

NEWS BRIEFS



COVID cases decrease in **Citrus Schools**

The Citrus County School District's positive COVID-19 cases have gone down significantly in the past few weeks.

Between Aug. 10 and Oct. 14, the Citrus County School District recorded a total of 1,402 positive cases. Of those cases, 1,266 were students and 136 were staff.

August was the worst month for the district with 846 total positive cases. In September, 523 cases were recorded. So far, October has yielded a total of 33 cases.

The number of daily quarantined students and staff peaked Aug. 26 with 1,922 actively in quarantine. Since then, this number has steadily decreased and 19 were in quarantine Oct. 12.

The district also experienced their first day of the school year with zero positive cases on Oct. 12.

For the most up-todate statistics, visit tinyurl.com/4d2f4hbt. - Hannah Sachewicz, staff writer

Holiday grief

'History is being tucked away'

Citrus County native takes on 131-year-old Pine Hill Cemetery renovation

BUSTER THOMPSON Staff writer

It isn't hard to miss Pine Hill Cemeterv.

Surrounded by the 22-acre Oak Ridge Cemetery near the corner of Hill Street and Line Avenue in southern Inverness, the 1.8-acre gravesite for 322 known people has been trying to stay noticed throughout its 131-year-old existence.

"You wouldn't know Pine Hill was even back there unless you had family there," Dr. Devonte White said. "It is history, but I feel that history is being tucked away, in the back.

own relatives are buried at Citrus County's oldest African American cemetery alongside the other longstanding county family names he grew up with.

"There's a whole lot," he said. "We know every single person out here.

For as long as the 29-year-old



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White can't say how many of his Hernando native Dr. Devonte White explains his idea to renovate Pine Hill Cemetery, a Citrus County-owned burial ground in southern Inverness for more than 322 known people, many of whom are Black. White would like to bring Pine Hill up to the aesthetic standard of the larger Oak Ridge Cemetery next door.

Hernando native can remember, preserve Pine Hill as best they

White witnessed a number of could with weeding, mowing and county residents and organizations tidying fallen Spanish moss and

pine needles.

White stepped in himself to pick up trash and straighten out graves with others before and after he left his birthplace in 2010 as a Citrus High School graduate to get his doctorate and teach criminal justice at Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach.

It wasn't until a couple months ago when White noticed more was needed for the county-owned burial ground and its "stark difference" to the Inverness-owned Oak Ridge Cemetery across the small streets bordering Pine Hill.

"I wanted to find out why we have two cemeteries on the same land but look totally different," he said. "It's not a big cemetery. Why is it not being maintained as well as the huge cemetery over there?"

White isn't a stranger to grassroots action. He spearheaded the 2020 renovation of the basketball court at Alexander Park in Hernando.

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support available

A free "Surviving the Holidays" seminar for anyone grieving a loved one's death will be given from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Oct. 28 at First Baptist Church of Crystal River, 700 N. Citrus Ave.

Learn how to deal with the many emotions you might face during the holidays, what to do about traditions and changes, helpful tips for coping with social events and how to discover hope for the holiday season. To reserve a seat, call 352-795-3367.

Grant available for future teachers

The local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society of Key Women Educators is looking for candidates to apply for their \$1,000 grant-in-aid.

It is specified to assist a woman who is seeking her teaching degree and enrolled in classes to become a teacher in her third or fourth year of an undergrad program. Candidates must be Citrus residents.

Applications must be submitted by Oct. 30. For more information or to get an application, contact Ellie Esler at 352-795-5614 or eesler@ tampabay.rr.com.

-From staff reports

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Cady's Café in Inverness is operated by a 12-year-old middle school student, Cady King, right. Her grandmother, Dawn Regan, bought the business for Cady and says, "We wanted to have a business that was fun, that she could grow with and have when she's in high school. If she's responsible and does a really, really good job she'll own it someday.

Middle-schooler learns as she earns at her own namesake eatery

NANCY KENNEDY Staff writer

ady King loves the word "proprietor." The word is painted in purple next to her name on the window outside of her café, Cady's Café, in the Inverness Regional Shopping Center on U.S. 41.

"I love that," she told a Chronicle reporter.

Cadence "Cady" King, 12, is the proprietor of the breakfast and lunch café that bears her name.

The business is hers, a future inheritance from her grandmother, Inverness businesswoman Dawn Regan.

Regan, a real estate broker, owns Great American Realty & Investments and also Worth Repeating Upscale Resale and Unique Gifts. Both businesses are neighbors of the café.

Regan's son, Cady's father, Edward King III, is general manager of all three businesses. He is also the chef at the café.

While Cady King is the proprietor of Cady's Café, she still has to clean, take out the garbage, shop for inventory and all the things a successful business operator must do. But there is one thing she likes best and that's cooking with See CADY'S/Page A13 her father. "I like cooking grilled cheese sandwiches," she said.

officials urge public to get vaccine

FRED HIERS Staff writer

Between 2010 and 2017 Citrus County's flu death rate was well below Florida's average.

Then the county's flu and pneumonia death rate shot up and in just two years matched Florida's in 2019, the latest data available, according that Florida HealthCharts, which collects health care data from county departments of health.

Florida's flu season spans from October through May and local health officials are encouraging county residents to get their annual flu vaccinations.

National health authorities also warn that the country could be in store for a severe flu season this year following a mild one in 2020-21.

That's because much of society was shut down last year, people followed social distancing, and many wore masks in public.

The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases reported this month that its survey showed that nearly half questioned were not getting flu vaccines or were unsure about getting them.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK CANNON-DO ATTITUDE



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Petersen Arms owner Tom Petersen fires a swivel gun with a 1-inch bore at his farm in Dunnellon. The gun was unloaded and packed with a bread wadding. Petersen creates handmade cannons of various sizes and all are functional. According to Petersen, a swivel gun this size and larger, would have been used in the 18th century.

GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

hen a lightning strike destroyed the big walk-in refrigerator belonging to SOS food pantry and they had to throw out between \$2,000 and \$2,500 worth of food, the Chronicle put out an "SOS" for help — and the community responded. Monetary donations poured in, enough to purchase a replacement refrigerator and money left over for some much-needed repairs on their shed.

HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK

The roundabout that's coming to the intersection at County Road 491 and U.S. 98 caused Chronicle readers to comment on Facebook. Here's what some said:

GiGi Galasso: "Round about to an accident."

Krystal Carpenter: "Anyone wanna explain how a semi truck is going to be able to maneuver this, being that's a high-traffic area for big rigs?"

Rita Glover: 'These things are not easy to navigate. With our driving issues in Florida, it's a terrible idea.''

Shannon Arnold: "Roundabouts about. That intersection needs li aren't difficult. They are all over Red means stop; green means go."

■ Cheri Robinson: "That's going to be a nightmare. I can see it coming. People can't even use their signal when turning."

■ Alicia Kinney: "I see the Dukes of Hazzard happening — someone will jump it."

Amanda BbyBlu: "People in this county don't know how a merge lane works, you think they can drive in a roundabout?!"

■ Marlene Clowater Roy: "Those roads are way too fast for a roundabout. That intersection needs lights: Red means stop; green means go."

THE MOST POPULAR STORIES FROM THE WEEK THAT WAS

Roundabout test course prepares drivers for real thing

With eight fatalities and numerous crashes in the past seven years, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) decided to take action at the County Road 491 and U.S. 98 intersection.

Their solution: a \$3.5 million roundabout at the dangerous corner, which should eliminate the problem, said Timothy Drawhorn, an FDOT roadway engineer supervisor.

Construction is scheduled to begin in November.

To make motorists more comfortable, earlier this past week FDOT did something it has not done before in its District 7 region — it set up a mock test track at the education complex in Lecanto to allow drivers unfamiliar with roundabouts to maneuver the course.

Using their own cars, people got the feel of the roundabout set up to the exact dimensions of the



Citrus Hills golf cart unit burns down for second time

For the second time in seven years the golf cart storage building at Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club has been destroyed by a fire.

The most recent incident was shortly after midnight Friday, Oct. 8. The previous fire was Dec. 15, 2014.

According to fire rescue, the building was unoccupied at the time of the fire and no injuries were reported. The fire was under control at 1:25 a.m. In addition, the building did not have a fire sprinkler system.

Club general manager Anthony Lambert said 85 carts were destroyed in the fire and the cost of damages have not yet been estimated. Lambert said the cause of the fire is still unknown, but he believes it was an electric or battery issue. "We'll find a fleet of golf carts to rent until we can work to get a brand new fleet," he added.

Crystal River Council ups ante against code-offending shopping plaza

Regarding the blighted Crystal Square shopping plaza on U.S. 19 in Crystal River, City Attorney Robert Batsel Jr. told the council on Monday, Oct. 11 that the plaza owners have yet to remedy the 11 city-code offenses on their 8.37-acre property, amassing more than \$30,000 in liens since June, when they found to be in violation.

Batsel said he's planning to bring Crystal Square back before a code-enforcement magistrate to have the lot deemed as a repeat offender, causing it accrue \$500 a day in liens instead of \$250 a day.

"There's been absolutely no progress on the site; it's remained the same," he said. "In light of what we're dealing with, unfortunately, it's not going to be the carrot, but the stick that likely solves this, and this just increases the stick."



County may seek help from bankruptcy attorney

D.A.B. Constructors filed for bankruptcy early last month. Nature Coast EMS filed for bankruptcy Oct. 2, the same day the county took over ambulance services.

County Attorney Denise Dymond Lyn recommended the board retain Largo bankruptcy consultant Jake



Blanchard as an assistant to help these two high-profile bankruptcies.

Blanchard's hourly billing rate is \$300 for government work. His fees are not expected to exceed \$8,000, according to Lyn.

Bayfront Health Seven Rivers to end newborn services

one that will go in at CR 491 and U.S. 98. "Every roundabout is different," Drawhorn said.



No more babies being delivered at Bayfront Seven Rivers in Crystal River effective 11:59 pm on Feb. 11, 2022 when the hospital closes its labor and delivery unit.

"This has been a very difficult decision. However, fewer births are occurring at Bayfront Health Seven Rivers and this coincides with the increasing average age of our population," said hospital CEO, Linda Stockton.

From 2015-2020 Bayfront Health Seven Rivers experienced a 27% decrease in births and even fewer are projected this year, she said.

In 2019, Seven Rivers delivered about 300 babies annually. Citrus Memorial delivered about 500.

Citrus Memorial spokeswoman Katie Myers said her hospital can increase its maternity capacity.

"In 2020 our Women and Baby Center saw 481 births. There is absolutely room to grow and we're more than happy to continue providing both labor and delivery care and childbirth education for our community," she said.

In 2019 Citrus memorial invested \$1.8 million in its maternity ward and its hire of four additional OB/GYN physicians.

Stockton said expectant mothers still have Bayfront Health options at Bayfront Health Spring Hill in Spring Hill.

Also, gynecological services and surgery will continue to be provided at Bayfront Health Seven Rivers, Stockton said.

They're awesome, they're just cool; the smell of black powder, the smoke rolling out. Not everyone has a cannon.

- TOM PETERSEN, DUNNELLON MACHINIST WHO STARTED MAKING HIS OWN CANNONS ABOUT 25 YEARS AGO.

- compiled by Nancy Kennedy



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Around the COUNTY

Soldiers Freedom Outdoors to host talk

Soldiers Freedom Outdoors, in partnership with the Concerned Veterans of America Florida, will involve host a talk about the Mission Act and what it means to veterans at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at the Hernando VFW Post 4252.

This event is open to the public and is free. The goal is to educate veterans and active duty service members about services and benefits they may not know about but should. Dinner will be provided on site by The Riviera Mexican Cantina of Crystal River.

For information, email jason@soldiersfreedom outdoors.org.

Conservative Club to convene in Homosassa

The North Suncoast Conservative Club (formerly the North Suncoast Republican Club) is growing in number and invites all conservativeminded folks to join in a friendly setting to share ideas and information in this divisive political climate.

The club will meet at 11 a.m. Oct. 23 at the Marguerita Grill, 10200 W. Halls River Road in Homosassa. The grill is opening its doors early for the meeting and attendees may choose to stay and have lunch.

The special guest at this meeting will be Diana Finegan, candidate for the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners, district two.

For more information, visit the North Suncoast Conservative Club on Facebook or nsconservatives. org

Stepping Stones to Wellness' gathers weekly

Stepping Stones to Well-

Drive past Halloween lights in Lecanto, donate a toy for Masked Miracles Inc.

LightUpCitrus! does annual show

Special to the Chronicle

LightUpCitrus! is now doing its annual light show through Oct. 31 in Kensington Estates, 745 N. Heathrow Drive in Lecanto.

This year, they teamed up with Masked Miracles Inc., a charity founded by the Batman of Spring Hill

The October light show will run nightly weather permitting for four hours beginning at dark.

They will also be collecting new and unwrapped toy donations for Masked Miracles Inc. all month long. Drop off a toy at the donation drop box on the front porch.

LightUpCitrus! will also host a trunk or treat costume night from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 23.

There will be lots of volunteer cars, popcorn, candy, music and several characters available to take photos with families, including Batman, Captain America, Winnie from Hocus pocus, pirates and more.

Attendees are welcome to come are appreciated. in family-friendly costumes.

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To donate to or volunteer at

The annual light show at LightUpCitrus! is going on during the month of October. They are collecting donations

directly.

All donations have been cov-This is a free event, but dona- this event, reach out to the Ligh- ered except for refreshments

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Citrus property appraiser earns CFA





ness will meet from 9:30 to 11 a.m. every Tuesday at the Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane in Homosassa.

The group is facilitated by yoga teacher Ellen Armitage. By combining walking in place, guided meditation/relaxation exercises and a process group, it is designed to help promote overall well being.

Provided as a community service, the class is offered at no charge. To reserve a spot, call 352-249-1470. For more information, call friendsofcitrus.org or visit Friends of Citrus on Facebook.

Vets Appreciation Week committee to meet

The Veterans Appreciation Week Ad Hoc Coordinating Committee will conduct its final monthly coordination meeting for Citrus County's 29th annual Veterans Appreciation Week at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 20 in the conference room of the Citrus County Chronicle, 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd. in Crystal River. All interested individuals

and groups are welcome. For more information, visit veteransofcitruscounty. com.

Temporary pool closure at **Bicentennial**

Due to scheduled maintenance, Bicentennial Park Pool, 8145 W. Bicentennial Park Drive in Crystal River, will be closed from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 19. The pool will reopen to the public from 12:30 to 4 p.m. for open swim.

For more information, call 352-795-1478.

On Sept. 22, Citrus County Property Appraiser Cregg Dalton was presented with his Certified Florida Appraiser (CFA) designation. The CFA is a significant designation awarded by the Florida Department of Revenue. It shows dedication and commitment to the profession. The certification will help Dalton better serve the staff and citizens of Citrus County. Dalton hit the ground running when he was sworn in on Jan. 5. He earned this prestigious designation in less than eight months, which is quite a feat. From left are: Dan Robbins, Rosa Scalzi, Cregg Dalton, Tonya Caldwell and **Darren Pillsbury.**

Career Online High School returns to libraries

Adults can earn diploma and gain career skills with free program

Special to the Chronicle

The Citrus County Library System believes it's never too late for success. They are offering Career Online High School, a nationally accredited program that allows adult students to earn a high school diploma, not a GED, while gaining career skills from a selection of employment fields.

The library system is currently seeking residents to enroll in this free program. In addition, interested learners can earn a scholarship once it is confirmed that they qualify for the program.

Scholarship applicants must be 19 years or older, a resident of Citrus County and have a Citrus County Library card in good standing.

Once enrolled, students are paired with an academic coach, who assists with developing individual learning plans. This coach will offer guidance and encouragement, evaluate performance and connect the learner with resources to demonstrate mastery of course material.



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The Career Online High School graduating class of 2019 are pictured at their graduation ceremony held at the Old Courthouse in Inverness. In addition to the graduates and their loved ones, library and county staff were in attendance to congratulate them on their accomplishments.

certified instructors and students by transferring in previously have 24/7 access to the online earned high school credits, but are learning platform. Students can given up to 18 months to complete Classes are supported by board graduate in as few as six months

the program.

To learn more, visit citruslibraries.org/literacy/cohs or contact Literacy Services at 352-765-4785 or cohs@citruslibraries.org.

Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthday: Discipline will lead to new and exciting opportunities. Engage in activities and events geared toward advancement, knowledge and connecting with helpful people. Position yourself to get ahead, and you will outmaneuver any competition you encounter this year.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Consider your options and budget. Plan your actions and select people you know you can count on to assist you.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - An unexpected change at home or to an important relationship will push you to follow your instincts and your heart. Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Listen and observe. If you neglect to consider how a friend or relative feels, you will encounter an emotional challenge. Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - You'll have insight into money matters, joint ventures and how best to handle situations that require honesty and integrity. Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Progressive action will bring about change. Be sure it's what you want before you start something you cannot

reverse. Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Put your creative energy to work for you. A project you want to pursue will perk you up and encourage you to contact someone who shares your interests.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Nurture essential relationships. The discussions you have will open your mind to various ideas.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — It's OK to be different, but not OK to be disruptive or take chances with your money or your health. Do what's right and best for everyone.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - You've got this. Whatever you sign up for will benefit you one way or another. Don't hesitate to indulge in something that offers experience and wisdom.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - Rethink your strategy, and don't sign up for something that doesn't suit your needs. Focus on what's important to you.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Dance the dance, feel the music, make your move and live life your way. It's up to you to take control.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Do something that engages the mind, body and soul. Make life adjustments to point you in a direction that eases stress.

ENTERTAINMENT

Africa's largest film festival kicks off in **Burkina Faso**

OUAGADOUGOU, Burkina Faso - Africa's largest film festival kicks off Saturday in Burkina Faso amid both the COVID-19 pandemic and a growing jihadi insurgency in the West African nation that has killed thousands of people and displaced more than 1 million in recent years.

Alex Moussa Sawadogo, head of the Pan-African Film and TV Festival of Ouagadougou said organizers wanted to go ahead with the event known by its French acronym, FES-PACO in spite of the challenges to show Burkina Faso can still "inspire imagination through cinema."

"This event will be a FES-PACO of resistance because it is taking place under harsh security and health conditions," he told The Associated Press in an interview in the capital, Ouagadougou.

Sawadogo said the number of venues has been reduced this year.

The weeklong festival showcases works by African filmmakers and works produced on the continent. Out of nearly 1,200 films submitted, 282 have been selected to compete, some of which have already been shown at places like Cannes and the Toronto Film Festival.

Participants say they hope FESPACO will be a breath of fresh air for a suffering nation. Boubakar Diallo, a film director and two-time FESPACO winner, will debut his comedy, "The 3 Lascars", about three friends going on a trip with their mistresses.

"In these very difficult times for Burkina Faso and all the



A woman pushes her scooter past the entrance of FESPACO (Pan-African Film & TV Festival of Ouagadougou) in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, Friday Oct. 15. The event, now in its 52nd year, is attracting filmmakers and moviegoers from across the continent and the globe.

countries of the Sahel because of the terrorist attacks, I have the pleasure of offering a beautiful comedy to make people smile, to entertain the public and ask questions about our current identity, to show our identity to others and enjoy theirs," Diallo, 59, said.

Burkina Faso was once regarded as a beacon of peaceful coexistence in the region, which some attribute to its rich cultural scene.

Netflix employee fired in wake of **Chappelle furor**

LOS ANGELES - Netflix said Friday that it had fired an employee for disclosing confidential financial information about what it paid for Dave Chappelle's comedy special "The Closer," which some condemned as being transphobic. The employee, who wasn't

named, shared "confidential. commercially sensitive information outside the company," a Netflix statement said.

Associated Press

"We understand this employee may have been motivated by disappointment and hurt with Netflix, but maintaining a culture of trust and transparency is core to our company," the statement said.

The statement said the information was referenced in a Bloomberg news article, which reported that Netflix spent \$24.1 million on "The Closer," which first aired last week. The article also mentioned the lower budgets for a 2019 Chapelle special, a Bo Burnham special and the nine-episode hit "Squid Game."

Netflix said a review of its internal access logs pinpointed the information to a single person, who "admitted that they downloaded and shared sensitive company information externally."

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Today in HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Oct. 17, the 290th day of 2021. There are 75 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Oct. 17, 1777, British forces under Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered to American troops in Saratoga, New York, in a turning point of the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

In 1919, Radio Corp. of America was chartered.

In 1931, mobster Al Capone was convicted in Chicago of income tax evasion.

In 1967, Puyi, the last emperor of China, died in Beijing at age 61.

In 1973, Arab oil-producing nations announced they would begin cutting back oil exports to Western nations and Japan; the result was a total embargo that lasted until March 1974.

In 1989, an earthquake measuring 6.9 in magnitude struck northern California, killing 63 people and causing \$6 billion worth of damage.

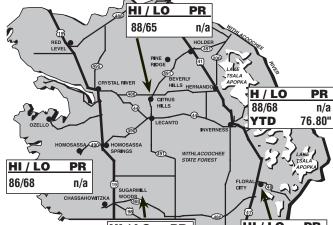
Ten years ago: President Barack Obama pressed lawmakers to start taking up pieces of his rejected jobs bill and mocked the Republicans who had shot it down in toto.

Five years ago: A long-awaited offensive to retake the Iraqi city Mosul from the Islamic State group began with a volley of U.S.-led coalition airstrikes and heavy artillery bombardments on a cluster of villages east of the militant-held city.

One year ago: New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said movie theaters in the state could reopen the following week, with restrictions on audience size and other coronavirus precautions in place.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Marsha Hunt is 104. Singer Jim Seals (Seals & Crofts) is 79. Singer Gary Puckett is 79. Actor Michael McKean is 74. Actor George Wendt is 73. Country singer Alan Jackson is 63. Reggae singer Ziggy Marley is 53. Singer Wyclef Jean is 52. Rapper Eminem is 49. Actor Felicity Jones is 38.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

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Homestead	89	71	sh	Sarasota	86	64	S
Jacksonville	76	57	s	Tallahassee	74	52	S
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Lakeland	85	61	s	Vero Beach	84	69	pc
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MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: North winds 15 to 20 knots. **Gulf water** Seas 3 to 4 feet. Bay and inland temperature waters choppy. Tonight: Northeast Ο winds around 15 knots. Seas 2 to 3 eet. Bay and inland waters a oderate chop Taken at Crystal River

- From wire reports

ALERT CITRUS SIGNUP

- To register for the Citrus County Sheriff's Office's Alert Citrus weather program, visit www.sheriffcitrus.org and click on the links to register.
- Create a profile, list how you want to be contacted in case of a weather emergency (text, mobile phone, home phone, email), then include the address(es) you want alerts for. You can choose what types of emergencies you want to hear about, and set a quiet period for no contact.
- Those without computer access may call 352-249-2705.

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BURN CONDITIONS

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

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

WATERING RULES

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

Addresses with house numbers ending in:

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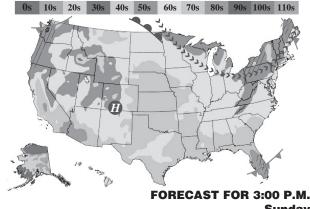
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Food programs

FOOD PANTRIES

■ We Care Food Pantry — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 5259 W. Cardinal St., Homosassa. If you need help, come sign up. The pantry gives away meat, dairy, produce, personal care items and more. Assistance is also available for SNAP. Medicare, Medicaid and Access Florida.

■ Citrus County Family Resource Center — 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (holiday hours vary), 3660 N. Carl G. Rose Highway, Hernando. For information, call 352-344-1001.

■ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Citrus Springs serves those in need with free boxes of food from its food pantry. Please call 465-6613 on the third Tuesday of each month to sign up. Food distribution is the following Saturday

■ Daystar Life Center — 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), 6751 W. Gulfto-Lake Highway, Crystal River. 352-795-8668. Food for dogs and cats may also be available. Other assistance available. A community service resource.

■ First Baptist Church of Homosassa Life Care Center — 9 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays for bread distribution at 10540 W. Yulee Drive, Homosassa. Homosassa residents may receive a bag of canned and dry goods once a month. Call 352-628-3858. We Care Mobile Pantry is at the church on the first Thursday of every month from 9-11 a.m.

■ A food pantry is provided by St. Timothy Lutheran Church and Life Tree Church from 9:30 a.m. to noon every Tuesday at Life Tree Church at 1501 SE U.S. 19, Crystal River. Call 352-403-1498.

■ St. Anne's Episcopal Church — 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. first and third Mondays and second and fourth Wednesdays of every month in the church's side parking lot, 9870 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River. Registration and ID is required. Call 352-795-2176.

■ Citrus United Basket (CUB) — 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 1201 Parkside Ave., Inverness, to assist Citrus County residents facing temporary hardship. Call 352-344-2242 or go online to citrusunitedbasket.org.

■ First Baptist Church of Crystal River — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 5 to 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month, 700 N. Citrus Ave. For information, call 352-795-3367.

■ The First Lutheran Church of Inverness Food Pantry is open to all from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For information, call 352-726-1637.

■ Living Water Ministries — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, 4021 N. Lecanto Highway, in the Beverly Plaza. Call 352-270-8886.

■ St. Margaret's Episcopal Church hosts a food pantry from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 114 N. Osceola Ave. in downtown Inverness. The food pantry offers canned, dried and frozen foods to anyone in need in Citrus County. For information, call 352-726-3153.

■ The Citrus County Veterans Coalition's food pantry, for veterans and their families, operates from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and the first and third Thursdays (excluding holidays) at 1801 N. Paul Drive in Inverness, just west of U.S. 41, on Independence Highway. The pantry offers a variety of dry, canned and frozen goods (cereals, rice, canned vegetables, soups and meats) for veterans in need. For food assistance, call 352-400-8952 or ask a volunteer during food pantry hours.

■ Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church — 10 to 11 a.m. the third Tuesday monthly, 6 Roosevelt Blvd. Call 352-746-2144.

■ Suncoast Baptist Church food pantry open for bread distribution from 7 to 9 a.m. Wednesdays, and the second Wednesday monthly is distribution of bread and vegetables from 7 to 9 a.m. at 5310 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa Springs. Open to Homosassa residents only. For information, call 352-621-3008 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday or Wednesday and ask for Clara.

■ Homosassa First United Methodist Church Bread of Life Pantry — 8 to 11 a.m. Thursdays in fellowship hall. Bag of groceries with bread, meat and produce available for Homosassa residents once a month. Call 352-628-4083.

■ Serving our Savior (SOS) — 8 to 10 a.m. Thursdays at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 439 E. Norvell Bryant Highway, Hernando. This is a drive-thru food pantry. Clients are allowed to come every other week. SOS is an equal opportunity provider. Email sos4food@ gmail.com.

■ Calvary Church — 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays, 2728 E. Harley St., Inverness. Photo ID and proof of Citrus County residency are required. Visitors can receive food once per month. Calvary Church is an equal opportunity provider.

■ Calvary Chapel of Inverness — Free bagged groceries available from noon to 2 p.m. Thursdays at 960 S. U.S. 41. 352-726-1480. Calvary Church is an equal opportunity provider.

■ Floral City First Baptist Church — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the third Thursday monthly. Proof of residency required.

Food and non-food items are available from 10 a.m. to noon every fourth Saturday at North Oak Baptist Church in Citrus Springs. Remaining in their cars, people can enter at the North Citrus Springs Boulevard entrance. They will be met with a person bringing them a bag of essential non-food items, which could include paper products, detergents, personal items and more. As cars continue around the drive, the food pantry crew waits with pre-assembled bags of food items. Cars then exit onto Elkcam Boulevard. There is no charge for these ministries and all are welcome. Items vary based on availability while supplies last. North Oak Baptist Church is at 9324 N. Elkcam Blvd. in Citrus Springs. Call 352-489-1688 for more information.

■ The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Thomas the Apostle Church Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The church is located on U.S. 19, approximately 1/2 mile south of the Cardinal Street intersection. The pantry provides bagged canned goods, nonperishable food items and food staples for people facing temporary hardship and living within parish boundaries.

To be eligible, clients must present a photo ID. Call 352-628-3366. Emergency help with utility shut-offs, prescriptions and other emergency services are provided. Volunteers are available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

■ Rivers of Life Restoration Ministry Inc. operates the Seven Loaves Food and Clothing Pantry at Helping Hands Thrifty Treasures, 9699 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River.

The free-to-all Food Pantry is now open from noon to 3 p.m. every Tuesday. Call 863-666-4129 for information.

■ Our Lady of Fatima — offers Helping Hands from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday thru Friday, at 604 U.S. 41, Inverness. Food assistance is given every two months; utilities every four months; and clothing and prescriptions every three months for

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those who qualify. For information, call 352-726-1707.

FREE MEALS

The Floral City United Methodist Church has resumed their free community breakfast from 7 to 9 a.m. every Tuesday at Hilton Hall, 8478 E. Marvin St.

For more information or to volunteer, call 352-344-1771.

■ God's Kitchen at Inverness First United Methodist Church will distribute free hot meals from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays, 1140 E. Turner Camp Road. Drive up only. Delivery is available for those who can't drive.

For more information, call 352-726-2522, extension 0.

■ Peace Lutheran Church offers a free community meal from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. the third Monday monthly. This is not a fundraiser and there is no charge. Come be our guest(s). We care and you are important to us. All ages are welcome. Peace Lutheran Church ("The Church on the Hill") is at 7201 U.S. 41 S. in Dunnellon (at the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40). Call the church at 352-489-5881.

■ The Salvation Army offers free hot meals from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays in the thrift store parking lot at Daystar Life Center, 6751 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River, and from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the Homosassa Lions Club, 3705 S. Indiana Terrace, Homosassa.

Free hot meals are available Monday through Friday for clients ages 60-plus at the following community centers. Call to reserve your first meal as a visitor: Central Citrus Community Center at 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto (352-527-5993; West Citrus Community Center at 8940 W. Veterans Drive in Homosassa (352-795-3831); East Citrus Community Center at 9907 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Inverness (352-344-9666); and at the historic Hernando School on the corner of Florida Avenue and Parsons Point Road.

■ Calvary Chapel of Inverness hosts a soup kitchen from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday, at 960 S. U.S. 41. All are welcome. The meal includes soup, bread and dessert. Call 352-726-1480.

■ Our Father's Table — 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the second, third, fourth and fifth Saturdays monthly at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, one mile west of the Plantation Inn on West Fort Island Trail. Call 352-795-2176.

GIVEAWAYS

■ St. Anne's Mobile Ministry (SAMMs) Service from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday in the St. Anne's Episcopal Church's side parking lot, 9870 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River. Call 352-795-2176.

■ First Presbyterian Church of Inverness, 206 Washington Ave., along with VFW Post 4337, will once again be working with We Care Food Pantry to distribute free food on Saturday, Aug. 28, in the horseshoe parking lot at the church.

Those who wish to do so may come from 9 to 11 a.m. for food; pop your trunk and let them know how many people and families you need food for.

■ American Legion Post 155 and We Care Food Pantry mobile food pantry — 9 to 11 a.m. the second Tuesday monthly, at 6585 W. Gulfto-Lake Highway in Crystal River. Call 352-795-6526.

■ El-Shaddai food ministries "brown bag of food" distribution is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays at Crystal River Church of God, 2180 W. 12th Ave. Although food is distributed once a week, families are only eligible for food once a month. Call 352-628-9087 or 352-302-9925.

■ Iglesia Comunidad Cristiana Nuevo Comienzo (New Beginnings Church) sponsors a food giveaway at 10 a.m. every second and fourth Wednesday morning at Shepherd's Way Community Church, 965 N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto. This is drive-thru pre-bagged groceries. For information, call 352-804-2263 (Espanol) or 352-527-9900 (English).

■ Hernando Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1880 N. Trucks Ave., Hernando, provides food distribution for needy families from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. the second Tuesday monthly. Call 352-212-5159.

■ Christ Christian Bible Ministry distributes food at 1 p.m. Wednesdays at 619 NE Second St., Crystal River. Preparations are being made to provide a hot meal once a week. Call 352-513-8065.

■ We Care Food Pantry hosts distributions twice a month in Homosassa at the Catholic Charities Outreach Center. We Care also operates three mobile pantries. Once a month the mobile pantry goes to Chassahowitzka Fire Station, First Baptist Church in Old Homosassa and First Baptist Church in Ozello. Hours are 9-11 a.m. For information or to sign up, call the office at 352-503-2079.

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Abuse shelter

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benefit 'Never Say Never'

VFW Post 4337 in Inverness is raffling off a 70-inch afghan star for \$2 per ticket or six tickets for \$10.

These proceeds will go to "Never Say Never," which assists kids of veterans that have a need for prostheses.

For more information or to purchase a ticket, visit the post at 906 State Road 44 E. in Inverness or call 352-344-3495.

CASA looking for Halloween donations

The most ghoulish time of the year is upon us and Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association's (CASA) little ghosts and goblins can hardly wait for the Halloween fun.

The kids living in the shelter are excited to trick or treat and take part in the excitement. CASA is accepting donations of individually wrapped candy and

scary or violent) through Oct. 22.

Donations are accepted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, 1100 Turner Camp Road in Inverness.

Toys for Tots program registration opens

Citrus United Basket will begin registration for the Toys for Tots program from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday from Oct. 27 to Dec. 10, 1201 Parkside Ave. in Inverness.

Children must be 12 years old or under. Bring a photo ID, an original birth certificate or school record and a piece of mail with a current address.

If you have custody of a child, you must bring proper documentation. All applications will be cross referenced with all Citrus County agencies to ensure no duplication of accounts.

Masks will be required to register. For more information, call 352-344-2242.

seeks donations of everyday items

The Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association (CASA) is in need of syrup, sugar, macaroni and cheese, juice, snacks, coffee, cheese, milk and Q-tips.

The next time you're out shopping, pick up some extra supplies and drop them off at the CASA Outreach office between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at 1100 E. Turner Camp Road, Inverness.

Shelter needs can also be dropped off at their alternative drop off location, Carol's Interiors and Floors, 6410 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Homosassa.

For information, email Kimberly Martini at kimberly@ casafl.org. call 352-344-8111 or download the Volunteer Application at casafl.org. Completed applications can be emailed to marilynn@casafl.org.

Transit resumes fares for door-todoor services

Citrus County Transit (CCT) has reinstated fares for demand response (door-to-door) service at pre-COVID rates. Customers may be eligible for reduced fare under the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Trust Fund. TD program applications are available on the CCT website.

CCT will continue to operate the demand response service with no limits on capacity on each of the buses. Doorto-door service is available for the following trip conditions:

ployment, grocery/supplies, and prescription pick-up. The bus schedules and times have been updated for each area. For details on bus pickup and drop off times for your location, visit the CCT website (www.citruscountytransit.com).

The Orange Line (Deviated Fixed Route) has resumed service and is continuing to operate. Bus routes and scheduled stops/times have been modified. Please visit the CCT website or Facebook page for details. Orange Line service will continue to be offered at no charge until further notice.

Face masks are still required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for all public buses and transfer facilities. Passengers without masks will be prohibited from tion on federal guidelines, visit www.transportation.gov/ safety/mask-travel-guidance. For more information, call 352-527-7630.

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Sheila

Mandell, 74

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She was born in Leeds,

England on April 12, 1947

to John Hamilton and

Sheila and her late hus-

traveling together and

made their final move

from Woodstock, Maryland

to Lecanto, Florida in

cruises together, attending

car events and frequenting

the beach. Sheila was a

passionate writer and had

four books published

under her pen name, April

that would share her life

story, "A Baby Boomer's

Sheila suffered from

pulled her through. She

was a long standing mem-

ber of Good Shepherd Lu-

She was especially ap-

preciative of the visits she

received from her church

family as it became harder

for her to attend in person.

She loved spending time

ily and was an amazing

wife, mom, mother-in-law

and grandmother. She will

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Yorkshire England, Step-

and wife Gretel and

daughter Rachel of Col-

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Survivors include son

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Clarence Wayne Raby Jr.

The Mass of Catholic Burial for Clarence Wayne Raby, Jr. will be offered on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at the Good Counsel Camp in Floral City, con-celebrated by Fr. James Johnson and Msgr. Bob Morris.

Following the Mass, full military honors for Wayne, will be rendered by the Floral City VFW #7122 Honor Guard. Following the services, friends and family are invited to fellowship at the Camp Mess Hall.

Wayne's urn will be interred at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, at a later date. The family would appreciate guests to please wear masks at all times. In lieu of flowers, Wayne's family would like donations made to Good Counsel Camp at 888 E. Gobbler Dr., Floral City, FL 34436 or to the Citrus County Veteran's Coalition, 1081 N. Paul Dr., Inverness, FL 34453.

Arrangements are under the care of the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness. FL.

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James Baird, 63

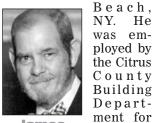
BEVERLY HILLS

James Joseph Baird, 63, of Beverly Hills, passed away October 12, 2021 at HPH Hospice in Lecanto.

He was born on January 16, 1958 in Rockaway, NY, to the late Matthew and Eleanore (Kase) Baird and came to Citrus County in truly be missed. 1971 from Rockaway

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James Baird

years, his chester, England. position being an Assistant Building Official.

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He loved to take cruises www.ferofuneralhome. with his children and their com families and restore vintage Volkswagen busses. He would always say good bye with "if you need anything, give me a call". Left to cherish his mem-Baird and partner, Andrew, of Homosassa, FL; James Joseph Baird, Jr. and wife, Elizabeth, of Crystal River, FL ; Sara Pearson of Colorado; 2 brothers: Matthew Baird and Walter Lober; 6 sisters: Eleanore Donahue, Rosie Gill, Rita Jane Baird, Pat Baird, Sharon Rawlings and Maureen Baird; 6 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Baird and a sister, Patricia Rose. A Celebration of Life service for Mr. Baird, will be conducted on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at 3:00 PM, from the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory. fellowship with the family from 2:00 PM until the hour of service. In lieu of flowers, the family sug- Ryan, Mackenzie, Alexangests memorials to HPH der, Sarah, Taylor, Jeffrey, Hospice, 2939 W. Gulf to Allison, Justin, Julie and Lake Hwy., Lecanto, FL Eric. 34461.

Home with Crematory, In- they lived out the remainder of their lives. She was very active in the Church (St Scholastica), loved gardening, reading and was an avid gamer; playing cards, doing puzzles, and the infamous joker marble Sheila G. Mandell, 74 of game. She was always will-Lecanto, Florida died on ing to help anyone at any Friday, October 8, 2021.

time. A funeral mass is scheduled for Thursday October 21st, 11am at St Scholastica Church, Lecanto FL. She will be interned with her late husband at the National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.

Arrangements will be managed through Brown Funeral and Crematorium in Lecanto FL. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Theresa's name to the William Fischer Endowment Fund at Daystar of Citrus County. https://www.daystarcitruscounty.org/

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Shirley Dibble, 86

CRYSTAL RIVER

Shirley Ann Dibble, 86 Hamilton, including one of Crystal River, FL passed away Tuesday October 12. 2021 at Brentwood Healthcare in Lecanto, FL.

She was born October multiple health ailments 14, 1934 in Tampa, FL to but her strong faith always Lyle Gilbert and Eleanor Paris Gil-

bert and she came to Crystal River in 1983.

Shirley was a registered Shirley

nurse and Dibble h a d

with her friends and fam- worked at Seven Rivers Hospital for many years. She was a member of the Crystal River United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in Mark Mandell, wife Mi- death by her husband Jim chele and grandsons as well as two elder Thomas and Tyler, of sisters.

Shirley is survived by the Citrus sister Margaret Boothe her son Lyle Dibble of Lincolnton, NC and her and husband Howard of grandchildren James and brother David Maddison Riley Dibble.

Friends will be received in visitation from 10 AM until 11 AM on Saturday October 23rd at the Crystal to Fero Funeral Home. River United Methodist Church with services beginning promptly at 11 AM. Interment will follow at Fountains Memorial Park Cemetery in Homosassa Springs, FL. Arrangements are under the direction of Strickland Funeral Home, Crystal River, FL. Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

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Lion Mandy Weaver was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellow Award for dedicated humanitarian services from the Lions Club International Foundation. From left are: Mandy Waver and Paul Gadke, Homosassa Lions Club president.



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Louise Lazendorfer, 85 INVERNESS

85, of Inverness, FL, Terry then transitioned at Citrus Memorial Hospital. Cremation with Care under the direction of the made the decision to re-

Theresa 'Terry' Fischer, 79

THERESA A. FISCHER Theresa "Terry" A. ory are 3 children: Bobbie (Grant) Fischer, was a caring wife, loving mother, grandmother and friend. She left this world suddenly on October 13, 2021 at the age of 79. She was born to Henry (Jr) and Albina Grant on September 4, 1942 in



She

band of 56 Theresa years, Wil-**'Terry**' liam A. **Fischer** Fischer,

and survived by her four children Mark Fischer (Patricia), Michelle Desmarais (Ken-Friends are invited to neth), Michael Fischer (Janice), Elizabeth Crane (Thomas), and eleven grandchildren, Kenneth,

In the 1960's, Terry put Sign the guest book at herself through nursing school and began her career as an RN. She worked as part of the kidney transplant team at Mass General Hospital. She met her husband-to-be on a blind date and was Louise M. Lanzendorfer, married shortly after. passed on October 3, 2021, into focusing on starting and raising a family.

In 1993, Terry and Bill Chas. E. Davis Funeral tired to Florida where

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Joanne Murphy, 66 INVERNESS

Joanne Murphy, 66, of Inverness, FL passed away October 14, 2021 at Citrus Memorial Hospital in Inverness. A Celebration of Life is scheduled for Friday, October 22, 11:00 AM at the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, The family will be receiving friends at the funeral home one hour prior to service.

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Cynthia "Cindy" Kennedy

Obituary — Cynthia (Cindy) Lynn Kennedy 7/11/54 - 10/11/21

Cindy Kennedy, known as CK to her friends and coworkers in the medical field, passed peacefully holding her husband's hand. She died from metastasized lung cancer that

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Cynthia 'Cindy' Kennedy

most fulfilled when she Dylan. was taking care of someone else. As an ER Nurse. Paramedic, Nurse, Prison Nurse and Life Flight Nurse (in Vegas), she was the most voted cousin, Claudia accomplished nurse you will ever know, often running nurses off the floor if they failed to meet her high expectations of patient care.

Her last job was to take care of her nephew, Chad, who was in a vegetative state from a traumatic brain injury. With her 24 X 7 immaculate care, Chad has risen to the intellectual level of a happy, learning 2-year-old over the span of 5 years. He is now under the care of the VA in Tampa.

Second only to her need to take care of others was the love and devotion she had for her family. She so adorned her childhood sweetheart (they were together since she was 14), that she married him -TWICE!

provide her children, neighbors Skyp and Doty of Beverly Hills Florida, Diana Alda Lynn Carter and Harvey G. Strubell III, with all of the advantages and encouragement she or have forgotten ... could to ensure their success in life.

Harvey III is an entrepreneur who owns his own motorcycle business, ther Buddy, brothers Blair Michaeleena (Shawn), while daughter, Diana, has and Blaine, Uncle Dave, followed in her mom's footsteps by rising to the level of manager at a veterinary office that cares hearts ... The family is not nosed just and provided for the needs one short of our "furry" family month members.

In addition to her dein voted husband. Harvey G. quests that donations be life, she Strubell II, daughter made to Saint Jude's Chilw e n t Diana Carter and son Hard o w n vey G. Strubell III, she fighting leaves to cherish her the good memory granddaughters fight. Breana and McKayla, and Cindy was grandsons Mason and

In addition to nephew, Chad, she is also survived Trauma by her loving nephew Ernie, niece India, and step-sister Denise; dewho has always looked up to her in awe, cousin Kathy and Aunt Maryanne.

She held a special place in her heart for step-sister Janice (Lynn) and her son Chris, with whom she shared many memories. She also leaves behind loving brothers-in-law Chris, John, Timothy and sister-in-law Diana Chaffin and their families. Other family members who will keep her in their hearts are step-dad Jake Helms, and sisters-in-law Lynn English and Diane Sykes.

She leaves behind many caring friends and neighbors such as Laura and Joe Forget, Joey Forest, Sandy (from Daytona/ Alaska), Joni (Arizona), She tried to friend and caregiver Jody,

(who were always there to sister, Elizabeth Bolden of help) and the many others Hatboro, Pennsylvania be held privately at the band, father, grandfather, that I may not have known and daughter-in-law, Jean

death by Grandma Nell, Grandpa Gus, Grandma Trudy, mother Evelyn, fanephew Tommy and most recently step-mom Jan.

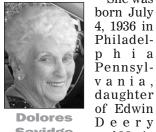
We will keep her in our accepting visitors at this time, but appreciates cards and letters. In lieu of flowers, the family redren's Hospital.

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Dolores Savidge, 85

BEVERLY HILLS

Mrs Dolores H. Savidge, age 85, of Beverly Hills, died Sunday, September 26, 2021 at home in hospice care. She was



Deery Savidge and Marie Deery-

Conaway. Dee was a secretary for the US Naval Officers' Club in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, William H Savidge, Jr.; son, William Savidge III; brother, Edwin Deery, and sisters; Jane, and Katherine.

She is survived by her daughter Kathleen Carr and her husband Michael

of Pennsville, New Jersey. She is preceded in Dee is also survived by her gentleman companion, schwartzfuneralhome.com with his hands.

Gene Zuelch. Dolores was Nanny to Kevin (Amanda), Erika, Victoria, Cassidy, and Harrison. She enjoyed her nieces and nephews.

Dee loved cruising with her husband Bill, watching old movies and a good conversation over a cup of coffee.

Online condolences may be sent to family at www. HooperFuneralHomes. com. Arrangements by the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Home and Crematory.

Patricia Howard, 90

Patricia Rae Howard (King), 90, passed away on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at Stone Ridge Poplar Run, Myerstown, PA where she resided for the last 11 years.

Born in Niles, Ohio, she was the daughter of the late Clifford O. and Virginia Louise (Miller) King. Patricia worked as a Butcher for Faye's Market and as an Advertising Salesperson for WYSE Radio before her retirement.

Surviving Patricia is her children, James T. Lawrence-Howard, husband of Kirk, of Reading, PA, and fishing, and was a member Tomie Lou McLellan (Stephens), wife of Mitchell, of ciation. Additionally, he

grandson Mitchell John Masons and The Shriners. Online condolences may



David Streicher. 73 LECANTO

David L. Streicher, 73, of Lecanto, FL passed away on September 30th, 2021 under the care of Vitas Hospice in Lecanto.

He was born to the late Lee G. and Sharon (Seale)



served Streicher

our country as a member of the United States Army National Guard. He was a Carpenter in Miami for many years and after relocating from Miami. made his home in Citrus County in 1979. Prior to retirement, he went to work for the Citrus County Facilities and Maintenance Department.

David enjoying hunting, of the National Rifle Asso-Frostproof, FL, and her was a member of the

McLellan Jr. Services will He was a dedicated husconvenience of the family. and friend. He made his own ammunition for his be made at www.whelan guns and enjoyed working

> Along with his parents, David was preceded in death by his brother and sister, Lee S. Streicher and Lisa Streicher.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 47 years, Joy; his children, Roy Streicher (Polly) of Jacksonville, FL and Christina Crotty (late John) of Tallahassee, FL; his sister, Tara Couture (Glen); and his grandchildren, Kathryn, Sarah, Jacob, and Rachel. He was loved by many and will be deeply missed.

A Celebration of Life Streicher will take place on Saturday, October 23rd, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Chas. E. Davis in Funeral Home, where full Military Honors will take place. A gathering of family and friends will begin David at 10:00 AM and last until the hour of service.

> David will be laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, a donation in David's memory to any Parkinson's Charity or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by his family.

> Cremation with Care is under the direction of the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, FL.

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There are many unmarked limestone headstones throughout Pine Hill Cemetery in southern Inverness. Dr. Devonte White, pictured above, would like to work with the Citrus County Historical Society to identify those buried underneath them.

CEMETERY Continued from Page A1

Now he's on a new mission to help bring atten- nage to help direct lost tion, funding and movement to "spruce up" Pine Hill, and he's already reached out to county officials for support and

guidance. Randy Oliver said county staff, which mows and tends Pine Hill's grounds, would be willing to partner with White like they did before.

"He did a phenomenal job with the basketball court," Oliver said. "If he can achieve the same type of thing, I think that would be something positive for the community.'

White doesn't want to be the only one suggesting improvements. He'd like to host town hall meetings with community leaders and elders who'd know what's best for Pine Hill.

"They've earned the right to say, 'Hey, this is what we should have,' because they've been doing this longer than I've been alive," he said. "I want to give a voice to the voiceless."

White said he does want to focus on planting better grass, paving the single dirt road bisecting the cemetery and installing bigger and additional sigmotorists to Pine Hill.

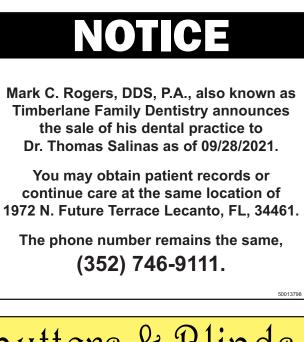
"A lot of times people just pass this thing and not even know," he said.

According to Chronicle articles citing the Citrus County Administrator County Historical Society, a land permit for Oak Ridge was granted in 1889 to Alfred Tompkins, the founder of Inverness, deeding it specifically for the burial of whites only.

Early after its establishment in 1890, Pine Hill Cemetery became the resting place for indigents and Blacks. No matter who's buried at Pine Hill, White said, they deserve the same respect as those interred just next door.

"There's no mistaking that one cemetery looks different than the other," he said, "and it's been going on long enough to where the voices for Pine Hill have fallen on deaf ears ... so I want to be that spark."

See CEMETERY/Page A12













BUSTER THOMPSON/Chronicle

This is the main sign for the Pine Hill Cemetery in southern Inverness, near the corner of Hill Street and Line Avenue.

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Lettering on many of Pine Hill's cluster of headstones — some just simple limestone markers — have weathered away. White said he'd like to work with the county historical society to identify unnamed graves.

F.R. Kiye, who died in known grave. Other family names at Pine Hill include: Bellamy, Ross, Thomas, Smith, Chester, Gibbs and Goolsby Jackson.

Samuel White, White's grandfather and the first African American from Citrus County to serve in beautify," she said, adding thing has to be done.' the U.S. Marine Corps, was buried next to White's grandmother, Blonese. Charlie White, White's uncle and the first baby born out of Citrus Memorial Hospital, was also buried nearby.

Antonio Hicks, the 16-year-old Citrus High School student-athlete who collapsed during a football practice in late September, was laid to Pine Hill rest at Cemeterv.

For many years until the 1980s, Eli White from the East Dampier Street Funeral Home oversaw Pine Hill

Inverness offered to

take it over after the city the public's welcome to got the title for Oak Ridge Cemetery in 1981; however, local Black churches took over responsibility instead.

After teenagers used Pine Hill as their hangout, the Citrus Garden Club in October 2001 adopted the cemetery, where they've organized volunteer cleanups four times a year since.

The club quickly recog-April 1919, has the oldest nized the need for some tender-loving care," First Vice President Lesly Smith said.

Smith said the first cleanup in November 2001 filled 28 large trash bags filled in paper, bottles and other waste.

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Club members, along with the VFW, also plant flags on the graves of Pine Hill ahead of Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

Downed tree limbs littered Pine Hill in September, Smith said, but the cemetery's appearance has improved since.

"It looks pretty good," she said, suggesting White's recent involvements may have already spurred results.

Pine Hill, White said, is important to be too ignored.

"It's history, it's history, and you can't hide your history," he said. "It's his-"It's in our mission to torical to me, and some-

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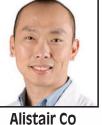
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However, this story actually begins with an oil drilling business in Pennsylvania.

"My mother and father had the oil business, and from an early age, my mother taught me everything about running a business," Regan said. "Then when Cady's dad was a baby, I took him to work with me.

"So now, with Cady, who's my oldest grandchild, I want her to understand business, how to start one, what it takes to be in business, from mopping the floor to budgeting and buying, finding out what customers like," she said.

It was shortly before Cady turned 11 that she overheard her grandma and her dad talking about opening a café in her name.

"I heard her talking, and I have this thing: I like to butt into people's conversations like a lot of kids do," Cady said. "When I heard about a café in my name, I was excited about it."

Because Cady the café proprietor is also Cady the sixthgrade student at Solid Rock Christian Academy, on the days school is in session she's not able to be at the café, but that doesn't mean she's not involved.

"We run everything by her and she makes the decisions," her dad said.

She gives the OK about menu items and the décor. She designed the logo and chose the colors and the font used on the website

After the café opened in August, Cady worked there briefly until school started, taking counter orders, making specialty coffee drinks, even delivering food orders to the other businesses in the shopping plaza.

"When people come in, they can look for my apron," she said

She hangs her black "Cady's Café" apron on a hook to the left as you enter the front door.

"If it's there, that means I'm not," she said. "But sometimes ture sandwiches. people like the way I make there, they can ask someone, school and my dad asked if we fee Roasters.



Cady King cleans tables at her breakfast and lunch café in the Inverness Regional Shopping Plaza.

Cady?' and when I get back I will.'

Since the café opened, Cady has learned much about opening a business.

out how much money it costs to open and then find an investor," she said. "Then you need to see what it would be called and what you would do."

For Cady, her grandma is her investor, and her dad is her chef cheese sandwich and tomato and general manager. Colton, her 6-year-old

brother, helped collaborate on the menu, which has evolved since they first opened.

At first everything was prepackaged, but after remodeling the kitchen area they're able to serve fresh, made-to-order menu items, including signa-

"Me, my dad and my brother their coffee, so if my apron's not were in the car one day after

'Can I have mine made by wanted to serve sandwiches at the café," Cady said. "I said I wanted grilled cheese, so we all designed our own signature Blend" beans. sandwich. Mine is called 'The Cady.' It's grilled cheese with "Like, first you have to find sourdough bread. Colby Jack planning on doing an idea from cheese, bacon and avocado ranch dipping sauce.²

She even had the idea of offering a kid's lunch, which they named "The 6-Year-Old Lunch," a simple grilled American soup for dipping.

Another thing Cady is learning: how to partner with other local businesses.

Every morning at 6:30 a.m. Fresh Start Donuts in Beverly Hills delivers fresh doughnuts, pastries, fritters, muffins, bagels and croissants to the café, where they're put into the front display case.

Cady also has her own coffee blend, made by Cattle Dog Cof-

Customers can enjoy a cup (and school vacation days) and then take home a bag of "Cady's Signature Coffee

"I'm always thinking about new things," Cady said. "We're a restaurant in Ocala, glazed croissants. We already have croissants, but we could have chocolate filled and regular glazed. I think that would be really good.'

For Cady's dad, the café is a place where he can do what he loves, namely cook, and where he can teach his daughter the way his mom taught him.

"I love that I get to bring Cady to work, like my mom it hers.' brought me and my Nona brought my mom," King said. "We'll be adjusting our hours and opening on the weekends to give her a chance to be here more, and during the summer Café. Phone: 352-503-2663.

she'll be able to be here and learn the business inside out.'

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

He said they want to stay small and quaint, but increase business through DoorDash delivery and maybe catering.

"Right now we're still getting things going," he said.

The long-term plan and the purpose is for Cady to be able to provide for herself when she's older.

"My ultimate goal is for her to learn it, learn it well, and enjoy it," Regan said. "I want her to love it. ... As she gets older and she works it, then one day it will become hers. But she has to earn it. She has to live it and work it and make

Currently, Cady's Café is open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Visit the website at CadysCafe.com. Follow on Facebook at Cady's





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DA endorses booster shot for COVID-19 vaccine

MATTHEW PERRONE and Lauran **Neergaard** Associated Press

WASHINGTON - U.S. health advisers endorsed a booster of Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine Friday, citing concern that Americans who got the single-dose shot aren't as protected as those given two-dose brands.

J&J told the Food and Drug Administration that an extra dose adds important protection as early as two months after initial vaccination — but that it might work better if people wait until six months later. Unable to settle the best timing, the FDA's advisory panel voted unanimously that the booster should be offered at least two months after people got their earlier shot

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. "It would be hard to recommend this as a single-dose vaccine at this point."

The FDA isn't bound by the recommendation as it makes a final decision — and adding to the debate's complexity, new research also suggests that J&J recipients might have a stronger immune response if their booster dose is from a competing brand.

Preliminary results from an ongoing study of different ways "mix and match" different to shots showed that a booster of any sort revved up people's levels of virus-fighting antibodies

at least for a few weeks. And the most dramatic jump came from giving a Pfizer or Moderna shot after the single-dose J&J vaccination.

FDA's advisers didn't vote on whether that should be recom-"I think this frankly was al- mended but told the government campaign. ways a two-dose vaccine," said to allow flexibility with boosters,

how much difference, if any, mixing and matching may make in long-term protection.

'In the real world all these kind of combinations are already of some urgency for the FDA to help sort out what is admittedly a complicated and challenging scenario," said Dr. Ofer Levy of Boston Children's Hospital.

The government says all three strong protection against hospitalization and death from COVID-19, and that the priority is getting first shots to the 66 million eligible but unvaccinated Americans who are most at risk. But with the spread of the extra-contagious delta variant and Franklin University. signs of waning immunity against milder infections, the nation is moving toward a broader booster

FDA adviser Dr. Paul Offit of saying there were no safety red started being offered to seniors and Prevention would rule on flags even if it's not yet clear just and younger adults at high risk from COVID-19 because of poor health, jobs or living conditions million Americans who are fully at least six months after their initial vaccination. Thursday, the FDA advisory panel recomhappening so I think it's a matter mended the same approach for half-dose Moderna boosters.

But J&J's vaccine has consistently shown lower effectiveness levels across a series of studies and the FDA panel ultimately settled on another shot for any U.S. vaccines continue to offer recipient 18 or older at least two months after their first vaccination.

"This is really -- with the second dose -- bringing it, I think, on par with those other vaccines in terms of effectiveness," said Dr. Archana Chatterjee of Rosalind

The FDA will use its advisers' recommendations to decide whether to authorize boosters for both J&J and Moderna. Next, Last month Pfizer boosters the Centers for Disease Control

who should roll up their sleeves.

The vast majority of the 188 vaccinated against COVID-19 have received the Pfizer or Moderna options, while J&J recipients account for only about 15 million.

J&J's vaccine is made with a different technology and on Friday, the company pitched its booster as a way to strengthen a robust vaccine that they said has retained its protective power over eight months. But FDA scientists pointedly challenged that assertion.

"There are data that suggest the effectiveness of this vaccine is actually less robust than the company's presentation here." said Dr. Peter Marks, FDA's top vaccines official. "And that is a finding of concern particularly because that's been seen in minority communities potentially and others.'

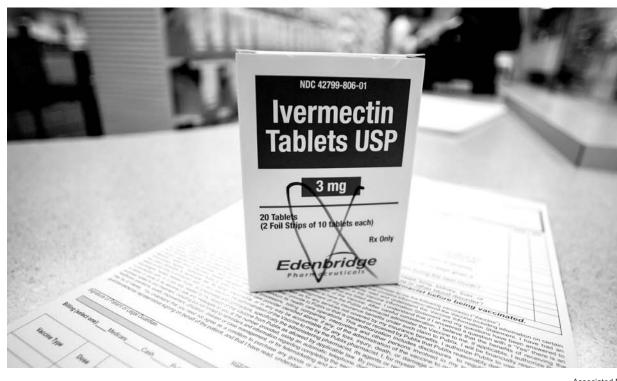
Lawsuits demand unproven ivermectin for COVID patients

DEEPTI HAJELA Associated Press

NEW YORK - Mask rules, vaccination mandates and business shutdowns have all landed in the courts during the COVID-19 outbreak, confronting judges with questions of science and government authority. Now they are increasingly being asked to weigh in on the deworming drug ivermectin.

At least two dozen lawsuits have been filed around the U.S., many in recent weeks, by people seeking to force hospitals to give their COVIDstricken loved ones ivermectin, a drug for parasites that has been promoted by conservative commentators as a treatment despite a lack of conclusive evidence that it helps people with the virus.

Interest in the drug started rising toward the beginning of this one, some potential and it belater withdrawn, in other versation



refused to order hospitals to give ivermectin. Others have ordered medical providers to give the medication, despite concerns it could be harmful.

In a September case on Staten Island, state Supreme Court Judge Ralph Porzio refused to order the use of ivermectin in a situation where a man sued a hospital on behalf of his ill father, citing its unproven impact.

"This court will not require any doctor to be placed in a potentially unethical position wherein they could be committing medical malpractice by administering a medication for an unapproved, alleged off-label purpose," he wrote.

It's astonishing, said James Beck, an attorney in Philadelphia who specializes in drug and medical device product liability and has written about the influx of cases. "I've never seen anything like this before.'

In some cases, an inihave has been reversed later.

A box of ivermectin is shown in a pharmacy as pharmacists work in the background, Thursday, Sept. 9, in Georgia. At least two dozen lawsuits have been filed around the U.S., many in recent weeks by people seeking to force hospitals to give their COVID-stricken loved ones ivermectin, a drug for parasites that has been promoted by conservative commentators as a treatment despite a lack of conclusive evidence that it helps people with the virus.

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The lawsuits, several of prescriptions for iver- facing death. when studies — some came a hot topic of con- them filed by the same mectin, but hospitals among western New York law- have refused to use it on of results in state courts. tial order to give the drug countries — seemed to conservatives on social yer, cover similar ground. their loved ones, who are Some

The families have gotten often on ventilators and

There has been a mix

judges





of common viruses including re- young children, pregnant



Of those, one out of four were at higher risk of health complications because of the flu.

The fear is that because of the precautions people took a year ago many people didn't get the flu and couldn't get immunity.

While flu activity was historically low during the 2020/2021 flu season, we could see flu activity surge this season, with relaxed COVID-19 mitigation strategies, increased travel, and the reopening of schools and businesses," said NFID's medical director William Schaffner during a news conference last week.

"The best way to protect yourself against flu is to get an annual flu vaccine. Even in cases



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky.

severity of illness and can help prevent serious complications, including hospitalization and death," he said.

Also at the news conference was Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Rochelle Walensky.

'Because of so little (flu) diswhen flu vaccination does not ease last year, population immucompletely prevent infection, it nity is likely lower, putting us all can reduce the duration and at risk of increased disease this National Foundation for nfectious

Associated Press Infectious Diseases.

year," she added.

be signs of a worse flu season.

spiratory syncytial virus, known as RSV, she said. Hospitals also reported higher numbers of severe cases among toddlers, likely because they were not exposed as infants in the early months of lockdown, she said.

Flu viruses may also have additional opportunities to spread this fall and winter because of reopened schools and businesses, especially where masks are not required.

"None of us can predict whether it will be mild, moderate or severe flu season, but we are certain that there will be flu activity," Schaffner said. "We William Schaffner, vice president certainly don't want a twinof the National Foundation for demic, both COVID and influenza.

Citrus County is recommending is safe to receive your flu vac-She said there could already the flu vaccine for everyone six months and older, including The United States already pregnant women. Individuals saw a similar pattern with the that are at most risk for getting care doctors' offices offer flu spring and summer resurgence severely ill from the flu are

women, people with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes, heart disease or lung disease, and people aged 65 years and older.

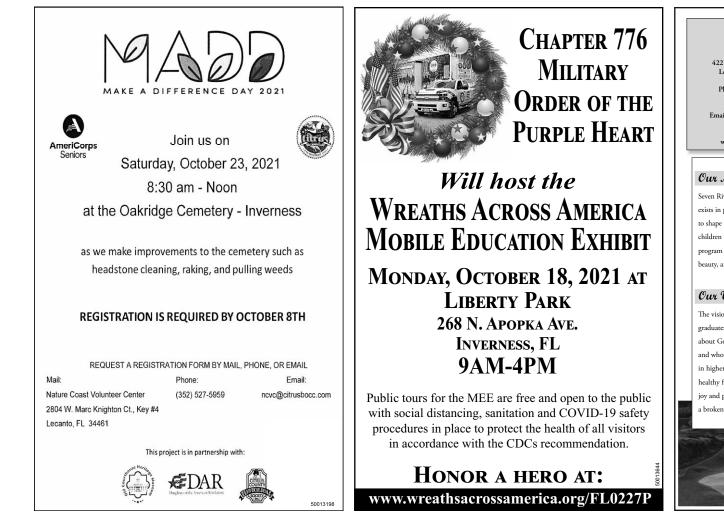
It takes about two weeks after vaccination for your body to develop protection against the flu.

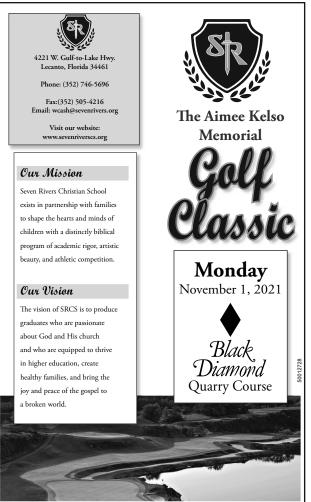
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends getting a flu vaccine every year because flu viruses change quickly, and last year's vaccine may not protect against this year's strain.

Even if the vaccine does not fully protect against the flu, it may reduce the severity of symptoms and the risk of complications, the DOH said.

The Centers for Disease Con-The Department of Health in trol and Prevention also said it cine the same time as your COVID-19 vaccine.

Most pharmacies and primary shots.





Aging system meets growing population

South Texas grapples with water woes

SUMAN NAISHADHAM Associated Press

McALLEN, Texas — On a scorching afternoon in South Texas, Sonia Lambert looked out at an openair canal that carries mud-green water from the Rio Grande to nearby towns and farmland, losing much of it to evaporation and seepage along the way

"That will be someone else's problem," Lambert said, referring to her upcoming retirement as head of an irrigation district near the U.S.-Mexico border.

In the Rio Grande Valley, a canal system designed more than a century ago for agriculture still delivers water to the region's lush farmland and fast-growing towns and cities. Today, the canals lose as much as 40% of the water they carry, waste that experts say could contribute to steep water shortages in coming grows and climate change intensifies droughts.

"As this region continues to become drier due to 2,000 miles of pipelines climate change, water supplies will be greatly reduced," said Guy Fipps, a professor of irrigation engineering at Texas A&M University who has studied the water system since 1998

State water officials predict that over the next 50 years, demand for water in the area's cities and towns will double. For decades, McAllen developed at a dizzying pace, with newcomers drawn to a large free-trade zone and jobs in health care. education and retail. Between 1990 and 2020, McAllen and the neighboring cities of Edin- open-air canal into underburg and Mission grew sixfold to nearly 871,000 tween \$250,000 and \$1 people, according to the million, said Lambert, the larly, the Mexican cities of for Cameron County, Reynosa and Matamoros which remains mostly across the border mush- rural. Her district has only roomed after U.S.-owned been able to bring about a assembly plants were es- fifth of its 250 miles (402 tablished in mid-1990s. Further complicating matters is a 1944 treaty between the U.S. and Mexico amount that could not be that defines how the countries share water from the Rio Grande. Mexico is supposed to route 350,000 acre-feet of water every vear to the U.S. — enough to supply as many as 700,000 households. But it the area's farmers, cities has periodically failed to and towns. But as McAllen meet those obligations, delaying deliveries because farmland surrounding it, of drought, tight water supplies and a thirsty crop more control over a water industry in northern Mexico. The late deliveries are a deliveries. source of frustration, but water managers and farmers in the U.S. are quick to ties are often how irrigaacknowledge a major chal- tion districts pay for canal lenge at home too: the repairs, said Fipps. That



Cotton farmer Billie D. Simpson monitors the cotton harvest on his farm in Harlingen, Texas, Wednesday, Sept. 15. Across the Rio Grande Valley, a multimillion-dollar crop industry and fast-growing cities get water from an irrigation system designed nearly a century ago for agriculture.

too expensive to overhaul.

The region's more than and canals - some 100feet wide — are meant for large, infrequent deliveries to farmland. Common fixes to modernize the waterways and make them more efficient — attempted by many districts to some degree — include lining earthen canals with concrete and more closely monitoring water use by farms with meters. Another option comes with a bigger price tag: replacing canals with underground pipelines, which lose far less water and are better suited to serving cities.

Converting a mile of ground pipelines costs be-U.S. Census Bureau. Simi- irrigation district manager the kilometers) of canals underground in the past two decades, she said. "It just gets to be an supported by the farming community," Lambert said. Since the early 1900s, a network of about two dozen independent irrigation districts have served gobbled up much of the some officials have wanted district they say charges the city too much for water Yet the higher rates charged to city water utilileaky canal system that has meant the water

local and state officials as ies have generally made river exceeds supply. more progress in bringing canals up to date.

Valley's water utilities and farms are linked by the same aging system.

Since cities and farms get water from the same canals, hydrologists and Grande's shrinking flows and low reservoir levels could eventually spell trouble for everyone in a prolonged drought. When there's little water in a deepening water shortcanal, a greater percentage gets lost to evaporation or seepage. And everyone's share of water ready playing out across is threatened.

decades as the population has long been seen by districts serving bigger cit- demand for water from the districts over the years region, Lambert told sug-

Small towns, which get relatively small water de-Still, the Rio Grande liveries, could be especially affected during a severe dry spell, and their irrigation districts are less likely to have the money to repair or replace canals.

"This is an unusual situwater officials say the Rio ation, that the agricultural canals are used to help deliver the municipal water," Fipps said.

> Over time, experts say the region's farms will face ages and be forced to make more difficult choices, a scenario al-

have received state or federal funding through grants administered by the Bureau of Reclamation for repairs, but water managers, farmers and hydrologists say the money has been insufficient for comprehensive fixes. The **Texas Water Development** Board predicts that by 2070, water used to irrigate farms in the Rio Grande Valley will fall by 36%, in large part because more farmland will be replaced by urban development.

In rural Cameron County, Lambert is already seeing glimpses of that fuparts of the American ture. Earlier this year, be-Already, experts say West. Some irrigation fore rain soaked the

arcane farmers in her district that they would only get one water delivery instead of two.

To salvage their thirsty crops, some farmers bought water from neighboring districts for tens of thousands of dollars. Others removed more than a hundred acres of the crop. A few weeks later, the skies opened up.

When farmers ask her how much water they can expect to receive the next season, Lambert says she often doesn't have an answer.

"That's the million dollar question asked by our farmers. And I have no earthly idea," she said.



Nation BRIEFS

Lawyer: Durst hospitalized with COVID-19

LOS ANGELES — New York real estate heir Robert Durst, who days ago was sentenced in a two-decade-old murder case, has been hospitalized after contracting COVID-19, his lawyer said Saturday,

Defense Attorney Dick De-Guerin said he was notified that Durst was admitted after testing positive for the coronavirus. DeGuerin said he didn't know Durst's condition and was trying to find out more details.

Durst, 78, was sentenced Thursday to life in prison without a chance of parole for the murder of his best friend more than two decades ago.

He was convicted in Los Angeles Superior Court last month of first-degree murder for shooting Susan Berman point-blank in the back of the head at her home in December 2000.

DeGuerin said Thursday that Durst will appeal.

Spokesman: **Clinton continues** making progress

ORANGE, Calif. - Bill Clinton will spend one more night at a Southern California hospital where he is recovering from an infection, a spokesman said Saturday.

"President Clinton has continued to make excellent progress over the past 24 hours," spokesman Angel Ureña said in a statement.

Clinton will remain overnight at University of California Irvine Medical Center "to receive IV antibiotics before an expected discharge tomorrow," the statement said.

President Joe Biden said the former president "sends his best."

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World News

Maduro ally extradited on money laundering charges

MIAMI — A top fugitive close to Venezuela's socialist government has been put on a plane to the U.S. to face money laundering charges, a senior U.S. official confirmed Saturday.

Alex Saab was on a chartered Justice Department flight from Cape Verde, where he was arrested 16 months ago while making a stop on the way to Iran for what Nicolás Maduro's government later described as a diplomatic humanitarian mission.

The official spoke on condition he not be named. Earlier, several media outlets in Cape Verde also reported his extradition, citing unnamed sources. A public relations firm representing Saab said in an email that the Colombian businessman was taken from his home without his lawyers being notified.

Saab's arrival to the U.S. is bound to complicate relations between Washington and Caracas, possibly disrupting fledgling talks between Maduro's government and its U.S.backed opposition taking place in Mexico.

Maduro last month blasted the U.S. for the "kidnapping" and "torture" of Saab, a businessman from Colombia who prosecutors say amassed a fortune wheeling and dealing on behalf of the socialist government, which faces heavy U.S. sanctions.

American authorities have been targeting Saab for years, believing he holds numerous secrets about how Maduro, the president's family and his top aides siphoned off millions of dollars in government contracts for food and housing amid widespread hunger in oil-rich Venezuela.

Horrific delay?

'God have mercy'

Tigray residents suffer deprivation enforced by government

CARA ANNA Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — As food and the means to buy it dwindled in a city under siege, the young mother felt she could do no more. She killed herself, unable to feed her children.

In a Catholic church across town, flour and oil to dozen interviews with peomake communion wafers will soon run out. And the flagship hospital in Mekele, ments, for the most dethe capital of Ethiopia's Tigray region, wrestles with whether to give patients the expired medications that remain. Its soap people. and bleach are gone.

deprivation have left the city of a half-million people with rapidly shrinking stocks of food, fuel, medicine and cash. In rural

vive on wild cactus fruit or months have swelled the sell the meager aid they receive. Man-made famine, are thinner. Funeral anthe world's worst hunger crisis in a decade, has begun.

Despite the severing of make or break the situation almost all communication here," said Mengstu Hailu, with the outside world, The Associated Press drew on a at Mekele University, ple inside Mekele, along with internal aid docutailed picture yet of life under the Ethiopian government's blockade of the Tigray region's 6 million

Amid sputtering electric-A year of war and months ity supplies, Mekele is of government-enforced often lit by candles that many people can't afford. Shops and streets are emptying, and cooking oil and baby formula are running out. People from rural areas, life is even grimmer areas and civil servants U.S.

as thousands of people sur- who have gone unpaid for sanctions targeting individranks of beggars. People

> nouncements on the radio have increased. 'The coming weeks will vice president for research

where the mother who killed herself worked. He told the AP about his colleague's suicide last month as well as the deaths of two acquaintances from hunger and a death from lack of medication. "Are

people going to die in the hundreds and thousands?" he asked Pleas from the United Nations, the United States,

the European Union and African nations for the warring sides to stop the fighting have failed, even as the threatens new humanitarian crisis

uals in Africa's second-most populous nation.

Instead, a new offensive by Ethiopian and allied forces has begun in an attempt to crush the Tigray fighters who dominated the national government for nearly three decades before being sidelined by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Ethiopia is one of the top recipients of U.S. humanitarian aid. The government in Addis Ababa, fearing the assistance will end up supporting Tigray forces, imposed the blockade in June after the fighters retook much of Tigray, then brought the war into the neighboring Amhara and Afar regions. Hundreds of thousands are now displaced there, widening the

World NEWS

'He was Southend': **Tributes paid to** slain lawmaker

LEIGH-ON-SEA, England — David Amess was a man of the people, a hard-working British lawmaker who had no grand political ambitions beyond serving those who had elected him for nigh-on 40 years.

His shocking death at the hands of a knife-wielding man at a church where he was meeting voters has reopened questions about the security needs of Britain's members of Parliament as they go about their daily work.

Police, who have said it was a terrorist-related attack, continued Saturday to question a 25-year-old British man.

For the second time in five years, Britain's political leaders put their differences aside to gather Saturday morning at the scene of a fallen colleague. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Keir Starmer, leader of the opposition Labour Party, stood side-byside and laid flowers as they paid tribute to the long-serving lawmaker, who was stabbed to death less than 24 hours earlier.

The slaying of the 69-year-old Conservative lawmaker at a regular meeting with local voters has caused shock and anxiety across Britain's political spectrum.

"He was killed doing a job that he loves, serving his own constituents as an elected democratic member and, of course, acts of this are absolutely wrong, and we cannot let that get in the way of our functioning democracy," British Home Secretary Priti Patel said after paying her respects to Amess at the church where he died.

Turkey's Erdogan bids farewell to **Merkel after 16 years**

Dolls for Day of the Dead



Norway eyes police response to arrow attack

HELSINKI - Norway on Saturday announced it will hold an independent investigation into the actions of police and security agencies following a bow-andarrow attack that killed five people and injured three others. Police have been criticized for reacting too slowly to contain the massacre, acknowledging that the five deaths took place after police first encountered the attacker.

Norway's domestic intelligence agency, known by the acronym PST, said it decided to seek the review after consulting with the country's national and regional police commanders about the attack Wednesday night in the southern town of Kongsberg. A 37-year-old local resident who police said has admitted to the killings has been detained and is undergoing psychiatric evaluation.

"Given the seriousness of the matter, it is very important that learning points and any weaknesses and errors are identified quickly in order to be able to implement measures immediately," PST said in a statement.

Norwegian media have questioned how long it took officers to apprehend suspect Espen Andersen Braathen after the regional police department received reports about a man shooting arrows at a supermarket. According to a police timeline, the first information on the attack was logged at 6:13 p.m. and Andersen Braathen was caught at 6:47 p.m

Authorities haven't revealed what happened within that 34-minute period. Associated Press

Irma Vázquez, 77, manufactures and sells handmade Catrina dolls for the Day of the Dead celebrations in the streets of Mexico City, on Saturday, Oct. 16.

Biden praises Capitol police

JONATHAN LEMIRE Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Framed by the Capitol, President Joe Biden paid tribute Saturday to fallen law enforcement officers and honored those who fought off the Jan. 6 insurrection at that very site by declaring "because of you, democracy survived."

Biden spoke at the 40th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service to remember the 491 law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty in 2019 and 2020. Standing where the violent mob tried to block his own ascension to the

presidency. Biden singled out the 150 officers who were injured and the five who died in the attack's aftermath.

"Nine months ago, your brothers and sisters thwarted an unconstitutional and fundamentally un-American attack on our nation's values and our votes. Because of you, democracy survived," Biden said. "Because of these men and women, we avoided a catastrophe, but their heroism came at a cost to you and your families."

Capitol's west front. Some in the au-

president drew connections with their loss and his own history of grief, including the deaths of his first wife and two children, comparing it to 'losing part of your soul.'

Biden also underscored the heavy burden placed on law enforcement officers, and rebuked the "defund the police" political movement, saying that those gathered before him would get "more resources, not fewer, so you can do your job.'

We expect everything of you and Hundreds of officers and their fam- it's beyond the capacity of anyone to ilies sat on chairs assembled on the meet the total expectations," Biden said. "Being a cop today is one hell dience dabbed their eyes as the of a lot harder than it's ever been."

ISTANBUL - Angela Merkel's final visit to Turkey as German chancellor on Saturday saw two of Europe's longest serving leaders pay tribute to one another as Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan hosted her for farewell talks overlooking the Bosporus.

Erdogan had been in office for more than two years when Merkel came to power in 2005. Since then, they have built a relationship that has weathered several crises.

"I hope that our successful work with Mrs. Merkel will continue in the same way under the new government," Erdogan said at an Istanbul news conference.

The leaders discussed Turkey's relations with Germany and the European Union, as well as Syria, Libya and the eastern Mediterranean, where Ankara's interests have collided with Europe's. However, Merkel has often adopted a conciliatory approach to Turkey, emphasizing the common interests of Turkey and the West.

After admitting hundreds of thousands of refugees to Germany in 2015, she stressed Turkey's role in preventing a repeat of such large-scale migration to Europe and helped engineer a deal for Turkey to stem the flow of people seeking to cross the Aegean Sea.

The topic of migration dominated the leaders' comments on Saturday. Merkel promised that EU support for Turkey, which hosts 4 million refugees, would continue and said the incoming administration will value ties with Turkey.

- From wire reports

Russia's daily COVID deaths top 1,000

JIM HEINTZ Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia's daily death toll from COVID-19 has exceeded 1,000 for the first time as the country faces a sustained wave of rising infections.

The national coronavirus task force on Saturday reported 1,002 deaths in the previous day, up from 999 on Friday, along with 33,208 new confirmed COVID-19 cases, more than 1,000 higher than the day before.

Russian authorities have tried to speed up the pace of vaccinations with lotteries, bonuses and other incentives, but widespread vaccine aters, restaurants and other venues.

from officials stymied the efforts. The government said this week that about 43 million Russians, or about 29% of the country's nearly 146 million people, are fully vaccinated.

Despite the mounting toll, the Kremlin has ruled out a new nationwide lockdown like the one early on in the pandemic that badly hurt the economy, eroding President Vladimir Putin's popularity. Instead, it has delegated the power to enforce coronavirus restrictions to regional authorities.

Some of Russia's 85 regions have restricted attendance at large public events and limited access to the-

skepticism and conflicting signals However, daily life is going on largely as normal in Moscow, St. Petersburg and many other Russian cities

Health Minister Mikhail Murashko acknowledged this week that medical facilities have come under growing strains and said authorities have offered retired medics who have gotten vaccinated the option of returning to work.

Overall, the coronavirus task force has registered more than 7,958,000 confirmed cases and 222,315 deaths Europe's highest death toll. The official record ranks Russia as having the fifth-most pandemic deaths in the world following the United States, Brazil, India and Mexico.

Lucy soars into the sky with diamonds

MARCIA DUNN AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL -A NASA spacecraft named Lucy rocketed into the sky with diamonds Saturday morning on a 12-year quest to explore eight asteroids.

Seven of the mysterious space rocks are among swarms of asteroids sharing Jupiter's orbit, thought to be the pristine leftovers of planetary formation.

An Atlas V rocket blasted off before dawn, sending Lucy on a roundabout journey spanning nearly 4 billion miles. Researchers grew emotional describing the successful launch — lead scientist Hal Levison said it was like witnessing the birth of a child. "Go Lucy!" he urged.

Lucy is named after the 3.2 million-year-old skeletal remains of a human ancestor found in Ethiopia nearly a half-century ago. That discovery got its name from the 1967 Beatles song "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds," prompting NASA to send the spacecraft soaring with band members' lyrics and other luminaries' words of wisdom imprinted on a plaque. The spacecraft also carried a disc made of lab-grown diamonds for one of its science instruments.

mer Ringo Starr paid tribute to his late colleague John Lennon, credited for spired all this.

"I'm so excited — Lucy is going back in the sky with information about the fordiamonds. Johnny will love that," Starr said. "Anyway, if you meet anyone up there, Lucy, give them peace and love from me."

behind the fossil Lucy dis-



A United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket with the Lucy spacecraft aboard launches from Space Launch Complex 41, Saturday, Oct. 16, at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station.

had goose bumps watching Jupiter's so-called Trojan Lucy soar — "Î will never look at Jupiter the same ... absolutely mind-expand-In a prerecorded video ing." He said he was filled for NASA, Beatles drum- with wonder about this "intersection of our past, our present and our future."

"That a human ancestor it. writing the song that in- who lived so long ago stimulated a mission which promises to add valuable mation of our solar system is incredibly exciting," said Johanson, of Arizona State University, who traveled to Cape Canaveral for his The paleoanthropologist first rocket launch.

Lucy's \$981 million mis- mission's covery, Donald Johanson, sion is the first to aim for

entourage: thousands — if not millions — of asteroids that share the gas giant's expansive orbit around the sun. Some of the Trojan asteroids precede Jupiter in its orbit, while others trail

Despite their orbits, the Trojans are far from the planet and mostly scattered far from each other. So there's essentially zero chance of Lucy getting clobbered by one as it swoops past its targets, said Levison of Southwest Research Institute, the principal scientist



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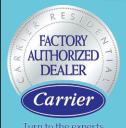
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= In service =



Cameryn Jenkins

Cameryn Jenkins, a 2017 graduate of Crystal River High School, went to the U.S. Navy June 7, 2021.

Cameryn graduated from boot camp in Division 21-358 in Great Lakes, Illinois, Aug. 20, 2021. From boot camp, she went to school in Mississippi.

She is the granddaughter of Calvin and Madeline Jenkins of Crystal River.

VETERANS NOTES

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

COMING UP

VFW Post 4252 to host CCSO fingerprinting

VFW Post 4252 will host fingerprinting by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office Child I.D. at noon Nov. 6, 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway in Hernando.

There will be hot dogs, chips and soda available for participants. All ages are welcome. For more information, call 352-726-3339.

VFW Post 7122 to host trunk or treat

VFW Post 7122 will have a trunk or treat from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 30 in the post parking lot, 8191 S. Florida Ave. in Floral City. The event is open to all children in the community.

Nature Coast Band to have veterans appreciation concert

The Nature Coast Community Band presents a free veterans appreciation concert, "Honoring the National Guard and Reserves," at 3 p.m. Oct. 30 and 31 at the Citrus Springs Community Center, 1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd. The band will play a wide variety of patriotic tunes, including "The Homefront: Musical Memories from WWII" and "Armed Forces Medley." Concerts are free, but donations at the door are appreciated. For more information about the band, visit naturecoastcommunityband.com.

Proceeds from artwork benefit Never Say Never



Special to the Chronicle

VFW Post 4337 was recently gifted artwork, which was purchased by Nancy Freeborn and created by Nancy Wells. The proceeds were donated to the Never Say Never Foundation. It was founded by Nick Stilwell and Regas Woods in 2010 after the two met at Stilwell's first prosthetic fitting. Regas became an amputee at 2 years old and Stilwell was 25 when he lost his legs. They bonded over a desire to help other amputees live life to the fullest. They had the vision to help children and young adults overcome adversity with a positive attitude and to understand that you can do anything you want if you put your mind to it. Most of the amputees are children of veterans. In the past 10 years, they built Never Say Never into a respected foundation that helps kids and athletes strive to reach their full potential. They also put on one of the most sought-after, fully funded, adaptive sporting camps in the United States. Nancy Freeborn shows of the artwork, whose proceeds were donated to the Never Say Never Foundation.

VFW raffle to benefit 'Never Say Never'

VFW Post 4337 in Inverness is raffling off a 70-inch afghan star for \$2 per ticket or six tickets for \$10. These proceeds will go to "Never Say Never," which assists kids of veterans that have a need for prostheses. For more information or to purchase a ticket, visit the post at 906 U.S. 44 East in Inverness or call 352-344-3495.

VFW post holds donation drive for VA



Special to the Chronicle

VFW Post 7122 Auxiliary is holding a Donation Drive for the Gainesville VA Medical Center during the month of October.

Items they would like to have donated are: peanut butter/ cheese crackers, ramen noodles, granola/cereal bars, T-shirts, shorts, sweatpants, sweatshirts, ladies bras, nail clippers, crayons, adult coloring books, crossword puzzle books, craft kits and models (ships, tanks, classic cars).

Other items may be accepted. They are not accepting any used items at this time, however.

Donations may be dropped off at VFW Post 7122 at 8191 S. Florida Ave., Floral City, any day between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. For more information, call the post at 352-637-0100.

VFW Post 4864 picnic to fund new roof

VFW Post 4864 will have a picnic beginning at 11:11 a.m. Nov. 11 at the post, 10199 N. Citrus Springs Blvd.

Celebration starts at 11:11 a.m. in front of the flagpole with a short speech and blessing. Following the short presentation will be a picnic consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage and peppers, baked beans, potato salad, desserts, etc.

Veterans can attend and eat for free. Others are requested to make a suggested donation of \$10. There will also be a life DJ, Sounds by Saggese, with karaoke.

This is a fundraising event to assist in paying for a new roof for the post's aluminum add-on building. For more information, call 352-465-4864, visit vfw4864.org or Edward W. Penno VFW Post 4864 on Facebook.

Air Force Association to meet at Ocala Airport

OCALA — Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 of the Air Force Association (AFA) will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 21 in the conference room of the Ocala Airport terminal, 1770 SW 60th Ave.

The meeting is open to the public. Guests and anyone interested in joining the AFA are welcome to attend. Contact the chapter membership chairman, Howard Burke at 352-861-0886 for more information or to join.

The chapter draws its 400-plus members from Citrus, Alachua, Dixie, Levy, Marion and Sumter counties and parts of Lake and Putnam.

The chapter name memorializes the Red Tail Squadron, Black airmen who forged a path into cockpits mainly for whites during World War II.

The AFA promotes a dominant United States Air Force, United States Space Force and strong national defense. It honors airmen and guardians and fosters a strong military heritage.

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

VFW and Howard's Flea Market help CCSO



Special to the Chronicle

On Oct. 2, the VFW Post Auxiliary 4337 presented a check to Howard's Flea Market to benefit the Citrus County Sheriff's Office. From left are: Lorinda Acosta, treasurer; Carol Davis, president; Nancy Hetherington, chaplain; and Vanessa Dallia, Howard's Flea Market representative.

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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Veterans picnic at VFW Post 10087

VFW District 7 will have a picnic with food, music and games for adults and children at noon Oct. 16 at VFW Post 10087, 2170 W. Vet Lane in Beverly Hills.

All veterans and their families are invited. There will be a veteran's administration representative and members of state congressional and senate representatives to answer questions.

VFW Post 4252 to host flea market

VFW Post 4252 Auxiliary is hosting a flea market at 8 a.m. Oct. 17, 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway in Hernando.

Indoor tables will be provided for \$10. Those who wish to set up an outdoor table for \$5 must bring their own. No refunds will be issued and all proceeds will go to veterans and family support funds.

For more information or to reserve a table, visit 352-726-3339.

VFW Post 7122 restarts monthly yard sale

VFW Post 7122 and Auxiliary will be restarting their monthly yard sale. The first yard sale will be from 8 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Oct. 21. The post is located at 8191 S. Florida Ave., Floral City. The yard sale will be in the building located next door to the post and everyone is welcome to stop by and look around.

VFW Post 4337 to have yard sale

The Auxiliary VFW Post 4337 will have an indoor yard sale from 11 to 3 p.m. Oct. 23 at the Eugene Quinn Post, 906 State Road 44 East in Inverness.

The yard sale includes clothes, jewelry and more. All proceeds go to community members in need.

The post is a smoke-free environment. For more information, call Gloria Lane at 786-283-1795.

Military card party at VFW Post 4252

VFW Post 4252 Auxiliary will host a military card party on Nov. 3 at 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway in Hernando.

The event will feature card games, a silent auction and lunch. The cost is \$12 per person. Proceeds will benefit the Veteran's Village at Fort McCoy.

New players are welcome to learn how to play.

For information and registration, call Doris Ricard at 352-419-5519.

Elks to host veterans breakfast

The Inverness Elks will host their annual salute to veterans with a free breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Nov. 7 at the lodge, 3575 E. Lake Place in Hernando.

The breakfast will feature an extensive menu. Donations are requested from accompanying family members to support the Inverness Elks' veteran's programs.

St. Anne's to celebrate Veterans Day

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

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

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

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

GOOD TO KNOW

Sponsor a gravesite wreath

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

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

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

The group ID number is FL0227P and the cemetery number is FLNCBU. For assistance, email mom4sba@tampabay.rr.com.

Join the VFW for weekly fish fry

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

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

Weekly karaoke at VFW Post 10087

VFW Post 10087 will host karaoke from 6 to 9 p.m. every Saturday at the post, 2170 W. Vet Lane in Beverly Hills. Call 352-746-0440. See NOTES/Page A24

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Michelle Baker

7 years



Burt Stevens 20 years





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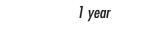


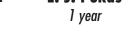
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SALES

Bill Buckner

Sales Manager



25 years

Ana Sims



Dave Clark

Business Manager

11 years

Nick Bryant

Asst. Manager

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Rex Adair

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Bill Milian

Sales Manager

8 years



Asst. Business Manager 5 years

Frank Barnett



Michelle Russo



Scott Garvey **Collision Manager** 9 years



Asst. Manager





Richard Garrett

Wholesale Manager

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Rick Jackson

Sales Manager

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Joey Velez

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Brandy Erlandson

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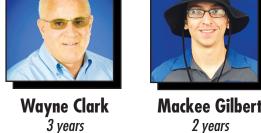
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Brad Hill

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Betty Martin

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Bill Chavanne

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Robert McKay

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Kerry Uzell 2 years

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Deb Hanlon 11 years



Don McWilliams



ADMINISTRATION

4 years

Lisa Hayes

Office Manager

15 years



Catherine Kimbrough



Karen Rogers

27 years

Abigail Mills-Smith **Rebeckah Bacon** 1 year l year

Jason King

Parts Manager

9 years

Michelle Nigro

25 years

Chuck Hunt 2 years

Eddie Smolski







Gary Roberts 2 years

Chad McRae

2 years





Randy Rice

24 years









Ed DiLego

22 years

Military bikes to be on display

• Air Force Bike, Nov. 10 to 15 at Crystal Harley-Davidson • Navy Bike, Nov. 10 to 15 at Plaza CDJR

Join the VFW for monthly breakfasts

The VFW Post 10087 hosts a breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m. the last Saturday of each month at the post, 2170 W. Vet Lane in Beverly Hills.

at 352-746-0440.

WTC scholarships available to vets

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

The funds may be used for the purchase of books, manuals, tools of the trade or uniforms. Veterans can receive grants through the VA for course tuition, but incur many other expenses in the course of their education. These funds are specifically intended to ease the financial hard-For more information, call the post ships of veterans in their continuing

education.

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

FVN holds monthly meetings

Female Veterans Network (FVN) invites all female veterans to their monthly meeting at 1 p.m. on the second Thursday monthly at the Citrus County Resource Center on 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto. The meeting is held in the cafeteria.

Masks and social distancing are strongly encouraged.

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The mission of the (FVN) is to unite female veterans, develop camaraderie and discuss issues that are important and unique to female veterans. For information or to support FVN, contact Cynthia at 352-628-6481, Jo Monty at 352-527-6575 or visit female veteransnetwork.org.

The Female Veterans Network is selling pins for \$5 at Mac 1 Signs, Inc., 7068 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd. in Homosassa. For information, call 352-628-3246.

VFW Post 10087 to host Vittles for Vets

VFW Post 10087 Harry F. Nesbitt will be hosting Vittles for Vets at

4 p.m. every Tuesday at the post,

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2170 W. Vet Lane in Beverly Hills. For information, call the post at 352-746-0440.

Legion Post 155 invites the public to breakfast

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

CCVC yard sales on hold for now

The Citrus County Veterans Coalition (CCVC) has canceled monthly yard sales until further notice.

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

However, it is our intention to continue offering our food services to veteran clients. We ask that any veteran coming to collect food on Tuesdays and the first and third Thursdays of the month, to please wait in their cars, until the food is delivered to them. We ask that you wear a mask and that any new applicants, please have proof of residency and proof of honorable discharge from military service.

All active duty members of the Armed Forces are also invited to apply for services. All CDC guidelines will be strictly adhered to. We will continue to accept any food donations to help replenish our supplies. These donations can be dropped off during our usual opening hours, of 9 a.m. until noon. Canned goods and

non-perishable food items, as well as paper goods are in short supply.

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

CCVC expands services to those hit by COVID

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

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

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

For 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 Gramann at 352-527-7630.

Dog tag sales benefits veterans programs

Veterans dog tags now being made at the Beverly Hills American Legion Post 237 at 6726 N. Lecanto Highway.

These are the genuine notched and un-notched type tags as were issued. Chains and silencers also in stock.

Custom-made tags for any purpose, veterans, pets, luggage, etc.

Call the post at 352-897-4776 to make an appointment. Proceeds go to Post 237 veterans programs.

Fish fry at Post 10087 benefits charities

Members of the VFW Post 10087 host a fish fry every Friday to benefit local charities and veterans relief.

The fish fry events are open to the public and are from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m., at 2170 W. Vet Lane, Beverly Hills. Get a plate of lightly battered haddock, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw and a roll for \$8

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

VA looking for volunteer drivers

Do you have a few hours during the week to drive a

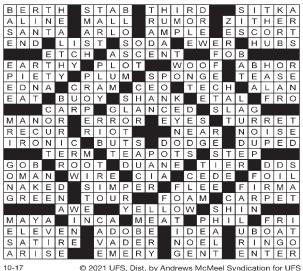
Citrus County veteran to much-needed services? Volunteer drivers are desperately needed to drive veterans to appointments at the Gainesville Veterans' Administration Medical Center (VAMC) and to the Villages Out Patient Clinic (OPC).

There is an application

teers and a Veterans' Administration (VA) identification badge will be provided. Fingerprinting and proof of driver's license and vehicle insurance will need to be provided to participate. For information, call 352-746-8005.

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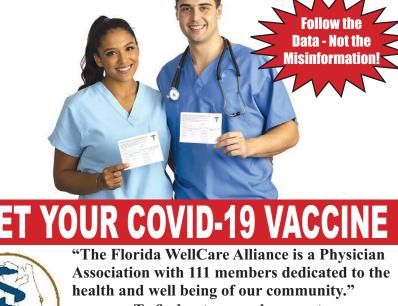
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Yards on a rushing TD for Ohio's Armani Rogers on Saturday, the longest TD run for a quarterback in NCAA history.



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Red Sox tie up ALCS in grand style

Boston's 2 slams lead to 9-5 victory

> **KRISTIE RIEKEN** AP sports writer

HOUSTON — J.D. Martinez and Rafael Devers helped the Red Sox have a grand old time in Houston.

Boston became the first team to slug two grand slams in a postseason game, with Martinez and Devers connecting in the first two innings of a 9-5 win over the Astros on Saturday that tied their AL Championship Series at one game apiece.

Martinez made it 4-0 with his opposite-field shot off rookie Luis García with two outs in the first. It was the first career playoff slam for the four-time All-Star, who began his career with the Astros.

García exited with right knee

discomfort after walking the first batter of the second inning. Jake Odorizzi took over, and shortly after a 13-minute delay while the right-hander warmed up on the field, Devers connected with one out for slam No. 2.

"J.D.'s swing was huge to get us on the board early, and then Raffy, same thing, another granny," red-hot teammate Kiké Hernández said. "Has that ever happened before?" It has now.

Game 3 is Monday night in Boston. It's the first of three consecutive home games for the Red Sox, back in the playoffs for the first time since winning the 2018 World Series after downing Houston in the ALCS.

Hernández, who Boston manager Alex Cora referred to Friday night as "en fuego" after a two-homer performance in Game 1, remained on fire

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Associated Press

Boston Red Sox DH J.D. Martinez celebrates his grand slam against the Houston Astros during the first inning in Game 2 of the American League Championship Series Saturday, in Houston.

Tigers take down Gators

Davis-Price, LSU stun turnover-prone No. 20 Florida, 49-42

> **BRETT MARTEL** AP sports writer

BATON ROUGE, La. - LSU running back Tyrion Davis-Price and the Tiger's offensive line apparently have figured something out.

That could improve LSU's prospects for the balance of what has been a turbulent season.

Davis-Price rushed for an LSU-record 287 yards and three touchdowns, and the Tigers' banged-up defense came up with four interceptions in a 49-42 victory over No. 20 Florida on Saturday. First-year offensive coordinator Jake Peetz "challenged us the last few weeks to go in and create a running game," Davis-Price said, alluding to earlier struggles that had LSU ranked 127th nationally in rushing entering this weekend. "The offensive line has been busting their tails with extra work and I couldn't be more proud of them. I love doing work for them. "There were big holes for me to run through; they deserve all the credit in the world," he added. The stirring performance produced thunderous roars from a less-thancame in with low expectations after unranked LSU (4-3, 2-2 Southeastern Orgeron said. "Our backs are against single-game rushing record of and even a successful Hail Mary pass Conference) had dropped its previous the wall, but we took a big step.' two games against Auburn and Kentucky, fueling speculation that coach of Florida quarterback Anthony Rich- and three touchdowns — all to Jaray Ed Orgeron's hold on his job was tenuous at best. "I'm not going to blink until the day I die; but our team didn't blink today,"



capacity Death Valley crowd that LSU's Jaray Jenkins scores a touchdown against Florida during a game Saturday, in Baton Rouge, La.

After Damone Clark's interception ardson, Davis-Price literally and fit- Jenkins. The last one came on fourthtingly ran out the final 1:59 on Florida and-goal with 3:30 left. (4-3, 2-3). He ran for two more first downs and broke the previous LSU

285 yards by Derrius Guice.

Max Johnson passed for 133 yards

The highlight-filled game, replete with big plays, wild momentum swings

by Florida at the end of the first half, was the latest chapter in a rivalry that has produced high drama and unpredictable outcomes.

"The one stat to me stands out a lot

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Associated Press

Stamkos scores in OT, Bolts come back to beat Caps

Vasilevskiy stops 32 in 2-1 win

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Steven Stamkos scored the overtime winner, Andrei Vasilevskiy made 32 saves and the two-time defending Stanley Cup champion Tampa Bay Lightning came back to beat the Washington Capitals 2-1 on Saturday night.

It was not the three-goal comeback the Lightning staged to win two nights earlier at Detroit, but it counts as two points just the same. Mikhail Sergachev tied it early in the third period, Vasilevskiy was perfect after allowing the 733rd goal of Alex Ovechkin's career and Stamkos scored with 14.2 seconds left in the 3-on-3 overtime before the game could go to a shootout.



Associated Press

Tampa Bay Lightning center Steven Stamkos (91) skates with the puck against Washington Capitals defenseman Martin Fehervary (42) during the second period of a game Saturday, in Washington.

Vasilevskiy, the reigning play- countryman using Norris Troin the second period with his third, including one save with

off MVP who's considered the phy finalist Victor Hedman as a best goaltender in hockey, al- screen. Vasilevskiy stopped lowed only Ovechkin's goal late Ovechkin several times in the

the thinnest part of his stick.

Tampa Bay's victory came at the cost of two more injuries. Top winger Nikita Kucherov left midway through the third period, which the Lightning played with five defensemen after Jan Rutta departed in the second.

Ovechkin came an inch or less away from a second goal of the night and the 734th of his career on the shift after his first, but Vasilevskiy covered the puck before it fully crossed the goal line.

The Russian superstar has three goals in two games since turning 36 and starting a fiveyear contract to chase Wayne Gretzky's record of 894. Ovechkin ranks fifth and is now eight back of Brett Hull for fourth.

Capitals goaltender Vitek Vanecek stopped 22 of 24 shots in the OT loss.

MCDONAGH CUT

The Lightning got a scare in the second period when defenseman Ryan McDonagh took an

inadvertent stick to the face from teammate Erik Cernak. McDonagh skated off holding a towel to the left side of his face but returned roughly nine minutes later.

BORIS GOOD ENOUGH

Forward Boris Katchouk became the second Lightning player to make his NHL debut in the first three games of the season, replacing fellow newbie Taylor Raddysh in the lineup. The Waterloo, Ontario, native was a second-round pick in 2016 and spent the past three years in the American Hockey League before finally earning an NHL job in training camp.

"He gets after it, Boris," coach Jon Cooper said. "When he's getting himself engaged, he can win puck battles, he's good around the net. He's got a little grit to his game, which we like. He's proved it in the American

Howell, Tar Heels hold off Hurricanes

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. - Sam Howell threw for two touchdowns and ran for two more as North Carolina held off Miami, 45-42, sending the Hurricanes to their worst record at the midway mark of a season in more than two decades.

Miami was in position to tie or win when reaching the North Carolina 16-yard line in the final minute, but linebacker Cedric Gray intercepted a tipped pass with 6 seconds left.

Ty Chandler ran for two touchdowns for the Tar Heels (4-3 **3-3** Atlantic Coast Conference) in a matchup of two teams that began the season in the Top 15, but are trying to gain traction midway through the season.

The Hurricanes (2-4, 0-2) are 2-4 for the first time since 1997 when they were on NCAA probation and stuck with scholarship limitations.

Howell was 17 for 26 for 154 yards in the air with an interception while running for 98 yards on 17 carries. Chandler gained 104 yards on the ground on 18 attempts.

Howell's touchdown runs covered 30 and 11 yards, both times pinballing off Miami defenders.

Miami nearly erased an 18-point deficit, pulling within 38-34 before stalling in North Carolina territory early in the fourth quarter. Then the Tar Heels drove 58 yards for a touchdown, aided by 30 yards on Miami penalties.

Freshman Jaylan Knight ran for two Miami touchdowns, including a 4-yard run to cap a 97-yard drive with 3:08 remaining that was followed by a successful 2-point conversion pass cinnati roll past UCF. play.

The Hurricanes, after using all their timeouts, regained possession at the 2:46 mark and picked up 56 yards before the interception.

Miami used Tyler Van Dyke, who made his third career start and first away from home, at quarterback just days after it was announced that D'Eriq King would be lost to season-ending shoulder surgery.

Van Dyke, who was 5 for



Miami quarterback Tyler Van Dyke (9) scrambles against North Carolina linebacker Tomon Fox (12) during the first half of a game on Saturday, in Chapel Hill, N.C.

first half, finished 20 for 45 with Alec Pierce in the back corner of the 264 yards with a touchdown and end zone for a 19-yard TD that put three interceptions.

Jahfari Harvey's 33-yard return untouched for his third TD run to with а first-quarter interception.

No. 3 Cincinnati 56, **UCF 21**

CINCINNATI — Jerome Ford rushed for a career-high 189 yards and four touchdowns, helping Cin-

Desmond Ridder passed for 140 yards and a touchdown to help the Bearcats (6-0, 2-0 American Athletic Conference) extend the nation's second-longest home winning streak to 24 games.

Cincinnati's special teams made the first big play when Josh Whyle partially blocked a punt to give the Bearcats the ball at the UCF 38. That led to a 1-yard TD run by Ford to put them ahead 7-0.

Ridder, who completed just six of 15 and picked off twice in the his first 12 passes, hooked up with

the Bearcats ahead 21-0 in the sec-Miami's first points came on ond quarter. Ford sprinted 79 yards make it 28-0.

> Bearcats senior cornerback Coby Bryant ran back an interception 74 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter.

Cincinnati led 35-0 at halftime, outgaining UCF (3-3, 1-2) 314-99.

No. 1 Georgia 30, No. 11 Kentucky 13

ATHENS, GA. — With Georgia playing its first game as the nation's No. 1-ranked team since 2008, Stetson Bennett threw three touchdown passes and the Bulldogs got another stifling defensive effort to beat Kentucky.

Bennett, starting his third straight game in place of injured JT Daniels, hooked up with freshman tight end Brock Bowers on a pair of scores.

The senior quarterback was 14 of 20 for 250 yards in another solid

performance with Daniels watching from the sideline for the Bulldogs (7-0, 5-0 Southeastern Conference),

Bowers, who has emerged as one of Georgia's most dynamic offensive weapons in his first college season, had five receptions for 101 yards.

Georgia's defense allowed two touchdown in a game for the first time all season — the second with 4 seconds remaining after Kentucky (6-1, 4-1) called a timeout to take one last shot at punching it in from the 1.

Otherwise, Georgia's top-ranked defense lived up to the billing, limiting Kentucky to 249 total yards and blocking a pair of kicks.

No. 12 Oklahoma State 32, No. 25 Texas 24

AUSTIN, Texas - Tanner Brown's fourth field goal gave No. 12 Oklahoma State its first lead and Spencer Sanders' scrambling 10-yard touchdown run with 2:18 to play capped a victory over Texas to keep the Cowboys undefeated.

Texas built leads of 17-3 and 24-13 behind three touchdowns from Bijan Robinson before Oklahoma State's defense and punishing run game behind Jaylen Warren took over for the Cowboys (6-0, 3-0 Big 12).

Texas (4-3, 2-2) surrendered a big lead in a tough loss for the second straight week. The Longhorns led Oklahoma 28-7 before losing 55-48 last week.

Brown's kicking and Jason Taylor II's 85-yard interception return for a touchdown in the second quarter kept the Cowboys' in it while Sanders and the offense were struggling early.

The Cowboys allowed Texas just 317 total yards. Warren finished with 193 yards rushing on 33 carries, pounding out 154 yards in the second half rally.

Sanders pulled Oklahoma State to 24-22 with a 7-yard touchdown pass to Brennan Presley. Brown's 29-yard field goal put the Cowboys ahead.

Texas still had time to possibly retake the lead, but the Cowboys defense stuffed the Longhorns on fourth down at the Texas 42. Sanders scored two plays later and Oklahoma State then sealed the victory with Tanner McAlister's interception with 1:57 to play.

Robinson led Texas with 135 yards on 21 carries.

No. 10 Michigan State **20. Indiana 15**

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. - Matt Coghlin's 51-yard field goal to open the second half gave Michigan State the lead and Payton Thorne's 12-yard touchdown pass provided the margin the Spartans needed to hold off Indiana.

The Spartans (7-0, 4-0 Big Ten) will remain atop the conference's East Division at least two more weeks after reclaiming the Old Brass Spittoon.

And while this one certainly didn't follow the usual script — Kenneth Walker III, the nation's top rusher, carried 23 times for 84 yards and Michigan State punted its first six possessions - the Spartans still managed to hand the Hoosiers (2-4, 0-3) their third loss in four games.

Major scores

EAST Bryant 18, St. Francis (Pa.) 17 Buffalo 27. Ohio 26 Columbia 23, Penn 14 Dartmouth 38, New Hampshire 21 Fordham 66, Bucknell 21 Harvard 30, Lafayette 3

O'Connell, Bell lead Purdue past No. 2 Iowa

there for our taking. We've Associated Press done a lot of good the first IOWA CITY, Iowa — The seven weeks, a lot of bad,

ressure, Purdue coach most of that today. We have

Holy Cross 48, Georgetown 14 Maine 27, William & Mary 16 Merrimack 43, LIU Brooklyn 5 Princeton 56, Brown 42 Sacred Heart 27, CCSU 17 Stony Brook 34, Delaware 17 Towson 28, Rhode Island 7 Uconn 21, Yale 15 Villanova 17, Albany (NY) 10 SOUTH Alcorn St. 24, MVSU 12 Chattanooga 21, ETSU 16 Florida A&M 35, Alabama A&M 31

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SOUTHWEST

Abilene Christian 24, Lamar 17 Auburn 38, Arkansas 23 Baylor 38, BYU 24 Incarnate Word 38, Nicholls 21 Oklahoma St. 32, Texas 24 Southern U. 34, Ark.-Pine Bluff 7 Troy 31, Texas State 28 FAR WEST

Colorado 34, Arizona 0 E. Washington 71, Idaho 21 Fresno St. 17, Wyoming 0 N. Arizona 59, S. Utah 35 Sacramento St. 28, Montana 27 San Diego 13, Drake 10

Jeff Brohm said, was all on to regroup.' No. 2 Iowa.

the season with six consecutive wins and the program had ascended to its highest ranking since fense get into a rhythm, 1985.

"For us," Brohm said, "let's go out there and swing, and keep swinging, and hope for the best.

The Boilermakers connected, just as they've way to get a lead it would been doing against the definitely help us," Brohm Hawkeyes in recent seasons.

for 374 yards and accounted for three touchdowns, David Bell had a career-best 240 yards receiving, and Purdue continued its recent mastery over Iowa with a 24-7 upset Saturday.

The Boilermakers (4-2, 2-1 Big Ten) have won four of their last five games against the Hawkeyes (6-1, 3-1). The loss ended Iowa's 12-game winning streak, including nine consecutive in Big Ten play.

Purdue beat its highest ranked opponent on the road since a victory at No. 2 Notre Dame in 1974. It was the second time in four seasons Purdue has knocked off a No. 2-ranked team. The Boilermakers won at home against second-ranked Ohio State in 2018.

"Basically they outdid us in every category," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "The bottom line is we didn't get it done.'

The Hawkeyes tried to be positive heading into their bye week. Their Big Ten West Division title hopes are still there, and they could still find themselves in the College Football Playoff picture if they win out.

'Our goals are all in front of us at this point," quarterback Spencer Petras said. "One thing we can't do is be undefeated, scoring passes went to Treybut everything else is out lon Burks, who finished with

But, Ferentz said, they The Hawkeyes started had no answer for the Boilermakers, who took control of the game early. They never let Iowa's ofand they kept the ball away from a defense that came in leading the nation in takeaways and turnover margin.

"We knew if we found a said.

Purdue was 9 of 16 on Aidan O'Connell threw third down, and two of the Boilermakers' touchdown drives lasted 10 plays.

"They came out ready to roll," Iowa linebacker Jack Campbell said.

Auburn 38, No. 17 Arkansas 23

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. - Bo Nix threw for 292 yards and accounted for three touchdowns, Auburn's defense contributed a touchdown and a key fourth down stop in the third quarter and the Tigers beat Arkansas.

Auburn (5-2, 2-1 Southeastern Conference) won its sixth straight in the series and handed Arkansas (4-3, 1-3) its third straight loss.

The Tigers took a third-quarter lead when Derick Hall sacked and stripped Arkansas' KJ Jefferson in the end zone and Marcus Harris pounced on it for the touchdown. On the next series, Harris stuffed Jefferson on an attempted fourth-down conversion at the Auburn 29. One play later, Nix found Demetris Robertson for a 71-yard score.

Auburn flipped a three-point deficit into an 11-point lead in just over three minutes.

Jefferson went 21 of 35 for 228 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for 66 yards on 18 carries, but was sacked three times. Both



Associated Press

Purdue wide receiver Broc Thompson (29) catches a pass over Iowa defensive back Terry Roberts (22) during the first half of a game Saturday, in Iowa City, Iowa.

nine catches for 109 yards. Nix completed passes to 10 receivers, going 21 for 26 with an interception.

No. 21 Texas A&M 35, Missouri 14

COLUMBIA, Mo. - Texas A&M's running back duo of Isaiah Spiller and Devon Achane combined for 292 rushing yards and three touchdowns to power the Aggies past Missouri.

Spiller rushed 20 times for 168 yards and one touchdown, and Achane added 16 carries for 124 yards and two scores to help Texas A&M (5-2, 2-2 Southeastern Conference) avoid a letdown after last week's upset of Alabama. Missouri (3-4, 0-3) has the

nation's worst run defense allowing 287 rushing yards per game - and it offered little resistance as Spiller ripped off a 48-yard touchdown run and Achane followed with a 20-yard scoring run in the first quarter. The home crowd booed Missouri coach Eli Drinkwitz when he ran out the clock in the first half rather than aggressively trying to cut into the Aggies' 28-7 lead.

Zach Calzada completed

13 of 25 passes for 148 yards scored on a 3-yard run with and two touchdowns. Both scoring passes went to Ainias Smith.

Baylor 38, No. 19 BYU 24

WACO, Texas - Abram Smith ran for 188 yards with three touchdowns, Baylor linebacker and part-time fullback Dillon Doyle scored on both of his offensive touches and the Bears beat future Big 12 foe BYU.

Baylor (6-1) led by only three points midway through the third quarter before Doyle caught a 2-yard TD pass from Gerry Bohanon. Smith ran for a 7-yard score about 3 1/2 minutes later to make it 31-14, after TJ Franklin's sack that forced a fumble by Cougars quarterback Jaren Hall.

BYU (5-2) last month accepted an invitation to join the Big 12 starting in the 2023 season. The Cougars have lost back-to-back games after a 5-0 start that included three wins over Pac-12 teams and peaking at No. 10 in the AP Top 25.

Tulsa 32, USF 31

TAMPA — Shamari Brooks

47-seconds to play, lifting Tulsa to a 32-31 win over South Florida.

The winning nine-play, 42-yard drive was set up when the defense stopped the Bulls twice, beginning with a third-and-1, giving the offense the ball with 4:20 to play. The winning drive include a sixyard pass completion on fourth-and-2 from the Tulsa 20

USF led 24-20 at the half on a 100-yard kickoff return by Brian Battie and a 69-yard interception return by Antonio Grier Jr. on the ensuing Tulsa possession. It was the third 100-yard kick TD in school history and the third-longest interception return.

Tulsa (3-4, 2-1 American Athletic Conference) rallied late in the second guarter with 10 points on three plays — a field goal, a fumble recovery on the kickoff and a 37-yard TD pass from Davis Brin to Sam Crawford Jr.

South Florida had 535 yards of offense, the Bulls (1-5, 0-2) 268. Brooks ran for 145 yards on 23 carries and Deneric Prince 110 on 19 with a score.

NASCAR

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145, 2. 36. (19) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, electrical 108.1.

37. (27) Tanner Berryhill, Chevrolet, accident, 100, 1.

38. (29) Dylan Lupton, Toyota, accident, 100, 1

39. (17) Jade Buford, Chevrolet, accident, 81, 1 40. (33) JJ Yeley, Chevrolet, engine, 37, 1.

Race Statistics Average Speed of Race Winner: 115.53 mph. Time of Race: 2 hours, 35 minutes, 48 seconds. Margin of Victory: 1.316 seconds. Caution Flags: 10 for 54 laps.

Lead Changes: 8 among 5 drivers.

Lap Leaders: A.Allmendinger 0-13; A.Cindric 14-47; D.Hemric 48-71; J.Nemechek 72; D.Hemric 73; J.Nemechek 74-144; D.Hemric 145-174 H.Burton 175-180; J.Nemechek 181-200

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): J.Nemechek, 3 times for 92 laps: D.Hem ric, 3 times for 55 laps; A.Cindric, 1 time for 34 laps; A.Allmendinger, 1 time for 13 laps; H. Burton, 1 time for 6 laps.

Wins: A.Allmendinger, 5; A.Cindric, 5; T. Gibbs, 3; J.Allgaier, 2; N.Gragson, 2; J.Berry, 2; J.Halev. 1: J.Burton. 1: M.Snider. 1: B.Brown. 1

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BASEBALL

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PICK 3 (late)	POWERBALL
7 - 1 - 0	Unavailable
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On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS AUTO RACING

2 p.m. (8 NBC) NASCAR Cup Series Autotrader EchoPark Automotive 500

2 p.m. (FS1) NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals **MLB PLAYOFFS** 7:30 p.m. (TBS) Los Angeles Dodgers at Atlanta Braves,

NLCS Game 2 **WNBA FINALS**

3 p.m. (ESPN) Phoenix Mercury at Chicago Sky, Game 4 HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

3 p.m. (ESPNU) Teams TBA (Taped)

7 p.m. (ESPN2) GEICO Top Flight Invite **PBA BOWLING**

4:30 p.m. (13 FOX) CP3 Celebrity Invitational (Taped) NFL

9:30 a.m. (10 CBS) Miami Dolphins vs Jacksonville Jaguars 1 p.m. (10 CBS) Kansas City Chiefs at Washington Football Team

1 p.m. (13 FOX) Green Bay Packers at Chicago Bears 4:25 p.m. (10 CBS) Dallas Cowboys at New England Patriots 8:20 p.m. (8 NBC) Seattle Seahawks at Pittsburgh Steelers COLLEGE FOOTBALL

5 p.m. (SEC) Florida at LSU (Taped)

- 8 p.m. (SEC) Alabama at Mississippi State (Taped)
- 1 a.m. (ACCN) Pittsburgh at Virginia Tech (Taped)
- 2 a.m. (ESPN2) Florida at LSU (Taped)
- 4 a.m. (ACCN) North Carolina at Miami (Taped) GOLF

7:30 a.m. (GOLF) European PGA Tour Estrella Damm N.A. Andalucia Masters, Final Round

2:30 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour Champions SAS Championship, Final Round 5 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour The CJ Cup at Summit, Final Round

SPORTS BRIEFS

Nemechek's Xfinity win leaves final four spots open

FORT WORTH, Texas — All four spots in the championship round of the NASCAR Xfinity Series are still up for grabs after non-playoff qualifier John Hunter Nemechek overcame a late penalty Saturday to win at Texas Motor Speedway.

Nemechek won the first of three races in the round of eight, leaving the playoff drivers with two more chances in the semifinals, at Kansas and Martinsville, to qualify for the championship finale in Phoenix.

Daniel Hemric led seven of the eight playoff qualifiers across the finish line after Nemechek, taking second in the 117th race of his career without a victory. It was Hemric's 10th runner-up finish in Xfinity.

Noah Gragson was third, followed by Justin Allgaier and Austin Cindric.

Fowler returns to big stage, takes lead in Vegas

LAS VEGAS - Winless in 32 months, Rickie Fowler returned to the spotlight

GATORS

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is we're minus-4 turnover ratio," Florida coach Dan Mullen said. "We didn't stop the run and make the stops we needed to in the second half when we started to gain momentum. Every time we'd get that kind of fix to get ourselves out of the hole we kind of couldn't get the stop to get over the hump.'

Emory Jones threw two interceptions, including one returned by Dwight McGlothern 37 yards for a touchdown on the Gators' first series of the second half. Earlier, Jones' deflected pass was intercepted by linebacker Micah Baskerville and returned 54 yards to the Florida 28, setting up Johnson's first scoring pass to Jenkins.

Richardson was intercepted by Ward on the first play of Florida's next series, leading to Johnson's 5-yard TD pass to Jenkins to make it 21-6.

"I told the defense we have to play together," Clark said. "It's now or never.'

Florida appeared to be regaining momentum on the final play of the first half, when Jones heaved a Hail Mary pass from 42 yards out that was caught by Justin Shorter between three Tigers defensive backs to cut LSU's lead to 21-13.

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Saturday. He had two hits, highlighted by a solo homer in the fourth inning. blow to a Houston team trying to Hernández has been this postsea.

Saturday in the foothills above Las Vegas. He has a 9-under 63 - his lowest score in three years — and took a two-shot lead over Rory McIlroy going into the final round of the CJ Cup at Summit.

Jimenez, Cejka tied for lead in SAS Championship

CARY, N.C. — Miguel Angel Jimenez eagled the par-5 17th in a 4-under 68 for a share of the second-round lead Saturday with Alex Cejka in the PGA Tour Champions' SAS Championship.

Canter up 3 going into last day of Andalucía Masters

SOTOGRANDE, Spain - English golfer Laurie Canter is eyeing his first European Tour win after taking a 3-shot lead in the Andalucía Masters heading into the final round.

Canter carded a 4-under 67 on Saturday after making eight birdies to double up his four bogeys. That left him 7 under after three days at the Real Club Valderrama.

- From wire reports

But McGlothern provided a measure of redemption with his pick-six on the opening series of the third quarter. That was the first of four TDs scored in a span of 6:13, including Richardson's 5-yard run, followed by his run for a 2-point conversion, Davis-Price's 40-yard run and Richardson's 5-yard pass to Shorter.

Florida tied it at 35 on Richardson's 11-yard pass to Dameon Pierce with 3:45 left in the third.

After Davis-Price's 25-yard scoring run and Richardson's 33-yard scoring pass to Jacob Copeland, it was tied at 42

THE TAKEAWAY

Florida: The Gators came in favored by 11 1/2 points by FanDual SportsBook. But their turnovers and surprising inability to defend LSU's running game not only led to their third loss, but also likely knocks them out of the AP Top 25. Meanwhile, Richardson outplayed Jones, leading to questions about who might start at QB going forward.

'We're going to look at that, obviously," Mullen said. "You saw some good things from both quarterbacks today, saw some mistakes from both."

UP NEXT

Florida gets next weekend off before meeting Georgia in Jacksonville on Oct. 30.

LSU visits No. 13 Mississippi on Oct. 23.

Darwinzon Hernandez before Ryan Brasier got the final out.

"At the end, it was a little too close for comfort, but we got it done,' Hernández said.

The injury to García is another reach the World Series for the second son's hottest hitter, leading all players time in three years. The Astros are already reeling after an injury to staff ace Lance McCullers Jr. that kept him off the roster for this series.

SCOREBOARD

p.m. (FS1) x-Wednesday, Oct. 20: Houston at Boston

5:08 p.m. (FS1) x-Friday, Oct. 22: Boston at Houston, 8:08 p.m. (FS1)

x-Saturday, Oct. 23: Boston at Houston, 8:08 p.m. (Fox and FS1)

National League

Los Angeles vs. Atlanta

Saturday, Oct. 16: Los Angeles (Knebel 4-0) at Atlanta (Fried 14-7), late Today: Los Angeles (Scherzer 15-4) at At-

lanta (Anderson 9-5), 7:38 p.m. (TBS) Tuesday, Oct. 19: Atlanta (Morton 14-6) at

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x-Thursday, Oct. 21: Atlanta at Los Angeles 8:08 p.m. (TBS)

x-Saturday, Oct. 23: Los Angeles at Atlanta 5:08 or 8:08 p.m. (TBS)

x-Sunday, Oct. 24: Los Angeles at Atlanta 7:38 p.m. (TBS)

WORLD SERIES (Best-of-7)

Tuesday, Oct. 26: Boston-Houston winner at Los Angeles OR Atlanta at Boston-Houston winner (Fox)

Wednesday, Oct. 27: Boston-Houston winner at Los Angeles OR Atlanta at Boston-Houston winner (Fox)

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The CJ Cup at Summit

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Cameron Smith	66-67-67_200	-16							
Ian Poulter	66-67-67_200	-16							
Sam Burns	67-68-66_201	-15							
Aaron Wise	66-67-68_201	-15							
Erik van Rooyen	67-66-68_201	-15							
Harry Higgs	64-67-70_201	-15							
Collin Morikawa	67-70-65_202	-14							
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SAS Championship

Saturday At Prestonwood Country Club, Cary, N.C. Yardage: 7,237; Par: 72; Purse: \$2.1 Million Second Round 68-67_135 -9 Alex Cejka

NHL

12 p.m. (NHL) St. Louis Blues at Colorado Avalanche (Taped) 1:30 p.m. (NHL) New York Rangers at Montreal Canadiens (Taped)

5 p.m. (NHL) Dallas Stars at Ottawa Senators **MOTORCYCLE RACING**

6:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) Superbike World SBK: Circuito San Juan Villicum (Same-day Tape)

SOCCER

9 a.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League Everton vs West Ham United

11:30 a.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League Newcastle United vs Tottenham Hotspur

1 p.m. (ESPN) MLS New York City FC at New York Red Bulls MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

12 p.m. (BIG10) Indiana at Penn State

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

1 p.m. (ESPNU) Florida at Auburn

1 p.m. (SEC) Vanderbilt at Ole Miss

2 p.m. (SUN) Kansas State at Oklahoma

2 p.m. (BIG10) Michigan at Ohio State 3 p.m. (ACCN) Notre Dame at Virginia **TENNIS**

4 p.m. (TENNIS) BNP Paribas Open, Singles Final 7 p.m. (TENNIS) BNP Paribas Open, Singles Final

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

12 p.m. (BSFL) Louisville at Wake Forest 1 p.m. (ACCN) Pittsburgh at Florida State

2 p.m. (BSFL) Duke at Georgia Tech

Robert Rock, England

Julien Guerrier, France

Ryan Fox, New Zealand

2 p.m. (ESPN2) Penn State at Purdue

3 p.m. (SEC) Mississippi State at Ole Miss

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

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with 16 hits, five homers and four doubles. His nine extra-base hits are also the most in these playoffs and tied a Red Sox postseason record with Mike Lowell (2007), Kevin Youkilis (2007) and David Ortiz (2004 & 2007).

"The importance of the game is allowing me to stay focused and stay locked in," Hernández said.

Red Sox starter Nathan Eovaldi permitted five hits and three runs in 5 1/3 innings.

The Astros captured a 5-4 win in the series opener as they rallied behind homers from Jose Altuve and Carlos Correa before falling into the huge hole early in this one.

"That's a tough team," Cora said. "It's never comfortable with them because they're a swing away from getting back in the game.'

The Red Sox were up 9-0 when Houston got on the board with an RBI double by Kyle Tucker with two outs in the fourth. The Astros cut the lead to 9-3 when Yuli Gurriel followed with single to right field that scored two more.

Gurriel and Jason Castro added solo homers in the ninth off name their starter.

NHL

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League. He's been one of those guys that's just progressed all the way up, and now it's his turn to get in."

UP NEXT

Lightning: Return home to face the rival Florida Panthers on Tuesday.

Maple Leafs 3, Senators 1

TORONTO - Alexander Kerfoot had a goal and an assist, Michael Bunting scored his first for his hometown team and Toronto beat Ottawa.

Wayne Simmonds also scored for Toronto, and Jack Campbell made 20 saves.

Bruins 3, Stars 1

BOSTON — Brad Marchand scored twice, Jake DeBrusk broke a 1-all tie early in the third period and Boston opened the season with a win over Dallas.

Nick Foligno, Erik Haula and David Pastrnak each had assists, and Jeremy Swayman stopped 27 shots for the Bruins, who never trailed.

They won the championship in 2017, a crown tainted by the team's sign-stealing scandal.

When McCullers went out, manager Dusty Baker said the team would just have to "hit more" to absorb the loss. But now that the rotation is further depleted, it'll be an even taller task for this powerful lineup outgunning a Boston team whose offense has outpaced everyone this postseason.

Odorizzi was left off the Division Series roster after a disappointing first season in Houston before getting a spot in this round after the injury to McCullers. He allowed seven hits and four runs in four innings Saturday in a performance that certainly isn't good news for a team that is running short on starters.

UP NEXT

There's a day off Sunday before Houston's José Urquidy makes his first start this postseason in Game 3 Monday. The Red Sox have yet to

Penguins 5, Blackhawks 2

PITTSBURGH — Drew O'Connor scored his first NHL goal, Danton Heinen got his third in three games and Pittsburgh scored four times in the first period in a win over Chicago.

Blue Jackets 2, Kraken 1, OT

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Patrick Laine scored at 2:16 of overtime to give Columbus a come-from-behind win over Seattle.

Panthers 5, Islanders 1

SUNRISE - Sam Bennett got his second career hat trick, Sergei Bobrovsky stopped 28 shots and Florida topped New York for a 2-0-0 start for the seventh time in the franchise's 28 seasons.

Red Wings 3, Canucks 1

DETROIT — Thomas Greiss made 40 saves and Detroit made an early lead stand up in a win over Vancouver.

Sabres 2, Coyotes 1, SO

BUFFALO, N.Y. - Tage Thompson and Artuu Ruotsalainen scored in the shootout, helping Buffalo beat Arizona.

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Murray meets Mayfield

BARRY WILNER AP pro football writer

Boomer Sooner! Sort of.

Good buddies Kyler Murray and Baker Mayfield, who each won the Heisman Trophy while quarterbacking at Oklahoma, get together in Cleveland on Sunday. Murray brings the league's last undefeated team, the 5-0 Cardinals, who have shown as much balance as anyone in the NFC. Mayfield's Browns (3-2) are the only team to rank in the top five in total defense and total offense.

The QB angle is so juicy, particularly with Murray leading the NFL in completing 75.2% of his passes, showing a maturity in his game that Mayfield struggles at times to master.

"We were surrounded by great teammates, great scheme and obviously good coaching down there at Oklahoma," Mayfield said. "There is an extremely high standard. They try to live up to each day, and that is what it is. That is why it has been the powerhouse for so long and it continues to be that way.

"Kyler, it was pretty fun to have him in the same quarterback room. That is obviously a tremendous player. For him to be patient while I took the extra year and did my senior lap year, it was just fun. We had a great room and a great team, and there was a high expectation for us.'

As there will be Sunday.

The action began with Tampa Bay-Philadelphia.

Tom Brady threw two touchdown passes, Leonard Fournette ran for two scores and the Buccaneers beat the Eagles 28-22 on Thursday night.

The defending Super Bowl champion Buccaneers (5-1) lost another cornerback when three-time All-Pro Richard Sherman left in the first quarter with a hamstring injury. Brady finished 34 of 42 for 297 yards and an interception.

The Eagles (2-4) are winless in three home games under rookie coach Nick Sirianni.

Off this week in the first series of bves are the Jets (1-4), Falcons (2-3), Saints (3-2) and 49ers (2-3).

Los Angeles Chargers (4-1) at Baltimore (4-1)

A showdown between two spectacular offenses led by young stud quarterbacks, and two teams with a penchant for pulling out late victories

In his second pro season, Justin Herbert has been even more sensational than he was as the Offensive Rookie of the Year for 2020. Herbert has thrown for a league-best 11 touchdowns with no interceptions over the past three games. He has 11 300-yard games in 20 starts, the most ington one spot ahead. by a player in his first two seasons. Receivers Keenan Allen and Mike Williams (league-high six receiving TDs) have excelled as has running back Austin Ekeler, tied for the league lead with seven touchdowns (four rushing, three receiving). Lamar Jackson, the 2019 NFL MVP, comes off a stunning comeback the first six games. They lost to John victory and the Ravens rank first in overall offense despite being plagued by injuries. "Man, it's special. He's just scratching the surface on how good he can be," Ravens defensive lineman Calais Campbell said. "I think he's still 24 years old. I mean, this is crazy — what he's capable of doing. I know he's notorious for what he can do with his legs, and I feel like he got a lot of disrespect on his arm talent, and I think a lot of people are eating their words right now.'



Associated Press

Arizona Cardinals quarterback Kyler Murray (1) eludes the reach of San Francisco 49ers defensive end Arik Armstead (91) during the second half of a game Oct. 10, in Glendale, Ariz.

way our guys are. If you aren't that beat weak Houston last Sunday, but got a good energy about us and a key against Dallas. good resilience."

Cincinnati has won the past six matchups and has won 75% overall for its best winning percentage against an opponent. The Lions' most recent win in the series was in 1992

Los Angeles Rams (4-1) at New York Giants (1-4)

This one could get ugly, particularly with the Giants having quarterback Daniel Jones (concussion), running back Saquon Barkley (ankle), and wideout Kenny Golladay (knee) getting hurt last weekend.

LA is a balanced team that likes the road: 25-11 away from Los Angeles during coach Sean McVay's 4-plus seasons in charge. Their explosive offense includes WR Robert Woods, who had a season-high 12 catches for 150 yards against Seattle, and Cooper Kupp, third in the NFL with 523 yards receiving; second with 37 catches. The Giants' defense is ranked 29th overall.

Kansas City (2-3) at Washington (2-3)

Washington was supposed to have a solid defense, Kansas City not so much.

Yet neither club has had success 32nd in scoring defense, with Wash-

way, you stick out, and I think we've it did tighten up its run defense, a

Seattle (2-3) at Pittsburgh (2-3)

Here's how different things are in Seattle: Russell Wilson (finger surgery) won't quarterback the Seahawks after he started 165 consecutive games, regular season and playoffs combined. And the defense is atrocious, allowing 450 yards or more in each of the past four games, tying an NFL record.

"We understand there's a lot of people who are counting us out, a lot of people that believe we can't do it," standout linebacker Bobby Wagner said. "We've proved people wrong in the past before, and I don't see why the future doesn't turn out the exact same way.'

Pittsburgh lost top wideout JuJu Smith-Schuster for the season with a shoulder injury, but still has enough playmakers to test that struggling defense.

Buffalo (4-1) at Tennessee (3-2), Monday night

The Bills have looked elite and lead the league in several categories on both sides of the ball. They are scoring the most points per game with 34.4 and allowing the fewest with 12.8 a game; are tops stopping people. The Chiefs rank with 15 takeaways and with a plus-11 turnover margin; have scored 35 or more points in five straight games; and won an NFL-record 14 straight when leading at halftime. Which means Tennessee must establish the running game early. Derrick Henry leads the NFL with 640 yards rushing and seven TD runs. He has the most yards on the ground through five games since DeMarco Murray (670) in 2014 with Dallas.

Truex in tight NASCAR chase

Round of 8 starts in Texas

> STEPHEN HAWKINS AP sports writer

FORT WORTH, Texas Martin Truex Jr. remembers the hours of boredom last October watching television and the rain in Texas, then coming so close to another championship chance when that playoff race last fall finally ended three days after it began.

The forecast is much better this time, both weather-wise and for Truex's playoff push, though things are tight and there are some changes in Texas.

Instead of its traditional slot as the middle race in the round of eight, Texas on Sunday kicks off the round with Kansas and Martinsville to follow. The field will be cut from eight to finally four Harvick. Both teams in the championship race at Phoenix next month.

"The round of eight is really as tough as it gets,' said Truex, the 2017 Cup champ who finished second in both 2018 and 2019. "All three races are equally as important. So it really doesn't matter, you know, where they lie. Obviously the ultimate way to go about this is just go win the first one. But there's a lot of guys with that in mind as well."

Kyle Larson, who won the NASCAR All-Star race at Texas four months ago, is the points leader and the Hendrick Motorsports driver has a significant edge over Joe Gibbs **Racing teammates Denny** Hamlin and Truex. But only eight points separate second-place Hamdefending lin and champion Chase Elliott in sixth place.

Ryan Blaney and Kyle Busch round out the top five. Joey Logano and Keselowski, Brad 16 points below the cutline, are the other drivers still in the playoffs.

He's won twice already this season to extend a streak that now stretches one year shy of Richard Petty's record 18 consecutive seasons with a win set from 1960 through 1977.

A four-time winner at Texas, Busch will be without crew chief Ben Beshore following Beshore's suspension for loose lug nuts on the No. 18 Toyota after last week's road-course race in Charlotte. Busch has two wins each at Kansas, including in May, and at Martinsville.

"This round lays out very well for us. We have three tracks where we have had a lot of success at over the years," Busch said. "We won at both Texas and Kansas within the last year, so I feel like that's a good omen for **US**.'

FEUD FINISHED?

NASCAR held a conference call this week to squash a raging feud between Elliott and Kevin were warned of severe consequences if the drivers continue their fight.

Harvick was eliminated from championship contention last week when he wrecked himself as Elliott closed in on his rear bumper. Harvick had wrecked Elliott earlier in the race at Charlotte as payback for Elliott costing him a win three weeks earlier at Bristol. After the crash at Charlotte, which briefly put Elliott in danger of playoff elimination, Elliott's crew told him to wreck Harvick if given the chance.

DIFFERENT TIME AND TEMP

Until now, the highbanked, 1 1/2-mile Texas track had hosted the eighth of the final 10 races every year since first getting a fall race in 2005. That made it the middle race of the final elimination round since the introduction of the format in 2014.

Last October, only 52 of

Green Bay (4-1) at Chicago (3-2)

The NFL's oldest rivalry hits number 203. Green Bay leads 101-95-6.

While the Bears have a chance to tie the Packers for the NFC North Rodgers has been a real task. The Packers have won 19 of the past 22 meetings, including playoffs, and are 21-5 in games Rodgers has started. In one of the losses, he left with an injury after the opening series

"Little Green Bay was getting beat up for a long time by our foes to the South," Rodgers said, "and then Favrey (Brett Favre) showed up and we closed the gap, and then we've overtaken them. It's nice."

Cincinnati (3-2) at Detroit (0-5)

Will the Lions ever get a break? Detroit has lost nine straight, going back to last season, and they are getting particularly excruciating as opponents kick field goals at the end for victories. Its best player, center Frank Ragnow, is out after season-ending toe surgery.

"Obviously, it sucks to lose that way," quarterback Jared Goff said, "but you give yourself 24 hours or whatever you want to call it and come back refreshed and rejuvenated. And to be honest, in our building, it's not hard with the way (coach) Dan (Campbell) is and the

KC has dominated this series, winning the past seven meetings. Washington's last victory against the Chiefs came in 1983, before current coach Ron Rivera made his NFL debut as a player. Rivera is the fourth former assistant of coach Andy Reid the Chiefs have faced in Harbaugh's Ravens and Sean Mc-Dermott's Bills and beat Kevin Stefanski's Browns.

Kansas City has won nine of 10 road games going back to the start of last season.

Las Vegas (3-2) at Denver (3-2)

How will the Raiders react to all the turmoil resulting in Jon Gruden resigning as coach after reports of racist and homophobic emails he sent through the years? They have turned to special teams coordinator Rich Bisaccia, a very popular coach among the players, but Las Vegas wasn't performing very well since starting 3-0.

Neither team does much early in games. The Broncos haven't scored lead with a victory, beating Aaron a touchdown on an opening drive under offensive coordinator Pat Shurmur (21 games) and their league-long drought stretches to 24 games. The Raiders are one of three teams without a touchdown in the first quarter this season and have failed to score on the opening drive in 11 straight outings.

Dallas (4-1) at **New England (2-3)**

A series of streaks. Dallas won the first seven, has lost the past six to New England dating back to 1996.

The Cowboys have the playmakers on offense with Dak Prescott, Zeke Elliott and a deep group of receivers, and now on defense as well. With two takeaways, the Cowboys will tie the franchise record of 10 consecutive games of forcing multiple turnovers. In cornerback Trevon Diggs they have the NFL leader with six interceptions, at least one in all five games. The second-year player can tie the league record of six straight games with at least one pick to start a season and, get this, among those with the record is the late Tom Landry, who coached the Cowboys for their first 29 seasons.

New England needed to rally to

Minnesota (2-3) at Carolina (3-2)

This one could be all about the sacks

Carolina has a strong pass rush led by Haason Reddick. The edge rusher has 6 1/2 sacks through five games, 14 in his past nine games going back to his time in Arizona. He has at least 1 1/2 sacks in each of Carolina's three home games.

But the Panthers' Sam Darnold has been sacked eight times and hit 19 in the past two games. The Vikings have 17 quarterback sacks this season, second most in the NFL, and DE Everson Griffen has four sacks in the past three games. Griffen has six sacks against Carolina.

Miami (1-4) vs. Jacksonville (0-5) at London

Folks in the United Kingdom must be wondering what the NFL is doing: All four of the teams playing in London this season have had one victory or less. Not exactly the best selling point for American football.

Jacksonville has lost 20 in a row, the second-longest skid in NFL history to expansion Tampa Bay's 26 set in 1977. Jacksonville is playing its league-high eighth game in London. The Dolphins are playing a fifth in London, the second most.

Houston (1-4) at Indianapolis (1-4)

While the Texans were expected to struggle, and they are, the Colts are among the NFL's most disappointing teams. But this is a chance for Indy, coming off blowing a 16-point fourth-quarter lead at Baltimore, to rekindle the fires.

Indy has dominated this series with a winning rate of 61.2%. The Colts swept Houston last season and have won four of the past five. The Texans are 6-13 all time in Indy.

Truex desperately needed a win last fall at Texas, where he was seventh in the standings and then forced to start at the back of the field because of an illegal spoiler. He led 53 laps before a runner-up finish, but failed to improve on seventh in the standings and was eliminated from title contention the next week.

"The race went really well. We were really strong and, you know, we were really one lap away from I think the 18 (Busch) running out of gas and us closing in for the win," Truex said. "So it was definitely close. ... Second is pretty good, but it's not what we're after. So try to win it this year, hopefully."

Busch is one point out of fourth place going to Texas, where his only win all last season came in that Wednesday finish after he had already been eliminated from possibly defending his 2019 Cup title.

While Busch felt bad about denying his teammate a spot in the chamto at least one victory in 16 consecutive seasons.

the scheduled 334 laps were completed after the race started on a Sunday. After no laps over two days with misty and cool conditions, the race finally resumed on a Wednesday, nearly 72 1/2 hours after it had stopped — with temperatures still in the mid-40s.

The forecast this weekend calls for partly cloudy skies with temperatures in the low 70s.

ODDS AND ENDS

Larson is the 18/5 favorite, according to Fan-Duel. ... Truex is 0 for 31 at Texas. Truex and Busch both have 17 top-10 finishes, the most among the eight playoff drivers, with Busch's 11.0 the best average finish. ... Blaney has six topeight finishes in his last seven starts at Texas. "It's just been a place that kind of works for what we do," he said. ... The 41st Cup race at Texas will be the first without Eddie Gossage. He worked 32 years for Speedway Motorsports and oversaw the Texas track from its first race in 1997 until the All-Star race in June. pionship finale, the win New general manager extended Busch's streak Rob Ramage had been the track's general counsel since 2013.



Associated Press

Martin Truex Jr., celebrates winning the NASCAR Cup series race Sept. 11 in Richmond, Va. Truex is in third place in the NASCAR playoff standings heading into Sunday's race at Fort Worth, Texas.

Section C - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021 MENTARY **CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE**

Difficult days or 'Murphy's Law?'



Trina Murphy PUBLISHER'S FILE

icle have had some incredibly difficult days. Some might conclude it is directly related to Gerry Mulligan's retirement or possibly it's ''Murphy's Law.'

Let me assure you, there is never business.

Challenges such as new and complicated programs, computer glitches, 19 months of COVID, you name it, we've had it.

tion that all new publishers are required to endure to see if we will either.

During the past three months, I new responsibilities as publisher for the Chronicle. It seems now is the right time to introduce myself to you.

am sorry to say we at the Chron-being spotlighted for "Candid was 7, I attended elementary, mid-larger county it is today. icle have had some incredibly Camera," or it is just an evil initia-dle and high school in Inverness, I have a vested inter dle and high school in Inverness, and I am now raising my family here. My kids walked the same crack ... or cry. I haven't done school hallways and sat in the same classrooms I did many years ago.

My father was well known in the a dull moment in the newspaper have had my hands pretty full with automotive business and over the years, my family owned multiple businesses in the county. I've watched our county grow from a are currently enrolled in college tiny country town where everyone ame it, we've had it. I am convinced that either I am I'm a Citrus County girl, my family knew everyone — and everyone moved here in the mid-'70s when I knew my daddy — to the much

I have a vested interest in this community and the important role our newspaper plays in delivering local news and assuring our community thrives. My passion has been, and will continue to focus on, what is best for Citrus County.

A little more about me, I have two beautiful young adult children who and one mildly annoying New Yorker husband. After working See FILE/Page C3



Steven D. Ervin **GUEST** COLUMN



system 'check' needed

Editor's Note: At the request of the author, we are publishing a letter he mailed to Gov. Ron DeSantis.

ear Gov. DeSantis, As a proud patriotic American and Floridian, I want to thank you for your leadership. Defending our liberty and freedoms while keeping Floridians safe from crime is a huge task on the long list of responsibilities you bare, and I am proud to support you and your work.

I am writing you to sug-



After seven years at his Meadowcrest facility, Eric Ducharme's The Mertailor business is on the move. He's relocating his manufacturing and retail operation to 4100 State Road 44 in Lecanto, and hopes to be moved in sometime in June.

'Champagne wishes' l mermaid drean

gest an idea for the Flor-Unemployment ida Compensation program. As a restaurant business owner, I face the same shortage of employees that now all businesses seem to experience. This ongoing problem and the cost of it to business owners, consumers and citizens has prompted my idea.

The problem: Unemployed citizens can "game" the system by simply providing the state with names of certain businesses they have applied for employment with that meets the state quantity and the citizen will receive unemployment compensation. No verification is done by the state; therefore, the citizen is awarded the employment compensation. This system has no teeth and rewards fraudulent behavior, laziness and complacency to many undeserving people that are otherwise healthy enough to work and contribute. I See ERVIN/Page C3 on Thursday as part The process is quite

of the Chamber of Commerce's annual BAM FAM Tour, there are two key takeaways I came away with.

First, more folks should take advantage of the opportunity to hop on this

tour to see what businesses are doing not just in Citrus County, but the impacts they're having across the globe.

Second, there are a number good things come to fruition here.

One specific individual who

Jeff Bryan

THE OTHER GUY

shop.

impressive.

Ducharme and company Living Furniture facility at 4100 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway. Eric Ducharme and crew have been busily renoto produce their handcrafted products and open a gift

But it has become more gift shop to purchase a few trinkets or knick knacks.

Ducharme and his crew of jumps out is Eric Ducharme, employees are taking their the owner of Mertailor. For endeavors to an entirely new those not in the know, the level, adding the "Mermaid 30-year-old has been in Aquarium Encounter." While

fter a daylong bus business since 2003, making limited in space, this is going when it crashes like a toddler tour of Citrus County handcrafted mermaid tails. to become a big deal in Citrus coming down off a sugar rush. County.

As Ducharme explained to After outgrowing his 40 visitors, which included their space needs, Citrus County business leaders and a handful of elected pur-officials, he wants to share his chased the old Easy love and appreciation for the abundance of natural resources Citrus County has to offer.

While not fully complete, the glimpse of what's to come is superb; Ducharme's vision vating the building is to sure to become a delight for residents and visitors alike.

His accomplishments are sure to inspire the next generation that dreams can become of impressive folks making than a production facility, or a reality with a vision, hard work and a strong support network.

> Speaking of networks, this past week has been an especially trying time for our customers and staff.

Technology is great, except

And that's how the previous Sunday morning began: the news that our servers crashed without rhyme or reason.

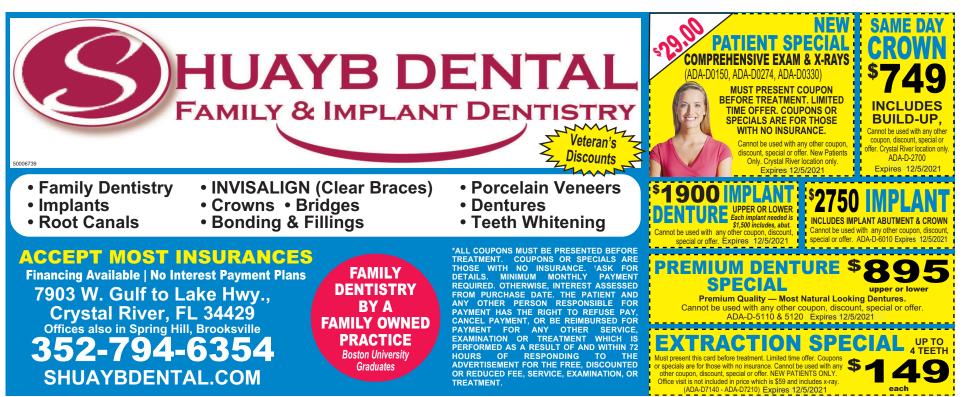
We hit the panic button.

Then, we took a deep breath, collected our thoughts and came up with a solution to make sure we got a newspaper out Sunday as well as the following days ahead.

One of those critical servers that crashed makes our plates to put on the press.

While our Monday product disappointed our customers and ourselves, we sincerely appreciate your patience as our hardworking IT techs and their support staff brought our systems back to life throughout the week.

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"I am fiercely loyal to those willing to put their money where my mouth is."

Paul Harvey, 1918-2009

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SPORTS SAFETY

Call for athletic trainers worth considering

fter the tragic death of brought up the idea. a local high school athpractice, some area coaches sentation on the benefits of are broaching the idea of a athletic trainers and reneed for athletic trainers in guested the board's support

the bay area, where many schools already have the trainers, say it's a modern necessity.

No one is suggesting the death of 16-year-old Antonio Hicks could have been prevented by an athletic trainer on the field. But

letes should be paramount.

rounding Marion, Sumter settling statistic. and Levy counties employee not. Levy County has approximately 6,200 students in grades Pre-K through 12 and employs athletic trainers for its combined middle and high schools. Citrus County has approximately 16,000 students and provides no athletic trainers for school sports.

In 2008, Bishop prepared a lete during football school board workshop preschools. Athletic trainers in to move forward. Unfortu-

> nately, the proposal received lukewarm response from the board and went nowhere. A 2019 study,

> > published in Pe-

diatrics, the offi-

American

OUR OPINION:

cial journal of It's definitely the worth evaluating Academy of Pedithe possibility. atrics, found over

a course of five adding another level of years that concussion rates safety for high school ath- have decreased during football practices but have risen School districts in sur- during games. That's an un-

Rob Coutu, the head athathletic trainers to oversee letic trainer at West Port practices and games. Citrus High School, said, "What we and Hernando County do do in Marion County is we let the coaches coach and the athletic trainer is laser focused on injury prevention, planning and practicing daily for emergencies, and setting the culture for how we protect the athletes while allowing them to excel on the field.

Watch for manatees this fall, but don't feed them

his fall, Save the Manatee

Club urges residents and visitors of coastal areas to not feed, give water to, or harass manatees that are migrating to Florida for the winter season. These actions are illegal and can harm manatees.

Boaters are also reminded to watch for manatees and adhere to posted speed zones. Manatees spotted outside of Florida past November should be reported to local wildlife officials.

As the weather cools and water temperatures lower in October and November, manatees outside of Florida begin their annual migratory route back to Florida. In the summer, some manatees can be found in rivers, bays, estuaries and coastal water ecosystems of the southeastern U.S.

From November through March, they are found in Florida's warm-water refuges, such as natural springs with constant warm temperatures, or power plant discharge areas.

These aquatic mammals can live in fresh or saltwater. but they cannot tolerate water temperatures below 68° F (20° C) for long periods of time. Prolonged exposure to cold water can cause sickness or even death in manatees, called "cold stress syndrome.'

The last winter season brought many challenges to manatees, including very cold temperatures and starvation from a massive loss of seagrass forage near a key warm-water refuge in the Northern Indian River Lagoon (IRL). Despite such, people should still not feed manatees or interrupt their annual migration.

According to Patrick Rose, Aquatic Biologist and Executive Director for Save the Manatee Club, feeding manatees

Guest COLUMN

out more handouts instead of people giving water to manamoving about on their journeys to Florida.

"This can be detrimental if the temperature drops too quickly, and the manatee hasn't made it to warm water in time," he explains. Manatees that are movement to Florida. fed are also more likely to approach boats or docks expecting food, which makes them tips to help protect manatees as susceptible to injury, death or harassment.

Rose also says that partnerships of government agencies and nongovernmental organizations are assessing the seagrass loss situation and are seriously considering manatee feeding or provisioning under controlled circumstances.

closely monitor the health status of manatees near areas of seagrass loss in order to determine if additional interventions, such as feeding, might be required."

If feedings are carried out this winter, Save the Manatee Club and government agencies will alert the public and let concerned citizens know how they can support these endeavors through fundraisers.

the public should not take it tails, snouts, and "footprints." upon themselves to feed manatees, and any private "feeding events" seen on social media power plants. are not official and should be reported out of concern for what is best for manatees.

Even giving manatees lettuce or water is illegal and can be long-term survival. While seagrass beds are declining in cerable to find food and water on manatees and their aquatic habintervention.

may encourage them to seek atee Club has seen stories of 800-432-JOIN (5646).

tees in Texas and in South Carolina this fall, and asks the public not to repeat these actions that could entice them to approach boats and docks and hinder their time-sensitive

Instead of feeding or giving water to manatees, here are they migrate this fall season.

A manatee spotted outside of Florida past the month of November may need to be rescued and should be reported. Visit savethemanatee.org/rescue to get resources for your state and learn how to spot a sick or injured manatee.

Report cases of manatee ha-"Planning is underway to rassment or feeding/giving water to manatees to local wildlife officials. Manatees are protected by several federal and state laws, and these actions are punishable by fines and/or imprisonment.

In Florida, report sick, injured, orphaned, or dead manatees to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) by calling 888-404-3922 (FWCC).

Boat slowly in posted speed In the meantime, however, zones and watch for manatee Be extra cautious near warm water refuges such as springs or

Protect seagrasses and prevent harmful algal blooms from forming by following the tips at savethemanatee.org/algae.

Save the Manatee Club was dangerous to the manatee's founded in 1981 by singer/songwriter Jimmy Buffett and former Florida Governor and U.S. Sentain areas, manatees are still ator Bob Graham to protect their own in most areas without itat. For more information about manatees and the Club's efforts, Unfortunately, Save the Man- go to savethemanatee.org or call

to the Editor = **LETTERS** more to hire additional **Taxes: We can OPINIONS INVITED** do better

agents. Total cost is \$450 ■ Viewpoints depicted in political billion.

THE ISSUE: Are athletic trainers needed at local high schools?

"We just thought it was better for our athletes," said Kalee Wade, Levy County's risk manager. "We're very pleased with the program."

Citrus County School District Assistant Superintendent and Athletic Director Jonny Bishop said the potential employment of athletic trainers will likely be discussed during their staffing process, which takes place in January of each year. It's not the first time he's

"We have protocols to follow for every injury, and when an athlete has a concussion, they enter the protocol with strict return to play guidelines and further testing to determine the best and safest way for the athlete to return."

It's now time for the school board to seriously look into the benefits of having athletic trainers on staff. Trainers are the best way to prevent injuries in high school sports and to treat them when they occur.

Democrats are debating unread bills with thousands of pages and price tags of from \$2 trillion to \$5 trillion. The president declares, "It's all paid for." And yet, there's a new tax planat the ready.

A trillion dollars is the number 1 followed by 12 zeroes. Here's another, more concrete definition. A man works for over 30 years with an average salary of \$35,000 per year. He earns about \$1 million in his lifetime. One million per day for 2,750 years is \$1 trillion. They want five times that amount.

In 1913, Congress and President Grover Cleveland passed the Sixteenth Amendment, allowing direct taxes on income. And today we have an IRS code with its five deadly flaws. For decades, the Feds have allowed an almost \$3 trillion cash economy fueled by both legal and illegal transactions to prosper

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while causing a \$4 trillion tax collection shortfall. Tax increases on the rest of us pay for that. How much? \$2,000 each.

A second flaw is the cost of compliance with the tax code; it's the money we spend just to collect taxes. Every year businesses and individuals hire financial planners, consultants, tax preparers and attorneys for court cases. Major companies have entire floors for record keeping and staff. Salaries and benefits for 100,000 IRS employees costs \$10 billion per year. The administration wants \$20 billion

A third flaw is how the corporate income tax hurts consumers and American products being sold overseas. The 20% embedded tax means every purchase sends 20% of the price to Treasury. Overseas, American prices are higher and therefore less competitive.

The fourth flaw is how all money brought back is heavily taxed. In a number of instances that money is triple taxed. To avoid that, trillions are kept in offshore financial centers. That's money which would increase savings, borrowing and investing here.

Finally, for decades the IRS has been weaponized against political enemies. The worstoffender was FDR, closely followed by LBJ, Nixon and Obama.

I know we can do better.

Joseph P. Ryan Homosassa

Pay the people in the plays

(Re: Oct. 13's front-page story, "Valerie Theatre to get 'user-friendly' interior upgrades"): Now Wednesday, the city of Inverness got a \$600,000 state grant and \$2.5 million was spent rebuilding the Valerie Theatre, but yet you want volunteers? I think the people CA that are in the plays should get money. They're asking for vol-

unteers for that. You charge money for the plays. You charge money to see a movie. This volunteering, for the most part, is ripping people off when there's so much money in this country. How many thousands to send Capt. Kirk to space, but we can't give all these people with low

wages pay to do jobs they should get paid for?

Your math is off

(Re: the Page A9 "Hot Corner: Taxes"): Somebody had a Sound Off on Oct. 13 that said the \$10 million needed for Citrus County roads is only .000003% of the \$3.5 trillion infrastructure bill they're fighting about in Congress. The person who called inthat Sound Off needs to go back to school or throw away his calcula-

tor. The \$10 million is actually .0003% of \$3.5 trillion.

Body shops love roundabouts

In regards to "Practicing running roundabout" driving (Thursday, Oct. 14's front-pagestory): They've been practicing in The

Villages for how many years? The body shops love roundabouts just ask any body shop in The Villages. Then another deterrent for our area is there are too many aggressive drivers in Citrus County.

Traffic signal well underway

Traffic safety for the holidays and beyond. The traffic signal the BOCC forgot at County Road 491 and State Road 200 installation is well underway. Best wishes to the FDOT and everyone who drives this dangerous, deadly intersection. And to

those county commissioners on duty Sept. 24, 2019, for their forgetfulness: bah humbug!

Can't afford any more taxes

I'm calling about the raises in gas prices, sales tax, rain (stormwater runoff) tax. Let them try to live off of \$20,000 a year. It's what most of the retirees in this county live off of, plus the average person only makes \$30,000 a year. They can't afford these extra taxes they're putting on. The sheriff's deputies only make \$33,000 a year. Come on, people, wise up

and let them people make \$30,000 and see how they get away with all these high taxes.

Vaccinate health care facility workers

I just received another message that (a health care facility) had another employee test positive for COVID, which puts all of the patients in quarantine again. This has happened several times. These people should be vaccinated and, quite frankly, I don't want any unvaccinated people treating my sister. Something should be done about this.

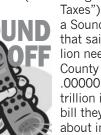
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hours, I'm a fitness trainer and enjoy the heck out of yelling at my students at my small business, Citrus County Jazzercise. Nothing can top a stressful, busy day like a dozen burpees and 30 minutes of cardio.

I have been at the Chronicle for 31 years, with most of those years spent working closely with Gerry "Poop in the Shoe" Mulligan. He has been mostly

the importance of community involvement, the role our newspaper plays in the many of our readers I'm alcommunity, the right way to run a newspaper and how to take care of our employees. Gerry leaves really big shoes that I know I will never fill, but I vow to do my best in filling my own shoes. We strive to provide a

quality product and provide quality customer service although it seems we've missed the mark recently. We value our readers and tion over the years and I com.

patient while teaching me look forward to serving you in the years to come.

> While I have spoken with ways available if you'd like to call me and share your thoughts or concerns. Call me any time but if you can't find me here you might just see me "Candid on Camera."

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see this occur regularly.

We constantly advertise job positions on our Facebook page, a banner on the front of our building, on the counties job search site and with Indeed. Resumes/applications are sent to my business and when called to schedule an interview, no one ever responds. Applicants that do answer or return a phone call are scheduled for an interview and they don't show up. Applicants that do show up for interviews that are offered positions will complete new hire paperwork and not show up on the start date. I could go on and on ... this is a real problem that I and every other business owner I speak with are experiencing. It has nothing to do with wages as the vast majority of these incidents wages have never been discussed.

The solution: the unemployed citizen must complete an electronic application for the unemployment compensation that requires a business name, contact and contact email address. That application, utilizing technology and not people, "extracts" the email address and automatically sends an email to the listed business personnel with short а questionnaire.

The questionnaire provides the answers the state qualifies the unemployment compensation with and guarantees that there was an actual effort by the applicant with the listed businesses. Once completed by the business contact, an automatic return of the questionnaire is returned to the state and the automated system qualifies the questionnaire answers to determine whether the unemployment compensation application is processed for payment or declined.

While I'm not a legal expert, I would BubbaQue's BBQ.

think that basic questions such as: "Did the applicant apply for a listed/ advertised job?" "Did the applicant show up for an offered interview?" "Did the applicant present themselves in a manner to represent the desire for employment?" "Did the applicant accept or decline a job offer?" etc., would be relevant.

While I know there is a lot to make this idea work, I believe the spirit of the idea has merit and can put people back to work and save the taxpayers money. Technology, not an expensive and expansive state employee bureaucracy, is the answer. Obviously, some personnel are required for oversight and administration.

The state must have a system that encourages - or forces - work and/ or return to work. We have great programs that provides for individuals and/or families that actually need assistance. I fully support helping others when they need a hand up and my wife and I donate beyond our tax dollars regularly to local needs.

It's time we end the hand out for those that are healthy enough to work. Margaret Thatcher once said, "The problem with Socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money." We are headed toward more people receiving than contributing and it is incumbent upon responsible leaders to stop this progressive and destructive agenda.

I realize you inherited our current system and the cost of replacing it will be huge. While I do not possess the data or have the wherewithal to calculate the return, I know your staff can provide this. Correcting this ongoing problem can be part of the DeSantis Legacy and a blueprint for other states to follow as well. Please accept this idea as a contribution to your efforts.

Stephen D. Ervin is owner of



Letter to the editor

Thanks for help with Beverly Hills cleanup

On behalf of the Beverly Hills Civic Association, I want to thank Sheriff Mike Prendergast for allowing some of his deputies to participate in our semi-annual clean up Beverly Hills Day.

The people in Beverly Hills take pride in their community and for too long have been the step-child of Citrus County.

Our civic association and Commissioner Ruthie Schlabach have taken steps to improve Beverly Hills and to restore our community back to the good old days.

> Mike Belkin President Beverly Hills Civic Association

CHRONICLE EVENT CALENDAR

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Mari-Elain Ebitz **ALL THINGS TECH**

You can live forever

ost people, as they age, start to think about a will and to whom they want to leave assets and personal articles. Maybe they even start to clean out a closet. There's one area you probably haven't thought about — your "digital footprint."

My process started after a dear friend died. I received a notice from Facebook that it was his birthday. I went to his Facebook page, and someone had posted a happy birthday message to him. He had been gone since May 8, but she apparently didn't know that.

Facebook has a plan for that but you have to enact it.

Log in to Facebook. Click on the upper right downward triangle. Go to Privacy & Settings. On the left, click on General. It will take you to General Account Settings. Go to the fifth line. Memorialization Settings and click on Edit.

Now you can decide what happens to your account after you're gone. Facebook allows you to choose who will be able to: manage tribute posts on your profile, respond to friend requests and update your profile and cover photos and remove the account. They can only manage new posts. That person is called your legacy contact and can be anyone. Once you've chosen someone, Facebook will notify them that you have chosen them. That person must notify Facebook of your death. You do have another option. You can request to have your account permanently deleted after you pass away. However, only a verified immediate family member may request the removal of a loved one's account. They will need one of the following: power of attorney, birth certificate. will, estate letter plus one other document; obituary or memorial card. This last option strikes me as rather involved. I think it's better to authorize a legacy contact than have a relative go through all that. Facebook is just the start. Do you have other social media accounts? Instagram, Pinterest, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc. You'll have to do your own research on what to do with them. I have limited space here. We all know about an executor of a will but have you heard of a digital executor? I hadn't. It's a new designation in our digital world. Some states do not recognize them yet. However, Florida has been on the cutting edge and in 2017 the legislature passed the Florida Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act. If you want to read more, go to floridabar.org and search for Access to Digital Assets.

October is BAM

And it's not too late to enjoy some appreciation events

itrus County is halfway through Business Appreciation Month and there are still a couple celebratory events upcoming that are open to the public.

Since 1977, this month has been set aside to recognize and support businesses and their employees who provide services to the county.

As they have so often done, county commissioners last Tuesday passed a proclamation acknowledging the importance of Citrus County businesses. The proc-

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our Michael D. Bates community; **MIKE'S MUSINGS** hance through

their contributions the county's high quality of life including education, recreation, environment, safety, health and welfare

Contribute to the economy by the wage they pay employees and taxes they pay to support county infrastructure.

This is really special to us," Ardath Prendergast, chamber vice president of operations and the Business Retention and Expansion program, said of the proclamation.

Prendergast outlined two events still to come. The public should register with the chamber for both events by visitingwww.citrus countychamber.com.

OCT. 19: Fire Up Citrus!

Fire Up Citrus! brings together community, government and business leaders who hear pitches from people who believe they have innovative concepts and projects to move the county forward in economic development or to improve quality of life.

But here's the catch: Each presenter has just five minutes to state their case via a slide show and often whimsical deliveries.



Chronicle file At a previous year's BAM BBQ, Leon McClellan pulls out a beef brisket to check the temperature and make sure enough juice is in the foil to keep the beef moist and delicious. This year, the event at M&B Dairy will be on Oct. 28.

■ Shaunda Burdette: Citrus County — a community of caring

■ Mike Czerwinski: Port Citrus aquaculture business incubator, research and environmental edu-

OCT. 28: BAM Barbecue

This Business Appreciation Month favorite takes place from 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28 at M&B Dairy,



Dr. Frederick Herzog NONPROFIT BRIEFS

Identifying effective volunteers

he main governing body of a nonprofit organization is the board of directors. They create and design the bylaws which are the operating rules.

The composition, size and governing skills of the initial board (the organizers) can craft great successes in fulfilling the association's goals. Selection of board participants is therefore critical.

What is vital in the selection process is finding motivated volunteers to serve on the first board of directors. The next step for the new board is to apply the art and science of nonprofit management.

Implementation of best practices is key. Achievement is measured by outcomes consistent with goals of the organization.

Composition of the nonprofit board membership should be paired to their individual governing skills. A mixture of personality types enhances success. Selecting the right people to serve on the board is crucial.

Most nonprofits do not have huge budgets and unlimited time to do the organizations' business. Therefore, avoiding potentially counterproductive volunteers becomes a challenge.

Here are some examples of volunteers who

A digital executor does not replace a traditional executor but serves in a

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"It's fast, furious and fun," Prendergast said.

Fire Up Citrus! started in 2013 and ideas pitched at previous events that turned into reality included the formation of the Citrus County Construction Academy, the Crystal River trolley service for tourists and the Crystal River Aquarium.

This year's presenters and topics include:

■ Harold Walker: Teens renovating Citrus County

■ Nick Holmes: Bridging the Digital Divide

Max Schulman: Best option for a "magnet" multi-purpose trail

cation facility

■ (Presenter to be determined): Using unused retail space to produce quality organic food

Alyson Brennan: Wondering Art Bus

Beverly Wojnar: Crafter's Corner

Charles Niski: The Venue – a performing arts complex

Meredith Linley: Dreaming big with small-town tall girl

Nancy Suto and Jordan Dohner: Blue Sky Kayaks concierge

■ Susan Shipp: Dead Men Do **Tell Tales**

Fire Up Citrus! will take place from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, at the Valerie Theatre, 207 Courthouse Square in Inverness.

8760 County Road 491 in Lecanto.

It is again hosted by Dale and Leon McClellan, who are (respectively) president/owner and vice president of M&B Dairy. Country singer Vegas McGraw will provide the entertainment. Leon McClellan's barbecue is a Citrus County legend, as is Dixie Hollins fried green tomatoes.

Larry Rooks will have his fried okra and Charlie's Creamery from downtown Inverness will serve ice cream made from the cream of M&B cows. Hundreds attend this event which includes food, entertainment and fun.

For information about these and other goings-on with the chamber, visit www.citruscountychamber. com.

slow down or damage progress.

People with a personal agenda not consistent with organizational goals.

■ Individuals who are dissidents, negative and confrontational.

■ The "boss" personality type — th dictator! ■ Someone who ignores valuable input from

others. ■ The political personality who campaigns behind the scene one-on-one, not in the best interest of group

consensus. ■ Lastly, someone who doesn't understand the priority of "principles before personalities."

Look for this type:

A person who has experience with volunteer leadership — "experience matters.'

■ Good community standing. People know them for who they are, what they represent and what they have accomplished.

Someone who can easily articulate and convey strong belief in the goals of the organization.

People that demonstrate a balanced approach in decision making.

A person who practices team work, inclusiveness and the contributions of others.

Someone who values human differences for the great things that can do.

Large board or small board?

After a good mix of eligible people have been identified the next decision to make is board size.

This is one of the most important decisions the nonprofit organizers should make early on in

Special to the Chronicle

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The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is a three-year member of the LIVE UNITED 365 Small Business Circle of the United Way of Citrus County. Meghan Pitzer, United Way CEO, left, is pictured with Ardath Prendergast from the Chamber of Commerce. To learn more about the program, call the United Way at 352-795-5483.

LIVE UNITED 365 Small Business Circle

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You don't plan for a cancer diagnosis. You begin to worry about your family, friends, work and health. But within 72 hours*, Florida Cancer Specialists will be by your side throughout the entire journey. Our doctors and nurses provide personalized, targeted treatment and clinical expertise so you can have peace of mind. And with world-class care that's close to home, we're always here to help.

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*All required paperwork must be provided at time of referral.



FLCancer.com



SUNDAY, **October 17, 2021**

Promotional information provided by the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce. **Mission of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce**

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is an organization of businesses unified in efforts to advance the economic growth of theregion, promote the interests of the business community, provide key leadership on key commerce issues and preserve the county's quality of life



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OCTOBER PROCLAIMED BUSINESS APPRECIATION MONTH





BAM FAM TOUR: Behind the scenes on local business



usiness Appreciation Month is host to many events to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions our local businesses have made in our community and to our economy.

The Business Familiarization (BAM FAM) Tour is an attendee favorite that develops a deeper appreciation for the work that many of our businesses do for our community.

During a day-long trip around our county, guests visited local businesses and organizations to receive an inside look at their operations and hear about plans for the future.

On this year's tour, our tour of the Crystal River the new Port Paradise Re-Splash Pad, Duke Energy's dry cask storage and Social. reactor vessel facilities, Power Designers Sibex, Accessibility Services, Freedom Hill Farm, the Colonnade Park Apartments. The Mertailor and soon-to-open Mermaid Aquarium Encounter,



guests got a one-on-one LKQ, and the plans for amazing local businesses. We look forward to new

BOCC approves \$30K for YMCA Child Care for Working Parents

The Chamber thanks the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners for their support this week in approving the transfer of an additional \$30,000 to the Citrus County YMCA for childcare services for working parents that meet the qualifications. The transfer was at the request of the Chamber from grant funds allotted to the furloughed employee rehire program to provide for a highest and best use of former CARES funds and make it possible for parents to return to the work force knowing that their children will receive quality care.

Cooter Comedy Night at the Valerie Theatre!

Join the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Inverness as we host one of the kickoff events of the 2021 Cooter Festival. Put all your cares away and come on out for a night of laughs with three of Florida's best comedians at the first ever Cooter Comedy Night. Tickets are only \$15, online at Eventbrite.com.



sort and Waterfront stops on next year's tour!

for taking the time to give senting Sponsor Meek an in-depth look at their Real Estate, the Ecofacilities organizations.

guests for their interest Hill Farms and reception and support of all our host Waterfront Social.

A special thank you to We thank all our hosts our BAM FAM Tour Preand nomic Development Authority for Citrus County, We also thank our luncheon host Freedom



Chamber Report' on WYKE

Watch the weekly Chamber Report show on WYKE-TV to stay informed on Chamber events, issues, and member spotlights. Chamber Report is broadcast on Tuesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 5:00 p.m. on Spectrum Channel 16 or through LiveStream (www.livestream.com/watch and search for "WYKE TV 47").



Ashley Bruner

Will Wilson

This week, host Jade White, Chamber Public

Relations & Communication Coordinator, talks with Ashley Bruner, partner at Kovach Law Firm about the services they specialize in, the importance of staying local for legal representation, and why community involvement is so important for their business. Also joining Jade is Will Wilson, owner of Citrus Sports and Apparel, to talk about his current experience with supply chain delays and how that is affecting his and other local businesses.

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



BUSINESS DIGEST

Florida Dermatology and Skin Cancer Centers relocates Inverness office on U.S. 41

Florida Dermatology and Skin Cancer Centers (FLDSCC), a family-focused practice with offices throughout Florida, has announced its relocation to a new, larger, state-of-the-art medical office in Inverness. The previous Inverness location at 931 U.S. 41 S, Inverness, will now be at 927 U.S. 41 S., Inverness. The new, custom-designed facility will allow for more parking as well as added patient comfort and accessibility.

As statistics for developing skin cancer continue to climb upward with more than 9,500 people in the U.S. given a new skin cancer diagnosis every day, Florida Dermatology and Skin Cancer Centers sees its office relocation in Inverness as an added opportunity to further its mission and provide expanded dermatology services to surrounding communities.

"We are thrilled to move to our new

office, so we can continue to serve our patients in the most comprehensive way," said Medical Director Dr. K. Wade Foster. "Our new location will feature a range of services including general and cosmetic dermatology, as well as skin cancer treatment, Mohs micrographic surgery, and dermatological care for a number of skin conditions and diseases such as eczema, rosacea, rashes, warts, and more."

K. Wade Foster received his M.D. and Ph.D. from the University of Alabama Birmingham. He completed both his internship and residency at UAB and his procedural dermatology fellowship at UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine and the West Los Angeles V.A. Medical Center under Dr. Ron Moy. He has been medical director of FLDSCC since July 2008.

Dr. Foster is fellowship-trained in Mohs surgery, the most effective technique for most types of skin cancers, with minimal scarring or risk. Dr. Foster and his team use proven, innovative methods to remove cancers, preserve healthy skin, and restore natural appearance.



Florida Dermatology and Skin Cancer Centers is now at 927 U.S. 41 S. in Inverness.

FLDSCC's team of providers treats of its 13 location all types of skin and scalp conditions and is committed to providing exceptional patient care and service at each FLDSCC.com.

of its 13 locations across Florida. For more information, call the office at 855-FLD-SKIN or email info@ FLDSCC.com.

BUSINESS DIGEST

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- Submissions from real estate companies and Realtors are printed each Sunday in the HomeFront section.

Missouri governor urged to appoint cybersecurity panel

JIM SALTER Associated Press

Three months after creation of a commission to identify cybersecurity risks in state government, Missouri Gov. Mike Parson has yet to appoint any members. A state lawmaker said Friday that vulnerabilities exposed on a state website prove the need for just such a panel of experts.

Democratic state Rep. Ashley Aune, of Kansas City, helped write the section of Senate Bill 49 that created the Missouri Cybersecurity Commission. Parson, a Republican, signed the bill into law in mid-July. "In light of the events that have transpired this week, I believe the governor cannot wait any longer to appoint members to this commission so it may do the critical work of identifying and rectifying gaps in Missouri's cyberinfrastructure," Aune said in a news release.

A St. Louis Post-Dispatch journalist uncovered a security flaw on a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's web application that allowed the public to search teacher certifications and credentials. The newspaper found that the Social Security numbers of perhaps 100,000 teachers and other school officials from around the state were in the HTML source code of the pages involved.

The Post-Dispatch alerted the department on Tuesday and the agency removed the pages. The Post-Dispatch said it gave the state time to fix the problem before publishing a story on Thursday.

But Parson on Thursday announced a criminal investigation, alleging the newspaper journalist was "acting against a state agency to compromise teachers' personal information in an attempt to embarrass the state and sell headlines for their news outlet. We will not le this crime against Missouri teachers go unpunished."

Aune accused Parson of a "smear campaign" against the Post-Dispatch journalist when it was Parson's administration that stored the private information and left it unprotected. "This fiasco perfectly il-

lustrates why Missouri needs to get serious about confronting 21st century cyberthreats," Aune said. An email message left

Friday with Parson's spokeswoman was not immediately returned. But during his news conference Thursday, Parson said

now add new ones.

If nothing is done about your digital accounts, then, for sure, you can live forever!

My thanks to Everplans.com for information regarding digital executors.

Mari-Elain Ebitz is a past member of the College of Central Florida College Board of Trustees. She also does web design, specializing in not-for-profit organizations.

news outlet. We will not let the state is "working to this crime against Mis-

prevent this incident from happening again."

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The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) proposes to adopt the following by ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AMENDING THE CITRUS COUNTY FUTURE LAND USE MAP BY REDESIGNATING APPROXIMATELY 4.7 ACRES FROM THE MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO THE RESIDENTIAL MIXED USE DISTRICT; AND AMENDING THE CITRUS COUNTY LAND USE ATLAS MAP BY REDESIGNATING APPROXIMATELY 4.7 ACRES FROM THE MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT WITH MOBILE HOMES ALLOWED TO THE PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; AND AMENDING THE CRYSTAL GLEN MASTER PLAN TO ALLOW AN INCREASE IN THE OVERALL NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL LOTS, WITH REDUCED MINIMUM LOT SIZES, AS WELL AS MULTIPLE AMENDMENTS TO CONDITIONS INCLUDING TRAFFIC STUDY REQUIREMENTS, SIDEWALKS, IMPERVIOUS SURFACE RATIO CALCULATION, AND ACCESS MANAGEMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS: PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S CODIFICATION, AND ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATIONS THAT MAY ARISE FROM CONSIDERATION AT PUBLIC HEARING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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complementary capacity. You determine what the digital executor does. That can include:

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 or phone numbers from
 online accounts or cell
 phones

■ terminate online

 modify or delete social media accounts
 access cloud-based
 photo or music storage
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changes to your blog ■ anything else that requires access to your digital accounts or files. Don't have a will? When setting up, designate a digital executor. Already have a will?

Ask your attorney to create a codicil to your will, naming your digital executor. The next big hurdle is the rest of your online

accounts. Did you know that the average person has around 90 accounts? You might have more.

Start now to list all your accounts, with username and password or PIN. Then store it somewhere in your home or safe deposit box and let your trusted digital executor know where it's located.

They won't need that information while you're alive.

subscriptions

■ pay insurance premiums online Also, be sure to delete accounts from your list when you close them and

You can email her directly at chronicletech@yahoo. com.

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the formation of the new association. Remember the tale of "The Three Bears"? A simple allegory but the story suggests a good fit and balance. Not too small, not too big, but just right. This is easy to say, but difficult to achieve.

What is the right size? That depends on what the organization wants to accomplish.

At one time, a 12-person board was traditionally considered ideal. Today one size no longer fits all needs. Board size begins with strategic planning and goal setting.

Small can mean efficiency in operation and flexibility. Large can offer different viewpoints, experience and continuity of leadership.

So what's your size?

Dr. Frederick J. Herzog is the founder/executive director of the NonProfit ResourceCenter in Citrus County. He can be reached at 847-899-9000 or fherzog @tampabay.rr.com. Visit online at thenonprofit resourcecenter.com.



MISCELLANEOUS
PUBLIC NOTICE

Invitation to Bid ITB 22-005

EDEN PARK DOCK AND SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION

Solicitation Overview

Citrus County, Florida ("County") invites interested parties to submit a Proposal to provide reconstruction of existing dock and sidewalk at Eden Park that meets the ADA Compliance Standards.

MINIMUM REQUIRMENTS

Bidders are encouraged to carefully review all the materials contained in the solicitation and prepare your Bid accordingly.

Pre-Bid Conference

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference will be held on **October 28**, **2021**, **at 10:00 am**. The Conference will be held at Citrus County Eden Park located at 614 Park Lake Terr. Inverness, Fl. 34450.

Submission of Bids

SEALED Responses are to be submitted on or before November 17, 2021 at 2:00 PM (EST). The County will only receive proposal submittals through the online solicitation management portal, www.myvendorlink.com.

Public Opening Sealed Responses shall be opened and read aloud publicly on November 17, 2021 at 2:15 PM. Electronic Proposals shall be opened via "Microsoft Teams" conference call. See Solicitation document for detail information on www.myvendorlink.com.

**All public Meetings are subject to change.

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English Translation: (If you need a Spanish Translator please make arrangements with the County by telephone within two days of the publication notice at 352-527-5370)

To obtain a copy of the Solicitation Document for this announcement, please visit the Citrus County Website at <u>www.citrusbocc.com</u> and select "Departments-drop down," "Management & Budget," "Purchasing & Bids," and under Solicitations/Vendors select <u>https://www.myvendorlink.com/common/register.aspx-</u> to register or Demandstar. Copies can also be obtained by calling the Department of Management & Budget/Purchasing at (352) 527-5457.

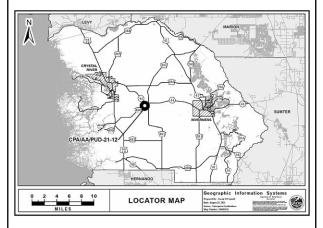
CITRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SCOTT CARNAHAN, CHAIRMAN

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<u>CPA/AA/PUD-21-12 Steven Fischer for Crystal Glen</u> <u>Properties, LLC</u>

Sections 4 & 9, Township 19 South, Range 18 East: more specifically, the Crystal Glen Master Plan (land use change proposed for a portion of Parcel 14300 lying in Section 9, Township 19 South, Range 18 East), in the Lecanto area. A complete legal description is on file with the Land Development Division.

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners will conduct a **Public Hearing on** <u>November 9, 2021, at 5:01</u> <u>PM</u> in Room 100, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida.



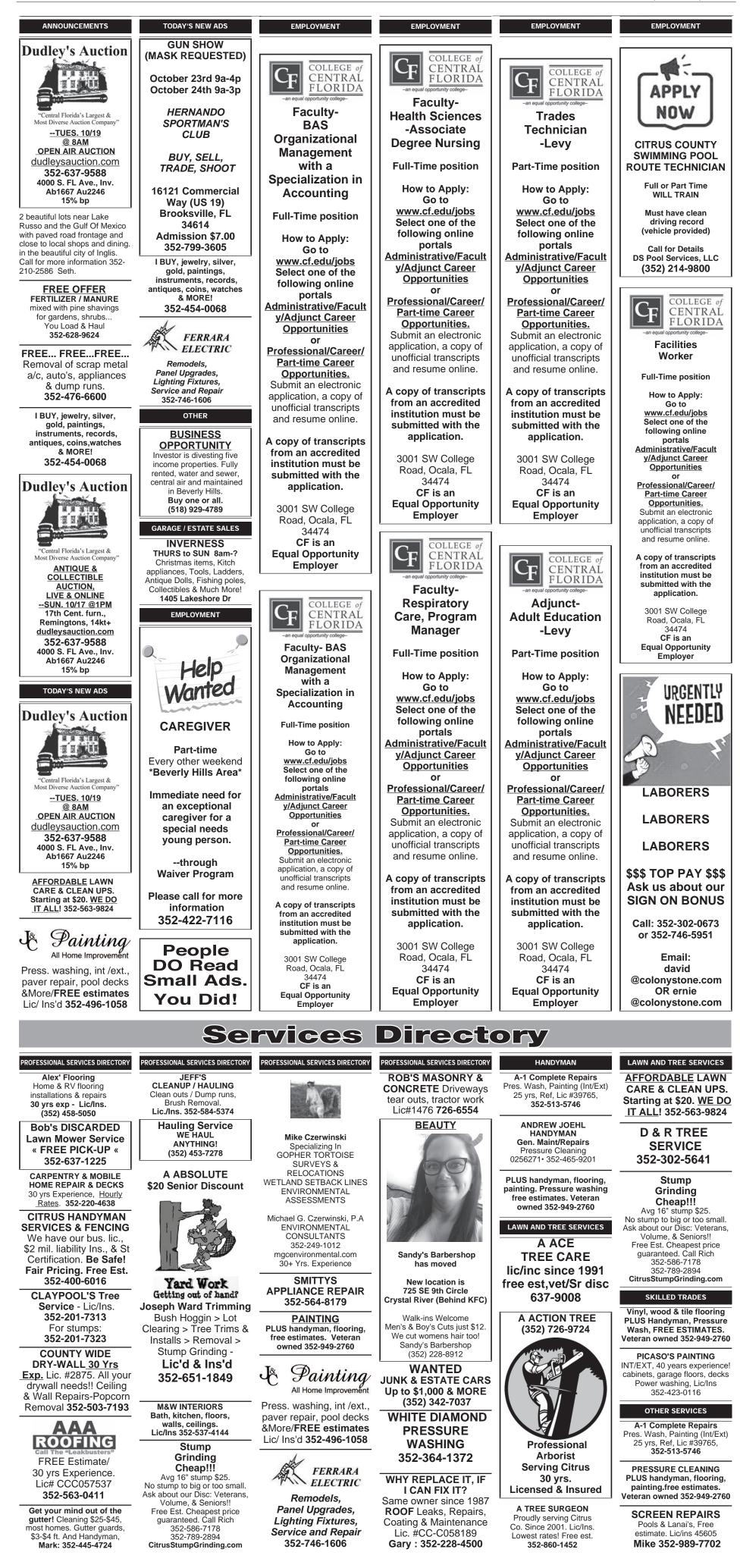
A copy of the proposed ordinance(s) and supporting materials are available for public inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, at the Department of Planning and Development, 3600 West Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461. For more information about this application, please contact the Land Development Division at (352) 527-5239.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes all testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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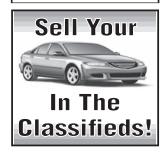


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1630-1010 SUCRN PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Hernando Storage intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the Hernando Storage, Storage Facility Act Statutes. The owner will sell at public sale on October 26th, 2021 at 5 PM at Hernando Storage, 1274 East Norvell Bryant Highway, Hernando, FL 34442. Website for auction is www.lockerfox.com. Property will be sold for cash only. Unit must be cleaned out within 48 hrs. of purchase.

Beverly Boatright Unit 2100 Unit contents seem to be assorted bags, boxes, totes, books, pictures, ceramics, porcelain dolls, a storage bench, flat screen tv, stereo, among other various items.

Candy M Ray Unit 1075 Unit Contents seem to be Assorted bags, boxes, mattress, box spring, dresser, bookcase, cabinet, dining table, tools, fishing rods/reels, tackle, ladders, lamp, fan, assorted clothing along with other various items.

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LIENS

1651-1017 SUCRN

The following vehicles will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION on the property of SCALLY'S LUBE & GO TOWING AND RECOV-ERY, 12059 N. Florida Avenue, Dunnellon, FL 34434; 352-489-6823; in accordance with Florida Statute 713.78. Auctions are as follows: Sales will begin at 8:00 AM on the date of sale. All vehicles may be viewed 30 minutes before sale. For more details. call 352-860-0550.

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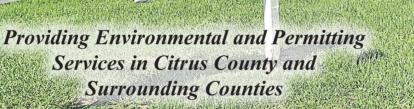


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REAL ESTATE DIGEST PHOTOS

- Headshots of real estate agents and associates submitted for the Real Estate Digest are kept on file in the Chronicle Editorial Department. It is the responsibility of the individuals submitting news notes to ensure headshots have been sent to the newsroom, and to advise staff of any name changes.
- Photos need to be in sharp focus.
- Photos submitted electronically should be in maximum-resolution JPEG (.jpg) format.



Special to the Chronicle The Caesar weed flower looks like tiny Hibiscus. That's because it is in the same family.

ear Gardener Gal: My Japanese maple seedling's leaves suddenly have brown circular spots and then they turn brown and shrivel. What to do? I did put mulch made

of dirt and gum tree wood chips. Thanks in advance. — Leslie

Dear Leslie: First of all, this may be a first. Can't remember if a "Leslie" has ever written me. You even spell it the same way I do. Fun! Are you sure they are

Japanese maples? We are way too far south for those poor babies. The tippy top of Florida is about as far south as they want to be.

Leslie Derrenbacker GARDENER GAL

Much further south than that and they are likely to get leaf scorch or a fungus. Because you said the spots are circular, I'm thinking fungal. Is there a yellow halo around the brown spot?

See GAL/Page E5

Carved table was likely from Grand Rapids, not Sweden

hand crafted. over 100 years old that we would appreciate your opinion on. We would like your evaluation. Please advise if this is possible. -J.K., internet

Dear J.K.: I suspect the table you have is coffee table height. The

World War I and II.



John Sikorski SIKORSKI'S ATTIC

country of origin is Amer- carved panel in your table ica, possibly made in Grand of a young diaphanously cabinet with ceramic draw-Rapids, Michigan. The time clothed young maiden sit- ers. It is 24 inches wide and of production was between ting on two dolphins with a 17 inches high. On each cherub under one arm and Grand Rapids, Michigan a young fellow on her right

ear John: We have a was a furniture manufac- arm is likely a storybook glass top side table turing mecca during the theme or myth. It has a of Swedish origin, Victorian era and on into Scandinavian look and the 20th century. could have been influenced During the time, by one of many skilled thousands of woodworkers that brought skilled wood the stories with them.

From what I can see, it Europe were looks like the table and employed by carved scene need restofurniture mak- ration. If it is going to be ers to produce passed on in the family. it various archi- would be nice to have it retectural carv- stored. If so, contact Glenn ings and scenic Camp owner of Central panels that were Florida Furniture Service. used for parts of He can bring it back to life. household fur- The phone number is niture. The oval 352-895-1157.

Dear John: I have a wood



Special to the Chronicle

Though it has a Scandinavian look, this carved wooden table was likely made in the See ATTIC/Page E5 U.S. in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

GAL

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It is a maple. You will lose all the leaves in the next few months regardless. I would be very diligent about cleaning up and throwing away fallen leaves and not worry about treatment. I'm afraid these guys don't have much of a happy future here in Citrus County, but who knows? Weirder things have happened.

Dear Gardener Gal: My wooded area and a pasture are being invaded by cockleburs. They are awful! Our animals walk around back there and come back in covered. They aren't that hard to ers) and cotton. pull up, but now there are just way too many. Seems try as a fiber crop in 1882. like they came out of nowhere.

I don't like the thought year. of using a herbicide. Is there a natural way to get duce 600 seeds. rid of these plants? —Jeanie

sheet for Caesar's weed:

■ Relative of Hibiscus sults won't be as good as



Special to the Chronicle

Habenaria floribunda is a native ground orchid. Gardener Gal enjoys these simple orchids that pop up in the woods on her property.

Brought to our coun-■ Fast growing — can reach 2 to 7 feet in first

■ One plant can pro-

I'm engaged in an ongoing battle with them my-**Dear Jeanie:** Not that I self. You will have to break know of. Here's the rap down and spray them, but they have seeds now so re-

(look closely at the flow- when they are seedlings. The problem I run into is that when they are seedlings it is during the rainy season, and you need 24 hours of no rain. Now that the giant water spigot in the sky has turned off, it is too dry to spray them. Very frustrating. You will need to be ready after the next Derrenbacker is a Master decent rain and get out Gardener and native Flothere.

lopyr work better than the *com*.

ones with glyphosate. Read that label very carefully, and good luck to both of us.

Dear Readers: Well, it has finally happened. I am out of "Favorite Garden Spots." You can't say I didn't warn you. I have two spots I'm hoarding so I can visit them myself and take photos (Hint: Bromeliads!) but this week I'll just share a seasonal sighting from my woods.

My husband Jim and I are blessed to have 20 acres of natural woods behind our farm. It is finally getting to the time of year when we can hike around without mosquitoes carrying us away.

Yesterday I spotted lots of Habenaria floribunda, a native ground orchid. They might not be showy enough for a corsage, but I find them beautiful.

They are very common, so keep an eye out for them when in wooded shady areas. Happy Gardening. — Gardener Gal

"Gardener Gal" Leslie ridian. Send your questions Herbicides with tric- to askgardenergal@gmail.



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white ceramic drawer nets like these are a decfront are spice names in blue.

On the back of the cabinet branded into the your piece, generally wood it says "Made in speaking, unless the Czechoslovakia." mom always had it on the zazz factor, in the ancounter in the kitchen, tiques marketplace this but we never talked about type of spice cabinet when she got it. Can you give me an idea of how old it might be? — H.F., internet

War I and II This is indiin Czechoslovakia" on the asksikorski@aol.com.

cabinet. So, it is 100 or nearly 100 years old.

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I wish you had included a photograph of vour spice cabinet. Cabiorator's delight and eagerly sought after. Without a photograph of My cabinet has a lot of pizwould sell in the \$250 to \$500 range.

John Sikorski has been a professional in the an-Dear H.F.: Your cabinet tiques business for was made between World 30 years. Send questions to Sikorski's Attic. P.O. Box cated by the words "Made 2513, Ocala, FL 34478 or

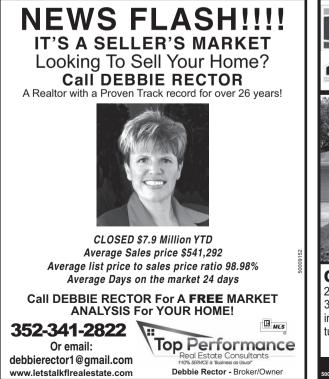
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This Lopsided Indiangass bends over a log that marks a Gopher Tortoise burrow. The log has a purpose: To bring attention the burrow and apron so the mower can avoid damaging the protected residence. The surrounding meadow is mowed annually with a mulching mower in winter. Jane mows before the end of December to help distribute seeds, trim the bunchgrasses, groundcovers and wildflowers and prevent trees from growing to take over the meadow.

Native grasses in Florida



Jane Weber JANE'S GARDEN here are six Florida native grass species everyone hates — all sandburs. They are Slimbristle Sandbur, Cenchrus brownii; Southern Sandbur, Cenchrus echinatus; Slender Sandbur, Cenchrus gracillimus; Big Sandbur, Cenchrus myosuroides; Coastal Sandbur, Cenchrus spinifex; and Sanddune Sandbur, C. tribuloides. Their bur fruits are prickly and painful when

stuck into skin. Sandburs grow in sandy, low-fertility disturbed sites like roadsides, lawns, pastures, beaches and sand dunes. Young sandbur plants look like ordinary grass until they set sharp prickly burs with seeds inside in late summer and fall. These annual noxious weed seeds overwinter to sprout in spring.

Homeowners should dig or pull out the entire plant,

seedheads and roots included, then destroy the debris. Dragging an old beach towel over a patch of sandbur seeds will pick up many burs. Sandbur seeds left on the ground will proliferate next year producing a bigger crop of sandburs.

Granular pre-emergent selective herbicides containing Prodiamine, such as Barricade pre-emergent, can be broadcast before seeds sprout in late winter (March) when the soil temperature is about 52 degrees. Pre-emergent chemicals are designed to be used on St. Augustine, Bermuda and other turfgrasses. Post-emergent spray herbicides, such as Celsius WG, are spot-sprayed on young, actively growing weed plants in early summer. Respray as needed. Always read and follow the label instructions. In Florida there are about 262 native grass species in the Poaceae family — Earth's largest plant family. Poaceae has 700 genera and over 11,000 species. It is Florida's largest plant family with 447 species (natives and introduced exotics). That's about 10% of all plant species in the state. There are 185 exotic species (41%) fluffy plumes can be

and suspended up-

sprayed with hair spray

side-down to dry for use

birds feed on andropogon

America, a popular orna-

mental perennial bunch-

grass is Hairawn Muhly,

Muhlenbergia capillaris.

however, three are dis-

tinct varieties of M. capil-

laris. Muhlygrass clumps

grow about 3 feet tall and

lygrass species in Florida;

There are four muh-

as wide. Thin green

leaves grow in warm

weather to form tall

icate feathery pur-

clumps. In autumn, the

ple-pink flowers. Seeds

spread on the wind to

sides, meadows and

pastures.

clumps are topped by del-

form colonies of muhly in

infrequently mowed road-

One pretty perennial

native grass flowering in

October is Lopsided Indi-

angrass, Sorghastrum se-

cundum. There are four

cies: Apalachicola, S.

distinct sorghastrum spe-

apalachicolense; Slender

Native to Eastern North

in floral arrangements.

Small migratory song-

seeds in winter.



By early October, Bushy Bluestem begins to flower in Citrus County, but a week or so later in Jane's Marion County garden. Every plant has a seed head full of seeds with fluffy parachutes that get blown away by the wind. Flower arrangers can preserve cut plumes by spraying them with hairspray.

Indiangrass, S. elliotti; Yellow Indiangrass, S. nutans; and Lopsided Indiangrass. S. secundum. I apologize for the racially politically incorrect slur: Lopsided Indiangrass needs its common name changed to be more appreciative of America's first nations indigenous peoples.

Sorghastrums grow in dry, well-drained, sandy soils in pinelands, sandhills, and open flatwoods. These tall grasses grow unnoticed until they flower in autumn. The lovely delicate-looking flower spikes catch the sunlight and morning mists. Each tiny flower is enclosed in bracts covered in long hairs called awns. They have yellow, pollen-covered anthers. Flowers grow on one side of the flowers stalk. Cold hardy in zones 8-11 throughout Florida, Indiangrass grows in full sun to part high shade as

under Longleaf Pine trees. Indiangrasses look great in wildflower meadows or at the back of wildflower borders.

After meadow plants have scattered their seeds and leaves have died down for the winter, I mow my meadows before winter solstice. Mulching mowers tidy up the area and prevent trees from growing. Meadows are desirable for the gopher tortoises, rabbits, lizards, birds and other wildlife to have homes and food sources.

Gardeners can choose from many grass species that are readily available at native nurseries. Before buying check the **FLEPPC** list to determine if any plant is on the invasive species list.

Jane Weber is a professional gardener and consultant. Semi-retired, she grows thousands of native plants. Contact her at jweber12385@gmail.com or phone 352-249-6899.

Michele Allan at 352-364-6092

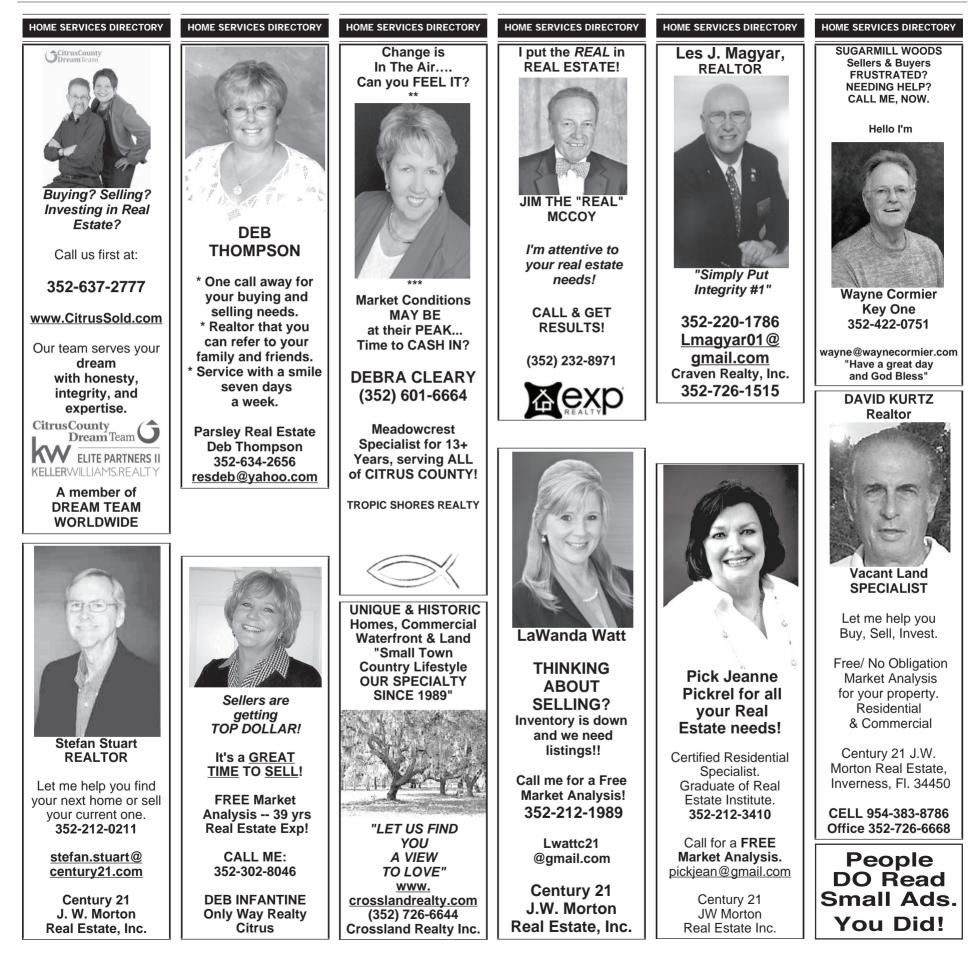


In October and late autumn the purple-pink plumes of muhlygrass sway in the slightest breeze. They are especially attractive when backlit by the sun and sparkle in the morning dew and ground mists.

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Septic systems

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o you wonder how septic systems work? I never gave it much thought in all the years I lived in Cincinnati. Every house I lived in was connected to a municipal sewer line. Just about every house I built I connected to a sewer line. Few of the houses I built needed their own septic systems.

One such house, however, stands out in my mind. The lot wasn't big enough to support a traditional leach field. (I'll get into what a leach field does in a moment.) It required a septic system that was in essence a miniature sewage treatment plant!

There was a propeller on a shaft that extend down into the septic tank. It was attached to a motor that was protected from the weather. For 10 minutes an hour this motor would spin, working much like a kitchen blender. When the propeller spun around, fresh air from outdoors was also injected into the swirling mass of water and waste inside the septic tank.

Visit a medium or largesized sewage treatment plant and that's what you'll discover. Before it sends the sewage back into the closest river, the plant aerates the wastewater. Introducing oxygen to sewage is a fantastic way to get rid of all the harmful things that one might find in wastewater.

If you're unfamiliar with how septic systems work, here's a primer. When you flush your toilet or when water drains from a tub, shower, vanity or kitchen sink, the wastewater flows

Ask the BUILDER



TIM CARTER/Tribune Content Agency This is the leach field for a septic system. Septic designers have all sorts of options and can make a septic system work on just about any lot.

through a 4-inch pipe that connects to a large precast concrete tank. The capacity of the tank can range from 500 to 1,000-gallons or more. They're sized by septic designers based on the amount of projected waste that might be created within the house each day. Typically the designer goes by the number of bedrooms in the house.

Some tanks have different walls and baffles within the tank. The ones I see most often in New Hampshire have a small wall that's located about a foot from where the house drain pipe enters the tank. The purpose of this suspended concrete wall is to help break down any solids and toilet paper that rush into the tank. These things are supposed to crash against this wall as they enter the tank.

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HomeFront BRIEF

US average loan rates iump: 30-vear loan at 3.05%

WASHINGTON - Average long-term mortgage rates iumped this week, with the



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The trouble is that there are inlets into most tanks that allow the plumber to install the drain pipe parallel to this wall. Be sure your tank is installed correctly so the tank aimed directly at from kitchen pots and this small wall.

body, foodstuffs and oils from your skin all contain bacteria. This bacteria put any of these things, or starts to work in the tank chlorine bleach or any to break down the waste, chemicals, into a septic At the other end of the tank. The only thing that tank, opposite the inlet should go into the tank is pipe, is an outlet pipe. waste from your body and For each gallon of water toilet paper. The cheaper that enters the septic the toilet paper the better. tank, a gallon of water Never ever put flushable flows out of it. This partially treated water that city sewer system. (Why? leaves the tank has lots of Go to AsktheBuilder.com microscopic bacteria and pathogens in it.

It flows from the tank, or leach field. The wastewater enters a maze of pipes that have perforations in them. The pipes typically are set upon a thick layer of washed sand. The wastewater is distributed into multiple pipes where it then slowly enters the sand.

There's lots of oxygen in the sand, as well as countless small organisms. These work in tandem to purify the wastewater that drips out of the leach field pipes. It's a simplistic system that's time-tested. Best of all, it works very your septic tank at least well if you watch what you every three years. It's afput in your septic tank.

benchmark 30-year loan again breaching 3%.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac reported Thursday that the average rate for a 30-year mortgage rose to 3.05% from 2.99% last week. That is its

highest level since April, when it peaked at 3.18%. The key rate stood at 2.81% this time last year. The rate for a 15year loan rose to 2.30% from 2.23% last week.

- From wire reports

in Cincinnati, I would put anything I could down my drainpipes. Foolishly, I felt that as long as it made it out to the sewer line, it wasn't my problem. That was a bad attitude, and municipal sewer plant operators wish more people would care. For example, I'd clean my paint brushes in a sink thinking nothing drain pipe enters the of it. I'd emulsify grease

pans, and it no doubt con-The waste from your gealed farther down in the sewer.

You never ever want to wipes in a septic tank or a website and watch my flushable wipes video!)

If you plan to build in a is pumped up a hill, to the rural area where a septic tank is in your future, install a utility sink in the laundry room or garage that drains directly outdoors. In other words, don't connect the sink to the septic tank. Many inspectors allow this gray water to flow onto the ground away from your home because they don't want you to put paint, grease, or who-knowswhat into your septic tank. Wash all the bad things in this sink, not the other sinks in your home.

It's vital that you pump fordable and it ensures Years ago when I lived that you won't ruin your

leach field. It can cost thousands of dollars to replace a leach field. I only pay, in 2021 dollars, \$285 to pump out my 1,000-gallon septic tank. You can see why it really pays to do this. The average cost per year is less than \$100.

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Clark joins Top Performance

Top Performance Real Estate Consultants is excited to announce Peggy Clark has joined their company.

Peggy Clark was born in Washington, DC, and was raised in Chicago, IL, Her work background includes many years in marketing in the petroleum industry.

Married and the mother of three adult children, Peggy first got her real estate license in Maryland and worked there for several vears. Then her husband. Walter, was relocated by his company to Texas, and she then got licensed as a Realtor in Texas.

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After living in Texas for four years, they moved to Mountain View, AR, where she continued her real estate career and received her Graduate of Realtor Insti-

tute (GRI). Peggy and her husband then moved to Charlotte County, FL because they love the warm weather and wanted to be closer to family.

Peggy was asked to help a client find a home in Floral City, and then she and her

husband fell in love with the small town feel of Citrus County. They made their home here in Lecanto. Peggy's hobbies

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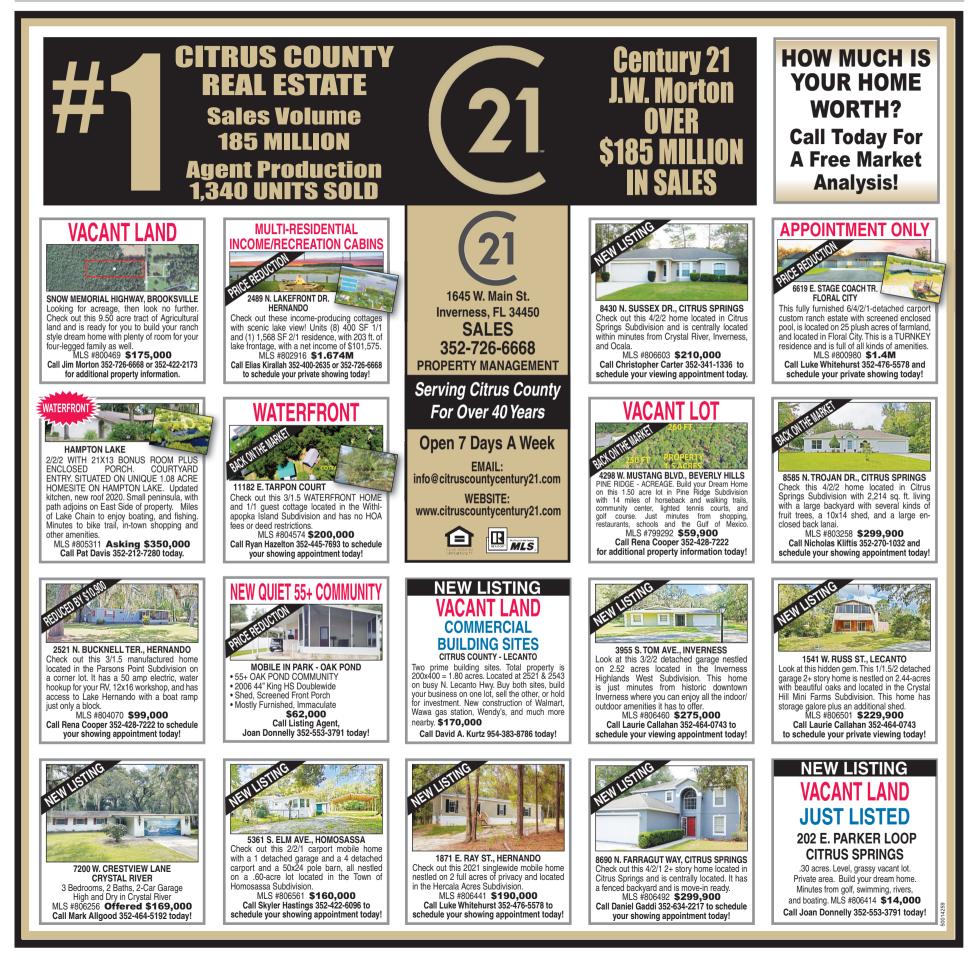
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and playing golf. She is very excited about the new opportunities and is so happy to be associated with Top Performance Real Estate Consultants.

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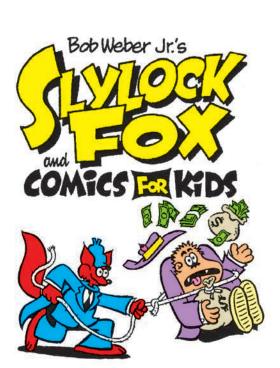




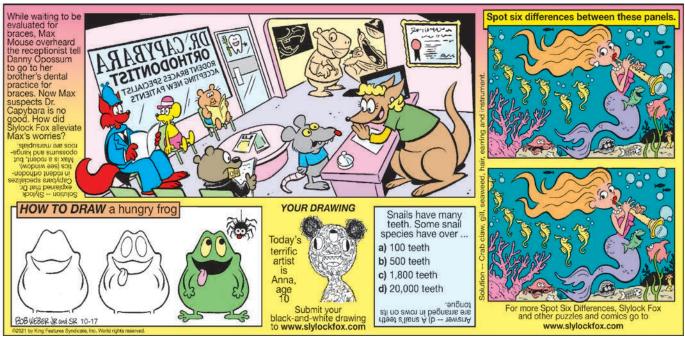




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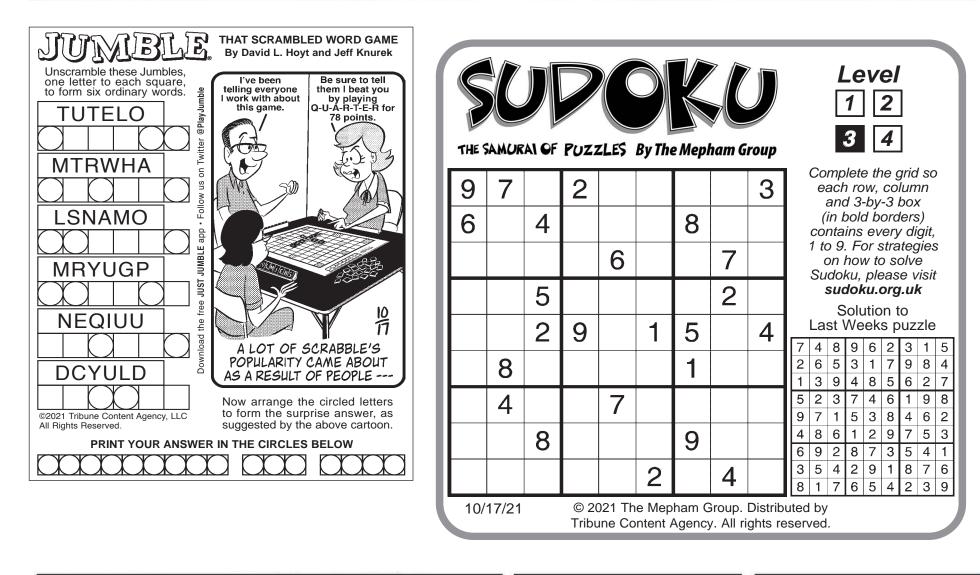


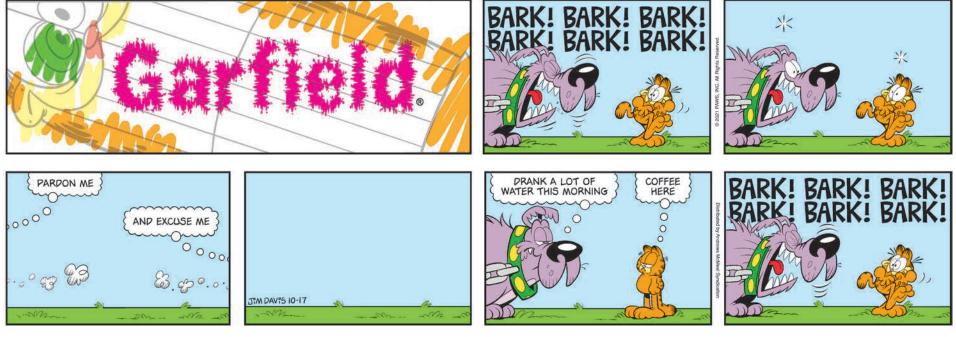
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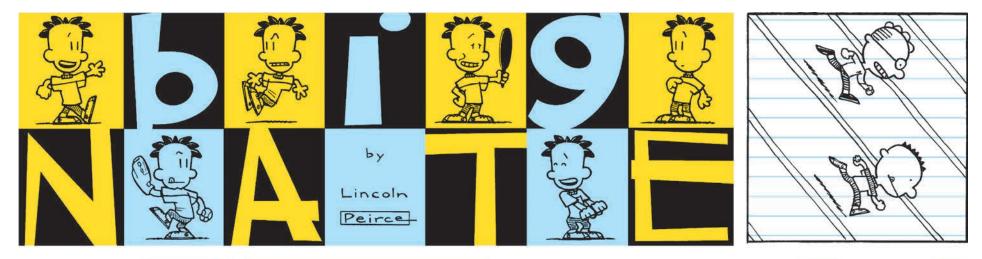
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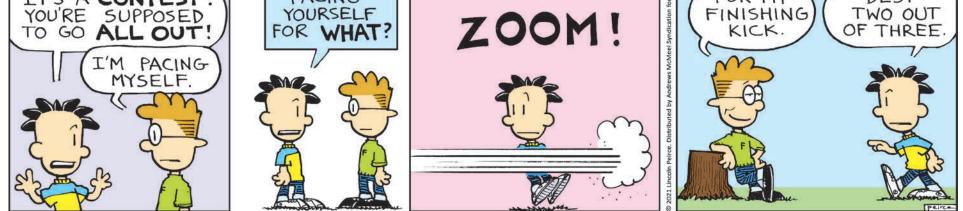


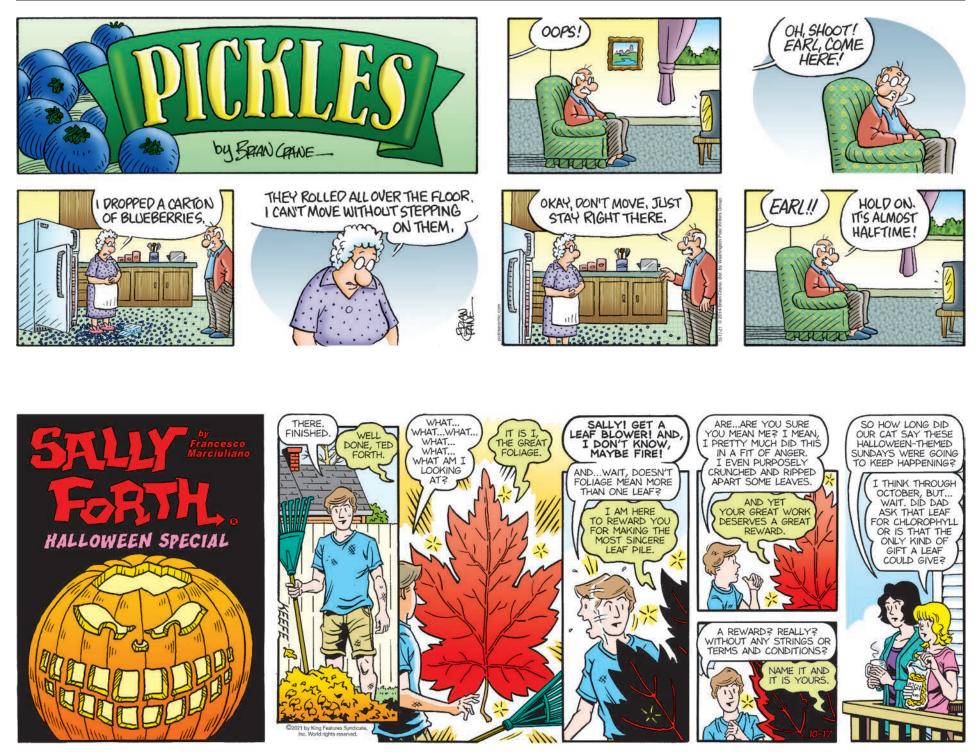
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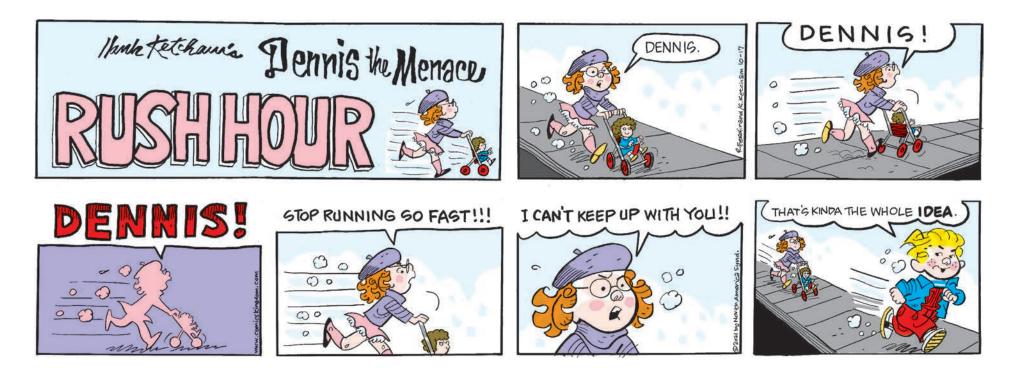
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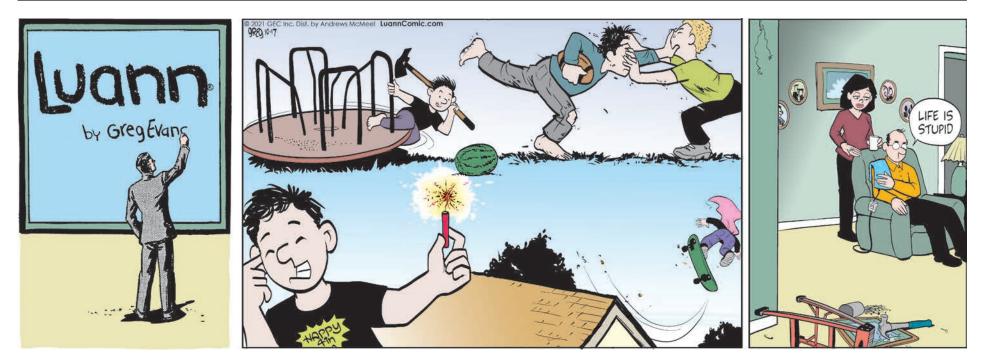
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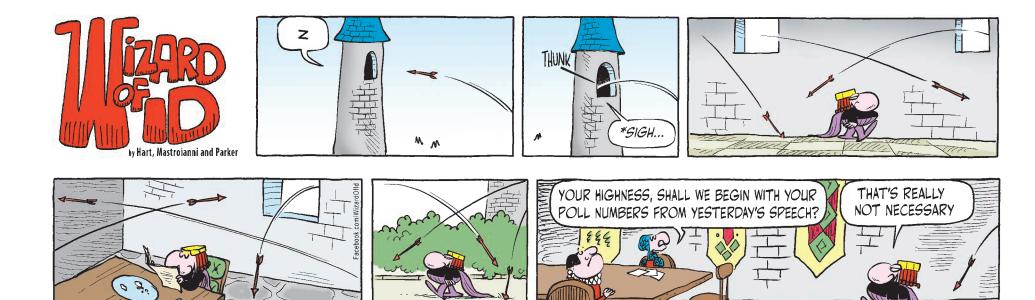
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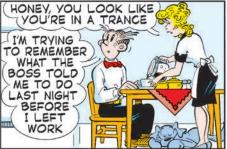




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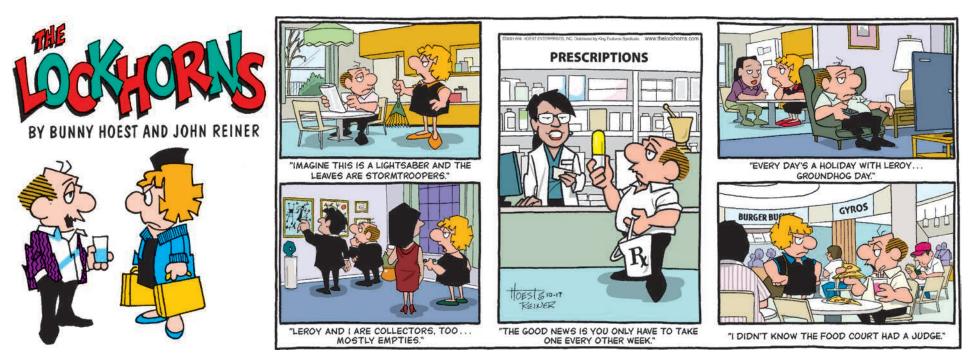
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