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NEWS BRIEFS

COVID-19 testing offered

The Florida Department of Health in Citrus County (DOH-Citrus) will no longer require appointments for drive-thru COVID-19 testing at the Citrus Springs Community Center, 1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs.

Testing will be offered at no cost to adults and children 12 and older, with or without symptoms; however, it will be limited to the first 150 individuals. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. followed by testing at 8. Do not arrive earlier than 7:30 a.m. Persons who were ill at the time they took the test should self-isolate until the diagnosis is known.

Additional testing sites in Citrus County, include:

- Langley Health Services at 151 E. Highland Blvd. Suite 151. Call 352-419-5760.

- Quick Care Med: Schedule a telemedicine appointment by visiting www.quickcaremed.com/telemedicine/. Call 844-797-8425.

Voter registration drive set

The Supervisor of Elections office will host a voter registration drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, which is National Voter Registration Day, at the county library locations:

- Lakes Region Library — 1511 Druid Road, Inverness.

- Central Ridge Library — 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills.

- Homosassa Public Library — 4100 S. Grandmarch Ave., Homosassa.

- Coastal Region Library — 8619 W. Crystal St., Crystal River.

Monday, Oct. 5, 2020, is the last day to register to vote in the Nov. 3, 2020, general election. For more information, visit www.votecitrus.com.

Voter registration applications in English and Spanish are available on the website to print and deliver in person to the elections office or mail to P.O. Box 1870 Lecanto, FL 34460.

Voter registration applications may also be obtained by calling 352-564-7120 or toll-free 800-655-6645, or by visiting the Supervisor of Elections Office at 1500 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River.

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CITRUS COUNTY VIRUS UPDATE

View the latest data on COVID-19 in Citrus County. **Page A12**

CMH loosens COVID visitation rules

One visitor per patient at select times

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Citrus Memorial Hospital is changing its visitation policies, allowing one visitor per patient at a time in the afternoon, loosening

from the current policy of almost no visitors.

Citrus Memorial Hospital's new visitor policy will begin Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020, and allow one visitor per patient from 12 to 3 p.m., seven days per week.

Exceptions for the 204-bed hospital will include the Women and Baby Center, COVID-19 units and end-of-life situations.

Authorized visitors will be screened and asked health questions. They must practice hand sanitization upon entering the hospital and when entering and exiting the patient's room.

"As we continue to see a decrease in the numbers of COVID-19 cases in our community, we are revising our temporary visitor policy to allow visitors in certain areas," said hospital CEO Ginger Carroll. "We will continue to monitor the situation and make updates as necessary."

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Bar reopenings draw crowds



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

Nine State Brewery owner and head brewer Eric Lesage said he obtained a food license that allowed him to open about four weeks ago. He supports the reopening of standalone bars.

Local bars implement safety precautions

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It was only 3 p.m. on a Monday but the Sidebar in Inverness was already packed with customers.

Owner Samantha Indorato said she had waited a long time to reopen her bar and it was evident from a steady stream of patrons throughout the day they were equally excited.

Monday, Sept. 14, was the first day standalone bars could reopen. Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation Secretary Halsey Beshears rescinded a previous executive order that kept them closed since June 26.

However, bar owners are to maintain proper social distancing measures, operate at 50% indoor capacity and make sure patrons stay seated. No getting up to socialize with others at the bar, for example.

Indorato said it's been a frustrating journey. She and other bar owners were forced to close last March when the coronavirus caused an economic shutdown.

In June, the state allowed them to reopen but, after COVID-19 numbers were rising and reports surfaced that owners were

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Local bar patrons enjoy reopenings, but should remain safety conscious. **Page C1**

abusing capacity and other health-safety regulations, the state ordered them shut again.

Indorato said she was only able to survive because of \$7,500 she received from the federally-funded CARES Act assistance program. That, and the support of her loyal customers, she said.

Indorato said she doesn't anticipate any more state-mandated shutdowns.

"I think this is it," she said.

But just in case, Indorato said she has applied for a food license.

Many bar owners found they could get around the state restrictions by obtaining that license, which allows them to qualify as a restaurant.

That's what Eric Lesage did.

Before the pandemic, Lesage sold only craft beer at his Nine State Brewery off Tompkins Street in downtown Inverness. He couldn't open the doors.

He applied for a food license and reopened about four weeks ago. He's now selling hot dogs.

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Regulator says bars will 'do a better job'

JIM TURNER | THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE — After many establishments were closed for months amid the coronavirus pandemic, Florida's top business regulator believes bar and craft-brewery owners will do a better job this time of self-enforcing state safety restrictions.

But Department of Business and Professional Regulation Secretary Halsey Beshears said Wednesday his agency won't go easy on bars and breweries that violate rules such as indoor occupancy limits.

"We're going to continue to suspend the license for those who are just blatant about, maybe overcrowding, the egregious actors out there," Beshears said. "We're going to continue to suspend their license, go after those people that don't want to follow the rules."

The state on Monday began allowing bars and breweries to again serve alcohol for on-site consumption, after a similar attempt ended in June because of a lack of compliance with safety rules. Beshears said Wednesday his agency has shifted enforcement officers' hours to later at night and that the agency will concentrate on businesses where "we know activity is happening."

Beshears added that a lot of the responsibility to prevent bars from losing liquor licenses rests on customers.

"For the people that don't want to go out, don't want to socialize, or they have a health concern, they need to stay home. They really do. They don't need to bash all those people that want to be out and socialize," Beshears

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Halsey Beshears

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WEEK IN REVIEW

PHOTO OF THE WEEK CAR PULLED FROM RIVER



JEFF BRYAN/Chronicle

A crowd of onlookers gathered Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020, outside of MacRae's, snapping photos and videos of a bizarre scene that had unfolded in the early morning hours at the boat ramp — a diver and a tow truck company working to remove a car from the water. The owner of the Nissan Versa called the Citrus County 911 call center Tuesday to report their car sank at 3 a.m. in the Homosassa River at the boat dock next to MacRae's off of South Cherokee Way in Homosassa, according to information provided by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office. According to the call log, the owner told Deputy Randy Robinson in a separate call she didn't know there was a boat ramp at the end of road and ran her car into the water and hitchhiked to Chiefland. She refused to come back to the scene.

GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

One of the side effects of chemotherapy that causes many women to weep is the loss of their hair — and wigs can be expensive. Thanks to the Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute in Lecanto (RBOI) and its Citrus Aid Cancer Foundation, any Citrus County resident undergoing cancer treatment, regardless of where they are getting their care, can get wigs, hats and blankets free from RBOI. Citrus Aid Cancer Foundation also helps cancer patients in a number of other ways to help ease financial burdens so they can concentrate on getting well. Learn more at www.citrusaid.org.

HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK

After Crystal River City Council members voted 5-0 to establish noise-sensitive zones for residential canals and coves to hush noisy boaters, as always, people had opinions. Here's what some said on the Chronicle Facebook page:

Jeremiah Johnson: "A much-needed step, but the real fact of the matter is that there's never anyone on the water to enforce these new regulations."

Matt Dilligaf: "Everyone does something offensive to someone these days. These people are enjoying life on a boat listening to music having a good time, rather than getting in trouble."

Cali Stewart McClain: "These people are blaring their music at an obnoxious level! Hang out and enjoy your boat, but the entire neighborhood shouldn't have to listen to your disgusting music. It's simply called respect for the people around you. It's the same thing at the springs in Homosassa or any sandbar you go to. We are all out trying to enjoy ourselves. Why should one or two boats make everyone else listen to their crap? Can't you turn it down some and still enjoy yourself?"

Shawn Gundersen: "It's like the people that move to the (Inverness) Highlands knowing there is a race track a mile away and complain about the noise on a Saturday night."

GiGi Galasso: "What a bunch of sour grapes. There's no living in quiet areas — except death."

Gail Kostelnick: "Simple solution: earphones. You can then play it as loud as you want. Win-win."

THE MOST POPULAR STORIES FROM THE WEEK THAT WAS

CR man, who played pro football, faces drug charges

Former National Football League wide receiver, former substitute teacher and area coach Ricky Feacher is facing drug charges after law enforcement agents say he smuggled cocaine into the Citrus County jail after being arrested Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020, and tossed them on the floor in a holding room.



He was previously arrested in 2013 and charged with drug possession and resisting with violence.

A video of Feacher shows him standing in the jail's intake room and a baggie dropping from his shorts onto the floor, according to the arrest report. The video showed Feacher holding a second baggie and dropping that also onto the floor.

Feacher said he saw the baggies on the floor, picked them up and threw them down again, according to arrest documents. He also said the baggies were not his.



Affordable Housing Project accepting applications

The new 106-unit affordable housing complex, Colonnade Park, in Inverness is accepting applications.

Applicants interested in requesting a one- or two-bedroom apartment are asked to go to Forest Ridge apartments at 2757 N. Forest Ridge Blvd., Hernando. Please make an appointment first by calling 352-586-1710.

Completed applications will take two or three days to approve and do a background check. Once approved, the application is assigned an apartment based on the applicant's needs.

The complex's first of three buildings is slated to open Oct. 23 and the second one month later and the third in December.

Shooting leads to Inverness man's arrest

Todd Wayne Jordan Jr., accused of firing a shotgun in an Inverness neighborhood and at a person escaping from him faces several felony charges, including attempted first-degree murder.

Citrus County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) authorities apprehended the 56-year-old Jordan after the alleged shooting on Saturday Sept. 5, 2020.

According to Jordan's arrest report, CCSO deputies responded to a shooting in an Inverness community near East Jasmine Lane, where witnesses named Jordan as the shooter.

While questioned, the man whom Jordan is accused of shooting at said he and Jordan were having disputes over property and Jordan asked the man to move out of his business.

Several hours after the man relocated to the house, Jordan pulled into the home's backyard, grabbed a shotgun, threatened the man's life and fired a round into the air. Next, as the man ran into the house through the back door, Jordan fired a second round, which went through the door and out the other side of the house, according to the arrest report.



Jack "Murph the Surf" Murphy: 'Surfer, sinner, saint'

Best known for his champion surfing skills and his notorious crimes as a jewel thief and convicted murderer that sent him to prison for two consecutive life sentences plus 25 years, Crystal River resident Jack "Murph the Surf" Murphy died Sept. 12, 2020, at age 83.

While in prison, Murphy dedicated his life to following Christ, and after being released in 1986, he spent the rest of his life spreading the gospel of forgiveness, grace and pardon to prison and jail inmates, homeless people, alcoholics and drug addicts, all around the world.



Structures closing as lakes near high levels

As of Friday, Sept. 11, 2020, all three pools within of the Tsala Apopka Lake Chain were at or above their target levels for the year and within a few inches of their high guidance levels, causing the Southwest Florida Water Management District to close structures, said Mark Fulkerson, Ph.D., chief professional engineer in the district's Water Resources Bureau.

All the lakes, canals, and marshes within the Tsala Apopka Lake Chain had risen nearly 6 inches over a span of 10 days due to increased rainfall and inflows from the Withlacoochee River.

"Our rainy season typically ends in mid-September, so our goal is to maintain the current water levels for as long as possible," Fulkerson said. "Of course, water levels will naturally drop as we enter the dry season."

If rainfall significantly raises lake levels in the coming days, Fulkerson said, "we'll plan to open additional structures to release that excess water."



"It's like the heavens opened up: Here you are, answer this call."

—PATRICK THOMAS, UPON HIS LEAVING THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE AFTER 18 YEARS AND TAKING A JOB AT THE KEY TRAINING CENTER.

— compiled by Nancy Kennedy

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Around the COUNTY

Moose Family Center hosts spaghetti dinner

The community is invited to a spaghetti and meatball dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at the Crystal River Moose Lodge, 1855 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa. Dinner will include spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic toast and vanilla ice cream. Soft drinks are available for purchase. Cost of dinner is \$6 per person. All proceeds will benefit Moose Charities.

Highlight your business, support Blessings

Citrus County Blessings is working to spotlight the businesses of Citrus County through their Where's Canny? Kick the Can fundraiser.

Pick a date for Canny to come and spend the day with you at your business from Oct. 15 through Nov. 15. Blessings will give clues on their website and social media about your business, and the community is encouraged to come out and take pictures with Canny and post for all to see. Every sponsor will be highlighted on the Citrus County Blessings social media and website through the end of 2020. Cost is a minimum donation of \$200.

Members from our Blessings Brigade will come at the designated time to set up for Canny and take pictures with yourself and/or staff. Once Canny is found, we will shout it out on social media for others to come and snap pictures with Canny. The Brigade will be back at the agreed upon time to pick up Canny for the next mission.

To sign up or for more information, call 352-341-7707, email christina@citruscountyblessings.org or visit www.citruscountyblessings.org.

Animal Services, Care Center offers pet food pantry

Citrus County Animal Services and Care Center believes the human-animal bond should not be broken due to financial hardships, therefore assistance is available through the Pet Food Pantry to help pet owners continue to care for their furry family members.

The Care Center relies on donations of unopened bags of pet food, treats and canned food to be able to provide this service to the residents of Citrus County. Through these donations, pet food is also provided to programs such as Meals On Wheels and Community Food Bank — Citrus County.

Call the shelter at 352-746-8400 to set an appointment for pet food pick up. If you would like to Feed'Em Forward, donations are accepted seven days a week during normal business hours or call the shelter at 352-746-8400 to set a drop of time for Sunday or Monday.

For information about Citrus County Animal Services or the Care Center, visit citruscritters.com or call 352-746-8400.

Assistance with utility bill payments available

Citrus County Housing Services continues to assist low-income residents with their utility bill payments.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps low-income families with home heating and cooling costs. LIHEAP is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, and has been established to help qualifying low-income homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs.

LIHEAP is not designed to pay a household's total energy costs, but to provide supplemental assistance. Ordinarily, applications for LIHEAP are accepted by appointment only due to the demand for assistance.

For more information, please call 352-527-7520 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

— From wire reports

BARS

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Business, he said, has been steadily increasing. Reopening the bars is good for the entire downtown area, Lesage said.

"Downtown works better when everybody's open," he said.

On the grand reopening day Monday, Lesage and his dad, Bubba, paid a visit to Sidebar, next to the Valerie Theater, and had a drink to show their support.

"We can all share the business," he said.

Beshears, at the direction of Gov. Ron DeSantis, explained in a prepared statement why he issued an emergency order

rescinding the previous one that halted the sale of alcohol at bars.

"In meetings with hundreds of owners of bars and breweries across the state, I've heard their stories of struggle, and I've observed their serious commitment to making health and safety a continuing priority in their businesses," Beshears said.

"It's time that we take this step, and it's vital that we start moving forward with this sector of our hospitality industry who have endured one of the toughest paths for sustaining a business during this pandemic."

Morgan Sundberg, owner of Kane's Cattle Co., The Loft Bar & Grill and Lollygaggers Sports Pub & Grill, said the state's reopening measure was

"well overdue."

"There was no reason why bars couldn't adhere to the rules of restaurants with capacity and seated service," Sundberg said.

She also recommends stand-alone bar owners still consider obtaining a food license because there is talk of moving restaurants to 100% capacity.

"Do I think there needs to be a separation between the two entities?" Sundberg asked. "Absolutely not. We are both regulated by the same state department (the Department of Business and Professional Regulation). We are both held to cleanliness standards. All it did was turn the two entities against each other."

Josh Wooten, president/CEO of the Citrus County Chamber of

Commerce, said he doesn't believe COVID-19 "discriminates against bars versus restaurants."

"We need to get back to the basics," Wooten said. "If you are sick or part of the vulnerable population, stay home. If you are unable to social distance, wear a mask. Business owners and patrons should practice hand washing and sanitizing."

"The alternative is closing businesses, putting people out of work and possibly bankrupting entrepreneurs," Wooten added. "There has to be balance and we think (DeSantis and Beshears) are trying to achieve the right balance."

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said. "Now, the flip side of that is to the patrons that want that socialization and want to be in the bar. Be respectful of everybody else. Help that business guy out. Have some personal responsibility because we can't shut this down again. We've got to find a way to exist in the new way we are operating in now, so they can make a living."

Bars and breweries were among businesses closed in late March as the state took measures to slow the spread of COVID-19, the respiratory disease caused by the coronavirus. As cases appeared to slow in early June, establishments were allowed to reopen in most of the state with safety measures that limited occupancy to 50 percent and required customers to be seated to be served.

However, Beshears issued an order June 26 that prohibited the sale of alcohol at bars and breweries for on-site consumption because of widespread violation of the restrictions, with many incidents posted by patrons on social-media sites. Some establishments were able to continue serving drinks because they sold food.

The June 26 order came just as the state started to see an explosion of COVID-19 cases and deaths.

Gov. Ron DeSantis, in supporting Beshears' directive, repeatedly described the effort to enforce the restrictions as

playing the arcade game whack-a-mole.

The Florida Brewers Guild warned in July that being limited to a "to-go" model to sell alcohol was untenable for the majority of the more than 320 businesses in the brewery industry.

Beshears couldn't put a number on the businesses that have closed but expects the shutdown experience will lead to more compliance.

"What's different this time, especially after meeting with them and talking to them, they realize they have to get it right this time. They realize they can't afford another shutdown," Beshears said.

"I really believe the brewers and the bars are going to do a better job, and we're going to do it," Beshears continued. "We're going to stay policing it like I said, but we still need help from other bar owners and brewery owners and we still need help from Florida citizens to show us where those egregious actors are."

To help the hospitality industry, DeSantis said last week he would support legislation that would continue allowing restaurants to sell alcoholic drinks with take-out meals. He has allowed so-called "alcohol to go" during the pandemic, but state law would need to be changed to make it permanent.

"I endorse it and I think it would be a good thing," DeSantis said during an event with restaurant operators in Fort Myers.

"It's been effective. It's given the restaurants a little bit of a lifeline," DeSantis continued.



Associated Press

The state on Monday began allowing bars and breweries to again serve alcohol for on-site consumption, after a similar attempt ended in June because of a lack of compliance with safety rules.

But such proposals could face opposition from groups concerned about drunken driving.

Beshears said he will back DeSantis on the to-go proposal.

"The governor has been very adamant about this, and he sees

how it's worked for those existing business owners and he thinks it's a great idea and so, I do too," Beshears said.

"And we're going to do all we can to help support him and try and help get that across the goal line."

HOW YOUR LAWMAKERS VOTED — Key votes for the week ending Sept. 18 by Voterama in Congress

HOUSE

■ **CONDEMNING RACISM AGAINST ASIAN-AMERICANS:** Voting 243 for and 164 against, the House on Sept. 17 adopted a non-binding Democratic-sponsored measure (H Res 908) to condemn expressions of racism, discrimination or religious intolerance against Asian-Americans related to the Covid-19 pandemic, including the use of such terms as "Chinese Virus," "Wuhan Virus," and "Kung-flu." **Dan Webster, Yes.**

■ **FILING PRIVATE LAWSUITS AGAINST SCHOOL BIAS:** Voting 232 for and 188 against, the House on Sept. 16 passed a bill (HR 2574) that would authorize private individuals to file "disparate impact" lawsuits under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. **Webster, No.**

■ **ADDRESSING ANTI-SEMITISM UNDER TITLE VI:** Voting 255 for and 164 against, the House on Sept. 16 broadened the duties of officials empowered by HR 2574 (above)

to monitor compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. **Webster, Yes.**

■ **ACCOMMODATING PREGNANCY IN THE WORKPLACE:** Voting 329 for and 73 against, the House on Sept. 17 passed a bill (HR 2694) that would require private-sector firms and government agencies with at least 15 employees to provide reasonable accommodations for workers and job applicants who are pregnant or have recently given birth. **Webster, Yes**

■ **GRANTING EXEMPTION BASED ON RELIGION:** Voting 177 for and 226 against, the House on Sept. 17 defeated a Republican bid to exempt employers from having to make reasonable accommodations under HR 2694 (above) in cases where to do so would deprive them of religious freedom protected under the Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. A yes vote was to adopt the GOP motion. **Webster, Yes.**

■ **PROMOTING INTEGRATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS:** Voting 248 for and 167 against,

the House on Sept. 15 established a grant program to promote integration in school districts where opportunity is sharply divided along racial and economic lines. **Webster, No.**

■ **DEFEATING REPUBLICAN DIVERSITY PLAN:** Voting 171 for and 243 against, the House on Sept. 15 defeated a Republican alternative to HR 2639 (above) that proposed open-ended funding in the form of block grants rather than narrowly defined categorical grants to increase diversity in K-12 classrooms. **Webster, Yes.**

SENATE

■ **CONFIRMING JUDGE VALDERRAMA:** Voting 68 for and 26 against, the Senate on Sept. 17 confirmed Franklin U. Valderrama, a Circuit court judge in Cook County, Ill., as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Rick Scott, No; Marco Rubio, No.**

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NATION & WORLD

NY celebrates Ginsburg, homegrown icon

NEW YORK — Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's life is being celebrated in her native New York City with plans for a statue, landmarks lit in blue and impromptu memorials at her childhood home in Brooklyn and the high school she attended.



People gather at the Supreme Court on the morning after the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, 87, Saturday, in Washington.

Associated Press

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said a commission will choose an artist and oversee the selection of a location for a statue in Brooklyn that will serve as a physical reminder of Ginsburg's "many contributions to the America we know today and as an inspiration for those who will continue to build on her immense body of work."

Cuomo, a Democrat, also ordered state landmarks such as One World Trade Center, Kosciuszko Bridge and New York State Fairgrounds lit in blue — the color of justice and reportedly Ginsburg's favorite color — for Saturday night.

Cuomo said that Ginsburg "sefflessly pursued truth and justice in a world of division, giving voice to the voiceless and uplifting those who were pushed aside by forces of hate and indifference."

Trump to Senate: Vote 'without delay' on his high court pick

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Saturday urged the Republican-run Senate to consider "without delay" his upcoming nomination to fill the

Supreme Court vacancy created by the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg just six weeks before the election.

One Republican senator opposing that move was Maine's Susan Collins, who is in a tough reelection battle. In a statement, Collins said she believed replacing Ginsburg should be the decision of the president who is elected Nov. 3.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., vowed on Friday night, hours after Ginsburg's death, to call a vote for Trump's upcoming nominee. Democrats countered that Republicans should follow the precedent that GOP legislators set in 2016 by refusing to consider a Supreme Court choice in the run-up to an election.

Trump made his view clear in a tweet Saturday: "We were put in this position of power and importance to make decisions for the people who so proudly elected us, the most important of which has long been considered to be the selection of United States Supreme

Court Justices. We have this obligation, without delay!"

Envelope addressed to White House contained ricin

WASHINGTON — Federal officials intercepted an envelope addressed to the White House that contained the poison ricin, a law enforcement official told The Associated Press on Saturday.

The letter was intercepted at a government facility that screens mail addressed to the White House and President Donald Trump, the official said. A preliminary investigation indicated it tested positive for ricin, a poison found naturally in castor beans, the official said. Federal investigators were working to determine where the envelope originated and who mailed it.

In a statement, the FBI said agents were working to investigate "a suspicious letter received at a U.S. government mail facility" and that there is "no known threat to public safety."

— From wire reports

Today in HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Sept. 20, the 264th day of 2020. There are 102 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight: On Sept. 20, 1817, Hurricane Maria, the strongest hurricane to hit Puerto Rico in more than 80 years, struck the island, wiping out as much as 75% of the power distribution lines and causing an island-wide blackout.

On this date: In 1519, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan and his crew set out from Spain on five ships to find a western passage to the Spice Islands.

In 1873, panic swept the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in the wake of railroad bond defaults and bank failures.

In 1881, Chester A. Arthur was sworn in as the 21st president of the United States, succeeding the assassinated James A. Garfield.

In 1958, Martin Luther King Jr. was seriously wounded during a book signing at a New York City department store when he was stabbed in the chest by Izola Curry. (Curry was later found mentally incompetent; she died at a Queens, New York, nursing home in 2015 at age 98.)

In 1963, President Kennedy proposed a joint U-S-Soviet expedition to the moon.

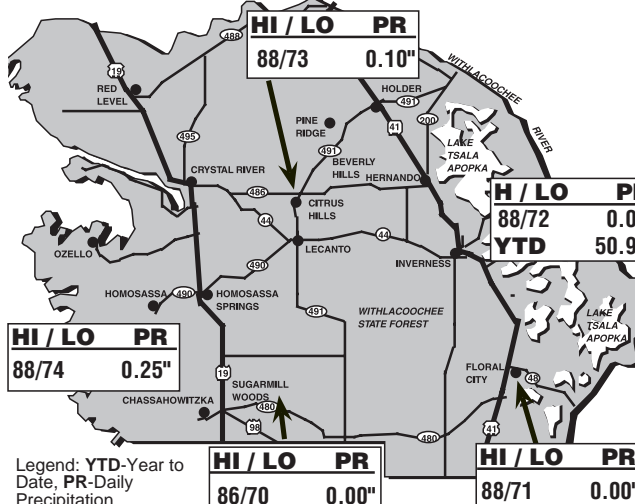
Ten years ago: The United Nations opened a three-day Millennium Development Goals summit to assess members' progress in the decade since promising to end global poverty.

Five years ago: At the Emmys, the HBO series "Game of Thrones" won a record 12 awards; Viola Davis became the first Black woman to win an Emmy for best drama series actress for "How to Get Away with Murder."

One year ago: Walmart said it would stop selling electronic cigarettes at its namesake stores and at Sam's Clubs in the U.S. once it sold out of its existing inventory.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Sophia Loren is 86. Rapper Yung Joc is 40.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



Legend: YTD-Year to Date, PR-Daily Precipitation

THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Exclusive daily forecast by: TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING High: 85° Low: 70° Partly sunny, breezy, few showers or storms. MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING High: 82° Low: 68° Partly sunny, breezy, lower humidity, stray shower. TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING High: 83° Low: 67° Partly sunny, breezy, lower humidity, stray shower.

ALMANAC

Table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Includes TEMPERATURE (Yesterday 85/70, Record* 96/55, Normal 90/68), DEW POINT (Yesterday at 3 p.m. 76°), HUMIDITY (Yesterday at 3 p.m. 89%), POLLEN COUNT**, Today's active pollen: Ragweed, nettle, grasses, Today's count: 7.8/12, Monday's count: 8.6, Tuesday's count: 8.3, AIR QUALITY (Yesterday observed Good, Pollutant Ozone).

SOLAR TABLES

Table with 5 columns: DATE, DAY, MINOR (MORNING), MAJOR (MORNING), MINOR (AFTERNOON), MAJOR (AFTERNOON). Rows for 09/20 SUNDAY and 09/21 MONDAY.

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT 7:27 pm, MOONRISE TOMORROW 7:17 am, MOONRISE TODAY 10:42 am, MOONSET TODAY 10:04 pm.

BURN CONDITIONS

Today's Fire Danger Index is: LOW. There is no burn ban. For more information call Florida Division of Forestry at (352) 797-4140.

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:

Table mapping watering days to days of the week. 0-1 (Monday, Thursday), 2-3 (Tuesday, Friday), 4-5 (Wednesday).

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TIDES

Table with 3 columns: City, High, Low. Rows for Chassahowitzka, Crystal River, Withlacoochee, and Homosassa.

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

Table with 3 columns: City, H, L, F'cast. Lists temperatures for cities like Daytona Bch., Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Gainesville, etc.

MARINE OUTLOOK

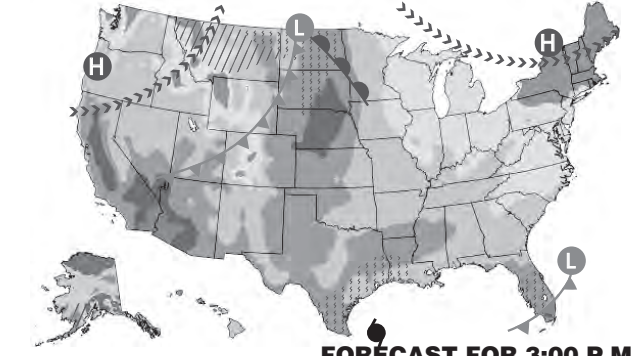
Today: Northeast winds 10 to 15 knots increasing to around 20 knots late in the afternoon. Seas 3 to 5 feet. Bay and inland waters choppy.

LAKE LEVELS

Table with 4 columns: Location, SAT, FRI, Full. Lists lake levels for Withlacoochee at Holder, Tsala Apopka-Hernando, etc.

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.

THE NATION



WORLD CITIES

Table with 3 columns: City, H/L/SKY, and a numerical value. Lists temperatures for cities like Albany, Albuquerque, Asheville, Atlanta, etc.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Panthers open season with win

The Lecanto girls cross country team traveled to the Weekiwachee Preserve Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020, to face Weeki Wachee for its opening meet on a course covered in mud. The Panthers came out victorious, 24-34, with a standout performance from freshman Catalina Veldwijk, who took first place with a time of 23:03.58, finishing 2:20 faster than any other runner. The rest of the lineup also placed with Alex Garcia in 3rd (26:00.61), Noella Balderas 4th (26:18.46), Elise Leturno 6th (26:59.38), Victoria Lantzy 8th (28:30.44), Amberly Grace 9th (29:02.88) and Kayla Clark 10th (29:40.63). Lecanto's next meet is at home Thursday against Citrus.

Norvell tests positive for virus

Florida State coach Mike Norvell has tested positive for COVID-19 and will not coach the Seminoles in-person this week as they prepare for Miami.

Norvell released a statement Saturday saying he tested positive a day earlier but is feeling fine. He said his wife and daughter tested negative Saturday.

Florida State athletic director David Coburn said Norvell is isolating, which lasts a minimum of 10 days.

Celtics top Heat, cut deficit to 2-1

LAKE BUENA VISTA — Jaylen Brown scored 26 points, Jayson Tatum added 25 and the Boston Celtics got right back into the East finals with a 117-106 victory over the Miami Heat in Game 3 on Saturday night. Kemba Walker added 21 to help Boston pull to 2-1 in the best-of-seven series.

Lakers roll past Nuggets in opener

LAKE BUENA VISTA — Anthony Davis had 37 points and 10 rebounds, LeBron James added 15 points and 12 assists, and the Los Angeles Lakers rolled to a 126-114 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Friday night in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals.

Verlander needs elbow surgery

HOUSTON — Houston Astros ace Justin Verlander will undergo Tommy John surgery and is expected to be out through the 2021 season, ending his bid to make a late return for a playoff push.

The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner announced the news Saturday on his Instagram account in a 1½-minute video.

Tigers manager Gardenhire retires

DETROIT — Tigers manager Ron Gardenhire announced his retirement Saturday prior to Detroit's game against the Cleveland Indians.

The announcement came in an abruptly called video conference around 5 p.m. General manager Al Avila said the retirement was effective immediately.

Pogacar crushes Roglic, seals Tour

LA PLANCHE DES BELLES FILLES, France — In an incredible climax to the Tour de France, Tadej Pogacar crushed fellow Slovenian Primož Roglic in the last stage Saturday before the finish in Paris, snatching away his race lead to all but guarantee that he'll win cycling's showpiece event at his first attempt.

Set, at one day shy of 22, to become the youngest post-World War II champion, Pogacar flew on the penultimate stage, a lung-burning uphill time trial, and devoured the 57-second lead that had made Roglic look impregnable before the showdown in the mountains of eastern France.

— From staff and wire reports

GOLF

U.S. Open

Saturday
At Winged Foot Golf Club
Mamaroneck, N.Y.
Yardage: 7,477; Par: 70
Purse: \$12 Million

Third Round

Matthew Wolff	66-74-65=205	-5
Bryson DeChambeau	69-68-70=207	-3
Louis Oosthuizen	67-74-68=209	-1
Hideki Matsuyama	71-69-70=210	E
Xander Schauffele	68-72-70=210	E
Harris English	68-70-72=210	E
Rory Mclroy	67-76-68=211	+1
Zach Johnson	70-74-68=212	+2
Viktor Hovland	71-71-70=212	+2
Rafa Cabrera Bello	68-70-74=212	+2
Patrick Reed	66-70-77=213	+3
Alex Noren	72-74-67=213	+3
Lucas Glover	71-71-71=213	+3
Webb Simpson	71-71-71=213	+3
Joaquin Niemann	68-73-72=213	+3
Thomas Pieters	66-74-73=213	+3

Pure Insurance Championship

Saturday
At Pebble Beach Golf Links
Pebble Beach, Calif.
Purse: \$2.2 million
Yardage: 7,075; Par: 71

Second Round

Ernie Els	65-70=135	-9
Dicky Pride	66-70=136	-8
Retief Goosen	69-68=137	-7
Jim Furyk	64-73=137	-7
Cameron Beckman	65-72=137	-7
Fred Couples	70-67=137	-7
Stephen Leaney	65-72=137	-7
Mike Weir	73-65=138	-6
Doug Barron	66-73=139	-5
Gene Sauers	68-71=139	-5
Jerry Kelly	71-68=139	-5

Florida LOTTERY

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

PICK 2 (early) 4 - 7	FANTASY 5 3 - 5 - 14 - 23 - 26
PICK 2 (late) 2 - 5	LOTTO 10 - 16 - 35 - 36 - 39 - 41
PICK 3 (early) 3 - 4 - 4	XTRA 3
PICK 3 (late) 0 - 9 - 2	POWERBALL 11 - 14 - 23 - 47 - 57
PICK 4 (early) 9 - 4 - 0 - 1	POWER BALL 14
PICK 4 (late) 0 - 5 - 7 - 3	CASH 4 LIFE 7 - 11 - 36 - 40 - 50
PICK 5 (early) 3 - 6 - 1 - 0 - 1	CASH BALL 1
PICK 5 (late) 4 - 9 - 2 - 5 - 0	

Friday's winning numbers and payouts:

Jackpot Triple Play: 13 - 18 - 25 - 29 - 38 - 42	5-of-5 No winner
6-of-6 No winner	4-of-5 MB 1 winner \$10,000
5-of-6 23 winners \$556	4-of-5 12 winners \$500
4-of-6 1,328 \$23	3-of-5 MB 28 \$200
3-of-6 22,265 \$1	3-of-5 690 \$10
Combo 10+ No winner	2-of-5 MB 709 \$10
Combo9 14 \$500	Fantasy 5: 7 - 11 - 13 - 26 - 29
Combo8 69 \$50	5-of-5 2 winners \$171,190.68
Combo7 614 \$20	4-of-5 439 \$125.50
Combo6 3,158 \$10	3-of-5 11,931 \$12.50
Combo5 11,855 \$5	Cash 4 Life: 14 - 33 - 39 - 46 - 59
Mega Millions: 26 - 29 - 41 - 52 - 64	Cash Ball: 1
Mega Ball: 11	5-of-5 CB No winner
5-of-5 MB No winner	5-of-5 No winner

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS

MLB

- 1 p.m. (FSNFL) Washington Nationals at Miami Marlins
- 1 p.m. (SUN) Tampa Bay Rays at Baltimore Orioles
- 1 p.m. (TBS) New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox
- 4 p.m. (ESPN) San Francisco Giants at Oakland Athletics
- 4 p.m. (FSNFL) Washington Nationals at Miami Marlins
- 4 p.m. (MLB) San Diego Padres at Seattle Mariners or Texas Rangers at Los Angeles Angels
- 7 p.m. (ESPN) Minnesota Twins at Chicago Cubs
- 2 a.m. (ESPN2) Minnesota Twins at Chicago Cubs (Same-day Tape)

WNBA PLAYOFFS

- 1 p.m. (ESPN) Connecticut Sun vs Las Vegas Aces, Game 1
- 3 p.m. (28 ABC) Minnesota Lynx vs Seattle Storm, Game 1

NBA PLAYOFFS

- 7:30 p.m. (TNT) Denver Nuggets vs Los Angeles Lakers, Game 2

BICYCLING

- 9:30 a.m. (NBCSPT) Tour de France Stage 21

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- 4 p.m. (NBCSPT) Breeders' Cup Challenge: Natalma Stakes

NFL

- 1 p.m. (10 CBS) Buffalo Bills at Miami Dolphins
- 1 p.m. (13 FOX) Carolina Panthers at Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- 4:25 p.m. (10 CBS) Kansas City Chiefs at Los Angeles Chargers
- 8:20 p.m. (8 NBC) New England Patriots at Seattle Seahawks

GOLF

- 10 a.m. (GOLF) U.S. Open Golf Championship Final Round
- 12 p.m. (8 NBC) U.S. Open Golf Championship Final Round
- 3 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour Champions PURE Insurance Championship, Final Round
- 8 p.m. (GOLF) LPGA Tour Cambia Portland Classic, Final Round (Same-day Tape)
- SOCCER**
6:25 a.m. (ESPN2) Italian Serie A Parma vs Napoli
2 p.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League Leicester City vs Burnley

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

- 1 p.m. (ACCN) Louisville at Florida State
- 1 p.m. (SEC) South Carolina at Georgia
- 3 p.m. (ACCN) Virginia at Clemson
- 3 p.m. (SEC) Kentucky at Vanderbilt
- 5 p.m. (ACCN) Wake Forest at Duke
- 1 a.m. (ESPNU) Teams TBA (Taped)

TENNIS

- 4 a.m. (TENNIS) ATP/WTA Tennis Rome-ATP/WTA Singles Finals, Hamburg-ATP & Strasbourg-WTA Early Rounds, Roland Garros Qualifying 1st Round

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WOLFF

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a huge battle," said De-Chambeau, who was still on the range in darkness Saturday night. "I was proud of the way I persevered out there today. It was difficult. Especially when you're not hitting it straight in the fairway. For me it felt like I kept myself in it, scrambled really well."

Reid takes 2-shot lead in Cambria Portland Classic

PORTLAND, Ore. — Mel Reid shot a 7-under 65 on her 33rd birthday to take a two-stroke lead over defending champion Hannah Green into the final round of the Cambria Portland Classic.

Reid closed her bogey-free afternoon round with a birdie on the par-4 18th at Columbia Edgewater.

Furyk falters, 2 strokes behind Els going into finale

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Jim Furyk wasted a fast morning start with a dismal finish at Pebble Beach in the second round of the PGA Tour Champions' Pure Insurance Championship.

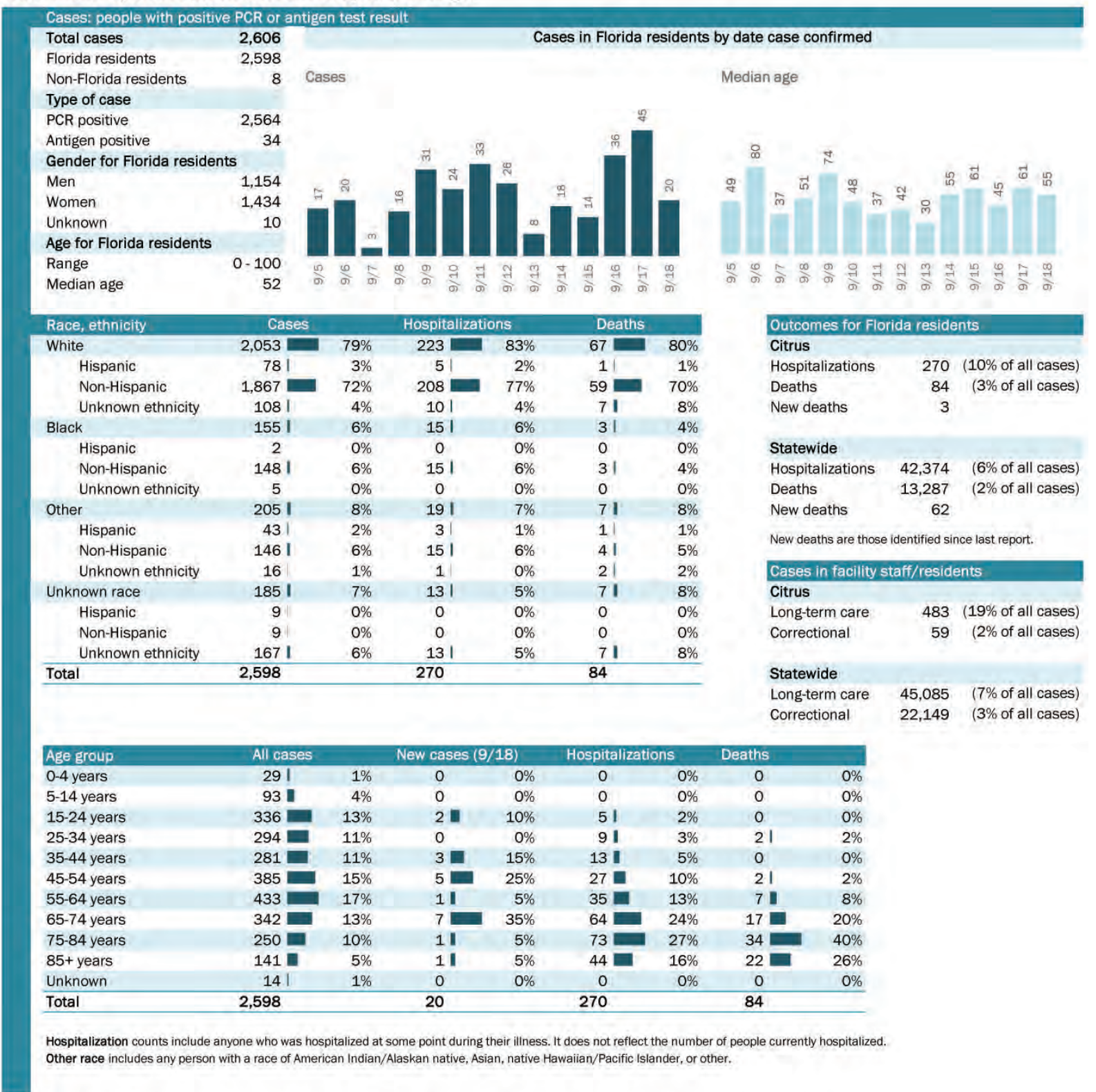
Ernie Els then missed a chance to build a big lead in the afternoon, giving Furyk a reprieve and letting Fred Couples and many others get into contention.

Trying to join Arnold Palmer and Bruce Fleisher as the only players to win their first two starts on the senior tour, Furyk followed his opening 8-under 64 with a 73 to drop two strokes behind leader Els.

COVID-19: summary for Citrus County

Data through Sep 18, 2020 verified as of Sep 19, 2020 at 09:25 AM

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NASCAR

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— making Bristol one of the largest sporting events since the pandemic — and the spectators crowded the fence as Harvick celebrated his second win of the playoffs.

Harvick also won the Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway to open the playoffs.

"Bristol, baby!" Harvick shouted, arms raised to the crowd. "I was so jacked up when we started this race because of you guys. To beat Kyle Busch at Bristol ... just kept fighting, we didn't have anything to lose. Just trying to win a race."

Busch, who failed inspection twice before the race and drove from the back of the field to lead in his Toyota, was disappointed to finish second.

"Just didn't have enough there at the end," Busch said.

The first elimination race of the playoffs knocked William Byron, Cole Custer, Ryan Blaney and Matt DiBenedetto from title contention. All four were below the cutline at the start of the race and failed to produce a finish strong enough to get them into the next round.

DiBenedetto took a big swing with strategy during the first stage when he took just two tires on a pit stop. It cycled him into the lead briefly but 11 drivers on a full set of fresh tires passed him and DiBenedetto ended the stage 12th and ineligible for bonus points. He finished 19th.

"If we didn't have bad luck, we wouldn't have any luck at all," said DiBenedetto, who is hoping the option on his contract is picked up for 2021 by Wood Brothers Racing.

Blaney, who was ranked as high as second in the standings earlier this season, simply had a third consecutive below-average race. He finished 13th.

"That stinks," Blaney said. "Unfortunate end. I'm not done, we can still go try to win races."

Custer, the only rookie in the field, has been hampered by NASCAR's protocols during the pandemic and hasn't been able to practice or qualify the bulk of the season. He

was 23rd.

Byron, who began the race three points behind the cutline with a shot at advancing into the second round, was the first driver officially eliminated when he ran into the back of Christopher Bell late in the second stage. Byron was running 10th at the time and alleged Bell had to slow to avoid Joey Gase, who had stopped in the middle of

the straightaway. "I had literally nowhere to go. You can't stop in the middle of the straightaway," Byron said. "I've got to go back and watch that because that was kind of ridiculous."

The second round of the playoffs begin next Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, the opener of the most challenging three-race series. The playoffs go from Las Vegas

to Talladega Superspeedway and then end at Charlotte Motor Speedway on the combination road course and oval.

Erik Jones, who is not eligible for the playoffs, finished third for Joe Gibbs Racing and was

followed by rookie Tyler Reddick and playoff contenders Aric Almirola and Clint Bowyer. They were the only drivers on the lead lap.

Denny Hamlin, considered the closest challenger to Harvick this

year, closed out a sub-par opening round of the playoffs with a 21st-place finish. His Toyota also failed pre-race inspection and Hamlin started at the back, but he's been unable through three playoff races to crack the top 10.

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VETERANS NOTES

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

NEW THIS WEEK

Military Tribute Bikes on display in November

The custom made Navy Tribute Bike designed by Justin Krumholtz will be on display to honor and remember veterans on Veterans Day Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020, at Plaza Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge and Ram, at 2077 State Road 44 West, Inverness.

The Army Tribute Bike will be on display at Trikes by Design, 3238 S. Florida Ave., Inverness, and the Air Force Tribute Bike will be on display at Trick Concepts in Inverness by the Inverness Airport the week of Nov. 11.

COMING UP

Public invited to American Legion breakfast

American Legion Post 155 will host a Sunday breakfast from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020, at the post at 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River.

Open to the public. Share a meal with the community and your comrades.

For information, contact Larry at Financeoffice.alpost155@gmail.com or 352-795-6526.

Flea market set at VFW Post 4252

Members of VFW 4252 are planning a flea market beginning at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020, at the post at 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway (U.S. 200), Hernando.

Proceeds go to veterans and family support.

Breakfast food will be available. Table rental is \$10 inside for \$5 outside (bring your own table). Table set-up begins after 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17.

Call 352-726-3339 to reserve a space.

Military Card Party benefits Fort McCoy veterans

VFW Post 4252 will host a Military Card Party from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020, at the post at 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway (U.S. 200), Hernando.

The event will feature card games, a silent auction and lunch. Cost is \$12 and proceeds benefit the Veterans Villages of Fort McCoy.

For information, contact Doris Ricard at dricard1@tampabay.vv.com or 352-419-5519.

GOOD TO KNOW

Auxiliary hosting school supply drive

VFW Auxiliary Post 7122 will be collecting school supplies for Floral City Elementary. If you would like to donate items for the school, drop them off from 2-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday at the VFW Post 7122, 8191 S. Florida Ave., Floral City.

Due to the delay in getting this project started, it will run for the remainder of the year. Once a box has been filled, the supplies will be delivered to the school by volunteers.

For more information, email pris2mike@yahoo.com.

Quilt raffle benefits Female Veterans Network

Bid on a patriotic quilt donated by the family of Florence McCann, a WWII Navy veteran and member of the Female Veterans Network (FVN), in honor of her service.

The drawing will be held at the unveiling of the FVN monument, which will be located at the Citrus County Courthouse in downtown Inverness. You do not need to be present for the drawing.

Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. Proceeds benefit the Female Veterans Network.

The quilt will be displayed Monday through Sunday until Sept. 19 at the Margarita Grille, 10200 W. Halls River Road, Homosassa. From Sept. 21 to Oct. 3, the quilt will be at Atlas Insurance Office, 4556 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa. From Oct. 5-17, the quilt will be at The Healing Place, 1200 NE 5th St. Ste. B, Crystal River.

Donate to Wreaths Across America

Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 776 would like assistance in donating 500 wreaths to put on the graves at the Bushnell National Cemetery on Dec. 19, 2020.

The wreaths help to thank those who have served. Please help us reach or exceed our goal of 500 wreaths this year to honor our veterans.

If there is still a problem with COVID-19 at that time, the wreaths will be placed in December 2021.

To donate a wreath, visit wreathscrossamerica.org/FL0227P, click on Sponsor a Wreath. Group ID No. FL0227P, the cemetery is FLNCBU. Online, you can request site specific to be honored. Cost is \$15 per wreath.

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A calling to help



Special to the Chronicle

Ronald A. "Ron" Hesketh served in the United States Army from November of 1958 to August 1967. During his time in the service, Hesketh competed with the Fort Monmouth rifle team, winning many trophies along the east coast.

Citrus veteran reflects on life, service

CHRISTINE MARINO
Staff writer

Some people must learn the true meaning of selflessness over time, while others are simply born knowing it.

For Army veteran Ronald A. "Ron" Hesketh, the calling to help others came naturally.

While working as a machinist in Cleveland, Ohio, Hesketh made the decision to enlist in the Army on Nov. 2, 1958. After enlisting, he pursued training to serve as a military policeman.

He had basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, then went to military police training at Fort Gordon, Georgia, followed by advanced security guard training. From there, Hesketh was sent to White Sands Missile



While teaching at Fort Monmouth, Hesketh was named "Instructor of the Month" in April 1966. He is pictured, middle, accepting the award from the ceremony presenter. His wife, Joyce, stands to his left.

Range in New Mexico, where he performed guard duty at ammunition bunkers in the desert.

Hesketh and his wife, Joyce, were married in 1960 and she moved to White Sands with him.

"I became enthralled with electronics and computers," he said, "so I re-enlisted to get into that field. I was not happy just guarding bunkers."

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Americans remembered at 9/11 ceremony



Special to the Chronicle

American Legion Post 155 of Crystal River paid tribute to the 2,977 people who perished on Sept. 11, 2001, with a ceremony. American Legion Post 155 Cmdr. Douglas Hockenberry welcomed everyone for attending and spoke of that tragic day and how it has impacted our lives some 19 years later. He also expressed his gratitude to Victoria White, the community relations associate of Congressman Daniel Webster's office, for attending the ceremony and those from the local community. Immediately thereafter, the Post Honor Guard conducted a flag raising whereby the National Colors remained at half staff followed by a firing squad volley, the playing of TAPS and a memorial walk. Pictured at front are Victoria White, community relations associate of Congressman Daniel Webster's Office, and American Legion Post 155 Cmdr. Doug Hockenberry. In rear are the American Legion Post 155 Honor Guard, post and community members.

Veterans sought to share experiences

■ Veterans living in Citrus County who served in the U.S. armed forces and are interested in sharing their experiences in the service with Chronicle readers are encouraged to contact Gwen Bittner at gwen.bittner@chronicleonline.com or 352-563-3224.

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

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

■ Submit material at Chronicle offices in Inverness or Crystal River; by fax at 352-563-3280; or email to community@chronicleonline.com.

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Annie gives advice

Dear Annie: I'm a man with a very difficult problem. My deceased wife and I separated. I was halfway through a six-month cancer treatment when she left. After a few days, she called and told me that she had made the biggest mistake of her life by leaving me. However, she would not return home. I got tired of the everyday battle with the chemo, so I went to my dad's.



DEAR ANNIE

He, my wife and I talked often and even met to spend time together. While all this was going on, she was diagnosed with terminal cancer and wanted to be with her family in her final days. I agreed, and she went back to her hometown. We talked periodically, and I knew she was very ill but did not know that she was so close to death. She passed away in 2018.

My problem is that I still love her.

There's not a day that goes by that I don't think of her. I live alone and have friends but I don't have a close relationship with a woman. I miss that very much. What am I to do? I'm still young enough to fall in love again. — Missing Love

Dear Missing: I am very sorry for your loss. There is life before you lose someone you love deeply, and life after. And you, my friend, are living in the after.

While I can't take away your pain, I can suggest a

few things that might help. For starters, find a support group for people who have lost spouses. Try not to be so hard on yourself. You will find love again, but you must deal with your grief first. Be patient and give yourself time to heal.

You will always have memories of your wife, and, in time, you will start making new memories.

Dear Annie: I just read the letter from "Lonely Later in Life." I was going down the same path. I'm a homebody, but know that

being alone all the time is not healthy. I moved to a new town and determined the move to be my new beginning. By visiting the town's website, I discovered that the library and the senior center hold many events that interest me, and decided to join a group at the library that met every two weeks to work on crafts. I attended every meeting. We all look forward to that time of visiting, sharing the projects we are working on. Something else that has helped me meet people is to go for a daily walk around the neighborhood. I force myself to be the first one to say hello to everyone I meet, and it makes me feel good to see them smile. Always remember, "If it's to be, it's up to me!" — It Starts with Hello

Dear Hello: Thank you for the reminder that a simple friendly greeting is all that's needed to make someone's day — and perhaps to make a friend.

Today's MOVIES

Table listing movie titles, times, and theaters for Sunday, Sept. 20.

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CALLING

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In 1962, he went to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, for computer basics training and was one of eight chosen to be part of a Department of the Army test and evaluation team for state-of-the-art electronic and electromechanical field equipment.

"This was a top secret position at the time," he said.

In 1964, Hesketh received orders for Vietnam.

Shortly after arriving in Vietnam that August, Hesketh learned of a request for a part-time weekend newscaster position at the Armed Forces Radio in Saigon.

"I was accepted and began writing and broadcasting news, mainly on Sundays," Hesketh said. "I was also given the position as host of a Sunday night program called 'Diamonds In The Mist.'"

Shortly before Christmas, he was sent to Camp Zama, Japan, to learn about IBM equipment.

"Joyce, my wife, didn't know this, which leads me to a most memorable story: She and our two boys were in Cleveland, Ohio. On Christmas Eve, she heard on the news that the radio station was bombed as Bob Hope was entering Saigon for his first USO show there," he said. "She knew I was scheduled to work that shift and was very concerned, so she decided to call the Red Cross. She pleaded her case and they told her they would see what they could do."

Hesketh happened to be at the IBM service manager's house in Japan when his phone rang.

"He answered and had the strangest look on his face, looked at me



Special to the Chronicle
Hesketh worked as a part-time weekend newscaster at the Armed Forces Radio in Saigon. Pictured is his shirt, inscribed with the radio station logo.

and said 'this is for you,'" Hesketh said.

"The Red Cross had tracked me down and I was given permission to call Joyce over the first communications satellite, Comsat. That was the first I knew of the bombing."

Hesketh completed his tour in Vietnam in August 1965 and ended up back at Fort Monmouth, "teaching the same computer basics class I had taken, myself, in 1962."

He finished his tour there and accepted a position as an instructor at NCR in Dayton, Ohio, teaching their computer system hardware to foreign students in the International Division.

Hesketh was discharged from the Army on Aug. 13, 1967.

Of all his experiences while serving, he is still able to recognize the most important thing he took away from his time in the service: "A 40-year career in computer hardware," he said. "Almost half of which was in a teaching position."

Nowadays, Hesketh enjoys singing, woodworking and spending time with his Joyce. He serves as an audiovisual technician and is the head of the Arts Council at Homosassa First United Methodist Church, where the couple are members and Joyce serves as the financial secretary.

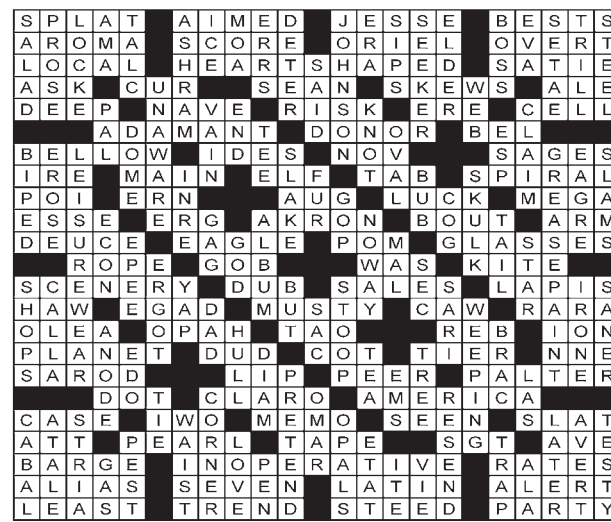
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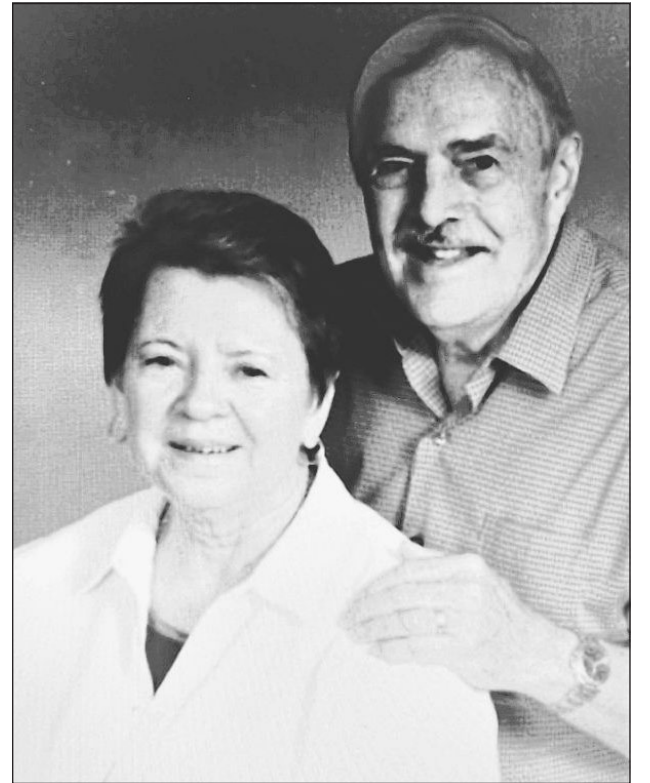
Sunday PUZZLER ANSWERS

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50th ANNIVERSARY



The Divelys

Bill and Lynn Dively celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 19, 2020.

They met one another at Lutheran Youth Camp and were married on Sept. 19, 1970, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Somerset, Pennsylvania. They have lived in Florida for 21 years.

News of RECORD

Dissolution of marriage recorded in Citrus County from Aug. 31 to Sept. 6, 2020

■ Tara Pomposello, Inverness vs. James Pomposello, Lake Panasoffkee.

SO YOU KNOW


■ News of record is provided by the office of the Citrus County clerk of the circuit court.

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■ The Chronicle runs birth announcements, engagements, weddings and significant anniversaries at no charge inside the Sunday Veterans section.


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Hitting a hole in one



Special to the Chronicle

Donald Werner (third from left) holds the golf ball with which he scored a hole-in-one while participating in the 16th annual Citrus County Veterans Golf Tournament on Sept. 12 at the Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club. Werner's amazing hole-in-one shot was made on par 3, 238 yards on the seventh hole of the Oaks Course. The rarity of hitting the ball from the tee to the cup in a single stroke is one of the most exciting and memorable experiences for a golfer and all who observed it. Celebrating with Werner are members of his foursome: Bill Bestel, J.B. Goodall and Leo Titus.

Make appointment at Veterans Service Office

Scheduled appointments and walk-in clients at the Citrus County Veterans Service Office will be seen from 8 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Anyone wishing to meet with a service officer between 4 and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday should call to make an appointment, as walk-ins will not be accepted during these hours.

For information, call the Veterans Service Office directly at 352-527-5915.

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For more information or assistance, email mom4sba@tampabay.rr.com.

Annual veterans events canceled, postponed

The annual Citrus County Veterans Day Parade has been canceled.

The after-parade 11th-hour memorial service on the Old Courthouse lawn and the Veterans luncheon have also been canceled, along with the Dragon Boats Festival Veterans Fair and the annual Women Veteran Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by the Crystal River Woman's Club.

The Marine Corps Ball and the Military Ball are also canceled.

The Veterans in the Classroom program has been postponed.

The Veterans Appreciation Week coordinating committee is still deciding on the viability of hosting the remaining events that include the Veterans Flea Market, the Veterans Dinner and Social and the Massing of the Colors.

Annual veterans concerts canceled in 2020

Due to continuing concerns for the health and safety of NCCB musicians and audiences, the Nature Coast Community Band is delaying the start of the 2020-21 season.

The Oct. 26 and 27 Veterans Appreciation Concerts and the Nov. 11 Veterans Memorial Service Concerts are canceled.

For information, visit www.naturecoastcommunityband.com.

CCVC expands services to those affected by COVID-19

In addition to existing clients at the Citrus County Veterans Coalition (CCVC), the coalition is now accepting any veteran who now be

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

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

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

Transit available for VA appointments

Citrus County Transit provides service to veterans on a weekly basis, excluding holidays. Transportation to VA appointments for both wheel chair and ambulatory patients are available:

- Tuesday to Tampa
- Wednesday to Gainesville
- Thursday to the Villages VA

Other appointments may be available if capacity is available. For reservations and information, contact Janet at 352-527-7630.

VITAS welcomes vets as volunteers

VITAS Healthcare offers volunteer opportunities for veterans who are interested in helping support veteran hospice patients and their families.

VITAS Healthcare veteran volunteers bring military experiences and cultural bond to their hospice work and offer the outstanding ability to relate and connect with veteran patients and their families.

As a partner of the We Honor Veterans program, the interdisciplinary team at VITAS Healthcare acknowledges the service of veterans in its care by honoring their unique needs and wishes and by providing programs and services that honor and support.

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Local administrators getting along just fine



Gerry Mulligan
OUT THE WINDOW

It almost seems quaint to say it in 2020, but good government practices the “art of compromise.”

When different interests and groups can come together, sit at a table, and agree to a compromise — progress takes place. If everyone feels that they got some of what they wanted, the community moves forward.

When politicians or government leaders believe that only their opinions have value and fight for a “win-lose” solution, everyone ends up

losing. “Win-lose” works in a football game, but not in real life.

This mantra is good in government and in your personal life, but the Dear Annie column is in a different section of the newspaper so we won't go there.

On the national, level we have lost the ability to find common ground. On the local front, we have come close to stumbling down that same path.

But here's the good news. Our three branches of local government

— Citrus County, the City of Inverness and the City of Crystal River — are working together in a better way than we've seen in decades. And because of that, things are getting done to improve the quality of life in our communities.

Last week the three administrators of local government — County administrator Randy Oliver, Inverness City Manager Eric Williams and Crystal River City Manager Ken Frink — stood on a stage together and talked about how well things

were going. I have covered Citrus County news for more than four decades and I don't ever remember that happening before.

The feel-good session took place at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon in Crystal River last week.

There has consistently been a level of aggravation between the cities and the county. Just last year Inverness and the county got involved in a lawsuit over annexation issues. See **WINDOW/Page B3**



Courtney Stewart
SEEING BEYOND

In honor of our subs

Stand-ins for teachers fill huge role in education

We all have heard the horror stories. Substitute teachers were either a kid's worst nightmare or a kid's greatest opportunity to fine tune his practical joke repertoire — at least according to legend. I remember watching shows like *Saved By The Bell*, where teenagers played horrible pranks on unsuspecting substitute teachers: pinecones on the teacher's chair, a fake snake in the desk drawer, a live frog let loose in the classroom.

I laughed, of course, because what middle school aged kid doesn't think it's funny to scare the living daylights out of an adult. But then I also came back to the reality that I'd had dozens of substitute teachers by that time in my life and never once was that the scenario that happened in my classroom. I always waited for it. Who was going to be that kid? Who would be the one who had the guts to try some glorious trick that would live in infamy for years to come?

The answer was no one. No one in my memory of kindergarten through 12th grade ever had the nerve to pull something like that off.

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Preserving Citrus' beauty



Beverly Hills resident Sabrina Thomas earned third place in the Save Our Waters Week annual photo contest with a snap of her son Randall silhouetted against a fiery sunset while fishing at dusk in the still waters north of Crystal River. Special to the Chronicle

The Nature Coast: Our special responsibility

Think about how many places in the world can call themselves the Nature Coast. Not many. In fact, only eight counties along the Big Bend coast of Florida are informally known as the Nature Coast.

That gives us in Citrus County a special honor, along with a special responsibility, to protect what gives us that name.

We can all agree that we are blessed to live, work and play in this beautiful county. With our seven Outstanding Florida Waters, three first-magnitude freshwater springs, seven rivers, six lakes and countless small streams and ponds, we are a water lover's heaven.

But to stay true to the

Nature Coast, it takes much work from all of us to preserve the pristine God-given beauty and life-sustaining waters we are blessed with.

Luckily, we are also blessed to have individuals and organizations that make it their mission to protect what we have.

On a state level, thanks to the leadership and hard work of Rep. Ralph Massullo and Sen. Wilton Simpson, Citrus County has benefited from millions of dollars appropriated toward the cleanup of our waterways, restoration of our lakes and rivers, and septic-to-sewer programs.

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Josh Wooten
GUEST COLUMN

Together we can make a difference

Saving our waters makes so much sense; we live on a water planet. We are so lucky that our earth has created an atmosphere with enough oxygen for us all to breathe and enough water for us all to drink, bathe in, and enjoy in so many different ways.

Water is such a pure, clean molecule. It's miracle of simplicity — two hydrogens and one oxygen molecule (H₂O) tightly bonded together.

Unfortunately, water is also very easy to pollute. Because water was such an abundant resource, very few controls were ever put in place to protect it during the industrial revolution. Consequently, many of our once pristine springs, rivers, lakes and now even the great oceans have become polluted and are now in need of saving.

Twenty-five years after the creation of Save Our Waters Week in Citrus County, the mission is still the same: save our waters.

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Art Jones
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SCHOOL PROPERTY MISSING

Parents should be accountable for missing iPads

The Citrus County school district has already faced overwhelming challenges during this pandemic, with the abrupt school closings in March and the need to immediately pivot to distance-learning. However, the newest issue with distance-learning is delivering a big kick in the budget. School Board members learned recently of the need to lease another 1,000 student iPads to replace the ones that were either damaged or not returned after the last school year. That will cost some \$343,000.

THE ISSUE:

School system budget suffers when loaned student iPads are damaged or not returned.

OUR OPINION:

Come up with a better system.

A small portion will be paid through the school system’s iPad insurance, and another portion will be covered by iPad insurance that parents purchased last year, or by the parents themselves. But school officials are having to pursue collection of the remainder from the non-paying parents.

As assistant superintendent Mike Mullen said, “The immediate problem in front of us is we’re out of iPads.” Thus the need to lease 1,000 more. Mullen also warned that offering online education without school-issued iPads is not an option.

There are several major issues here. One is, of course, how the school district can avoid this extra expenditure of funds, time and effort in the future. Another is foundational: what are parents teaching their children about honoring obligations if they allow destruction of school property or fail to live up to their contractual obligations to return it?

Not returning borrowed

property is theft. There’s nothing OK about it. And the parents practicing that theft need to be held accountable.

The school district already takes some steps in the right direction, but it needs to improve the system. When devices are issued, parents sign contracts saying they’ll return the iPads at the end of the term. Some parents took advantage of the opportunity to purchase \$24.95 iPad insurance last year when it was offered through the school district. When devices are not returned, the school district remotely locks them when someone tries to turn them on, plus displays a message on the screen that the devices are property of the Citrus County School Board and must be returned.

What more can be done? Think creatively. For example, cash-strapped parents who cannot afford iPad insurance might enter a volunteer-based exchange that puts skin in the game for both students and parents. They could perform, on behalf of the school district, weekly check-ins with other families and alert the school district if there’s a problem. That’s just one idea that takes the policing onus off school staff and puts responsibility where it belongs — with parents.

We’re sure there are lots more creative ideas to address the issue. Whatever path is chosen should incorporate accountability — for the students, in taking care of the iPads, and for parents, in ensuring they’re cared for and returned to the school district.

‘Yes’ vote needed for minimum wage bill

The Democratic Executive Committee of Citrus County is recommending a yes vote on Amendment 2. If passed, Amendment 2 will install a new minimum wage of \$10 per hour in 2021, with successive annual increases of \$1 per hour through 2026 when it will reach \$15 per hour.

As low wage earners spend close to 100% of their income, these additional dollars in wages will be immediately recirculated providing a boost to the economy, benefitting everyone. Studies reveal that raising the minimum wage increases worker productivity and reduces turnover.

It is not often that a worker has the opportunity to cast a vote that will enhance his personal welfare. It is important to vote “Yes” on Amendment 2 and encourage everyone you know to vote “Yes.”

Especially if you rely on your paycheck to put food on the table, pay your rent or mortgage and hopefully keep up with your car payment, medical bills and the avalanche of other bills we all face that characterize the higher and higher prices

Other VOICES

we have to pay to acquire essential items.

We know the oft-repeated arguments against this form of wage increase. What about experienced, more productive workers earning just a little more who will now have people at minimum wage bumping up to their pay?

Most probably these experienced, productive workers should not be earning just a little more. What about marginal businesses (the reference is usually to restaurants) that survive because they pay low wages? Businesses that survive only because they pay workers amounts that make life precarious need to reexamine their business models.

Finally, many point to teenagers, inexperienced, just entering the work force and ask why they should be paid at the same level. Well, they are not, at least not here in Florida.

The current Florida minimum wage is \$8.56 per hour; but people under 20 entering the work force are paid a minimum wage

of \$4.50 per hour.

This impacts more than our wallets. To our common detriment we fix borders that isolate our communities into their respective dollar defined class: middle class, affluent and working class.

We self-segregate to such an extent that it is always surprising to learn that someone from, say, an affluent neighborhood socially associates with someone from a working class community.

This is not a pretty picture. A way to lower these barriers of gold is to introduce a higher degree of fairness into our wage structure; establish a better measure of monetary reward for the value of the work performed.

We believe Amendment 2 goes a long way towards correcting that situation.

Bill Cohen is the treasurer of the Citrus County Democratic Executive Committee. This column is submitted on their behalf.

LETTERS to the Editor

Save your natural resources

We are all conscious of recycling objects instead of filling up the county dump so quickly. It is important not to waste natural resources when they can be put to use again.

As a housewife, I can think of a number of ways of doing so. A few are listed below.

Plastic lunch meat containers in supermarkets can be washed in a dishwasher and reused as leftover containers in the refrigerator or freezer.

Aluminum pie tins that sell pies and cakes in stores can be washed and used to bake home goods.

Plastic grocery store bags are used by charity-run thrift shops.

The above, besides being retained for personal use, can be saved for churches and thrift shops, for use and sale.

You will also be saving natural resources. Molehills turn into mountains of trash.

Margo B. Blum
 Homosassa

A distrust of the media

President Trump in three and a half years has done more for the United States military than his predecessor ever did in the eight years he was in office. Yet, according to the Atlantic publication, an anonymous source attributed a negative comment to the president on an event which took place over two years ago. Why would this publication release such a ridiculous statement, which could be and was easily refuted by those in attendance at the event? Could it be to detract from the president approval rating by our military personnel?

It was interesting that former National Security Advisor John Bolton and former Deputy White House Chief of Staff Zack Boyle, both in attendance at the gathering in France, categorically denied the president ever made such a derogatory remark. Yet, was there any retraction put forth by the Atlantic? No, regretfully not.

So here you have the Atlantic publication which puts forth a two-year-old story based on an anonymous source some two months before a presidential election.

Is there any wonder as to their motives? Especially in light of the fact that their majority owner Laurene Powell Jobs is a major contributor to the Democratic Party and to Joe Biden.

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Is it any wonder that the public has such a distrust of the news media in this country?

Kim Rossman
 Hernando

Beef up public health infrastructure

The COVID crisis is worse in Florida due to the underfunded health department, and it’s not hard to figure out why. Going forward, the Legislature needs to beef up Florida’s public health infrastructure, which was shredded by cuts under former Gov. Rick Scott. It was dangerous and embarrassing that, due to Scott’s cuts, the state had to scramble to hire epidemiologists and researchers to help track and manage the coronavirus.

The nation’s third-largest state doesn’t have to scramble when facing challenges posed by hurricanes, and it shouldn’t have had to scramble when faced with the virus. I find it perplexing that Florida voters made Rick Scott governor twice and then made him a senator.

Georgianna Woernle
 Floral City

Trump has not kept his promises

OK Trump supporters, you’ve spouted off for weeks about how great the president is, but writers to the Chronicle never detail much the current president has accomplished;

they just list generalities.

In the beginning, we heard of all the big boasts. Trump was going to build a wall, and Mexico was going to pay for it. Yeah, right, guess where that promise went. Trump was going to present a new and glorious health care plan to replace the ACA. He has presented nothing! He’s tried in vain to dismantle the Affordable Care Act, but has never been able to. At present, it’s the only nationwide plan which Americans can hold onto. Let’s see, infrastructure ... where’s the multi-billion dollar plan for that? Another broken Trump campaign promise. And after almost four years of shooting off his mouth, he’s now going to “wish” the pandemic away. When asked questions about it, he turns and walks from the podium.

I’d like to see a few things Trump has accomplished, other than separating immigrant children from their families, which no American would ever stand for in this country, if we were those families. The division between both political parties has become extreme. We read of right-wing gun-slinging protesters, bussed into rallies and demonstrations, which have been repeatedly advocated and promoted by Trump; anything to stir the pot. Anyone who carries a gun or weapon to a rally has only one intent in mind: to harm or possibly kill another person.

No one is better off because of Trump’s tax cuts, except the rich and corporate entities. Not many hourly wage earners are seeing larger paychecks, because their bosses have not advanced their hourly rates, as Trump claims they have. Many families are still living paycheck-to-paycheck; still struggling. Thousands are out of work. The nation’s debt has increased by billions since Trump was elected. Although he and his family, and all his business cronies, have done very, very well. One writer indicates that government should be here to protect us from our adversaries. Trump IS the adversary!

The president is clearly in trouble. FOX News can’t even seem to lift his ratings. It’s not my place to suggest how any individual should vote. I just can’t wait until all the mail-in ballots have been counted.

Richard Rose
 Inverness

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Our state officials tell us that much of this appropriation success is because of the community buy in, advocacy and support that we bring up to Tallahassee. This is a major reason why the Chamber organizes Citrus County Legislative Day every year and brings 100 of our business and community leaders who converge on the capital to support our initiatives.

Still, it is on the local level where the real work happens. Between appropriations from the state, private grants, and the donations of hundreds of concerned individuals, Save Crystal River, a volunteer group of dedicated individuals determined to clean up King's Bay, has been working tirelessly to restore it to the beautiful natural waterway that provides a home to hundreds of marine species.

Over five short years, Save Crystal River has removed over 163 million pounds of muck and debris from restored areas of King's Bay and replaced it with over 130,000 native eelgrass plants that have continued to flourish and grow, even into areas that have yet to be touched by the restoration project.

In the process of cleaning out these areas, Save Crystal River's King's Bay Restoration Project has also uncovered over 500 previously clogged spring vents. It is inspiring to see our bay begin to transform from the algae ridden,



Special to the Chronicle

Winning Honorable Mention in the Save Our Waters Week annual photo contest was Lecanto resident Dorothy Lee for her captivating photo of the county's coastal wetlands basking in the glow of an evening sunset.

murky canals they had become into the crystal clear waterways they once were, and seeing the impact not only on the ecosystem but on the economy, as well.

With cleaner waterways, we are now seeing resident

manatees that call King's Bay home year-round, extending the draw on tourism from only a few short months. We are also seeing fish and other aquatic life now flourishing where they once were minimal, impacting the fishing

industry, as well as the fishing sector of our tourism industry. This project is truly a public/private partnership including local and state support as well as hard work and dedication from our local community.

Emulating the effective model of Save Crystal River's King's Bay Restoration Project, the Homosassa River Restoration Project is set to begin work on that river after successfully receiving a \$1.5 million appropriation from the State this year. Consulting with Save Crystal River, there is little doubt we will soon see a transformation of the Homosassa River, as well.

Other groups, such as TOO FAR, Citrus 2030, Keep Citrus County Beautiful and the individuals that keep Save Our Waters Week alive, work tirelessly to protect and preserve our water resources.

Although the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is primarily a business support organization, water quality and quantity are always a top priority of your Chamber and we work closely with our leaders to keep this all-important issue on the front burner. Without water, we cannot sustain life. Without clean water, we cannot maintain health. Without maintaining our local natural resources, our economy and wildlife will suffer.

I am always amazed at the human capital our citizens put forth in preserving the wonderful natural assets we are so fortunate to have in our backyard. Our unity in purpose on water issues is paying huge dividends.

Let's keep up the good work.

Josh Wooten is a former Citrus County Commissioner and the President CEO of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce.

TOGETHER

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Because the water had become full of pollution, I started One Rake at a Time as a project 11 years ago to help save our waters by getting in the water and physically removing the toxic Lyngbya algae that was taking over King's Bay in Crystal River.

Lyngbya algae hordes nutrients so the more polluted the water is, the more Lyngbya takes over in a water body such as King's Bay. The pollution had been building up for years in Kings Bay and was at a point where the toxic algae was going to take over the entire bay and turn it into a toxic dead water body.

When I started cleaning the algae out of the swimming area at Hunter Springs Park, many told me it was an useless endeavor and the algae was going to come right back. My reply was I was planning on coming back also, and I did, again and again. I bought some pontoon barges and started loading them with Lyngbya algae, cleaning out many of the hot spots all over King's Bay. One Rake at a Time, week after week.

At first it was just me, but as more

people volunteered to help, I organized cleanup days, announcing them in the newspaper. It was a great success. More and more people started helping and the amount of pollution in the bay started to decrease even faster. Now, there are no more dense mats of rotting Lyngbya floating around. Now, the swimming area is getting beautiful again.

I was able to prove that by consistently removing more pollution from the bay than was coming in that I was tapping into the legacy nutrient pollution that sat on the bottom of the Bay circulating nutrient pollutants. As the project evolved, I started using big weed harvesting machines in the deeper areas. And the bay got even cleaner.

More people got involved and I will never forget the day I met then-state Sen. Charlie Dean. He told me he liked what I was doing and he thought I was very genuine. He wanted to help me. Wow, did he ever. He got me a nice grant.

Also, the city of Crystal River kicked in some money, Rotary helped, I got a NOAA grant, Citrus County matched a SWFWMD grant, Duke Energy gave me some money, and regular people donated their time and money.

By One Rake at a Time we could work to save the springs and waters of King's

Bay. I was able to hire people to help me remove even more Lyngbya on a daily basis along with continued volunteer efforts. I even hired some homeless people from the local shelter and the project was on the TV news.

Thanks to Steve and Jewel Lamb, "Save Crystal River, Inc." was born.

A dredging company was found to do a pilot project of having divers vacuum the bottom layer of Lyngbya muck up and re-plant eel grass on the now natural bottom, mimicking what was there years ago. A total success story for all the people of our community who supported saving our waters. The cleanup is still going on to this day. We are being held up as an example of how a community can step up to the plate and save our waters today and into the future.

I may have got the cleanup and restoration of King's Bay started 11 years ago, but I did not do it alone. As we celebrate the 25th year of Save Our Waters Week, I want to thank the hundreds of people who helped in the past and gratitude for everyone who is going to help in the future.

We still need more people to stop over fertilizing their lawns. If it is getting into the aquifer, you are using too much. Golf courses should also not over fertilize or

over water.

Conserve water where you can. Just because someone else is wasting water, does not make it right for you to waste even more. Don't use overhead spray sprinklers during the middle of the day as up to 90% of the water is lost to evaporation. And people with back yard septic systems, please have them cleaned out when needed and make sure they are always in working order. Everything counts.

As for me, I am up on the Rainbow River now removing invasive Hydrilla, One Rake at a Time, and hoping we can get a dredging project going up here sometime.

The state has been spraying chemicals on the vegetation on the beautiful Rainbow River for years. There is a lot of legacy nutrient pollution now built up on the bottom of the lower Rainbow River that needs to be removed and then replanted with eel grass before Lyngbya algae takes over, as we continue to save our waters.

Art Jones is the founder and president of the nonprofit One Rake at a Time Inc., which physically removes Lyngbya algae, Hydrilla and other invasive weeds clogging up our springs and replants with native eel grass.

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Private landowners with property contiguous to the city wanted to become part of Inverness so they would not have to navigate the county's far more complicated planning process.

For five years before that Inverness and county government fought over funding for Whispering Pines Park.

About 90% of the people who use the regional park at Whispering Pines are county residents but the two governments could not agree on how much of a subsidy would be made.

So no county contribution was made while two branches of our local government fought over the issue.

Crystal River had its own run-ins with county government. Some county leaders

wanted to "tell" city leaders how they should develop the community. City folks bristled at the proposals and refused to cooperate.

When egos get in the way it is very difficult to get things done. And when local governments fight with each other, it's the taxpayers who pay the bills.

Fast-forward to the summer of 2020 and things have turned around. The governments are again talking to each other and problems are getting resolved.

In Crystal River, the county has stepped forward to help fund the construction of the Riverwalk around King's Bay. The problem with the funding formula at Whispering Pines has gone away.

The annexation lawsuits have been resolved or in the process of being negotiated.

When CARES act funds from the federal government were being distributed, representatives from both cities, the



Special to the Chronicle

The three administrators of local government in Citrus County have much in common. Pictured, from left, are Crystal River City Manager Ken Frink, Citrus County Administrator Randy Oliver and Inverness City Manager Eric Williams.

chamber and the county worked together — at the county's invitation — to make the decisions on which businesses would get funded. By acting together, everyone benefited.

The background of the administrators has a lot to do with how things have calmed down. Ken Frink in Crystal River once worked for Citrus County government in public works

and administration. Eric Williams at Inverness city hall first came to Citrus County to work in the county's planning department.

All three of these leaders know how to keep politics out of making good decisions, while at the same time permitting the politicians to take credit for the accomplishments.

The administrators sit down and talk issues through. Most every week they pick up the telephone to discuss problems that are happening.

Instead of finding a way to "win" an argument, they search for solutions that both city and county feel good about.

Our national political scene may be in turmoil, but right now it appears that Citrus County is getting along just fine.

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BEYOND

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As a kid it was a great disappointment. There was no way I would ever have even tried. The wrath that would have awaited me at home just wasn't worth the risk. But even the troublemakers in class didn't go that far. It was just something we saw on television.

I'm sure lots of people have real life stories of that kind of classroom antic. I just never saw it.

That's not to say that substitute teachers don't have a horrifically difficult job at times. Kids can be ruthless and cruel. They have no sense of filter and sometimes struggle to downshift when they are used to a routine and someone new pops in and scrambles what they've grown accustomed to.

Either way you look at it, substitute teaching, and let's be honest, full-time teaching, is not a glorious job. It's overlooked, under-praised and certainly underpaid.

The risk is huge. Teachers stand up in front of dozens of kids every day and they

are always "on". They don't get to close the door and block out all the office noise. They can't even go to the grocery store without being noticed.

I remember as a kid thinking that it was the craziest thing to see my teacher not at school. I don't think I really believed that they lived in my classroom, but then again, my six-year old brain couldn't really be sure.

It was possible. But seeing them in "real life" was like a shock to the system. Teachers belong at schools not at grocery stores! So when I did see my teacher in public it was an event. There is no anonymity for a teacher.

Teaching is a hard business.

So that makes substitute teaching a pretty difficult one, too. That's why good ones are so hard to find.

But here's the thing, the pandemic hasn't handed us a ton of positive things. But one thing it has opened up for us is the ability to reevaluate what we understand and believe about what it means to be a community. It has opened up possibilities for us to stand in the gap for one another in ways we've never thought about before.

And we've just stumbled upon another

one: we need substitute teachers.

Our classroom teachers are putting themselves at risk by being in the classroom with dozens and dozens of kids every day.

They do that because they recognize the enormous value of face-to-face educational opportunities. They do that because they understand

maybe more than anyone, just how essential it is that kids have the socialization of what school offers. It is a foundational component of our society.

It can't be replicated on the computer. So teachers come to work every day. They don't know where their students have been, who they have been around or when they washed their hands the last time. So some of our teachers have been exposed to COVID-19. It was a risk they knew would happen when they signed on to come back in 2020.

With that exposure comes the necessary quarantine. And now we've got some holes to fill.

Our schools need caring people who are able to put themselves at reasonable risk to become substitute teachers. Our community needs to fill the gaps while our teachers follow the CDC guidelines

for exposure and wait out their quarantines.

This is an opportunity to invest in our kids, in the future, in a way we've never been able to before. Substitute teachers can literally be the difference in keeping our kids in the school environment they so desperately need instead of re-living the nightmare of last spring.

Substitute teaching is not glamorous. You may even meet that one brave kid who finally worked up the courage to put that plastic snake in the desk drawer. It's a risk, for sure. But high risk is high reward.

And keeping our kids in school, getting their lives back to anything that even resembles normal is good for everyone.

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Hot Corner: iPADS

■ (Re the Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020, front-page story, "School board to pay \$343K to replace devices damaged or not returned"): I'd like to know why, when board member Thomas Kennedy asked how law enforcement can get involved about these iPads, that this person told the board that since the iPads that were loaned out were of relatively low value, their return is not made a priority by law enforcement (Page A2). In my figures, that's \$343 apiece. Now \$343 is not low value and if they're so low value, then why aren't the parents buying them? Next time, you need to make the parents pay the insurance or sign a contract with stiff consequences. This really aggravates me. My tax money should not be going for this kind of stuff for irresponsible parents and children.

■ Allow me to reword Fred Hiers' (front-page) article on Sept. 10 regarding lost iPads: "The Citrus County School Board may repay \$343,000 for students' and parents' blatant carelessness in breaking or not returning the iPads, but the taxpayers are the ones on the hook for (them)." Attach their wages and make them accountable. This is what happens in liberal, permissive cultures where no one bears any personal responsibility for their actions. Where do I get in line to not pay for these wastrels?

■ About those broken school tablets: While a teacher might accept as an excuse, "My dog ate my homework," I would hope that the school board requires the return of those broken tablets.

■ I'm responding to Sound Off to the

school board wants \$343,000 to replace lost or damaged iPads. Make the parents responsible. If they can't pay because they're on welfare, then take the money out of their welfare check. The parents should be held accountable. If that iPad was issued to the child from the school, it should be the parents' responsibility to return it.

■ The Citrus County School Board has to spend \$343,000 to replace 1,100 iPads that students failed to return after the past school year? That is ridiculous. I assume the iPads handed out to students are considered school property. How about teaching some responsibility?

■ I am calling about Cortney Stewart's column about the missing iPads (titled, "A lesson in being responsible," in the Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020, front-page Commentary Section B). I just want to say that I agree with her 100%. My husband and I feel the same way. These people really need to take responsibility for this.

■ I'm wondering why we're spending more tax dollars to buy more iPads to replace those that were never returned from people last year in the schools. Why aren't the parents being penalized for not returning expensive items instead of just given new ones again?

■ In response to the broken and unreturned iPads from students: It's yet another fine example of a total lack of administrative skills within our school system here in Citrus County. I would like to know why they don't have a 100% insurance coverage if they experience such a yearly loss.

Hot Corner: COVID-19

■ Someone wrote in (the Sound Off titled "Virus confusion"). It was published Thursday, Sept. 10, about a confusion about the virus. I had the same experience. A few weeks ago, I was told on Friday that I had COVID and on Tuesday, I was told, "Yes, you have COVID but not COVID-19, you just have had a cold." So he's not the only one that's been told one thing and then it was changed.

■ I'm responding to (the Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020) Sound Off where they say, "We need to get a better grip on virus," where the person was complaining that we're the second-highest positive rate with 11.6% and counties like Tampa are 5% and 8%. Really? How do you know those figures are accurate? How do you know Tampa's not saying they have 5% just to get people there to come visit? You can't go by the numbers. The numbers are not accurate no matter where you go. You'll never get a positive number, period.

■ I was just reading some articles on the virus and the other day I saw an interview of a person and he said that if he got it, he didn't care and that if he died, "So what?" I was thinking, what about his friends, his family, other people he just meets? What if he infects them and one of them dies? Would he care then? Would he feel any remorse? ... Another interviewer said there was no virus at all, that it was just a big hoax and the rest of the world and everyone else who thinks there is, are just being fooled because there is

really no virus out there. ... How do you talk to people and reason with people if that's their beliefs? We will never succeed in fighting the virus if people, for some reason, don't believe it's there or don't care. Just think if you had infected someone in your family and they died and your attitude was, "So what?"

■ Good morning, Citrus County! I'd like to make a comment on one of the articles in the Sound Off that says, "We need to get a better grip on the virus." Well, attention county commissioners and general public and population: I just returned from down South — Lido Beach, to be exact — and spent about three days down there. Everyone at the hotel — everyone, everyone — is wearing a mask. If you go outside, you can take it off. I've seen people on the beach wearing a mask. Also, don't try and go shopping without a mask. Don't go to the gas station. Don't go to the convenience store. Don't go anywhere, because you may not be served. They have a mandatory mask law there — or mask ordinance or whatever you want to call it — and there are signs on the doors of every business. Businesses are — and I'm quoting directly, verbatim — highly encouraged to deny service to anyone not wearing a mask on the premises. Hello, Citrus County, wake up. No shirt, no shoes, no mask — no service, hit the road! That's pretty much the only way you're going to get this even remotely under control. That's one way of getting a grip on it.

Don't wait

With mail-in voting, I think it's up to the supervisor of elections to make sure the ballots go out in a timely fashion. The post office should deliver them within a timely fashion and if they think they're going to run behind, then they should start the presidential (election) early so they can't say they received it late. Some people are always going to wait until the last minute.

Race not over

The race for Citrus County sheriff: This morning (Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020), I was listening to radio station 99.9 broadcasting in the Hernando and Citrus counties. As they do every Wednesday, they interview the sheriff — Sheriff Prendergast. The interviewer announced that the election is over and he will remain sheriff. Congratulations, Mike, on the win. Well, as being a poll worker, OK, and reading the Chronicle, I know that the sheriff's race is not over. We have a non-party-affiliated candidate, Lee Alexander, running against the winner of yesterday's primary, Sheriff Prendergast. I'm calling in to inform the citizens of Citrus County that the race is not yet over. Yesterday only Republicans could vote for the sheriff. In November, Republicans, Democrats, conservatives — or however you are registered — can vote. You do have a choice. So despite

what anyone might have heard on this radio station today, the race is not over. And remember, it's your American duty to get out there and vote. The choice is yours.

Garbage guys

I work for a garbage company. I have to come to work every day to pick up household trash. We have to work five days a week even with the COVID going on. Garbage guys have no choice but to come to work or lose their job. My question is: When

did trash become more important than teachers going back to school to teach our children? I sure hope that the teachers do not win their lawsuit, or maybe they should. If they win, then us garbage guys, we can do a lawsuit of our own.

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MDRT's culture motivates the best in the business to share innovative ideas, concepts and techniques with each other. The exclusive tools and resources members obtain through membership help them to better guide their clients to beneficial solutions and provide their clients' the greatest service.

For more information, contact Levin at 352-6344793 or LevinLifeInsurance@gmail.com.

LIVE UNITED 365 Small Business Circle



Special to the Chronicle

Kane's Cattle Company, on Citrus Avenue in downtown historic Crystal River, is a new member of the LIVE UNITED 365 Small Business Circle of the United Way of Citrus County. With Meghan Pitzer, left, United Way CEO, is Kane's owner Morgan Sundberg. To learn more about the program, call the United Way at 352-795-5483.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Carnival Cruise Line announces modifications

MIAMI — Carnival Cruise Line on Wednesday, Sept. 16, announced the sale of Carnival Fascination and Carnival Imagination, which had previously been put on long-term lay-up status and removed from published itineraries.

The sale of Carnival Fascination, launched in 1994, and Carnival Imagination, introduced in 1995, is in line with Carnival Corporation's plan to accelerate the removal of less efficient ships from its fleet.

This follows the sale of Carnival Fantasy and Carnival Inspiration which took place in July. Upon return to operations, Carnival will still operate four upgraded Fantasy-class ships — Carnival Ecstasy, Carnival Sensation, Carnival Elation and Carnival Paradise — which feature additional balcony staterooms as well as enhanced dining and entertainment options that are part of the line's Fun Ship 2.0 enhancement program.

"While we are sad to see Carnival Fascination and Carnival Imagination leave our fleet, it is a necessary move as it allows us

to focus on ships that offer the greatest variety of features and stateroom accommodations for our guests," said Christine Duffy, president of Carnival Cruise Line.

Related to its ongoing ship enhancement program and the current pause in cruise operations, Carnival also advised guests and travel agents that it is delaying the return to guest operations for four ships until after scheduled dry dock enhancements are completed in the first half of 2021.

The four impacted ships and resulting cancelled itineraries include:

"This extended pause in our operations has also impacted shipyard availability, and we've had to reschedule required dry docks.

"As we continue to work through issues related to our eventual return to operations, we are committed to providing our guests and travel agent partners with certainty where we can, although we regret disappointing our guests.

"We appreciate the continued support and understanding of our guests and hope to welcome them back on board soon," Duffy said.

— From wire reports

Congregate carefully



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Bars reopening doesn't mean the pandemic is over. Patrons are reminded to take care and behave safely, adhering to the precautions established by their favorite watering holes.

Local bar patrons enjoy reopenings, but should remain safety conscious

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

Citrus County bar patrons welcomed the reopening of their favorite watering holes last week and said it was high time the governor allowed it.

They said it stimulates the economy and puts people back to work. But it's not an excuse to let your guard down and relax health-safety protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic, they added.

The Chronicle interviewed bar-goers and here are some of their comments:

Chris Ensing of Crystal River said he's glad Gov. Ron DeSantis approved the reopening of bars, even with half-capacity, and believes the governor is handling the pandemic situation well.

"I'm thankful to be here (in Florida) when I hear about other places," said Ensing, enjoying a beer at St. Johns Tavern in Crystal River.

Ensing said he can't understand why it was acceptable for restaurants to remain open just because they sell food.

Josh Shiver of Citrus Hills also welcomed the news.

"For the most part, it's a good thing for the economy, local workers like bartenders and waitresses," he said.

Shiver said it is imperative health officials monitor the numbers, though, to make sure the number of COVID-19 cases don't escalate with the reopening.

Shiver said it never really made sense to him why bars were prohibited

from opening and restaurants were not. Perhaps, he said, when people drink alcohol they tend to get "less guarded" and might ignore common-sense health-safety protocols, such as social distancing.

Restaurant crowds, he said, tend to be more family-type places. In bars, social networking among strangers is common, he said.

Making matters difficult, he said, is that society is in unknown territory right now and it's hard to interpret the data.

"It's just hard to protect yourself against something you don't know anything about," he said.

Cheryl Burns of Beverly Hills joined a couple co-workers Tuesday afternoon for drinks at St. Johns. She feels safe doing so, but she and her friends intend to exercise caution.

"We are selective," she said. "We do not go to busy bars."

Burns said 50% capacity is fine right now.

"I would not rush (it)," she said. "It's not time to throw caution to the wind."

Dave Birch of Crystal River is happy for out-of-work folks.

"It's good to put people back to work," he said.

It is possible, he said, to open bars and maintain proper health etiquette.

"You can still keep your social distancing," he said. "There's nothing wrong with that."

The secret, he said, is for people to exercise common sense.

To shred or save?

Answers to online banking FAQ

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As the COVID-19 pandemic leads banking customers to lean into online technology to manage their money, those trying online banking for the first time may find themselves with questions about how to handle things previously done in person or with paper documents.

If you're stuck on how to handle some of the practical aspects of online banking, here are answers to common questions.

SHOULD I SAVE MONTHLY STATEMENTS?

Experian, one of the three major credit bureaus, recommends keeping bank statements for tax purposes to confirm your income or deductible expenses. If you do end up using your statements for your taxes, you may want

to hang onto your statements for up to seven years in case the IRS decides to audit you. Even if your bank keeps digital records of your statements, you may want to print or download your statements just in case.

WHEN SHOULD I SHRED THE PAPER CHECK?

Major banks recommend that after you've made a mobile deposit, you write "mobile deposit" and the date of deposit on the front of the check. Keep the check until you've made sure the deposit has gone through — which may take several days — and that the bank doesn't need the original check for any reason. Once the check has been cleared in your account, it's best to shred it.

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HOW DO I SEND MONEY OR PAY BILLS VIA MY MOBILE APP?

If you want to send money to friends or family, your bank may have you covered with the Zelle money transfer service. Zelle, which is integrated with many major banks and also available as a separate app, allows registered users to receive and send money from their bank accounts.

You can also sign up for money transfer apps like Venmo or Cash App and link them to your bank account to send and receive money, as long as your sender or recipient has the same app.

To pay your bills online, your bank might have the option to set up recurring payments to services like your cell phone provider or utility company, allowing you to automate your monthly bills.

Some banks can also send a check on your behalf if necessary. Wells Fargo, for example, offers online bill pay services, but you can also schedule paper checks to be sent for you if your service provider doesn't accept electronic payments.

Search your bank's FAQs or reach out to its

customer service department for details on its bill-pay features.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY MOBILE BANKING APP ISN'T WORKING?

It's a universal truth that technology comes with occasional frustrations. Sometimes banks experience app outages, and sometimes there are problems on the user side.

There are a few things you can do to diagnose the problem:

- Make sure your login

credentials are correct. Entering an incorrect username and/or password is a common stumbling block and will prevent access to your account.

Some banks might even lock you out after too many failed login attempts. If you've forgotten your login information, contact your bank's tech support team.

- Check your email and your bank's social media accounts.

Your bank may have posted on its Facebook or Twitter accounts or sent an email notification

about any known app problems. Many consumers today also use their banks' platforms to flag problems themselves. If there's an outage, your bank may post information on how long it's expected to last and how you can access your account in the meantime. Bookmark or follow your bank's social media accounts for quick access.

- Update your app and/or your phone software.

Your version of the app could be out of date, or your phone's software may need updating to use a newer version of the

app. Go to your phone's app marketplace (e.g., Apple App Store or Google Play Store), search for your bank's app and see if there's an option to update.

- Get technical support from your bank.

For help, reach out to your bank's customer service representatives by phone, email or chat, if available.

- Use your desktop login or visit a branch or ATM.

If your app isn't working, you may still be able to log in on a desktop computer. If your bank

has physical branches, you should be able to get in-person service, although COVID-19 precautions may mean that hours are limited or appointments required. If you're trying to deposit a check or check your balance, you can use an ATM, as long as your bank offers use of a network.

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John Pricher (left) and Dave Perry (right)

This week, host Jade White, Chamber Public Relations & Communication Coordinator, talks with Dave Perry, owner of JAM — Just Amuse Me, to discuss their newest addition, the Underground Cantina and all the fun activities they are now offering. Also joining Jade is John Pricher, Director of Tourism, with Discover Crystal River. John discusses the effect COVID-19 has had on our local tourism industry and offers some very interesting data showing where we stand compared to many other Florida based tourist destinations.

Chamber Report is your ticket to the many happenings in Citrus County!

Chamber Member News!

College of Central Florida offers scholarships through Rapid Credentialing Grant. Join a virtual information session to learn more and receive the opportunity to complete your CF application and have the application fee waived. <https://tinyurl.com/2020CF> Scholarship.

StoreRight Self Storage, Lecanto to host annual site-wide yard sale, September 26th. FREE prizes, refreshments, a food truck, and NO set-up fee! Non-tenants are also welcomed to set up in the parking lot for free. For information call 352-527-9777.

Suncoast Credit Union in Crystal River is MOVING! Soon they will be settling into their new location in the old Insight Credit Union building on

HWY 44 next to RaceTrac.

United Way of Citrus County to host Boots & Bling virtually. On October 24th, there will be individuals throughout the county hosting dinner parties on behalf of our United Way. If you are interested in being a host or would like to purchase dinner tickets, please e-mail Jess Maloney at jess.maloney@citrusunitedway.org

Citrus County Blessings hosting Where's Canny, Kick the Can Fundraiser! Businesses that would like to be involved can request to sponsor and Canny will visit their office as Blessings provides clues for the community to "Find Canny". To sign up, or for more information, call 352-341-7707 or visit www.CitrusCountyBlessings.org.



CF CORPORATE COLLEGE Managing your online presence



Autumn St. Martin (left) Holly Davis (right)

Corporate College workshop hosts.

The workshop on Social Media — Managing Your Online Presence For Business Advantage will be held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2 via Zoom.

It's important to manage your organization's online presence. This workshop examines today's major social media platforms and identifies best uses of each for particular business needs. Follow-up sessions can be scheduled as needed for specific social media platforms.

Individual workshop fee is \$29. Register and pay online at: CF.edu/CorporateCollege or call (352) 873-5855.

RECENT RIBBON CUTTINGS

The Chamber is growing every week. We welcome our new members and thank all of them for joining the Chamber. We encourage the community to support their businesses. Ribbon cuttings currently featured were held prior to the CDC recommendations regarding physical distancing or without direct Chamber interactions. The Chamber encourages the community to follow current CDC recommendations, which can be found on our website at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com.

Angel's Heaven on Earth

352-419-4433



Welcome to the Chamber, Angel's Heaven on Earth! Some of their services include manicures, pedicures, high alkaline antioxidant water, facials, waxing, far infrared sauna, whole body vibration machines, acrylics & much more. Stop by the shop at 5464 S. Suncoast Blvd. (US 19) in the Sugarmill Plaza, Homosassa.

Journey to Success Foundation

352-341-3022



The Chamber would like to welcome Journey to Success Foundation! We are committed to provide support, activities, services and programs that encourage and empower individuals with disabilities to overcome adversity, expand their capabilities, develop independence, and guide them on their Journey to Success. "JOURNEY'S" programs are designed to support clients with a range of different disabilities including: Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, Prader-Willi Syndrome, Phelan McDermid Syndrome, Down Syndrome and Asperger Syndrome. We would enjoy meeting with you to discuss the services we provide; feel free to contact us any time.

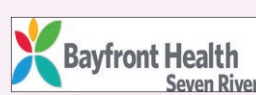
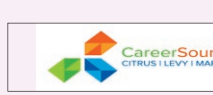
Citrus County Foster Parent Association



Welcome to the Chamber, Citrus County Foster Parent Association! Citrus County Foster Parent Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization who is devoted to making a difference in the lives of foster children in our community. We provide experiences that will stay with the child for a lifetime, also we help provide Christmas gifts and back to school supplies to the children, for the Foster families we help with emergency needs like helping obtain things such as cribs, beds, clothes, etc. for children that get placed unexpectedly in their home. Many of our foster homes are over capacity due to the lack of homes and open beds in our community. For more information, <http://www.CitrusCountyFosterParents.org>.

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Microclimates: Something gardeners can do about weather

LEE REICH
Associated Press

The weather has gotten weirder and more unpredictable, but there is a small way that gardeners can take more control: finding and exploiting microclimates.

I've been looking for them around my upstate New York yard as cooler weather slowly creeps in.

Microclimates are pockets of air and soil that are colder or warmer, or more or less humid, than the general climate due to the influence of slopes, walls and pavement.

Every parcel of land, from a 40-acre farm field to a quarter-acre lot, will have some microclimates. Sitting plants with this in mind can be the difference between whether or not they thrive or even survive.

I'm banking, for instance, on the slightly warmer temperatures near the wall of my house to get my Stewartia tree, which is borderline cold-hardy around here, through my winters, when temperatures often drop to minus 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

Proximity to concrete, stone or any other material that retains the sun's heat also provides a slightly warmer microclimate. I'm expecting spring to arrive early, with a colorful blaze of tulips, in the bed pressed up against the south side of my brick house.

Even sooner, in late winter, winter aconites will be spreading their small, yellow blossoms in the slightly raised bed surrounding my terrace. Those aconites warm more quickly thanks to the double benefit of raised beds and a concrete wall surrounding them. (Actually, the benefit is more for me, getting to enjoy their blooms extra early.)

Microclimates can also be useful for keeping plants cooler. By training my hardy kiwi vines right up against the shaded, north sides of their hefty supports, I keep direct winter sunlight from warming their trunks. This avoids the splitting that occurs when their trunks are alternately warmed during winter days,



LEE REICH/Associated Press

Peach trees blooming in New Paltz, N.Y. Peach blossoms are a welcome sight in early spring, so, for fruit, it's best to delay that show as long as possible by paying attention to microclimate.

then rapidly cooled as the winter sun drops below the horizon.

Diluted white latex paint on the trunks of young trees keeps them cold through winter days and nights to likewise prevent damage.

By planting the coveted blue poppy in a bed on the east side of my house, I hoped to give the plant the summer coolness it demands. Even that east bed was still too sultry,

and nights to likewise prevent damage. See **GARDENS/Page D11**

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Fall home decor: Comforting hues, flexible design

KIM COOK
Associated Press

In recent years, brown anything in a living space was considered by some arbiters of decor as drab and outdated. But this fall the hue is back in favor, in part because of the unsettled, anxious state of the world.

"Brown traditionally makes people feel comfortable and safe, and those are feelings that many of us are looking to our homes to provide," says interior designer Dawn Hamilton of Oakland Park, Florida.

It's just one of the trends in decor this season, when the pandemic has made home an even more essential space for living, working, studying and more. Also on the watch list: flexible rooms, indoor and out.

Hamilton says today's brown palette is being used in new ways, as a neutral in all kinds of materials, and as an accent color.

"Brown feels very earthy and rich. It's warm and inviting, and has the same grounding properties as black, although it's not quite as harsh," she says.

New York designer Becky Shea also cites brown's organic versatility: "It's a tone that works cohesively with neutrals as well as dark, bold tones like navy, graphite and black."

Eilyn Jimenez of Sire Design in Miami is adding a mocha brown vanity to the guest bathroom of a "minimalist, French chateau-style" home she's designing. "It adds a layer of depth with a vintage feel," she says.

Don't overdo brown, she warns, but blend it with modern materials like marble for beautiful juxtapositions.



Arhaus

The Butler tufted leather ottoman, from Arhaus, has hardwood legs and two handy trays that tuck under the base.

"Bringing it in with light woods, leathers and other natural materials can help make a space feel timeless," Jimenez says.

Melissa Morgan of M Interiors in San Antonio, Texas, thinks brown's rebirth is "a reaction to years of very light, tonal interiors. Clients are looking for warmth and sanctuary in their homes more than ever."

Lighter, yellowish browns, like caramel, often works well in leather.

"In upholstery, we consider saddle leather to be a form of brown that's like a trusty pair of blue jeans — it goes with everything," says Chicago designer Brynn Olson.

Soft browns and caramels are also appearing in pillows, lamps and drapes. Caning is on trend too, says Amy Leferink of Interior Impressions in Woodbury, Minnesota.

As for furniture, Olson likes the effect of brown stains on walnut and white oak, and says a beautifully stained built-in is timeless. "Natural walnut will always feel fresh, and we love to pair it with bright white decor such as plaster vases, for a

sophisticated pairing of textures," she says.

That brown-and-white combo has been a favorite of decorating icons including Billy Baldwin, says New York City designer Glenn Gissler. Baldwin's apartment in Manhattan featured a mix of glossy brown walls, white and chartreuse furniture, and

brass accents. Inspired, Gissler recently painted a New York loft in a deep, rich brown, with columns and ceilings in crisp white. A long, tuxedo-style sofa in milk-chocolatey velvet anchors the space, along with tonal modern art.

Colors like purples and blues, of any intensity, also complement brown.

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"Home has always been a refuge for recharging and relaxing; it's going to become even more so," says architect Jeffrey Dungan of Birmingham, Alabama.

The ideal room now, he says, converts easily from family room to office, studio, guest room or self-quarantine space.

Outdoor spaces, too, must be flexible.

"Can we design outdoor spaces that still have privacy, which become oases to enjoy fresh air and sunlight without being in public?" says Dungan.

Some designers say that

because of quarantining and the variety of uses expected from rooms, they're getting requests for more self-contained rooms.

"We'll be saying goodbye to one of the main trends of recent years: open-plan spaces, with the entrance, living room, dining space and kitchen united," Ukrainian architect Sergey Makhno wrote recently in Dezeen magazine.

He says some clients want a separate entrance area, where shoes, clothing and belongings can be sequestered from the main living areas.

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Gardener Gal loves baby snakes!



Gardener Gal thinks there's nothing cuter than baby reptiles. These hatchlings are black racers, which are non-venomous. The only egg-laying venomous snake in Florida is the coral snake. Black racer babies are heavily patterned, unlike adults; their coloring helps them sneak up on prey.

Special to the Chronicle

Dear Gardener Gal: These were dropped off by a friend, and while I'm happy to hatch and release, I'd love to know what they are first. Can you help? — *Sandra*

Dear Sandra: I'm so jealous right now. What I wouldn't give for someone to hand me a box of hatching snake eggs!

Ya know how the words "cuteness overload" are used in conjunction with photos and videos of kittens and puppies on Facebook? To me, it should be rightfully applied to newborn reptiles as well.



Leslie
Derrenbacher
**GARDENER
GAL**

Tiny baby lizards in particular absolutely melt my butter.

The little cuties you helping to bring into the world are baby black racers. They are, of course, nonvenomous. The only venomous snake in Florida that lays eggs is the coral snake and your babies definitely don't have coral snake colors.

I've written about black racers before and covered how very different the juveniles look from their parents. The heavily patterned body of the youngsters helps them

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A native Florida groundcover



JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

Phyla nodiflora in the Verbena family (Verbenaceae) is commonly called Frogfruit. It is a native perennial groundcover but may lose leaves after a hard freeze. Note this low-growing prostrate groundcover grows below the mowed grass blades.

Most homeowners maintain a mowed space around their homes. Mowing is a weekly chore in summer. Except for St. Augustine, no turfgrasses commonly planted in Florida are native species. In the north half of Florida, introduced turfgrasses go dormant in cooler temperatures and shortening daylight hours after the autumn equinox, Sept. 22. I see no logical reason to mow my greenspace firebreak or roadside right of way between December and April.



Jane Weber

JANE'S GARDEN

County roadsides are mowed occasionally for access, safety, visibility and utility infrastructure. On road right of ways, power poles, overhead electric lines and

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Zip code on tag narrows down when chest was made

Dear John: My husband and I found this chest of drawers eight years ago sitting outside of a thrift store in Englewood, Tennessee. We were living in Niota, Tennessee, at the time. It was the perfect size chest I had been looking for, so when the owner told us he would take \$20 for it, we loaded it up. It was very solid with a few cosmetic issues, none of which have been repaired yet. It was not until we got it home that I really looked it



John Sikorski
SIKORSKI'S ATTIC

over. It was then I found the stamp on the back of the chest and the metal tag on the front left leg, pictures attached. The stamp says: "Contract. No.7405, NG.303, NO.1948. Oak." The

metal tag says: "USA-C.E.W, R-A, 90071."

The only thing I have been able to find in reference to the Townsite Dormitories is connected to the Secret City in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, but I cannot find anything referencing the furnishings.

After all these years I have decided I will need help in researching information on the history of this piece. Do you have any ideas? I currently live in Inverness and saw your article in today's Citrus County Chronicle. Thank you. — K.N., internet

Dear K.N.: I am only an appraiser, not a historian.

However, I can see in your good photographs the metal tag on the leg has the zip code 90071, which is for Los Angeles, California. Zip Codes were not used until 1963. The style of the chest is not earlier than the 1950s. No doubt you got your money's worth.

Dear John: After my partner Carl died, I discovered an old handmade box in the closet. It contains newspapers from the 1800s, including one from the New York Herald, Sept. 21., 1881, about the death of President Garfield. I feel they are in rather poor condition but still readable and I would like to donate them to any organization interested. It would have to be local, as mailing would only cause more damage. I have no idea where they came from; he never mentioned them. If you have any suggestions, please let me know. — J.K., internet

Dear J.K.: If the New York Herald from 1881 reporting the assassination of President Garfield was in excellent condition, the potential dollar value would be in the \$25 to \$35 range. In poor condition, much much less. Perhaps the local library might be interested in having them.

Dear John: I have postal stamps from Venezuela stamped from the 1970s. Would these have any value? Who could I contact? Thank you. — L.T., internet

Dear L.T.: I have no experience in the stamp collecting category. I suggest you do a Google search for Venezuelan stamp collecting clubs, etc. Good luck.

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



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A reader found this chest of drawers at a thrift store in Tennessee.

JANE

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underground water pipes, sewage, TV and internet cables, phone and fiber optic services are essential services. There are easements on most home sites; homeowners should not plant tall or valuable plants on utility easements. Trees that threaten services will be eliminated, topped or killed with herbicides. Inside my property line, I planted a privacy screen and wildlife buffer zone of low-growing native plants, shrubs and exotic crape-myrtles of fixed mature height that will not grow anywhere near the overhead wires.

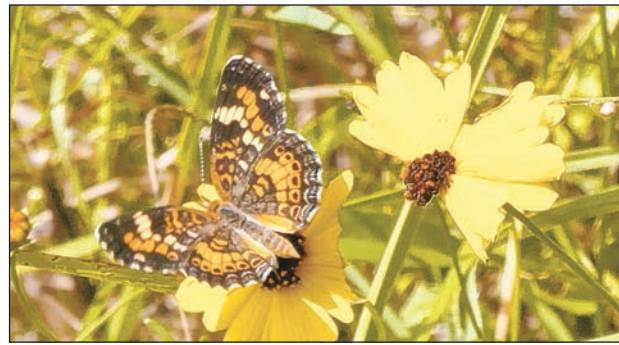
Many shallow-rooted wildflowers and groundcovers grow well in mowed spaces. One of my favorites is *Phyla nodiflora* in the Verbena family (Verbenaceae). I call this native perennial groundcover "Phyla n," pronounced file-a-n. Officially, Florida's Plant Atlas calls it Frogfruit. Mowing 3 to 4 inches high causes

prostrate Frogfruit to grow shorter flower stalks. In suitable habitat from zone 7 and warmer, Frogfruit ranges from South America north to the southern U.S.

Oval *Phyla nodiflora* leaf blades are small, widest toward the apex tip and toothed only at the apex. Tips are rounded to blunt. Leaves are opposite on the trailing stems. Other phyla species grow in northwest Florida and on the Southeastern Coastal Plain. Lanceleaf Frogfruit, *P. lanceolata*, grows in the southern half of North America including much of the U.S., except the Northwest. *P. lanceolata* leaves are larger, widest below the middle and toothed on the lower half only. It grows naturally in West Florida's Panhandle.

The less-common *P. strigilosa* is restricted to Louisiana. Sometimes phyla species hybridize where ranges overlap. Browsing animals — cattle, horses, deer, etc. — eat phyla.

P. nodiflora has short, upright flower stalks topped with one flower-head that resembles a



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White Peacock, *Anartia jatrophae*, caterpillars eat frogfruit leaves. Caterpillars hide near the ground during the day to escape predators.

matchstick. The flower-head center is dark purple surrounded by tiny whitish tubular flowers. Flowers occur every month in my zone 8b-9a Central Florida garden. Flowers have ample nectar for small butterflies, moths, bees and other insects. Birds — including songbirds, turkey and waterfowl — eat the seeds.

Groundcover *Phyla n.* grows in moist to wet areas, ditches, around ponds and waterways, as well as along dry sandy roadsides, green-spaces and disturbed sites. It grows in full sun to part shade in dry sandy soils, clay or more moist humus-rich soils. Trailing

stems can reach 2 to 3 feet long and form a dense groundcover. Stems may root at the leaf nodes. Seeds sprout near the parent plants or are carried far by wildlife. I propagate and grow this useful native plant for butterfly gardeners.

Butterflies are indicators of a healthy ecosystem. Three butterfly species depend on phyla for their larva caterpillars' food. Without humans using and conserving host plants, butterflies could become threatened or extinct.

Common Buckeye, *Junonia coenia*, butterflies nectar on *Phyla* frogfruit

flowers. Females lay green eggs singly on host plant leaves. Their caterpillars eat leaves of several host species including *Phyla* frogfruits, *Agalinis* False Foxgloves, *Linaria* toadflaxes, *Plantago* plantains and *Dyschoriste* twinflow-ers. Having the genus name helps butterfly gardeners and homeowners look up a species online. Check reliable sites like universities and government sources. Common Buckeyes have several generations year-round in Florida where their host plants abound.

Phaon Crescent, *Phycoides phaon*, butterflies lay clusters of light-green eggs on the underside of Frogfruit leaves. Ecologist Marc Minno's 2005 book "Florida Butterfly Caterpillars and Their Host Plants" states young Phaon Crescent caterpillars "live and feed together in a silk nest on the underside of the leaves."

White Peacock, *Anartia jatrophae*, caterpillars eat Frogfruit leaves. Caterpillars hide near the ground during the day to escape predators. According to Jaret Daniels' 2003 field guide to "Butterflies of Florida," green eggs are laid singly on host leaves of *Phyla* frogfruit and *Bacopa* water hyssop host plants. White Peacock ranges from Argentina in South America through Central America to Texas and the Southeastern Coastal plain, as far north as the Carolinas in suitable habitat.

When homeowners use Frogfruit as a groundcover, the butterflies will use it for nectar and caterpillar host plants. Every homeowner can help preserve biodiversity.

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hide from predators and sneak up on their tiny prey.

Black racers are one of the most successful snakes when it comes to survival near humans and pets. If they make it to adulthood, their speed and ability to eat just about anything smaller than they are serves them well.

If you haven't already, please release them in a heavily wooded area away from people, pets and cars. And Sandra — please let me know if your friend finds any more eggs. While it is best to leave them alone, if they have to be moved — I'm next in line for a box full of baby snakes!

Dear Gardener Gal: I just returned from a trip to North Carolina, where I purchased three Vanilla Strawberry hydrangeas. I was wondering about the best place to plant them and if you think they will need extra care.

Any help would be appreciated.

— Jody

Dear Jody: The best place to plant them would be back in North Carolina.

The planting zone for those beautiful plants is 4-8. We are closer to a zone 10 growing zone; especially the last few years. They will make it through the winter just fine, but may well suffer next summer.

To hedge your bet, plant them where there is excellent air circulation and no afternoon sun. Maybe morning sun only. Watch them closely for signs of disease and pests.

Who knows — you could get lucky. They say that all true gardeners are optimists. I'm crossing my fingers for you.

Dear Gardener Gal: A friend gave me this potted plant and it is blooming like crazy. Very pretty.

What is it and can it go in the ground? — Daniel

Dear Daniel: Your friend gave you an *Allamanda cathartica*. The bright yellow flowers are quite eye-catching. If small, it may seem to be a shrub, but it is actually a vine and will want to travel. Allamandas have been deemed an invasive risk, so planting in the ground is not a good idea. They are also sensitive to frost, so leave in a pot so you can cover or move to safety when needed in winter. Your friend gave you a nice gift. It's no box of snake eggs, mind you — but still nice.

"Gardener Gal" Leslie Derrenbacker is a Master Gardener and native Floridian. Send your questions to askgardenergal@gmail.com.



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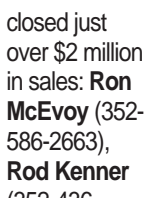
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**Tropic Shores
agents rise in 2020**

Tropic Shores Realty is happy to welcome two new agents to their Crystal River office. **David Ryder** (727-479-6701; TeamRyder.FL@gmail.com) and **Jodi Dial** (561-201-1100; DialJodi@gmail.com) have just joined the team.

Tropic Shores is also proud to recognize outstanding agents for 2020.

Dawn and Victor Bess (352-400-1080) have closed \$9.2 million in sales. The following agents have closed just over \$4 million in sales: **Larry and Fran Swain** (352-302-2300), **Barbara Mills** (352-422-6236) and **Douglas Lindsey** (352-212-7056).

The following agents have closed just over \$3 million: **Ayesha Khan** and **Mohammad Ali** (352-270-2324), **Myriam Reulen** (352-613-2644), **Sandra Oller Deem** (352-634-0712) and **Debra Cleary** (352-601-6664).

The following agents have

GARDENS

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however; the plants collapsed.

Microclimates are important when growing fruiting plants that blossom early in the season because frozen blossoms do not go on to become fruits. Early-season bloomers need microclimates that are slow to warm up. The north side of a house or other building stays cool because it's shaded from winter sun.

**Slopes play
a role, too**

South-facing slopes stare directly at the sun, so they warm up early in spring and are warmer both in summer and winter. Therefore, a south-facing slope can be used to hasten fruit ripening on a plant like persimmon, whose late blossoms are rarely threatened by frost but which does need a long season to ripen when grown near its northern limit.

Sunlight glances off north slopes, delaying their warming in spring and keeping them cool in summer. Such a microclimate is ideal for an early-blooming fruit tree like apricot or peach, and for plants such as sweet peas that enjoy cool summer weather.

If a slope has some elevation, the

air is going to cool it by about 1 degree Fahrenheit for every 200 feet of elevation. Avoid planting at the very top, though, because it will be windy.

Oddly enough, valleys might also provide a cooler microclimate. On clear, windless nights, heat that the ground absorbed during the day is re-radiated back to the sky. Cold air, then at ground level, is denser than warmer air, so if there is any slope,

the cold air runs downhill as water would. The cold air collects in valleys.

You might have noticed a temperature change even from slight differences in elevation as you ride a bicycle or drive a car on a clear summer night.

It's a bit chilly this morning. I'm going to find a warmer microclimate in which to sit.

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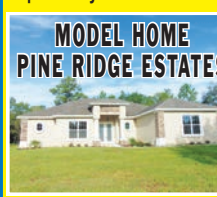
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7132 N. Lime Drive	Citrus Springs	0.23	\$4,000	786121
11863 N. Monica Drive	Citrus Springs	0.23	\$4,400	777664
9659 N. San Jose Way	Citrus Springs	0.29	\$4,500	791785
1799 W. Blackhawk Court	Citrus Springs	0.26	\$4,700	786152
1409 W. Hampshire Boulevard	Citrus Springs	0.27	\$5,900	777678
1910 W. Swanson Drive	Citrus Springs	0.23	\$5,900	777667
8977 N. Farrington Drive	Citrus Springs	0.50	\$7,900	786153
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20451 POWELL RD., DUNNELLON
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MOVE-IN READY
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Golf course view pool home. 3/3/2.5, 2,835 living. Custom features home never lived in full time.
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Check out this 3/2/2 screen enclosed pool home in Sugarmill Woods - Cypress Village Golf & Country Club Community and minutes away from Homosassa, Homosassa Springs and the amenities they have to offer.
MLS #794298 **\$260,000**
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2726 N. CANTERBURY LAKE DR., HERNANDO
Look at this 3/2/2, 2019 built home in Citrus Hills - Canterbury Lake Estates. Open floor plan, covered screened and Open screened-in back porch for entertaining and also enjoy all the amenities the community has to offer.
MLS #793746 **\$255,000**
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6591 E. ZERO LANE, INVERNESS
Check out this 3/2/3 carport manufacture home located in Lakato Haven Park 55+ with water access to the Tsalala Chain of Lakes, private boat ramp, and dock inside the park, no lot rent or membership fees.
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36 W. MICKEY MANTLE PATH HERNANDO
Check out this already clear vacant lot in Citrus Hills - Hillside South community with public water and sewer and is waiting for a new home.
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2817 N. HYTHE POINT
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4/2/2 POOL HOME IN INVERNESS
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5145 S. LA BELLE DRIVE
2/2/2 IN INVERNESS - Here is a nice home on .99 acres. This home features larger rooms and closets, a screened-in porch, a fenced backyard, and no neighbors in sight.
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VACANT LOT
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PEANUTS

PEANUTS

featuring "Good ol' Charlie Brown"

by SCHULZ

GOOD MORNING, MISS... I'M SELLING A NEW ITEM FOR KITTENS, AND I...

FOR WHAT?

FOR KITTENS... THIS IS A NEW TOY I HAVE DEVELOPED... A KITTEN CAN ENTERTAIN HIMSELF FOR HOURS WITH THIS TOY...

THE TOY IS SIMPLICITY ITSELF... I HAVE TAKEN SEVERAL PIECES OF SCRAP PAPER AND I HAVE CRUMPLED THEM UP...

A KITTEN WILL PLAY FOR HOURS WITH A PIECE OF CRUMPLED PAPER! HE'LL BAT IT, AND HE'LL JUMP AT IT...

AND IF YOU HANG IT FROM A STRING, HE'LL HIT IT AND BOUNCE AROUND...

IT'S REALLY FUN TO WATCH A KITTEN BOUNCE AROUND...

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY ONE? THEY'RE ONLY FIVE CENTS A PIECE...

WHY SHOULD I BUY ONE? WHY CAN'T I JUST CRUMPLE A PIECE OF PAPER MYSELF?

ALL ALONG I'VE BEEN AFRAID THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THIS IDEA...

DILBERT

by SCOTT ADAMS

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I INSTALLED A SILENCER IN OUR POINTY-HAIRED BOSS'S FACE MASK.

NOW HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HEAR HIMSELF TALK, BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW IT.

HERE HE COMES. PLAY ALONG.

UH-HUH.

OKAY, THANKS.

AND I CAN DO THE SAME THING TO THE FACE MASK OF ANYONE ELSE WHO BORES ME.

UH-HUH.

Marvin

by Tom Armstrong

PARENTS CAN REALLY BE IRRITATING!

MY MOM WON'T LET ME USE MY IPAD DURING THE DAY!

SHE SAYS I NEED TO PLAY OUTSIDE INSTEAD!

MY PARENTS MAKE ME GO TO BED AT 7:30... EVEN IF I'M NOT TIRED!

WHY DO WE PUT UP WITH THESE PEOPLE?!

SO WE DON'T HAVE TO CHANGE OUR OWN POOPY DIAPERS

GOOD POINT

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

A painting titled *Mother and Day-Old Puppies* was stolen from the Forest Museum. Feline forger Kopy Kat copied the artwork except for one altered detail. Which painting does Slylock Fox suspect is the forgery?

Solution - Newborn puppies don't open their eyes for a week or two after birth. Slylock suspects the painting with the open-eyed puppy is the forgery.

Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer - 1) Poodle, 2) Birdhouse, 3) Dog house, 4) Dog, 5) Dog, 6) Dog.

Read more Slylock Fox and Comics for Kids online! On Instagram @slylockfoxcom On Facebook @slylockfoxcom

Submit your drawing to www.kidcartoonists.com

Today's terrific artist is Harry, age 17

HOW TO DRAW a mouse

YOUR DRAWING

The scrambled words are dog breeds. How many can you unscramble?

1) EOLODP
2) LDUBOLG
3) MALDIATNA

BARNEY GOOGLE and SNEEZY SMITH
BY JOHN ROSE

DON'T FERGIT TO USE YORE NAPKIN, JUGHAID !!
YES'M !!

HONK!

I DON'T THINK I'LL GIT INVITED TO HAVE SUPPER AT JAMEY'S NO MORE !!
WHY ?!

DIDN'T YA USE TH' MANNERS I TAUGHT YA ?
YEP !!

DID'JA SAY PLEASE AN' THANK YOU ?
'COURSE !!

DID YA BURP OR TALK WIF YORE MOUTH FULL ?
NOPE !!

THEN WHAT'S TH' PROBLEM ?!

ALL THEM MANNERS !! I THINK I COME ACROSS TOO HOITY-TOITY FER 'EM !!

Mort Walker's beetle bailey

TIME FOR THE HIKE
BUT THERE'S A STORM WARNING

A STORM IS COMING, SARGE
IT'LL PASS BY

I FEEL DROPS
IT'LL STOP

IT'S PICKING UP
JUST A SPRINKLE

I'M GETTING SOAKED
A LITTLE RAIN WON'T HURT YOU

I THINK IT'S LETTING UP!
I HATE OPTIMISTS

BOOM!

GREG + MORT WALKER 9/20

THE FAMILY CIRCUS
By BIL KEANE

I'M GOING TO THE FOOD MARKET.

CRACKERS

PICKLE

SUGAR COATED CHICKEN

POTATO CHIPS

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

PURE ICE CREAM

Sodas

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BEST DOG FOOD

EVER FLAVOR DRY CAT FOOD

TUNA FLAVOR CAT FOOD

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blitz
by Lincoln Peirce

Wright with ANOTHER tremendous save!
And he's doing this with a SERIOUS INJURY!

ARRGH!

WHAT'S THE BEEF, KID?

I HURT MY ANKLE DURING THAT LAST DRILL.

HURT, EH? DID YOU BREAK IT?

NO, IT'S NOT BROKEN. BUT... OW!... I TWISTED IT PRETTY BAD.

I CAN'T PUT MUCH WEIGHT ON IT.

KID, WE HAVE A BIG GAME ON WEDNESDAY!

IF YOU CAN'T PLAY...
OH, I'LL BE FINE FOR THE GAME! IT'S NOT THAT BAD!

...BUT...ER... IT'S BAD ENOUGH THAT I SHOULD PROBABLY SKIP OUR END-OF-PRACTICE SPRINTS.

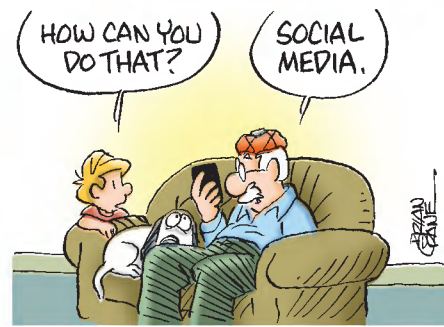
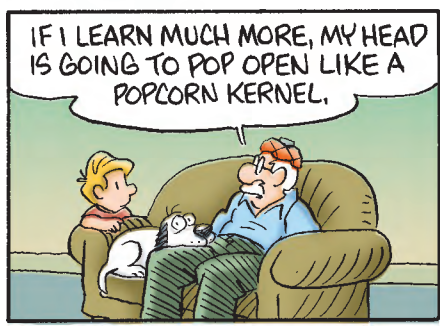
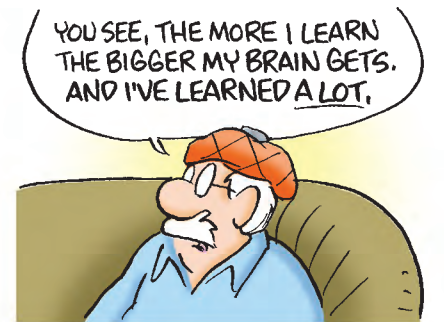
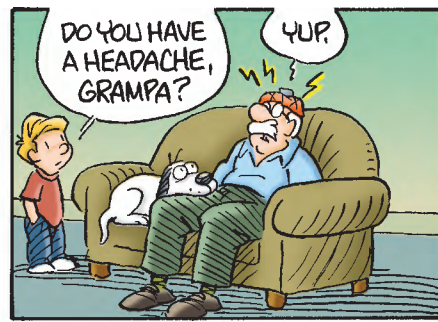
NICE TRY!
LIFT THOSE KNEES!

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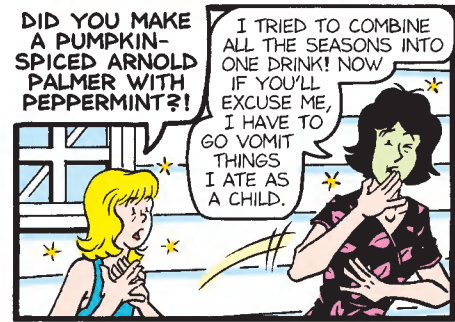
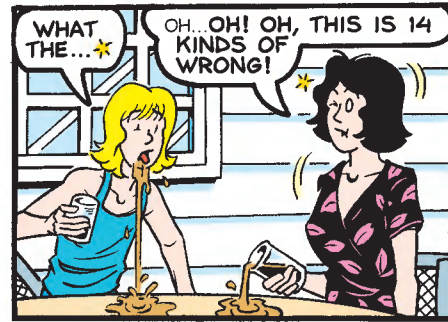
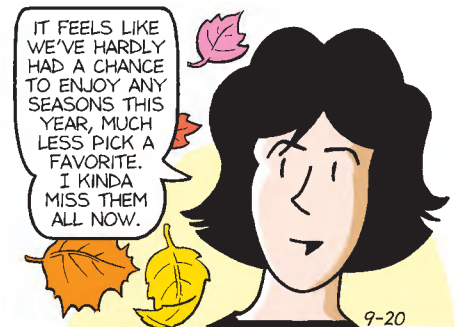
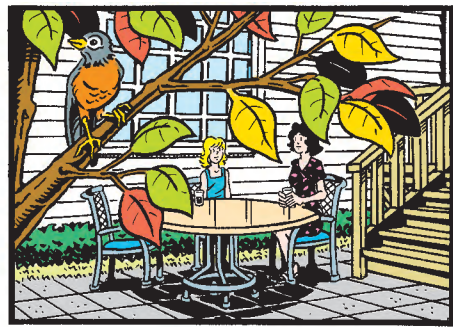
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by BRIAN CRANE

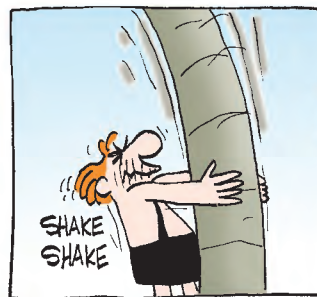
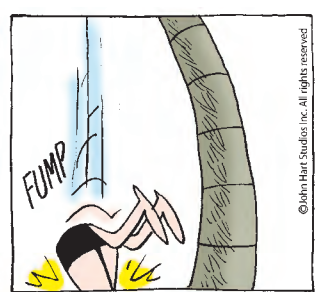


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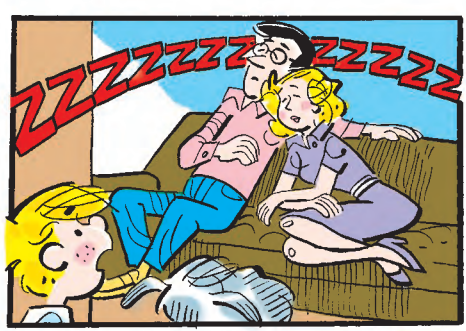
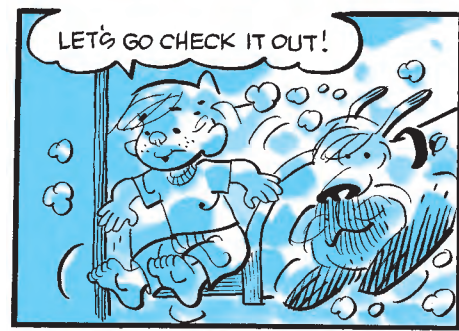
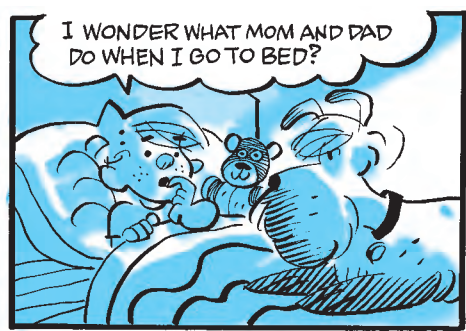


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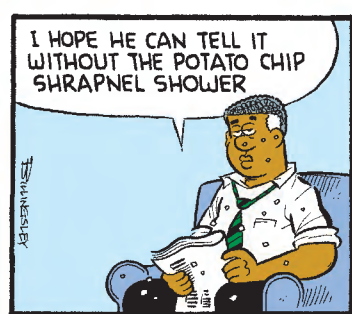
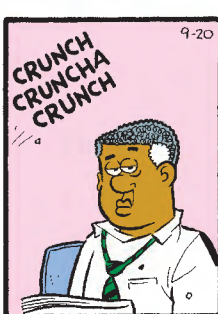
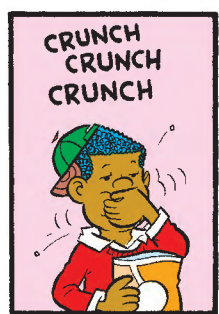
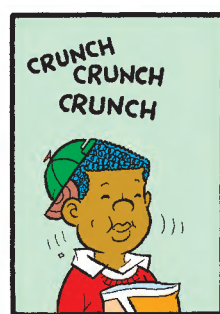
Dennis the Menace SNOOZE TO ME!

Mark Ketchum's



CURTIS

by RAY BILLINGSLEY



Luann
BY GREG EVANS

I JUST REALIZED SOMETHING. IN THE WINTER, DAD TURNS UP THE HEAT. IN THE SUMMER, HE TURNS ON THE AC. IF YOU OR I FEEL TOO HOT OR COLD, WE ASK DAD TO ADJUST THE THERMOSTAT

YES, SO?

SO HOW COME DAD'S THE KING OF COMFORT? YOU NEVER HEAR HIM ASK US TO ADJUST THE THERMOSTAT. ONLY THE KING GETS TO DO THAT

I DUNNO, JUST A WEIRD THOUGHT

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HAGGAR
the horrible
by DIK BROWNE

DADDY AND I ARE GOING TO THE CARNIVAL!

WHY BOTHER LEAVING THE HOUSE?

DADDY, I'VE BEEN CONSIDERING POTENTIAL CAREER CHOICES. I NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHAT I'M BEST SUITED FOR!

HIT THE BOTTLE

POW

DING

WHACK

THUD

THUD

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED VIKING WARRIOR?

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Wizard of Id
by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

AHH, WHAT DISASTER AWAITS TODAY?

SIRE! AN ARMY IS AMASSING TO THE WEST!

LOOKS LIKE THEY HAVE TREBUCHETS AND INTEND TO SIEGE THE KINGDOM

IT APPEARS THEY WISH TO DISCUSS TERMS

ROD, RIDE OUT AND MEET THEM WITH THIS MESSAGE

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BLONDIE
BY DEAN KUNZLE & JOHN MARSHALL

DO YOU STILL THINK OUR HOUSE IS AN INTERESTING HOME TO LIVE IN?

THERE ARE SOME INTERESTING HOMES IN OUR AREA THAT ARE HAVING OPEN HOUSES TODAY, DEAR

WOULDN'T IT BE FUN TO SPEND THE AFTERNOON CHECKING THEM OUT?

I BET WE COULD GET SOME CREATIVE IDEAS FOR SPRUCING UP OUR OWN HOUSE

MAYBE WE COULD GET INSPIRED TO DO A COMPLETE MAKEOVER OURSELVES

WHO KNOWS?! WE MIGHT EVEN FIND ANOTHER HOUSE WE LOVE ENOUGH TO MAKE AN OFFER TO BUY!

OR MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST STAY HOME AND RELAX TODAY

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Hi and Lois
by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

THE LEGEND LIVES ON FROM THE CHIPPEWA ON DOWN

HEY, THAT'S A GREAT OLD SONG.

I HAVE A PLAYLIST FOR EVERY HOMEWORK SUBJECT.

BLOWN IN THE WIND

FOLK MUSIC FOR HISTORY.

WHOLE LOTTA LOVE

HEAVY METAL FOR CHEMISTRY.

BOING BOP BING

TECHNO FOR MATH.

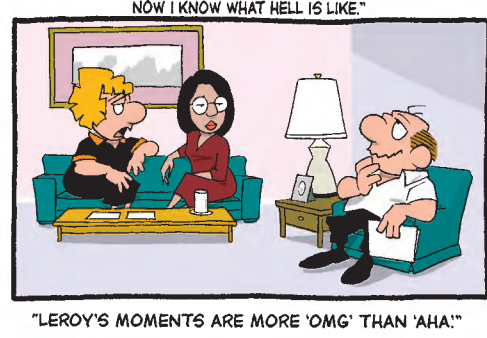
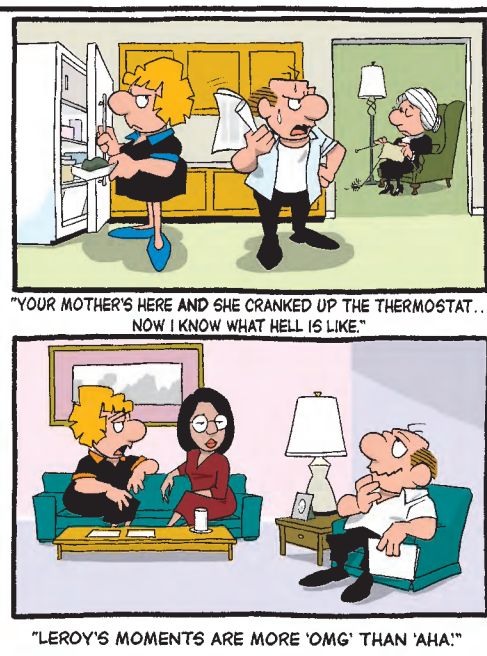
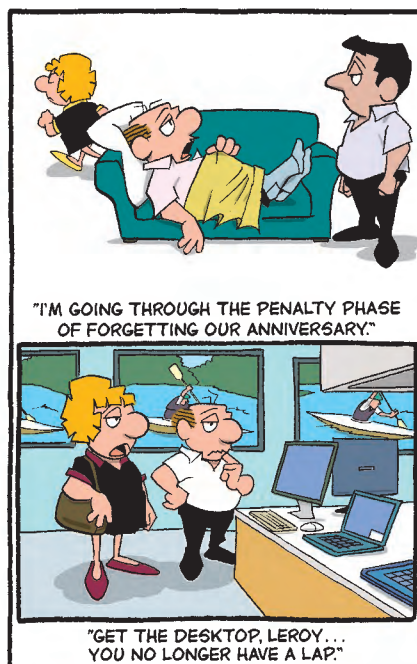
TAKE IT EASY

AND SOME LAID-BACK BLUES FOR PROCRASTINATING.

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THE LOCKHORNS

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