woods and sold them, grew peanuts and tended a big garden, harvested and froze food in the summer, butchered their own meat.

“I remember him on an old horse, with a rifle across his lap, riding off to go check on or move some cows,” Ella said. “Sometimes a couple hours later he’d come back and get the old truck and go get a deer he’d killed and I’d help him skin it and we’d have fried back scrap for supper.”

Every year around Thanksgiving the family made cane syrup from the sugar canes they grew on the farm.

Valentine’s children recall their dad as being fair and loving, never raising his voice, but able to get his point across.

When Larry, the youngest, was dating his now-wife, Nancy, he would go to her house in Floral City and hang out with her, and also her brother.

Sometimes the boys would be working on a car together and the time would fly by.

It wasn’t unusual for

Larry to come home well after midnight, and he would always turn his headlights off before he drove into the front yard so he wouldn’t wake up his parents.

One time, as he drove in slowly, he hit something — a tractor part.

The next morning at breakfast Valentine said, “You got a little close to that tractor, didn’t you, son?”

That’s all he said, but he didn’t have to say any more.

“I spent a lot of time with him,” Larry Rooks said. “He was my father, my mentor and my best friend.”

“Someone on Facebook called him a ‘godly cowboy,’ and that’s what he was,” said daughter Ella Thomas. “He loved his family, but his Christian faith was his legacy. He never preached to us, but he lived it. He led by example.”

Another of his Granddaddyisms: “Fish don’t bite on Sunday.”

“For me, that was the most meaningful thing

Granddaddy would say,” said granddaughter Sarah Hensley. “This went for deer hunting as well. This was his way of reminding us that we needed to keep the sabbath holy and always put God first.”

As a child, he attended Eden Baptist Church on Lake Lindsey Road off C.R. 581 just over the Hernando Line and was a member there for 82 years.

However, he and Frances raised their family at the Church of the Nazarene in Hernando. Fred Spooner had built the old church out of lime rock at the corner of U.S. 41 and East Orange Drive in Hernando, where Brannen Bank is now.

“I remember all of us going to church in the old cow truck,” Ella Thomas said.

Besides his three children, six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, Valentine had room in his heart, and sometimes in his house, for other kids.

“I’ve known ‘Mr. Buster’

most of my life,” said Hal Porter, Citrus County Fair manager. “I spent time with him when the 4-H Circle C bar I (club) started; his son Larry and I are the same age and went to school together.


“To me, he was a true Southern gentleman,” Porter said. “He had a way of letting you know that he was interested in what you were interested in ... and I am grateful for the time he invested in me.”

After his wife died, Valentine was ready to join her.

“He kept telling us, ‘It won’t be long,’” Nancy Rooks said. “About two weeks ago, he told Larry that his one regret was that he wanted to live long enough to see the newest great-grandbaby crawl.

“Larry said, ‘Daddy, look!’ The baby, Breton, was crawling. He crawled over and pulled himself up in the living room to look out the window.

“Granddaddy said, ‘Well, I’ll be darned.’ He loved those babies.”



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Citrus County hospitals have passing grades

We’ve all heard that not-so-amusing phrase, “If you want to get sick, just go into the hospital.” In today’s pandemic environment it’s not so funny.

Twice a year, a respected organization rates more than 2,700 national hospitals for safety. The Leapfrog Group is a nonprofit watchdog that hands out grades like we receive in school, A through F. Their ratings focus on general acute-care facilities, and more and more Leapfrog is becoming a gold standard in measuring patient safety, using 27 measurements to grade each hospital.

Numerous categories are included in the outcomes area, including accidental cuts and tear, inducing dangerous blood clots, patient falls, injuries and bed sores, gas bubbles forming in the blood and death from treatable complications.

Another area under the microscope deals with people: doctors, nurses, hospital staff and their interaction with the patient.

The most recent overall score for our two Citrus County hospitals? Citrus Memorial in Inverness got a B. Bayfront Seven Rivers in Crystal River is one of 968 hospitals to get an average score, a C.

Citrus Memorial received passing marks in all seven of Leapfrog’s surgical categories, scoring above average in six of the seven groups. Seven Rivers, on the other hand, scored above average in two of the surgical categories, and scored poorly when it came to post-surgical complications of the formation of blood clots and the development of serious breathing problems.

Both hospitals were above average in terms of having qualified nurses, physician specialists for the ICU patients, and staff leadership. This is commendable.

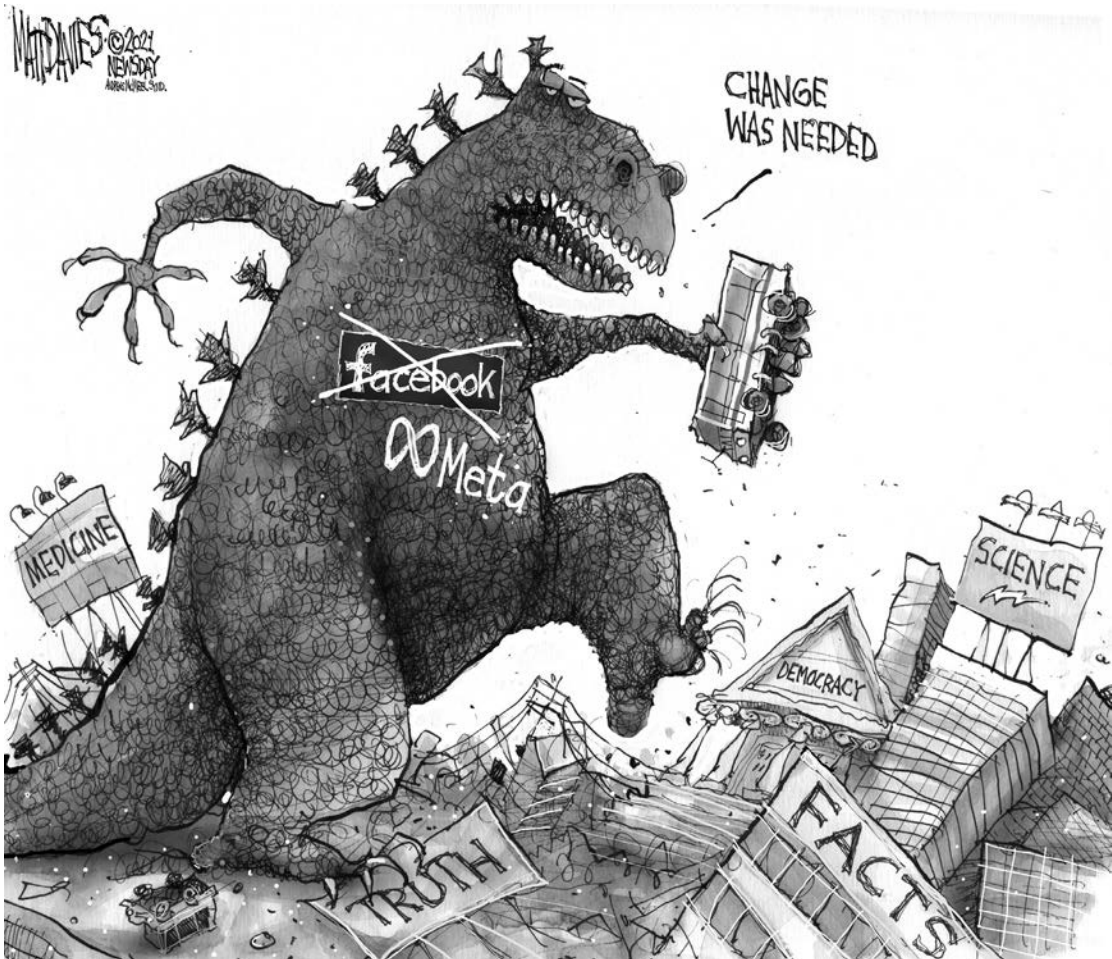
Hospital deaths from avoidable medical errors is another area inspected, and the Leapfrog Group said there is a 92% greater chance of patients dying in hospitals with a grade of D or F. This is serious business.

Both of our hospitals scored above this troublesome arena, and we are thankful.

But a worrisome question comes to mind and that is hospital preparedness. We can’t comment on either hospital’s ability to stand tall in the event of a medical crisis, but nationally hospitals with an A rating said they were generally better prepared when COVID-19 broke out and the current pandemic began.

We do know that more than 800 people have died here in Citrus County, though not all died in either Seven Rivers or Citrus Memorial. But we wonder if either or if both hospitals had a higher grade would the pressure on staff — and patients — be less in a pandemic. It’s hard to tell, but we encourage both hospitals to aspire to a higher mark. And they’ll get the chance two times a year to get a better grade. Citrus Memorial can join the more than 900 hospitals with an A rating and Seven Rivers can leap into the B category with that group’s 650-plus hospitals. We wish them success.

As we said, each of the hospital’s current grade is acceptable, but what kid rushes home and shouts with pride, “Mom, I got a C!”



LETTERS to the Editor

Do something neighborly for a vet

Know how many of your neighbors are veterans?

There are probably more than you think. There are almost 20,000 veterans in Citrus County, about 16% of the population.

For example, my small senior community of 24 households has almost half with veteran representation. They are from all branches and time periods of service. One veteran holds two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart, and another with the reconnaissance Fox Company of the famous “Magnificent Bastards” Marine battalion. All wonderful and peaceful neighbors.

During World War II, the word “veteran” was not in my first grade vocabulary — all I knew was observing active-duty military riding by on troop trains or seeing soldiers set up machine gun placements on a railroad bridge. So, when the periodic air raid sirens screamed and searchlights scanned the dark night skies of Boston, I knew I was protected.

I also had for symbolic security, the Eighth Air Force badges my uncle sent me from England, and the red cap of a signal officer sent to me by our church pastor who was a chaplain on a carrier in the Pacific, as well as my secret code device and important military buttons obtained as cereal box prizes all of which might be useful in case of an invasion.

While as a child, the initial conceptualization of being in the military comes from much of this, but that of being a veteran comes from the memories of friends and families who lost their lives in World War II as well as listening to the experiences of those who came

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back safe and sound.

In 1954, President Eisenhower officially made Nov. 11 as Veterans Day. At that time, even living veterans from the Spanish American War and World War I were honored and respected with parade and ceremony. Then came the '60s and Vietnam.

I remember marching with my Air Force unit in a Boston parade with people yelling and occasionally throwing things as we passed by. Far worse happened elsewhere with the protests over the Vietnam War. Fortunately, there was rectification with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in 1987 for the over 58,000 Americans lost. Today, we are back to a situation of respect and honor.

A veteran is one who has contributed to protecting our physical well-being in times of danger. Perhaps this year on Veterans Day, consider reciprocating by doing

something neighborly for their well-being.

Ken Everts
Beverly Hills

Thanks for supporting veterans

On Oct. 23, the Valued Veterans Committee of Inverness Moose Lodge No. 2112 held a golf tournament at Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club. We were able to raise \$7,703, all of which will be distributed to local veterans in need.

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Kelly Halsey
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Chicken and dumplings war

I really enjoyed the October article written by Julianne Munn about the “Chicken and dumplings ‘war’” (Thursday, Oct. 7, Page A12). When I first came to Florida, I ordered chicken and dumplings and I thought the restaurant got the order wrong. What I got was flat, short, wide noodles, not chicken and dumplings at all, to me, since I grew up with fluffy dumplings dropped

onto boiling broth. On the other hand, my husband, who was a Florida native, was in the Air Force and stationed in Colorado. He ordered grits and they suggested Cream of Wheat. When he ordered sweet tea, they told him he could sweeten his own. I won’t go into the hoecake bread he made for me — only once. I love the differences between the states, but I’ve also

learned we are much more similar in so many ways.

Stop running red lights

I just saw a road maintenance truck drive through the light at Independence and Gulf-to-Lake Highway — not good — him and another truck. I couldn’t catch the other guy’s truck’s name. Come on, people. No red lights. That light

was pure, pure red. We’ve got to stop this red-light running. It’s costing people’s lives.

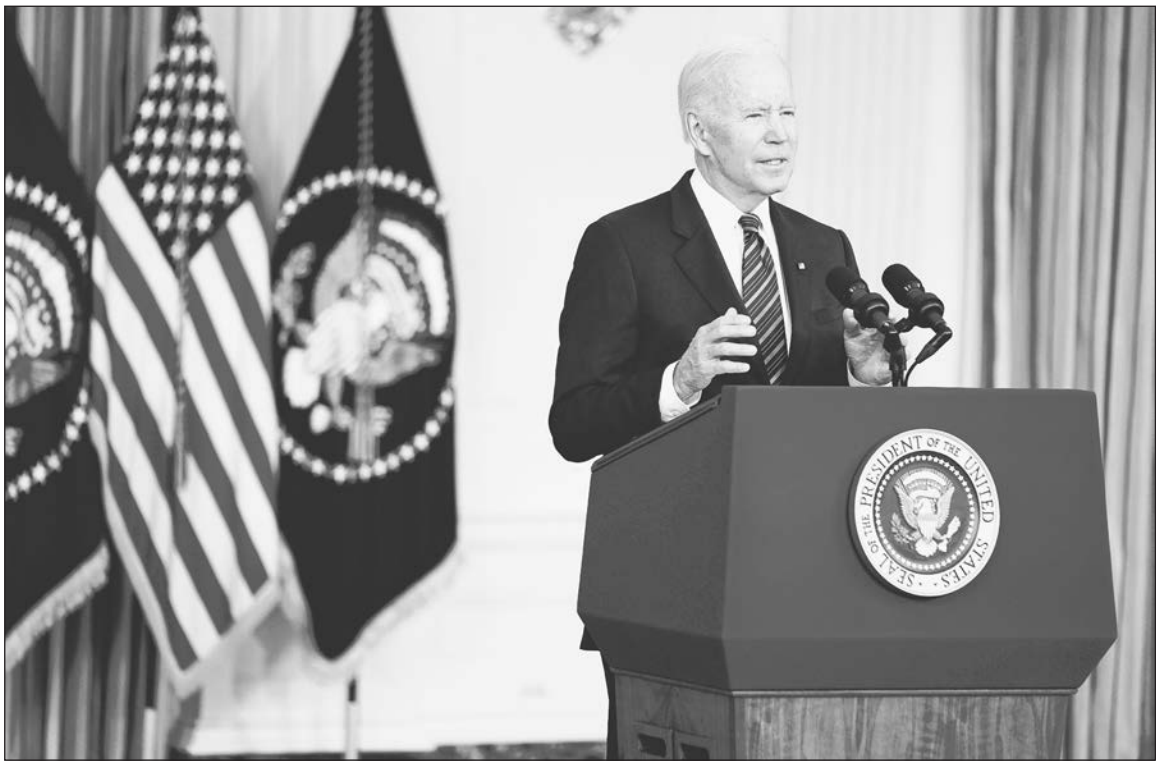
Students need advanced technology

I’m responding to someone that was in the paper on Tuesday, Nov. 2, concerning upgrades in classroom technology and how they are against it (Page A9’s Sound Off, “A blackboard works just fine”). I want to ask that person how many days have they taught in a school or supported students in a classroom?

Until that person has any kind of background, I really don’t think it is valid to say what is good and what is not good. Today’s students — including ours in Citrus County — have to be very advanced in technology. We want them to go out and get jobs and have lives and have everything everybody else has. If they don’t get that, they’re going to come to your house and rob you. So make a decision now: What’s more important — paying a little upfront or paying a lot more to keep your house protected?



Biden's bet falls flat



President Joe Biden delivers remarks on the October jobs report from the State Dining Room of the White House, Friday, Nov. 5, in Washington.

Had hoped economic recovery would provide momentum

JOSH BOAK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy was supposed to help President Joe Biden and Democrats, but as of late it's been hurting them with voters.

Biden on Friday praised the U.S. economy for performing better than the rest of the world, saying it's largely because of his \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package and plans for additional spending of roughly \$2.75 trillion on infrastructure, families, schools, health care and climate change.

Yet Americans have turned pessimistic about the economy as inflation has persisted. On Tuesday, voters in Virginia rewarded Republican Glenn Youngkin with a win in the governor's election in part based on a belief that he would be better for economic growth. The president could not ignore these realities, yet he said Friday at the White House that the latest numbers show a ruggedly energetic economy.

"We still have to tackle the costs that American families are facing, but this recovery is faster, stronger and fairer and wider than almost anyone could have predicted," Biden said. "That's what the numbers say."

The president also acknowledged that voters can't just rely on the numbers—they need to "feel it in their lives and their bank accounts and their hopes and expectations."

This question as to whether Americans are feeling what the economic numbers show is at the heart of Biden's challenge in the months leading up to the 2022

House Dems delay huge social bill, plan infrastructure vote

WASHINGTON — Top Democrats abruptly postponed an expected House vote Friday on a 10-year, \$1.85 trillion social and environment measure, as leaders' long struggle to balance demands from progressives and moderates once again dogged that pillar of President Joe Biden's domestic agenda.

In a bid to hand him a needed victory, leaders prepared to try pushing an accompanying \$1 trillion package of road and other infrastructure projects through the chamber and to his desk.

With lawmakers set to leave town for a week's break, House leaders' scrambled plans cast a fresh pall over a party that's tried for weeks to find middle ground on its massive package of health, education, family and climate change initiatives. That's been hard, in part because Democrats' slender majorities mean they need the support of every Senate Democrat and no more than three defectors in the House.

Many had expected the House to

approve both that measure and the infrastructure bill on Friday, producing twin triumphs for a president and party eager to rebound from this week's deflating off-year elections and show they can govern.

But those plans were dashed Friday when after hours of talks, a half-dozen moderates insisted they would vote against the sprawling social and climate bill unless the nonpartisan Congressional Budget office provides its cost estimate for the measure.

Democratic leaders said that would take days or more to receive. With Friday's delay, that could mean the projection would be ready by the time the vote is held.

"In order to make progress on the president's vision, it is important that we advance the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework and the Build Back Better Act today," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., wrote to her colleagues, using the White House names for the two measures. She added, "The agenda that we are advancing is transformative and historic, hence challenging."

— From wire reports

elections, when control of the House and Senate could possibly slip from the Democrats. It's not enough for the president to highlight Friday's employment report of 531,000 job gains and a 4.6% unemployment report in October, so long as the pandemic rages and shortages of basic goods ranging from auto to furniture keep pushing up prices.

Beneath this challenge rests a deeper set of questions about how politics and the economy mingle after the pandemic. Do Americans care more about job growth or inflation? Are they skeptical that government spending can permanently improve the economy for the better? Can Democrats expect to be rewarded for their results or are voters indifferent to policy achievements?

These questions also pose an obstacle as House Democrats were preparing on Friday to vote on Biden's bipartisan \$1 trillion infrastructure deal that has already cleared the Senate and move forward with a \$1.75 trillion mix of social spending and matching increases.

After attending the U.N. climate summit, Biden suggested at a Tuesday news conference in Glasgow, Scotland, that the failure to pass his agenda earlier would have no impact on how the Democrats fared in the 2021 election.

"I've not seen any evidence that whether or not I am doing well or poorly, whether or not I've got my agenda passed or not is going to have any real impact on winning or losing," the president said. "Even if we had passed my

agenda, I wouldn't claim, 'We won because Biden's agenda passed.'"

Economists across the ideological spectrum noted that the country faces an unusual situation after the coronavirus. The delta variant appears to have hobbled growth late this summer and the rush of money from the government caused consumer and business demand to surge in ways not seen in recent recoveries.

As a result, some reliable indicators of the economy have become less reliable. Yes, there has been a solid recovery in hiring yet so many people have stopped working or seeking jobs that the adjusted unemployment rate is closer to 7.3%, instead of 4.6%, said Heidi Shierholz, president of the liberal Economic Policy Institute and a former chief economist at the Labor Department.

Nation/World BRIEFS

Powell funeral



Associated Press

The flag-draped casket of former Secretary of State Colin Powell is carried from the Washington National Cathedral following a funeral service in Washington, Friday, Nov. 5.

Colin Powell remembered as a model for future generations

WASHINGTON — Colin L. Powell, the trailblazing soldier-diplomat who rose from humble beginnings to become the first Black secretary of state, was remembered by family and friends Friday as a principled man of humility and grace whose decorated record of leadership can serve as a model for generations to come.

"The example of Colin Powell does not call on us to emulate his resume, which is too formidable for mere mortals," his son, Michael, said in a touching tribute at his father's funeral service at Washington National Cathedral. "It is to emulate his character and his example as a human being. We can strive to do that."

The funeral on a sunny and chilly day drew dignitaries and friends from across the political and military spectrum. They included President Joe Biden and former presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama, former secretaries of state James Baker, Condoleezza Rice and Hillary Clinton, former Defense Secretary Robert Gates, and the current chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Army Gen. Mark Milley.

Two recent presidents did not attend — Bill Clinton, who is recovering from a severe infection, and Donald Trump, who publicly disparaged Powell after his death for having been critical of the former president.

Powell died Oct. 18 of complications from COVID-19 at age 84. He had been vaccinated against the coronavirus, but his family said his immune system had been compromised by multiple myeloma, a blood cancer for which he had been undergoing treatment.

Witness: Kenosha victim was belligerent but no threat

KENOSHA, Wis. — The first man shot and killed by Kyle Rittenhouse on the streets of Kenosha was acting "belligerently" that night but did not appear to pose a serious threat to anyone, a witness testified Friday at Rittenhouse's murder trial.

Jason Lackowski, a former Marine who said he took an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle to Kenosha last year to help protect property during violent protests against racial injustice, said that Joseph Rosenbaum "asked very bluntly to shoot him" and took a few "false steppings ... to entice someone to do something."

Lackowski got up from the witness stand and demonstrated what he called "false stepping." He took a small step and slight lurch forward, then stopped.

But Lackowski, who was called as a witness by the prosecution, said he considered Rosenbaum a "babbling idiot" and turned his back and ignored him. He admitted he didn't see everything that went on between Rittenhouse and Rosenbaum, including their final clash.

— From wire reports

Attorneys present jurors with dueling portraits of Arbery

BRUNSWICK, Ga. —

Prosecutors and defense attorneys on Friday presented dueling portraits of Ahmaud Arbery, who was either an innocent Black jogger fatally shot by three white strangers or "a scary mystery" who had been seen prowling around a Georgia neighborhood.

In her opening statement, prosecutor Linda Dunikoski said the short cellphone video that stirred national outrage over Arbery's slaying offered only a glimpse of the attack on the 25-year-old, who gave his pursuers no reason to suspect him of any wrongdoing.

"They assumed that he must have committed some crime that day," Dunikoski said. "He tried to run around their truck and get away from these strangers, total strangers, who had already told him that they would kill him. And then they killed him."

A defense attorney for Travis McMichael, the man who shot Arbery three times, put the shooting in a much different light. Attorney Robert Rubin described Arbery to the jury as "an intruder" who had four times been recorded on video "plundering around" a neighboring house under construction.

Arbery's killing on Feb. 23, 2020, was largely ignored until the video leaked and deepened a national reckoning over racial injustice.

Germany seeks to break COVID momentum amid new case records

BERLIN — Germany recorded its second consecutive daily record for new coronavirus cases on Friday as infections pick up across Europe, and its disease control center said unvaccinated people now face a "very high" risk of infection.

The country saw 37,120 reported new infections over the past 24 hours, according to the disease control center, the Robert Koch Institute. That compared with Thursday's figure of 33,949 — which in turn topped the previous record of 33,777 set on Dec. 18 last year.

While it's possible that the figures were pushed up by delayed testing and reporting following a regional holiday Monday in some of the worst-affected areas, they underlined a steady rise in infections over recent weeks. Another 154 deaths linked to COVID-19 brought Germany's total to 96,346 on Friday.

The country's infection rate has now exceeded its peak during a spike of cases in the spring, though it's still short of the worst-ever showing in December, according to Friday's figures. There have been 169.9 reported cases per 100,000 residents over the past seven days, up from 139.2 a week ago.

That's still a lower rate than in several other European countries, but it is ringing alarm bells.

— From wire reports

Pfizer: COVID pill cuts risks 90%

MATTHEW PERRONE
AP health writer

WASHINGTON — Pfizer Inc. said Friday that its experimental antiviral pill for COVID-19 cut rates of hospitalization and death by nearly 90% in high-risk adults, as the drug-maker joined the race for an easy-to-use medication to treat the coronavirus.

Currently, most COVID-19 treatments require an IV or injection. Competitor Merck's COVID-19 pill is already under review at the Food and Drug Administration after showing strong initial results, and on Thursday the United Kingdom became the first country to OK it.

Pfizer said it will ask the FDA and international regulators to authorize its pill as soon as possible, after

independent experts recommended halting the company's study based on the strength of its results. Once Pfizer applies, the FDA could make a decision within weeks or months.

Since the beginning of the pandemic last year, researchers worldwide have been racing to find a pill to treat COVID-19 that can be taken at home to ease symptoms, speed recovery and keep people out of the hospital.

Having pills to treat early COVID-19 "would be a very important advance," said Dr. John Mellors, chief of infectious diseases at the University of Pittsburgh, who was not involved in the Pfizer study.

"If someone developed symptoms and tested positive we could call in a prescription to the local pharmacy as we do for many, many infectious

diseases," he said.

On Friday, Pfizer released preliminary results of its study of 775 adults. Patients who received the company's drug along with another antiviral shortly after showing COVID-19 symptoms had an 89% reduction in their combined rate of hospitalization or death after a month, compared to patients taking a dummy pill. Fewer than 1% of patients taking the drug needed to be hospitalized and no one died. In the comparison group, 7% were hospitalized and there were seven deaths.

"We were hoping that we had something extraordinary, but it's rare that you see great drugs come through with almost 90% efficacy and 100% protection for death," said Dr. Mikael Dolsten, Pfizer's chief scientific officer, in an interview.

For the RECORD

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Arrests from Nov. 1

■ **Jimmy Ray Ritchie**, 27, Homosassa, arrested Nov. 1 for violation of probation. No bond.

■ **Benjamin Earl Johnson**, 49, Inverness, arrested Nov. 1 for violation of condition of pretrial release. No bond.

■ **Johnathan Rocco Duarte**, 35, Inverness, arrested Nov. 1 for failure to appear and felony petit theft. Bond \$2,500.

■ **Darrell Lemond Lowe**, 54, Crystal River, arrested Nov. 1 for resist officer without violence and battery LEO/firefighter/EMS provider/public transport employee. Bond \$6,000.

■ **Colleen Jaqueline Mahoney**, 37, Homosassa, arrested Nov. 1 for retail petit theft and failure to appear. Bond \$2,500.

■ **Michael Joseph Blom**, 35, Crystal River, arrested Nov. 1 for grand theft (\$750 or more but less than \$5,000). Bond \$2,000.

■ **Steven Charles Winburn**, 37, Homosassa, arrested Nov. 1 for drug paraphernalia, auto theft and resist

officer without violence. Bond \$4,000.

■ **Jamie Renee Shoemaker-Claussen**, 46, arrested Nov. 1 for grand theft (firearm). Bond \$2,000.

■ **Ruth Elizabeth Moberley**, 54, arrested Nov. 1 for battery LEO/firefighter/EMS provider/public transport employee, DUI and resist officer with violence. Bond \$15,000.

Arrests from Nov. 2

■ **Ashley Kristine Lee**, 32, Inverness, arrested Nov. 2 for driving while license suspended/revoked (knowingly). Bond \$500.

■ **Maurice Atavion Carte Newson**, 19, Beverly Hills, arrested Nov. 2 for battery, criminal mischief (\$1,000 or more), battery on LEO/firefighter/EMS provider/public transport employee, resist officer with violence and robbery. Bond \$23,000.

■ **Sidney Callis Powell**, 71, Crystal River, arrested Nov. 2 for violation of probation. No bond.

■ **Michael Paul Wilson**, 34, Homosassa, arrested Nov. 2 for retail petit theft.

■ **William Raymond Graham**, 38, Dunnellon, arrested Nov. 2 for failure to appear. Bond \$2,000.

■ **Robert Lee Dey**, 39, Inverness,

arrested Nov. 2 for failure to appear. No bond.

■ **Zina Marie Lewis**, 20, Inverness, arrested Nov. 2 for violation of probation. No bond.

■ **Mark Allen Stacey**, 31, Floral City, arrested Nov. 2 for domestic battery. No bond.

■ **Nicholas Michael Wilson**, 30, Beverly Hills, arrested Nov. 2 for drug paraphernalia. Bond \$1,000.

Arrests from Nov. 3

■ **Conrad Demani Richardson**, 21, Kissimmee, arrested Nov. 3 for resist officer without violence and grand theft (\$750 or more, but less than \$5,000). Bond \$3,000.

■ **Kenneth William Daniels**, 51, Inverness, arrested Nov. 3 for violation of probation. No bond.

■ **Peter Lawrence Nulph**, 43, Homosassa, arrested Nov. 3 for retail petit theft.

■ **Austin McCray Stauffer**, 31, Inverness, arrested Nov. 3 for violation of probation. No bond.

■ **Kennedy Jamar Robinson**, 20, Wildwood, arrested Nov. 3 for possession of controlled substance, possession of drugs with intent to sell and flee/elude LEO. Bond \$14,000.

■ **Lisa Lynn Allen**, 49, Inverness, arrested Nov. 3 for grand theft (\$750 or more but less than \$5,000). Bond \$2,000.

■ **David Allen Roberts**, 45, Inverness, arrested Nov. 3 for grand theft (\$750 or more but less than \$5,000). Bond \$2,000.

■ **Phillip John Houle**, 42, Crystal River, arrested Nov. 3 for violation of probation. No bond.

Burglaries, thefts and vandalisms

Here are the reported burglaries, thefts and vandalisms (criminal mischiefs) released Friday, Nov. 5, by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office:

Criminal mischief, 7:23 a.m. Nov. 4, off of Birchtree Street, Homosassa;

Theft, 8:04 a.m. Nov. 4, off of Gardenia Terrace, Crystal River;

Theft, 10:13 a.m. Nov. 4, off of Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness;

Theft, 10:44 a.m. Nov. 4, off of Lecanto Highway, Lecanto;

Theft, 2:29 p.m. Nov. 4, off of Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness;

Theft, 2:49 p.m. Nov. 4, off of Main Street, Inverness;

Retail theft, 9:01 p.m. Nov. 4, off of Fifth Street, Crystal River;

Theft, 8:02 a.m. Nov. 5, off of

ON THE NET

■ For more information about arrests made by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, go to www.sheriffcitrus.org and click on the Public Information link, then on Arrest Reports. Also under Public Information on the CCSO website, click on Crime Mapping for a view of where each type of crime occurs in Citrus County. Click on Offense Reports to see lists of burglary, theft and vandalism.

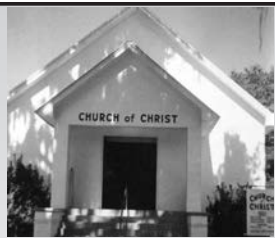
Lecanto Highway, Lecanto.

Those with information about these offenses could be eligible for a cash reward by contacting Citrus County Crime Stoppers at 888-269-8477. Tipsters remain anonymous.

Tips can also be reported to the sheriff's office by calling the agency's non-emergency line, 352-249-2790.

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Rivers of Life Restoration Ministry Inc. operates the Seven Loaves Food and Clothing Pantry at Helping Hands Thrifty Treasures, 9699 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River. The free-to-all Food Pantry is now open from noon to 3 p.m. every Tuesday. Call 863-666-4129 for more information.

St. Timothy Church and LifeTree Church

Food pantry from 9:30 a.m. to noon every Tuesday at LifeTree Church, 1501 SE U.S. 19 in Crystal River during the pandemic, outside in front of the building. For more information, call 352-403-1498.

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The Food Pantry is open from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The pantry offers canned, dried and frozen foods to anyone in need in Citrus County. Call 352-726-3153.

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

Helping Hands Our Lady of Fatima, 604 U.S. 41 S. in Inverness offers an outreach program to help those in need, supported by their thrift store. Those who qualify are assisted with utilities every four months, prescriptions every three months, clothing every three months and food every two months.

To qualify for the outreach program, bring a current picture ID, proof of residence, social security cards for all

household members, proof of income (pay stubs, tax forms, SSI statement, etc.), car payment and car insurance to an intake meeting.

The thrift store is accepting donations from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday of slightly used clothing, household items, furniture in good shape (no mattresses), food (not outdated) and personal hygiene items.

LIVE & LEARN**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

The Family History Center at 3474 W. Southern St., Lecanto, is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the family-friendly, free ancestry resource/research center. For information, call Frances Austin at 352-746-5943.

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The Hills Church

Celebrate Recovery meets every Monday from 6-8 p.m. at The Hills Church, 2 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills. It is a Christ-centered recovery group for hurts, hang-ups and habits. No child care; authorized to sign court slips. Call Tom or Sheila Boss for more information, at 410-353-7857 or 410-271-4112. Celebraterecovery.com.

North Oak Church

North Oak Church is offering group support for caregivers of dementia patients at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday monthly at the church, 9324

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The group will be led by Bernie Collins, retired psychiatric nurse. No religious affiliation is needed to attend.

For more information, call 352-489-1688 or visit northoakbc.org.

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Worth NOTING**VFW child ID event canceled**

VFW Post 4252 has canceled their child ID fingerprinting event with the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, which was set for noon Nov. 6 at 3190 Carl G. Rose Highway in Hernando. For more information, call 352-726-3339.

League of Women Voters to Zoom presentation

The League of Women Voters of Citrus County (LWVCC) will host a presentation with attorney Janet Varnell at 7 p.m. Nov. 9 via Zoom.

Varnell is a founding partner of Varnell & Warwick law firm, which handles high-impact public interest litigation including consumer

protection, civil rights, workers' rights and environmental matters.

She has litigated with and on behalf of numerous public interest organizations to combat injustices from police misconduct to human trafficking.

Her presentation will cover ways citizens can start/support efforts within the justice system to protect human rights, voting rights, democracy and one another. She will also cover voting rights restoration and explain no-cash bail.

Register by Nov. 7 at lwv.citrus.org. Click on the "Contact Us" button or menu icon and complete the form. For more information, call 614-563-4282 or email lwvcc2013@gmail.com.

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Nancy Kennedy
**GRACE
NOTES**

Light will find a way

I have a set of wireless earbuds that charge in a small case that I keep plugged into an outlet next to my bed. I like to have them nearby because I sometimes like to listen to music when I can't sleep. The problem: three teeny lights on the outside of the case that, in the middle of the night, seem like gigantic, billion-watt spotlights, and even if I tip the case so that the lights are face-down on the nightstand, I can still see bits of light seeping through.

I read once that light, like rising water, will find any opening it's given.

Sometimes light can be so annoying.

Jesus once said that everyone who does evil hates light because light exposes their evil deeds (John 3:20).

One Bible paraphrase says, "They scamper hurriedly back into the darkness where vice thrives and wickedness flourishes."

Yep, light can be annoying.

But the darkness — in the Bible, darkness is a metaphor for evil, sin and despair. Darkness swallows. It's thick and dreadful (Genesis 15:12), a plague that can be felt (Exodus 10:21) and where pestilence stalks (Psalm 91:6).

People are "banished" to the darkness and "there they will fall" (Jeremiah 23:12).

It's scary stuff.

When I was a kid, I loved the old "Our Gang" movie shorts from the late 1930s. One in particular used to scare the socks off me.

In it, it's a dark and stormy night and Alfalfa's Aunt Penelope, who writes murder mysteries, comes to babysit.

Alfalfa finds a page from her latest manuscript that he mistakenly thinks is a written plot to kill him, so he gathers the gang to protect him and foil her dastardly plans.

Although it's a comedy, it's creepy, especially when the lights go out and there are all these eerie shadows cast by Aunt Penelope and knives and candelabras — and a blood-curdling scream as the clock chimes at midnight.

When Alfalfa's parents return and the lights come back on, the danger disappears as Alfalfa learns the truth about Aunt Penelope and her book.

The light, and the truth, make all the difference.

I was thinking today about some of the first words of the Bible: "God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was formless and empty and darkness covered everything. Then — poof! — with a word, light appeared and separated the darkness.

God brought light out of darkness and has continued to bring his light into our dark situations.

The prophet Isaiah said of the coming Messiah: "The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned" (Matthew 4:16).

And it was written about Jesus that he was "the light of mankind. The light still shines in the darkness and the darkness has never put it out" (John 1:5).

I'll add: The darkness can never put it out.

Probably every generation says theirs is the darkest of times. These truly are dark times we're living in, but in Christ we have a great light.

The same light that exposes our evil also gives comfort and warmth, illumination and release from fear to those who welcome it.

It's dark out there, but Jesus is the light of the world, and his light finds a way into even our darkest places and gives us hope.

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Recipe for well-behaved children

Editor's note: Please enjoy this extra Amish Cook column this week. The column typically appears on the Chronicle's Flair for Food page each Thursday.

The question has been popping up again, "Why are Amish children so well behaved?"

Smiling to myself, it becomes pretty apparent that those posing the question have not seen all I've seen in this house.

Since those first months, we said "yes" to foster care, we've tried almost everything under the sun as we spent day and night with these dearest little ones. You know how it is, you love a child so fiercely, yet you get completely rung out at times.

Four years have passed since then. We are still learning. I admit, I'm glad we're not asked to do the last four years again, but I wish I could redo them somehow. If there were another opportunity, I'd be more observant of what's causing negative behavior, much more than the behavior itself.

For instance, a child who cries over everything may be stubborn, but then perhaps he's experiencing deep loneliness despite the parents' best efforts to love, love, love. There is no child out there that wants to be bad just for fun; if that is the case (we've been there), there is a void they're desperately trying to fill.

As needs are supplied for, surface issues have a way of melting like I never imagined they could. Yes, this is often a "two steps forward, one step back" procedure. We are constantly learning and crying out to God for wisdom. He is

the only source of complete wisdom.

I am more and more convinced that we adults are only grown, children. You know those times mom steps out of the living room for only a moment only to hear two or three little tikes, each declaring they were the first to have the book. Voices are raised, and things get worse by the split second.

Mom's voice intervenes, "OK, everyone drop the book." It's simple, yet from experience, they've found that hanging onto it for several more seconds will only result in being the last person on the list to have a turn.

Children don't like fights. They thrive on a peaceful atmosphere, with mom and dad singing as they go about their work. Aren't we the same? We detest conflicts and debates, yet sometimes we're caught up in the middle of them.

So what can we do? And like our children, we all declare to be innocent. We know that our way of viewing things is unmistakably accurate.

My mind tends to spin over these questions way too much.

A few years ago, when we were searching for answers for our family, we made a trip to Maryland with our five little children to meet an adoptive family with 13 children who ministers to others what has healed their trauma-stricken children. After an 11-hour drive, we were most grateful to arrive at the break of dawn. The

atmosphere was filled with love and security; I kept reminding myself that these children had come from the worst environments.

By the end of our two-day stay, we knew without a doubt that no matter what, children could grow to be intelligent and respectful.

There was no way I could come home and push myself into a mold and be all that I



Gloria Yoder
THE AMISH COOK

wanted to be for my children, yet it was a beautiful time of learning we'll never regret. They pointed out the results of children having the opportunity to redo whatever had been done inappropriately

or rudely, then practice doing it right daily until the children get good at doing it the correct way. Just as you would never think of a baseball player going on a major league team without first learning how to do it correctly then practicing till he is in full swing of doing it right.

Here at our house, the last practice sessions have consisted of literally practicing how not to throw a fit when something crosses their will and calmly express what they are feeling. Instead of telling our children not to fight, we have started to tell them what we can all help each other fight for or against, such as happiness in the family (which comes from doing things for others).

As they begin getting the idea of what they're helping each other fight for, the quarrels start diminishing, and these zests to fight to prove to

become channels of blessings.

Wouldn't it be awesome if grown-ups could do that more? What would happen if we'd get a distinct goal, such as making other's lives easier and or successful? I'm like everyone else; I tend to get hung up on negatives I see around me. But then as I open my heart to the love of a God, my heart is stilled and just like a child choosing to rest in the love of a parent rather than fighting to see who's right, I am secure. There is the no more need to fight against others, but to be there for them instead.

My grandma was truly a "grand ma" for all of us. She left a powerful example of never speaking negatively about any one, no matter what.

Today, I so long to sit at her table and have some of her popular homemade stuffing. Since I cannot do that anymore, I'll pass the recipe on for you to try.

Grandma's Stuffing

- 1 loaf of bread, cubed
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup potatoes, diced
- 1/2 cup carrots, diced
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 1/2 cup cooked chicken, chopped and cooked
- 1 cup celery, chopped
- 1/2 cup parsley, cut fine
- 1 teaspoon chicken base
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon onion salt
- 5 eggs
- 4 cups milk

Boil carrots and potatoes together until tender. In a skillet toast bread cubes in butter until crisp (I like adding generous amount of seasoning salt or garlic salt).

Dump toasted bread cubes into a large bowl. Add carrots, potatoes, chicken, broth, celery, parsley, and seasonings. Beat eggs and milk in a separate bowl then add to the rest. Put into a large roaster and bake at 375 degrees for 45 minutes or fry on top of the stove, stirring occasionally. Leftovers can be refrigerated or frozen.

Gloria Yoder is a young Amish mother, writer and homemaker in rural Illinois. The Yoders travel primarily by horse-drawn buggy and live next to the settlement's one-room schoolhouse. Readers with culinary or culture questions or stories to share may write Gloria directly at: Gloria Yoder, 10510 E. 350th Ave., Flat Rock, IL 62427.



RELIGION NOTES

JEWISH HOLIDAYS

Bread of Life First Bilingual Church of Citrus County

My Ecclesia will host 91 Days of Glory at 7 p.m. through Dec. 6 at the Bread of Life First Bilingual Church of Citrus County, 1 Beverly Hills Blvd.

The 91 Days of Glory event is a local expression of a local global move of God to establish prayer and worship around the world.

This season includes five Biblical celebrations. Remaining is Hanukkah, Festival of Lights, from Nov. 28 to Dec. 6. Focused scriptures include Leviticus 6:13 and Amos 9:11.

For more information, contact Peter Dettman, My Ecclesia president, at 352-364-4466 or peter.dettman@yahoo.com. Visit myekclesia.org or myekclesia.org/glory.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Beverly Hills will hold an outdoor flea market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 6, 6 Roosevelt Blvd.

Shoppers are welcome. Commercial vendors and private individuals are welcome to bring and sell goods. Spaces are available for \$10 and should be reserved in advance although there is always room for one more.

For more information or to

reserve a space, call Rose Mary at 352-527-6459 or email wjesselso@tampabay.rr.com.

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

St. Anne's Episcopal Church will celebrate Veterans Day during either of their two Masses at 8 and 10:15 a.m. Nov. 7 at the church, 9870 W. Fort Island Trail in Crystal River.

All veterans are invited to stop by the church for the inaugural signing of a special flag. Following the conclusion of the second Mass, veterans can gather for fellowship in the parish hall at 11:30 a.m. for coffee and snacks.

The flag will be kept on permanent display at St. Anne's as a remembrance and recognition of service and sacrifice by veterans in the community. Also, they will be sending We Care Cards to veterans.

To submit a veteran's name and current address for We Care Cards, email stannescommunications@gmail.com.

The public is invited to the ribbon cutting of St. Anne's Veteran Memorial Garden at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 16, 9870 W. Fort Island Trail in Crystal River.

All veterans, active duty, reserve duty members and their families are invited to attend.

Homosassa First Methodist Church

The Homosassa First Methodist Church arts council presents their 2021-22 concert series at the

church fellowship hall, 8831 W. Bradshaw St.

The lineup is: The Mystics at 3 p.m. Nov. 14; Sideline Sunday at 3 p.m. Jan. 16; Brass Roots Trio at 3 p.m. Feb. 6; Paul Todd at 3 p.m. March 5

For single tickets, general admission is \$15 and reserved seating is \$20. For package pricing, general admission is \$50 and reserved seating is \$70.

Those vaccinated will not need to wear masks; masks are recommended for those who are not vaccinated.

For tickets or more information, call the church at 352-628-4083, Ron Hesketh at 352-382-4518 or Karen Kline at 352-382-7263.

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

The St. Thomas Women's Guild will host their fourth annual flea market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 20 at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 7040 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Homosassa.

Bring your own table to display unwanted treasures. A \$10 donation is requested for each space occupied.

For more information, email ombkrm@tampabay.rr.com.

St. Benedict Catholic Church

St. Benedict Catholic Church is hosting a craft and car show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 11 at the church, 455 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Crystal River.

For an application for inside

spaces, contact Sally Krasny at 352-503-4144 or sallykrasny@gmail.com. Inside spaces are \$25 for a 6-foot table and \$45 for two 6-foot tables.

For an application to display an antique car or truck (1969 or older), contact Mike Clemmer at 336-314-8451 or mwclemmer@aol.com. This judged show has 20 top prizes, a people's choice award and is limited to the first 50 applicants. The cost is \$5 in advance or \$10 on the day of the event.

Proceeds will go to the St. Benedict Community of Catholic Women (CCW), men's club and Knights of Columbus. Food, beverages and entertainment will be available.

Holy Faith Episcopal Church

The free train show, "Trains for Christmas," will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 4 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 5 at Holy Faith Episcopal Church, 19924 W. Blue Cove Drive in Dunnellon.

There will be multiple layouts, no vendors and a raffle. For more information, contact Bill Quast at 352-209-5422 or wmquast@gmail.com.

Gulf to Lake Baptist Church

Gulf to Lake Baptist Church will host, "Your Heart's Desire Art & Craft Fair" at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 22, 1454 N. Gulf Ave. in Crystal River.

Art and craft goods will be available for sale. All items are handcrafted. Visit gulfatlake.com.

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Players in NBA history who recorded a triple-double with no 2-point baskets. Brooklyn's James Harden did it Friday.

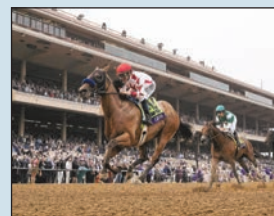


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Lecanto drops season finale to Hernando

CHRIS BERNHARDT JR.
Staff writer

Lecanto's football team ended its season with a 27-15 loss to visiting Hernando on Friday night.

"It's not the outcome we wanted, of course," Lecanto head coach Wyndell "Chop" Alexander said. "But our kids fought hard. We scored in the last second, that's a reflection of us not giving up throughout the season and not giving up in the final game."

Darius Gainer scored on an 80-yard kickoff return for the Panthers (4-6), and Donovan Foster caught a 65-yard pass for the last-second touchdown. But it wasn't enough to overcome the likely playoff-bound Leopards (6-4).

"I'm proud of these kids," Alexander said. "They came up through the ranks, Lecanto Middle School all the way through high school. We won another county championship with these kids. We beat talented Fivay and Pasco teams. They left an imprint."

"... I think we can build on what we've done this season and be better next year. But I'm really proud of the seniors because tonight was all about them. I'll miss them and I love every single one of them."



Lecanto defender Evan Silverthorn (55) grabs onto the shirt of Hernando quarterback Blake Smith during the first quarter of Friday night's game in Lecanto. The Panthers lost 27-15.

MATT PFIFFNER/Chronicle

Citrus soaks in victory



STEPHEN SHANER/For the Chronicle

Citrus' Nick Freier finds room to run between the sideline and Central backer Lovenel Chery Friday night in Inverness. The Hurricanes beat the Bears 55-6.

'Canes roll over winless Central in final game of emotional season, 55-6

CHRIS BERNHARDT JR.
Staff writer

INVERNESS — The Citrus High players gleefully skidded across the wet field like it was a slip and slide. They gathered around for team photos. They smiled and laughed and enjoyed the moment.

It was the end of the season for the Hurricanes, a

season that saw them start off 0-4 with three shut-outs before having to deal with unimaginable tragedy when their teammate Antonio Hicks died at a practice in late September.

But on Friday night at the Citrus Bowl, they could celebrate. They had just cruised to their third win in their final four games, blowing out winless Central, 55-6.

"It just brings joy to my heart," Citrus head coach McKinley Franklin said. "I'm a Hurricane myself and I remember my last day playing on this field. I know what it was like, and these guys deserve joy right now. They deserve to have joy in their heart and just love for each other right now."

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Jenkins improves in second trip to state swimming

Lecanto waits to see if any more qualify in 3A

CHRIS BERNHARDT JR.
Staff writer

Drew Jenkins improved upon his first trip to states a year ago, reaching the consolation finals of both his events on Friday.

The Citrus High junior returned to the Class 2A FHSAA Swimming and Diving State Championships at Sailfish Splash Waterpark and Aquatics Center in Stu-

art, having finished 21st in the 200-yard IM in 2020.

This time he competed in the 100 fly, where he placed 14th in prelims in a time of 54.68, and the 100 breaststroke, finishing 15th with a clocking of 1:03.47. The top 16 make finals, with the top 8 reaching the championship final and earning medals.

In the consolation finals, Jenkins swam a 55.35 to take 16th place in the 100 fly, and posted a 1:03.30 for 12th in the 100 breast.

"I am super happy to have made it to states for the second year in a row and to make finals in both races this year," said

Jenkins, who went on to thank his teammates and coaches for their support throughout the season. "I wish I had done a little better in my breaststroke but I am satisfied with my swimming today. I plan to train hard in the pool and weight room and will be back next year ready to win."

Jenkins was the lone state qualifier from the county in 2A. It's possible some Lecanto swimmers could reach the 3A state meet next Saturday after the Panthers participated in the Region 3A-2 meet at North Shore Aquatic Complex in St. Petersburg.

No one from Lecanto automatically

qualified with a first- or second-place swim, or by winning a relay, so it will come down to the at-large selections based on times from around the region.

Freshman Nicole Shanks had a solid day taking fourth place in the 500 free, in a time of 5:14.91. She was also seventh in the 200 IM (2:18.93). Junior Grace Burkholder, trying to make it back-to-back state appearances, was sixth in the 50 free (25.72) and eighth in the 100 breast (1:13.80).

"Some highs and lows," Lecanto girls coach Michelle Dickemann said. "Nicole Shanks, she had a great swim in the 500

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Corniche wins Breeders' Cup Juvenile

For embattled trainer Baffert

BETH HARRIS
AP racing writer

DEL MAR, Calif. — Corniche won the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile by 1 3/4 lengths at Del Mar on Friday, stamping the colt as the early favorite for next year's Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs, where his trainer, Bob Baffert, has been banned.

Sent off as the 7-5 favorite, Corniche sprinted to the lead and stayed there under 56-year-old jockey Mike Smith. The 2-year-old bay colt ran 1 1/16 miles in 1:42.50.

"There's something about the Breeders' Cup, that for whatever reason, it just takes me to another level," said Smith, the event's career money-winning leader among jockeys. "I turn 18 all over again and I just have a blast."

Corniche paid \$4.80 to win. Pappacap was second and Giant Game was another 1 1/2 lengths back in third. Baffert had two other runners in the race: Pinehurt dead-heated for fifth and Barossa finished seventh.

Jack Christopher, the early 9-5 favorite, was scratched by the veterinarian because of a left shin issue.

All of the day's 10 races — led by five Cup races for 2-year-olds — went off safely on a foggy and unusually cool 60-degree day at the seaside track north of San Diego.

In the day's last race, Albahr was scratched from the Juvenile Turf after the 2-year-old gelding flipped in the starting gate. Initially, the crowd was told that 2-1 favorite Modern Games also was scratched. After a delay of several minutes, it was announced that Modern Games was running for purse money only; no wagering was allowed.

Modern Games won and bettors who had wagers on them were to get their money back. Fans booed as the horses came back to the grandstand afterward. Both horses are trained by Charlie Appleby.



Mike Smith, left, rides Corniche to win the Breeders' Cup Juvenile race Friday at the Del Mar racetrack in Del Mar, Calif.

For the first time, all 14 races in the two-day world championships are being run without race-day medication allowed.

Baffert was allowed to enter horses, but the event's money-leading trainer had to meet certain conditions, including stricter out-of-competition testing of his horses and greater security at his barn. He agreed to the extra scrutiny and was required to pay for it out of his own pocket.

Baffert was banned by Churchill Downs for the 2022 and 2023 Kentucky Derbies after Medina Spirit finished first this year and then failed a post-race drug test. The medication involved is allowed in Kentucky, but not on race day. Baffert's horses have had five failed drug tests in the last year.

The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission has yet to make a final ruling on Medina Spirit.

"The Derby's a long ways off and so right now my focus was

just getting him here," Baffert said of Corniche. "We'll see how it plays out. There's still a lot of things going on. A lot can happen between now and then."

Winning owner Peter Fluor said he and partner K.C. Weiner of Speedway Stables never considered moving Corniche to a different trainer. Some of Baffert's clients have left him in the wake of his legal woes.

"Bob's doing a great job," Fluor said. "We're kind of enjoying the moment and down the road we'll focus on that."

Trainer Christophe Clement snapped an 0-for-41 slump in the Breeders' Cup when 9-2 shot Pizza Bianca went from last to first in the \$1 million Juvenile Fillies Turf.

Owned and bred by celebrity chef Bobby Flay, Pizza Bianca ran a mile in 1:36.08 and paid \$21.80 to win. Jockey Jose Ortiz had a start-and-stop trip, threading the 2-year-old filly through

narrow openings created by the traffic from a 14-horse field.

Racing resumes Saturday with nine Cup races, topped by the \$6 million Classic.

Jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. and trainer Wesley Ward continued their dominance of the Juvenile Turf Sprint as Twilight Gleaming led every step in the opening Cup race of the day.

Ortiz and Ward teamed for their third straight victory in the \$1 million race. It was the 12th Cup win for Ortiz and fifth for Ward.

Ward had two other runners in the 12-horse field, including the 9-5 favorite and previously undefeated Averly Jane, who finished fifth.

Instead, it was Twilight Gleaming who took charge and held off Go Bears Go by a half-length. Kaufmayer, also trained by Ward, was third.

The filly, running against colts for the third straight time,

improved to three wins in five starts for Stonestreet Stables' Barbara Banke, recently named the first woman chair of the Breeders' Cup board of directors.

Twilight Gleaming paid \$12.40 to win and ran five furlongs in 56.24 seconds.

Echo Zulu became the early favorite for the 2022 Kentucky Oaks with a dominant win in the \$2 million Juvenile Fillies.

Echo Zulu took charge out of the starting gate and was never threatened. She rolled to a 5 1/4-length victory over Juju's Map. She ran 1 1/16 miles in 1:42.24 and \$3.60 to win as the 4-5 favorite.

Echo Zulu improved to 4 for 4 this year while giving Rosario his 14th Cup win.

For trainer Steve Asmussen, the victory was his eighth in the Cup. He trained Echo Zulu's sire, Gun Runner, to a victory in the Classic four years ago at Del Mar.

Spurs frustrate Magic with timely defense, 102-89



San Antonio guard Devin Vassell, left, lays up a shot Friday in front of Magic guard Gary Harris in Orlando.

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Associated Press

ORLANDO — Dejuante Murray had 20 points and 11 rebounds and the San Antonio Spurs frustrated the Orlando Magic with their opportunistic defense in a 102-89 victory Friday night.

The Magic had nine of their 18 turnovers in the fourth quarter, with San Antonio withstanding Orlando's charge within seven points with five minutes to play.

Keldon Johnson added 20 points and nine rebounds to help San Antonio improve to 3-6. Derrick White and Devin Vassell each scored 12 points. Murray also had seven assists.

Cole Anthony had 21 points, nine rebounds and six assists for Orlando. He scored 13 fourth-quarter points — two of them on a thunderous dunk that cut it to 85-75 with seven minutes remaining.

Having already beaten Orlando in the opener, San Antonio swept the season series for the second straight time. The Magic have lost 20 of their last 25 games to the Spurs and nine of 11 in Orlando.

Orlando beat Minnesota on Monday night by scoring 115 points, but

it mustered just 79 on Wednesday night against Boston and 89 points on Friday. The Magic are 2-8, with an 0-4 mark against teams with losing records.

Wizards 115, Grizzlies 87

WASHINGTON — Bradley Beal scored 17 points, one of seven Washington players in double figures, and the Wizards routed the Memphis Grizzlies 115-87.

Jaren Jackson Jr. led the Grizzlies with 13 points and Ja Morant added 11.

Nets 96, Pistons 90

DETROIT — Kevin Durant had 29 points and 10 rebounds, James Harden added a triple-double and the Brooklyn Nets earned a 96-90 victory over the Detroit Pistons.

Harden had 15 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists.

Cade Cunningham had 17 points for Detroit.

Cavaliers 102, Raptors 101

TORONTO — Darius Garland made a pair of free throws with 4.8 seconds remaining, and the Cleveland Cavaliers rallied to beat the Raptors 102-101,

ending Toronto's winning streak at five games.

Garland scored 21 points, Jarrett Allen had 16 points and 15 rebounds, and Evan Mobley scored 18 for the Cavs.

OG Anunoby scored 23 points but missed a jump shot in the final seconds that would have won it for the Raptors.

Knicks 113, Bucks 98

MILWAUKEE — Julius Randle had 32 points and 12 rebounds, and the New York Knicks erased an early 21-point deficit and beat the Milwaukee Bucks 113-98.

Derrick Rose had 23 points off the bench and RJ Barrett added 20 as the Knicks stunned the reigning NBA champions on their home court.

Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 25 points for Milwaukee and Grayson Allen had a season-high 22.

Clippers 104, Timberwolves 84

MINNEAPOLIS — Paul George had 21 points and 11 rebounds, Reggie Jackson scored 14 of his 20 points in the second half, and the Los Angeles Clippers rallied from a 20-point deficit to beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 104-84.

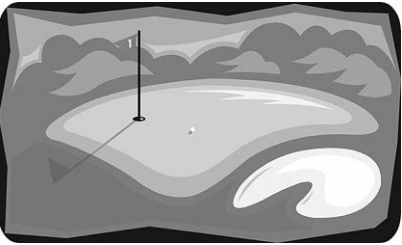
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NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE					
Atlantic Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Philadelphia	7	2	.778	—	
Brooklyn	6	3	.667	1	
New York	6	3	.667	1	
Toronto	6	4	.600	1½	
Boston	4	5	.444	3	
Southeast Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	6	2	.750	—	
Washington	6	3	.667	½	
Charlotte	5	4	.556	1½	
Atlanta	4	5	.444	2½	
Orlando	2	8	.200	5	
Central Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	6	2	.750	—	
Cleveland	6	4	.600	1	
Milwaukee	4	5	.444	2½	
Indiana	3	6	.333	3½	
Detroit	1	8	.111	5½	
WESTERN CONFERENCE					
Southwest Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Dallas	5	3	.625	—	
Memphis	5	4	.556	½	
San Antonio	3	6	.333	2½	
Houston	1	7	.125	4	
New Orleans	1	8	.111	4½	
Northwest Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Utah	7	1	.875	—	
Denver	4	4	.500	3	
Portland	3	5	.375	4	
Minnesota	3	5	.375	4	
Oklahoma City	2	6	.250	5	
Pacific Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Golden State	6	1	.857	—	
Phoenix	4	3	.571	2	
L.A. Lakers	5	4	.556	2	
Sacramento	4	4	.500	2½	
L.A. Clippers	4	4	.500	2½	
Friday's Games					
San Antonio 102, Orlando 89					
Washington 115, Memphis 87					
Brooklyn 96, Detroit 90					
Cleveland 102, Toronto 101					
New York 113, Milwaukee 98					
L.A. Clippers 104, Minnesota 84					
Charlotte at Sacramento, late					
Indiana at Portland, late					
New Orleans at Golden State, late					
Today's Games					
Houston at Denver, 5 p.m.					
Utah at Miami, 7:30 p.m.					
Philadelphia at Chicago, 8 p.m.					
Boston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.					
Atlanta at Phoenix, 10 p.m.					
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 10:30 p.m.					

GOLF

World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba

Friday at El Camaleon Golf Club Playa del Carmen, Mexico		
Purse: \$7.2 million; Yardage: 7,017; Par: 71		
Second Round (Made cut only)		
Matthew Wolff	61-68—129	-13
Scottie Scheffler	67-64—131	-11
Viktor Hovland	67-65—132	-10
Carlos Ortiz	67-65—132	-10
Sergio Garcia	64-69—133	-9
Talor Gooch	64-69—133	-9
Bill Haas	65-68—133	-9
Billy Horschel	64-69—133	-9
Anirban Lahiri	67-66—133	-9
Ryan Palmer	69-64—133	-9
J.J. Spaun	65-68—133	-9
Justin Thomas	68-65—133	-9
Michael Thompson	68-65—133	-9
Aaron Wise	63-70—133	-9
Doug Ghim	69-65—134	-8
James Hahn	67-67—134	-8
Russell Henley	65-69—134	-8
Garrick Higgo	71-63—134	-8
Matt Kuchar	68-66—134	-8
Martin Laird	68-66—134	-8
Andrew Landry	66-68—134	-8
Thomas Detry	67-68—135	-7
Charles Howell III	69-66—135	-7
John Huh	66-69—135	-7
Denny McCarthy	67-68—135	-7
Joaquin Niemann	69-66—135	-7
Seamus Power	68-67—135	-7
Abraham Ancer	68-68—136	-6
Joel Dahmen	65-71—136	-6
Roberto Diaz	71-65—136	-6
Tony Finau	67-69—136	-6
Tyrell Hlatton	70-66—136	-6
Adam Long	66-70—136	-6
Alex Noren	69-67—136	-6
Henrik Norlander	70-66—136	-6
Andrew Putnam	68-68—136	-6
Doc Redman	70-66—136	-6
Nick Taylor	67-69—136	-6
Brendon Todd	67-69—136	-6
Danny Willett	68-68—136	-6
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	69-68—137	-5
Tyler Duncan	67-70—137	-5
Matt Fitzpatrick	68-69—137	-5
Adam Hadwin	69-68—137	-5
Chris Kirk	64-73—137	-5
Patton Kizzire	68-69—137	-5
Danny Lee	68-69—137	-5
Maverick McNealy	68-69—137	-5
Keith Mitchell	68-69—137	-5
C.T. Pan	69-68—137	-5
Scott Piercy	69-68—137	-5
Justin Rose	67-70—137	-5
Brandt Snedeker	66-71—137	-5
Brendan Steele	70-67—137	-5
Sepp Straka	66-71—137	-5
Adam Svensson	72-65—137	-5
Kevin Tway	68-69—137	-5
Keegan Bradley	71-67—138	-4
Rickie Fowler	66-72—138	-4
Tom Hoge	72-66—138	-4
Troy Merritt	68-70—138	-4
Andrew Novak	66-72—138	-4
Aaron Rai	67-71—138	-4
Chez Reavie	66-72—138	-4
Patrick Reed	73-65—138	-4
Charl Schwartzel	69-69—138	-4
Greyson Sigg	69-69—138	-4
Brian Stuard	69-69—138	-4
Hudson Swafford	68-70—138	-4
Vincent Whaley	70-68—138	-4

Portugal Masters

Friday at Dom Pedro Victoria Golf Course		
Quarteira, Portugal		
Purse: \$1.7 million; Yardage: 7,191; Par: 71		
Second Round		
Nino Bertasio, Italy	61-69—130	-12
Adri Amaus, Spain	65-67—132	-10
Lucas Bjerregaard, Den.	67-65—132	-10
Matthieu Pavon, France	68-64—132	-10
Thomas Pieters, Belgium	68-64—132	-10
Callum Shinkwin, England	67-66—133	-9
Sam Horsfield, England	68-66—134	-8
Richard Bland, England	70-65—135	-7
Grant Forrest, Scotland	68-67—135	-7
Gavin Green, Malaysia	66-69—135	-7
Oliver Wilson, England	68-67—135	-7
Kristoffer Broberg, Swe.	69-67—136	-6
Joachim B. Hansen, Den.	69-67—136	-6
Benjamin Hebert, France	67-69—136	-6
Nicolai Hoigaard, Den.	67-69—136	-6
Francesco Laporta, Italy	70-66—136	-6
Min Woo Lee, Australia	68-68—136	-6
Tapio Pulkkanen, Finland	69-67—136	-6

HOCKEY

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE					
Atlantic Division					
GPW	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA

Florida LOTTERY

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

PICK 2 (early)			PICK 4 (late)		
7	2		4	3	0-5
PICK 2 (late)			PICK 5 (early)		
3	6		9	6	3-3-1
PICK 3 (early)			PICK 5 (late)		
5	3	3	1	9	0-7-6
PICK 3 (late)			FANTASY 5		
6	0	8	4	6	11-20-24
PICK 4 (early)			JACKPOT TRIPLE PLAY		
0	9	8-4	1	15	22-31-35-40
Fantasy 5: 2 – 10 – 11 – 15 – 30			MEGA MILLIONS		
5-of-5	1 winner	\$189,833.46	10	15	20-56-68
4-of-5	299	\$102	MEGA BALL		
3-of-5	9,230	\$9	18		
Cash 4 Life: 7 – 37 – 47 – 53 – 55			CASH 4 LIFE		
Cash Ball: 3			8	30	31-43-51
5-of-5 CB	No winner		CASH BALL		
5-of-5	No winner		2		
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On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS AUTO RACING

8:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Championship

NBA

7:30 p.m. (NBA) Utah Jazz at Miami Heat
10:30 p.m. (NBA) Los Angeles Lakers at Portland Trail Blazers

HORSE RACING

2:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) Breeders Cup
8 p.m. (NBC) 2021 Breeders' Cup Classic

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

11:30 a.m. (CBS) Army at Air Force
12 p.m. (ABC) Wake Forest at North Carolina
12 p.m. (FOX) Ohio State at Nebraska
12 p.m. (ACCN) Pittsburgh at Duke
12 p.m. (ESPN) Oregon at Washington
12 p.m. (ESPN2) Illinois at Minnesota
12 p.m. (ESPN) SMU at Memphis
12 p.m. (FS1) Kansas State at Kansas
12 p.m. (SEC) Liberty at Ole Miss
12:30 p.m. (BSFL) Georgia Tech at Miami
3:30 p.m. (BTN) Wisconsin at Rutgers
3:30 p.m. (NBC) Navy at Notre Dame
3:30 p.m. (CBS) Auburn at Texas A&M
3:30 p.m. (ABC) Michigan State at Purdue
3:30 p.m. (FOX) Baylor at TCU
3:30 p.m. (ESPN) Oklahoma State at West Virginia
3:30 p.m. (ESPN2) Tulsa at Cincinnati
3:30 p.m. (FS1) Penn State at Maryland
4 p.m. (ACCN) NC State at Florida State
4 p.m. (ESPN) Tulane at UCF
4 p.m. (SEC) Mississippi State at Arkansas
7 p.m. (BTN) Iowa at Northwestern
7 p.m. (ESPN) LSU at Alabama
7 p.m. (ESPN2) Tennessee at Kentucky
7:30 p.m. (ABC) Oregon at Washington
7:30 p.m. (FOX) Indiana at Michigan
7:30 p.m. (ACCN) Clemson at Louisville
7:30 p.m. (ESPN) Houston at South Florida
7:30 p.m. (FS1) Texas at Iowa State
7:30 p.m. (SEC) Florida at South Carolina
10:15 p.m. (ESPN2) Texas-San Antonio at Texas-El Paso
10:30 p.m. (ESPN) USC at Arizona State
10:30 p.m. (ESPN) Norfolk State at North Carolina Central (Same-day Tape)
11 p.m. (FS1) San Diego State at Hawaii

GOLF

5 a.m. (ESPN2) Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship, Final Round
8 a.m. (GOLF) European PGA Tour Portugal Masters, Third Round (Same-day Tape)
2 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba, Third Round
5:30 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour Champions TimberTech Championship, Second Round (Same-day Tape)
4 a.m. (GOLF) Ladies Euro Tour Aramco Saudi Ladies International, Third Round (Same-day Tape)

NHL

2 p.m. (NHL, SUN) Tampa Bay Lightning at Ottawa Senators
6 p.m. (BSFL) Carolina Hurricanes at Florida Panthers
7 p.m. (NHL) Boston Bruins at Toronto Maple Leafs

PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER

8:30 a.m. (NBCSPT) Manchester United vs Manchester City
11 a.m. (NBCSPT) Crystal Palace vs Wolverhampton Wanderers
1:30 p.m. (NBC) Brighton & Hove Albion vs Newcastle United

Note: Times and channels are subject to change at the discretion of the network. If you are unable to locate a game on the listed channel, please contact your cable provider.

Prep CALENDAR

TODAY'S PREP SPORTS CROSS COUNTRY

Region 3A-2 Meet at Austin Tindall Sports Complex in Kissimmee
10 a.m. Citrus and Lecanto
Region 1A-2 Meet at Santa Fe College NW Field
9 a.m. Seven Rivers

Florida	10	9	0	1	19	41	22	Edmonton	10	9	1	0	18	46	31
Toronto	11	6	4	1	13	27	30	Calgary	10	6	1	3	15	34	22
Tampa Bay	10	5	3	2	12	30	32	San Jose	10	6	4	0	12	30	27
Buffalo	10	5	4	1	11	30	27	Anaheim	11	4	4	3	11	36	35
Boston	8	5	3	0	10	23	21	Vegas	10	5	5	0	10	26	31
Detroit	11	4	5	2	10	30	39	Los Angeles	10	4	5	1	9	27	29
Ottawa	10	3	6	1	7	25	35	Vancouver	10	4	5	1	9	25	28
Montreal	12	3	9	0	6	24	40	Seattle	11	4	6	1	9	30	35
Metropolitan Division								NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for over-time loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.							
Carolina	9	9	0	0	18	37	15	Friday's Games							
N.Y. Rangers	11	6	2	3	15	32	29	Winnipeg 5, Chicago 1							
Washington	10	5	1	4	14	36	27	Edmonton 6, N.Y. Rangers 5, OT							
Philadelphia	9	5	2	2	12	30	24	Arizona at Anaheim, late							
Columbus	9	6	3	0	12	28	26	Nashville at Vancouver, late							
N.Y. Islanders	8	4	2	2	10	23	20	New Jersey at Los Angeles, late							
Pittsburgh	9	4	3	2	10	29	27	Today's Games							
New Jersey	8	4	3	1	9	21	25	Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 2 p.m.							
WESTERN CONFERENCE								Carolina at Florida, 6 p.m.							
Central Division								Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.							
St. Louis	9	7	1	1	15	36	21	Colorado at Columbus, 7 p.m.							
Winnipeg	10	6	2	2	14	37	30	Detroit at Buffalo, 7 p.m.							
Minnesota	9	6	3	0	12	27	30	Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.							
Nashville	10	5	5	0	10	29	29	N.Y. Islanders at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.							
Dallas	10	4	4	2	10	22	29	Philadelphia at Washington, 7 p.m.							
Colorado	9	4	4	1	9	28	32	Vegas at Montreal, 7 p.m.							
Chicago	12	1	9	2	4	26	47	N.Y. Rangers at Calgary, 10 p.m.							
Arizona	10	0	9	1	1	13	43	Seattle at Arizona, 10:30 p.m.							
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Struggling Florida, South Carolina meet

SEC rivals are dealing with similar issues

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — Quarterback concerns and struggles in the Southeastern Conference are issues both Florida and South Carolina are familiar with this season.

It's been a disappointing season for the Gators and Gamecocks, though probably worse for Gators coach Dan Mullen given the preseason expectations.

Florida (4-4, 2-2 SEC) looks to bounce back from its blowout loss to No. 1 Georgia last week at South Carolina (4-4, 1-3).

"It's six inches from a pat on the back and a kick in the rear. In the SEC you're either getting one or the other," Mullen said. "There's no in-between. There's no, 'I guess everything's OK.'"

Things are far from OK for the Gators, who rose to No. 10 through four games before sliding out of the rankings after losing three of their last four.

Mullen has gone back and forth between quarterbacks Emory Jones and Anthony Richardson, both who've shown flashes of success along with struggles to move the ball at critical times.

Jones had started the first seven games with Richardson getting the call against Georgia. However, Richardson came out late in the Bulldogs loss. The freshman was diagnosed with a concussion and didn't practice Monday or Tuesday in preparation for the Gamecocks.

Still, Mullen has seen a confidence at practice he believes will fire up his team this week.

"I think their focus has been



Florida quarterback Anthony Richardson (15) is stopped by Georgia linebacker Quay Walker (7) and defensive lineman Jalen Carter (88) during the second half of a game Oct. 30, in Jacksonville.

fantastic this week and I think part of the preparation is building all of that confidence within each other and expecting great things to happen," he said.

South Carolina, too, is uncertain at quarterback as it looks to get closer to the postseason in coach Shane Beamer's first season.

Luke Doty, the expected starter this season, had season-ending surgery on his injured foot last week while Zeb Noland, the grad assistant turned

quarterback, had an operation to fix a meniscus problem in his right knee during the Gamecocks' time off last week.

Beamer joked with the team pilot on a recruiting trip that it's not "a good thing when your starting quarterback and your backup quarterback have both been on that plane earlier that week going somewhere to get surgeries."

Noland has practiced this week, although Beamer said Noland would have to show more

than he had early on to face the Gators. If Noland can't go, St. Francis of Pennsylvania transfer Jason Brown would make his first start.

STREAK CONTINUES

Florida's NCAA record streak of 418 games in a row scoring points dating back to 1988 looked in danger for the first 57 minutes of its 34-7 loss to top-ranked Georgia. However, Jones led a 10-play, 87-yard TD drive that he ended with 7-yard scoring run.

TOO COMPLEX?

South Carolina's Beamer and offensive coordinator Marcus Satterfield have faced questions on whether the plan of attack is too complex for the Gamecocks, who are last in SEC total yards and next-to-last in points per game.

Satterfield said they're just teaching "basic football." If the players keep working at it, he added, "eventually, it will click."

RECRUITING TALK

Florida's Mullen brushed off a question about recruiting early in the week and was skewered for it so much he had to clarify his stance come Wednesday. Mullen said at first he'd discuss recruiting after the season. Critics wondered if Mullen didn't put the necessary importance on recruiting as other top programs do. By mid-week, Mullen said his words were taken out of context and his staff never stops recruiting.

FRIENDLY DUO

Should Jason Brown play at quarterback for the Gamecocks, he'll likely look for his good friend in tight end-receiver EJ Jenkins. Brown and Jenkins grew up together in Fredricksburg, Virginia, and have played on the same teams in middle school, high school, FCS St. Francis and now at South Carolina. Beamer jokes that no matter how many receivers are on the field, there's a "97 % chance" Brown's going to the 6-foot-7 Jenkins.

FLORIDA FIREPOWER

The Gators have had at least 350 yards of offense in its first eight games, something that last occurred when the "Ol' Ball Coach" in Steve Spurrier was winning SEC titles and lighting up scoreboards. While Florida struggled to score, its 161 yards rushing vs. Georgia was the most against the Bulldogs in the past three seasons.

Miami has no room for error



Miami quarterback Tyler Van Dyke (9) throws a pass against Pittsburgh during the first half in game Oct. 30, in Pittsburgh.

Georgia Tech also faces desperate times

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MIAMI GARDENS — For Miami and Georgia Tech, the room for error is gone.

If the Hurricanes want to continue having any sort of viable shot at winning the Atlantic Coast Conference's messier-by-the-week Coastal Division, they must beat Georgia Tech. And if the Yellow Jackets want to have any realistic chance of making a bowl game, they must beat Miami.

As such, both sides know what's coming from the other side when they face off Saturday — desperation.

"When we play in the ACC Coastal, we expect the games to be tight, close, highly contested," Miami coach Manny Diaz said. "Georgia Tech's backs, they're against the wall. We recognize that. We expect to see a wounded team fighting for their life on Saturday."

He'd prefer to see his team have the same approach. It's been that way of late, and it's been working.

Miami (4-4, 2-2) has given itself hope again after beating N.C. State and Pitt — both AP Top 25 teams at the time, both in the opening Top 25 rankings released earlier this week by the College Football Playoff committee — over the past two weekends. None of the four teams left on the Hurricanes' schedule currently has a winning record, so there's a chance for Miami to keep moving

up in the Coastal race.

"To me, it's, 'Hey, let's find a way to win a football game and keep that backs-against-the-wall mentality,'" Diaz said.

Georgia Tech (3-5, 2-4) is ahead of only Duke in the Coastal standings. But a loss on Saturday would put postseason hopes in absolute peril since the Yellow Jackets would need to win out just to become bowl-eligible at 6-6 overall — and, in that scenario, they'd have to beat No. 1 Georgia to make that happen.

The Yellow Jackets insist they're seeing steps in the right direction.

"The thing that we've done in this program, the guys have done, the coaches have done, is (close) the margin for error," Georgia Tech coach Geoff Collins said. "We've decreased the gap amongst the teams that we've played. The last phase in the development of the program (is) not only to be in these close games ... we've got to find ways to win them."

RENEWED RIVALRY

The Hurricanes and Yellow Jackets didn't play last season. They were scheduled to play in November, only to have the game postponed because of virus-related issues at Miami. The rescheduled date was pushed to Dec. 19, and the Yellow Jackets wound up telling the ACC that it couldn't play. The Miami-Georgia Tech cancellation was announced the day before the Hurricanes lost what became their regular-season finale to North Carolina.

CLOSE GAMES

Miami has had each of its last

four games — two wins, two losses — decided by four points or less, the first time in program history that there's been such a run of games being so close. Counting a two-point win over Appalachian State earlier this season, the Hurricanes have played five games decided by four or fewer points. That's the most for any FBS team in the country entering this week.

DYNAMIC DUO

Georgia Tech has a pair of standouts leading the offense, and technically, both are still classified as freshmen because nobody lost any eligibility last year by NCAA rule. Quarterback Jeff Sims crossed the 3,000-yard passing mark last week, making him only the 12th player in school history with that many. Running back Jahmyr Gibbs, also last week, went over the 2,000-yard mark in career all-purpose yards.

DROPPING DIMES

Miami quarterback Tyler Van Dyke threw for 325 yards in the win over N.C. State, then 428 last week in the win at Pitt. With those numbers, he became just the eighth Hurricane QB since 1984 with back-to-back 325-yard passing games — joining Malik Rosier (2017), Brad Kaaya (2014), Stephen Morris (who did it twice in 2012), Ken Dorsey (2002), Gino Torretta (1991), Craig Erickson (1990) and Bernie Kosar (1984).

THE SERIES

Georgia Tech leads the all-time series between the schools, 13-12. But Miami has won eight of the last 11, even with the Yellow Jackets prevailing in 2018 and 2019.

FSU aims to derail NC State

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TALLAHASSEE — North Carolina State isn't in the driver's seat in the Atlantic Division but the Wolfpack know they control their own destiny and that the road ahead includes matchups that will put them in position to claim their first football division title in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

It starts with Saturday's night matchup against Florida State.

"It definitely feels nice to be in the hunt," offensive tackle Ikem Ekwonu said. "I know Coach (Dave) Doeren has said something that it's been a while since N.C. State has been in this position. It definitely means a lot and it's definitely nice that we have a lot of control over how we finish the season."

"I feel like that's the biggest thing for me. It's not really up to any other people. We don't have to rely on any other teams to win out or anything like that."

N.C. State (6-2, 3-1 ACC) lost at Miami on Oct. 23 to fall out of the Top 25, but the Wolfpack rebounded with last week's home win against Louisville. North Carolina State has never represented the Atlantic Division in the championship game since the ACC began the two-division format in 2005.

But the Wolfpack can't afford to get ahead of themselves and look past Florida State (3-5, 2-3).

The Seminoles are coming off a 30-20 loss at Clemson last week and is holding on to its slim hopes of reaching a bowl after missing out following the 2020 season. It's been wild ride for Florida State — from an 0-4 September to three straight October wins before falling at Clemson.

"It was a challenging first month but we got up," Florida State coach Mike Norvell said. "We responded. We pushed forward. There were four weeks of positive momentum, a lot of things we're growing and building

upon. Saturday, we got knocked down again.

"The only sin is if you stay down on that ground. We're going to jump up and move forward."

Some other things to watch when NC State travels to Florida State:

PURDY'S TRANSFER

Florida State is down to three scholarship quarterbacks after redshirt freshman Chubba Purdy announced Wednesday he intends to transfer. The Seminoles have Jordan Travis and McKenzie Milton, who have both started games this fall, as well as redshirt freshman Tate Rodemaker.

DURDEN'S RETURN

The game marks a homecoming of sorts for Wolfpack defensive tackle Cory Durden, a graduate transfer who played the previous three seasons at Florida State and started 15 games.

"Just with the mindset of this team that we have, I can't get caught up in the emotional stuff," Durden said. "I have to just play disciplined football and be the best (teammate) I can be so that we can win. Ultimately that's the goal. It's well beyond Cory versus Florida State."

PLAYING TOUGH

N.C. State's defense has lost four starters to season-ending injuries this year, including all-ACC linebacker Payton Wilson and fellow linebacker Isaiah Moore. But the Wolfpack held Louisville to 13 points last week, 11 fewer than the Cardinals' previous season low.

BRINGING HEAT

Defensive end Jermaine Johnson, a graduate transfer from Georgia, has brought production and energy to the Seminoles' front four. Johnson leads the ACC with eight sacks and 11 tackles for loss, the most for a Florida State player since Brian Burns had 10 sacks and 15.5 tackles for loss in 2018.

Rodgers sought treatments instead of vaccine

Said allergic to ingredients in two COVID-19 shots

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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers said Friday he sought alternative treatments instead of the NFL-endorsed COVID-19 vaccinations because he is allergic to an ingredient in two of the FDA-approved shots.

Speaking on SiriusXM's "Pat McAfee Show," Rodgers said: "I'm not an anti-vax, flat-earthier. I have an allergy to an ingredient that's in the mRNA vaccines. I found a long-term immunization protocol to protect myself and I'm very proud of the research that went into that."

Rodgers, who turns 38 on Dec. 2, did not say what ingredient he was allergic to, or how he knows he is allergic.

Rodgers, who has been tested daily as part of NFL protocols for the unvaccinated, found out he contracted COVID-19 on Wednesday. The reigning NFL MVP said he didn't feel well on Thursday but was much better on Friday.

Rodgers can't rejoin the Packers for 10 days, missing Sunday's game at Kansas City. He must have a negative test to return to the team on Nov. 13.

During the interview with McAfee, Rodgers misquoted the CDC website and offered his explanation for why hasn't taken the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Rodgers said the CDC's website says "should you have an allergy to any of the ingredients, you should not get one of the mRNA vaccines. So those two (Moderna and Pfizer) were out already."

Instead the CDC site says, "If you have had a severe allergic reaction or an immediate allergic reaction — even if it was not severe — to any ingredient in an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine, you should not get either of the currently available mRNA COVID-19 vaccines."

Rodgers did not say he had an allergic reaction.

He said with some of the public issues involving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine — clotting issues and his "hearing of multiple people who had had adverse events around getting the J&J ... the J&J shot was not even an option at that point."

The COVID-19 vaccines authorized for use in the U.S. were tested in tens of thousands of people and proven to be both safe and effective at dramatically reducing the risk of serious disease and death. The vaccines now have been given to more than 200 million Americans and



Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers celebrates Oct. 28 after a 24-21 win against the Arizona Cardinals in Glendale, Ariz.

that real-world use plus extra government safety tracking have made clear that serious side effects are extremely rare — and that any risk is far lower than the risks posed by COVID-19.

Rodgers' research led him to a treatment he did not detail, and he said the NFL was aware of the treatment protocol he was using, which took "multiple months."

"The league was fully aware of it upon my return to the Packers (in August)," Rodgers said. "It was at that point that I petitioned them to accept my immunization under their vaccination protocol."

A member of the Packers' medical staff inquired to the NFL Players Association's medical director on behalf of an anonymous player who asked if an alternative homeopathic treatment could render him as "fully vaccinated" under the protocols. That player was Rodgers.

The NFLPA's medical director, Dr. Thom Mayer, shared an email from the team and related materials from Rodgers with Dr. Allen Sils, the league's medical chief, and with an independent infectious disease expert, who were asked for an opinion.

The expert, hired jointly by the league

and union, said he could not find in his research that the treatment offers reliable and robust COVID-19 protection — that the treatment was not the equivalent of receiving one of the three endorsed vaccines. There was a lack of scientific data demonstrating whether and how well the treatments Rodgers wanted approved would work.

The union and the doctors were never contacted again by Rodgers after his petition and a subsequent appeal were denied.

"And I also said, how come there's no exemption for medical exemptions, religious exemptions, pre-existing conditions?" Rodgers added. "And they basically said those are all basically exempted but you would be put in the non-vaccinated category."

Rodgers also told McAfee he has concerns about potential fertility issues had he taken one of the vaccinations.

Many scientists, including three doctors who specialize in reproductive health, have vouched for the safety of vaccinations for couples who want to have a baby and urged people to seek out their doctors or nurse practitioners with any questions. The Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention and obstetrician groups also recommend COVID-19 vaccines for pregnant individuals.

Dr. Stephanie Broadwell of Sanford Health Fargo, Dr. Stephanie Foughty of Altru Health Devils Lake and Dr. Ana Tobias of Sanford Health Bismarck said at a virtual North Dakota town hall in July to get the vaccine.

"I can understand that people are scared, people are nervous," Broadwell said. "I think sometimes there can be information that can be helpful and some that can be somewhat misleading. I think it's just really hard to digest all the information that is out there and stories that are filtering through that maybe even come from trusted sources."

Rodgers strongly questioned the NFL's protocols, along with any organization forcing health requirements on individuals.

"I believe strongly in bodily autonomy and the ability to make choices for your body, not to have to acquiesce to some woke culture or crazed group of individuals who say you have to do something," he said. "Health is not a one size fits all for everybody, and for me it involved a lot of study in the offseason."

Larson fastest at Phoenix among four championship drivers

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AVONDALE, Ariz. — Kyle Larson was the best of NASCAR's four title contenders Friday in the final practice before the championship is decided in the season finale at Phoenix Raceway.

Larson turned in the top speed of 135.293 mph among the four finalists and was second-fastest overall in 10-lap average at 131.935 in the No. 5 Chevrolet. Larson also set the fastest five-lap average.

The championship showdown Sunday at the mile track comes down to Hendrick Motorsports vs. Joe Gibbs Racing. Larson and reigning Cup champion Chase Elliott represent Hendrick, the winningest team in NASCAR history. Martin Truex Jr. and Hamlin represent JGR.

Elliott was fifth with a top lap of 135.019, Hamlin was eighth at 134.118 and Truex was 18th at 133.427. Elliott was right behind Larson for best 10-lap average at 131.776.

The starting order for the championship race will be set at Saturday's qualifying session.

Elliott's victory a year ago at Phoenix clinched NASCAR's most popular

driver's first career Cup championship. Truex was the 2017 champion, while Hamlin and Larson are in search of their first Cup titles. Truex won the spring Phoenix race.

Hamlin has lost three previous championship battles. Hamlin led the Cup standings for 22 consecutive weeks but lost the regular-season championship to Larson over the final three weeks.

Larson returned from a suspension last season for using a racial slur and won a series-high nine races. He had only six career wins in his previous six full seasons.

Truex has four wins and Elliott and Hamlin both won twice this season.

The pandemic forced NASCAR to streamline its schedule and most race weekends in 2020 were turned into one-day events. That continued in 2021 with only Phoenix and seven other race weekends — mostly new tracks and Daytona 500 weekend — having scheduled practice sessions.

Brad Keselowski had the fastest practice lap of the session at 135.384 mph as he enters his final race for Team Penske. Penske driver Ryan Blaney had the best 10-lap average at 132.596.



Driver Kyle Larson speaks Nov. 4 during media day ahead of Sunday's NASCAR Cup Series championship auto race in Phoenix.

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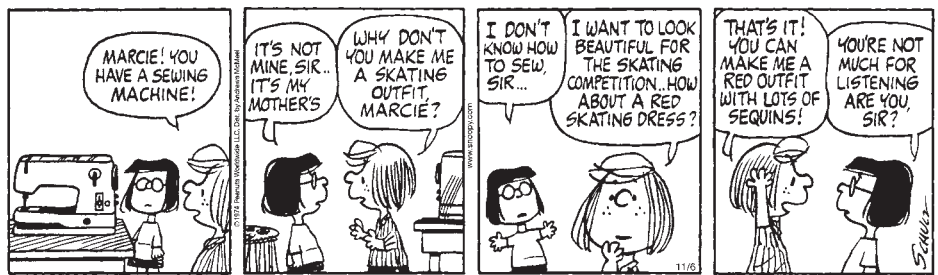
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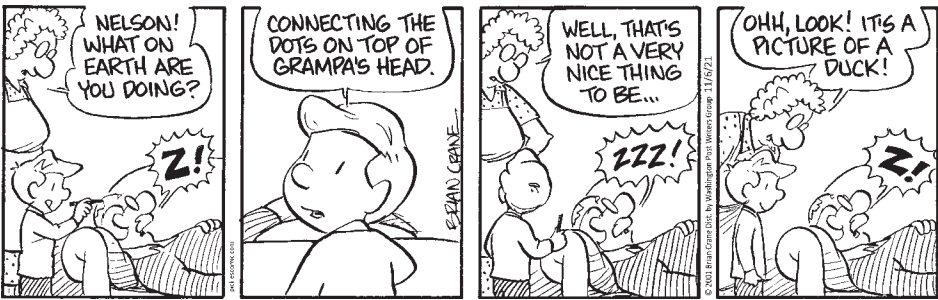
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	(HALL)	59	68	39	"A Timeless Christmas" (2020) Ryan Paevey. 'NR'		"Next Stop, Christmas" (2021) Lyndsy Fonseca. 'NR'		"Christmas by Starlight" (2020) Kimberley Sustad.							
	(HBO)	302	201	302	*** "Tenet" (2020) John David Washington.		**½ "Land" (2021) Robin Wright.		Succession 'MA'		Succession 'MA'		Insecure			
	(HBO2)	303	202	303	*** "Mama" (2013) Jessica Chastain. 'PG-13'		***½ "Black Hawk Down" (2001, War) Josh Hartnett. 'R'		"Conjuring: Devil Made Me"							
	(HGTV)	23	57	23	Home Town 'G'		Home Town 'G'		Outgrown (N) 'G'		Good Bones 'G'		Good Bones 'G'		Good Bones 'G'	
	(HIST)	51	54	51	Pawn Stars 'PG'		Pawn Stars 'PG'		Pawn Stars 'PG'		Pawn Stars A 1963 Fiat Microcar; billiard balls. 'PG'		Pawn Stars 'PG'			
	(LIFE)	24	38	24	*** "Heaven Is for Real" (2014) Greg Kinnear.		"Highway to Heaven" (2021) Jill Scott. 'NR'		"Sweet Mountain Christmas" (2019) Megan Hilty.							
	(LMN)	119	50	119	"The Killer in My Backyard" (2021) 'NR'		***½ "Lakeview Terrace" (2008) Samuel L. Jackson. 'PG-13'		"Seduced by My Neighbor" (2018) 'NR'							
	(MSNBC)	42	41	42	Voices-Alicia Menendez		Voices-Alicia Menendez		Ayman (N) (Live)		Ayman (N) (Live)		Voices-Alicia Menendez		Ayman	
	(NBCSN)	448	26	730	Horse Racing Breeders Cup. (N) (Live)		Countdown		NASCAR Xfinity		NASCAR		Speedwys			
	(NGEO)	109	65	109	To Catch a Smuggler '14'		To Catch a Smuggler '14'		To Catch a Smuggler '14'		To Catch a Smuggler 'PG'		Locked Up Abroad		Locked Up Abroad '14'	
	(NICK)	28	36	28	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Danger	Danger	Danger	Side Hustle	Slimetime	Friends 'PG'	Friends 'PG'	Friends 'PG'	Friends 'PG'	
	(NWSNTN)	18	18	18	Last Man	Last Man	Dan Abrams Live		NewsNation Prime (N)		NewsNation Prime (N)		Banfield		On Balance	
	(OWN)	125	24	103	Love & Marriage		Love & Marriage		Love & Marriage		Love & Marriage		Family or Fiancé (N) '14'		Love & Marriage	
	(OXY)	123	44	123	Cold Justice '14'		Cold Justice '14'		Cold Justice (N) '14'		911 Crisis Center		Cold Justice '14'		911 Crisis	
	(PARMT)	37	43	37	Yellowstone 'MA'		Yellowstone 'MA'		Yellowstone 'MA'		Yellowstone 'MA'		*** "Open Range" (2003)		Robert Duvall. 'R'	
	(SEC)	745	72		College Football		SEC Now	College Football Teams TBA.		SEC Football		Final (N)		SEC-Final		
	(SHOW)	340	241	340	Dexter 'MA'		Dexter 'MA'		Dexter 'MA'		"Attica" (2021, Documentary) Premiere. 'NR'		*** "Zola" (2020) 'R'			
	(SUN)	36	31	36	MLB Baseball						Postgame	Rays		Fight Sports: Boxing		
	(SYFY)	31	59	31	*** "Blade" (1998)		*** "Salt" (2010, Action) Angelina Jolie. 'PG-13'		**½ "Shooter" (2007) Mark Wahlberg. 'R' (DVS)		**½ "Shooter" (2007) Mark Wahlberg. 'R' (DVS)		Shooter 'R'			
	(TBS)	49	23	49	"Charlie & Chocolate"		Year Without a Santa		*** "The Polar Express" (2004) 'G' (DVS)		12 Dates of Christmas		12 Dates of Christmas			
	(TCM)	169	53	169	***½ "The Celluloid Closet" (1996) 'R'		"Blondie Plays Cupid"		** "Blondie in Society" (1941) 'NR'		** "Blondie's Blessed Event" (1942)					
	(TDC)	53	34	53	Expedition Unknown 'PG'		Expedition Unknown 'PG'		Expedition Unknown 'PG'		Expedition Unknown 'PG'		Expedition Unknown 'PG'			
	(TLC)	50	46	50	The Family Chantel '14'		The Family Chantel '14'		The Family Chantel '14'		90 Day: The Single Life 'Tell All Part 1' 'MA'		1000-Lb. Sisters '14'			
	(TMC)	350	261	350	The Rental		***½ "13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi" (2016) 'R'		*** "Drag Me to Hell" (2009)		"Halloween: Curse-Michael"					
	(TNT)	48	33	48	*** "Star Wars: A New Hope" (1977) 'PG'		*** "Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back" (1980) Mark Hamill. 'PG'		*** "Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back" (1980) Mark Hamill. 'PG'		"Star Wars: R"					
	(TOON)	38	58	38	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Final Space	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty	
	(TRAV)	9	106	9	Destination Fear '14'		Destination Fear '14'		Destination Fear '14'		Destination Fear (N) '14'		The Dead Files (N) '14'		The Dead Files 'PG'	
	(truTV)	25	55	25	Jokes	Jokes	Tacoma FD	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Jokes	Tacoma FD	
	(TVL)	32	49	32	Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men	
	(USA)	47	32	47	"Harry Potter-Phoenix"		*** "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" (2009) Daniel Radcliffe. 'PG' (DVS)		*** "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" (2009) Daniel Radcliffe. 'PG' (DVS)		"Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" (2009) Daniel Radcliffe. 'PG' (DVS)		"Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" (2009) Daniel Radcliffe. 'PG' (DVS)			
	(WE)	117	69	117	NCIS 'Cover Story' 'PG'		NCIS 'PG'		NCIS 'In the Dark' 'PG'		NCIS 'Trojan Horse' 'PG'		NCIS '14'		NCIS '14'	

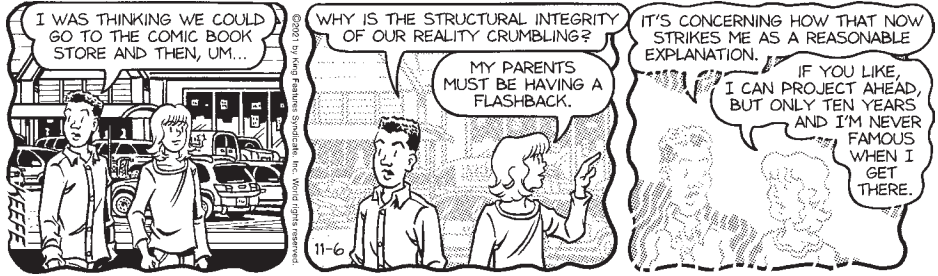
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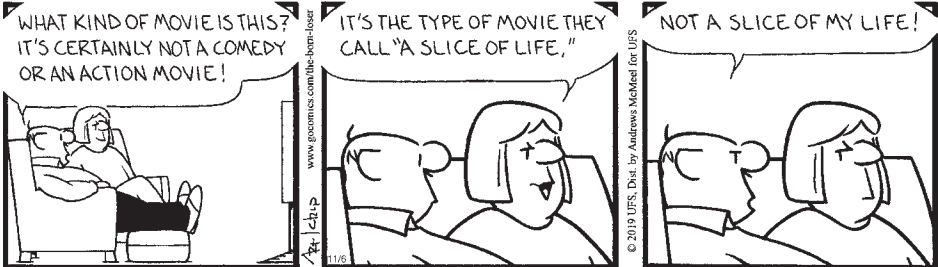
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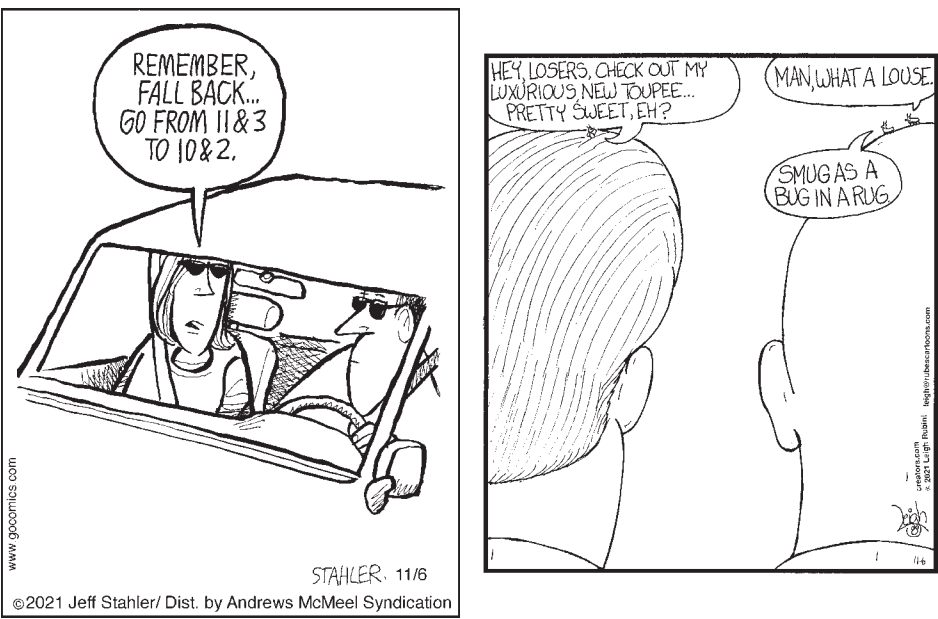


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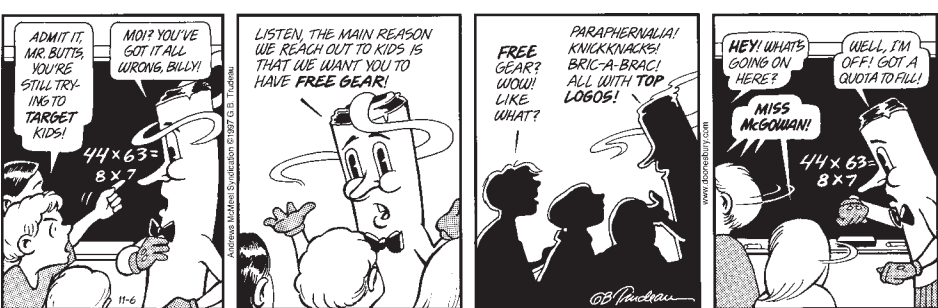


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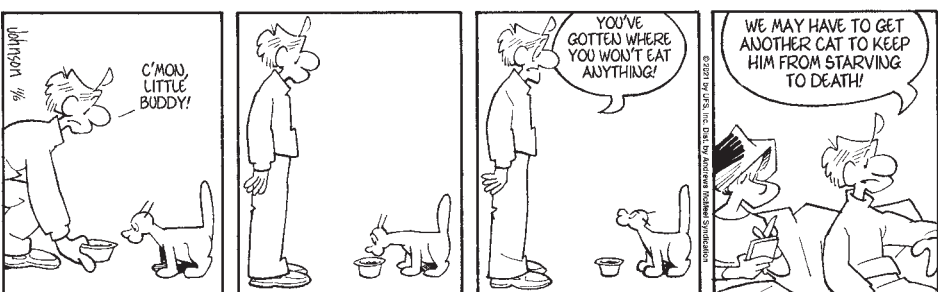
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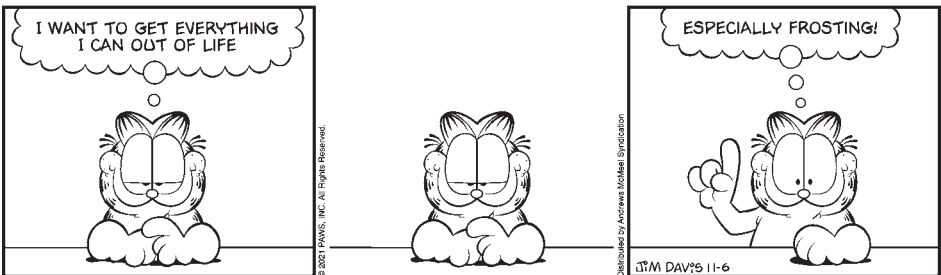
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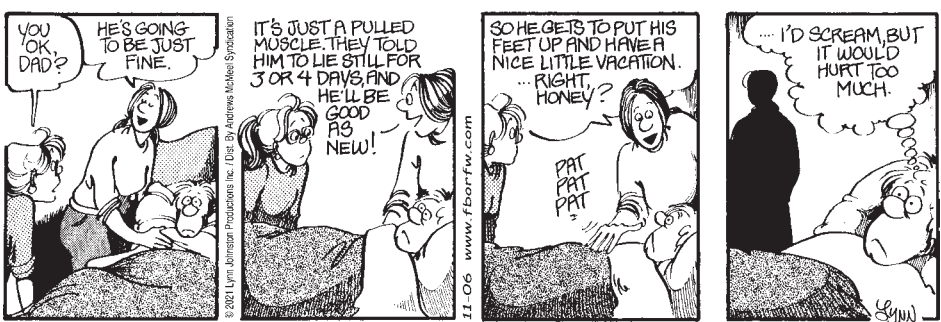
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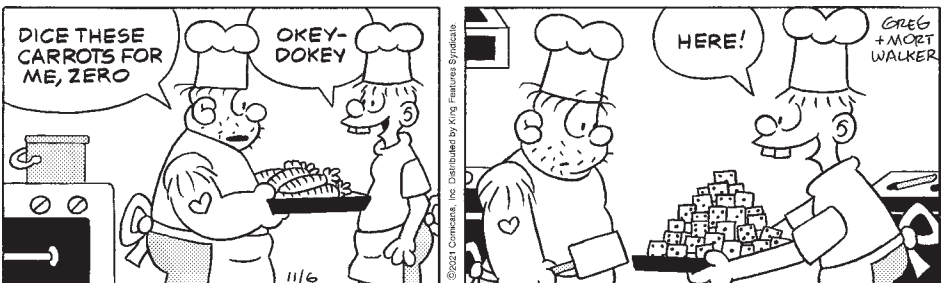
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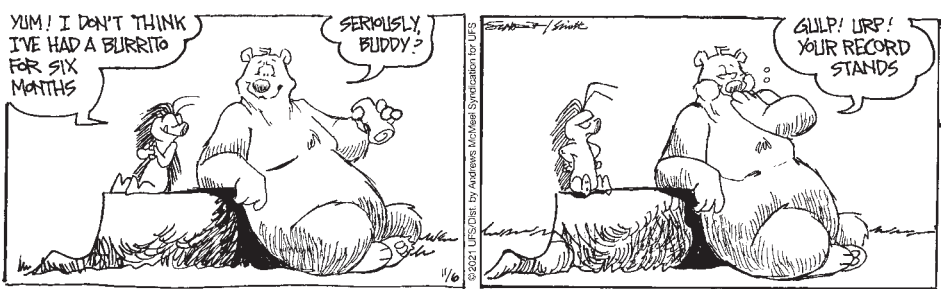
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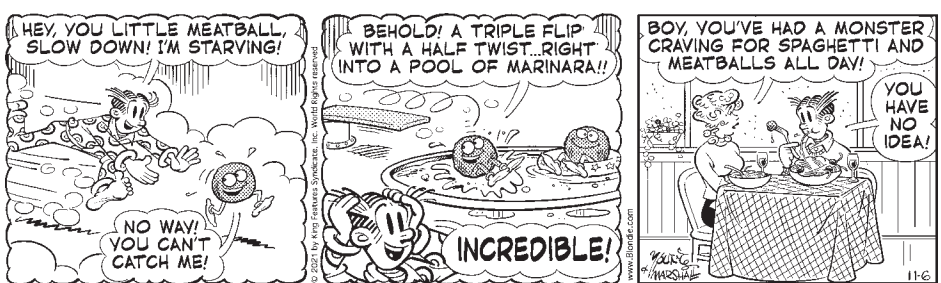
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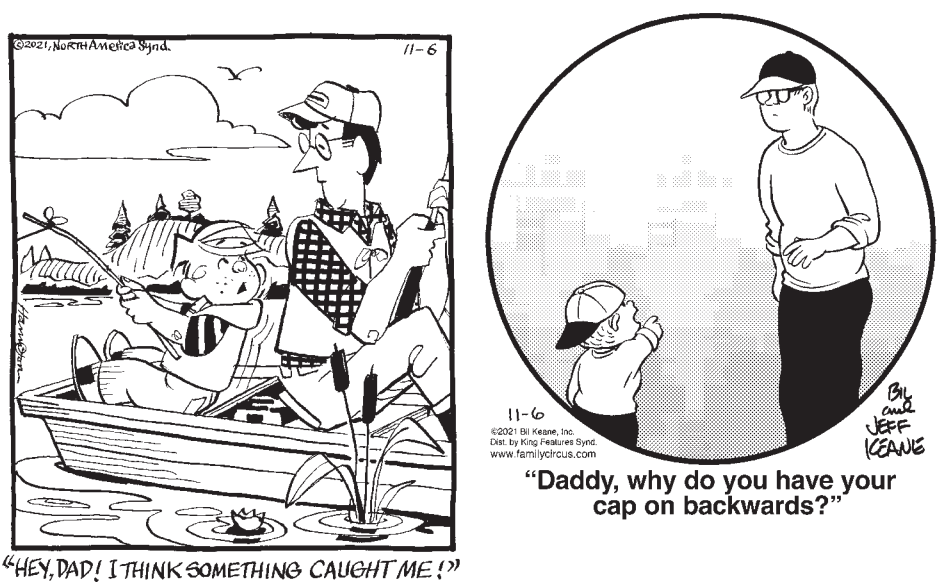


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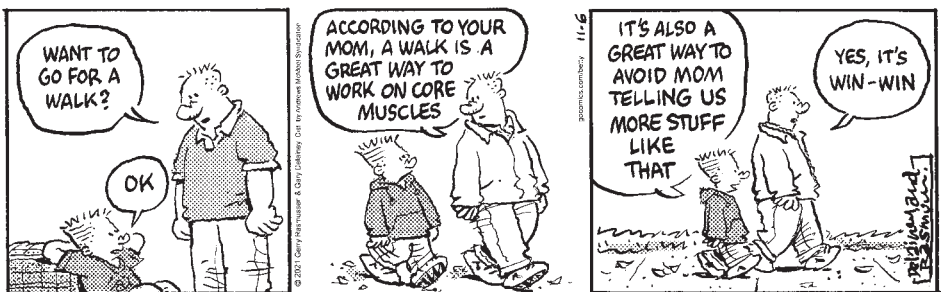


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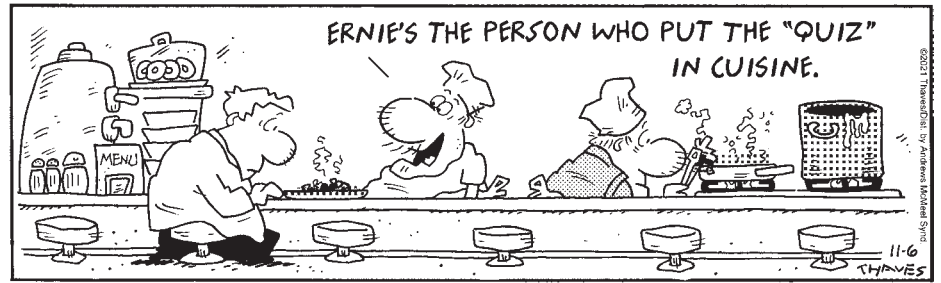
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Solution to Friday's puzzle 11/6/21

8	1	6	4	9	2	5	3	7
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1	2	8	9	6	7	3	5	4
7	4	3	5	1	8	6	2	9
5	6	9	3	2	4	8	7	1
6	7	1	2	8	3	4	9	5
4	8	5	6	7	9	2	1	3
9	3	2	1	4	5	7	8	6

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

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WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- INTREPID

(INTREPID: in-TREP-id: Resolutely courageous; fearless.)

Average mark 36 words
Time limit 45 minutes

Can you find 50 or more words in INTREPID?
The list will be published Monday.

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- REDHEADS

rase	dasher	header	adhere	shard
rash	dead	hear	sadder	share
read	dear	heard	sear	shear
reed	deed	hearse	seeder	shed
eared	deer	heed	seed	shedder
ease	dread	herd	seer	sheer
erase	hard	here	sere	sherd
dare	hare	hers	shad	shred
dash	head	adder	shade	

RULES OF THE GAME: 1. Words must be of four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed. 3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. 4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed. Contact Word Game creator Kathleen Saxe at kzsaxe@gmail.com.

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4 Chomped
7 Carl Gustav —
11 College maj.
12 Ponder
13 Follow the rules
14 Wabash loc.
15 Modicum
16 Good dirt
17 Proper
19 Wisdom tooth
21 Insult, slangily
22 Peach centers
23 Overhead honkers
26 Penny —
28 Website
29 Golden rule word
31 Pretoria cash
35 Dusting powder
37 Midwest state
39 So-so mark

DOWN

- 40 Rudder
42 Politician picker
44 Osiris' beloved
46 Take an oath
47 Light wood
49 Honda rival
53 Honeycomb unit
54 Rushed
56 Tint
57 Cut some slack
58 Tiny spasms
59 El Dorado loot
60 Bradley or Sharif
61 "Gross!"
62 Skillet

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 5 Devotee's suffix
6 Ball club
7 Merrier
8 Convoy chaser (hyph.)
9 Advances
10 Locker locale

- 12 Surroundings
18 Rx writers
20 Decide
23 Kind of reaction
24 Time span
25 Bracket type
26 Quark's home
27 Currently
30 Zip
32 Not delay
33 Bridal notice word
34 German article
36 Refrigerator
38 Steers clear of
41 Letter for plurals
43 Startled cries
44 Skyscraper part (hyph.)
45 Latin dance music
46 Sweater style (hyph.)
48 — Spumante
50 Buy stuff
51 Faint glow
52 Motel sign gas
53 Company VIP
55 Photo

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1. Agile-for-his-age agent like 007 (1)
2. Cheerios grains cloth carryalls (1)
3. Campus quarters horde of bees (1)
4. America's Cup boat conspiracy (1)
5. Senate VIP McConnell's thumb rides (2)
6. Bank workers' basements (2)
7. Slamming actor-picking for a play (2)

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