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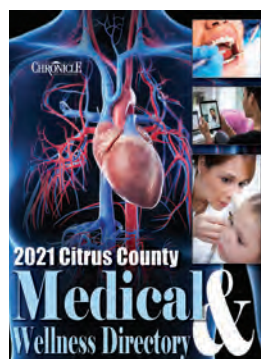
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## CITRUS COUNTY VIRUS UPDATE

### INSIDE

View the latest COVID-19 data about Citrus County today on **Page A11**.

### DOH-Citrus vaccine registration

DOH-Citrus' preregistration system to schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments for all individuals 40 and older and front-line health care workers is now available.

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

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

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

— From staff reports



Due to earlier production deadlines for the Sunday Chronicle, final lottery numbers are not printed. Visit [www.flalottery.com](https://www.flalottery.com) for final numbers.

## DEDICATION TO DUTY

*The community knows that I am firm, but I am fair. You're violating the law really bad when I stop you.*

Master Trooper Tod Cloud  
Florida Highway Patrol.



BUSTER THOMPSON/Chronicle

Florida Highway Patrol Master Trooper Tod Cloud cracks a smile while operating his patrol car's laptop. On Thursday, April 1, after 21 years as a highway patrolman in Citrus County, Cloud retired.

## A final ride-along with Master Trooper Tod Cloud

BUSTER THOMPSON

STAFF WRITER

Master Trooper Tod Cloud pulled his black, semi-marked Florida Highway Patrol cruiser over off North Basswood Avenue's turnoff with U.S. 19, north of Crystal River.

"This is my greatest accomplishment here," Cloud said, pointing to Trooper Ronald Gordon Smith's memorial flanked by flags and bordered by personalized bricks and the highway patrol's logo.

Cloud, who was halfway through his 12-hour shift patrolling Citrus County's westside, exited his patrol car and walked up to Smith's stone plaque to upright a broken light alongside it.

He then looked toward a clearing near the woodline, where, on Dec. 23, 1973, Smith died during a gunfight with two escaped felons he encountered during the last few hours of his shift.

Smith was 28 years old and had been a highway patrolman for eight months.

"For the longest time," Cloud said, "I did not know a trooper was killed in the line of duty in this county."

It wasn't until October 2010 when Smith's roadside monument was erected, with the help of Cloud and his fellow members of the National Association of Retired Law Enforcement Officers, or NARLEO. Smith's name also became that of the Cross Florida Barge Canal bridge.

When he attended the ceremony to commemorate the memorial, Cloud was honored to meet Smith's daughter, who was 2 years old when her father died,

and her own two young children.

"She made it to the dedication, and I met his grandkids," Cloud said, trying to hold back tears. "That's why I'm getting out of this business; I get too emotional sometimes, but it's a happy emotion."

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After 21 years with Florida Highway Patrol, patrolling his home county, Cloud retired Thursday, April 1.

"I'm working up to the last day, that's what I'm doing," he told a Chronicle reporter during a ride-along a few weeks before his last day. "I'm just going to keep doing God's work in what he chose me to do."

Cloud has several retirement projects lined up for him to do on his family's 14-acre property in Homosassa, like raising a couple acres of fruit trees alongside some ducks and chickens.

"If I do leaf-raking alone, I would have a full-time job," he

joked. "I've got more than enough to keep me busy and happy."

Cloud began his career with highway patrol on Feb. 27, 2000, at 43. His career in law enforcement started roughly 10 years prior, working as a corrections officer in Sumter County before serving as a policeman with the Crystal River and Interlachen police departments.

Cloud would say his first job in law enforcement was when he was a fifth-grader, as a safety patrolman growing up in Wilmington, Delaware.

"Way back then, we were actually on the street corners with street signs, stopping traffic," he said, "and I know they don't do that anymore."

As a child, Cloud dreamed to be an FBI agent.

"But I just came from a poor family with low self-esteem," he said, "and because of my low self-esteem, I dropped out of high school and went into the military."

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Florida Highway Patrol Master Trooper Tod Cloud walks back to his cruiser with the information of a motorist he pulled over for speeding on U.S. 19 in Homosassa.

## Tod Cloud: 'A great and wonderful career' Citrus County's FHP trooper retires

BUSTER THOMPSON

STAFF WRITER

It wasn't an April Fools' Day prank — Tod Cloud retired as Citrus County's Florida Highway Patrol trooper of 21 years.

"It's truly been a pleasure and an

honor to serve the citizens of Citrus County and the state of Florida," the 65-year-old master trooper said at his retirement reception Thursday, April 1, at the Citrus County Cattlemen's Educational Center. "It's been a great and wonderful career."

Cloud said he's going to enjoy a future alongside his wife of 30 years, Nora, and his mother-in-law, Mary Bodanza, on his Homosassa property, where some "honey-do" projects await him.

See **TROOPER/Page A9**

## Biden plan could benefit state projects

JOHN HAUGHEY

THE CENTER SQUARE

TALLAHASSEE — Florida lawmakers will consider three versions of proposed Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) budgets over the next 30 days with differences mostly resolved in closed-door joint chamber conferences.

But one thing the House's \$97.1 billion proposal, Senate's \$95 billion plan and Gov. Ron DeSantis' \$96.6 billion budget request — before adding \$4.3 in federal stimulus money — have in common is all earmark billions for roadwork, water quality projects and "resilience" initiatives to address coastal flooding fostered by rising sea levels.

The plans allocate more than \$1.5 billion in water quality projects, including Everglades restoration, and direct between \$9-10 billion into resurfacing roads, improving railways and to repair and replace 18 bridges.

State investments in those priorities, and in addressing \$21.9 billion in drinking water and \$18.4 billion in wastewater needs, could see funding boosts from President Joe Biden's proposed \$3 trillion-plus Build Back Better infrastructure and American Jobs plans unveiled Wednesday in Pittsburgh.

Biden's plan calls for \$115 billion for bridges and highways which, according to the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), could provide a much-needed stimulus to Florida's efforts to keep pace with growing demands aggravated by an average of 1,000 new residents arriving a day.

According to ASCE's annual Infrastructure Report Card, 13% of Florida's 275,000 miles of roads are in poor condition, costing each driver \$425 a year, and nearly 3% of the state's 12,518 bridges "were structurally deficient" in 2019.

"Since 1984, the number of highway system miles has increased by 25 percent, while the daily vehicle miles traveled increased by 84%," the report states. "In terms of keeping up with the demand, FDOT has fallen behind the curve, and the counties and cities have generally not kept up, either."

Traffic patterns reveal a glaring inefficiency, the ASCE notes. The state's Department of Transportation (DOT) manages 12,000 miles of state highways that "consists of only 10% of the road miles in Florida, (but) carries more than half of Florida's total traffic."

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WEEK  
IN REVIEW

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

FAMILY FORAGES FOR FOOD



An adult sandhill crane forages through the grass Thursday, April 1, on Courthouse Square in Inverness with its chick in tow. MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

For the past 30 years, Pamela Gary of Inverness has been a voice for children as a Guardian ad Litem (GAL) for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, which covers Citrus and four other area counties. She was recently recognized with a plaque commemorating her 30 years of volunteer service, one of 15 volunteers in Citrus County’s first GAL class in 1991. Gary estimates she’s represented about 100 children as an advocate when they’ve been removed from an abusive or neglectful household.



HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK

- When Citrus County Sheriff Mike Prendergast saw a motorist throw trash out the car window, instead of a citation, the driver opted to pick up litter — and Chronicle Facebook friends voiced their opinions:
- **Karen Olson Smith:** “Need more trash enforcement like this! Keep America beautiful.”
  - **Maureen Barton Bissonette:** “They should monitor Pleasant Grove Road. It is a mess. They clean it up and by the next day, it’s loaded with trash again.”
  - **Brian Snapp:** “I submit there should be much more strict penalties and jail time for those caught littering, as well as more efforts to catch and charge those who do. Placing a litterer in jail would be more beneficial to society than placing a cannabis user in jail.”
  - **Darrin Mancini:** “Nice! Now they need to crack down on garbage trucks with stuff flying out everywhere!”
  - **Alexandra Lewis:** “Thank you, Sheriff, for taking time to show at least one person that littering is wrong. Wish he had gotten a ticket and hope your department does more of this because word gets around.”
  - **Gail Kostelnick:** “He could have gone one step further — a citation. THAT might have gotten more attention from those who litter.”
  - **Keith Maloney:** “I think public embarrassment is much more effective than a fine. Good job!”
  - **Chaz Sanders:** “As a coastal county, we have to be smarter than this. Glad to see the sheriff enforcing the laws, but also using it as a teaching moment for the driver and the county.”

THE MOST POPULAR STORIES FROM THE WEEK THAT WAS

**Sheriff stops motorist for littering; offender picks up trash in lieu of ticket**

Citrus County Sheriff Mike Prendergast caught the recent attention of motorists after he pulled over a driver for littering in downtown Inverness — throwing his trash onto the road while waiting at the intersection of West Main Street and North Seminole Avenue.

Instead of getting a citation, the man opted to pick up his trash before Prendergast released him.

A bystander video recorded the incident and posted it on Facebook on March 24.



**Vietnam veterans describe coming home from war**

Although the Vietnam War ended 46 years ago, combat veterans still remember what it was like coming home from this unpopular war.

“It affected every veteran coming home,” said Col. Curt Ebitz, retired U.S. Army. “Unfortunately, the American public at that time took its anti-war attitude out on the service members.”

U.S. Marine Corps aviator Chris Gregoriou remembered how he was not warmly welcomed home by the public upon his return from Vietnam. Not only did this affect his search for work, but older veterans would not welcome Vietnam veterans such as himself into their organizations.

On a job interview, Gregoriou recounted how a potential employer said to him, “I’m sorry, we’re not hiring any baby killers or war mongers today.” He said that he will never forget that encounter. See photo at left.



**Plane flips on CR Airport runway during landing**

As an unidentified pilot attempted to land his single-engine Cessna 172 at the Crystal River Airport shortly after noon Wednesday, the rough landing caused the plane to flip over.

A witness, Tony Gainey, said he was driving by the airport and spotted the blue-and-white plane come in for a landing.

“He wasn’t very high off the pavement at all, and then, all of a sudden, it flipped over on its nose,” said Gainey, a two-tour Vietnam War veteran. “It was just seconds. ... It was the first time I’ve seen anything like that ... and I’ve seen a lot of stuff.”

Nature Coast EMS transported the pilot to an area hospital for minor injuries.

**Parkway to U.S. 19 plan still on table**

County Commissioner Jeff Kinnard said the board’s main mission is to get the Suncoast Parkway extended to U.S. 19 north of Crystal River.

Where it goes after that is up to other counties and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), said Kinnard, who is also chairman of the Hernando-Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Senate Transportation Chairwoman Gayle Harrell has proposed eliminating plans for a toll road between Collier and Polk counties, extending the turnpike west from Wildwood to the Suncoast Parkway and laying out a route weaving the Suncoast Parkway north along U.S. 19 to connect with Interstate 10 in Madison County.

Under Harrell’s bill, transportation officials would develop a plan that would extend the Suncoast Parkway north alongside U.S. 19 by the end of 2035.

Kinnard was glad the plan to ultimately get the toll road to U.S. 19 north of Citrus is still on the table.

The Suncoast Parkway, he said, cannot end at either State Road 44 or County Road 486.

**Cattlegirl preps for the future at the Citrus County Fair**

At 17, Lecanto High School student Lauren Stokes has big plans. Currently, she’s dual enrolled in both high school and college, working toward her associate’s degree. Her plan is to transfer to the University of Florida and earn a master’s in education and teach. But that is only to earn enough money to start her own cattle breeding operation to sell pedigreed calves.

Her family owns a small 10-acre farm in Citrus County and Lauren attended her first county fair when she was 2. A few years later she began competing in shows with swine and later horses.

This past week, she won the Open Senior Showmanship Grand Championship at the Citrus County Fair with her 9-month old heifer, Alayna.



“He stood there for a minute, and then he took a fall to the pavement ... God bless whoever it was.”

— TONY GAINEY, AFTER WITNESSING A SMALL PLANE FLIP OVER AFTER A ROUGH LANDING AT THE CRYSTAL RIVER AIRPORT AND SEEING THE PILOT CRAWL OUT FROM THE DAMAGED COCKPIT. GAINEY ADDED THE MAN REMAINED OUTSTRETCHED ON THE GROUND BEFORE HE GOT UP AND COLLAPSED AGAIN AS FIRST RESPONDERS WERE ARRIVING.

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## Around the COUNTY

### Chronicle seeks info about fallen Vietnam veterans

Crystal Harley-Davidson will host the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall from April 22 to 25, 1147 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.

The gathering will honor veterans, fallen and missing heroes and active duty troops. The wall is a 3/5 scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in memory of the 58,282 soldiers who never returned from Vietnam, including eight Citrus County residents: William H. Craig Jr., Stanley G. Hartson, Carl H. Joyner, Richard S. Lowes, Herbert D. Surber, William A. Wicks, James G. Williams and Charles E. Hall.

The Chronicle is seeking family members and friends of those residents killed in action to share stories and photos for a series of stories we are planning. Those with information, can email Managing Editor Jeff Bryan at [jeff.bryan@chronicleonline.com](mailto:jeff.bryan@chronicleonline.com) or Assistant Managing Editor Brian LaPeter at [blapeter@chronicleonline.com](mailto:blapeter@chronicleonline.com).

### Citrus solar co-op sets meetings for information

The Citrus County Solar Co-op is offering local homeowners and small businesses information about residential and small business solar energy.

The co-op is free and carries no obligation to invest in solar energy, although participants will be able to access a discounted rate to install solar power for your home or small business.

Solar United Neighbors of Florida will present virtual solar information sessions on the Citrus Solar Co-op from 6 to 7 p.m. April 7 and at noon May 13 for interested Citrus County individuals, residents and business owners.

For information, visit [solarunitedneighbors.org/florida](http://solarunitedneighbors.org/florida). Join the co-op and RSVP for a virtual information session at [SolarUnitedNeighbors.org/Citrus](http://SolarUnitedNeighbors.org/Citrus).

Contact Maxine Connor, League of Women Voters of Citrus County, at [maxineconnor@gmail.com](mailto:maxineconnor@gmail.com).

— From staff reports

## Hard work, organization key to success

### CRHS senior named Spectrum News Scholar Athlete of the Month

HANNAH SACHEWICZ  
Staff writer

As a successful student athlete, “the most challenging thing is keeping yourself organized,” said Genevieve Kennedy, a senior at Crystal River High School (CRHS). “I always have to have a schedule.”

Kennedy has a lot on her plate with swim practice, schoolwork and community service. Everything must be planned accordingly and everything has a set time.

Recently, Kennedy was nominated for Spectrum News Scholar Athlete of the Month by CRHS swim coach, Chuck Gatton. Per Gatton’s suggestion, Kennedy applied for the award.

A few months later, Kennedy was happy to learn that she was selected. “I felt really honored about that,” she said.

The award recognizes scholar athletes who set an example with their hard work and dedication to their school and community. Winners also receive a \$1,000 scholarship to be put toward their continuing education.

Kennedy has an impressive academic and extracurricular résumé with a long list of awards, honors and leadership positions under her belt.

Kennedy has been swimming since she was 5 years old. One of the things she loves most is “the ability to just be alone with the sport,” she said. “It’s just you and your thoughts.”

Kennedy also emphasized how important it is to her to be part of a team.

Her years of hard work in the water have certainly paid off. She recently committed to Florida Southern College (FSC) to continue her swimming career.



Pictured, from left, are: Christopher Bailey, charter communications; Genevieve Kennedy; Thomasine Kennedy; Thomas Kennedy; and Crystal River Mayor Joe Meek.

“I’m very excited to continue swimming for the next four years,” Kennedy said.

Kennedy holds numerous swimming records at CRHS, district and regional titles, along with athletic honors such as the 2020 Gulf Coast 8 All Conference Girls Swimmer of the Year.

Both educators, Kennedy’s parents have always instilled in her the importance of education.

“They’ve definitely always showed me that school is the No. 1 priority,” she explained.

Kennedy also has an older brother, who she said has always been a big influence on her. “She’s been blessed with many role models,” her mother, Thomasine, said.

“Really, it’s the community that

has helped raise Genevieve,” father Thomas, added.

Kennedy will continue her academics in FSC’s accelerated BSN nursing program. At CRHS, Kennedy is currently ranked first out of 313 students in her class with an impressive weighted GPA of 4.825 and unweighted GPA of 4.0.

She was selected for the Academy of Health Sciences Magnet Program on the biomedical track, is part of the CRHS Academy of Health and the Central Florida Phil Royal EMT program.

She was also named a Carson Scholar in 2020, a prestigious award based on academic achievements and community service.

“She’s very dedicated to her community,” Thomasine said. Kennedy has more than 400 hours

of community service to date. “She gives 100% of whatever she does.”

Thomasine explained Kennedy’s role in co-founding Pirate Cove, a resource program where students in need can obtain free clothes, food and school supplies. Kennedy has raised more than \$6,000 to secure supplies for the organization to continue after her graduation.

Kennedy is also heavily involved with Citrus Blessings, having secured more than \$15,000 in funds to provide meals for food-insecure students. She was also a summer site leader for the organization in her junior and senior years.

“It’s been really rewarding,” Thomasine said. “We’re just really proud of her.”

## Meadowcrest brush fire

*Editor’s Note: Due to incorrect information provided to the Chronicle, this has been updated with correct information regarding the brush fire on Orange Tree Street.*

Citrus County Fire Rescue crews were dispatched at 12:50 p.m. Friday, April 2, at a 2-acre brush fire at 6000 W. Poplar Springs Circle, Crystal River, near the Summerhill Apartments in the Meadowcrest subdivision. There was no damage to buildings and no injuries reported according to a CCFR spokeswoman.

It was one of three brushfires CCFR responded to Friday, with the other two at

8771 W. Orange Tree St., Crystal River. The 2-acre fire was reported at 12:49 p.m. The other fire was reported 2:16 p.m. at 7864 N. Shillelagh Ave., Crystal River. It was also a 1/4-acre. Forestry spotted it from the air. There was no damage to buildings in either of the last two incidents.

**Citrus County Fire Rescue douses hot spots on a brush fire Friday, April 2, at 6000 W. Poplar Springs Circle, Crystal River.**

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Today's  
HOROSCOPES

**Birthday** — Be open to suggestions, but don't lose sight of your goal. It's good to ask questions and to look for alternative methods, but, in the end, rely on what works best for you.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Leave nothing to chance. Abide by the rules, get your facts straight and do what's best for you. Proper diet, moderation and fitness are encouraged.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Indecisiveness is a warning sign that you aren't ready to make a change. Rethink your long-term plans before making promises.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** — You have options. Take action and find out what's possible. Refuse to let your emotions get in the way.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** — Examine a situation before you get involved. Go about your business and focus on self-improvement, not on trying to change others.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Getting involved in a cause will encourage you to learn more about charitable organizations and how you can do your part. Someone you meet will change the way you think.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — The information you gather will change how you think and how you go about getting things done.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — You'll have mixed emotions regarding social plans. Set an example and discuss your thoughts and feelings with a loved one.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — A last-minute change of plans will leave you in limbo. Find out what you can do, but don't jeopardize your health.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — An adjustment you make to the way you live or how you deal with a friend or relative will lead to better relationships.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Put your health and well-being first. Don't take chances that will jeopardize you or someone you love. Be innovative.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — Your hard work will pay off. You'll be recognized for what you accomplish. Dealing with friends or loved ones will bring you closer to resolving a tricky issue.

**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20)** — Dig in and do what you can to help those less fortunate. Your compassion, dedication and kindness will make a difference, but don't let anyone take advantage.

ENTERTAINMENT

Unopened Super Mario Bros. game sells for \$660,000

DALLAS — An unopened copy of Nintendo's Super Mario Bros. that was bought in 1986 and then forgotten about in a desk drawer has sold at auction for \$660,000.

Heritage Auctions in Dallas said the video game sold Friday.

The auction house said the video game was bought as a Christmas gift but ended up being placed in a desk drawer, where it remained sealed in plastic and with its hang tab intact until it was found earlier this year.

"Since the production window for this copy and others like it was so short, finding another copy from this same production run in similar condition would be akin to looking for single drop of water in an ocean," said **Valarie McCleckie**, Heritage's video game specialist.

Heritage said it is the finest copy known to have been professionally graded for auction. Its selling price far exceeded the \$114,000 that another unopened copy that was produced in 1987 fetched in a Heritage auction last summer.

Alabama Shakes drummer says he's innocent of charge

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — The drummer for Grammy Award-winning rock band Alabama Shakes says he is innocent of child abuse charges filed against him, his lawyer said Friday.

**Steven William Johnson**, 35, was arrested last week after being indicted on charges of abuse of a child.



Associated Press  
This photo provided by Heritage Auctions, shows an unopened copy of Nintendo's Super Mario Bros., purchased in 1986 and then forgotten about in a desk drawer for decades that has sold for \$660,000 at auction.

"Steve Johnson maintains his innocence on all of these allegations. And that's what they are, allegations," his attorney **Nick Lough** told The Associated Press.

The indictment listed no particulars about the charge beyond the criminal statute definition of child abuse to "willfully torture, willfully abuse, cruelly beat or otherwise willfully maltreat" a child under the age of 18 years.

His attorneys have filed a court motion seeking more information about the accusation. Lough said they have reason to believe the charge may involve what he described as a "spanking" incident.

Court records show that in 2019 a criminal complaint was filed against Johnson accusing him of hitting his son with a belt causing bruises on his buttocks and thighs. The case was later dismissed.

The latest indictment was returned in October. However, Lough said the arrest this month came days after Johnson had his parental visitation rights restored in court.

An arraignment date is set for April 7.

Arthur Kopit, three-time Tony-nominated playwright, dies

NEW YORK — **Arthur Kopit**, a three-time Tony Award-nominated playwright and two-time Pulitzer Prize finalist known for fusing disparate genres, absurdism and a darkly comic world view, has died. He was 83.

Kopit died Friday, said **Rick Miramontez**, a senior publicist at DKC/O&M PR. No other details were available.

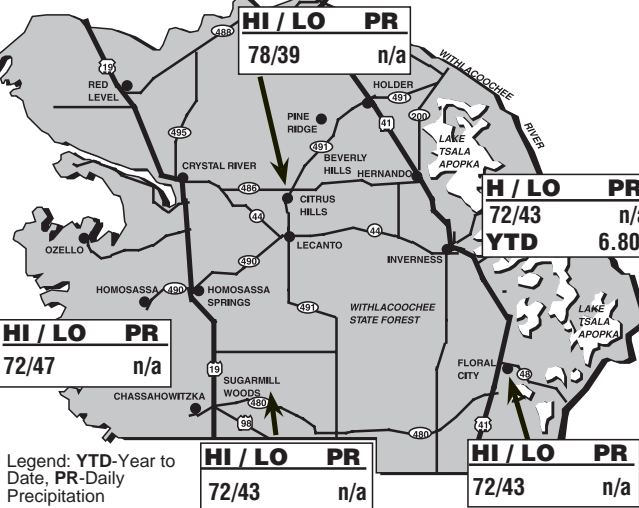
Kopit earned a Tony nod in 1970 for "Indians," a critique of the Vietnam War and America's treatment of Native Americans that starred **Stacy Keach** as Buffalo Bill. Nine years later, he received another nomination for "Wings," the story of a stroke victim's recovery starring **Constance Cummings**. Both "Indians" and "Wings" were Pulitzer finalists for drama.

Kopit earned his third Tony nomination in 1982 for "Nine," an adaptation of the **Federico Fellini** film "8 1/2." "Nine" returned to Broadway in 2003 and won two Tony Awards, including best revival. In 2009, **Rob Marshall** directed the film based on Kopit's script.

Kopit's other works include "Phantom," a musical version of "The Phantom of the Opera" by **Gaston Leroux** that has been overshadowed by the more popular version by **Andrew Lloyd Webber**, and "The End of the World," a mordant investigation of the arms race and nuclear war.

— From wire reports

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

**TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING**  
**High:** 75° **Low:** 46°  
Mostly sunny with low humidity

**MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING**  
**High:** 77° **Low:** 49°  
Mostly sunny with a sea breeze

**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING**  
**High:** 80° **Low:** 50°  
Partly cloudy

ALMANAC		Data from Crystal River Airport	
<b>TEMPERATURE</b>		<b>DEW POINT</b>	
Yesterday	70/38	Yesterday at 3 p.m.	44°
Record*	92/31	<b>HUMIDITY</b>	
Normal	81/52	Yesterday at 3 p.m.	41%
Mean temp.	67	<b>POLLEN COUNT**</b>	
Departure from mean	-13	Today's active pollen:	
<b>PRECIPITATION</b>		oak, juniper, bayberry	
Yesterday	0.00"	<b>Today's count: 9.5/12</b>	
Total for the month	0.00"	<b>Monday's count: 8.8</b>	
Total for the year	5.19"	<b>Tuesday's count: 8.9</b>	
Normal for the year	10.57"	<b>AIR QUALITY</b>	
*Official record values from Tampa International		Yesterday observed	Good
<b>UV INDEX:</b>		Pollutant	Ozone
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high			
<b>BAROMETRIC PRESSURE</b>			
	30.36		

SOLUNAR TABLES					Provided by ezfshn.com
DATE	DAY	MINOR	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR
04/04	SUNDAY	7:15	7:47	7:49	8:16
04/05	MONDAY	7:14	8:44	7:49	9:11

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK				
Apr 4	Apr 11	Apr 20	Apr 26	
SUNSET TONIGHT ..... 7:49 pm				
SUNRISE TOMORROW ..... 7:14 am				
MOONRISE TODAY ..... 2:36 am				
MOONSET TODAY ..... 12:59 pm				

BURN CONDITIONS

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

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

WATERING RULES

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

Addresses with house numbers ending in:

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

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

TIDES			
*From mouths of rivers    **At King's Bay    ***At Mason's Creek			
SUNDAY			
City	High	Low	

Chassahowitzka**	12:09 p.m.	0.1 ft	None	n/a	8:48 a.m.	0.0 ft	2:19 p.m.	0.1 ft
Crystal River**	11:05 a.m.	1.3 ft	10:36 p.m.	2.2 ft	5:25 a.m.	0.2 ft	4:06 p.m.	1.0 ft
Withlacoochee*	9:27 a.m.	2.2 ft	7:32 p.m.	3.1 ft	3:06 a.m.	0.0 ft	2:32 p.m.	1.8 ft
Homosassa***	12:32 p.m.	0.4 ft	10:45 p.m.	1.3 ft	8:17 a.m.	0.1 ft	4:30 p.m.	0.2 ft

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	68	47	s	Miami	73	66	pc
Fort Lauderdale	73	64	pc	Ocala	75	48	s
Fort Myers	78	57	s	Orlando	74	53	s
Gainesville	74	47	s	Pensacola	70	51	s
Homestead	75	62	pc	Sarasota	79	53	s
Jacksonville	71	49	s	Tallahassee	74	49	s
Key West	76	69	pc	Tampa	79	57	s
Lakeland	77	53	s	Vero Beach	73	49	mc
Melbourne	72	50	pc	W. Palm Bch.	71	67	pc

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Northeast winds around 15 knots diminishing to 5 to 10 knots late in the morning, then becoming north early in the afternoon then becoming northwest around 15 knots late in the afternoon. Seas 2 feet.

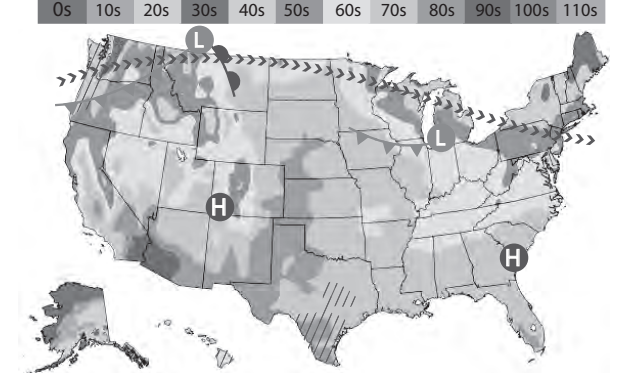
Gulf water temperature  
**66°**  
Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS

Location	SAT	FRI	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	27.27	27.30	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.07	37.09	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	38.14	38.16	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	39.37	39.39	41.37

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

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Sunday

City	SAT			SUN			City	SAT			SUN		
	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fcst		H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fcst
Albany	49	21	0.00	55	36	pc	New Orleans	70	52	0.00	72	55	s
Albuquerque	79	48	0.00	84	47	s	New York City	53	32	0.00	59	42	mc
Asheville	61	25	0.00	67	40	s	Norfolk	54	38	0.00	69	49	s
Atlanta	63	30	0.00	69	43	s	Oklahoma City	73	46	0.00	75	56	pc
Atlantic City	52	25	0.00	59	42	pc	Omaha	79	41	0.00	84	59	s
Austin	66	52	0.35	74	55	sh	Palm Springs	99	59	0.00	98	70	s
Baltimore	55	29	0.00	66	43	pc	Philadelphia	52	32	0.00	65	42	pc
Billings	76	43	0.00	76	42	mc	Phoenix	97	66	0.00	98	66	s
Birmingham	66	34	0.00	72	46	s	Pittsburgh	54	26	0.00	66	41	s
Boise	76	46	0.00	75	42	pc	Portland, ME	47	21	Trace	57	37	s
Boston	49	30	0.00	60	42	s	Portland, OR	68	42	0.00	56	35	mc
Buffalo	47	24	Trace	52	36	pc	Providence, RI	52	27	0.00	60	40	s
Burlington, VT	50	19	0.00	55	35	s	Raleigh	59	26	0.00	70	46	s
Charleston, SC	65	28	0.00	70	48	s	Rapid City	76	44	0.00	85	48	pc
Charleston, WV	61	24	0.00	67	43	pc	Renio	79	40	0.00	76	42	s
Charlotte	61	26	0.00	71	47	s	Rochester, NY	48	26	0.00	54	35	pc
Chicago	72	39	0.00	68	53	s	Sacramento	70	48	0.00	72	46	pc
Cincinnati	63	26	0.00	70	45	s	Salt Lake City	78	46	0.00	78	50	s
Cleveland	62	32	0.00	57	43	s	San Antonio	74	55	Trace	73	57	sh
Columbia, SC	62	33	0.00	72	45	s	San Diego	66	57	0.00	71	54	mc
Columbus, OH	59	26	0.00	70	44	s	San Francisco	61	51	0.00	60	49	mc
Concord, NH	49	19	0.00	57	34	s	Savannah	62	34	0.00	71	47	s
Dallas	72	57	0.00	75	58	mc	Seattle	62	40	0.00	48	36	sh
Denver	76	42	0.00	80	45	pc	Spokane	64	37	0.00	57	35	cl
Des Moines	76	43	0.00	81	58	s	St. Louis	74	33	0.00	80	52	s
Detroit	64	33	0.00	66	43	s	St. Ste Marie	52	32	0.00	55	37	pc
El Paso	88	56	0.00	83	59	s	Syracuse	50	25	0.00	55	34	pc
Evansville, IN	66	32	0.00	72	47	s	Topeka	77	48	0.00	82	57	s
Harrisburg	54	31	0.00	67	41	pc	Washington	57	33	0.00	68	43	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=snow; ss=snow/snow; ss=snow showers; t=thunderstorms

Today in  
HISTORY

Today is Easter Sunday, April 4, the 94th day of 2021. There are 271 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight:**  
On April 4, 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., 39, was shot and killed while standing on a balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee.

**On this date:**  
In 1818, Congress decided the flag of the United States would consist of 13 red and white stripes and 20 stars, with a new star to be added for every new state of the Union.

In 1917, the U.S. Senate voted 82-6 in favor of declaring war against Germany (the House followed suit two days later by a vote of 373-50).

In 1949, 12 nations, including the United States, signed the North Atlantic Treaty in Washington, D.C.

In 1975, more than 130 people, most of them children, were killed when a U.S. Air Force transport plane evacuating Vietnamese orphans crash-landed shortly after takeoff from Saigon.

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger roared into orbit on its maiden voyage.

**Ten years ago:** President Barack Obama's campaign announced in a web video that he would run for re-election in 2012

**Five years ago:** The Supreme Court, in *Evenwel v. Abbott*, unanimously endorsed election maps that bolstered the growing political influence of America's Latinos, ruling that states could count everyone, not just eligible voters, in drawing voting districts.

**One year ago:** President Donald Trump warned that the country could be heading into its "toughest" weeks yet as the coronavirus death toll mounted.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Craig T. Nelson is 77. Actor Christine Lahti is 71. Actor Hugo Weaving is 61. Actor Robert Downey Jr. is 56. Magician David Blaine is 48. Actor-singer Jamie Lynn Spears is 30.

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Obituaries



Tricia Fowler, 46  
HOMOSASSA

Tricia Fowler, 46, Park Manager of Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, entered into eternal glory on Saturday, March 27, 2021.

Tricia grew up in Homosassa, FL. She attended Homosassa Elementary School, Crystal River Middle School, and graduated from Crystal River High School. She then moved to Tampa and attended the University of South Florida.

Tricia's deep-seated love of animals led her to volunteer at Zoo Tampa (then called Lowry Park Zoo), before taking a job at Busch Gardens. She married her devoted fiancé, Robert Fowler, in 1998, and later gave birth to her cherished son, Robby, in 2004.

As a new mother, she took some time off to raise Robby, while Rob traveled for his job. They somehow found their way back to Homosassa, where her parents still lived — and she received the opportunity to once again work with animals. This time as a park ranger at the local wildlife park — practically in her own back yard!

After a few years of working for Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park (ESH-SWSP), she accepted the position of volunteer coordinator, and then later became the wildlife manager. In 2019, after a rigorous selection process, the Florida State Parks Department named her as the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park Manager.

She was always the first one to get to an animal in need. In her career at the wildlife park, Tricia helped rescue and release more than 55 bears. But it wasn't just at her job. She saved a hurt pelican she found at a local seafood restaurant one night, found water for a dehydrated dog in Utah, and even ran out the door to help a chihuahua escape a coyote in Arizona.

To know Tricia was to love her. Her smiling face, passionate convictions and innate ability with wildlife drew people (and animals) to her constantly. She would see people she knew everywhere she went ... church, local events and dining establishments. She always took the time to chat with them and send them off with her million-dollar smile. Tricia did the same with people she met while travelling, too.

Her ardent love of travel came later in her life. She didn't take many journeys as a child, but as an adult, found pure joy in planning and experiencing trips with her husband and son. Their wandering feet led them to Europe several times — including Great Britain, Scotland, Italy, France, and Austria. She once got the chance to accompany her husband on a business trip to Israel, which touched her soul immensely.

With the heart of a true park ranger, Tricia also made sure to see as many national and state parks right here in our own nation: Bryce Canyon, Moab, Yosemite, Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, Unicoi, Tallulah Falls, and so many more.

Another one of Tricia's most avid interests also came as an adult. She started running as a

healthy hobby. It wasn't love at the first five miles, that's for sure! But she kept it up, practiced running down the tram road by her house, and began running 5Ks, then 10Ks, then half-marathons at the most magical place on earth — Disney World.

Of all her travels, her constant go-to was just two hours away at Disney World in Orlando. Her grandmother helped develop the Disney monorail system, and she's had several other family members work there. Tricia had annual passes for many, many years and she and Rob even went there on their honeymoon!

Her face lit up at the mere mention of a weekend or even day-trip to meet up with Mickey and Minnie. Her expertise on fast passes, dining reservations and nearby hotels would put any self-proclaimed Disney diva to the test.

Tricia's life was cut tragically short, but her strong convictions, family ties, forever friendships and professional accomplishments remain embedded in the hearts of those who knew and loved her, as well as at the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park.

Tricia is survived by her parents, Jim and Ann Neal of Homosassa, adoring husband Robert Fowler, and beloved son, Robby Fowler; as well as her canine companions, Daphne and Flynn Fowler, her hungry hippo Lu, and last, but certainly not least, her Max, the bear who stole her heart.

We welcome you to celebrate Tricia's love of life, family, animals, the wildlife park, travel, running and Disney on April 10.

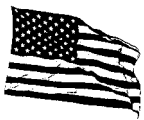
There will be a viewing at 11 a.m. and a Catholic service at 12:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Fountains Memorial Park in Homosassa.

St. Benedict Catholic Church, 455 South Suncoast Boulevard, Crystal River, FL 34429

After the burial, all are welcome to stop by Margarita Grill in Homosassa to celebrate her life with family and friends.

Flowers may be sent to Brown Funeral Home in Lecanto, FL. Or, in lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Friends of Homosassa Wildlife Park at <https://friendshswp.org/>.

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



John 'Jack' Wagner, 86  
HERNANDO

John R. (Jack) Wagner, 86, passed away peacefully after a long illness on March 24, 2021, at his home in Hernando, Florida with his wife and his nurse holding his hands.

Jack was born in La Crosse, Wisconsin, to Florence Sophia Wagner, her third son.

Florence and his two brothers, Joe and Jim, preceded him and death, as did two nephews and a niece.

Growing up in La Crosse, WI, Jack's first job was as a paper boy, and his last in La Crosse ended after 13 years at G. Heileman Brewing Company. He graduated from St. Joseph's Elementary School, Aquinas High School, University of WI, La Crosse, and Marquette University. Following Jack's graduation from law school, the Wagners moved to Lancaster, WI, where he served as Assistant District Attorney; then, District Attorney; and finally, Circuit Court Judge, Branch 1, for 20 years.

Jack served in the U.S. Navy aboard the minesweepers, The Pinnacle and The Stalwart.

As his home and office filled with books and

magazines revealed, he loved reading and finding all kinds of information, which he loved to share. As long as his eyesight allowed, he tried to follow all the ways technology could help in that respect.

Jack enjoyed helping other people however he could; whether it was sharing his tools, giving advice, or helping with physical labor. When he was asked which of his cases he most enjoyed, he replied that the adoptions were his favorite. He had a special place in his heart for children.

An avid hunter and fisherman, he also shot trap, bowled, played cards, and golfed in Wisconsin. He said that some of his best memories were of those days he spent on the Mississippi River and in the woods.

The Wagners retired to Hernando, FL, where he lived for 22 years. Jack continued to enjoy golfing and bowling there. His friends appreciated his sharp mind and his sense of humor. He loved to regale them with his stories of growing up in his grandmother's boarding house, losing his baby teeth playing football with his older brothers, hunting the coulees, fishing with the Ledmans and Ray Larson on the Mississippi, life in the Navy, other escapades he shared with friends, and his experiences as District Attorney and Judge.

Jack is survived by his wife of 58 years, Lois Von Arx Wagner, sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Don Puent, nieces and nephews, and many good friends and relatives in the Midwest and Florida who will greatly miss him.

Our gratitude goes out to those people who helped to make Jack's final years possible: Dr. A. Liu and staff, G&R Pharmacy, long time caregivers Peggy Rocque, R.N., Aretha Dukes, Sharol Lambert, and the many caregivers from agencies. Also close neighbors, Mike and Pat Kuszik, and Tim and Mary Ann Gerhke.

Heinz Funeral Home in Inverness is in charge of the funeral arrangements. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, April 6th at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Inverness, with a gathering beginning at 10:30 AM. Social distancing and masks are required.

Interment in The Catholic Cemetery in La Crosse, WI, will occur later.

Jack had requested that any memorials be given to Fr. Claudius Mgangi for his Mary's Will Project in Mwanza, Tanzania, Africa. His address: Our Lady of Fatima, 550 US Highway 41 S., Inverness, FL 34450. Heinz Funeral Home, [www.heinzfh.com](http://www.heinzfh.com).

Nancy Rowe

Nancy Elizabeth Tool Elmore Rowe passed peacefully into the arms of her Lord Jesus Christ on March 21, 2021, in Crystal River, FL.

Nancy was born March 22, 1935, in Roselle Park, New Jersey. She was preceded in death by her husband, Willett Rowe, in 2007 and her son, Jesse Frank Elmore, in 1976.

She is survived by her sons, John Elmore (Jan) of Crystal River and Paul Elmore (Boni) of Pinnellas Park, numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nephews.

Nancy moved to Bradenton, FL, at age 10 with her family. She attended Manatee High School and was a majorette in the marching band and was known for her beautiful singing.

She married Rev. Jesse David Elmore in 1953, became a Pastor's wife, and gave birth to Paul, John, and Frank. She was a homemaker and then also a school bus driver for students in Crystal River, FL. Later she remarried and

lived with her husband Will Rowe in Brevard, NC and retired as a CNA from Pardee Hospital in Hendersonville, NC.

During retirement in Bradenton, FL, she enjoyed playing cards with her friends at the Cambridge Village community and especially loved worshipping at Bible Baptist Church. Her faith, family, church friends and neighbors meant the world to her. In 2019 she returned to Crystal River and after a long illness passed from this life surrounded by loving family at her bedside.

A Memorial Service will be conducted by Dr. Sal Yannizzi, Pastor of Bible Baptist Church, at Shannon Funeral Home located at 1015 14th St. W, Bradenton, FL on April 16, 2021 at 11 a.m. with visitation at 10 a.m.

Flowers are welcome, or in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Vitas Hospice of Lecanto, FL or Bible Baptist Church of Bradenton, FL.

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

Richard 'Ricky' Adams, 60  
TAMPA

Richard Norman Adams (Ricky Adams), age 60, died peacefully in his sleep of natural causes in his Tampa, Florida, home on Thursday, March 11, 2021.

A true Floridian, Ricky was born on April 25, 1960 in Miami, Florida. Ricky



Richard 'Ricky' Adams

Adams was known as the "wittiest" student in his 1978 Citrus High School's graduating class.

This title would come to describe him even in his later years. Ricky was exuberant, talented, gifted, witty, and funny. He was a caretaker, singer, painter, and artist at heart; a great cook and photographer. He enjoyed entertaining friends with meals, laughter, and humor. He will be missed by many.

Ricky Adams was the second eldest son of the late Leonard Norman Adams, who died 17 months prior. Ricky is survived by his long-time friend, Dino Buccarelli, siblings James Adams and Tammy Adams, step-mother Linda Adams, half-brothers Jaret Adams and Bart Adams, nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and many others who loved and appreciated him.

A private Celebration of Life will be scheduled for a later date but we hope you join in on your own personal celebration of our friend and brother, Ricky Adams.

Traci Palmer

Traci Michelle (Secor) Palmer passed away peacefully at home on March 24, 2021.

Traci was born at Citrus Memorial Hospital on August 14, 1974.

She is survived by her husband Bradley Palmer of 26 years, and their four children Daniel, Austin, Alex, and Izabella. A



Traci Palmer

Linda Bragg and sister Amber Heimbach, Daughter-in-laws Nicole, Cora, and Trinity.

Traci was preceded in death by Bernard and Marilyn Secor.

Traci was a life long Native to Citrus, She loved family and friends and enjoyed spending time with them especially on the water. Cremation to be done at Strickland funeral home.

Rest in paradise, Turkey lurkey

Love always, Amber Jack  
Sign the guest book at [www.chronicleonline.com](http://www.chronicleonline.com).



Robert Lund, 70  
CRYSTAL RIVER

Robert C. Lund, 70, of Crystal River, FL passed away March 29, 2021 at Seven Rivers Hospital in Crystal River, FL. He served our country honorably in the U.S. Air Force. Private cremation arrangements under the care of Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

Mercuria 'Lola/Cora' Jordan

Mercuria "Lola/Cora" Jordan, a loving mother, grandmother, aunt and friend died peacefully on March 31, 2021 in Hernando, FL.

Cora is survived by her son, Bretlee Jordan and his wife, Lisa and their three children, Matthew, Steven, and Jacquelyn.



Mercuria Jordan

Her daughter Leona Williams and husband Mike, and their daughter Veronica. Cora's youngest daughter, Jeanie Marlette and her husband, Glen and their two children Annie and Nate. Her beloved niece, Emelda Rountree and her husband Carl and their daughter Kiana.

Cora was a gifted gardener, inventive seamstress, and devoted Christian. Cora enjoyed painting, dabbling in poetry, and a gifted cook. Cora was kind and generous. She gave unconditional love to her family. She touched many, and we are so blessed to have her guide us and help us be better people. She is happy to be with her family and Jesus in heaven.

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



Roy Metcalf, 78  
CRYSTAL RIVER

Roy Ellis Metcalf, age 78, of Crystal River, Florida, passed away Wednesday, March 31, 2021. He was born August 9, 1942 in Montgomery, Alabama to the late Roy Eugene Metcalf and Audrey Eddins Metcalf.

He served in the United States Air Force for 7 years, worked as a District Manager for Honeywell, and retired as IT Director at Inman Mills.

Roy was devoted to his wife, family and friends. He enjoyed golfing, boating, the company of friends and strangers, karaoke, Elvis, and gospel music. He was a lifelong follower and fan of Alabama Crimson Tide football.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Dan Upchurch, a great-granddaughter, Molly Upchurch;

and a sister, Wanda M.Chumney.

Roy is survived by his wife Patricia Curry Metcalf; daughter Angie Upchurch (Mark); sons Mark Metcalf (Lois Ann) and Matthew Metcalf (Janine); grandchildren Will Upchurch (Erin), Luke Upchurch (Ben), Wade Metcalf (Kelsey), Sarah Wingo (Justin), Gray Metcalf and Ginny Metcalf, great-grandchildren Mary Ellis, William, Reese, Blair and Wells; sister Janice M. King, and brother Bill Metcalf.

There are no formal services planned.

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

Mildred 'Millie' Aumack, 65  
INVERNESS

Mildred C. Aumack, 65, of Inverness, FL passed away on March 25, 2021 at Citrus Memorial Hospital of Inverness.

She was born to the late Luther and Frances Downing on September 1, 1955 in St. Petersburg, FL. She



Mildred 'Millie' Aumack

was an estate manager for over 17 years, and held various managerial positions throughout her working life.

She made Citrus County her home in 1987 after moving from Ocala, FL with her husband of 38 years, Frank.

For 14 years, Millie supervised county Inmates cleaning up roadsides and illegal dump sites for the Citrus County BOCC. She was a very involved mother who was always attending sporting events with her son, Daniel and supporting him in his summer camps, scouts, and other clubs that he was involved in growing up.

She loved to bird watch and fish, and was a huge animal lover, and adored her dogs: Bella, Stella and Fella, and her horse, Tornado.

Millie was preceded in death by her two sisters. Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Frank; her son, Daniel (Sara) of Inverness, FL; her mother and father-in-law, Carol and Frank Aumack; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements for Millie are private at this time. Cremation with Care is under the direction of the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, FL.

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== Around the **COUNTY** ==

**Cedar of Lebanon plans annual cemetery cleanup**

Cedar of Lebanon Cemetery is having their annual cemetery cleanup from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. April 3.

Hotdogs, burgers and drinks will be provided. Anyone helping with food prep will have had the COVID-19 vaccine.

Participants should bring their own rake, chair and mask (optional) and should prepare to follow social distancing guidelines.

Donations to the Cedar of Lebanon Cemetery can be mailed to P.O. Box 441, Inglis, FL 34449.

For questions, call Cecille Rohrer at 352-339-3384.

**YMCA announces upcoming 2021 recovery series**

The Citrus County YMCA announced their upcoming 2021 recovery series. The goal of the series is to help people learn ways to improve life and utilize organizations that provide resources in the county such as support for mental, physical and financial help.

The first topic will cover COVID-19 and domestic violence at 1 p.m. Monday, April 5. The presenter will be Jessica Monaghan, primary prevention advocate at CASA Citrus.

At 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 20, Christina Reed, executive director of Citrus County Blessings, will give a presentation on child food insecurity.

To register for an upcoming YMCA recovery series presentation, call 352-500-9622.

**Friends of Homosassa library to have book sale**

The Friends of the Homosassa Library will have an outdoor book sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 6, 7 and 8, at the library, 4100 S.

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It will include fiction and mystery/thriller hardbacks, paperbacks, historical fiction and nonfiction, children and teens', jigsaw puzzles, CD's, DVD's and cookbooks.

Books will cost \$2 for hardbacks and \$.50 paperbacks.

**Citrus Utilities to have workshop on managing pests**

Citrus County Utilities' Florida-Friendly Landscaping program is offering a free online "Managing Pests Wisely" gardening workshop from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6.

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**Democratic Women's Club to meet virtually**

The Democratic Women's Club of Citrus County (DWCCC) will meet from 2 to 3:30 p.m. April 3 via Zoom.

The guest speaker will be Christina Reed, executive director of Citrus County Blessings/Citrus County Harvest. A short business meeting will follow.

DWCCC provides a forum for discussion of public matters, supports qualified candidates for office and encourages qualified Democratic women to seek office.

To request a Zoom invite, email [dwcfcitrus@gmail.com](mailto:dwcfcitrus@gmail.com). For additional information, call 352-697-1512.

— From staff reports

# Citrus County men accused of violent crimes get trial dates

**FRED HIERS**  
Staff writer

A Beverly Hills man facing armed kidnapping, robbery, aggravated battery, and grand theft charges now has an Aug. 2 trial date.



**Jonathan White Jr.**

trial date set for Aug. 2.

deal offered by state prosecutors.

During a December 2020 hearing White offered prosecutors to settle for 140 months in prison. If

convicted by a jury, Howard could sentence White to life in prison.

It's alleged that White and two other men coaxed their victim to one of the other men's home where White and one of the other two men beat their victim and took his clothes, shoes, jewelry, cellphone and about \$4,000 in cash.

The three men put the victim inside his own SUV, and along with a second vehicle, drove the victim to Citrus Hills and left him and the SUV there.

The victim was dressed in nothing but his underwear.

■■■

A Citrus County man facing attempted first-degree murder charges of a law enforcement officer, aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, and having a firearm as a felon, has a court date.

Judge Howard set an Aug. 2 court date for Thomas Edward Burnett.

Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested Burnett Aug. 16,



**Thomas Edward Burnett**

trial date set for Aug. 2.

2020, on a warrant charging the 47-year-old man after he was released from the Ocala Regional Medical Center where he was recovering from a gunshot wound from a deputy who returned fire.

It's alleged Burnett shot at one of two deputies who responded to a domestic incident at a house off of West Amman Street.

Neither deputy was injured during the shooting incident.

== For the **RECORD** ==

Here are the reported burglaries, thefts and vandalisms (criminal mischiefs) released Thursday, April 1, by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office:

- Criminal mischief, 10:22 a.m. April 1, 4600 block of South Suncoast Boulevard, Homosassa;
- Residential burglary,

2:41 a.m. April 1, undisclosed address, Inverness;

■ Auto theft, 2:22 a.m. April 1, undisclosed address, Homosassa;

■ Retail theft, 12:20 a.m. March 31, 6800 block of South Suncoast Boulevard, Homosassa;

■ Theft, 10:55 a.m. March

31, 5900 block of West Gulf-To-Lake Highway, Crystal River;

■ Criminal mischief, 10:29 a.m. March 31, 3500 block of Saunders Way, 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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== Worth **NOTING** ==

**Young anglers invited to join fishing tourney**

Young anglers are invited to sign up to participate in the April 24 Citrus Construction Academy Youth Fishing Tournament at MacRae's of Homosassa.

Fifty youths ages 3-15 will be able to participate, so sign up quickly. Entry is \$35.

Anglers will receive a stuffed goodie bucket, free fishing pole and T-shirt. There will be a pizza party and games and activities. Awards will be presented for first thru fifth places.

Captain's Meeting will be at 6 p.m. Friday, April 23, and the tourney starts

at 6 a.m. Saturday, April 24.

The weekend full of family fun and entertainment is provided by MacRae's of Homosassa, the Citrus County Building Alliance and the Citrus Construction Academy.

Freedom Boat Club of Tampa Bay — Nature Coast will provide boat access for all registered youth anglers (with a parent and/or guardian); however, anglers have the option of fishing off the dock/land.

For more information and to sign up, contact Staci Hedge at [ccacademysecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ccacademysecretary@gmail.com) or 352-476-4676.

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**Wildlife refuge group sets photo contest**

Friends of the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge is holding their 2021 photo contest. Categories with youth and adult divisions are wildlife in Florida, plants in Florida, landscapes in Florida and national wildlife refuges in Florida. The deadline for entries is April 30 with a \$10 entry fee. For each category/division, the first place prize is \$100, second is \$50 and honorable mention is \$25.

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"She's a legal drug dealer," Cloud said. "She used to hate that joke, but now she tells it."

After Cloud went through Florida Highway Patrol's training academy, his officials began assigning patrol duties to him and



**BUSTER THOMPSON/Chronicle**

A reflection of Florida Highway Patrol Master Trooper Tod Cloud can be seen within the memorial plaque of Trooper Ronald Gordon Smith alongside U.S. 19, north of Crystal River.

"I told him, 'the only things they got in Citrus County are old people and cows' ... that was my advertisement," Cloud said. "To this day, I would have paid him \$1,000 to switch."

"I'm still going to be involved with community," he said.

Cloud didn't want to say much on the record about his second-proudest moment as a trooper, except

“Not religious but more godly, more faithful,” he



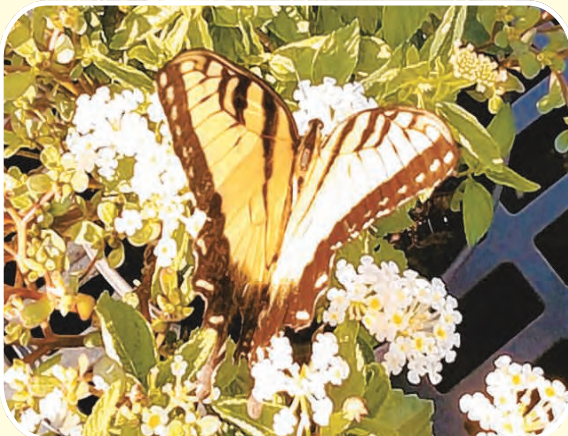
Standing in front of the roadside memorial he helped erect for Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Ronald Gordon Smith at U.S. 19 and North Basswood Avenue near Crystal River, Master Trooper Tod Cloud points to where Smith was fatally shot on Dec. 23, 1973, during a gunfight with a pair of escaped convicts.

"In my first year as a trooper, I've seen more

Nonetheless, he said, Cloud will remain one of

"Just do it if it's in your heart because it's still an honorable profession, and it depends on the individuals that do it," he said. "I hope and pray they put somebody good in my spot."

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# TROOPER

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"I love this county," he told a crowd of relatives, friends, troopers and Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputies. "It's a God-fearing county, and that's where I'm staying."

Cloud also plans to continue his role as a community serviceman by being a mentor for a Big Brothers, Big Sisters child, or a volunteer for Teen Court.

Along with a bountiful lunch of donated meals, Cloud's ceremony was also full of laughter and emotion from the tales of his 31-year law enforcement career.

Before becoming a trooper, Cloud was a corrections officer in Sumter County, and a policeman for the Crystal River and Interlachen police departments.

Cloud's supervisors from Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) Troop C, which patrols seven counties from Citrus to Hillsborough, said overseeing Cloud was an adventure in itself.

"Either people really love him or they hate him to death," Maj. Joseph Franza said, referring to Cloud's personnel file. "We all make impacts."

Franza said it wasn't a week into his new role as troop commander when a lieutenant colonel demanded he have Cloud remove the trim rings — also known as "beauty rings" — from the rims of his patrol car.

"I halfway expected to see beauty rings when I got here today," the major joked. "It's been a pleasure."

Cloud garnered compliments and complaints alike, the highway patrol officers said, but his selfless and unwavering commitment to the citizens he protected outweighed the negatives.

"Tod does so much. ... There are lot of behind-the-scenes stuff a lot of people don't know that he does," Capt. Anthony Sapp



Florida Highway Patrol Master Trooper Tod Cloud gets a high-five from his mother-in-law, Mary Bodanza, on Thursday, April 1, at a retirement reception in his honor.

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

said, mentioning Cloud's trips to county fairs to demonstrate FHP's rollover simulator. "He just wants to be out there to represent the agency and what we do ... I will miss you ... you did your job each and every day."

Lt. Daniel Willix said God called on Cloud to become a law enforcement officer.

"He does a tremendous amount of work in the community and he's done a tremendous amount of work for highway patrol," he said, "and we're very proud of him."

Daniel Middleton, Cloud's sergeant, said a lot, if not all of the complaints on Cloud he looked into simply turned out to be someone upset they got a ticket for violating Florida's road laws.

Middleton said he didn't have to "polish" Cloud into a model trooper because he was already a longtime and professional lawman.

"Trooper Cloud knew what he was doing, and there was nothing I had to shine," he said. "It has been an absolute blessing to get to know Trooper

Cloud."

Ed Shaw, manager of the Inverness Walmart, said he's known Cloud for roughly 14 years, ever since Cloud participated in the sheriff's Shop With A Cop event to bring holiday gifts to children in need.

"He's really good with kids, he loves the kids ... they always want to go with him," he said. "You always see different deputies every year, but he's always there."

"Shop With A Cop is what I'm going to miss the most," Cloud said.

Crystal River's former finance director, George Zoettlein, who's known Cloud since the trooper was a patrolman for the city, said "it's about time" Cloud retired.

"He's very nice," he said, "very friendly."

Zoettlein's daughter, April, said she was thankful Cloud paid his respects at her grandfather's funeral.

"I hope he has a very nice retirement," she said, "and I hope he gets to play some golf, go fishing or enjoy whatever he wants to do."

Middleton handed Cloud a shadowbox of one of the retiring trooper's former and faded FHP badges, symbolizing and honoring Cloud's steadfast duty to the agency.

"That tarnish and that age was because of experience," Middleton said, "because of the use and because of the privilege that badge gave you."

Middleton also gave Cloud a folded state flag in a triangle box signed by troopers, and a handmade miniature model of Cloud's patrol car to add to his collection of tiny cars.

Franza presented Nora Cloud with a certificate of appreciation "for putting up with us all these years."

"For your faithful and devoted support during your husband's career with the Florida Highway Patrol," Franza said.

"I do a lot for my community," Cloud said afterward, "but that love and support at home is number one for me."

Citrus County Sheriff Mike Prendergast thanked Cloud for his years of service, and presented him with a sheriff's Challenge Coin, certificate and other

tokens of appreciation.

"The career of an American law man has it's ups and downs ... it's professional excellence and also deals with tragedies that come along the way," he said. "It all goes back to why a person steps forward and answers the call to serve, and what we have right here is indicative of one of those careers ... by every measure, this man

## COMMENTARY

Read what more Citrus County residents had to offer about Trooper Tod Cloud/**Page C1**.

has excelled in delivering professional excellence."

Deputies with the sheriff's office also shared stories of their time spent with Cloud.

"No matter what color your uniform is, it's all a brotherhood," Deputy Troy Taylor said. "I will trust this man with anything."

"Tod is an amazing person," added Deputy Nancy Suto, "and it's been such an honor."

Sgt. Jonathan Holtzhouse said he'll miss his lunches with Cloud on the shift schedules they shared.

"The best part about it all was the relationship that you build ... being able to see another side," he said. "He was always willing to help no matter what you needed; it was just truly special to get to know Tod."

In his closing speech, Cloud said he won't miss the rigors of law enforcement, but he's excited for what's left in store.

"I don't know what God has in the future for me," he said, "but it'll be something good."

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# Leak at wastewater pond prompts evacuations

*Associated Press*

BRADENTON — Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis declared a state of emergency Saturday after a significant leak at a large pond of wastewater threatened to flood roads and burst a system that stores polluted waters.

Officials in Florida evacuated homes and closed off a highway Saturday near the large reservoir in the Tampa Bay area north of Bradenton. Residents who live a mile north and a half-mile south of the pond received an alert via text saying to leave the area immediately because the collapse was “imminent.”

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection says a break was detected Friday in one of the walls of a 77-acre pond that has a depth of 25 feet and holds millions of gallons of water containing phosphorus and nitrogen from an old phosphate plant.

Officials brought in rocks and materials to plug the hole in the pond late Friday into Saturday, but the attempt was unsuccessful.

Manatee County Administrator Scott Hopes said at a press conference Saturday that the most pressing concern is that the water could flood the area, but he said that fortunately the population density there was low.

“We are talking about the potential of about 600 million gallons within a matter of seconds and minutes leaving that retention pool and going around the surrounding area,” Hopes said.

Workers have been pumping out thousands of gallons per minute at the site to bring the volume down in the event the pond bursts. Pumping the entire pond would take 10 to 12 days. Others have been working to chart the path to control how the water flows from the pond into the Tampa Bay.

DeSantis’ declaration of a state of emergency allocates more resources for response and recovery. The owner, HRK Holdings, did not respond to a request for comment on Saturday.

The pond where the leak was discovered is at the old Piney Point phosphate mine, sitting in a stack of phosphogypsum, a waste product from manufacturing fertilizer that is radioactive. It contains small amounts of naturally occurring radium and uranium, and the stacks can also release large concentrations of radon gas.

Hopes says that if the pond collapses, there is a risk it could destabilize the walls of other areas in the plant.

## PLAN

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Biden’s proposed “Build Back Better” plan calls for a \$111 billion investment in water infrastructure and specifically cites a commitment to “protect and restore major land and water resources like Florida’s Everglades and the Great Lakes.”

A federal “water infrastructure” plug could boost funding for the state’s septic-to-sewer program, among other initiatives, to address \$18.4 billion in “wastewater needs” across more than 3,700 sewage treatment plants and \$21.9 billion in “drinking water needs” across 5,275 public drinking water treatment systems identified by the ASCE.

“Florida’s average daily freshwater demand (which includes drinking water) was estimated ... to be 6.4 billion gallons per day in 2010. It is projected this daily water demand could increase by about 20% to 7.7 billion gallons per day by 2030,” the report states.

The federal infrastructure plan could also dovetail with Florida’s investments in the 40-year, \$8 billion Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) approved by Congress in 2000.

The Senate Agriculture, Environment & General Government Appropriations Subcommittee last week introduced a \$6.1 billion plan that includes \$786 million for Everglades restoration and water projects, \$161 million more than Gov. Ron DeSantis requested for a third-year allocation in his four-year \$2.5 billion plan.

When Congress approved the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) in August, it marked only the second time in 20 years the federal government anted up its full annual \$200 million commitment. As a result, Florida has poured \$5 billion into CERP while the federal government has kicked in \$2 billion.

Former Gov. Jeb Bush and Florida U.S. Reps. Brian Mast, R-Stuart, and Darren Soto, R-Kissimmee, are among congressional leaders requesting \$5 billion be directed into CERP — \$200 million over 25 years.



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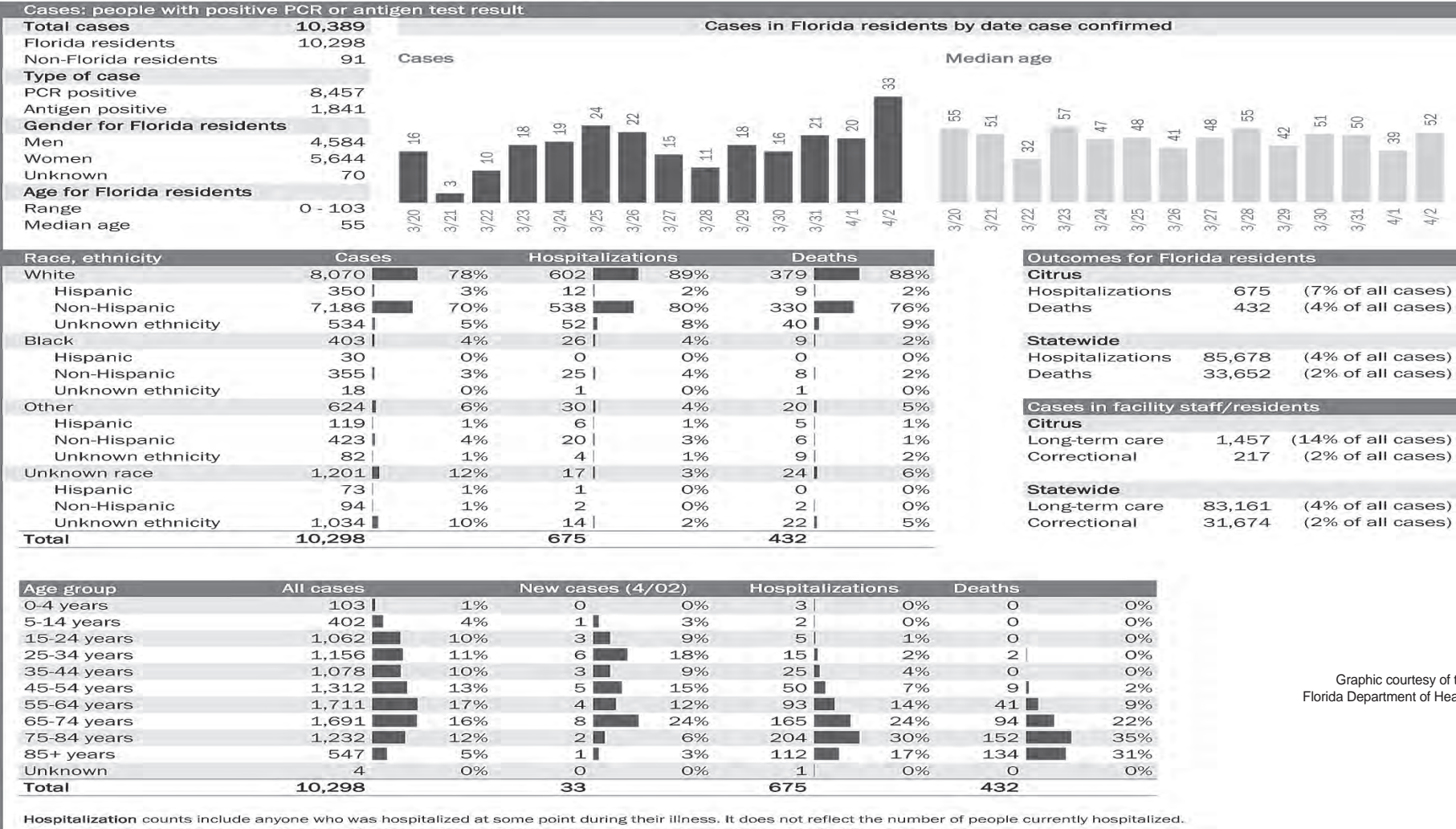
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Nation BRIEFS

Smugglers sentenced for journey that left 3 sisters dead

SAN DIEGO — Two smugglers were sentenced to federal prison on Friday for leading three sisters from Mexico into California, where they froze to death in a mountain snowstorm.

Cecilio Rios-Quiñones, 38, and his brother, 23-year-old Ricardo Rios-Quiñones, received 5 1/2 years each in U.S. District Court in San Diego.

They pleaded guilty last year to conspiracy and other charges.

Prosecutors said the men, who are from Chihuahua, led the women across the border on Feb. 10, 2020, and were in a rugged area near Mount Laguna, about a dozen miles north of the border, when a snowstorm struck. The woman, from Oaxaca, died from hypothermia.

Defense attorneys argued that the brothers were only paid to be guides and hadn't expected such severe weather. They huddled with the women, trying to keep them warm, and one finally hiked down the mountain to find a spot for cellphone reception to call 911, attorneys said.

Births among endangered right whales highest since 2015

SAVANNAH, Ga. — North Atlantic right whales gave birth over the winter in greater numbers than scientists have seen since 2015, an encouraging sign for researchers who became alarmed three years ago when the critically endangered species produced no known offspring at all.

Survey teams spotted 17 newborn right whale calves swimming with their mothers offshore between Florida and North Carolina from December through March. One of those calves soon died after being hit a boat, a reminder of the high death rate for right whales that experts fear is outpacing births.

The overall calf count equals the combined total for the previous three years. That includes the dismal 2018 calving season, when scientists saw zero right whale births for the first time in three decades. Still, researchers say greater numbers are needed in the coming years for North Atlantic right whales to rebound from an estimated population that's dwindled to about 360.

Suspect in Capitol attack reportedly had delusions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The man who rammed a car into two officers at a barricade outside the U.S. Capitol, killing one of them before he was shot to death by police, had been suffering from delusions, paranoia and suicidal thoughts, a U.S. official told The Associated Press on Saturday. Investigators believe it was an isolated incident from a disturbed young man.

Video of the Friday afternoon attack shows the driver emerging from the crashed car with a knife in his hand and starting to run at the pair of officers, Capitol Police acting Chief Yogananda Pittman told reporters. Police shot the suspect, 25-year-old Noah Green, who died at a hospital.

Investigators are increasingly focused on Green's mental health as they work to identify any motive for the attack, said the official.

— From wire reports

Easter in Washington, DC



Associated Press

Washington National Cathedral Altar Guild members Betty Ann Tribble, above, and Diane Cunningham, below, work on the pulpit flower arrangements in preparation for virtual Easter Sunday worship services at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, Saturday, April 3. The Washington National Cathedral offers online worship services because to the COVID-19 pandemic.



To enjoy the National Cathedral's worship services, visit online at [cathedral.org/worship](https://cathedral.org/worship)

Flowers have been arranged on the front of the pulpit by members of the Washington National Cathedral Altar Guild in preparation for virtual Easter Sunday worship services at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington.

Bright spot: Calif. OKs indoor sports, concerts as COVID cases plunge

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Sports, theater and music fans will be able to take their seats again in California as the state's coronavirus cases plummet and vaccinations jump.

After a year-long ban on most indoor seating, the state Friday set the stage for a literal stage-setting that could see resumption of NBA games and live entertainment performances in most counties beginning April 15.

Most of the state's 58 counties will be permitted to allow at least some indoor seating because they fall into the lower three levels of California's four-tiered COVID-19 restriction plan. Big population centers like San Francisco, Santa Clara County and Los Angeles County are in the second-least restrictive orange tier. Only three counties — San Joaquin, Merced and Inyo — remain in the highest purple tier, indicating "widespread" COVID-19 risk.

The others will be permitted some indoor seating "with capacity limits and modifications including physical distancing, advance ticket purchases, designated areas for eating and drinking, and attendance limited to in-state visitors," according to a state public health announcement.

In the red tier, venues of up to 1,500 people can operate at 10% capacity and grow to 25% if all guests provide evidence of vaccination or a negative test.



Associated Press

Fashion designer Josie Vand wears a facemask as she retrieves a bag with organic vegetables from a farm box from County Line Harvest in Los Angeles on Friday, April 2. California has been easing COVID-19 restrictions as it recovers from a deadly winter surge, although public health officials still urge people to follow social distancing and mask-wearing protocols. Rates of hospitalizations and deaths have plunged, and the rate of people testing positive for the virus is at a near-record low.

Venues of 1,501 people or more can operate at 20% capacity in the red tier, but guests must show proof of vaccination or a negative test. Capacity increases for tiers where the virus is less widespread.

State officials won't require testing or proof of vaccination for some of those events.

Events that do require testing and vaccinations will be allowed to have more paying customers than those that don't. Only people who live in California can attend these live performances.

The Los Angeles Lakers announced that fans will

be allowed back into Staples Center for an April 15 game against the Boston Celtics.

"Obviously we don't know exactly how many fans will be there yet, but just having some in there will bring us great energy," Lakers coach Frank Vogel said. "It's one of everybody's favorite things to do is go to Lakers games, and they haven't been able to do that during this pandemic."

Ben Bleiman, a San Francisco nightlife activist and chairman of the California Music and Culture Association, said venues need full capacity to make

any money — but members will take the change, albeit with trepidation.

"On the one side you have the thrill and the joy of reopening," he said, adding on the other, "there's some dread that something's going to go wrong."

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World BRIEFS

Thousands rally in England and Wales over police legislation

LONDON — Hundreds of people marched Saturday through central London and other cities across England and Wales to protest the British government's plan to hand the police new powers to tackle demonstrations.

Protesters walked past Buckingham Palace towards Parliament Square, just outside the Houses of Parliament. A ring of officers positioned themselves around the statue of wartime prime minister Winston Churchill in Parliament Square. The statue had been defaced during anti-racism protests last year.

The protests were taking place over the long Easter holiday weekend, including in the Welsh capital of Cardiff and in the northern England cities of Liverpool, Manchester and Newcastle.

The demonstrators were upset at the Conservative government's Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill, which is currently going through parliament. Under the terms of the bill, which covers England and Wales, police will be able to ban or shut down protests.

Explosions in Somalia kill at least 15; army bases targeted

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Simultaneous large explosions were heard in and around two Somali army bases on Saturday, with the military confirming that at least nine staffers were killed but asserting the attackers had "heavy losses" of dozens of dead. The al-Shabab extremist group claimed responsibility.

In a separate attack Saturday evening, a suicide bomber detonated an explosive at a tea shop in the Somali capital, Mogadishu, killing at least six people, police spokesman Sadiq Ali Adan told The Associated Press. Four other people were wounded. No one immediately claimed responsibility.

Residents said the attacks at the army bases occurred in Bariirre and Awdheghele villages of Lower Shabelle region, 46 miles south of Mogadishu.

Speaking to the local media, Gen. Odawa Yusuf Ragheh, the commander of the Somali National Army, confirmed the twin attacks but said al-Shabab had been repulsed with "heavy losses" among the extremists.

Jordan prince says he's confined, lashes out at authorities

AMMAN, Jordan — The half-brother of Jordan's King Abdullah II said Saturday he has been placed under house arrest and accused the country's "ruling system" of incompetence and corruption, exposing a rare rift within the ruling monarchy of a close Western ally.

Prince Hamzah's videotaped statement came after the country's official news agency reported that two former senior officials and other suspects had been arrested for "security reasons," even as authorities denied that Hamzah had been detained or placed under house arrest.

In a video leaked to the British Broadcasting Corp., Hamzah — a former crown prince stripped of his title in 2004 — said he was visited early Saturday by the country's military chief and told he was not allowed to go out, communicate with people or meet with them.

— From wire reports





## VETERANS GROUPS

This listing contains only basic information regarding each group. For more information about scheduled activities, meetings, meals and more for a specific post or group, call or email the contact listed. Posts and groups may email changes or corrections to community@chronicleonline.com.

### American Legion

■ Blanton-Thompson American Legion Post 155, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River. Call 352-795-6526, email blantonthompson Post155@gmail.com, or visit www.flPost155.org.

● American Legion Auxiliary Unit 155. Call 352-795-6526.

● American Legion Riders Post 155, 6 p.m. the second Wednesday monthly the auxiliary room of the post. Call Roger Boucher at 352-794-0352.

■ American Legion Wall-Rives Post 58 and Auxiliary, 10730 U.S. 41, Dunnellon. Call 352-489-4453, or email wallrives58@gmail.com.

■ American Legion, Beverly Hills Memorial Post 237, 6726 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills. Visit www.Post237.org or call 352-897-4776.

■ Allen-Rawls American Legion Post 77 and Auxiliary Unit 77, 4375 Little Al Point, off Arbor Street in Inverness.

● Sons of the American Legion meets at 6 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly.

● Legion meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly. Call Commander Andy Connole at 352-341-0394.

● Auxillary meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly. Call president Laura Beetow at 352-637-7232 about weekly events.

● Riders Post 77 meet at 8 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly, or immediately following Legion meeting.

■ Arnold Vern Allen American Legion Post 166 meets monthly. Call 352-765-3949 or email americanpost166@gmail.com. American Legion Post 166 is located at 4520 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.

● The Sons of the Legion meets the second Saturday at 11 a.m.

● Post 166 meets the second Saturday at 10 a.m.

● The Auxillary meets the second Monday at 10:30 a.m.

● The Legion Riders meet the first Saturday at 10 a.m.

■ Herbert Surber American Legion Post 225, 6535 S. Withlapopka Drive, Floral City. Call 352-860-1629.

■ Beverly Hills Memorial American Legion Post 237, 6726 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills. Call 352-897-4776, visit www.post237.org or email postamericanlegion237@gmail.com.

● Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 237 meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly. Cmdr. John Roby.

● American Legion Riders, Chapter 237 meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly. Director John Roby.

● American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 237 meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday monthly. President Elva Erb.

● American Legion Post regular meeting is at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday monthly. Cmdr. Ray Roby.

### Veterans of Foreign Wars

■ H.F. Nesbitt VFW Post 10087, County Road 491, directly behind Cadence Bank, Beverly Hills. Call 352-746-0440.

■ Edward W. Penno VFW Post 4864, 10199 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs, 352-465-4864.

■ Leroy Rooks Jr. VFW Post 4252 and Auxiliary, 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway, State Road 200, Hernando. Call 352-726-3339, email vfw4252@yahoo.com and Google VFW 4252, Hernando.

■ Dumas-Hartson VFW Post 8189, 8856 W. Veterans Drive, west of U.S. 19 between Crystal River and Homosassa. Call 352-795-5012.

■ Joe Nic Barco Memorial VFW Post 7122, 8191 S. Florida Ave., Floral City. Call 352-637-0100.

■ Eugene Quinn VFW Post 4337 and Auxiliaries, 906 State Road 44 E., Inverness. Call Commander Joe Acosta at 352-344-3495, or visit www.vfw4337.org.

■ VFW Citrus Springs Post 4864 opens at noon each day. For information about menus, activities or membership, call 352-465-4864.

■ VFW Post 7122 is at 8191 S. Florida Ave., Floral City, phone 352-637-0100 for daily activities and menus.

■ VFW Post 10137 in Bushnell is 2 miles north of Florida National Cemetery on Sumter County Road 476-B, 352-793-8511. Post and auxiliary meetings are the third Thursday monthly: house committee 4 p.m., joint meeting 4:30, general meeting 5. Stop by and pick up a calendar with a complete list of all of our activities.

# Adventure on board



**Dorsey DeMaster, a retired Air Force master sergeant and retired air traffic controller, shows on a map the route she is kayaking around Florida, while at a picnic table near the King's Bay kayak launch in Crystal River.**

## Female veteran on quest to paddle CT trail around Florida

MARGO WILSON  
For the Chronicle

Three years ago, when Dorsey DeMaster and her husband, Scott, moved to Citrus Springs from Louisville, Ky., Dorsey had a kayak and a fledgling desire to learn more about kayaking.

Today, she's 445 miles shy of being the first female veteran to complete the 1,515-mile Florida Circumnavigational Seawater Paddling Trail around the state's perimeter.

She's doing it in segments — there are 26 "pieces" of the watery trail. Her kayak is an 18-foot Current Designs Solstice GTS. She calls it "Big Blue."

Some people do the "CT" all in one large paddling push. But that's not necessary. The Florida Paddling Trails Association recognizes 32 people who have completed the CT so far, and five are women. The association's website says the CT is the "largest paddling trail in the continental United States."

The Florida State Legislature has designated the CT as part of the state's Greenways and Trails System.

The website of the Florida Paddling Trails Association describes the nonprofit group as "the steward for all Florida's water trails." Its mission is to "develop water trails, protect the environment along those trails, and serve as a resource and voice for paddlers."

DeMaster is the association's Region C — or Nature Coast — co-director with Steve Cournoyer of Crystal River. She said among its



**DeMaster said this is one of her favorite photos of her and her kayak, Big Blue. She is in the Big Bend Wildlife Management Area.**

many tasks, the association maintains more than 300 miles of paddling trails in Citrus County.

Completing the CT hasn't been a lifelong goal for DeMaster. However, she said over her life, she has been open to "seeds" that others have planted. A friend of hers planted the seed of joining the military, two years after DeMaster had completed high school in Stroudsburg, Pa., and was working as a computer programmer for an accounting firm in Stroudsburg.

Twenty years later, DeMaster retired as a master sergeant in Washington, D.C., where she had an Air Force headquarters job working with the Federal Aviation Administration, learning about politics and about how collaboration works, she said.

'Joining the military was one of

the greatest experiences of my life, and I would highly recommend it. The Air Force provided me with skill sets that easily transferred in the civilian work place," she said.

The Air Force also provided the opportunity to meet her husband, Scott, at Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota. He was a B-52 tail gunner.

After her military career, DeMaster worked as an air traffic controller for United Parcel Service for 18 years and retired from its hub in Louisville as air traffic control manager. Scott focused on golf management and later cared for his mother, who lived in Ocala.

DeMaster said she and Scott always had thought about retiring in Florida and started exploring possibilities — first in the Panhandle and near military bases. But after they visited Crystal River to swim with the manatees, the Nature Coast was where they wanted to be.

After moving to Citrus County,

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**LEFT: Lt. Col. Rick Dunham, left, and Dorsey DeMaster, right, who retired from the Air Force as a master sergeant. They are at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico. The plane is a T-38. Dunham flew an F117. RIGHT: DeMaster flew in the back seat of the jet every three months to evaluate the efficiency and service of fellow air traffic controllers.**



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Dorsey DeMaster  
Citrus Springs Air Force veteran.

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(BIGTEN)	742	809				College Softball Illinois at Wisconsin. (N)		To Be Announced									
(BRAVO)	254	51	254			Housewives-Atlanta	Housewives-Atlanta	Housewives-Atlanta		Housewives-Atlanta		Married to Medicine		Chat		Housewives-Atlanta	Medicine
(CC)	27	61	27		33	*** "Easy A" (2010) Jason Sudeikis, Will Poulter. 'R' (S)		*** "We're the Millers" (2013, Comedy) Jennifer Aniston, Jason Sudeikis, Will Poulter. 'R' (S)		*** "Identity Thief" (2013) Jason Bateman, A		*** "Identity Thief" (2013) Jason Bateman, A		Victim of identity theft fights back.		*** "Zombieland" (2009) 'R' (S)	
(CMT)	98	45	98	28	37	*** "Chuck, Larry" (2013) Adam Sandler, Joey Lauren Adams. PG-13' (S)		*** "Big Daddy" (1999, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Joey Lauren Adams. PG-13' (S)		*** "Mr. Deeds" (2002, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Winona Ryder. PG-13' (S)		*** "I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry" (2007) 'PG-13' (S)					
(CNN)	40	29	40	41	46	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	Stanley Tucci	Stanley Tucci		Stanley Tucci		Stanley Tucci	
(ESPN)	33	27	33	21	17	2021 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament		2021 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament		MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Los Angeles Angels. (N)		(Live)		SportCtr			
(ESPN2)	37	28	34	43	49	The Draft	UFC Archival	Baseball Tonight		Basket		Basketball					
(FBN)	106	149	106	99	41	Maria Bartiromo	Return: Apollo 13	Kennedy (S)		History of Socialism		Return: Apollo 13		Maria Bartiromo			
(FLIX)		118	170			*** "Hotel Rwanda" (2004, Drama) Don Cheadle. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' (S)		*** "Rudy" (1993, Drama) Sean Astin, Ned Beatty. (In Stereo) 'PG		*** "The Express" (2008, Biography) Dennis Quaid. (In Stereo) 'PG							
(FNC)	44	37	44		32	Fox Report	Justice With Jeanine	Life, Liberty & Levin		The Next Revolution		To Be Announced		Life, Liberty & Levin			
(FOOD)	26	56	26			Diners	Tournament of Champions 'G	Tournament of Champions (N) 'G		Tournament of Champions (N) 'G		Food Truck Race		Beat Play		Beat Play	
(FREEFORM)	29	52	29	20	28	*** "Toy Story 2" (1999, Children's) Voices of Tom Hanks. (In Stereo) 'G' (S)		*** "Beauty and the Beast" (2017) Emma Watson. Premiere. A young woman discovers the kind heart and soul of a beast. (In Stereo) 'PG		*** "Blink of an Eye" (2019) Michael Waltrip.		NASCAR Presents		Bowling			
(FS1)	732	112	732			Auto Race		Auto Race		World Poker		In Magic		Pregame		NBA Basketball: Magic at Nuggets	
(FSNFL)	35	39	35			NHL Hockey		NHL Hockey	Panthers	World Poker		In Magic		Pregame		NBA Basketball: Magic at Nuggets	
(FX)	30	60	30		51	*** "Peter Rabbit" (2018) Voices of James Corden. (In Stereo) 'PG		*** "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (2017, Adventure) Dwayne Johnson. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' (S)		*** "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (2017, Adventure) Dwayne Johnson. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' (S)		*** "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (2017, Adventure) Dwayne Johnson. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' (S)		*** "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (2017) PG-13' (S)			
(GOLF)	727	67	727			2021 LPGA ANA Inspiration Final Round. (N) (Live)		2021 LPGA ANA Inspiration Final Round. (N) (Live)		Golf Central (N) 'G'		Drive, Chip & Putt (S)		Golden Girls		Golden Girls	Golden Girls
(HALL)	59	68	39	45	54	*** "Love to the Rescue" (2019) NR		*** "One Perfect Wedding" (2021, Romance) Taylor Cole, Jack Turner. NR		When Calls the Heart (N) 'PG		Golden Girls		Golden Girls		Golden Girls	Golden Girls
(HBO)	302	201	302	2	2	*** "Jojo Rabbit" (2019) (S)		*** "The Watch" (2012, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Vince Vaughn. (In Stereo) 'R' (S)		Q: Into the Storm (N) 'MA' (S)		Q: Into the Storm (N) 'MA' (S)		Last Week To.		Q: Into the Storm	
(HBO2)	303	202	303			Q: Into the Storm 'MA' (S)		Q: Into the Storm 'MA' (S)		Q: Into the Storm 'MA' (S)		*** "Dante's Peak" (1997, Action) Pierce Brosnan. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' (S)		*** "Dante's Peak" (1997, Action) Pierce Brosnan. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' (S)		*** "Man on a Ledge" (2012)	
(HGTV)	23	57	23	42	52	Home Town "A New Beginning" 'G		Home Town "Design for Living" 'G		Home Town (N) 'G' (S)		Home Town (N) 'G' (S)		Home Town "A Laurel Hug" 'G' (S)		Home Town "A Second Chance" 'G' (S)	
(HIST)	51	54	51	32	42	The Food That Built America 'PG		The Food That Built America 'PG		The Food That Built America 'PG		The Food That Built America (N) 'PG		Modern Marvels "Fast Food" (N) 'PG		The Food That Built America 'PG	
(LIFE)	24	38	24		21	*** "Robin Roberts Presents: Mahalia: Special Edition" (2021) Danielle Brooks. NR		*** "Color of Love" (2021, Drama) Deborah Joy Winans. Premiere. NR		*** "My Daughter's Secret" (2007, Drama) Jennifer Grant, Nina Dobrev. NR		*** "Heaven Is for Real" (2014, Drama) Greg Kinnear, Kelly Reilly. PG		*** "Heaven Is for Real" (2014, Drama) Greg Kinnear, Kelly Reilly. PG			
(LMN)	119	50	119			*** "Most Likely to Murder" (2019, Suspense) Madison McLaughlin. NR		*** "My Daughter's Secret" (2007, Drama) Jennifer Grant, Nina Dobrev. NR		*** "I Didn't Kill My Sister" (2016, Suspense) Nicholle Tom. NR		*** "I Didn't Kill My Sister" (2016, Suspense) Nicholle Tom. NR		*** "I Didn't Kill My Sister" (2016, Suspense) Nicholle Tom. NR			
(MSNBC)	42	41	42			American Voices	American Voices	American Voices		Mehdi Hasan		Week-Johnson		MSNBC Specials (N)		Mehdi Hasan	

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(NBCSN)	448	26	730			European Cup	NHL Live (N) '14' (S)	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Carolina Hurricanes. (N) (Live)		Hurricanes. From PNC (NHL Overtime) (N) (In Stereo) 'Live		NHL Overtime (N) (In Stereo) 'Live		MotoGP Racing Grand Prix of Doha. (N Same-day Tape)																			
(NGED)	109	65	109			Wicked Tuna "Bank on It" '14' (S)		Wicked Tuna "Best Laid Plans" '14'		Wicked Tuna "Tuna Master" (N) '14'		Wicked Tuna (N) '14' (S)		Running Wild With Bear Grylls (N) 'PG'		Wicked Tuna '14' (S)																	
(NICK)	28	36	28	35	25	Sponge.	Sponge.	Drama	Hustle	*** "Alvin and the Chipmunks" (2007)		Barbarian	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends																
(OWN)	125	24	103			Iyanla, Fix My Life	Iyanla, Fix My Life	Iyanla, Fix My Life	Iyanla, Fix My Life	Iyanla, Fix My Life	Iyanla, Fix My Life	Iyanla, Fix My Life	Iyanla, Fix My Life	Iyanla, Fix My Life	Iyanla, Fix My Life	Iyanla, Fix My Life	Iyanla, Fix My Life																
(OXY)	123	44	123			Snapped 'PG' (S)		In Ice Cold Blood '14' (S)				Snapped 'PG' (S)		Dateline: Secrets Uncovered 'PG' (S)																			
(PARMT)	37	43	37	27	36	Bar Rescue "Boss Lady Blues" 'PG		Bar Rescue "Chase Lounge" 'PG' (S)		*** "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks. A slow-witted Southerner experiences 30 years of history. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' (S)		*** "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks. A slow-witted Southerner experiences 30 years of history. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' (S)		*** "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks. A slow-witted Southerner experiences 30 years of history. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' (S)		*** "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks. A slow-witted Southerner experiences 30 years of history. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' (S)																	
(SEC)	745	72				SEC Now	SEC Now	SEC Now	SEC Now	SEC Now	SEC Now	SEC Now	SEC Now	SEC Now	SEC Now	SEC Now	College Baseball																
(SHOW)	340	241	340			Shameless "DNR" 'MA' (S)		City on a Hill (In Stereo) 'MA' (S)		VICE (N) 'MA' (S)		VICE 'MA' 'MA' (S)		Shameless (N) (In Stereo) 'MA' (S)		City on a Hill "I Need a Goat" (N) 'MA' (S)	City on a Hill "I Need a Goat" 'MA' (S)																
(SUN)	36	31	36			Inside the HEAT	Inside the HEAT	Ship Shape TV	Sport Fishing	Sportsman	Sportsman	Addictive Fishing		Flats Class	Sport Fishing	Silver Kings' 'G'	Reel Animals 'G'																
(SYFY)	31	59	31	26	29	"Gladiator" (2000) Russell Crowe. A Roman gladiator fights against the Sheriff of Nottingham. 'R' (S)		*** "Robin Hood" (2018) Taron Egerton. Robin Hood leads a revolt against the Sheriff of Nottingham. 'PG		*** "Robin Hood" (2018) Taron Egerton. Robin Hood leads a revolt against the Sheriff of Nottingham. 'PG		*** "San Andreas" (2015) Dwayne Johnson. A rescue pilot must save his family after an earthquake. 'PG		*** "San Andreas" (2015) Dwayne Johnson. A rescue pilot must save his family after an earthquake. 'PG		*** "San Andreas" (2015) Dwayne Johnson. A rescue pilot must save his family after an earthquake. 'PG																	
(TBS)	49	23	49	16	19	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Actors Guild		Wipeout 'PG' (S)		*** "The Other Guys" (2010) Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg. NR																	
(TCM)	169	53	169	30	35	*** "East of Eden" (1955, Drama) James Dean, Julie Harris. PG		*** "East of Eden" (1955, Drama) James Dean, Julie Harris. PG		*** "Easter Parade" (1948, Musical Comedy) Judy Garland. NR		*** "Easter Parade" (1948, Musical Comedy) Judy Garland. NR		*** "The Egg and I" (1947, Comedy) Claudette Colbert, Marjorie Main. NR		*** "The Egg and I" (1947, Comedy) Claudette Colbert, Marjorie Main. NR																	
(TDC)	53	34	53	24	26	Naked and Afraid (In Stereo) '14' (S)		Naked and Afraid: Uncensored (N) '14'		Naked and Afraid (N) (In Stereo) '14' (S)				Naked and Afraid Survivors take on the Amazon. '14' (S)																			
(TLC)	50	46	50	29	30	90 Day Fiancé "Second Guessing" '14'		90 Day Fiancé "Second Guessing" '14'		90 Day Fiancé "First Comes Love..." '14'		Sister Wives (N) 'PG'		Sister Wives (N) 'PG'		Seeking Sister Wife																	
(TMC)	350	261	350			*** "Killer Elite" (2011) Jason Statham. A special-ops agent must rescue his mentor. 'PG		*** "Killer Elite" (2011) Jason Statham. A special-ops agent must rescue his mentor. 'PG		*** "Dark Waters" (2019, Drama) Mark Ruffalo. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' (S)		*** "Dark Waters" (2019, Drama) Mark Ruffalo. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' (S)		*** "Official Secrets" (2019, Drama) Keira Knightley, Matt Smith. (In Stereo) 'R' (S)		*** "Official Secrets" (2019, Drama) Keira Knightley, Matt Smith. (In Stereo) 'R' (S)																	
(TNT)	48	33	48	31	34	*** "A Star Is Born" (2018) Bradley Cooper. falls in love with a talented singer. 'R' (S) (DVS)		*** "A Star Is Born" (2018) Bradley Cooper. falls in love with a talented singer. 'R' (S) (DVS)		A country music star		27th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards		27th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards		27th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards																	
(TOON)	38	58	38	33		*** "Smallfoot" (2018) 'PG' (S)		*** "Smallfoot" (2018) 'PG' (S)		Burgers	American	American	American	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Rick	Rick																
(TRAV)	9	106	9		44	Terrifying Places	Devil's Road	Devil's Road		Devil's Road		Amityville Horror House (N) (S)		Most Terrifying		Most Terrifying																	
(truTV)	25	55	25	98	55	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers																
(TVL)	32	49	32	34	24	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men																
(USA)	47	32	47	17	18	*** "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1" (2010) Daniel Radcliffe.		*** "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1" (2010) Daniel Radcliffe.		*** "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" (2011) Daniel Radcliffe. Harry may have to make the ultimate sacrifice. 'PG		*** "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" (2011) Daniel Radcliffe. Harry may have to make the ultimate sacrifice. 'PG		*** "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" (2011) Daniel Radcliffe. Harry may have to make the ultimate sacrifice. 'PG		*** "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" (2011) Daniel Radcliffe. Harry may have to make the ultimate sacrifice. 'PG																	
(WE)	117	69	117			Law & Order: "Boy Gone Astray" '14'		Law & Order: "Doped" '14' (S)		Law & Order "For the Defense" '14'		Law & Order "Violent animal robbery." '14'		Law & Order "Fed" (In Stereo) '14' (S)		Law & Order "Blackmail" '14' (S)																	
(WGN-A)	18	18	18	18	20	Last Man	Last Man	NewsNation Prime		NewsNation Prime		Banfield (S)		NewsNation Prime		NewsNation Prime																	



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DeMaster said she joined a meet-up group that would go kayaking in fresh water every Wednesday. She decided it might be helpful to learn how to recover if she fell out of her kayak. She signed up for lessons with Matt Clemons, who ran the former Aardvark Kayaks in downtown Crystal River.

While taking lessons, she heard that the Florida Paddling Trails Association was sponsoring a reunion for those who had completed the CT, those who were in the process of doing it, and supporters of CT kayakers. Another seed had been planted.

DeMaster attended and

Cournoyer, who has completed the CT, was recognized as Volunteer of the Year. DeMaster said she approached Cournoyer “like a star-struck teenager.”

She asked him, “Will you teach me?”

Cournoyer became her mentor, although she said he jokes he’s her “tormentor.”

Cournoyer trained her about the tides, waves, and winds and about how to rescue herself. And he trained her for the CT.

DeMaster said as a child, she would spend vacations with her New England relatives, who were “salt dogs,” including an uncle who would talk about tides and winds. When Cournoyer started training her, these memories returned. But she discovered that “The Gulf Coast is goofy.

There are winter tides. Kayaking on the Gulf and on the East Coast is totally different.”

She did her first legs of the CT near home. Cournoyer accompanied her at first.

DeMaster said Cournoyer “taught me all I know. But he says, ‘You could have done this all along.’”

Her first solo was seven months after she started the CT, and she paddled from Suwannee to Shell Mound.

She said it was a foggy day.

“I couldn’t see my hand in front of my face. I had to go out of the marsh, and the bay still had fog. I had my GPS. ... but I couldn’t see the map. But I wasn’t scared. Steve had helped build up my confidence. I just did it.”

DeMaster said most of the time, she paddles with one or two others. She doesn’t like large groups of paddlers because “Everyone wants to socialize.” With one or two, “Everyone’s on a mission. You have miles to knock out.”

Her longest trip was a 78-mile, multiday, overnight trip involving primitive camping that was from Placida to South Naples.

Her scariest trip was a solo around Tampa that took her through the Florida Intracoastal Waterway. Part of the journey involves padding from the Intracoastal Waterway through Wiggins Pass, a channel known as a place where kayakers frequently flip over.

Dorsey safely navigated the pass, then out on the



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Dissolution of marriage

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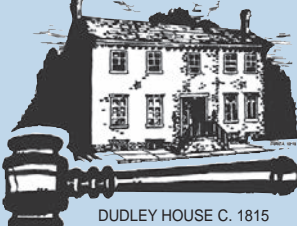

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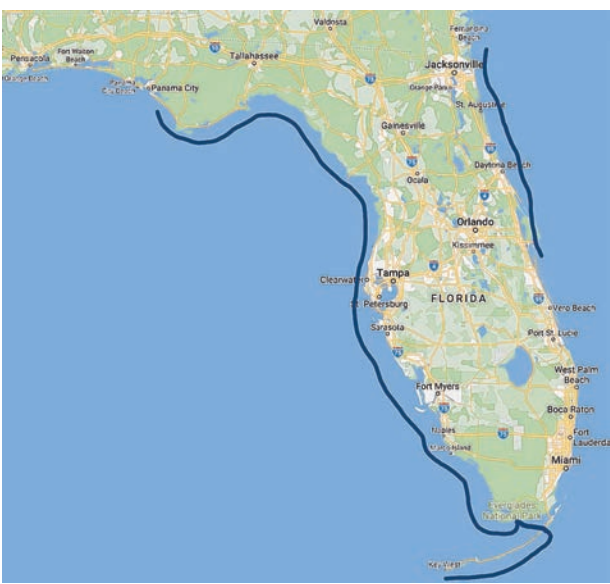
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ocean for 14 miles —  
“And this is OCEAN,” she said — then back to the Intracoastal Waterway through the tricky, flip-prone Gordon Pass.  
She made it without even coming close to flipping, she said. The journey helped her realize “how much of this not only is a physical challenge but a mental challenge. It’s a matter of having to overcome your internal beast,” she said.  
She maintains a blog, [lavanakayak.weebly.com](#). On it, she has written about paddling with friends and paddling solo.  
When kayaking with a friend, “There is laughter, rhythmic paddle cadence, and comfort in silence. And there is the essence of a shared experience, which is powerful because it not only brings people together but is proven to enhance each person’s individual experience.”  
However, when paddling solo, “... You’re alone. The only hand you have to hold is your own. And with this kind (of trip), you’d better like the person you are with.”  
Kayaking has taken DeMaster through the pristine seagrass areas of Big Bend and also through red tide areas around Naples.  
She told about paddling through a red tide area and noticing dead fish. At first, she didn’t realize she was in a red tide, and she had her “buff,” or protective mask, down. She started choking and then understood the damage red tides cause.  
DeMaster is a level two kayak instructor, certified through the American Canoe Association, a



This map shows how much Dorsey DeMaster has completed of the Florida Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail.

group which she said doesn’t hand out certificates easily.  
Safety is important to her and she said she never deliberately puts herself into a dicey situation.  
Her most recent voyage was a solo trip originating in Key Largo. She first stopped at Nest Key, a trip of 9.4 miles, and primitive-camped overnight. Next morning, about 8, she set out on a 19.7 paddle for a “chickee,” or platform in the ocean that looks like a double-decker dock with a porta potty. These chickees are places of refuge for kayakers. DeMaster was planning to stay there overnight.  
But when she pulled up to the Shark Point chickee, the wind was so strong, she couldn’t get out of her kayak.  
What did she do?  
“I kept going,” she said.  
That day, she paddled 29 miles, arriving at Flamingo about 4:30 p.m. On a more usual day paddle, she might average about 18 miles, she said.  
The pieces of the CT she still has to polish off include a segment at the Alabama border at Big Lagoon State Park to Mexico Beach. She also needs to complete the leg from Key Largo to Melbourne.  
Some of that trail passes through what’s known as the “Concrete Canyon,” part of the Intracoastal Waterway passing by Ft. Lauderdale with concrete seawalls on both sides. If large boats are in the canal at the same time as kayakers, the wake of the big boats can wash up against a wall of the canal, creating large backplash waves and difficult navigating for kayakers.  
DeMaster said some kayakers do the Concrete Canyon at night to avoid the large boats.  
When asked her favorite parts of the trail, Dorsey said, “I always say, ‘The one I’m doing now.’” Yet, she admits, “The Florida Keys were phenomenal. But my favorite is the Nature Coast, from the Big Bend Area — St. Mark’s Light-house — to Bayport. It’s Old Florida.”  
What does DeMaster plan to do when she finishes the CT?  
“I want to pay it

forward for others who want to do it,” she said.  
She not only is a co-regional director for the Florida Paddling Trails Association but is a “Trail Angel” with the group, helping other kayakers who are doing the CT. She described the group as an “awesome organization.” It is run by volunteers.  
She also volunteers at the Crystal River Preserve State Park, working with others to improve the kayak launch. She hopes to start a kayak instruction program there.  
She said she’d like people to know that the Florida Paddling Trails Association helps maintain, provide information about, and assist paddlers on all the paddling trails in Florida, not just the CT.  
She also praised her husband, Scott, whom she said has supported her kayaking efforts all the way, even though “he’s a golf man.”  
Although kayaking seems to be one of DeMaster’s main focuses these days, she’s also a yoga instructor and a glass artist.  
Nevertheless, kayaking is dear to her heart. It has allowed her “to see these places in Florida that the average person doesn’t get to see.”  
She’s been able to “paddle through marshes and see the migratory birds and how they change with the season. ... I’ve learned about plants. I’ve learned how delicate the water is,” she said.  
Her journeys have made her eager to share sea kayaking with others, especially young people. She said perhaps she might be able to encourage girls to consider the sport.  
“Maybe I can speak to Girl Scout groups,” she said. “I’d like to do what I can to plant a seed.”



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Michael A. Taylor

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# Bearing down: Baylor rolls Houston

*Bears are headed to the title game*

DAVE SKRETTA  
AP basketball writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Nearly two decades ago, Scott Drew decided to leave his comfort zone at tiny Valparaiso for the scandal-plagued basketball program at Baylor, explaining to his father that there was nowhere for the Bears to go but up.

Now, they're one win away from the top.

Led by Jared Butler and the rest of their brilliant backcourt, a defense that refused to give Houston an inch, and a coach intent on making the most of his first trip to the Final Four, the Bears roared to a 78-59 victory Saturday night in their first appearance in the NCAA Tournament semifinals in 71 long years.

"Every day you're grinding, and you don't really look back.

You're pressing forward," Drew said, "but I'm so blessed to have these unbelievable players that bought into what we like to do with the program."

Or, as Butler put it: "This is what we came to Baylor to do."

Butler scored all 17 of his points in the first half, but just about everyone from Baylor (27-2) got in on the act, with five players scoring in double figures. They doubled up Houston after 10 minutes, built a 45-20 lead by halftime and coasted the rest of the way in the first Final Four showdown between schools from the Lone Star State.

They'll face Gonzaga, the overall No. 1 seed, or upstart UCLA on Monday night for their first national championship.

"That was one of my goals, to leave a legacy at Baylor," Butler said. "And you have to win national championships. You have to win. You have to be a great program, be about great things, and that's what we're doing."

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Associated Press

Baylor guard Jared Butler (12) passes over teammate guard Adam Flagler (10) and Houston forward Justin Gorham (4) during the first half of a men's Final Four NCAA college basketball tournament semifinal game, Saturday at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

# One-sided series



Associated Press

Detroit Red Wings center Michael Rasmussen (27) shoots wide of Tampa Bay Lightning goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy (88) and defenseman Mikhail Sergachev (98) during the second period of a game Saturday, in Tampa.

*Vasilevskiy 12-0 against Detroit, Lightning defeat Wings once again*

ERIK ERLENDSSON  
Associated Press

TAMPA — Andrei Vasilevskiy made 25 stops to move to 12-0 lifetime against Detroit and lead the Tampa Bay Lightning to a 2-1 victory on Saturday.

Tampa Bay has won 17 consecutive home games against the Red Wings and

improved to 20-1-1 in the last 22 meetings overall. The teams meet again on Sunday.

"I love Vasy, he's committed to himself, he's committed to be in the best goalie in the world," Lightning forward Pat Maroon said. "He wants to be the best, he wants to win every single year, he wants to win every single game. He

hates to lose. His commitment is unbelievable"

Ross Colton and Brayden Point scored Tampa Bay's goals. Adam Erne scored for Detroit. Thomas Greiss finished with 27 saves.

"I thought there were some moments we did good stuff and moments where

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# Women's final has Pac-12 flavor

*Arizona faces Stanford for national title*

DOUG FEINBERG  
AP basketball writer

SAN ANTONIO — The last time that Tara VanDerveer and Stanford were playing for a national championship, the Pac-12 had just 10 schools and the Cardinal were the standard bearer for the conference.

Now 11 years later, the Pac-12 is on top of the women's basketball world with the Cardinal facing Arizona on Sunday night for the title. The conference is guaranteed its first champion since the Hall of Fame coach and the Cardinal won their last title in 1992.

"I'm really proud of the Pac-12 to have two teams in the national championship game," VanDerveer said. "You know, this is not something that a lot of people could have imagined ... 10 years ago, 15 years ago, 20 years ago. And it's really, really exciting."

Stanford was last in the title game in 2010, losing to UConn in the Alamodome — the same building the Cardinal will be playing in on Sunday night. The conference became the Pac-12

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East Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away
Baltimore	2	0	1.000	—	—	2-0	W-2	0-0	2-0
Tampa Bay	2	1	.667	½	—	2-1	L-1	0-0	2-1
New York	1	1	.500	1	½	1-1	W-1	1-1	0-0
Toronto	1	1	.500	1	½	1-1	L-1	0-0	1-1
Boston	0	2	.000	2	1½	0-2	L-2	0-2	0-0

Central Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away
Detroit	2	0	1.000	—	—	2-0	W-2	2-0	0-0
Kansas City	2	0	1.000	—	—	2-0	W-2	2-0	0-0
Chicago	1	1	.500	1	½	1-1	W-1	0-0	1-1
Minnesota	1	1	.500	1	½	1-1	W-1	0-0	1-1
Cleveland	0	2	.000	2	1½	0-2	L-2	0-0	0-2

West Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away
Houston	2	0	1.000	—	—	2-0	W-1	0-0	2-0
Los Angeles	1	1	.500	1	½	1-1	L-1	1-1	0-0
Seattle	1	1	.500	1	½	1-1	L-1	1-1	0-0
Oakland	0	2	.000	2	1½	0-2	L-1	0-2	0-0
Texas	0	2	.000	2	1½	0-2	L-2	0-0	0-2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	2	0	1.000	—	—	2-0	W-2	2-0	0-0
New York	0	0	.000	1	—	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
Washington	0	0	.000	1	—	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
Miami	1	2	.333	1½	½	1-2	W-1	1-2	0-0
Atlanta	0	2	.000	2	1	0-2	L-2	0-0	0-2

Central Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away
Chicago	1	1	.500	—	—	1-1	W-1	1-1	0-0
Cincinnati	1	1	.500	—	—	1-1	W-1	1-1	0-0
Milwaukee	1	1	.500	—	—	1-1	L-1	1-1	0-0
Pittsburgh	1	1	.500	—	—	1-1	L-1	0-0	1-1
St. Louis	1	1	.500	—	—	1-1	L-1	0-0	1-1

West Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away
San Diego	2	0	1.000	—	—	2-0	W-2	2-0	0-0
Colorado	1	1	.500	1	—	1-1	L-1	1-1	0-0
Los Angeles	1	1	.500	1	—	1-1	W-1	0-0	1-1
San Fran	1	1	.500	1	—	1-1	W-1	0-0	1-1
Arizona	0	2	.000	2	1	0-2	L-2	0-0	0-2

ROUNDUP/MATCHUPS

**Yankees 5, Blue Jays 3:** Gary Sánchez joined Elston Howard in 1963 as the only Yankees catchers to homer in each of the first two games and Jay Bruce blooped a two-run single in the seventh for his first hit with his new team.

**Orioles 4, Red Sox 2:** Maikel Franco drove in two runs after another Boston error, Pedro Severino had his second two-hit game in a row.

**Tigers 5, Indians 2:** Julio Teheran pitched through trouble in his Detroit debut.

**Royals 11, Rangers 4:** Michael A. Taylor homered and drove in three runs for the second straight game.

**Cubs 5, Pirates 1:** Jake Arrieta pitched six solid innings in a triumphant return to the Cubs.

**Phillies 4, Braves 0:** Zack Wheeler allowed only one hit and struck out 10 in seven innings while going 2 for 3 with two RBIs.

**Astros 9, A's 1:** Yordan Álvarez hit a three-run homer and Houston kept thriving through all the boos, slugging its way to a third straight win.

**Reds 9, Cardinals 6:** Nick Castellanos stood over, flexed and jawed at St. Louis pitcher Jake Woodford after scoring, setting off a series of scuffles that included relievers shoving in the outfield.

**Twins 2, Brewers 0:** José Berrios and three relievers combined on a one-hitter with 17 strikeouts.

**LATE**  
N.Y. Mets at Washington, ppd.  
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels  
San Francisco at Seattle  
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado  
Arizona at San Diego

**TODAY'S GAMES**  
**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
Toronto (Zeuch 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Germán 0-0), 1:05 p.m.  
Baltimore (Zimmermann 0-0) at

BOX SCORES

Miami 12, Tampa Bay 7

Tampa Bay	Miami
ab r h bi	ab rh bi
Meadows rf 4 1 1 0	Rojas ss 2 3 1 0
Margot lf 4 1 2 1	Marte cf 5 3 4 1
Wendle 3b 4 2 2 1	Aguilar 1b 3 2 1 2
Diaz 1b 3 1 2 2	Cooper rf 5 13 3
Archer p 0 0 0 0	Bass p 0 0 0 0
Thompson p0 0 0 0	Brinson lf 5 0 0 0
Spring s 0 0 0 0	Chisholm Jr.2b4 10 0
Mejia ph-c 1 0 0 0	Berti 3b 4 12 2
Kiermaier cf 4 0 0 0	Anderson 3b0 0 0
Adames ss 4 0 0 0	Wallach c 3 02 2
Zunino c 3 1 1 2	Hernandez p1 00 0
Lowe ph 1 0 0 0	Campbell p 1 00 0
McHugh p 0 0 0 0	Cimber p 0 0 0
Brosseau 2b4 1 1 0 0	Pop p 0 0 0 0
Hill p 1 0 0 0	Dickerson ph1 00 0
Tsutsugo 1b2 0 0 0	Bleier p 0 0 0 0
	Floro p 0 0 0 0
	Duvall ph-rf 1 11 1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>35 7 9 6</b>
<b>Tampa Bay</b>	<b>020 040 010 —7</b>
<b>Miami</b>	<b>111 120 33x—12</b>
E—Meadows (1), Wallach (1), Aguilar (0), DP—Tampa Bay 1, Miami 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 3, Miami 6. 2B—Diaz (1), Wendle (1), Berti (1), Rojas (1), Aguilar (1), Cooper (1), 3B—Marte (1). HR—Zunino (1), Cooper (1), Duvall (1). SB—Marte (1), Rojas (1), Chisholm Jr. 2 (2). SF—Aguilar (1), Wallach (1). S—Tsutsugo (1).	
<b>IP H R ER BB SO</b>	<b>IP H R ER BB SO</b>
<b>Tampa Bay</b>	<b>Miami</b>
Hill 4 5 4 4 2 4	Archer L,0-1 2 4 4 3 1 2
Archer L,0-1 2 4 4 3 1 2	Thompson 1/3 1 1 1 1 1
Thompson 1/3 1 1 1 1 1	Spring s 2/3 1 0 0 0 2
Spring s 2/3 1 0 0 0 2	McHugh 1 3 3 3 1 1
McHugh 1 3 3 3 1 1	
<b>Miami</b>	
Hernandez 2 1/3 2 2 2 0 3	Campbell 2 4 3 3 1 1
Campbell 2 4 3 3 1 1	Cimber BS,0-1 2/3 2 1 1 0 0
Cimber BS,0-1 2/3 2 1 1 0 0	Pop 1 0 0 0 0 0
Pop 1 0 0 0 0 0	Bleier W,1-0 1 0 0 0 0 1
Bleier W,1-0 1 0 0 0 0 1	Floro H,1 1 1 1 0 0 0
Floro H,1 1 1 1 0 0 0	Bass 1 0 0 0 0 1
Bass 1 0 0 0 0 1	
Archer pitched to 2 batters in the 7th, Campbell pitched to 4 batters in the 5th.	
WP—Springs, Campbell.	
Umpires—Home, Mike Estabrook; First, Quinn Wolcott; Second, Jerry Layne; Third, Hunter Wendelstedt.	
T—3:32. A—6,179 (36,742).	

N.Y. Yankees 5, Toronto 3

Toronto	New York
ab r h bi	ab rh bi
Semien 2b 4 1 2 2	LeMahieu 2b-1b4 12 1
Biggio 3b 4 0 1 0	Judge rf 5 02 0
Bichette ss 4 0 1 0	Hicks cf 4 01 1
Hernández rf4 0 1 0	Stanton dh 3 10 0
Guerrero Jr.1b3 0 1 0	Torres ss 4 01 0
Guirrel Jr. lf 4 0 1 0	Bruce 1b 4 01 2
Tellez dh 4 0 0 0	Wade pr-2b 0 00 0
Grichuk cf 3 1 1 0	Sánchez c 4 11 0
Jansen c 2 1 0 0	Urshela 3b 4 12 0
Panik ph 1 0 0 0	Frazier lf 3 11 0
	Gardner lf 0 00 0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33 3 8 2</b>
<b>Toronto</b>	<b>001 010 100 —3</b>
<b>New York</b>	<b>010 202 00x—5</b>
E—Bichette (1), Sánchez (1), DP—Toronto 0, New York 2. LOB—Toronto 7, New York 12. SB—Frazier (1). HR—Semien (1), Sánchez (2), SB—Semien (2).	
<b>IP H R ER BB SO</b>	<b>IP H R ER BB SO</b>
<b>Toronto</b>	<b>New York</b>
Stripling L,0-1 3 1/3 7 3 3 2 5	Chatwood 2/3 2 0 0 0 1
Chatwood 2/3 2 0 0 0 1	Borucki 1 1 0 0 0 0
Borucki 1 1 0 0 0 0	Dolis 2/3 0 2 2 3 1
Dolis 2/3 0 2 2 3 1	Mayza 1 1 0 0 0 2
Mayza 1 1 0 0 0 2	Payamps 1 1/3 0 0 0 1 1
Payamps 1 1/3 0 0 0 1 1	
<b>New York</b>	
Kluber 4 5 2 2 1 3 5	Loaisiga W,1-0 2 0 0 0 0 3
Loaisiga W,1-0 2 0 0 0 0 3	Luetge H,1 1 1 1 0 1
Luetge H,1 1 1 1 0 1	O'Day H,1 2/3 2 0 0 0 0
O'Day H,1 2/3 2 0 0 0 0	Green S,1-1 1 1/3 0 0 0 0 2
Green S,1-1 1 1/3 0 0 0 0 2	
Mayza pitched to 2 batters in the 7th, Kluber pitched to 1 batter in the 5th.	
HBP—Kluber (Guerrero Jr.). WP—Kluber, Luetge(2).	
Umpires—Home, James Hoyer; First, Jordan Baker; Second, Chris Segal; Third, Mark Carlson.	
T—3:38. A—10,107 (47,309).	

Baltimore 4, Boston 2

Baltimore	Boston
ab r h bi	ab rh bi
Mullins cf 4 0 2 0	Hernández cf4 00 0
Mancini 1b 3 0 0 1	Verdugo rf 4 00 0
Santander rf4 0 1 1	Martínez dh 4 13 0
Mountcastle dh4 0 0 0	Bogaerts ss 4 00 0
Ruiz 2b-3b 3 1 0 0	Devers 3b 4 00 0
Hays lf 4 1 1 0	Gonzalez 2b2 02 1
Franco 3b 4 0 1 2	Dalbec 1b 3 00 0
Urias 2b 0 0 0 0	Cordero lf 4 00 0
Galvis ss 4 1 1 0	Plawecki c 3 11 0
Severino c 4 1 2 0	Vázquez ph 1 00 0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34 4 8 4</b>
<b>Baltimore</b>	<b>000 210 100 —4</b>
<b>Boston</b>	<b>000 110 000 —2</b>
E—Devers (1), LOB—Baltimore 5, Boston 8. 2B—Severino (1), Martínez (2). SB—Gonzalez (1). SF—Mancini (1), Gonzalez (1).	
<b>IP H R ER BB SO</b>	<b>IP H R ER BB SO</b>
<b>Baltimore</b>	<b>Boston</b>
Harvey 4 2/3 6 2 2 1 4	Plutko W,1-0 2 1/3 1 0 0 0 2
Plutko W,1-0 2 1/3 1 0 0 0 2	Tate H,1 1 0 0 0 0 1
Tate H,1 1 0 0 0 0 1	C.Valdez S,2-2 1 0 0 0 1 1
C.Valdez S,2-2 1 0 0 0 1 1	
<b>Boston</b>	
Houck L,0-1 5 6 3 2 1 8	Brice 1 0 0 0 0 0
Brice 1 0 0 0 0 0	Hernandez 1 2 1 1 0 2
Hernandez 1 2 1 1 0 2	P.Valdez 2 0 0 0 0 1
P.Valdez 2 0 0 0 0 1	
HBP—C.Valdez (Gonzalez). WP—Houck, Hernandez.	
Umpires—Home, Ron Kulpa; First, Bruce Dreckman; Second, Nic Lentz; Third, Joe West.	
T—2:51. A—4,571 (37,755).	

Detroit 5, Cleveland 2

Cleveland	Detroit
ab r h bi	ab rh bi
Gamel cf 2 0 0 0	Grossman lf 2 10 0
Rosario cf 1 0 0 0	Candelario 3b4 23 1
Hernández 2b3 1 1 0	W.Castro ss 5 11 1
Ramírez 3b 4 0 1 0	Cabrera dh 3 01 1
E.Rosario lf 1 1 1 2	Schoop 1b 3 00 1
F.Reyes dh 4 0 1 0	Mazara rf 4 03 1
Naylor rf 4 0 1 0	Ramos c 3 01 0
Bauers 1b 2 0 0 0	Goodrum 2b4 00 0
Chang ph-1b2 0 0 0	Jones cf 4 11 0
R.Pérez c 4 0 1 0	
Giménez ss 4 0 1 0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31 2 7 2</b>
<b>Cleveland</b>	<b>010 000 010 —2</b>
<b>Detroit</b>	<b>200 000 30x—5</b>
E—R.Pérez (1), DP—Cleveland 1, Detroit 2. LOB—Cleveland 7, Detroit 10. 2B—Naylor (1), Candelario (1). 3B—W.Castro (1). HR—E.Rosario (1). SF—E.Rosario (1), Schoop (1).	
<b>IP H R ER BB SO</b>	<b>IP H R ER BB SO</b>
<b>Cleveland</b>	<b>Detroit</b>
Plesac L,0-1 6 6 2 2 2 4	Wittgren 2/3 3 3 3 2 0
Wittgren 2/3 3 3 3 2 0	Maton 1/3 0 0 0 0 0
Maton 1/3 0 0 0 0 0	Stephan 1 1 0 0 1 2
Stephan 1 1 0 0 1 2	
<b>Detroit</b>	
Teheran W,1-0 5 4 1 1 3 3	Holland H,1 1 0 0 0 1 0
Holland H,1 1 0 0 0 1 0	Fulmer H,1 1 0 0 0 0 1
Fulmer H,1 1 0 0 0 0 1	Alexander 2/3 2 1 1 0 1
Alexander 2/3 2 1 1 0 1	García S,1-1 1 1/3 1 0 0 0 1
García S,1-1 1 1/3 1 0 0 0 1	
Umpires—Home, Lance Barksdale; First, Ryan Addison; Second, Will Little; Third, Greg Gibson.	
T—3:17. A—8,000 (41,083).	

Kansas City 11, Texas 4

Texas	Kansas City
ab r h bi	ab rh bi
Kner-Falela ss4 0 0 0	Merrifield 2b 4 22 4
Dahl dh 4 2 2 0	Benintendi lf 4 00 0
Gallo rf 2 1 2 2	Dyson rf 0 00 0
Solak 2b 2 0 1 0	Santana 1b 4 11 2
Lowe 1b 4 0 1 2	Perez c 5 12 0
White lf 3 0 0 0	Soler dh 2 10 0
Guzmán lf 1 0 0 0	Taylor cf 4 22 3
Trevino c 4 0 1 0	Isbel rf-lf 4 22 1
Taveras cf 4 0 0 0	Alberto 3b 4 23 1
Culberson 3b4 0 0 0	Lopez ss 4 01 0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32 4 6 4</b>
<b>Texas</b>	<b>202 000 000 —4</b>
<b>Kansas City</b>	<b>000 037 01x—11</b>
DP—Texas 2, Kansas City 1. LOB—Texas 5, Kansas City 5. 2B—Dahl (2), Alberto 2 (2), Perez (1), Taylor (1), Santana (1). 3B—Isbel (1). HR—Gallo (1), Taylor (2), Merrifield (2).	
<b>IP H R ER BB SO</b>	<b>IP H R ER BB SO</b>
<b>Texas</b>	<b>Kansas City</b>
Arihara 5 6 3 3 3 0 1	Sborz L,0-1 0 1 3 3 2 0
Sborz L,0-1 0 1 3 3 2 0	King BS,0-1 1 5 4 4 0 1
King BS,0-1 1 5 4 4 0 1	de Geus 1 0 0 0 1 0
de Geus 1 0 0 0 1 0	Bush 1 1 1 1 1 2
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WP—Brentz.	

Chicago Cubs 5, Pittsburgh 1

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Moran 1b 4 0 1 0	Pederson lf 4 00 0
Newman ss 4 0 1 1	Marisnick cf 4 11 1
Polanco rf 4 0 1 0	Heyward rf 4 12 1
Stallings c 3 0 0 0	Bote 2b 3 00 1
Fowler cf 3 0 0 0	Arrieta p 2 00 0
Anderson p 2 0 0 0	Sogard ph 1 00 0
Holmes p 0 0 0 0	Workman p 0 00 0
Alford ph 1 0 0 0	Chafin p 0 00 0
Crowe p 0 0 0 0	Happ ph 1 00 0
Feliz p 0 0 0 0	Kimbrel p 0 00 0
Oviedo p 0 0 0 0	
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BASKETBALL

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Brooklyn	34	15	.694	—
Philadelphia	33	15	.688	½
New York	24	25	.490	10
Boston	24	25	.490	10
Toronto	19	30	.388	15
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	25	23	.521	—
Atlanta	25	24	.510	½
Miami	25	24	.510	½
Orlando	17	31	.354	8
Washington	17	31	.354	8
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	31	17	.646	—
Indiana	21	26	.447	9½
Chicago	19	28	.404	11½
Cleveland	17	31	.354	14
Detroit	14	34	.292	17
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	27	21	.563	—
San Antonio	24	22	.522	2
Memphis	23	23	.500	3
New Orleans	21	27	.438	6
Houston	13	35	.271	14
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	37	11	.771	—
Denver	30	18	.625	7
Portland	29	19	.604	8
Oklahoma City	20	28	.417	17
Minnesota	12	37	.245	25½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	34	14	.708	—
L.A. Clippers	32	18	.640	3
L.A. Lakers	31	18	.633	3½
Golden State	23	26	.469	11½
Sacramento	22	27	.449	12½
Friday's Games				
Toronto 130, Golden State 77				
Dallas 99, New York 86				
Boston 118, Houston 102				
Memphis 120, Minnesota 108				
Charlotte 114, Indiana 97				
Atlanta 126, New Orleans 103				
Utah 113, Chicago 106				
Phoenix 140, Oklahoma City 103				
L.A. Lakers 115, Sacramento 94				
Milwaukee 127, Portland 109				
Saturday's Games				
Dallas 109, Washington 87				
Cleveland at Miami, 18 p.m.				
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 18 p.m.				
New York at Detroit, 18 p.m.				
Indiana at San Antonio, 18 p.m.				
Orlando at Utah, 18 p.m.				
Milwaukee at Sacramento, 18 p.m.				
Oklahoma City at Portland, 18 p.m.				
Today's Games				
Brooklyn at Chicago, 2 p.m.				
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.				
Charlotte at Boston, 6 p.m.				
Memphis at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.				
Golden State at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.				
New Orleans at Houston, 8 p.m.				
Orlando at Denver, 10 p.m.				
Monday's Games				
Cleveland at San Antonio, 7 p.m.				
Detroit at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.				
New York at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.				
Sacramento at Minnesota, 7 p.m.				
Utah at Dallas, 7 p.m.				
Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.				
Phoenix at Houston, 8 p.m.				
Tuesday's Games				
Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m.				
L.A. Lakers at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.				
New Orleans at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.				
Philadelphia at Boston, 7:30 p.m.				
Memphis at Miami, 8 p.m.				
Detroit at Denver, 9 p.m.				
Milwaukee at Golden State, 10 p.m.				
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 10 p.m.				

HOCKEY

NHL standings

East Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Washington	37	24	9	4	52	127	113			
N.Y. Islanders	38	24	10	4	52	117	90			
Pittsburgh	38	24	12	2	50	126	102			
Boston	34	19	10	5	43	96	86			
Philadelphia	36	17	14	5	39	109	132			
N.Y. Rangers	37	17	15	5	39	117	99			
New Jersey	35	13	16	6	32	84	108			
Buffalo	37	8	23	6	22	82	128			
Central Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Tampa Bay	37	26	9	2	54	129	88			
Florida	38	25	9	4	54	127	103			
Carolina	36	24	9	3	51	119	92			
Nashville	39	20	18	1	41	99	113			
Chicago	39	17	17	5	39	109	122			
Dallas	35	13	12	10	36	98	94			
Columbus	39	14	17	8	36	98	126			
Detroit	39	12	22	5	29	83	124			
West Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Colorado	36	24	8	4	52	130	82			
Vegas	35	24	9	2	50	112	82			
Minnesota	35	22	11	2	46	102	88			
Arizona	37	17	15	5	39	99	114			
St. Louis	36	16	14	6	38	102	116			
San Jose	36	16	16	4	36	102	120			
Los Angeles	35	14	15	6	34	96	99			
Anaheim	38	11	21	6	28	85	127			
North Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Toronto	37	24	10	3	51	121	93			
Edmonton	38	23	14	1	47	125	109			
Winnipeg	38	22	13	3	47	121	104			
Montreal	34	16	9	9	41	111	94			
Vancouver	37	16	18	3	35	100	120			
Calgary	38	16	19	3	35	98	115			
Ottawa	38	13	21	4	30	101	142			

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

Friday's Games

Washington 2, New Jersey 1, OT  
Toronto 2, Winnipeg 1, SO  
Edmonton 3, Calgary 2  
Colorado 3, St. Louis 2  
San Jose 3, Los Angeles 0  
Arizona 4, Anaheim 2

Saturday's Games

Tampa Bay 2, Detroit 1  
Boston 7, Pittsburgh 5  
Nashville 3, Chicago 0  
Dallas 3, Carolina 2  
Florida 5, Columbus 2  
Ottawa 6, Montreal 3  
N.Y. Islanders 3, Philadelphia 2, SO  
Buffalo 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, SO  
Minnesota at Vegas, late  
St. Louis at Colorado, late  
San Jose at Los Angeles, late  
Vancouver at Edmonton, ppd

Today's Games

Detroit at Tampa Bay, 12 p.m.  
Washington at New Jersey, 3 p.m.  
Columbus at Florida, 5 p.m.  
Dallas at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
Arizona at Anaheim, 9 p.m.  
Toronto at Calgary, 9 p.m.  
Vancouver at Winnipeg, ppd

Monday's Games

Edmonton at Montreal, 7 p.m.  
Ottawa at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Boston, 7 p.m.  
Colorado at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
Vegas at St. Louis, 8 p.m.  
Toronto at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.  
Arizona at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
Buffalo at New Jersey, 7 p.m.  
Florida at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

Florida LOTTERY

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

<b>PICK 2 (early)</b> <b>6 - 1</b>	<b>PICK 5 (late)</b> <b>1 - 0 - 9 - 2 - 5</b>
<b>PICK 2 (late)</b> <b>0 - 0</b>	<b>FANTASY 5</b> <b>Unavailable</b>
<b>PICK 3 (early)</b> <b>0 - 4 - 3</b>	<b>LOTTO</b> <b>Unavailable</b>
<b>PICK 3 (late)</b> <b>3 - 4 - 7</b>	<b>POWERBALL</b> <b>Unavailable</b>
<b>PICK 4 (early)</b> <b>4 - 9 - 0 - 2</b>	<b>POWER BALL</b> <b>Unavailable</b>
<b>PICK 4 (late)</b> <b>2 - 1 - 4 - 6</b>	<b>CASH 4 LIFE</b> <b>2 - 5 - 24 - 44 - 57</b>
<b>PICK 5 (early)</b> <b>8 - 5 - 7 - 2 - 1</b>	<b>CASH BALL</b> <b>2</b>

Friday's winning numbers and payouts:

<b>Jackpot Triple Play:</b> 9 – 11 – 20 – 30 – 31 – 38	4-of-5 MB No winner
6-of-6 No winner	4-of-5 20 winners\$500
5-of-6 20 winners \$665.50	3-of-5 MB 67 \$200
4-of-6 1,386 \$23	3-of-5 1,351 \$10
3-of-6 23,684 \$1	2-of-5 MB 1,198 \$10
Combo 10+ 2 \$10,000	<b>Fantasy 5:</b> 7 – 14 – 20 – 28 – 29
Combo9 13 \$500	5-of-5 3 winners \$75,004.91
Combo8 82 \$50	4-of-5 309 \$117
Combo7 621 \$20	3-of-5 10,199 \$9.50
Combo6 3,447 \$10	<b>Cash 4 Life:</b> 10 – 31 – 32 – 41 – 60
Combo5 12,751 \$5	<b>Cash Ball:</b> 1
<b>Mega Millions:</b> 10 – 42 – 48 – 53 – 62	5-of-5 CB No winner
<b>Mega Ball:</b> 19	5-of-5 No winner
5-of-5 MB No winner	<b>Players should verify winning numbers by calling 850-487-7777 or at www.flalottery.com.</b>
5-of-5 No winner	

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS  
AUTO RACING

6 p.m. (FS1) FIA Extreme E Championship: Desert X Prix (Same-day Tape)

COLLEGE BASEBALL

12 p.m. (ACCN) North Carolina at Florida State  
12 p.m. (SEC) Tennessee at Alabama  
12:30 p.m. (ESPN2) Wake Forest at Louisville  
9 p.m. (ESPN) Vanderbilt at LSU (Taped)  
12 a.m. (ESPN) Wake Forest at Louisville (Taped)

MLB

1 p.m. (ESPN) Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies  
4 p.m. (MLB) Arizona Diamondbacks at San Diego Padres or Houston Astros at Oakland Athletics  
8:30 p.m. (ESPN) Chicago White Sox at Los Angeles Angels  
2 a.m. (ESPN2) Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies (Taped)  
4 a.m. (ESPN2) Chicago White Sox at Los Angeles Angels (Taped)

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

8 a.m. (ESPN) NCAA Women's Tournament First Semifinal: South Carolina vs Stanford (Taped)  
10 a.m. (ESPN) NCAA Women's Tournament Second Semifinal: Arizona vs Connecticut (Taped)  
6 p.m. (ESPN) NCAA Women's Tournament Final: Stanford vs Arizona

NBA

3:30 p.m. (28 ABC) Los Angeles Lakers at Los Angeles Clippers  
7:30 p.m. (NBA) Golden State Warriors at Atlanta Hawks  
10 p.m. (BSFL) (NBA) Orlando Magic at Denver Nuggets  
4 a.m. (ESPN) Los Angeles Lakers at Los Angeles Clippers (Taped)

BOWLING

2 p.m. (FS1) USBC Masters

GOLF

1 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour Texas Open, Final Round  
2:30 p.m. (8 NBC) PGA Tour Valero Texas Open, Final Round  
5 p.m. (GOLF) LPGA ANA Inspiration Final Round

NHL

12 p.m. (8 NBC) Detroit Red Wings at Tampa Bay Lightning  
3 p.m. (NHL) Washington Capitals at New Jersey Devils  
5 p.m. (BSFL) Columbus Blue Jackets at Florida Panthers  
7 p.m. (NBCSPT) Dallas Stars at Carolina Hurricanes

COLLEGE LACROSSE

12 p.m. (ESPN) Michigan at Johns Hopkins (Same-day Tape)

MOTORCYCLE RACING

10:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) MotoGP Grand Prix of Doha (Same-day Tape)

RUGBY

4:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) European Champions Cup Bordeaux B"egles vs Bristol Bears (Same-day Tape)

SOCCER

9 a.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League Newcastle United vs Tottenham Hotspur  
11:25 a.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League Aston Villa vs Fulham  
1 p.m. (BIG10) Maryland at Indiana  
2:25 p.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League Manchester United vs Brighton & Hove Albion

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

2 p.m. (ESPN) Kentucky at Tennessee (Same-day Tape)  
3 p.m. (ACCN) Virginia Tech at Duke  
3 p.m. (SEC) Florida at Georgia  
3 p.m. (BIG10) Indiana at Iowa  
5 p.m. (BIG10) Illinois at Wisconsin  
3 a.m. (ESPN) Kentucky at Tennessee (Taped)

TENNIS

1 p.m. (TENNIS) Miami Open: ATP Singles Final  
3:30 p.m. (TENNIS) Miami Open: WTA Doubles Final

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

4 p.m. (ESPN) NCAA Women's Volleyball Selection Special

*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.*

Tampa Bay at Columbus, 7 p.m.  
Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.  
Nashville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
Dallas at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
Vancouver at Winnipeg, ppd  
Anaheim at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL  
Major League Baseball  
American League

MINNESOTA TWINS — Placed 3B Josh Donaldson on the 10-day IL (retroactive to April 2). Recalled OF Brent Rooker from alternate training site.  
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed LHP Ryan Sherriff on the restricted list. Selected the contract of C Joseph Odom from alternate training site.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Placed SS Nick Ahmed on the 10-day IL (retroactive to March 31). Recalled SS Geraldo Perdomo from alternate training site.

ATLANTA BRAVES — Recalled 3B Johan Camargo from alternate training site. Placed 3B Ehire Adrianza on the 10-day IL. Sent OF Phil Irip outright to alternate training site.  
CINCINNATI REDS — Sent RHP outright to alternate training site. Claimed C Beau Taylor off waivers from Cleveland. Designated C Deivy Grullon for assignment.

BASKETBALL  
National Basketball Association

HOUSTON ROCKETS — Waived G Ben McLemore.

NEW ORLEANS PELICANS — Signed G Isaiah Thomas to a 10-day contract.

SACRAMENTO KINGS — Waived G DeQuan Jeffries.



# Bucs keep SB roster together

*GM Licht credits culture*

**FRED GOODALL**  
*AP sports writer*

TAMPA — When Jason Licht declared he was going to do everything possible to keep the Tampa Bay Buccaneers together, no one envisioned the process going as smoothly as it has for the Super Bowl champions.

Even the team’s ever-optimistic general manager, who not only has followed through on a bold promise but also defied the odds of being able to retain all 22 starters from a star-studded roster assembled around Tom Brady.

Coach Bruce Arians cites a winning culture — fostered with help from Brady and a highly regarded coaching staff that also remains intact — as maybe the biggest factor contributing to the Bucs holding on to seven key players who could have departed in free agency this spring.

A pandemic-driven, league-wide reduction in the NFL salary cap for 2021 limited the amount of money potential suitors could offer on the open market helped, too.

So did veterans such as Brady and offensive lineman Donovan Smith accepting cap-friendly contract extensions to aid Licht’s mission.

“I can’t really point to a single factor ... but I think everybody wanted to be back,” Licht said. “Everybody’s getting paid fairly, but everybody’s very excited to try to (win) it again.”

The first major move in a busy offseason was placing the franchise tag on wide receiver Chris Godwin.

From there, Licht proceeded to negotiate multi-year contracts for linebackers Lavonte David and Shaquil Barrett and kicker Ryan Succop, as well as one-year deals to keep tight end Rob Gronkowski, defensive lineman Ndamukong Suh and running back Leonard Fournette.

“I could have gone somewhere and got more money, but I think this is just the place for me right now,” said Fournette, who could earn up to \$4 million next season. “I’m glad to be back.

They’re glad to have me back.”

Somehow, there was still money left along the way to sign less heralded holdovers such as guard Aaron Stinnie, who started in the Super Bowl, and defensive reserves Kevin Minter and Rakeem Nunez-Roches, who also contributed to last season’s success.

And then there’s receiver Antonio Brown, a mid-season pickup who caught a touchdown pass in the Super Bowl. There’s a chance he could return, too.

“We’re going to take our time. There’s offers out there, and we’ll see how it goes,” Arians said.

“We’re still seeing what we can do on a couple of fronts,” Licht said of what’s left to add. “I don’t think it’s ever done.”

Three days after the Super Bowl, Arians grabbed a microphone several times during a downtown waterfront rally to personally declare Godwin, David, Barrett and Suh weren’t “going anywhere” in free agency.

The 68-year-old coach isn’t surprised Licht was able to “keep the band together.”

“I think there are a number of factors. I think they all know the culture and love the culture. And they’re all getting paid. Ain’t nobody coming back cheap,” Arians said.

“We obviously have a team that should be in the hunt again,” Arians added. “But I think the camaraderie of that football team, what they went through together with the pandemic and everything else, there’s a bond ... and it’s hard to break that bond.”

In some cases, including Brady, Smith and David, the Bucs included voidable years in contracts to make them more salary-cap friendly for 2021.

Licht isn’t concerned about the strategy causing problems with the salary cap in the future.

“There are some corrections that are going to have to take place at some point down the road, but we’re not putting ourselves in a position where next year we have to release a lot of good players,” the GM said. “We’re going to be in good shape if we continue to make sure we make smart decisions and do things right.”

# Arizona knocks out UConn



Associated Press

Arizona forward Trinity Baptiste drives to the basket over Connecticut guard Paige Bueckers, left, during the first half of a women’s Final Four NCAA college basketball tournament semifinal game Friday, at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

## Wildcats reach NCAA title game with 69-59 win

**JIM VERTUNO**  
*AP sports writer*

SAN ANTONIO — Aari McDonald and Adia Barnes have marched Arizona out of the basketball desert to the doorstep of a national championship.

McDonald scored 26 points and led a smothering defensive effort as the Wildcats beat UConn 69-59 Friday night to advance to the women’s NCAA Tournament championship game for the first time in school history.

The Wildcats never trailed against the favored and fabled Huskies, who have made the Final Four 13 consecutive times, but haven’t made the championship game since 2016 when UConn won its 11th title.

And Barnes, who led Arizona to the NCAA Tournament as a player two decades ago, is now just the third coach to lead her alma mater to the championship. It comes five years after she took the job to rebuild one of the worst programs in the Pac-12.

Arizona will face Stanford on Sunday in the first all Pac-12 final. Barnes got there by beating UConn and Geno Auriemma, who coached all of UConn’s 11 championships.

“No one thought we’d win, no one thought we’d be here,” Barnes said. “We don’t care. We believed in each other. We believed, our team believed.”

McDonald, who stands just 5-foot-6, has led the way on the court since transferring from Washington and sitting out her first season when Arizona won just six games.

She did it all for the Wildcats against UConn with slashing drives, pinpoint shooting from long range, and a defensive intensity that held

UConn’s star freshman Paige Bueckers in check for long stretches.

Arizona held UConn to a season-low in points and led by 14 late in the third quarter before holding off a late push. At the final buzzer, McDonald threw the ball high in the air and was mobbed by her teammates near center court. Then she shared a long hug with Barnes.

The small, but mostly pro-Arizona crowd at the Alamodome — the NCAA put limits on attendance because of the pandemic — chanted “U of A!” Arizona players came over to the loud rooting section, pointing to jerseys and waving hands up to get them to get louder.

“It was that grit,” McDonald said of the Wildcats’ defensive lockdown. “We didn’t want to go home once again, and we’re proving it. We’re locking down and we’re playing team defense. This is our identity, and we’re best at defense. Defense wins games and we did that tonight.”

Bueckers, The Associated Press player of the year, finished with 18 points and her 3-pointer got UConn within 60-55 in the final two minutes before Arizona closed out the win with free throws. Christyn Williams led UConn (28-2) with 20 points before fouling out.

UConn has no seniors in the lineup and started slow as the Huskies looked tentative in the role of favorite. McDonald and the Wildcats looked primed for their moment after being left out of the NCAA’s Final Four promotional video on Twitter that had featured the three other teams but not them.

UConn had four early turnovers and missed its first five shots before Bueckers made a 3-pointer to settle the offense, but only temporarily. McDonald opened the game with a 3-pointer, made another two minutes later, and scored eight as the Wildcats led 16-10 after the first quarter.

“I think we came out with the wrong mentality. I thought we thought it was going to be easy, I guess, and we got flustered,”

Williams said. “They had great ball pressure, it wasn’t like anything we’ve seen before this season. And we just couldn’t get in a flow offensively.”

McDonald pumped in two more from long range in the second quarter and the Wildcats led 32-22 at halftime. Bueckers was struggling to get any looks at the basket and finished the half with just four shots and three points.

McDonald cooled off in the third with just two points on two free throws. But she delivered big points late, and her 3-point play in the final four minutes of the fourth put Arizona up by 10.

Auriemma, who has coached the national player of the year 12 times at UConn, gushed over McDonald’s performance.

“Aari McDonald, I said going into the game that I don’t think we’ve had to play against a guard as good as she is, and she proved it tonight. She just dominated the entire game, start to finish,” he said.

### LEARNING CURVE

After the loss, Bueckers was already looking to the future and the lessons that might be learned from the Huskies’ fourth consecutive defeat in the national semifinals.

“There shouldn’t have to be a loss for that to happen, but obviously we lost so we’re trying to get the positives from it and just learn from it,” Bueckers said. “I think just having a killer mentality no matter who we’re playing, whether we’re playing, it’s the first game of the season or it’s the last game of the season is going to be huge for us going forward.”

### STAT LINE

UConn had nine turnovers in the first half and just eight made field goals. The 10-point halftime deficit was their largest in the NCAA Tournament since 2007 when the Huskies lost in the Elite Eight by 23 to LSU. When Arizona’s Helena Pueyo made a jumper in third to put the Wildcats up 14, it was UConn’s largest deficit this season.

## Bowling SCORES

### Parkview Lanes

#### CONGRATULATIONS:



**Ryan Aguilar**

Ryan Aguilar rolled his ninth 800 series at Parkview Lanes during the Monday Night Special league on March 22. His game scores were 278, 269 and 268 for the 815 series.

12-WEEK LEAGUE: The next session of the Tuesday morning 7-9-8 NoTap league will start April 13 at 9 a.m. The handicap is based on 100% of the difference between the bowler’s average and 275. The teams are three persons, any gender mix, and the weekly fee is \$14, which includes \$3.50 prize money. Contact the Center at 352-489-6933 to register or for more information.

LEAGUE SCORES FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 28:

#### PARKVIEW SENIORS

Handicap: Kenny Piispanen 274; Jim Ericson 269,750; Mike Krombach 729; Patty Krombach 270,778; Rosemarie Marcucci 255,701. Scratch: Tony Hyatt 240,625; Kenny Piispanen 202; Jim Ericson 540; Sharon Ericson 187,502; Rosemarie Marcucci 184; Diane Swoboda 494.

#### MONDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

Handicap: Chris Carr 293; Ryan Aguilar 289,848; Eric Glowacki 788; Marla Carr 271,747; Holly Aguilar 265,756. Scratch: Ryan Aguilar 278,815; Chris Carr 265; Eric Glowacki 686; Debbie Aguilar 206,553; Marla Carr 197; Holly Aguilar 537.

#### PARKVIEW 7-9-8 NOTAP

Handicap: Mike Krombach 373; Don Demers 345; Rich Balke 931; Larry Lewis 930; Carrie Rubertello 375,984; Terri Moorbeck 373,1008.

Scratch: Tony Hyatt 300,856; Larry Lewis 300,840; Greg Dawidowicz 300,840; (men six 300’s); Terri Moorbeck 300,789; Marilyn Seymour 300,761; Mae Johns 300.

#### SANDY OAKS WINTER

Handicap: Don Powers 247,702; Bill Johnson 245; Richard Barnhill 663; Pat Young 260,647; Jill Weigel 239,686. Scratch: Bill Johnson 216; Jeff Hyde 212; Richard Barnhill 576; Homer Roush 573; Pat Young 201,470; Ruth Frazier 167; Marlene Hyde 453.

#### MARCH MADNESS

Handicap: Ken Davidson 280; Mike Laurain 267; Larry Lewis 724; Jim Laurain 721; Glenda Johnston 245,693; Donna Carone 238; Linda Vehrs 680. Scratch: Randy Moak 226,643; Mike Laurain 223; Tony Hyatt 606; Bunny Higginbotham 173,495;

Glenda Johnston 173,477; Donna Carone 167.

#### LATE STARTERS

Handicap: Allan Gobbi 290,771; Walter Hodosky 267; Jeff Wright 723; Mary Ann Soloway 249; Trina Paliwoda 244,696; Nancy Vaughan 677. Scratch: Walter Hodosky 228,603; Ted Rafan 223,591; Nancy Vaughan 158,440; Trina Paliwoda 156,432.

#### WEDNESDAY

##### SCRATCH TRIO

Terry Rummeler II 267; Mike Pozzi 266; Matt O’Brien 739; Charlie Stein 704; Ryan Aguilar 702; Stephanie Flory 237,618; Marla Carr 201; Dorine Fugere 548.

##### WOMEN’S TRIO

Handicap: Denise Hogan 228; Patty Krombach 225; Marilyn Seymour 636; Carol Roberts 632. Scratch: Shirley Tenity 169,450; Marilyn Seymour 162,462.

GOOD TIMES

Handicap: Bill Montross 271,674; Bob Krueger 238,651; John Bahrs 238; Laurie Anderson 213,620; Laura Bonadonna 212; Jeanne Honour 562. Scratch: Bill Montross 213,500; Mike Seaha 195,570; Janet Murray 177,513; Laura Bonadonna 160; Laurie Anderson 410.

##### HOLDER HOTSHOTS

Handicap: Bronson Steinbrook 278; Tom Steinbrook 275,735; Scott

Borntrager 734; Judi Aamland 274,759; Charlene West 252,724. Scratch: Dusty Kelly 221; Robbie Yoakam 221; Scott Borntrager 216,623; Bobby Craft 216,598; Penny Craft 176,467; Vicki Jeffers 174,469.

##### PARKVIEW TGIF

Handicap: Dave Mattice 288,800; Ray Botts 274; Bill Spreen 748; Monika Seeger 286,717; Pat Tutewohl 258,712. Scratch: Dave Mattice 236,644; Tony Hyatt 235; Ray Botts 611; Kathie Weavering 206,534; Pam Levert 192; Dora Golubski 508.

##### BOWLERS OF THE WEEK

Adults: Ryan Aguilar, 164 pins over his average, and Patty Krombach, 118 pins over her average.

### Sportsmen’s Bowl

#### Bowlers of the week

Men: Scott Brown 101 pins over his average in the First-nights League

Women: Gale Piazza 99 pins over her average in the Hits & Misses League

#### His And Hers Mixed

Men Scratch: Tyler Beatty 246, Charles Watt 225-566, Mark Ash 205-589, James Clement 547

Men Handicap: John Rogers 260, Tyler Beatty 259, Charles Watt 253, Billy Liik 710, James Clement 682, Joseph Tarallo 677

Women Scratch: Apryl Harkin 206-455, Carmen

Carrero 182-490, Kathy Shampine 165, Joann Frost 165, Annia Vargoshe 445

Women Handicap: Apryl Harkin 290-707, Kaylee Honeggar 252-703, Janice Crosby 245, Shirley Campbell 697

#### Tuesday Afternoon Mixed

Men Scratch: Rich Murdock 224-548, Dick Newhall 216-583, Jeff Wright 208-543,

Men Handicap: Rich Murdock 255-641, Dick Newhall 252-691, Bob Riechel 245, Jeff Wright 651

Women Scratch: June Micker 200-502, Nancy Duncan 186-482, Jennifer Williams 167, Peg Murdock 453

Women Handicap: June Micker 255-697, Nancy Duncan 233-623, Jennifer Williams 226-623

#### Firstnighters, Men

Scratch: Scott Brown 276-728, Dalton Gruzdass 269-708, David Caudill 238, Tim Lawrence 238-667

Handicap: Scott Brown 294-782, Dalton Gruzdass 287-762, Steve Radabaugh 287, Doug Wrightson 759

#### Hits & Misses, Mixed

Men Scratch: Bill Spreen 234-585, Alan Rice 217, Rich Murdock 215-580, Mark Ash 602

Men Handicap: George Rapp 284-681, John Rogers 280-750, Bill Spreen 260, Art Beardsley 698

Women scratch: Kathy

Pollari 203-513, Gale Piazza 192-534, Jennifer Williams 185, Edith Regan 502

Women Handicap: Gale Piazza 250-708, Kathy Pollari 243, Jennifer Williams 242-665, Diane Swoboda 664

Mixed Trios Draw League, Fridays at 1 p.m. Pay only if you bowl. Prizes paid each week. Number of prize winners is dependent on the number of entries. Handicap is 100% of 210. Entry fee \$10. High handicap scores: Loren Jennings 740, Mike Robinson 695, Joann Frost 677

Senior fun bowl, Saturdays at 1 p.m. Prizes for high game and series for both men and women, colored pins, mystery frames, mystery game, Bingo, side pots, 50/50. Also money is put aside each week for the Split-Pot which is held three times each year. To win the Split-Pot a bowler must first convert a split in any of the three games bowled. After completion of the three games each bowler who has converted a split must roll three balls. The winner is the one who scores exactly 21 pins. If there are ties the money is split between winners. Refreshments and fun for all each week. Entry Fee \$10. High Scratch Game: Rich Murdock 225, Jennifer Williams 174. High Scratch Series: Rich Murdock 597, Jennifer Williams 474



# Tavatanakit opens 5-shot edge

Associated Press

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Patty Tavatanakit opened a five-stroke lead on another hot and windy afternoon at the ANA Inspiration, all but crushing her challengers’ hopes with a striking combination of power and touch.

A stroke ahead after each of the first two rounds at Mission Hills, the 21-year-old Thai player shot a 5-under 67 in 100-degree heat Saturday to reach 14-under 202 in the first major championship of the year.

Tavatanakit matched the tournament 54-hole record set by Pernilla Lindberg in her 2018 victory. Dottie Pepper set the overall mark of 19 under in 1999.

Defending champion Mirim Lee and Ally Ewing were second at 9 under in the event being played without spectators for the second time in seven months.

Tavatanakit crushed drives — hitting a 337-yarder on the par-5 11th — and was equally as effective on and around the greens. The former UCLA star birdied the first three holes, holing a 20-footer on the par-4 third. She holed a 12-footer for birdie on the par-5 ninth after hitting her second into a greenside bunker, and made a 15-footer on 11 to open a five-stroke lead.

After a series of par saves, she couldn’t get a 4-footer to drop on the par-4 12th. She rebounded with a wedge to 4 feet for a birdie on the par-4 13th, and made an 8-footer on the par-4 15th.

Tavatanakit bogeyed the par-3 17th, failing to get up-and-down from a difficult lie in a greenside bunker. She escaped the par-5 18th with a par after her third shot spun off the front of the green to the edge of the water.

The tour rookie is trying to become the sixth straight international winner in the tournament celebrating its 50th edition. She won seven times in two seasons at UCLA and had three victories on the Symetra Tour in 2019.

Lee shot a 68, wearing a facemask while she played. The South Korean player won the postponed event in September for her first major title.

Ewing had a bogey-free 66. The American won last year at Reynolds Lake Oconee for her first tour title, playing then under her maiden name of McDonald.

Shanshan Feng, a stroke behind playing partner Tavatanakit entering the round, was 8 under after a 72. The Chinese star is making her first start after sitting out 16 months because of the coronavirus pandemic and a visa delay.

Inbee Park and Charley Hull were 7 under.

Park shot a 70. The 2013 winner at Mission Hills, she won last week in her first start of the year.

Hull had a triple bogey on No. 3 and a closing bogey in a 71.

Americans Lexi Thompson, Stacy Lewis and Jessica Korda were undone by big numbers.

Lewis played the first 13 holes in 8 under, then made a triple bogey on 14 in a 67 that left her 4 under.

Korda was the first player on and off the course, teeing off by herself at 7:55 a.m. and finishing a 68 in 2 hours, 52 minutes. She closed with a double bogey to fall to 3 under after laying up into a divot and hitting her third shot into the water.

Thompson finished with a quadruple-bogey 9 for a 75 to fall to 1 over. The 2014 winner had a triple bogey on No. 3.

## Spieth tied for lead heading into Texas Open’s final round

SAN ANTONIO — Jordan Spieth shot a 5-under 67 to move into a tie for the lead heading into the final round of the Valero Texas Open.

Spieth and Englishman Matt Wallace are at 12 under after each player birdied their final two holes of the day. Wallace also posted a 67, and Charley Hoffman is alone in third at 10 under after shooting a 65.

Hoffman was seven shots back after a bogey at No. 4, but he finished up with six birdies and sank a five-foot eagle putt at the 14th. He won here five years ago.

Three consecutive bogeys early on the back nine sent second-round leader Cameron Tringale to a 1-over 73 that put him at 8 under for the tournament. India’s Anirban Lahiri is at 7 under after a 69.

Tom Hoge finished with five birdies and moved up 26 spots on the leaderboard with a third-round 66. He is in a group of four players at 6 under that includes Lucas Glover (70), Gary Woodland (67) and Matt Kuchar (70).

The start of play was delayed 2 1/2 hours by rain.



Associated Press

Jordan Spieth waits his turn to putt during the third round of the Valero Texas Open golf tournament on Saturday, in San Antonio.

# NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The City Council of the City of Inverness will hold a public hearing on Tuesday April 6, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Inverness Government Center, 212 W. Main Street, Inverness, FL to consider and finalize a resolution amending the adopted budget for all funds for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021.

ANA Inspiration			Christina Kim	70-70-73—213	-3
Saturday			Mel Reid	71-73-70—214	-2
At Mission Hills Country Club			Ryann O'Toole	71-71-72—214	-2
Rancho Mirage, Calif.			Azahara Munoz	70-72-72—214	-2
Purse: \$3.1 million; Yardage: 6,865; Par: 72			Austin Ernst	73-68-73—214	-2
Third Round			Dani Holmquist	70-70-74—214	-2
Patty Tavatanakit	66-69-67—202	-14	Leona Maguire	67-73-74—214	-2
Ally Ewing	71-70-66—207	-9	<b>Valero Texas Open</b>		
Mirim Lee	69-70-68—207	-9	Saturday		
Shanshan Feng	67-69-72—208	-8	At TPC San Antonio - Oaks Course, San Antonio, Texas		
Inbee Park	70-69-70—209	-7	Purse: \$7.7 million; Yardage: 7,494; Par: 72		
Charley Hull	69-69-71—209	-7	Third Round		
Gaby Lopez	73-67-70—210	-6	Matt Wallace	69-68-67—204	-12
Lydia Ko	70-69-71—210	-6	Jordan Spieth	67-70-67—204	-12
Jin Young Ko	69-70-71—210	-6	Charley Hoffman	75-68-65—206	-10
Moriya Jutanugarn	68-69-73—210	-6	Cameron Tringale	66-69-73—208	-8
Sei Young Kim	72-71-68—211	-5	Anirban Lahiri	71-69-69—209	-7
Gabriela Ruffels	72-70-69—211	-5	Tom Hoge	68-76-66—210	-6
Yu Liu	71-71-69—211	-5	Gary Woodland	71-72-67—210	-6
Nelly Korda	71-70-70—211	-5	Lucas Glover	73-67-70—210	-6
Nanna Koerstz Madsen	72-68-71—211	-5	Matt Kuchar	70-70-70—210	-6
Pajaree Anannarukarn	71-69-71—211	-5	Chris Kirk	72-72-67—211	-5
Stacy Lewis	76-69-67—212	-4	Chesson Hadley	72-72-66—211	-5
Brooke M. Henderson	75-69-68—212	-4	Sebastian Munoz	68-74-69—211	-5
Linnea Strom	75-69-68—212	-4	Brandt Snedeker	72-67-72—211	-5
Mi Hyang Lee	73-71-68—212	-4	Camilo Villegas	64-76-71—211	-5
So Yeon Ryu	72-72-68—212	-4	Kyle Stanley	71-68-72—211	-5
Hannah Green	71-71-70—212	-4	Erik van Rooyen	71-68-72—211	-5
Jaye Marie Green	71-71-70—212	-4	Corey Connors	71-74-67—212	-4
Megan Khang	68-73-71—212	-4	Keith Mitchell	72-69-71—212	-4
Sophia Popov	70-69-73—212	-4	Brandon Hagy	70-70-72—212	-4
Anna Nordqvist	68-70-74—212	-4	Kevin Stadler	69-70-73—212	-4
Jessica Korda	69-76-68—213	-3	Rickie Fowler	76-68-69—213	-3
Pernilla Lindberg	72-72-69—213	-3	Ryan Palmer	72-71-70—213	-3
Mi Jung Hur	71-71-71—213	-3	Kyoung-Hoon Lee	73-73-70—213	-3
Gerina Pillier	70-72-71—213	-3	Troy Merritt	76-69-68—213	-3
Jeongeun Lee6	71-70-72—213	-3	Doc Redman	72-68-73—213	-3

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BUDGET SUMMARY											
CITY OF INVERNESS 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR											
THE PROPOSED OPERATING EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS ARE 8.9% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES											
GENERAL FUND 7.9730											
ESTIMATED REVENUES	GENERAL FUND	WHISPERING PINES PARK	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	WATER & SEWER	CEMETERY	IMPACT FEE FUND	PENSION FUNDS	TOTAL BEFORE COMPONENT UNIT	I.C.R.A. TRUST FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	
TAXES											
AD-VALOREM MILLAGE PER \$1000 7.97	3,883,787							3,883,787			3,883,787
AD-VALOREM Delinquent Taxes	120,000							120,000			120,000
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SALES & USE TAXES	300,000							300,000			300,000
FRANCHISE FEES	592,000							592,000			592,000
UTILITY SERVICE TAXES	700,800							700,800			700,800
COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TAX	213,000							213,000			213,000
LOCAL BUSINESS TAX	55,000							55,000			55,000
LICENSES & PERMITS	371,000							371,000			371,000
GRANTS	579,166	307,500						886,666			886,666
STATE SHARED REVENUE	560,165							560,165	644,413		1,204,578
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	1,232,575	65,075		3,571,680	200,000			5,069,330			5,069,330
FINES & FORFEITS	30,506							30,506			30,506
INTEREST EARNINGS	73,400	4,600		15,750	1,800	500	2,250	98,300	13,000		111,300
RENTS & ROYALTIES	146,700							146,700			146,700
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS/IMPACT FEE	-					25,000		25,000			25,000
CONTRIBUTIONS/DONATIONS	151,000							151,000			151,000
SALE OF FIXED ASSET-EQUIP								-			-
PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS								-			-
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	14,000	1,064		33,750				48,814			48,814
TOTAL SOURCES	9,023,099	378,239		3,621,180	201,800	25,500	2,250	13,252,068	657,413		13,909,481
TRANSFERS IN	898,770	-	1,216,250	3,595,430				5,710,450	694,124		6,404,574
FUND BALANCES/RESERVES/NET ASSETS	9,063,589	312,538	4,052,578	6,348,020	395,704	156,315	484,370	20,813,114	4,649,419		25,462,533
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES	18,985,458	690,777	5,268,828	13,564,630	597,504	181,815	486,620	39,775,632	6,000,956		45,776,588
EXPENDITURES											
GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL	2,682,999		188,382				2,500	2,873,881			2,873,881
PUBLIC SAFETY	1,439,672		41,250					1,480,922			1,480,922
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	1,191,000			3,998,462	92,290			5,281,752	2,062,361		7,344,113
TRANSPORTATION	962,473		1,303,325					2,265,798			2,265,798
ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT	390,035		45,660					435,695			435,695
CULTURE AND RECREATION	1,380,315	628,005	567,000					2,575,320			2,575,320
DEBT SERVICE				410,251				410,251	746,000		1,156,251
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	8,046,494	628,005	2,145,617	4,408,713	92,290	-	2,500	15,323,619	2,808,361		18,131,980
TRANSFERS OUT	1,875,374	35,000	126,770	4,152,430	3,500			6,193,074	211,500		6,404,574
FUND BALANCE RESERVES AND NET ASSETS	9,063,590	27,772	2,996,441	5,003,487	501,714	181,815	484,120	18,258,939	2,981,095		21,240,034
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES	18,985,458	690,777	5,268,828	13,564,630	597,504	181,815	486,620	39,775,632	6,000,956		45,776,588



# Barty repeats in Miami when Andreescu retires

*Top-ranked player controls women's final*

**STEVEN WINE**  
*AP sports writer*

MIAMI — Ash Barty pushed a forehand winner into the open court as her opponent, Bianca Andreescu, laid on her back in the far corner, injured yet again.

With that, the Miami Open final was decided.

Andreescu limped through 11 more points before she retired, crying, shaking her head and trailing 6-3, 4-0.

The No. 1-ranked Barty won her second successive Miami title Saturday, and the Australian was already in control of the match when Andreescu turned her right foot while hitting a forehand and sprawled to the hard court. Barty hit one more shot to win the point, and play continued.

But during the ensuing changeover, a trainer taped Andreescu's foot, and after another game the injury-plagued Canadian reluctantly called it quits.

"I really do feel for Bianca," Barty said. "She has had such a rough trot with injuries in the past."

Andreescu was again tearful at the start of her postmatch news conference, when she explained that her trainer convinced her to retire rather than risk further injury.

"I didn't want to stop," she said. "I trusted him, and I knew it was the best decision."

The tournament was the first in the United States for the 20-year-old Andreescu since she won the 2019 U.S. Open. She sat out 2020 because of injuries and the coronavirus pandemic and now faces another possible layoff.

"I'm going to see what's up with my foot, and start visualizing the healing process if it's something bad," Andreescu said.

On Sunday, 19-year-old Italian Jannik Sinner will try to become the youngest men's champion in tournament history when he plays No. 26-seeded Hubert Hurkacz of Poland. Each is seeking the biggest title of his career.

Barty made her own breakthrough by winning the 2019 Miami championship. The tournament was canceled last year at the start of the coronavirus pandemic.

Five other women have earned consecutive Miami titles: Stefanie Graf, Monica Seles, Arantxa Sánchez-Vicario, Venus Williams and Serena Williams.

"I shouldn't belong with that group," Barty said with a smile. "I haven't earned the right to be on a list with those champions. They're genuine champions and legends, and I feel very privileged to be mentioned in that sentence."

The match between Barty and Andreescu was their first, and a potential friendly rivalry looms. Barty dominated from the start of the final with her strong serve and all-court game.

"She doesn't play like a lot of the players on tour," Andreescu said. "She likes to mix it up, like me. That's not fun to play



**Ashleigh Barty of Australia poses with the trophy after winning her match against Bianca Andreescu of Canada during the finals at the Miami Open tennis tournament, Saturday in Miami Gardens. Barty won 6-3, 4-0, as Andreescu retired due to injury.**

against. I guess I'm getting a taste of my own medicine."

Barty was playing outside of Australia for the first time since February 2020, and she arrived in Miami after a trip that took 45 hours because of two canceled flights.

"I said to my coach when we got here, it can only get better from here," she said.

It did. Barty was one point from defeat in her opening match against Kristina Kucova, but she gained momentum from there and will keep her No. 1 ranking next week.

With the pandemic limiting travel, the 2019 French Open champion heads into the clay court season expecting to remain away from home for months.

"It's a great start for us," Barty said. "I'm looking forward to what will hopefully be a big season for us, and hopefully we can play some really good tennis."

Because the pandemic reduced tournament revenue and severely limited attendance, the champion received \$300,110, compared with the \$1.35 million Barty won in 2019. Only 750 fans were allowed on the grounds per session.



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## Go straight to the top

*Henry Van Heuveln learned early in life to go to the person in charge to get a problem solved*



Gerry Mulligan  
**OUT THE WINDOW**

Monday morning can be the most hectic time of the week at the newspaper because we have a weekend full of complaints, disappointments and criticisms to deal with. We have tens of thousands of customers in Citrus County and after 42 years of doing this I have concluded that it is impossible to get through a Monday morning without being called a dope, incompetent or “an enemy of the people.” And that’s before my second

cup of coffee. So I was not surprised last Monday morning when I heard a man at the front desk demanding to speak to “the person in charge.” My office is on the second floor of our building, but I could still hear the demands. “I want to speak to the person in charge,” the customer again repeated. Since I am the guy in charge, it is my responsibility to deal with customers who are the most

exasperated. I understand the frustration. I am a cable television customer myself so I sometimes dream of speaking to the person in charge of Spectrum to find out why the malfunctioning 2004 digital box in my house has been replaced with a refurbished one manufactured in 2003 which will inevitably die within the month. But that’s another story. Newspaper delivery has been a real challenge during COVID and our service has been difficult in

some areas. Monday morning complaints are usually over the phone, so I was surprised a customer took the time to visit the front desk at our Meadowcrest office to voice his dissatisfaction. Waiting for me at the desk was Henry Van Heuveln and his problem was really pretty simple. He lives on a sandy road north of Crystal River, and our carrier’s truck was making a rut in the sand that was so deep the postal carrier was

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## Tod the trooper retires

Florida Highway Patrol Master Trooper Tod Cloud retired Thursday, April 1, after 21 years as a highway patrolman stationed in Citrus County. Cloud, who has roughly 31 years of law enforcement under his belt, also served as a corrections officer in Sumter County, and as a policeman with the Crystal River and Interlachen police departments before becoming a trooper. Following are some vignettes shared by county residents.

“Trooper Tod Cloud has ticketed me four times, pulled me over at least six. Every time my heart stops. I know right of the bat not only did I break the law ... but I put my friend and mentor in situations he doesn’t like to be in. I can honestly say, I learn something each time. Respect and honesty always win. I’ve seen both fear, professionalism, kindness, faith and passion for God, family, job and this country from Trooper Cloud more times than I can count. He’s constantly teaching me. I have been blessed with the friend my family and I consider him. Trooper Tod (mama only thought he needed one “d”) Cloud; you will be missed. Not only by my kids, but by the many kids



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Florida Highway Patrol Master Trooper Tod Cloud laughs Thursday afternoon, April 1, while talking with friends at a retirement reception in his honor.

in Citrus County. From YMCA Halloween Trunk or Treats with Lil Johnny Rollover Car, to Nature Coast EMS Trunk or Treats, and all the behind the scenes stuff you do ... you

changed lives here, especially mine ... for the better.”

— Gregg Mackler, Homosassa

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## Working together for a common cause

I write today with hope for the future and gratitude for the resilience of our provider team at Bayfront Health Seven Rivers. The pandemic has demonstrated how interconnected we all are, the impact each one of us can have and the benefit of working together for a common cause. We care deeply about our community and remain steadfast in our commitment to deliver safe, quality health care services.



Linda Stockton  
**GUEST COLUMN**

The arc of life is always present in a hospital, but it’s frailty has been very clear this past year. Hundreds of patients received the medical care they needed thanks to our physicians, nurses, pharmacists, respiratory therapists, lab techs, housekeepers, food service workers and other providers who have worked tirelessly to maintain a safe environment. Our family of caregivers put aside their personal fears and concerns and came to help every single day, with bravery and courage.

More than 250 babies took their first breaths and we celebrated with their moms. Thousands walked away in better shape than when they came in — with less pain following a joint replacement, a heart beating in rhythm after receiving a pacemaker or a smile of relief when their screening mammogram or colonoscopy

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## We never have to go back to normal



Courtney Stewart  
**SEEING BEYOND**

Of all the new terms and phrases we’ve learned this year, I think perhaps one of the most hated is “the new normal.” We’ve been talking about it for months now, speculating about when this nebulous idea will actually appear and manifest itself in our daily lives.

At the beginning, I think we had this idea that it would be distinct. There was the old normal and then one day, the new normal was here and we all knew what it looked like

and everyone acted accordingly; as if people are little robots who can be reprogrammed to live their lives in a completely different manner all with the stroke of a key or the pushing of a button.

Whatever the new normal actually is didn’t arrive quite like that — although for some it may have felt that way. The ushering in of this new lifestyle had elements that suddenly appeared one day and we’ve all been following the rules ever since, like mask-wearing, for


instance. We just started doing it one day and now, if we forget to walk out of the house with one, it leaves us with the same sensation we feel when we forget our wallets.

But most of the new normal kind of snuck its way into our daily routines. It was gradual. The habits we’ve formed all throughout this pandemic are likely to stick with us for some time to come and maybe even forever. Even after our social groups are fully vaccinated and

there are no more “closed” tables at restaurants to make room for social distancing, some of our habits and some of our societal changes will never go back.

I doubt grocery stores remove the plexiglass in the checkout line. Restaurants and stores that never offered delivery or curbside take-out before the pandemic will likely keep these new revenue streams. We probably won’t just assume that

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### WRONGHEADED BILLS

# Don't meddle with Florida's election law

After two decades of fine-tuning its election law, Florida got it right during the 2020 election, despite the challenge of a pandemic and a record turnout of nearly 9 million voters fueled by 4.6 million mail-in ballots.

While the 2020 vote-by-mail experiences of some states have spawned political controversy and voter angst, Florida's orderly vote-by-mail experience was an acclaimed model for the nation that earned praise from federal and state officials and, most importantly, the trust of Florida voters.

Given Florida's exemplary 2020 election, one would not expect state lawmakers to meddle with success. However, the overzealous concerns of some Republican lawmakers stemming from the vote-by-mail experiences of other states have prompted an unnecessary stirring of the pot.

A study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences showed that vote-by-mail closely parallels in-person voting with no party having a consistent advantage. Integrity Florida found that typical Democratic constituencies had higher rejection rates for mail-in ballots. And Florida law enforcement agencies have not noted any credible vote-by-mail fraud allegation.

The most convincing testimony supporting the integrity of Florida's vote-by-mail process comes from former President Donald Trump. Although he publicly questioned the vote-by-mail integrity of five states, he did not utter a single criticism of Florida's electoral system.

Not content to let well enough alone, Sen. Dennis Baxley, R-Ocala, and Rep. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, filed SB 90 and HB 7041, respectively, which propose unnecessary vote-by-mail changes for Florida voters.

While both bills are purportedly in the interest of election integrity and contain a sweetener or two, their onerous changes would leave Florida voters with a bitter taste.

Senate Bill 90 would require a purge of all mail ballot requests on file; renewal of mail ballot requests annually instead of the current two-year general election cycle; and elimination of ballot drop boxes now required at all elections offices and early voting sites.

House Bill 7041 would make it harder to vote-by-mail by banning the collection of mail ballots by one person; restricting drop boxes at early voting sites; allowing partisan operatives to file case-by-case challenges to signature verification programs; and prohibiting the giving of water or snacks to voters standing in line at the polls.

Crafted without any professional input from Florida's 67 county supervisors of elections, the Florida Supervisors of Elections strongly oppose the proposed changes for good cause.

They would be a step backward for providing voters with convenient and ample opportunities to cast their ballots. Requesting mail ballots annually would cause confusion and greatly impact military and elderly voters. Eliminating drop boxes would hinder voters who prefer to return their mail-in ballots in person. Managing the changes and educating the public would create a time consuming and costly burden for the supervisors of elections.

Rather than pursuing a wrongheaded partisan concern for an imaginary problem, Republican lawmakers should instead turn their attention to fine-tuning the current system by listening to those who deal with elections firsthand — the state's 67 supervisors of elections.

should be used to buy equipment like cameras.

### Proper etiquette for saluting

Recently someone asked me about salute etiquette for people who are not in uniform and I'd just like to give a quote from the Google on the internet: "A provision of the 2009 Defense Authorization



Act changed federal law to allow U.S. veterans and military personnel not in uniform to render the military hand salute when the national anthem is played."

### Drive speed limit in Oak Village

We have lived in Sugarmill Woods for eight years now. During that time, I've

every property in the county at least once every five years. Additionally, our office accepts and approves applications from individuals eligible for exemptions and other forms of property tax relief. We track ownership changes and maintain maps of parcel boundaries while keeping descriptions of buildings and property characteristics up to date. Using the Geographic Information System (G.I.S.), we deliver comprehensive and up-to-date property ownership maps for field inspections.

In estimating value for any property, Florida Statutes 193.011 requires the property appraiser's office to consider 8 factors — those include the present cash value; the highest and best use of the property; the location of the property; the quantity or size of the property; the cost of the property; the condition of the property; the income of said property; and the net proceeds of the sale of the property.

### Fee Appraiser

A fee appraiser is responsible for performing appraisals when a property is being purchased (or for the intent to purchase a piece of property — like the BOCC's request above). A fee appraiser's evaluation is an independent and unbiased opinion that is prepared for the purchasing/selling parties to assure that the sales price of the property is adequate at the time of the transaction and to signify that a reasonably equivalent value was exchanged by the parties.

Citizens and businesses must use fee appraisers to determine the property value when

obtaining mortgages, refinancing loans, or acquiring equity loans. Fee appraisers also determine the current value of a property for divorce settlements, estate planning, and eminent domain purposes. They establish a fair market value from similar properties that have sold in the area. Fee appraisers evaluate a property in its entirety — the inside of the property and the outside of the property — every square inch. Fee appraisers conduct a room-by-room walk-through to appraise the condition of the property's interior; walk the length of the property for an appraisal of the condition of the property's exterior; appraise the value of any amenities, such as a swimming pool, finished basement, or built-in bar; record the layout of the property, inspect the square footage, and determine whether it's a single-family dwelling. Off-site, the fee appraiser may also evaluate the current real estate market, considering comparable properties in the neighborhood, to help evaluate the home's value or fair market value of the property. If you are buying commercial real estate, a fee appraiser may conduct a business valuation to determine market value in much the same way.

The Citrus County Property Appraiser's Office looks forward to educating our citizens. Our customer service staff is always available to answer questions in both offices. In Inverness, please call 352-341-6600 and in Crystal River, please call 352-564-7130. You can also visit the property appraiser's website [www.citruspa.org](http://www.citruspa.org) or Facebook page [@citruscountypfpropertyappr](https://www.facebook.com/citruscountypfpropertyappr).

Cregg Dalton is the Citrus County Property Appraiser.

## LETTERS to the Editor

### Some facts left out of criticism

Some folks are criticizing the COVID relief bill for sending checks to inmates. Sen. Cassidy of Louisiana was on Fox News Sunday, March 14, complaining about this, and that the Democrats voted to stop the amendment he offered to remove these payments. What Cassidy forgot to mention was the exact same prisoner payments were in both packages last year, and he voted for both bills and did not offer any amendments. Draw your own conclusion.

David Burns  
Floral City

### Offer impact fee alternatives

Your editorial of April 1 about some "Tallahassee power play" caught my eye.

May I suggest you might want to offer the legislators some alternative solutions to the concept of impact fees. That such fees for sure impact the price of housing is a no-brainer. Perhaps you have some idea of how infrastructure can be funded, other than with impact fees. Bring them up — perhaps you can sell them to the people.

Throwing around purple prose like "power plays

aimed at concentrating power in the halls " of the Legislature, and "special interest power brokers lurk in the shadows" certainly paints quite a picture, doesn't it ?

And the sham "understanding that government closest to the people best serves the peoples' interests" flies so directly in the face of a publication that supports the kind of legislative — and administrative — action coming out of our national government as unconscionable double talk.

The phrase about keeping power locally is correct in every respect and I can agree it should apply in Tallahassee, but it must therefore apply its truth at whatever level. Else one might risk

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being seen as two faced, wouldn't you say?

Steve Krouch  
Inverness

### Chinese auction was a success

We wish to thank everyone for coming out to support us in our Chinese auction on March 27 and for their generous donations.

A special thank you to the following businesses for their donations. Nick Nicholas Ford, Tina's Salon, Connors Gifts, Historic Downtown Affordable Automotive, Dairy Queen, Tires Plus, Angelottis, Auto Zone, Citrus Plaza Barber, Glamour Salon, Shear Sister, Family Barber, Fl. Dermatology, Perseverance Tattoo, K P Nails, Discount Auto, Charles Creamery, Tire Kingdom, O'Reilly Auto, Fit Full Force Fitness, Los Magueyes Restaurant, Cinnamon Sticks, Fire Stone, Little Flower Shop, Lowes, Winn-Dixie, Johnny Cakes, Bernie's Wood Art, Maurice Fortin Hand Crafted Wood Clocks & etc., Love Chevrolet and Inverness Bike.

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### Deputies don't need more money

(Someone) said to give deputies more money. I don't think we should give them more money. I think we pay enough taxes in Citrus County. Yes, they should have body cameras, but what about all these minor drug dealers where they're collecting a couple of thousand here and a couple of thousand there. That money



# Court taking extra precautions for jurors because of COVID

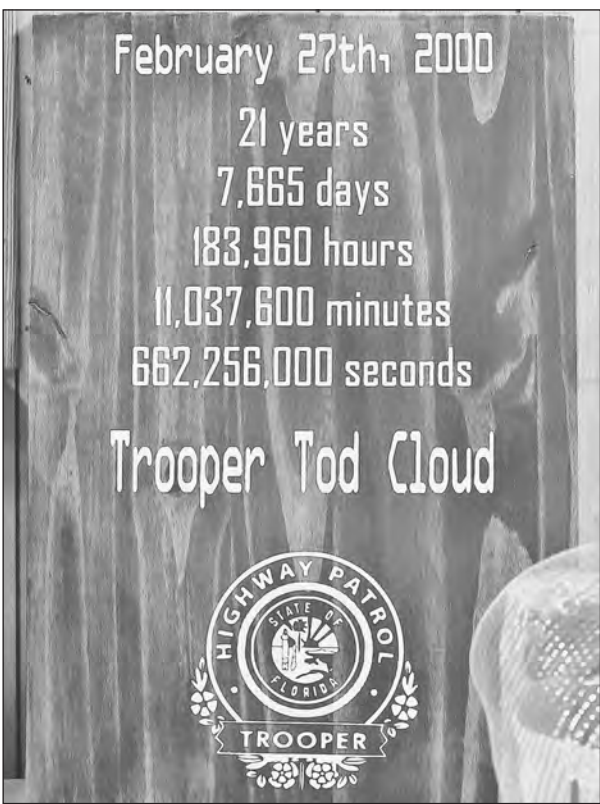
When the pandemic hit Florida a year ago, no one expected the suspension of jury trials to last longer than a couple of months. As COVID-19 continued to spread jury trials remained on hold for almost a year. With the improving health conditions in our circuit, the courts meet the strict criteria for

transitioning into Phase 2 and on March 15, Citrus County resumed jury selection.

To ensure the health and well-being of jurors, citizens, and personnel, we will be summoning smaller groups more frequently. For the weeks of April 13, April 23, May 11, May 17, June 8 and June 14, 100 jurors will be summoned each day of the week,



Angela Vick  
**GUEST COLUMN**



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

**A wooden plaque detailing his work was presented to Master Trooper Tod Cloud.**

## TROOPER

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“Tod ticketed my brother Gator and I commended him for that as my brother deserved it.”

—Rodney MacRae  
Homosassa

“He’s the one in the all-black car. I wave to him on a daily basis. God bless him and happy retirement.”

—Natalie Mohrbeck,  
Homosassa

“I was ticketed for no seatbelt. But a valuable lesson was instilled. He shook my hand and offered success for my daughter who’s a trooper in Massachusetts.”

—Matt Smolinsky  
Sugarmill Woods

“A very serious guy; he’s never pulled me over!”

—Brittany Christy,  
Homosassa

“Trooper Cloud does his job and he’s a respectful guy.”

—Luke Saracen

“We witnessed a wreck; had to do Zoom meeting for court; Trooper Cloud

didn’t make it ... judge said he was late; Trooper Cloud said he’s always on “Trooper Time” months later (Mann) got notified that he was counted in the meeting.”

—Cole Mann  
Tyler Tambasco

“Trooper Cloud is very professional, maintains ‘a to the books’ persona. Never gives into personal side. Even at community events.”

—Brian Tambasco,  
Homosassa

“I was pulled over rushing to a game; he’s tough and fair. It was a work zone. Citrus County will remember his devotion to highway. He won’t be missed on the roads; and good luck with retirement.”

—Shannon Dunn,  
Homosassa

“Trooper Cloud’s very involved with kids and community. (I) cannot believe he’s retiring! He does his job well; he pulled me over doing 61 in a 55!”

—Joette Hurst  
Citrus County

—Compiled by  
Nikki James

Monday through Friday, to report for jury selection.

The circuit, along with Citrus County government and the clerk’s office, is taking every precaution necessary to safeguard everyone entering the courthouse including health screening, temperature checks, social distancing, and wearing a mask.

Jury duty is one of the most important tasks that a citizen can perform to ensure our free society. Jury participation is crucial for restoring court services and ensuring access to justice. The entire court system has implemented

safety measures to protect jurors’ health while fulfilling a civic duty. Working together, we can safely ensure access to justice for everyone.

In addition to the standard excusal and postponement request criteria, the courts have added additional criteria specifically for COVID-19 matters:

■ The potential juror is on leave pursuant to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act

■ The potential juror is at higher risk for severe illness because of COVID-19 infection as identified

by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

■ The potential juror must care for a child or relative whose regular-care provider is closed or unavailable for reasons related to COVID-19

■ The potential juror recently returned to work after being unemployed due to COVID-19

■ The potential juror suffered a financial or personal hardship as a result of COVID-19

If you are selected to serve as a juror, please be assured that your health and well-being remain our

first priority. Information regarding jury duty, jury summons, and court cases may be found on the Clerk’s website at [citrusclerk.org/jury](http://citrusclerk.org/jury). If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact our Jury Team directly at 352-341-6405.

Thank you for your patience, cooperation, and support as we work to transition back to full, in-person operations at the courts.

Angela Vick is the Citrus County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller.

## Letters to THE EDITOR

### Thanks for golf tourney support

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Bruce Ellig, marketing  
Inverness Golf and Country Club Board of Directors

### GOP, distance from Trump

Donald Trump bragged five years ago that he could “shoot somebody on Fifth Avenue and not lose any voters.” He never shot anyone that we know of, but he did urge his followers to storm the U.S. Capitol and gleefully failed to call them off for hours. He went so far as to tweet that Vice President Mike Pence failed to do his bidding by certifying the lawful results of the 2020 election.

Pence narrowly escaped as the rioters chanted “hang Mike Pence,” and still Trump failed to call them off. When he finally did urge peace and told them to go home, he

told them he loved them and that this day, Jan. 6, would be remembered forever. It will be remembered but only because it was one of the most well-documented crimes in history.

A recent letter wonders why there is a 12-foot razor wire surrounding the Capitol and scoffs at President Joe Biden’s vow to calm things down. The presence of razor wire and National Guard troops is the direct result of Donald Trump’s rhetoric. I am baffled by the Trump cult. How can any patriotic American still support someone who tried to take down our republic?

More than 300 arrests have been made but the chief defendant still walks free.

His lies are now legendary, totaling more than 20,000. The big lie was the election result. More than 50 federal judges, most Trump appointees, dismissed frivolous lawsuits alleging voter fraud. He also repeatedly lied about the coronavirus, stating it was “totally under control,” was disappearing and that all would be well by Easter. He lied about a \$130,000 payment he made to porn star Stormy Daniels. He lied about President Obama’s birthplace. He lied about his border wall, claiming Mexico would pay for it. In 2016, he claimed he was once Michigan’s Man of the Year even though he’s never lived in Michigan and Michigan does not even have such an award. He even lied about his inauguration, falsely claiming it was the largest crowd in history, when we could all see that it wasn’t.

Sen. Mitch McConnell got it right when he blamed Trump for the insurrection. The Republican Party would do well to heed his words and distance

themselves from Mr. Trump, soon to be known as the defendant. True patriots accept the results of lawful elections and never incite violence.

Kevin Mulligan  
Crystal River

### Count me out with unity

Mr. Mulligan, Happy St. Patrick’s Day to you, the Chronicle staff and all your readers. It’s not often an Irishman or woman is late to a party, but you have not only been late to the party but you, sir, have been away without leave when it comes to the media suppression of them First Amendment, i.e., freedom of the press and freedom of speech.

Day after day I have read the paper hoping to find a Chronicle condemnation of the events of the last year. Big tech has set itself up as the arbiter of the worthiness of news dissemination either by electronic means, cable and satellite outlets, or otherwise. Elected officials are blocked from reaching millions of their supporters. I believe it is called censorship. If truth and honesty were the absolute criteria, then how can the Huffington Post exist?

America has now begun the process of re-writing history. Banning books should send shivers down every American’s back. Have we forgotten Germany and the rise of totalitarianism? Have we forgotten the state news outlets of Soviet Russia, Izvestia and Pravda who toe the party line; currently American news outlets are dishonestly toeing the Democrat Party line. One great example, the New York Times. I am the only one bothered by this?

Have we forgotten what it means to have a president answer simple

questions so the American people can interpret for themselves whether the current administration is on the right track? The toughest question Joe Biden has been faced with is what flavor ice cream he ordered at a local Delaware ice cream stand! It is unimaginable to me that all the bulldog reporters who hounded President Trump have been corralled and silenced. Why? What are they hiding and who are they covering for?

A reporter should never treat an elected official disrespectfully, but my god, should not they at least ask questions of the current administration; and no, not questions submitted in advance. Personally, I do not know who is running our country, do you? Are you not bothered?

I can honestly say I disagree with everything the Biden Administration has done! So, count me out when you talk about unity. The Democrat Party definition of unity is unquestioned capitulation of my values. Never!

America deserves better!

Kevin M. Kelly  
Crystal River

### Trump fulfilled promises

No administration has fulfilled as many campaign promises as President Trump. He has increased border security, brokered peace deals in the Mideast. Blacks, Hispanics and females have enjoyed the lowest unemployment rate on record. This is a few of the many steps taken to improve the economy with a general income tax cut. One of most important diplomatic moves was to open talks with North Korea.

Robert J. Jeeves  
Homosassa

## STOCKTON

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was clear.

With pride and relief we cheered dozens of patients who left for home after beating COVID-19. But there have been times of sadness too, as our caregivers helped patients transition at the end of life and comforted the loved ones who grieved for

their loss.

Helping people get well and live healthier is rewarding work, and we are grateful for the trust every patient places in us. And we feel the support of the community as you’ve extended your thanks and encouragement through prayers, first responder parades, signs, meals and more.

Led by a local administration and advisory board of community leaders and

physicians, we are putting our resources toward increased medical services, facilities and technologies that are important to our patients, including the future opening of a second cardiac cath lab, technology upgrades that enhance patient care and safety, and expansion of primary care. Access has been enhanced with the opening of Bayfront Health ER Citrus Hills and Bayfront Health Medical Primary

Care Citrus Hills in addition to adding OB/GYN services to Bayfront Health Medical Group Primary Care & OB/GYN in Crystal River. Many of our physicians are now offering telemedicine, making it easier than ever to see a doctor from the comfort of home.

We value our relationship with Citrus County. The more than \$2.1 million in taxes we paid last year support critical

infrastructure such as first responders, schools and roads. Wages and benefits for our provider team generate buying power for local goods and services and help drive the local economy. And we deliver care for our most vulnerable residents, last year providing more than \$58 million in charity and uncompensated care.

Hope is on the horizon as COVID-19 vaccinations are underway and we look

forward to a time when we can all gather. Until then, keep up the safe practices — wear a mask or face covering, maintain social distancing and regularly wash your hands. By following these simple acts we can do extraordinary things.

Linda Stockton is the Chief Executive Officer of Bayfront Health Seven Rivers.

## WINDOW

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complaining.

We could handle that issue, but I had to ask Henry why he needed to come see me with the problem instead of calling into our customer service department. They successfully deal with issues like this every day.

“I always go to the top guy with my complaints,” Henry told me. “It started with President Eisenhower.”

OK, he had me right there. I had to ask him what the heck he was talking about.

Henry was more than willing to explain.

He is a delightful guy who grew up in the Netherlands during World War II. Most of Europe was devastated during the war, and young people had very few options.

For many Europeans, their only hope was to emigrate to the United States and start over. Henry was in his early 20s, married and the father of an infant. The young family lived in a single room of a relative’s house in the city of Groningen.

They had an uncle who lived in Duluth, Minnesota, and filed the appropriate paperwork to gain access to the United

States. The uncle was willing to sponsor them.

At the time, it usually took up to three years for the state department to process the paperwork. After that length of time elapsed, Henry made contact with the U.S. Embassy to see what the problem was with the family’s application.

He discovered that part of the paperwork had been misplaced and the application was not even being dealt with. They would have to start the process over.

And this is where “dealing with the guy in charge” became an important part of Henry’s life.

Henry decided to bring his situation up “to the guy

in charge.”

He immediately sent a letter to President Dwight D. Eisenhower to explain his problem. Henry didn’t even have the right address for his complaint and just put the president’s name and Washington, D.C. on the letter.

A short time later, the U.S. Embassy in the Netherlands contacted Henry in his one-room living quarters and told him to pack his bags and get ready to move to the United States of America. Somehow, President Eisenhower got that message and interceded on behalf of Henry and his family.

The Van Heuveln family was transported to America

on the Groote Beer Troop Transport ship in April 1956 and eventually connected with their uncle in Duluth.

From there, the Van Heuveln family story was typical of the more than 5 million Europeans who came to the United States after World War II. They worked hard, loved their new country and became part of the great American economic expansion of the time.

The Van Heuveln family eventually retired to Citrus County to enjoy the years in the great Sunshine State.

If not for getting President Dwight D. Eisenhower to intervene on his behalf, the Van Heuveln family

might have never made it to America. And that’s where Henry Van Heuveln learned that if he wanted something done, he “had to go to the guy in charge.”

The rut in front of the Van Heuveln home in north Citrus County has been repaired. His newspaper and mail continue to be delivered.

Henry Van Heuveln knows how to get things done. If Dwight D. Eisenhower got the message, who are we to argue?

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Sound OFF

**Money could be better used**

I'm responding to your (Monday, March 8, 2021, front-page) article, "BOCC to discuss sewer project," where you want to put a sewer project and spend \$1.75 million and \$2.25 million in CARES money for some sewer along the (Suncoast) Parkway. Don't you think that money would be better utilized to help the people that have these septic tanks off of Crystal River where allegedly their sewage is going into our water system? Don't you think you might help them to connect into the city sewerage? Don't you think that would be a priority? Then have them make small payments to you in the long run. I think that money could be better utilized there than putting the waste into our water system than building some sewer system, which, down the road, would "enhance the marketability of the area." Really? What's more important?

**Pave our roads, commissioners**

In this morning's paper, it says "Residents voice pool, road concerns" (front page, Saturday, March 13, 2021). Basically what I've gathered from reading that article is that our five commissioners don't ... realize that you



have \$19 million to spend on a bike trail, but you cannot pave our roads. Something needs to be fixed about this system. Now I'm quite sure they will deem it necessary to pay someone a couple hundred thousand dollars to do a study on this for them because I've been here eight years now and only ever had one good commissioner and that was Scott Adams. But of course, he was considered

a bad boy because, you know, he called people out on their job performance and you can't do that in Citrus County...

**Not very computer savvy**

I'm calling Sound Off because — and I know you've heard this plenty of times but — they tell you to go online to register for the vaccine. OK, there are some

people, like myself and many others, that are not computer savvy. But when you go on Publix website, you have all these different things that they're showing you — stories, information — but why don't they just have one line that says, "Register here for the vaccine," instead of us trying to hunt it down and find it? I don't understand why they just can't have one line that says, "Register here," when

the timeframe is open. That's what I don't understand. ... My doctor says I need it. I went to my Publix and they told me to go to this website. I go to this website and I don't know much about computers, but it doesn't show anything about registering for a vaccine. It shows you all these different sites and it tells you about the vaccine, but nothing says in plain English, "Register here."

There's nothing like that.

**Don't worry about bike paths**

I'm calling about the bike path bugaboo. All of Europe has bike paths. You can go from one end of Europe to the other on bike paths. On the weekends, families go out with their bicycles instead of getting out in their gas-guzzling, polluting cars. And if there's a bike trail out to the beach, much better to ride your bike to the beach than a polluting, gas-guzzling car. I'm 77 years old and don't have a bike, but I'm thinking about getting one. I need to stay in shape. And, you know, if Nestle can pump a million gallons of water a day out of our aquifers for nothing, why are you worried about bike paths? Wait 'til the salt water ends up in our aquifers because we've pulled out all the fresh water and then you have to buy your water in bottles like they are in Texas. Don't worry about bike paths. Worry about Nestle.

**Bicyclists should pay, too**

Everyone who uses boat ramps, walkers who use the trail, and sport enthusiasts who use our parks all pay taxes and help our economy. Bikers are not special.

**BEYOND**

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we have a mild cold and go to work like normal, loading ourselves up with cough syrup on the way. We've been asking ourselves when we will get back to normal for a while now. And the reality is that we won't.

It's not because we don't have the will to do it or that we lack the resources. It's because the COVID-19 pandemic has changed us. This past year and all of its uncertainty has brought to

light things that we didn't see as clearly before — about our society and likely, even about ourselves.

And as a result, there is a new normal. As we move toward a post-COVID world, our choices will clearly delineate the old normal from the new.

We're never going back to normal. COVID-19 has changed us.

As I reflect about how this pivotal year in our lives has created a definitive moment of change and newness, it draws me, fittingly, to Easter. The death and

resurrection of Jesus was the ultimate move to a new normal. It was the most significant event in history. Easter, by design, was meant to change us so that we would never go back to the normal of sin and death. Easter, by design, was meant to make all things new.

For those first followers of Jesus, watching his crucifixion and death was a crushing defeat. The promise that Jesus offered them of a new way to live that was transformed by love, generosity, and hope came to a grinding halt when he was placed in

that tomb.

Friday was full of grief and confusion, hopelessness and loss.

And then came Sunday. Jesus wasn't in the grave where he should have been. The two women who found the empty tomb were distraught and panicked. Not only had they lost the one they thought had come to make things new but now they couldn't even mourn him properly.

And then a man appeared. Unsure and confused, they assumed he

was the gardener until he revealed himself as Jesus — the one who was dead but had come back to life.

Jesus changed everything that Sunday morning. Jesus' resurrection meant that everything could be different now. That life could overcome death; that hope could defeat despair; that love could destroy fear.

With this one act Jesus said all things can become new. We can be changed.

Easter means we never have to go back to normal.

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## Strategic planning

**S**trategic planning is a major responsibility for a volunteer-driven, nonprofit board of directors.

The presence of paid staff does not exempt volunteer leadership from the duty of strategic planning. Officers and directors are ultimately responsible for insuring that mission and purpose are pursued.

Volunteer leadership should be aware of and understand the import of all documents submitted to state and federal agencies. These documents define organizational operations and the purpose of the nonprofit, and are available in the public domain. IRS and State files are also open for review by anyone who requests to see them.

### Getting started

It is highly recommended volunteer leadership examine and become acquainted with the bylaws, all governmental documents such as federal and state ones, and read the IRS Determination Letter. These are generally called the external documents.

Over the years government agencies will make changes that impact nonprofit operations. Therefore, an update of current requirements is strongly suggested. There are other documents, considered internal, that should also be reviewed.

An overview of meeting minutes, active programs and a sounding of public opinion will reveal the relevance of and performance of the organization. Reviewing financial information over several years will indicate the strength of recurring revenue, its sources and a sense of how monetary obligations are managed.

This historical approach will shed light on current conditions and can even provide some prognostication of the future of the organization.

All of the foregoing leads to the strategic planning process.

### Setting direction, goals

Once the investigative steps are completed, the strategic planning can begin. It is crucial that the volunteer capacity of the organization should not be overextended or underfulfilled.

Involvement in too many activities can dilute organizational success. Underperformance of the volunteer effort will certainly lead to lack of accomplishments. Striking a delicate balance of activities is a strategic goal in itself. Focus on essentials and doing them well produces good outcome.

Set doable goals with straightforward wording, use the strong word "will" in your statements. A good example might be: "The Membership Committee will make presentations to groups that represent a potential for new volunteer members. The Funding Committee will seek donations from public sources in our community."

Using the strong word — "will" — leaves no doubt as to its meaning.

### Creating the action plan

When the goals and direction are established, creating the action plan starts the implementation process. The next steps should determine what will be done, who will do it, in what sequence will the work be accomplished, what are some alternatives to the planned actions and how best to measure effectiveness.

It is always best for any committee to do the work and for the board to oversee, monitor and support the project or program.

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Special to the Chronicle

Abitare Paris Salon & Day Spa, a progressive Aveda salon and spa, has been a staple of enhancing beauty in the Citrus community for 30 years.

## Pampering pays off



Abitare owner Angela Johnson-Wegzyn joined Aveda 25 years ago and was certified at the Aveda Business College in St. Petersburg.

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Angela Johnson-Wegzyn

Owner of Abitare Paris Salon & Day Spa and Spa Bleu at Plantation.

## Abitare Paris Salon & Day Spa celebrates 30 years in business

CLAIRE PHILLIPS LAXTON  
For the Chronicle

**A**bitare Paris Salon & Day Spa, a progressive Aveda salon and spa that offers a wealth of different experiences, recently celebrated 30 years in business in Crystal River.

Angela Johnson-Wegzyn is the founder of Abitare, which offers full Aveda salon and spa services and vegan products for haircare and skincare.

The European spa showcases services like high-end skin care, massage therapy, manicures/pedicures, VIP nail dips and powder polish and more.

Aveda hair care products are vegan flower and plant-based hair care and the salon stays on the mark with the latest ongoing hair trends.

For example, “the ’70s shag is back, but with a new California Shag look,” said Johnson-Wegzyn.

According to their website, all Aveda products — hair care, hair color, makeup, body care and even aromas — are 100% vegan, since January 2021.

Abitare has received numerous awards over the years, including a Community Impact Partner, Rising Star Award from the United Way; a Chamber of Commerce Pillar Award presented by Sam Himmel; Hyde Park Earth Month Fashion Fundraiser winner; Nominee by Redken for Global Salon Award, Economic Development Counsel Award nominee; New Image Business Award — Citrus County Chamber of Commerce and from 1997–present; and Citrus County Chronicle’s Best of the Best — Honorable/Best Day spa, Hair Salon, Nail Salon.

“We won Top 200 Salons in the U.S. for growth in 2008 (as noted in Marie Claire Magazine) and won a Redken Top Color award in 2013, which was quite an honor, for best practices and guest care,” Johnson-Wegzyn said.

The business has had numerous editorial contributions with Salon Today Professional Magazine for Spa Remodel and Design Support, Scratch UK Nail Magazine for Professionals for U.S. trends in Nail Room Design and Unique Marketing, Marie Claire Fashion Magazine for spa recognition for Earth Month fundraising partnership, Yoga Magazine for Earth Month fundraising partnership and The Blushing Bride — Visitor’s Guide, a beauty guide for the bride’s special day.

In 2007, Johnson-Wegzyn became the founder and director of Spa Bleu at Plantation on the Crystal River.

“I have many long time employees,” Johnson-Wegzyn said. “We are one of the few salons that has employees who work on commission.”

**ABOVE RIGHT:** Team hair at Abitare, from left, includes Ashley Robinson, Tara Newmann and Jacqueline Gaviria. **LOWER RIGHT:** Team spa, from left, are Holli Cole, Kris Werner, Dominique Claudill, Summer Yarborough, Corey Weaver and Katie Stevens.

A new intern program is in the works where her highly experienced employees will train new and upcoming students.

Johnson-Wegzyn enjoys being at the helm of her businesses and being involved in the community. She has participated in countless Citrus County fundraisers, Hyde Park’s Earth Month Fundraiser hosted by Aveda and with Estee Lauder’s Breast Cancer Research Foundation. She has also done Aveda runway fashion makeup in St. Petersburg.

Johnson-Wegzyn has always been interested in skin care since her daughter was little and she used to travel to Tampa for facials with an esthetician named Frances who was a longtime educator.

“She encouraged me to get into the skincare business and I drove to Orlando daily for six months to become an esthetician.”

Johnson-Wegzyn joined Aveda 25 years ago and was certified in level I, II and III at Aveda Business College in St. Petersburg, FL.

She earlier attended ISPA Resort Spa Design for operation and management in Atlanta, Georgia, K.R.S. Business Summit for Salon/Spas and has participated in various other continuing education programs over the years.

Johnson-Wegzyn has served on many different boards and has done professional research on spas in France, Mexico, Bahamas, Puerto Rico, Orlando, St. Augustine, New York and Steiner Cruise Spas.

She first opened her business in the



From left, Megan Rayen, Michelle Hugar and JoAnne Gantzhorn-Klingener prep and dry hair for Abitare clients.

Beall’s shopping Center in Crystal River after attending the Orlando Academy of Beauty Culture getting her degree in Esthiology.

Later, as her business grew, she moved to the Crystal Square shopping plaza for several years. When Publix decided to come into that shopping center, she was given 90 days to move for a final time so the center could make room for the new Publix.

Today, Abitare is at 6630 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Crystal River. They are open Tuesday through Saturday. Spa Bleu at Plantation is open Thursday through Sunday.

“We closed for six weeks during the pandemic,” she said, “then re-opened and have remained open.”

For appointments or more information on Abitare Paris Salon & Day Spa, call 352-563-0496 or 352-563-0011. Call 352-795-1464 for Spa Bleu at Plantation information.

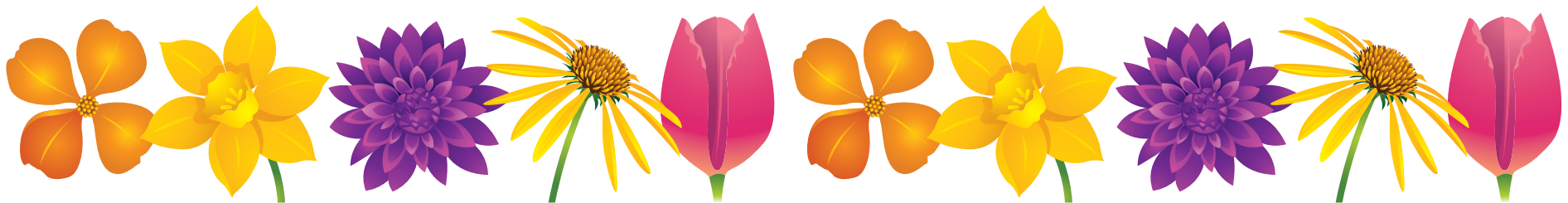






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## Dust bunnies are OUT! Cleaning LOCAL is IN!!!

**B**eautiful Spring! The birds are chirping, the wonderful pollen is in the air, and our brain is whirling with ideas! Re-organize the closets? Finally start that garden? OH! Don't forget to repaint the entire house! Spring cleaning sure does make us ambitious. The good news, though, is we have a plethora of wonderful Chamber businesses that can help you achieve ALL of your goals this year, without driving you "Honey-Do" mad.

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All local businesses are eligible. Complete information on the grant program and documentation required is on the application form.

It is preferred that businesses use the online

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Application are open at [www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/furlough-rehire-grant](http://www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/furlough-rehire-grant). For questions, please email Citrus FurloughRehire@gmail.com

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This week, host Jade White, Chamber Public Relations & Communication Coordinator, talks with Morgan Sundberg, owner of The Loft Bar & Grill, Lollygaggers, Kane's Cattle Company, and Lollygaggers — Floral City, about the growth and expansion of her businesses over the last few years, managing business and starting a family, and the decision to now open Lollygaggers — Floral City.

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# Home prices up in January by most in seven years

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. home prices increased at the fastest pace in seven years in January as the pandemic has fueled demand for single-family houses even as the supply for such homes shrinks.

The S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller 20-city home price index,

released Tuesday, rose 11.1% in January from a year earlier. That's the biggest gain since March 2014. Prices rose in all 20 cities, and the 12-month increase was larger for all cities in January than in the previous month.

"January's data remain consistent with the view that COVID has encouraged potential

buyers to move from urban apartments to suburban homes," said Craig Lazzara, Managing Director and Global Head of Index Investment Strategy at S&P DJI. It's not yet clear whether that trend will fade as the pandemic is brought under control, Lazzara said, or if there will be a permanent shift higher in demand.

The biggest price gain was in Phoenix, where home prices jumped 15.8%, followed by Seattle, with a 14.3% gain, and San Diego, at 14.2%.

Home sales have jumped in the past year, driven by a desire for more space among those Americans fortunate enough to keep their jobs. With roughly one-quarter of workers doing

their jobs from home, along with children going to school online, families have sought out houses rather than apartments, or moved to larger homes.

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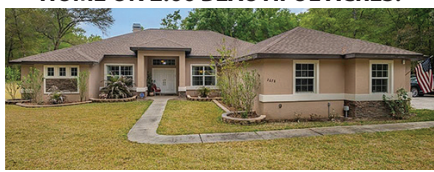
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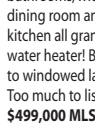
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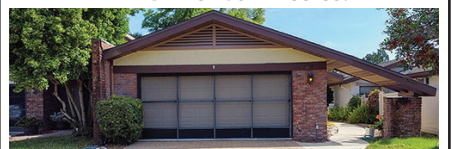
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# Reader wants tree advice; what are all these caterpillars?



Leslie  
Derrenbacher  
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**Dear Gardener Gal:** We'd like to put a flowering tree or two in our front yard that would bloom at different times. Our thoughts are Jacaranda, Golden rain tree, and/or Magnolia lilliflora.

Reading about Magnolias is confusing. We like the purple ones, but I'm not sure how tall they get or if they are really trees or more of a shrub.

Also, we are in our late 60s, so we don't want something that takes 10 years to bloom!

Thanks so much for all your great knowledge. — Nancy

**Dear Nancy:** Compliments to you for your detailed letter. I edited your letter for brevity, but the details you shared about your yard, and about where you want to plant your new trees was outstanding. Trees are not cheap. So much money and time would be saved if folks did their homework as you have done.

Down to business.

Your three choices for a front yard tree all have beautiful flowers. I certainly see why you chose to ask about them. Unfortunately, there are problems with each.

The choice with the best chance of pleasing



LESLIE DERRENBACHER/Special to the Chronicle

**Tussock moth caterpillars are currently everywhere.**

you is the Jacaranda. Beautiful flowers, hardy and not too picky about soil. The problem here is planting zone. We are considered 9A. These are listed for more in the neighborhood of Pasco County and points south. Does this mean it is impossible to grow in Citrus County? Of course not. There are microclimates that allow for flexibility. You might be in one.

The Golden rain tree is a pretty easy-keeper. You will have to watch it doesn't spread, but in your open yard its kids can be mowed down. I have two problems with this choice. First, it attracts Jadera bugs — by the thousands... It won't be all year long, very

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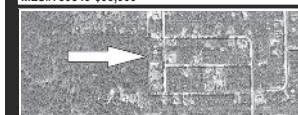
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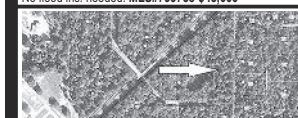
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# Try growing vegetable or flower transplants

**LEE REICH**  
Associated Press

If you've never grown your own transplants for your garden, perhaps this is the year to do it. It's economical, it allows you to grow varieties you might not be able to buy as transplants, it's satisfying and it's easy.

If you're new to the transplant game, start with a flower or vegetable that's relatively easy to raise from seed. Zinnia, calendula and cosmos are some of the easiest. Among vegetables, choose from among lettuce, kale, cabbage and — that most widely grown vegetable of all — tomato.

There are some vegetables which shouldn't be grown as transplants. Beans, peas and okra fall into that category because the yield is small from each plant. Outdoors, in the garden, you sow these plants in a furrow with seeds only a few inches apart. That would take a lot of transplants! For some other vegetables, such as carrots and parsnips, the roots don't take kindly to being transplanted.

Better to hone your transplant-raising skills with a plant that really does need to be grown this way, such as tomatoes. In much of the country, we need to start tomatoes indoors so the plants have enough time to ripen a decent yield out in the garden.

## Germination

To get started with transplants, you'll need a suitable container and soil. The container need not — should not — be too big, but does need to be 2 to 4 inches deep. Plastic yogurt containers are good, even egg cartons (for "jumbo" eggs), and, of course, those cell packs in which your purchased transplants once lived. Perhaps you still have some lying around.

Most important is that any container have one or more holes in the bottom, so excess water can drain out.

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**Lettuce seedlings in New Paltz, NY. After three or four weeks, these lettuce plants will fill their "cells" and be ready to transplant outdoors in the garden.**

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## HomeFront BRIEF

### Mortgage rates remain steady, 30 year loan edges up 3.18%

Mortgage rates were virtually unchanged this week, but signs indicate that the housing market is constrained by higher prices and low inventory.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac reported Thursday that the benchmark 30-year loan rate was 3.18% this week, up from 3.17% last week. A year ago, the rate was 3.33%.

The 15-year loan, popular among those who refinance their mortgages, was unchanged from last week at 2.45%. A year ago it was 2.82%.

"Although mortgage rates remain low, we are beginning to see a pull-back by those looking to enter the housing market," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "In fact, homebuyer demand has gone from 25% above pre-COVID levels at the start of the year, when mortgage rates hit record lows, to 8% above pre-COVID levels today."

While mortgage rates remain historically low, strong demand for homes has led to low inventory and higher prices.

Wednesday, the National Association of Realtors' index of pending home sales tumbled 10.6% to 110.3 in February, its lowest level since May of last year. Combined with a 2.4% dip in January, contract signings are now 0.5% behind where they were last year after eight straight months of year-over-year gains.

In January, U.S. home prices increased at the fastest pace in seven years, according to the S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller 20-city home price index. The pandemic has fueled demand for single-family houses even as the supply for such homes shrinks.

Economists have expected modest increases in home-loan rates this year, though they likely will remain low while the Federal Reserve keeps interest rates near zero until the economy recovers from the coronavirus pandemic.

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# Curb appeal for small homes

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## Living SPACE

There's a lot to love about small houses: less upkeep, lower utility costs, manageable floor plans. If you already live in a small house or are thinking of buying one, you'll probably spend lots of time on the interior. But key exterior design and landscaping tips can do much to play up all that's wonderful about your small home. Here are six ideas, as well as some key considerations, for small houses.

1. Do: Reveal your home's footprint. Don't: Try to hide its size.

One adjective that's often used to describe small-house exteriors is charming. That's because the combination of color, size and landscape creates an approachable, welcoming facade for street-side viewers. Instead of hiding your home's compact footprint, play it up using proportional containers, window boxes and added decor items — like a hanging birdhouse and retro metal chairs — that fit both the scale and style of your home.

2. Do: Minimize visual clutter.

Don't: Add, add, add.

Many of us act on the urge to add more — more landscaping, more trim, more details. Those can quickly overwhelm a small house and detract from its appeal. For example, instead of a dressed-up portico and overwrought trim, focus on simple supports, stylish yet restrained shutters and a conservative mailbox.

3. Do: Streamline the landscaping. Don't: Let trees, shrubs and flowers get overgrown.

Small, clean-lined homes rely on just a few details for visual interest. To emphasize restrained beauty, pare down the landscaping to just a color or two and a few plants. A low-clipped hedge offers definition for the home's edge (and can hide an unattractive foundation line too). To add variety without clutter, consider breaking up the sidewalk with an unusual material or a minimalist pattern.

4. Do: Accentuate or add to architectural details. Don't: Mask fea-

tures that shine on your house.

Look closely and you'll probably see subtle extras on your home that add character; when enhanced in a style-appropriate way, those small pieces help to create a cohesive exterior design. Narrow vertical trim pieces can break up the otherwise unadorned expanse of a street-facing roofline, while simple trim and moldings bump up the aesthetic of the columns and windows. Bonus: If your home doesn't have these details, they are typically not difficult to add, especially with a few DIY skills.

5. Do: Pick a single color. Don't: Hide your home in the shadows.

Dark colors might seem like a good fit for a small home — and sometimes they are. But particular styles and sites might be more attractive in a monochromatic arrangement, as with a compact stucco home. A warm, buttery cream color helps the exterior to reflect light,

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# Donkey sculpture looks cute; 'old' doesn't mean 'valuable'

**Dear John:** Attached are pictures of a donkey figure that belonged to my grandmother, born in 1897. The bags are for salt and pepper and, I assume, the jars are for condiments. I do not have any spoons. It measures 8 inches from end of nose to end of cart, 3 inches wide and 5 high. Each piece is simply marked "Japan." It is ceramic, I believe.



John Sikorski  
**SIKORSKI'S  
ATTIC**

got his start. I would like to find them a home. Any suggestions? Thank you. I look forward to your articles every Sunday in the Citrus County Chronicle. — L.B., *internet*

**Dear L.B.:** Your porcelain donkey carrying the salt and pepper with condiment containers has a lot of cutesy factor. It was made in Japan for export, likely before World War II. Potential dollar

value is below \$50.

There is no specific collector interest in your political cartoons. I suggest you donate them to your local library.

**Dear John:** I bought a copy of

"Moby Dick" in a used bookstore in New York City decades ago for less than a dollar. As I was going through a cleaning and purging phase recently, I took a good look at it and was quite surprised at how old it was. It was published by D.D. Nickerson Co. of Boston, Massachusetts, Copyright, 1892 by Elizabeth S. Melville, Made in U.S.A. The book is a hardcover in good condition and measures 5 1/2 by 8 inches, titled "Moby Dick or The White Whale." Given its age, I wondered if it is worth anything. Can you give me an idea about its value? — Y.H., *internet*

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**This donkey figurine was made in Japan, likely before World War II.**

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# Joist hangers, beams and columns

**TIM CARTER**  
Tribune Content Agency

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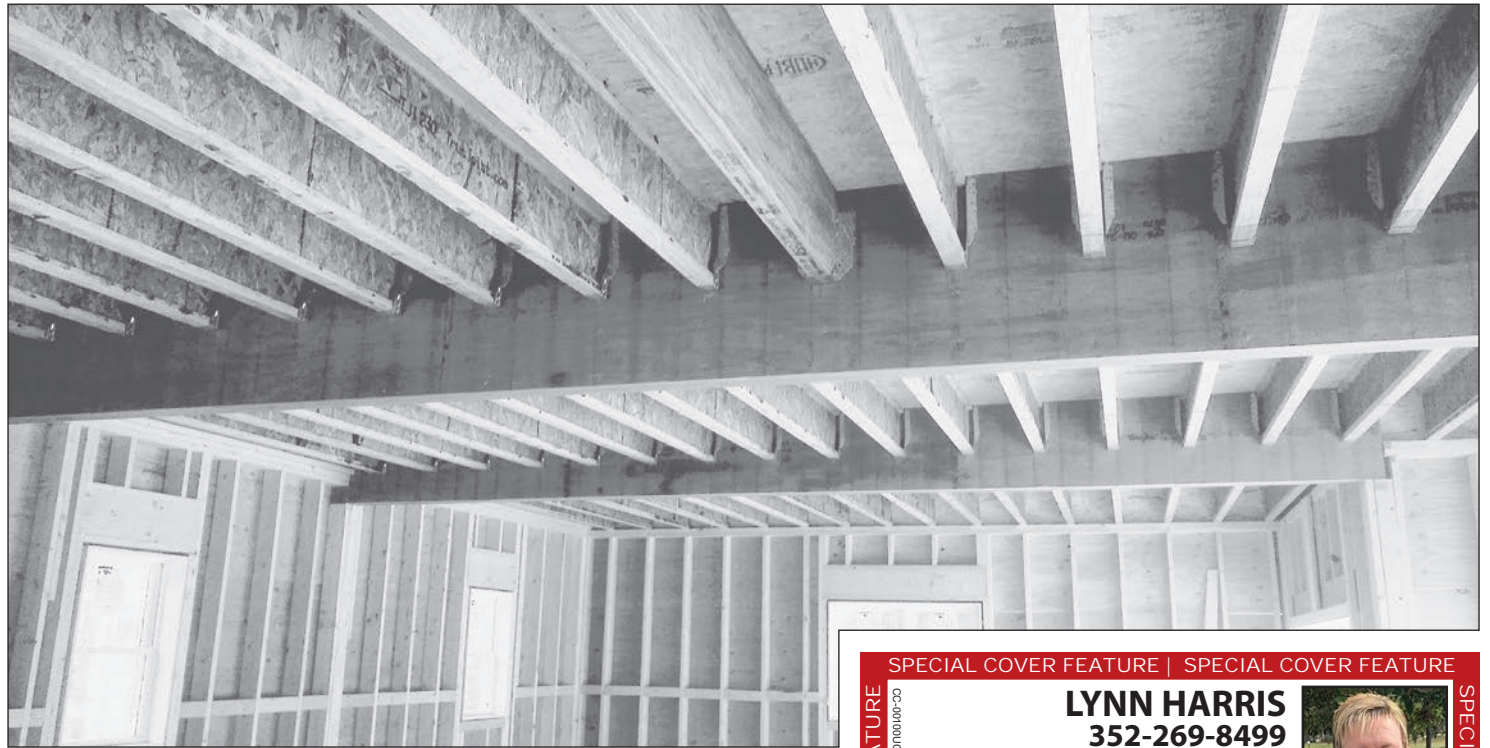
**Q:** Tim, I've never worked with metal joist hangers. How long have joist hangers been around? When I hold one in my hand, I question whether it's actually strong enough to support all the weight that will be resting in it! Are they safe? Are there any best practices when it comes to using them both indoors and outdoors on decks? What about the beams that joist hangers are attached to? How do you size those correctly? What about the support posts? — *Lisa K., Hartford, Conn.*

**A:** If you're about to dip your toe in the magic waters of rough framing, I can tell you that it's immensely satisfying to transform a pile of lumber into a structure. My customers for years would marvel at how we would put all the different pieces of lumber together to create a deck, room addition, or a house. Joist hangers are safe if installed correctly.

Hanging joists is by no means new. You typically need to hang a joist if the top of the joist needs to be in the same plane as the beam that supports it. There are all sorts of reasons and conditions on jobs where this is necessary.

I happen to have in my garage an example of how carpenters did it 150 years ago. Back then there were no fancy metal hangers. The carpenters of old hung joists from beams by cutting a tenon on the end of a joist and then they created a matching square or rectangular mortise in the beam that would support the joist. They used joists and timbers that were much thicker than the dimensional lumber you buy today, so the method was structurally sound.

It's important to realize you're dealing with people's lives, and death and serious injury can result when you install joist hangers, beams and support columns the wrong way. Don't hope things are being done correctly. Get the actual written installation instructions from the joist hanger manufacturer. My go-to source of information for all things dealing with joist hangers and other metal



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Look at all the engineered lumber i-joists supported by metal joist hangers. Can you believe the size of that massive beam? WOWZA!



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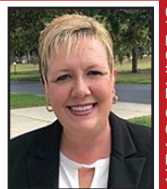
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# Biodiversity, fire prevention, springtime garden cleanup

**B**iodiversity, the variety of life on our Earth, is important in all habitats and ecosystems including in home gardens. In 2012, I moved to a block home in the sandhills of Central Florida. A meadow of tall, unmowed bahiagrass and weeds surrounded the home in a wide swath where trucks had driven during construction. About 65-70% of the lot was existing habitat containing tall Longleaf Pines, scattered Turkey Oaks, Sand Live Oaks, Flag Pawpaws, Saw Palmettos, Wiregrass, Garberia, Bracken Fern, vines, wildflowers and a hundred more indigenous species I still have not identified.



Jane Weber  
**JANE'S GARDEN**

Back then, just one other home was visible across the dusty limestone country road. Out back, two more homes could only be seen in winter when the Turkey Oaks and shrubs were deciduous. Today there are dozens of new homes in the neighborhood on stripped treeless sandlots. What can grow on bare sand? Back then, gopher tortoises browsed the herbs in the tall-grass meadows beneath the pines. Songbirds fed on seeds, berries and insects. Lizards, toads, treefrogs and snakes lived on the acre home-sites. I wanted to keep my piece of paradise as natural as possible to preserve the plant and animal biodiversity.

There have been no natural fires in decades, so I installed a sprinkler system to water the mowable greenspace surrounding the home.

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JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

**Early December freezes in 2020 killed much of the top part of the leaves of this 3-foot tall Eastern Gamagrass, *Tripsacum dactyloides*. As with most flowering grasses, like rice, wheat and oats, Gamagrass flowers once in its summer season and then that particular stalk and associated leaves dies. Gardeners can remove the spent grass right to the ground. This allows sunlight into the center of the bunchgrass. New sprouts grow to rejuvenate the bunchgrass.**





Large repurposed carbon-black nursery pots can be reused for 20 years or more before the plastic breaks down. Leaf litter duff is raked and put in large pots then hauled away to be mulched into organic soil amendment. Leaf burning is an old-fashioned very bad idea as it releases carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, contributes to air pollution, causes respiratory problems and contributes to global warming and the resulting climate change.

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# PLANTS

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Garden soil, even good garden soil, is not suitable because it doesn't drain quickly enough in the confines of a container. Drainage of a "potting mix" ("potting soil") is enhanced by the inclusion of some coarse material such as perlite, vermiculite or sand. If you have little experience raising transplants, buy a potting mix. It will already have the drainage material mixed in.

Fill the containers with the potting mix and firm it down. Not too much, though.

Then sow seeds, 3 or 4 per container or cell, as insurance. Do this by poking a hole a few times the thickness of a seed into the mix, and drop in the seed. Smooth over the potting mix to cover the seeds, and firm it again.

Water the container by

standing it in a pan with water reaching about half as high as the height of the container. After a few hours, lift the container up out of the water.

Seeds need warmth to germinate, the amount varying with the kind of seed. A good average for just about all seeds is about 75° F. Beyond their optimum germination temperatures, seeds will still germinate, but more slowly.

Most seeds don't need light to germinate. So a suitable place is almost anywhere in your home. Some refrigerators are warm on top; that could be a suitable place. Same for near a radiator. A thermostatically controlled seed mat offers more control.

To keep moisture from evaporating from your container, cover it with a pane of clear glass or plastic, or enclose the container in a plastic bag.

Now for the exciting part, waiting to see little, green sprouts. Remove all but the

sturdiest sprout from each container or cell, being careful not to disturb the roots of the sprout that remains.

Your goal now is to grow sturdy, stocky transplants that can tolerate a move to the great outdoors. For this, you need abundant light and cooler temperatures. Even tomatoes, a summer vegetable, grow best as transplants with temperatures in the 60s.

Don't worry if you can't achieve ideal growing conditions; what's possible in a commercial greenhouse often isn't feasible in a home.

A sunny, south-facing window works well, especially if it's in a cool room. Rotate the plants daily so they grow uniformly, rather than one side always bending towards the light.

Another option for light is a grow-light, either fluorescent or LED. Although these lights look bright, they don't compare with good ol' sunshine.

Light intensity falls off rapidly with distance from a light, so keep the light just a few inches above the plants. Or combine a sunny window and a grow-light.

Be careful not to overwater or underwater. I lift a container and its weight tells me if water is needed. The ideal for stocky growth is keeping plants just slightly underwatered.

In four to six weeks, most

transplants should be two to three times the height of their containers, stocky and ready for the outdoors. Or almost ready. Acclimate them to their future environment with a week of being outdoors somewhere shielded from the full brunt of sun, wind and cold. Then plant them in the garden.

And perhaps you'll be inspired next year to grow more of your own transplants.

# BUILDER

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structural connectors is Simpson Strong-Tie.

The best things to use to attach the joist hangers to the beam are structural screws or bolts. Never use roofing nails. I've seen people do this. You can buy structural nails that are rated for the weight, but trust me, the structural screws or bolts are far better. Don't overdrive the fastener, stripping out the wood if you use an impact driver tool.

It's extremely important that you use the correct joist hangers, or other metal connectors, and fasteners that are rated for outdoor use. Modern treated lumber has a higher copper content, and when this copper gets wet and then comes into contact with the galvanized metal connectors and fasteners, it can corrode the metal. Once again, don't hope you have the right things. Make sure everything you use is rated for extreme outdoor conditions, especially if you are working near the ocean, where

salt spray adds to the corrosive brew.

Beam sizing is not to be taken lightly. All too often I hear of homeowners who just ask some builder what beam to use. Beam sizing is complex because there can be concentrated loads on beams. What's more, the type of material used for the beam makes a huge difference. Beams should only be sized and specified by registered structural engineers.

The posts and columns that support beams are just as important. Here in central New Hampshire I see carpenters just balance beams on top of a square cut post. They install a few nails and hope the beam stays on top of the post. I'd never walk out onto a deck constructed this way. There are all sorts of ways and metal connectors made to properly connect a beam to a column. Once again, an engineer can specify exactly what to do and what to use.

The material used for the post or column is important. I recently walked through a new home being built near my home and saw a massive beam in a

garage supported by regular lumber. Termites are not a big issue here, but I'd be more inclined to install treated lumber to support a beam in a garage where water and insects seem to have a better chance of coming in contact with lumber.

Keep in mind that hollow steel round or square columns used to support beams can fail in a fire. Steel can't easily burn, but once it gets hot it can bend and twist with ease. Most engineers specify that hollow steel columns or posts be filled with dry sand to prevent failure in a residential fire. It takes a little bit of work to do this, but it's worth it.

I've got an interesting video on my website showing you just one trick I've used to install joist hangers. The tips are pretty helpful when it comes to solid lumber that might be cupped and for joists that are not always the exact same height. Use this URL and be sure to type in the word "GO": [GO.askthebuilder.com/joisthangers](http://GO.askthebuilder.com/joisthangers).

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while the pale, subdued contrast of white trim enhances the lines of the open and airy porch.

6. Do: Connect to the outdoors. Don't: Ignore your yard.

An easy way to enhance the exterior appeal of a small house is to make it live bigger by cementing the connection to the landscape and outside living spaces. A house may invite outdoor living with a compact screen porch that encourages front yard interaction. Covered porches, decks and patios work in the

same way, particularly if they're connected directly to your small home's main living spaces.

If you're deciding whether a small-house plan is for you ...

Think about your essential spaces and your daily schedule. Do you really need a dedicated home office, or would a stretch of counter in the kitchen work fine? Is your family into formal dinners, or do eat-prep-dine combo spaces fit your lifestyle? Know what you absolutely need and what you can live without.

Include outdoor living spaces in your overall floor plan. Small houses live much larger when they have patios, porches or decks, even if they

can only be used on good-weather days.

Think quality, not quantity. One big full bathroom with two sinks, a tub and a shower might be much more pleasing, as well as inherently adaptable to life changes, than two small spaces with single sinks and just a shower. Likewise, a roomy living space with a fireplace and bookcases might be perfect in place of two family rooms that feel crowded and don't have any extra amenities.

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To emphasize restrained beauty, pare down the landscaping to just a color or two and a few plants.

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# ATTIC

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**Dear Y.H.:** Herman Melville published "Moby Dick or The Whale" as a three volume set in 1851 in London and New York. To find out about your particular book, I suggest you contact the Florida Antiquarian Booksellers Association at [www.floridabooksellers.com](http://www.floridabooksellers.com).

**Dear John:** Here are several photographs of a scarab that has been in my family for forever. It was left to me and I'd like to know if there is any way of finding out about this item, like the inscriptions and what they are or say. Anything would be helpful, or where I could find out. I believe it is pretty valuable. The color is a light green; as I am color blind, it looks a bit light blue. If there is anything you can tell me, it would be great. — S.M., internet

**Dear S.M.:** One would think an item that is likely 2,000 to 3,000 years old would be quite valuable. However, Egyptian scarabs were made in massive quantities in a variety of materials and are readily available for sale. They were thought of as a symbol of resurrection, to ward off evil and bring good fortune.

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would sell in the \$75 to \$150 range. To discover if you have an original, I suggest you contact the Museum of Natural History at the University of Florida. They may be able to help with what the scarab

symbols mean as well.

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

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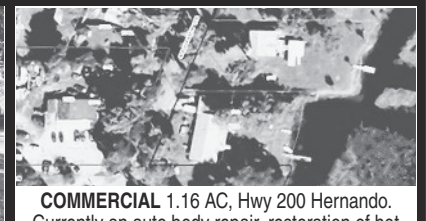
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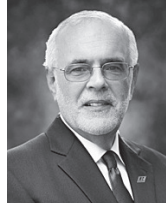
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# JANE

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Adjacent to the house, I made a 2 to 3 foot wide inflammable barrier of 3/4 inch limestone atop commercial-grade landscape fabric. The alkalinity leaching from the limestone into the subsoil deters insects like termites and consequently their reptilian and amphibian predators. Next the home was encircled with blocks to make raised foundation beds which were filled with humus-rich amended sandy soil and a selection of native and ornamental nonnative plants. Fire-proof paver patios beside the front door and off the south-facing back sun-room further impacted the natural landscape.

To help mitigate my impact on the environment, I continue to plant different native species with wildlife benefits. In a dense, evergreen privacy screen planted inside the perimeter lot lines, native plants supply cover from predators, shelter and nest sites. Water collects on leaves. Rain or the hose fills elevated birdbaths and ground basins. Food sources like fruit, berries and seeds feed wildlife and specific caterpillar host plants attract 40 species of butterflies that occur naturally in the sandhills habitat. This ongoing project took years to grow without an irrigation system. In between the native plants, the gardener in me added flowering ornamental shrubs, perennials and pretty, nonnative plants that would thrive but not escape cultivation to invade the natural environment.

Fire is a constant threat. I repeatedly walked a path while installing the privacy screen and buffer wildlife zone around the four adjacent lots I now own. A few trees were

removed, and others were pruned of their lower limbs to enable access for the mulching lawnmower. Mowing the paths sucks up seeds, shed leaves, twigs and pine needles and sprays the mulched debris onto the adjacent planting areas. Mowing in the opposite direction cleared the sandy trails to about 6 to 8 feet wide. More plants were installed to flank these firebreaks. Over the years these sandy trails contained four ground fires.

Eight years with no ongoing maintenance allowed some understory plants to get covered with pine needles preventing sunlight from reaching plant leaves for photosynthesis. Shed leaf litter became a serious fire hazard. The past winter had eight freezing mornings starting on December 2 through to early February, which killed foliage, grasses and some plants right to the ground. The dead was left in place as frost protection but by March the planting beds needed a massive clean-up and renovation.

Piles of leaves and needles were raked off plants and the ground. Debris was carted and dumped on the roadside where the lawnmower mulched it to amend and enrich the soil. Prunings, shed branches and sticks can be hauled to Central Landfill for recycling into excellent mulch. There is a nominal dumping fee to cover the cost of creating this invaluable natural resource. Homeowners can pick up finely milled mulch for free to amend sandy soil. The landfill will load trucks and trailers for free at certain times. Cover the load before driving home.

Jane Weber is a professional gardener and consultant. Semi-retired, she grows thousands of native plants. Contact her at [jweber12385@gmail.com](mailto:jweber12385@gmail.com) or phone 352-249-6899.



JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

Untended for 8 years, this naturally occurring sport is a silver-colored Saw Palmetto, *Serenoa repens*. It needs removal of dead fronds and the covering of pine needles shed from a nearby Lingleaf Pine. Fronds of most palms, whether tree form or shrubs, last for about three years then naturally abscise, die and are eventually shed.

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rates may slow sales a bit in the coming months, but borrowing costs remain near historic lows. The average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage rose to nearly 3.2% last week, the highest since June, up from 3.1% the week before. That's still below the pre-pandemic rate of 3.5%.

Sales of new and existing homes fell sharply in February, mostly because of unseasonably cold winter weather and ice storms in Texas and other southern states. Yet existing home sales were still 9% higher in February compared with a year ago.

## GAL

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seasonal, but they tend to cover everything in sight — including your house. They don't bite or sting, but that many of ANY bug can take the enjoyment out of being outside. The other problem I personally have with rain trees is that I think they are weedy looking. Especially until they have some size on them.

The last tree on your list is commonly called a Saucer Magnolia. It is a hybrid. These are absolutely stunning when blooming and pretty nondescript when not. The problem for you is your sandy soil. You also stated it may be planted on a bit of a slope. Neither of these will lead to a happy ending. This Magnolia needs "unicorn soil." That's my name for the perfect rich, somewhat moist, but well-draining soil. It also wants soil that is a bit acidic, so a soil test is a must.

All things considered you could try any of these and see what happens. None of them should be

too hard to find. However in your yard, I'd recommend the good old Crape Myrtle. Many sizes, many colors, and easy care. Only light, if any pruning needed.

Sometimes we just need a good horse, and not a zebra.

**Dear Gardener Gal:** What are these hair caterpillars that are everywhere? I was told not to touch them. — Philip

**Dear Philip:** They are Tussock moth caterpillars. They come every year. Messy but no serious damage. A broom is your best weapon. Don't touch 'em.

For more information, Google up: Tussock Moth Caterpillars in Florida, UF.

**Dear Readers:** We are running out of time. Hot steamy weather is just around the corner. Get out in those yards and do the chores that will be soooo much worse in summer. Go!

*Jane Weber is a professional gardener and consultant. Semi-retired, she grows thousands of native plants. Contact her at jweber12385@gmail.com or phone 352-249-6899.*



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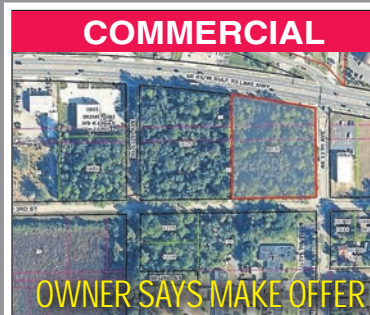
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**3110 HEATHER DUNES COURT**

Updated 3-2-2 corner lot backs

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2,178 living sq. ft. Formal dining,

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.37 acre (mol) - Fantastic lot ready to build, cleared lot with trees at the back for privacy. The golf membership is optional for an additional \$10,000 for a total package of \$31,000.

\$21,000

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**2834 N. PRESTWICK WAY**

.55 acre (mol)

4/3 pool/spa home with oversized garage

2486 living sq. ft.

Memberships are optional

\$442,000

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**2840 W. EDISON PLACE, CITRUS SPRINGS**  
Immaculate, custom 3/2/2, granite countertops, tile floors, double paned windows outdoor pergola covered dining, fireplace, room for pool, mature landscaping, fresh paint, and security system.

MLS #799918

Call Laura Grady-Realtor 352-302-2340  
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**2655 E. MARS ST., INVERNESS**

If your looking for a project here is a handyman special. This 2/1 mobile home is in need of some TLC and located in the subdivision of Hilltop.

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**426 ELLA AVE,  
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Look at this 2/2/2-detached carport waterfront cozy home, is MOVE-IN-READY, with a large spacious 10x12 shed, is within minutes from historic downtown Inverness, and all the indoor/outdoor amenities it has to offer.

MLS #799489 \$215,000

Call Judy McCoy 355-601-1355  
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**3876 S. FLAMINGO TER., HOMOSSASSA**  
Check out the recently remodeled 2/2/1 home located in the Meadows of Homosassa Subdivision and is within minutes to the Gulf of Mexico and Suncoast Parkway.

MLS #800026 \$135,000

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**215 S. PALADINN CIR., INVERNESS**

Check out this 3/3.5/2, 2,851 sq. ft. living custom build saltwater in-ground/screened-in pool home in the gated community of Belmont Hills-Citrus Hills and all the amenities it has to offer. This home is nestled on a 1.24 acre lot. This is a MUST-SEE-HOME.

MLS #799642 \$465,000

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**6511 S. DOLPHIN DR., FLORAL CITY**

Check out this 3/2/1-detached carport waterfront 2 story home with amazing water views. This home has 2,337 sq. ft. living, it has its own dock/boat cover area, large storage shed, big backyard, and has public water.

MLS #798780 \$279,000

Call Ryan Hazelton 352-445-7693 and  
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**15 S. HARRISON ST., BEVERLY HILLS**

This 2/1/2-carport handyman special just needs a little TLC. It has a fenced-in backyard, new storage shed, new appliances, newer electric, plumbing, and AC.

MLS #799988 \$99,900

Call Pam Miller 352-566-3327 and  
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**1410 LAKESIDE DR.**

3 bedrooms, 2 baths, POOL home.

Large hobby room, family room with fireplace.

Roof and A/C new in 2017.

MLS #799967 \$268,500

Call Jeanne Pickrel 352-212-3410.



**170 W. ERIDANI CT., UNIT #14  
CITRUS SPRINGS**

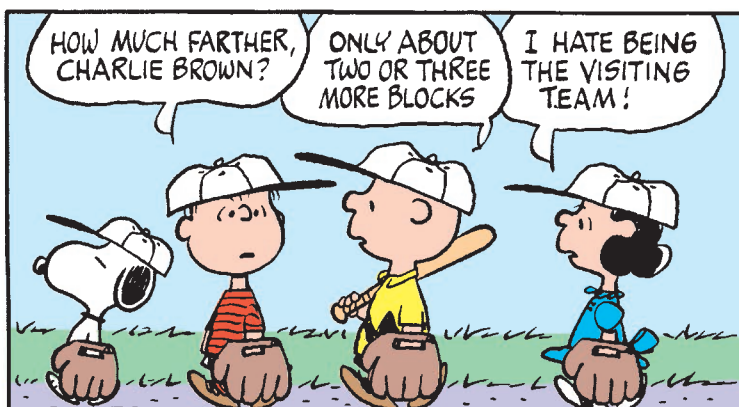
Look at this 4/2/2-detached screen enclosed pool/spa with lanai pool home with 2,821 sq. ft. living nestled on a .69-acre lot. This home has a summer kitchen on the lanai, public water and is within minutes from the Rainbow River in Dunnellon, Crystal River, Homosassa, and the Gulf of Mexico.

MLS #799716 \$495,000

Call Deanna Hance 352-502-2048 and  
schedule your showing appointment today!



by SCHULZ



THEY'RE HERE, SIR!

HI, CHUCK! WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

WE APPRECIATE YOUR COMING OVER HERE WITH YOUR TEAM FOR THE FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON...

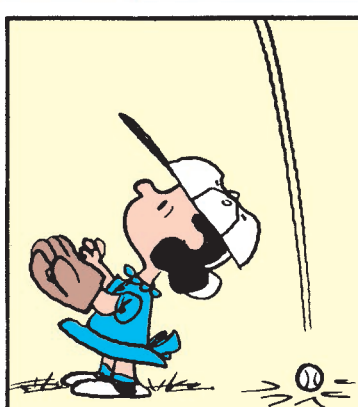
THANK YOU!

WHY DON'T YOU GUYS TAKE THE FIELD FOR A LITTLE WARM-UP... THEN WE'LL START THE GAME..

OKAY, I'LL HIT 'EM A FEW FLIES...

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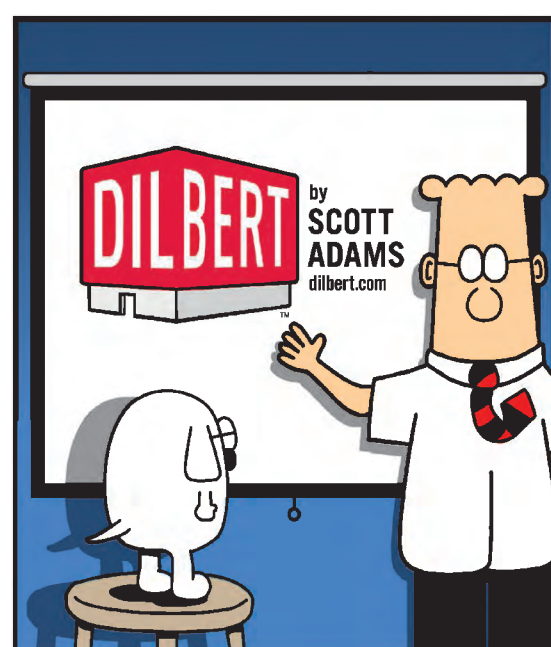
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GOOD GRIEF, LUCY, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN THAT!



WHAT DID YOU EXPECT? I'M SUFFERING FROM JET-LAG!



IS IT OKAY IF I TAKE NEXT WEEK OFF?

MY GOODNESS, NO! EMPLOYEES ARE OUR MOST VALUABLE ASSET!

ARE YOU KIDDING? WE'RE IN THE MOST CRITICAL MONTH OF THE SYSTEM MIGRATION.

WE CAN'T SUCCEED UNLESS WE HAVE 100% EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT.

YOU'RE ESSENTIAL  
TO OUR SUCCESS. ALL  
HANDS MUST BE ON  
DECK.

I TOOK ALL OF  
LAST WEEK OFF  
FOR VACATION, AND  
NO ONE NOTICED.

REALLY?  
IT SEEMS AS IF ALL  
I DO IS LISTEN TO  
OTHER PEOPLE SAY  
USELESS STUFF ON  
ZOOM CALLS.

NEXT TIME,  
START WITH  
THAT.

## by Tom Armstrong



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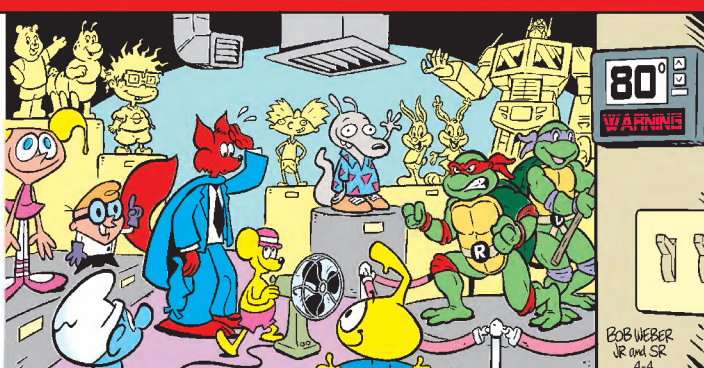
A cartoon illustration of a boy with a large, open-mouthed smile, wearing a blue cap and a red shirt, jumping or bouncing. The word "BOUNCE" is written in large, colorful, stylized letters (blue, red, green, and purple) around the boy, emphasizing the action. The artist's signature "K. S. S. S. S." is visible in the bottom right corner.

I'M NOT SURE WHO'S THE BIGGER SUGAR-PUSHER, YOUR MOM OR THE EASTER BUNNY

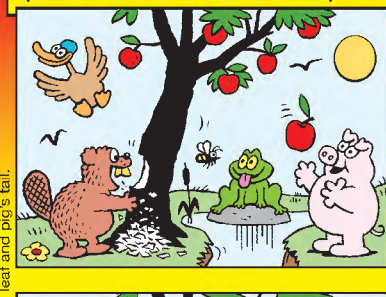
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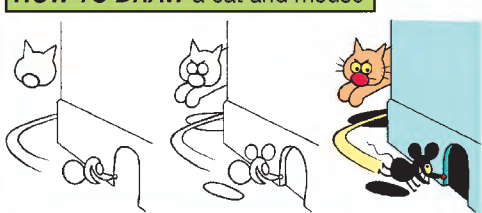
The cooling system in the Arizona Cartoon Wax Museum has failed. The temperature is rising and it's feared the figures will melt. Max Mouse suggests that fans be used to cool the air until the system is repaired. Slylock Fox says Max's idea won't work. Why not?



Spot six differences between these panels



## HOW TO DRAW a cat and mouse



## YOUR DRAWING



Some small bats can catch up to 1,000 insects in a single ...

- a) Minute
- b) Hour
- c) Night
- d) Week

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# Sunday Puzzle Fun

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

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RDAWTO

DRHIBY

DGLUES


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With all these prints, we'll call this our Rockwell Room.

The art on this Easter issue makes me laugh!

THEY PURCHASED ENOUGH NORMAN ROCKWELL "SATURDAY EVENING POST" ARTWORK TO ---

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

## SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mephams Group

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

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### Level

1

2

3

4

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

Solution to Last Weeks puzzle



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



## ANDY CAPP

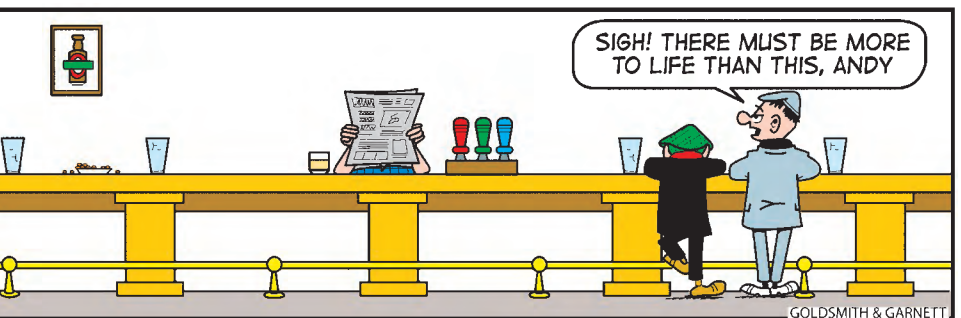
by Smythe






IT'S A HARD RAIN'S A-GONNA FALL

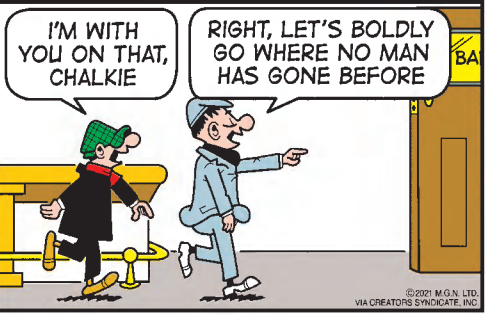
GUITAR BOB REQUESTS



SIGH! THERE MUST BE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS, ANDY

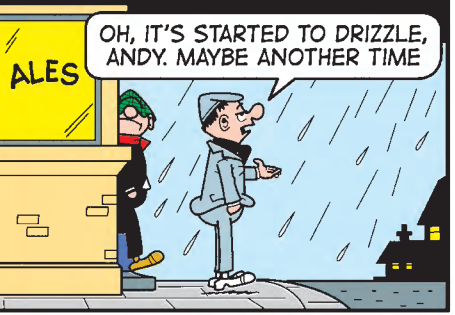


INSTEAD OF BEING STUCK IN THIS DREARY PUB, WE SHOULD BE OUT THERE SEEKING ADVENTURE



I'M WITH YOU ON THAT, CHALKIE

RIGHT, LET'S BOLDLY GO WHERE NO MAN HAS GONE BEFORE



OH, IT'S STARTED TO DRIZZLE, ANDY. MAYBE ANOTHER TIME

## Hal Foster's Prince Valiant

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES





WITH A GREAT FANFARE, THE CONTEST OF CHAMPIONS—LOCKBRAMBLE VERSUS WEDMARSH, GREYSTREAM AND BARRENBURN—BEGINS!



AT THE LAST MOMENT, RORY GIFTS HER CHAMPION WITH A TOKEN OF HER DEVOTION ...



... AND THE JOUST BEGINS, WITH PEREDUR THUNDERING OVER THE GAMING FIELD ...



...TO MEET GAWAIN MIDWAY! THE ONCOMING HORSES BARELY MISS ONE ANOTHER, AS GAWAIN'S LANCE SHATTERS AGAINST PEREDUR'S SHIELD, AND PEREDUR'S LANCE, WITH ITS HIDDEN IRON CORE, TEARS A GREAT CHUNK OUT OF GAWAIN'S BUCKLER!

THE AGREED—UPON TERMS OF COMBAT ARE THAT JUDGMENT WILL NOT BE RENDERED UNTIL ONE CHAMPION CANNOT CONTINUE. IT LOOKS TO BE A LONG, BITTER TRIAL ...

NEXT The second round

## JUMBLE

Answer:

LOVELY HYBRID TOWARD SLUDGE INWARD

COVER THEIR WALLS

— artwork to Rockwell "Saturday Evening Post"

They purchased enough Norman Rockwell "Saturday Evening Post" artwork to ---



BARNEY GOOGLE and SNEEZY WITH BY JOHN ROSE

WILL I SEE YA AT TH' EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE, FOLKS ?

WELL...

NOT AT FURST, PARSON TUTTLE--IT'LL BE DARK !!

I DIDN'T SEE YA AT TH' EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE, LOWEEZY !!

COULDN'T MAKE IT-- WE'RE GOIN' TO TH' LATER SERVICE !! I WUZ UP HALF TH' NIGHT !!

A'SPOILIN' YORE YOUNG-UNS AG'IN, WUZ YA ?

OH, I DON'T CALL IT SPOILIN' 'EM, ELVINEY !!

I CALL IT KEEPIN' TH' MAGIC ALIVE !!

WOW !! LOOKIT 'EM ALL, LI'L TATER !!

Mort Walker's beetle bailey

WHERE IS ZERO GOING ?

TAKING A STROLL

HELLO, LITTLE SQUIRREL! WANT A NUT?

YOUR FRIEND BUNNY WANTS TO JOIN US

LOOK! HERE COMES MR. POSSUM

AND MS. GROUNDHOG

HI THERE, LITTLE BIRDIE!

ONE THING ZERO WILL NEVER BE IS LONELY

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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BILLY AND DOLLY TEAM UP WITH HER VERSION OF THE EASTER BUNNY AND HIS ART.

by: Billy (age 7) and Dolly (age 5)

The Easter Bunny lives at the North Pole next door to Santa Claus.

He grows Jelly beans on his big Jelly Bean Farm.

The Jelly Beans get ripe just before Easter.

He picks out which day is Easter, and always makes it on a Sunday so we have to go to Church.

He has lots of help from his little rabbit elves.

OK, Guys, More Chocolate!

Happy Easter!

Then he goes out for an Easter Brunch of Eggnog and ham.

He hides the eggs in easy-to-find places for good boys and girls and hard-to-find places for the baddies.

On Easter Eve The Bunny travels around the world in his Volkswagen Rabbit.

His chickens are all different colors and lay different color eggs.

by Lincoln Peirce

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DING DONG

HI, MRS. GODFREY! I'M SELLING CANDY BARS TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE CHESS TEAM, AND--

I'M SORRY, NATE, I'M AFRAID I CAN'T HELP YOU.

HOW COME?

AS A TEACHER, I MUSTN'T SHOW FAVORITISM TOWARD ANY SCHOOL ORGANIZATION.

I ALWAYS SAY NO TO FUNDRAISING APPEALS LIKE YOURS. IT'S A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE.

PRINCIPLE. HMM. YEAH, I GET THAT.

SO I GUESS YOU WOULDN'T WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT LAST WEEK YOU QUIETLY DONATED TWENTY DOLLARS TO GINA'S CLOG-DANCING CLUB.

I DID MY HOMEWORK. THERE'S A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING.



# PICKILLS

by BRIAN GRAVE

WHY AREN'T THERE ANY MORE DINOSAURS? AND HOW COME THERE ARE SO MANY LANGUAGES?

AND IF MY COMPUTER GETS A VIRUS, CAN IT INFECT ME?

AND WHY CAN'T YOUNG PEOPLE SAY A SIMPLE SENTENCE WITHOUT EVERY OTHER WORD BEING "LIKE"?

WHEN YOU GET TO BE MY AGE, THERE ARE ONLY TWO QUESTIONS...

THAT'S LIKE WAY MORE THAN TWO QUESTIONS, GRAMPA!

HOW MUCH TIME DO I HAVE LEFT? AND WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH THAT TIME?

AT MY AGE I CAN ASK AS MANY DANG QUESTIONS AS I WANT.

# SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

FINALLY, I'LL SURPRISE MOM...

HAPPY EASTER, MOM!

WHAT'S THIS, SWEETIE?

I KNOW WE NO LONGER DO OUR CHOCOLATE EASTER BUNNY MIND GAMES, BUT FOR NOSTALGIA'S SAKE I WANTED TO GIVE YOU THE EARS YOU ALWAYS ATE.

SPEAKING OF, I GOT SOMETHING FOR YOU...

A COMPLETE CHOCOLATE EASTER BUNNY WITH...

WITH ITS EARS MISSING FOR SOME REASON.

THAT'S...THAT'S THE BUNNY I TOOK THESE EARS OFF OF.

OH...

SOOO...

SO WE'VE APPARENTLY GOT SOME WRONG-HOLIDAY O. HENRY SHORT STORY GOING HERE, DON'T WE?

UH, HOW IS IT NOW THAT I LIVE WITH THIS FAMILY I UNDERSTAND IT EVEN LESS?

ALL FAMILIES HAVE SKEWED DYNAMICS, FAYE. OURS JUST HAS MR. FORTH OCCASIONALLY SAYING THINGS LIKE...

I'VE DECIDED TO BOTH LEARN FROM AND ACCEPT MY PAST MISTAKES BECAUSE I'VE REALIZED I WILL NEVER INVENT TIME TRAVEL.

# B

BY MASTROIANNI AND HART

a SOLEMN day

by Wiley

SELDOM HAVE WE FELT SO WEAK,

IN TIMES OF GREATER FLIGHT.

SOME WITHOUT A VOICE TO SPEAK,

OR WORSE, THE WILL TO FIGHT.

PERSEVERE, FOR THOSE WHO SEEK,

GUIDED BY THE LIGHT,

HE WHO LIFTED UP THE MEEK

AND REMINDS US OF OUR MIGHT.

# Dennis the Menace

## FIXED UP\$OUT

by Frank Fitcham

ROUGH DAY, HUH?

AND LONG!

DON'T WORRY, DAD! THE DAY'S NOT OVER YET!

IT'S NEVER OVER.

SOUNDS LIKE YOU COULD USE A LI'L CHOCOLATE MILK!

THAT'LL FIX YOU RIGHT UP!

TRUST ME. I DRINK IT EVERY DAY.

SO WHEN YOU'RE DONE CRYIN' OVER ALL THE BILLS, YOU SHOULD GO TO THE STORE AND PICK SOME UP.

'CAUSE WE'RE ALL OUT!!

# CURTIS

by RAY BILLINGSLEY

HERE'S A GOOD PLACE TO SIT

COMIN'

THE LADIES ARE IN FULL REGALIA THIS SUNDAY

HUSH, CURTIS! YOU'RE ALWAYS RAGGIN' ON THE CHURCH LADIES' HATS!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE INSINUATING. I RESPECT THE CHURCH HATS!

HEAVEN-BOUND OR HOLLYWOOD REBOUND?

SUDDENLY I HAVE A TASTE FOR TACOS

THE TRADITION IS GENERATIONS YOUNG

AND GETTING YOUNGER EACH WEEK

ENTRENCHED IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY

WHERE THEY'LL FIND YOU IF THE LADIES EVER HEAR YOU!



What's meaningful?

Why, Luann by Greg Evans

I KEEP MEANING TO FINISH THIS BOOK. AND CHANGE THE OIL ON MY CAR. AND DO MY CHEM ASSIGNMENT. AND CLEAN THIS ROOM...

WHURNM

YES, PUD, AND GIVE YOU MORE ATTENTION. HOW COME I KEEP MEANING TO DO THINGS AND NEV-

HOLD ON, HOLD ON! MAYBE THIS IS WHAT'S MEANT BY "A MEANINGFUL LIFE"....

**HAGAR**  
the horrible  
by DIK BROWNE

HAGAR, DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD?

WELL.... I BELIEVE IN ODIN ...

GOOD! I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU CALL HIM.

JUST SAY A PRAYER TONIGHT!

I RAN INTO BROTHER OLAF TODAY...HE URGED ME TO SAY A NIGHTLY PRAYER!

HE'S RIGHT!

YOU SHOULD SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR BLESSINGS!

THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME LIFE... THANK YOU FOR MY HEALTH AND THANK YOU FOR MY STRENGTH!

AMEN!

DID YOU INCLUDE ME IN YOUR PRAYERS?

OOPS! I FORGOT!

THANK YOU FOR NOT LETTING HELGA FIND OUT WHAT I DID!

**WIZARD OF ID**  
by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

BEHOLD! THE MIGHTY DRAGON

SCRATCH SCRATCH

HENRY! COME AND GET IT

SNIFF SNIFF

YEP... GO AHEAD. TAKE IT

GOOD BOY

LET 'ER RIP!

SHLUNK

BATH DAY

**BLONDIE**  
BY DEAN KLEIN & JOHN MARSHALL

LOOKIE THERE, AN EASTER EGG UNDER MY PILLOW!

WELL, HOW ABOUT THAT, AN EASTER EGG IN THE SOAP DISH!

AND LOOK AT THIS LITTLE BEAUTY ON THE STAIRS!

WOW, THERE'S EVEN ONE IN THE SUGAR BOWL!

WE HEARD THE EASTER BUNNY WAS HERE, MR. B!

YOU GOT THAT RIGHT!

I WONDER HOW THE EASTER BUNNY FOUND TIME TO DO ALL THIS?

I SAY THE EASTER BUNNY HIRED THE RIGHT CATERER!

**Hi and Lois**  
by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

DONG! DONG! DONG!

THE REBIRTH OF OUR FAITH.

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.

TODAY, WE CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION OF OUR SAVIOR.

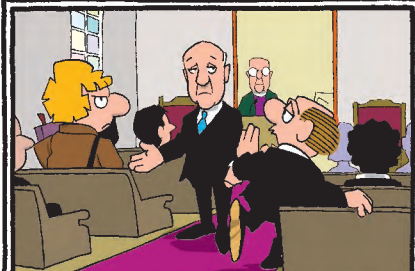

IT'S A TIME FOR A FRESH START.

AND THE OPENING OF A NEW SEASON.

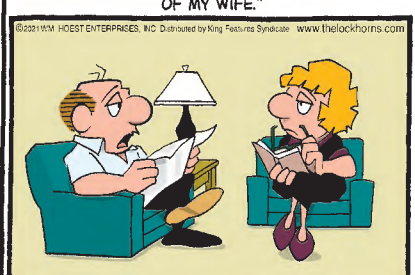
THE REV IS A BIG BASEBALL FAN.



**THE LOCKHORNS**  
BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER




"NO, THANKS... I LIKE TO SIT OUT OF ELBOW RANGE OF MY WIFE."




"DO YOU WANT TO GO OUT TO EAT, SEE A MOVIE OR PAY THE CABLE BILL?"


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"I DIDN'T MARRY YOU FOR YOUR MONEY, LEROY, BUT I MAY DIVORCE YOU FOR IT."



"LEROY JUST INHERITED A FORTUNE FROM HIS UNCLE... I THINK IT WAS THE JULY 2017 ISSUE."



"STOP SAYING 'BEEN THERE, ATE THAT!'"

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