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NEWS BRIEFS

Citrus COVID-19 daily update

Forty-four new positive cases were reported in Citrus County since the latest FDOH update. One new hospitalization was reported; no new deaths were reported.

To date in the county, 1,703 people have tested positive (including five non-residents), 156 have been hospitalized and 38 have died.

Today is final day of early voting

The Supervisor of Elections Office reminds registered voters today is the last day for early voting from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at one of four locations:

- Central Ridge Library, 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills.
- Crystal River Elections Office, 1500 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River.
- Homosassa Public Library, 4100 S. Grand-march Ave., Homosassa.
- Inverness City Hall, 212 W. Main St., Inverness.

Remember to bring your signature and photo ID when you go to vote early the same as you do on Election Day. You may also drop off your Vote by Mail ballot at early voting sites.

The primary election is from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2020. On Election Day, you must vote at the polling place assigned to you by the Supervisor of Elections office. If you have questions about your polling place location, call 352-564-7120 or visit www.votecitrus.com and look up your precinct using Precinct Finder.

Drive-thru food drive Aug. 18

The Esther Chapter of the Daughters of the King at Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church in Lecanto is asking for food donations to benefit SOS Support Center, which feeds more than 7,000 families in Citrus County each month.

They will be having a drive-thru food drop off from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Aug. 18 at Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, 2540 West Norwell Bryant Highway (County Road 486), Lecanto.

The food collected on Tuesday will be taken to SOS on Wednesday in time for distribution on Thursday.

Also, they will have coolers on hand to store refrigerated or even frozen items.

— From staff reports

Legal battle over schools advances

Judge refuses to toss out lawsuits concerning reopening classrooms

DARA KAM
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Siding with teachers unions, a Leon County circuit judge on Friday

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ARE ON

- The FHSAA on Friday voted that high school athletic practices may begin Aug. 24, with Sept. 4 the first day games can be played. See **Page A9** for story.

refused to toss out lawsuits challenging Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran's mandate that school districts reopen classrooms this month.

But Judge Charles Dodson said his decision to deny the state's motion to dismiss the

case doesn't mean that the challenges to Corcoran's July 6 emergency order will be successful.

During an hour-long video hearing, the judge also encouraged attorneys representing the unions and the defendants — Gov. Ron DeSantis, Corcoran and other state education officials — to settle the dispute by Wednesday.

"This is a case that cries out for the parties to get together at this mediation and come up with an agreement. It's a very complicated

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ER in Citrus Hills set to open

Bayfront Health Seven Rivers sets premier date of Aug. 22



Bayfront Health Seven Rivers' new 24-hour emergency facility director of plant operations and security Troy Gronotte discusses this new General Electric CT scanner Friday, Aug. 14, 2020. The new facility supports both emergency and outpatient services and will open to the public Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020.

FRED HIERS
Staff writer

Bayfront Health Seven Rivers' new free-standing ER in Citrus Hills will open at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020, expanding the Crystal River hospital's market share into the growing Citrus Hills community and establish a foothold between the county's hospitals in Crystal River and its competitor in Inverness.

The single-story ER and 12 examination rooms cost the Franklin, Tennessee-based parent company Community Health Systems, which also owns Bayfront Health Seven Rivers, \$12.3 million. The free-standing ER Citrus Hills will function as a department of Seven Rivers hospital about 13 miles west in Crystal River, Seven Rivers CEO Linda Stockton told the Chronicle.

The facility will

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Friends say goodbye to 'jigsaw puzzle queen'

'Gigi' moving up North to be with family

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

For the past 18 years, on days that the East Citrus Community Center in Inverness opened its doors, Germaine Beeman was there — at 8:30 a.m.

"To her, this was her job," said Carolyn Adanti, coordinator for the county-run senior center.

She helped serve the daily meals, taught newcomers how to play cards and did whatever needed doing.

Now 91, Beeman, whom everyone calls "Gigi," is also known as the "jigsaw puzzle queen," having put together hundreds over the years, and having scores of them displayed on the center's walls.

"She's been a fixture around here," Adanti said.

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NANCY KENNEDY/Chronicle
A fixture at the East Citrus Community Center for the past 18 years, Germaine "Gigi" Beeman was surprised Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020, with a drive-by farewell parade as she prepares to move back to Connecticut to be with family. "All these people — I can't believe it," she said.

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Honoring healthcare heroes



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

The 2020 Healthcare Heroes recipients pictured above include, from left, are: Scott Sinigalliano and Mistie Newton representing the Citrus Memorial Hospital's Heart and Vascular Center-TAVR program; Kimberly Rigalo, L.P.N., representing Mederi Caretenders receives the Reader's Choice award; Lauren Shaw, P.A.-C, representing Gastroenterology Associates receives the Advance Care Provider award; Dr. Gustavo Fonseca representing Florida Cancer Specialists and Research Institute receives the Physician's Excellence award; Dr. Dacelin St. Martin, representing Pedi.M. Healthcare, receives the Community Outreach in Healthcare award; Dr. Patrick R. Jean receives the Lifetime Achievement in Healthcare award; receiving the Healthcare Volunteer award is the Meals on Wheels program and supervisor Janice Hale and volunteer Sally Greiner; and receiving the Healthcare Humanitarian award is Michele Fisher representing VITAS Healthcare. Other winners not pictured above include Dr. Jeremy Ledger, representing Ledger Dentistry is the winner of Excellence in Dental; Ernesto Rubio, DOH-Citrus Administrator receives the Administrative Excellence in Healthcare; and the Citrus County Sheriff's Office 911 Call Center receives the Healthcare Professional award.

Ceremony recognizes professionals, groups dedicated to health of the community

FRED HIERS
Staff writer

Healthcare professionals have devoted their lives to heal and care for the sick.

Amid the pandemic, long work hours, and countless personal sacrifices, they work feverishly to improve the health of their patients and the well-being of the county.

While all are worthy to be recognized for their commitment, and most are privately by their co-workers and patients, the Citrus Chronicle publicly recognizes Healthcare Heroes: those in their field who have demonstrated exceptional performance in their duties and improved the well-being of our community.

This year, the Citrus Chronicle, with the support of many sponsors including HPH Hospice, Citrus Health & Rehabilitation Center, and Gardner Audiology, selected 11 categories to spotlight and to select those most deserving of recognition.

Nominations were accepted online and in 10 categories a panel of judges reviewed and voted on each. The Chronicle's readers selected the winner of the 11th category: the Reader's Choice award.

The winners were honored Friday, Aug. 14, 2020, at the Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club as part of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Here is a portion of their stories and a few highlights.

■ The Lifetime Achievement winner is Dr. Patrick Jean.

The 67-year-old Jean said one of the best things about being an emergency physician is "that you can see immediate results from your work."

And if they return as a patient, "it's pretty gratifying if they want to see you personally (for their care)," Jean told the Chronicle.

And in many cases he treats the children of former patients when they come to the emergency room, he said.

Jean said he became a doctor because he liked the challenge and structure of school. He became an emergency physician because he saw it as the best way to help the most people.

Accepting the award Friday, he described ERs as the country's "safety net" for many who have no other health care options. He said he would "remember the award forever."

His parents were French and he was born in Morocco. His family moved to New York when he was 2 years old and to Florida when he was 10.

He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida and then graduated from UF's school of medicine in 1980.

He worked 25 years as an ER doctor at Citrus Memorial Hospital and then two more at Bayfront Health Seven Rivers.



2020 Healthcare Heroes Lifetime Achievement recipient Patrick Jean, MD, makes comments Friday afternoon following the presentation of his award.

He now works part time at a freestanding Emergency Department at North Florida Regional Hospital in Gainesville.

He and his family live on 90 acres on the Withlacoochee River. He wanted his children to experience a rural life.

He said medicine is a gratifying profession and he is happy when he watches his patients leave the ER satisfied with the help the ER staff gave them and are no longer at risk.

■ The Readers' Choice winner is Kim Rigalo.

Kim Rigalo is an account executive at Mederi Care Tenders in Inverness.

In high school, she took a certified nursing assistant course and tagged along with a CNA making her rounds. One was a quadriplegic man at home while his wife was off to work.

"It just felt so good to help somebody," Rigalo said.

She was sold on the profession and worked for the next several years as a nurse at Citrus Health and Rehabilitation.

And when her boss asked her to fill in as an account executive to help transition patients from the hospital to getting home health care, she agreed.

At first she didn't like it, but the next time her employer asked she gave it another go and took to the work and found it gratifying.

She meets with clients, often before they leave the hospital, and it's that interaction that she said she loves the most about her job.

"It's getting out and being so community oriented," she said.

The Healthcare Heroes Readers' Choice winner regularly goes beyond the

innovations in treatments that usually are only available in large metropolitan cities to help patients here."

Originally, Fonseca's father had encouraged him to be a doctor. Fonseca wanted to be a scientist.

Upon accepting the award, he told the audience he had become both.

"I enjoy what I do. I love this community," he said, adding that he was thankful he could be the person his father wanted him to be.

■ The winner of the Administrative Excellence in Healthcare award is Ernesto Rubio, the Department of Health in Citrus County administrator.

When Rubio accepted the DOH position in 2015, he said his goal was to establish relationships with other community organizations.

He said he had to because with a staff of 61 and more than 140,000 residents, living predominately in a poor, rural county, it was only through relationships that he could get residents the services they needed.

"Public health must be a grassroots community initiative, or it doesn't work. ... If I don't succeed in forming community partnerships, we're not going to get anything done," he said.

As the county's DOH administrator, Rubio created the county's Hepatitis C treatment program for indigent clients, hired an expert lactation consultant to help new mothers with breastfeeding, increased HPV vaccination rates in students, started a high-risk maternity program for drug dependent pregnant women, and worked with local healthcare facilities to have medical residents experience caring for patients with HIV/AIDS.

■ The winner of the Advanced Care Provider award was Lauren Shaw, PA-C.

Lauren Shaw told the Chronicle she became a physician's assistant because she wanted to work with patients. Due to the coronavirus, she more than has that opportunity.

Shaw has been a PA with Gastroenterology Associates in Citrus County for three years. She also took on extra shifts at Citrus Memorial Hospital. But when the pandemic hit and medical offices shutdown or curtailed many office visits, tests, and other elective procedures, Shaw increased her time at CMH.

"She didn't have to do it," said a Healthcare Hero judge. "She wanted to take care of COVID patients to help the community. She chose to go and chose to take the risk."

■ The winner of the Dental Excellence award is Dr. Jeremy Ledger, DMD.

Ledger follows a simple philosophy at his Homosassa's dentist's office: treat people well, don't hurt them, and don't pressure them about needing additional procedures.

Ledger told the Chronicle that far too often patients tell him about other dentists' unwillingness to listen to their complaints or that their previous procedures were painful. Ledger told the Chronicle that it's the simple process of listening and respecting patients that make a dentist's office successful.

■ The winner of the Innovation in Healthcare award was Citrus Memorial Hospital Heart and Vascular Center and TAVR program.

Just a few years ago patients who suffered from hardening of their heart's aortic valve had to go other cities like Gainesville or Tampa for the latest, less

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Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthday — Go after what you want. Channel your energy into what counts, and make this a year to remember. Stop worrying about what others are doing, and start figuring out what's best for you.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Look for a way to turn a negative into a positive. Seek out people who share your concerns. Don't waste time and energy on someone or something you cannot change.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Take action. Planning is all well and good, but at some point, you have to forge ahead. Step up and make things happen. Control your destiny instead of letting someone decide it for you.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Take care of yourself. Common sense and swift action will help you deal with obstacles between you and the things you want. Don't wait for someone to make the first move.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Less talk and more action will bring about positive change. An adjustment will lead to opportunities.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Set your sights on a goal, and take action. Don't wait for things to come to you. Seize the moment, and forge ahead.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Don't shy away from change. Dedicate more time to enjoying life and making the most of what you've got.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Being a follower will not lead to happiness or satisfaction. Don't feel obligated to take part in someone's pursuits.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — A personal change is in your best interest. Help yourself before you tend to other people's requests.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — You may not be happy about some of the changes that occur, but you will find a way to make what transpires work in your favor.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — An in-depth look into your background and beliefs will clear any doubt you have regarding your plans.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Don't overlook what others are doing. If you want to keep up with the competition, you'll have to make adjustments.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — What you do to help others will pay off when you need something in return.

ENTERTAINMENT

Civil rights activist Ruby Bridges writes children's book

NEW YORK — Civil rights activist **Ruby Bridges** has written a children's book with a candid telling of the past and positive message for the future, inspired by the Black Lives Matter protests.

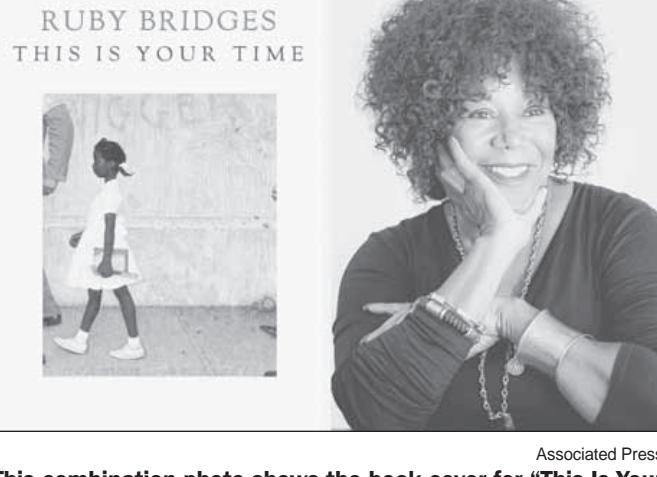
Delacorte Press, an imprint of Random House Children's Books, announced Friday that Bridges' "This Is Your Time" will come out Nov. 10. It arrives 60 years after she made history at age 6 by becoming the first Black student at an all-white elementary school in New Orleans, walking past crowds screaming racist slurs. She was later honored by **Norman Rockwell** in the painting "The Problem We All Live With."

The book is an open letter from Bridges to young readers and includes images from the 1960s and from recent events. "During the first few days of watching events unfold in our country recently, I felt myself waiting for guidance and I know many were feeling the same. Having spent years speaking to young people about racism, I felt compelled to say something, and after careful consideration, I decided a letter to my young people was the way," Bridges said in a statement.

Bridges is also the author of "Through My Eyes," a memoir published in 1999. **Dev Patel** celebrates India from his Los Angeles front yard

LONDON — Quarantine brought opportunities to **Dev Patel**'s front yard.

From a safe distance, the British actor was able to enjoy both



This combination photo shows the book cover for "This Is Your Time," left, and a portrait of the author Ruby Bridges.

his birthday and his relationship with India without leaving his L.A. home.

The first was courtesy of his girlfriend,

Australian actress **Tilda Cobham-Hervey**, who arranged for Patel's

friends to drive past with paper planes and letters while he sat in front of the house.

Second was the offer to celebrate India's culture and civilizations by narrating a National Geographic special, "India From Above," which airs Sept. 30.

As he quarantined, a portable recording booth was sent and parked in his driveway. "It was like a trailer hitched to a car, that had been completely sanitized," Patel explained.

Apart from being reminded of the pandemic by the sound of a passing ambulance, it worked well for the voice-over.

"It was incredible to be able to make some art in a way, to voice this beautiful thing, linked up to India," said Patel.

"India From Above" is a two-part documentary which uses

drone footage to show aerial views of towering temples, religious gatherings, EDM festivals and solar technology.

Patel frequently films in India, but high above the crowd is not a perspective he's used to.

"As soon as I step off that plane and out of the airport, you're sucked into this massive humanity, the crowds and the people and your eye level just kind of being swept along with this tide of people. And that will sweep you somewhere really inspiring and quite magical."

"But to zoom further and further out and higher and higher. That is pretty special," he added.

Patel describes his own relationship with India as "ever changing."

"I feel the sense of belonging when I go there. And I also feel like a total alien at times."

From "Slumdog Millionaire," "Lion" and "Hotel Mumbai," the Oscar-nominated actor is often in India on location and was preparing another film when the pandemic struck.

— From wire reports

Today in HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Aug. 15, the 228th day of 2020. There are 138 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Aug. 15, 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule.

On this date:

In 1483, the Sistine Chapel was consecrated by Pope Sixtus IV.

In 1769, Napoleon Bonaparte was born on the island of Corsica.

In 1935, humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airplane crashed near Point Barrow in the Alaska Territory.

In 1939, the MGM musical "The Wizard of Oz" opened at the Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood.

In 1945, in a pre-recorded radio address, Japan's Emperor Hirohito announced that his country had accepted terms of surrender for ending World War II.

In 1965, the Beatles played to a crowd of more than 55,000 at New York's Shea Stadium.

In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in New York.

In 1971, President Richard Nixon announced a 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents.

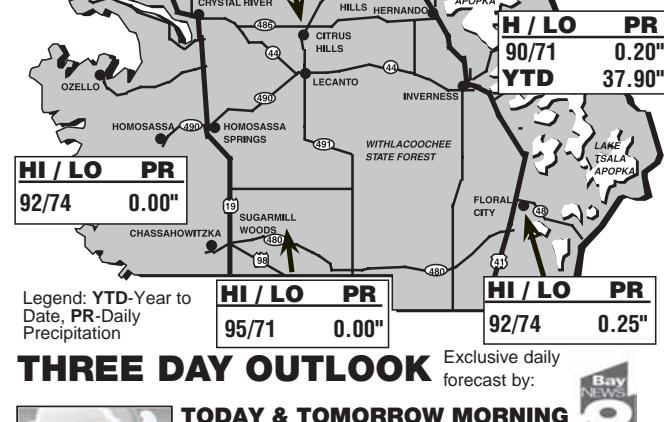
Ten years ago: Former medical student Philip Markoff, charged with killing Julissa Brisman, a masseuse he'd met through Craigslist, was found dead in his Boston jail cell, a suicide.

Five years ago: Japanese Emperor Akihito expressed rare "deep remorse" over his country's wartime actions in an address marking the 70th anniversary of Japan's surrender in World War II, a day after the prime minister fell short of apologizing to victims of Japanese aggression.

One year ago: After being urged to do so by President Donald Trump, Israel barred two Muslim-American congresswomen from entering the country for a visit.

Today's Birthdays: Britain's Princess Anne is 70. Actor Ben Affleck is 48. Rock singer Joe Jonas is 31. Actor Jennifer Lawrence is 30.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



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

THREE DAY OUTLOOK Exclusive daily forecast by: **BAY NEWS 9**

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 92° Low: 72°
Scattered showers and storms, mainly afternoon

SUNDAY & MONDAY MORNING
High: 91° Low: 73°
Scattered showers and storms, starting early

MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING
High: 91° Low: 73°
Scattered showers and storms, starting early

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Data from Crystal River Airport

TEMPERATURE

Yesterday 93/75

Record* 97/65

Normal 92/71

Mean temp. 82

Departure from mean 3

PRECIPITATION

Yesterday 0.05"

Total for the month 0.09"

Total for the year 11.15"

Normal for the year 34.65"

*Official record values from Tampa International

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MOONSET TODAY 5:39 pm

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Today's Fire Danger Index is: **LOW**. 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

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The new 24-hour emergency facility is located in Lecanto on West Norvell Bryant Highway. It will open Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020.

ER

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have 30 employees. It is about 10 miles northwest of Citrus Memorial Hospital in Inverness.

Stockton said the Citrus Hills site between the two hospitals was chosen because of the rapid growth in the area.

"That's the area we're going to meet with this new project," Stockton said. "That's the reason we located in Citrus Hills. There's a lot of growth."

But the free-standing ER will likely attract patients from other areas of the county too, she said.

Stockton said she did not know how many patients the ER will serve once people know about the service and in a few years when it's operating nearer its potential. But she said she isn't worried if it takes some of the market share from other hospitals.

"Citrus Memorial is pulling from these (Citrus Hill) ZIP codes and other areas of the county, so there's the potential (of taking Citrus Memorial market)," Stockton said.

Stockton said she expected a similar payer mix as to what Seven Rivers is seeing, with a strong emphasis of Medicare payers.

Seven Rivers spokeswoman Jennifer Siem told the Chronicle that the free-standing ER would also attract patients not needing emergency care but services such as imaging and lab work.

The new 24-hour emergency facility is located in Lecanto on West Norvell Bryant Highway. It will open Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020.

"Like any hospital

emergency department, the new Bayfront Health Health ER Citrus Hills will be equipped to treat patients with illnesses and injuries that require a higher level of care than urgent care facilities offer," Siem said. "Many emergency services can be effectively managed at freestanding emergency departments without the need for transfer to a traditional hospital setting."

But if ER staff think patients need to be transferred to a hospital, Stockton said it would be a "very smooth transition" and the hospital staff can start the process of admission.

Stockton said the ER will work closely with Seven Rivers.

"It's like we have a (combined) 21 emergency examination rooms ... giving people access to care in the central part of the county," she said.

The new ER department will expand the Bayfront Health Seven Rivers' footprint.

Emergency rooms account for about half of the nation's hospital admissions, according to a study by the RAND Corporation, a nonprofit think tank.

At Citrus Memorial Hospital, the ER accounts for about 80% of the hospital's inpatient population.

Stockton would not say how many of its admissions began as ER visits, but that free-standing ERs typically account for fewer than ERs situated inside full-service hospitals.

"We know that will be a little less," Stockton said, but emphasized the new ER will provide the same level of care. "It's just closer to home."

Community Health Systems owns the Bayfront Health Seven Rivers hospital along with 17 other health care facilities throughout Florida. CHS

has 106 hospitals in 18 states.

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Bayfront Health Services Seven Rivers' Scott Beckwith, environmental services director, left, and Troy Gronotte, plant operations and security director, wheel a gurney into the new 24-hour emergency facility Friday, Aug. 14, 2020.



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BATTLE

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case. I know that. And between the governor and the education commissioner and the plaintiffs, I'm confident that if you all work really hard, you can do that, and I'm very hopeful that you can," Dodson said.

The Florida Education Association statewide union last month filed a lawsuit alleging that Corcoran's order violates the state Constitution, which guarantees Floridians the right to "safe" and "secure" public schools. The Orange County teachers union filed a similar legal complaint, and Dodson consolidated the cases.

Corcoran's directive requires school districts to reopen brick-and-mortar classrooms five days a week in August and offer "the full panoply of services" to students and families, unless state and local health officials say otherwise.

COVID-19 hotspots — Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties — were exempt from the mandate.

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While Wells acknowledged that the Florida Constitution says it is a "paramount duty of the state" to provide "uniform, efficient, safe, secure and high-quality" education to Floridians, he said Corcoran's emergency order took those requirements into account.

"It's a balancing between safety and a balancing between high quality, a balancing between protecting the

students and protecting the teachers and protecting the staff and the community, and providing that high quality education," Wells, an attorney with the Gunster law firm, told the judge.

But Florida Education Association lawyer Ron Meyer said returning to school amid the pandemic is causing many teachers to resign or retire early and give up benefits, while creating anxiety for many others.

"They, as a result of this executive order, are going to be exposed to harm as they return to public schools, because of the lack of proper attention being paid to the requirement that there be safe and secure public schools," he said.

Schools shouldn't be punished financially if local officials decide it's safer to postpone the onset of face-to-face instruction, Meyer argued.

"What we're saying is whether the children are seated in their classroom or seated in their home or other location, being instructed by live instruction through the internet, the funding shouldn't be a problem. But what we have here is an emergency order that basically says you only get funding if you do it my way. We think that's arbitrary and capricious," he said.

Monique Bellefleur, one of the plaintiffs in the Orange County lawsuit, is a middle-school teacher who is pregnant and has two children, including a son who is immunocompromised, according to court documents.

"Our client is in a difficult position of choosing whether or not to pursue her career and provide for her family or risk her health and well-being. Those are questions that should not be made and should not be forced," Jacob Stuart, who represents the Orange County plaintiffs, told Dodson on Friday.

The judge ordered the parties to hold mediation all day Tuesday. If they don't reach a compromise, Dodson scheduled a two-day hearing to begin Wednesday morning.

Whether schools should resume face-to-face instruction has become a political flashpoint in Florida and throughout the country, as parents, teachers and district officials juggle the perils of exposure to the highly contagious virus and the benefits of in-person instruction.

Corcoran this week participated in a roundtable on school reopenings at the White House with DeSantis' close ally, President Donald Trump, who is also pushing for schools to reopen.

The education commissioner, a former speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, boasted of his mandate and berated the legal challenges during Wednesday's event.

"We are being sued by the union bosses, and they are disgraceful, absolutely disgraceful," he said.

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Obituaries

Kathleen Ballo

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Ballo, Kathleen passed away peacefully at her home on Aug 13 following a short illness. Her family was at her side; husband Doug News-

ham, daughter Elizabeth Ballo, son Michael Ballo, grandchildren Finnegan and Thea, sister Irene M. Toto. Kathy was born in Nyack New York, grew up in St. Petersburg and lived around the country before settling in Crystal River.

She was the owner of Poe House Books and most recently worked at Homosassa Elementary. Kathy loved her family, her home and nature. She was well read, had a sharp wit, was a creative cook and baker, and was generous and brave. She will be greatly missed by her family, her pets, her tribe of friends, her many cousins and her extended family. We ask that you spend time in a garden and remember her spirit. "In the garden of memory, in the palace of dreams, that is where you and I shall meet."

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James Dunne, 79

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James Henry Dunne, 79, of Lecanto, FL passed away August 11, 2020. He was born on February 14, 1941 to James and Pauline Dunne in Ponca City, Oklahoma.

A Sales Representative for most of his life, he moved to the area 16 years ago from Illinois. He was a proud Republican and a proud member of the NRA.

James was an avid marksman and extremely knowledgeable collector and trader of guns. James was a loving father and adored his wife and family. He was a friend to all he met and always had a joke to tell.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Judy Dunne; brother Joe Dunne; sons-in-law Douglas Orcutt, David Denzy and Tom Nance.

James is survived by his children Debbie Orcutt, Tammy Denzy-Nance and Jimmy Dunne; grandchildren Kylie, Katelyn, Ryan, McKenna, Bailey, Olivia and David; great-grandchildren Henry, Brooks, Ella, Savannah and Ivory. Private cremation is under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, FL.

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Weekly roundup: Ringing in the school year

Recap and analysis of the week in state government and politics

ANA CEBALLOS
The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — As kids go back to school, Florida is going to court.

A legal challenge over a state mandate to reopen schools is intensifying as students in 13 counties packed their book bags — and face masks — and headed back to classrooms this week. Children in at least another dozen counties are set to return to school next week.

The anxiety over the reopening of brick-and-mortar schools spilled into a Tallahassee courtroom on Thursday and Friday.

Gov. Ron DeSantis, Corcoran and state education officials are locked in a lawsuit filed by the Florida Education Association, which alleges that an emergency order issued by Corcoran requiring schools to reopen this month is unconstitutional. The union representing Orange County teachers filed a similar legal challenge, and the cases have been consolidated.

The unions are seeking a temporary injunction "to stop the reopening of schools until it is safe to do so."

State officials, however, are arguing that kids should have the option of in-person instruction because it is more effective than distance learning.

As the politically charged court battle drags on, students, parents and school employees are preparing for a new school year that will look very different while the coronavirus remains a threat.

The governor told reporters in Sarasota on Friday that the 13 districts that reopened this week have "had success."

He doubled down on the need to offer parents the choice to send their kids back to school.

"As governor, I really appreciate it because they really are having to go above and beyond to provide all these options to

parents and ultimately opportunities for our kids," DeSantis said.

When asked whether schools should shut down if there is an outbreak, the governor said he hopes school districts take a "more surgical approach" to increases in positive COVID-19 cases rather than shutting schools.

During a hearing Friday morning, Leon County Circuit Judge Charles Dodson encouraged the state and the unions to iron out their differences without having the court intervene.

"This is a case that cries out for the parties to get together at this mediation and come up with an agreement. It's a very complicated case. I know that," Dodson said. "And between the governor and the education commissioner and the plaintiffs, I'm confident that if you all work really hard, you can do that, and I'm very hopeful that you can."

SHOULD I STAY OR SHOULD I GO?

Teachers in various parts of the state have been considering an early retirement, resigning or taking a leave of absence rather than return to school amid the COVID-19 pandemic, according to surveys conducted by school districts and unions.

The considerations come amid the state's push to have all school districts offer in-person instruction. Some teachers feel they are being forced to choose between their livelihood and their health.

"For the first time in a very long time, I am feeling stressed. It is just a lot for me to process because I am being asked to do something that the science and the data are telling me there is an untenable amount of risk involved," Dave Galloway, a sixth grade science teacher in Jackson County, said in an interview Tuesday.

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In rural Jackson County, eight teachers said they would take a leave of absence, two said they would resign and two others said they would retire early, according to Galloway, who serves as the president of the Jackson County Education Association.

A July survey found that 52 educators in Pasco County, or roughly 1 percent of respondents, would either resign or take a leave of absence if asked to come back, according to school district spokesman Stephen Hegarty.

Fourteen Pinellas County school employees resigned before the start of the school year and 47 have requested a leave of absence, Associate Superintendent of Human Resource Services Paula Texel said at a school board meeting Tuesday.

A mid-July survey conducted by the Florida Education Association found that 18,082 educators said the pandemic has "made them more likely to retire or leave education earlier than planned." But it is unclear how many of them have acted on that sentiment.

DeSantis has maintained that district employees and teachers should not be forced to return to school if they are uncomfortable about the virus. Alternative work accommodations, however, are determined at the local level.

'TREMENDOUS CONFUSION'

After many twists and turns in the legal battle over a 2018 constitutional amendment that restored voting rights to felons upon completion of their sentences, lawyers and felons say they continue to face uncertainty about voting eligibility.

The legal wrangling and incomplete or contradictory court records have erected at-times insurmountable barriers for Florida felons who want to participate in one of the bedrock elements of democracy: voting.

"It has caused tremendous confusion among the lawyers and pro bono lawyers that have been trying to assist people for over a year. So you can only imagine the

confusion of the people that are applying," Miami-Dade County Public Defender Carlos Martinez told The News Service of Florida.

Dozens of lawyers throughout the state are working with organizations such as the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition, the Alliance for Safety and Justice and the League of Women Voters of Florida to help felons determine whether they have outstanding financial obligations and to clear up the debts so they can register to vote. Floridians have until Oct. 5 to register to vote in the November general election.

It can be difficult to ascertain fees or costs assessed in decades-old cases, whose records can be on microfilm, Attorney Carin Levine said. And it's even more challenging to find out what payments were made, if any.

"It's especially hard to determine where restitution goes to. And sometimes the public clerk website has different information on it than the internal website that the public doesn't have access to. And once you miss a payment or you're past due, 90 days later, they send it to a collection agency. And that collection agency immediately adds 40 percent plus interest and late fees," she said.

STORY OF THE WEEK

A Leon County circuit judge on Friday refused to dismiss a lawsuit challenging a state order requiring schools to reopen in August, as students in 13 counties returned to classrooms this week.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Just as the SEALs surmounted obstacles to bring Osama bin Laden to justice, so too would the Martin County school system find a way to provide parents with a meaningful choice of in-person instruction or continued distance learning." — Gov. Ron DeSantis, referring to Martin County Superintendent Laurie Gaylord's comments that the school relaunch was a mission "akin to a Navy Seal operation."

HEROES

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innovative procedure to fix their problem.

Citrus Memorial Hospital now also offers some of those procedures, namely the transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR). The TAVR procedure is a minimally invasive procedure for patients with a narrowing aortic valve, aortic stenosis, and that replaces the diseased valve.

Unlike traditional valve replacement procedures that involve opening the patient's chest, the hospital's cardiac team replaces the valve through small incisions by the groin. Patients are typically back to their normal lives in just a few days.

■ The winner of the Community Outreach in Healthcare is Dr. Dacelin St. Martin.

Dr. Dacelin St. Martin began making better health care available to more people as soon as he opened his pediatric and internal medicine practice in 2005. To help in that, he also opened quick care clinics in the county and initiated an adult sports program.

When the coronavirus pandemic threatened Citrus County, St. Martin offered free COVID-19 tests to county residents.

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on State Road 44 in Crystal River. His staff volunteered to work at the site and get residents tested.

St. Martin's staff did thousands of tests and now continues to do more than 300 drive-through tests a week at his urgent care clinics.

At the award ceremony St. Martin thanked his staff.

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Inverness in front of a McDonald's restaurant looking confused.

When she asked him if everything was alright, he said that his car had been stolen and repainted and he couldn't find it. His telephone number didn't work but with some more questioning, Fisher determined he lived in Orlando. She tried the number with an Orlando area code and contacted his wife.

His wife told Fisher he had a memory problem and that he was missing for two days. He was also a diabetic and hadn't taken his medicine.

She called 911 and paramedics told her that his blood sugar was dangerously high. Doctors at the hospital told her he would not have lived much longer without help.

The Citrus County Sheriff's Office gave the certified nursing assistant in hospice an award for her good deeds.

"Michele has a magnetic personality, with a brilliant smile," said her nomination. "Making herself available to all (patient care) teams, Michele can be found throughout Citrus County, in facilities and patient homes. She is focused on the patient's needs and ensures their comfort before she leaves them."

"To quote an administrator from one assisted living facility, 'We trust the care that is being given by Michele. We never feel the need to check and see if it was done correctly because with Michele, it always is.'"

Accepting the award, Fisher told those in the audience that she is grateful for the opportunity to help others.

"This is the purpose God has given me," she said.

Contact Chronicle reporter Fred Hiers at 352-563-5660 or fred.hiers@chronicleonline.com.

Around the COUNTY

Clerk of Court satellite office soft opening Monday

Angela Vick, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, is pleased to announce the soft opening of the Clerk Services on Monday, Aug. 17, 2020, at the West Citrus Government Center (WCGC) at 1540 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River.

Some services might not be immediately available at the Clerk's WCGC location.

All court related services such as injunctions for protection, customer service for opening court cases, payment of court fines and fees, and traffic payments will remain at the Courthouse located in Inverness at 110 N. Apopka Ave.

Searches and public access to court documents will be available at all three Clerk of Court locations.

Look for updates on the Clerk's website at www.citrusclerk.org and on social media accounts (Facebook/Instagram: @CitrusCounty Clerk, Twitter: @CitrusFL Clerk)

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Citrus County spokeswoman Cynthia Oswald and East Citrus Community Center coordinator Carolyn Adanti greet 91-year-old Germaine "Gigi" Beeman moments before surprising her with a drive-by farewell parade. Beeman, who has been a regular senior center member for the past 18 years, is moving back to Connecticut to be with family.

QUEEN

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So, it was with tears all around that on Wednesday, Aug. 12, Beeman was surprised with a drive-by farewell party as she prepares to move back to Connecticut to be with family.

From her chair underneath the center's entrance awning, cars with well-wishers shouted their goodbyes as they slowly drove past.

"You are an inspiration!" Chuck Holden called to her.

As car after car slowed down so people could say goodbye, Beeman kept saying, "I don't believe this. All these people — I didn't know I knew so many people."

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the senior centers across the county have been closed since mid-March.

However, county staff, such as Adanti, have continued to care about the



NANCY KENNEDY/Chronicle
Goodbye wishes for Germaine "Gigi" Beeman from her friends at the East Citrus Community Center in Inverness.

people they serve, county community," she said. spokeswoman Cynthia Oswald said Wednesday.

"This has been so disruptive to our seniors who need that sense of community."

When Adanti learned that Beeman was moving away, she only had a few days to put something together.

"We don't serve (daily) meals here anymore, but they do come and pick up their meals here," Adanti said. "So, I just started making phone calls and told people to come a half hour early and make a parade."

Beeman said she didn't expect a parade in her honor and had been thinking she wouldn't get to see her friends one last time.

"To me, this is a miracle," she said. "I think I'm going to start a new life up there. I'm going back to the same little town I lived in for many years — it's colder up there than here."

Janice Hale, the county's senior programs supervisor, said it was important to everyone that they do this.

"We all love her," she said. "We had to do something — she's part of our family."

For the RECORD

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Domestic arrest

■ David Bryant, 33, of Hernando, at 2:29 p.m. Aug. 10 on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery. He was also charged on a writ of bodily attachment.

Other arrests

■ Rapheal Arnold, 32, McKinnon Avenue, Oviedo, at 11:30 p.m. Aug. 9 on an active warrant for felony sexual battery of a child under the age of 12. He was transported from the Rutherford County Jail to the Citrus County Detention Facility.

■ Jeanna Cornelius, 18, of Inverness, at 8:59 a.m. Aug. 8 on a misdemeanor charge of battery. Her bond was set at \$1,000.

■ Aubrey Mell, 35, of Inverness, at 7:04 p.m. Aug. 10 on an active warrant for felony violation of probation.

■ Michael McClelland Jr., 30, of Lecanto, at 10:41 p.m. Aug. 10 on a misdemeanor charge of criminal mischief. His bond was set at \$1,000.

■ Jeffrey Lott, 56, of Lecanto, at 10:33 a.m. Aug. 11 on an active warrant for felony violation of probation.

■ Kylee Smith, 41, of Homosassa, at 9:30 p.m. Aug. 11 on a misdemeanor charge of resisting an officer without violence. According to her arrest affidavit, Smith is accused of banging on a

ON THE NET

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patrol car and attempting to open the door to release the person being detained. Her bond was set at \$1,000.

■ Michael Barringer, 39, of Homosassa, at 9:30 p.m. Aug. 11 on a felony charge of battery on a law enforcement officer and a misdemeanor charge of resisting an officer without violence.

According to his arrest affidavit, Barringer is accused of making verbal threats at a deputy that was investigating a physical disturbance. He reportedly attempted to hide underneath a mobile home after he had been handcuffed. His bond was set at \$6,000.

Around the STATE

7 new cases of West Nile in Miami

MIAMI — Thirty three Miami-Dade County residents have now been infected with the West Nile virus, health officials said.

On Thursday the county's Florida Department of Health said seven additional residents have contracted the mosquito-borne illness from local transmission.

The county's first two cases of the virus were detected in May. Both cases were local residents.

On Aug. 4 in nearby Broward County, officials announced the county's first West Nile virus case since 2012, the Miami Herald reported. And in Monroe County, officials are dealing with an outbreak of 26 cases of Dengue fever. It's the first outbreak of the mosquito-borne illness there in a decade.

The health department said West Nile virus is the leading cause of mosquito-borne disease in the United States.

There are no vaccines to prevent it or medications to treat it.

— From wire reports



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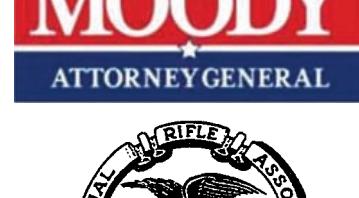
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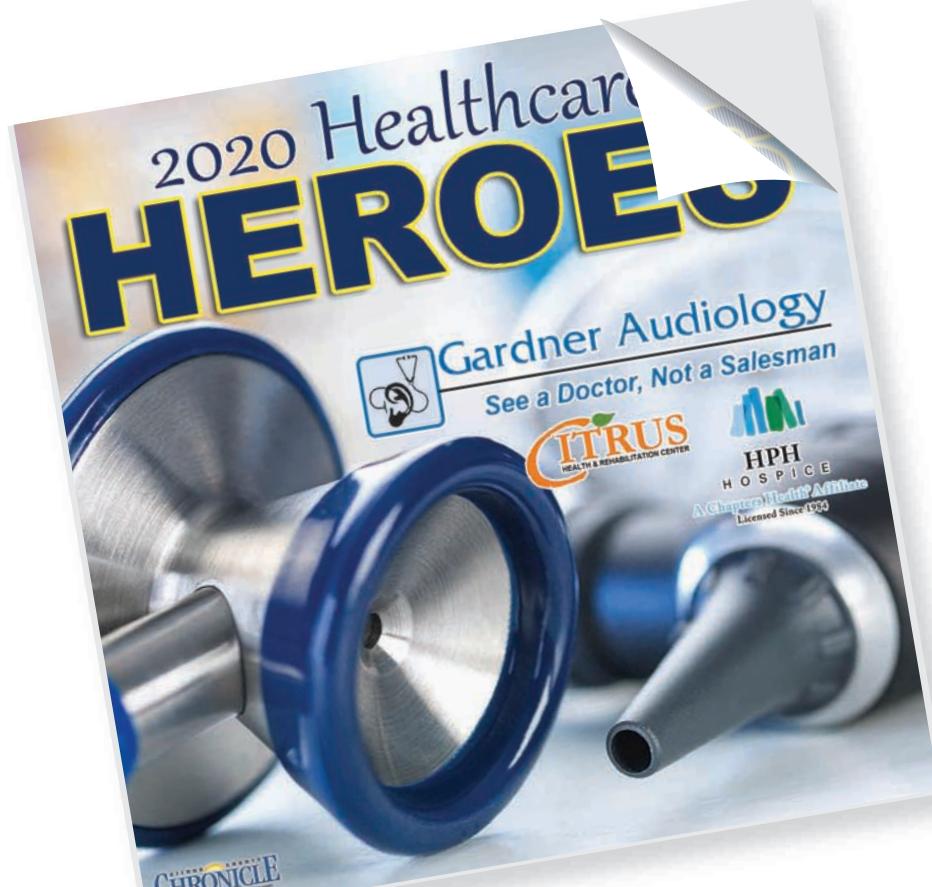


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FHSAA: Fall sports to move forward

Practices can begin Aug. 24

MATT PFIFFNER
Sports editor

The Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) Board of Directors met Friday, Aug. 14, 2020, in Gainesville to decide the fate for fall sports in the state.

After a sometimes contentious 2 1/2 hours of debate, the board voted 11-5 to support Executive Director George Tomyn's recommendation to go with Option 1, which means fall practices can begin Aug. 24, with a first regular-season game date of Sept. 4.

School districts aren't obligated to begin athletics on that date, it's just the earliest they can.

The other option seriously discussed — Option 3 — would have delayed

the beginning of the fall sports season until Oct. 12 and pushed back the start and end dates for winter and spring athletics.

An amendment to Option 1, introduced earlier in the meeting by board member Carlos Ochoa and passed by a majority vote, allows schools to opt-out of both the state series and FHSAA athletic calendar by Sept. 18, if they are not able to safely play by then. The FHSAA will then work with those schools and/or districts to create a new athletic schedule that works for them, even if it means pushing back fall sports all the way to the spring.

"I think this proposal provides flexibility for all and maximizes seasons for all of our members," Ochoa said.

After the opt-out date, the board will meet again and begin the process of figuring out how many schools are in each class and how the state series

will look.

Tomyn began the day discussing video meetings he had with 10 different advisory committees over the past three weeks to gauge their interest in the different options.

"I am a firm believer in parent choice and a firm believer in leaving things up to the districts," Tomyn said. "Remember, our schools are opening and extracurriculars are an important part of schools."

The golf and football committees both voted unanimously for Option 1; bowling, cross country, a student-athlete committee and the fall officials committee both had a majority vote for Option 1; volleyball, swimming & diving and a 15-member athletic directors committee all voted in favor of Option 3 by a slight majority; the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) voted 14-0 for Option 3 and went so far as to say they would be in favor for an athletics

start date as late as Nov. 30.

Chris Patricca — the most vocal board member against Option 1 and the lone vote against Ochoa's amendment to Option 1 — was concerned with health issues for students and also wondered how fair it was to allow some schools to play in the state series while others might be unable to, because of reasons out of their control. The response to that by another board member was that the regions unable to compete in the state series could possibly create their own regional championship end-of-season series.

Board member Mark Schuster was also concerned how safe it is to begin practices in less than two weeks with the COVID-19 numbers in Florida.

"We are ignoring the science. Are we willing to take this chance with the health of kids, coaches and officials?" he asked.

"That's the bottom line for me, the safety of our kids.

To have interscholastic competition between schools is dangerous."

To speak about the science of COVID-19, Dr. Jennifer Maynard of SMAC was brought into the meeting by phone.

She said 43 out of 67 Florida counties meet the requirement to show the pandemic is under control (an infection rate below 1%), while 24 or not. She added that zero counties are in what is considered the green (safe) zone of new cases per 100,000 residents and that 65 of 67 counties have a positivity rate of 6.5% or higher, with only one below 5%.

"Until COVID-19 is given the respect it deserves, we won't get there," she said. "And introducing sports would add fuel to the fire."

She said the SMAC would not recommend playing sports until data

from schools reopening can be collected.

There were also several board members who were vocal in their support for Option 1, basically saying we need to get on with our lives.

Sue Tortora said it was naive to think kids weren't out doing things together right now and that the only way to really defeat the pandemic is to shut everyone inside for another 6 or 8 weeks and take the chance of the state going bankrupt.

"At some point we have to step out and make a decision," she said.

Chalmus Thomas was just as passionate with his remarks.

"We can't sit in a shell. We need to make a decision that will move this forward," he said. "Athletics have been something that pulls communities together. Safety is our first priority, but we must move forward."

Four knotted up for the Wyndham lead

Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Tom Hoge maintained a share of the lead Friday at the Wyndham Championship, this time alongside Si Woo Kim, Talor Gooch and Billy Horschel.

Hoge, tied for the first-round lead with Harold Varner III and Roger Sloan, kept in front with a steady 2-under 68 to get to 10-under par.

Hoge, whose best-ever tour finish was a second at The Greenbrier this season, was asked what it would take for his first PGA Tour win.

"There's a lot to that question," he said.

The answer could be as simple as regaining his first-round form when he had seven birdies, an eagle and one par. This time, Hoge was more up and down with five birdies and three bogeys.

Kim, whose first tour victory came here in 2016 and made history a year later as the youngest-ever winner of The Players Championship, shot a 65 to move up.

Kim got it going on the front nine (his final nine) after starting with nine consecutive pars. He had six bogeys coming in, including the final two holes to move on top.

Kim's approach shots down the stretch were on target — his final five birdie putts were all from 12 feet or closer.

He said the rough at Sedgefield Country Club was "more sticky and deep" this year.

"It helps more to hit fairway, that's really



Tom Hoge drives on the 18th hole during the second round of the Wyndham Championship golf tournament at Sedgefield Country Club on Friday, Aug. 14, 2020, in Greensboro, N.C.

Wyndham Championship

Friday
At Sedgefield Country Club
Greensboro, N.C.

Yardage: 7,131; Par: 70

Purse: \$6.4 Million

Second Round

Tom Hoge	62-68-130	-10
Si Woo Kim	65-65-130	-10
Talor Gooch	65-65-130	-10
Billy Horschel	66-64-130	-10
Harris English	64-67-131	-9
Shane Lowry	68-63-131	-9
Andrew Landry	66-65-131	-9
Doc Redman	67-64-131	-9
Harold Varner III	62-69-131	-9

Celtic Classic

Friday
At Celtic Manor Resort
Newport, Wales

Purse: \$1.302 million

Yardage: 7,315; Par: 71

Second Round

Sam Horschel, England	67-64-131	-11
Thomas Pieters, Belgium	64-68-132	-10
Thomas Detry, Belgium	67-66-133	-9
Andrew Johnston, Scotland	67-66-133	-9

Callum Shinkwin, England 68-65-133

Bridgestone Senior Players Championship

Friday
At Firestone CC
Akron, Ohio

Purse: \$3.0 Million

Yardage: 7,400; Par: 70

Second Round

Jerry Kelly	68-70-138	-2
Robert Karlsson	70-71-141	+1
Colin Montgomerie	72-69-141	+1
Steve Stricker	68-73-141	+1
Rod Pampling	68-73-141	+1

ASILSO Scottish Open

Friday
At Renaissance Club
North Berwick, Scotland

Purse: \$1.5 million

Yardage: 6,313; Par: 71

Second Round

Stacy Lewis	71-66-137	-5
Azahara Munoz	68-69-137	-5
Jennifer Song	68-70-138	-4
Amy Olson	68-71-139	-3
Olivia Cowan	68-71-139	-3

Robert Karlsson,

Lewis, Munoz tied at top at Ladies Scottish Open

NORTH BERWICK, Scotland — American golfer Stacy Lewis shot a 5-under 66 for the lowest round of the week at the Ladies Scottish Open to take a share of the lead with Azahara Munoz after the second round.

Florida LOTTERY

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

PICK 2 (early)

0 - 8

PICK 2 (late)

9 - 7

PICK 3 (early)

0 - 4 - 1

PICK 3 (late)

9 - 6 - 9

PICK 4 (early)

4 - 3 - 2 - 0

Thursday's winning numbers and payouts:

Fantasy 5: 1 - 7 - 10 - 13 - 21

5-of-5 2 winners \$90,461.72

4-of-5 392 \$74

3-of-5 10,422 \$7.50

Cash 4 Life: 25 - 31 - 38 - 48 - 49

Cash Ball: 3

5-of-5 CB No winner

5-of-5 No winner

PICK 4 (late)

7 - 9 - 7 - 5

PICK 5 (early)

2 - 1 - 7 - 3 - 6

PICK 5 (late)

4 - 0 - 5 - 0 - 5

FANTASY 5

13 - 24 - 32 - 33 - 35

JACKPOT TRIPLE PLAY

10 - 11 - 16 - 17 - 33 - 44

MEGA MILLIONS

3 - 24 - 29 - 42 - 47

MEGA BALL

13

CASH 4 LIFE

12 - 24 - 35 - 42 - 54

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East Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	13	6	.684	—	—	5-5	W-3	7-1	6-5
Baltimore	11	7	.611	1 1/2	—	6-4	W-6	3-4	8-3
Tampa Bay	12	9	.571	2	—	7-3	L-1	8-3	4-6
Toronto	7	9	.438	4 1/2	2 1/2	4-6	W-1	2-3	5-6
Boston	6	14	.300	7 1/2	5 1/2	3-7	L-5	3-9	3-5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away
Minnesota	12	7	.632	—	—	5-5	W-1	7-1	5-6
Cleveland	11	9	.550	1 1/2	1/2	6-4	W-1	6-4	5-5
Detroit	9	8	.529	2	1	5-5	L-3	4-7	5-1
Chicago	10	9	.526	2	1	5-5	W-2	2-6	8-3
Kansas City	8	11	.421	4	3	5-5	W-1	4-4	4-7

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away
Oakland	13	6	.684	—	—	8-2	W-1	9-3	4-3
Texas	9	9	.500	3 1/2	1 1/2	6-4	W-3	7-4	2-5
Houston	8	10	.444	4 1/2	2 1/2	4-6	W-1	5-4	3-6
Los Angeles	7	12	.368	6	4	4-6	L-1	4-5	3-7
Seattle	7	13	.350	6 1/2	4 1/2	3-7	L-2	3-7	4-6

BOX SCORES

Toronto 12, Tampa Bay 4

Tampa Bay	Toronto
ab	r
h	bi
Meadows lf	3 2 0 0
Biggio 2b	2 31 1
Lowe 2b	4 1 2 3
Bichette ss	5 22 3
Wendle 3b	3 0 1 0
Shaw 3b	4 00 0
Choi 1b	4 0 0 0
Hernández rf	23 4
Adames ss	4 1 2 0
Gurriel Jr. lf	5 0 0 0
Tsutsugo dh	0 0 0 0
Guerrero J.dh	3 11 0
a-Díaz ph-dh	0 0 0 0
Gómez cf	5 11 1
Kiermaier cf	3 0 0 0
Tellez 1b	4 22 2
Renfroe rf	3 0 0 1
Jansen c	3 10 0
Perez c	2 0 0 0
Martínez ph	1 0 0 0
Zunino c	1 0 0 0
Totals	29 4 5 4
Tampa Bay	Totals
210 001 000	—4
Toronto	Totals
020 105 04x	—12

E—Wendle 2 (4). DP—Tampa Bay 0, Toronto 2. LOB—Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 7. 2B—Adames 2 (8), HR—Lowe (6), Tellez (3), Biggio (5), Grichuk (1), Bichette (5), Hernández 2 (7). SB—Wendle (2), SF—Renfroe (1).

IP H R ER BB SO

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Richards	4 1/3	4	3	3	3	3
Thompson, L, 1-1	2	2	2	0	0	0
Loup	1 2/3	2	3	3	0	0
Alvarado	2/3	2	4	4	2	2
Brosseau	1/3	0	0	0	0	1

Thompson pitched to 3 batters in the 6th. HBP—Loup (Biggio), Alvarado (Biggio). WP—Alvarado.

Umpires—Home, Stu Scheewater; First, Hunter Wendelstedt; Second, Vic Carapazza; Third, Brennan Miller. T—3:09.

N.Y. Yankees 10, Boston 3

Boston	New York
ab	r
h	bi
Meadows lf	3 2 0 0
Biggio 2b	2 31 1
Thompson, L, 1-1	2 2 2 0
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Cincinnati 8, Pittsburgh 1

Pittsburgh	Cincinnati
ab	r
h	bi
Frazier 2b	4 1 1 2
LeMahieu 2b	12 0
Devers 3b	4 0 1 1
Estrada 2b	0 0 0 0
Martinez dh	4 0 0 0
Voit 1b	4 21 0
Bogaerts ss	4 0 0 0
Hicks cf	4 10 0
Moreland 1b	4 0 1 0
Ursella 3b	4 11 0
Vázquez c	4 0 1 0
Torres ss	4 24 2
Pillar rf	3 1 1 0
Wade ss	1 0 1 0
Bradley Jr. cf	3 1 1 0
Tauchman rf	5 23 4
Araúz 2b	3 0 1 0
Sánchez c	5 11 2
Frazier dh	4 0 1 2
Gómez cf	2 0 0 0
Gardner lf	2 0 0 0

WP—Brewer, Coney.

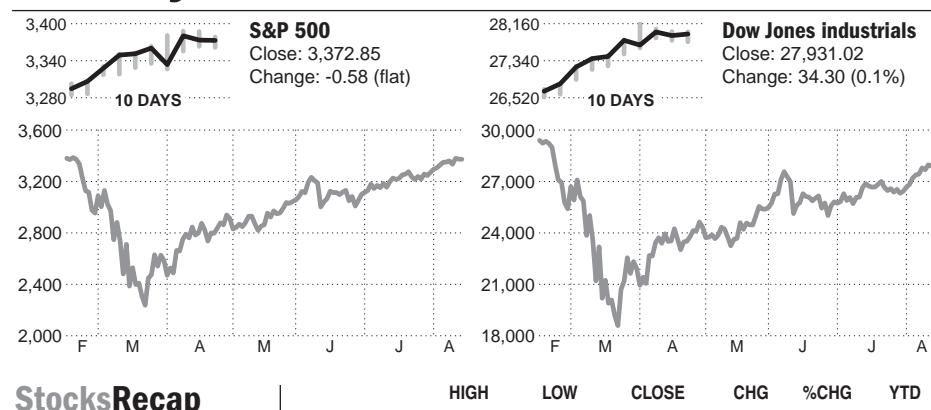
Umpires—Home, Chad Fairchild; First, Jason Visconti; Second, Ryan Additon; Third, Carlos Torres.

T—3:35.

Cincinnati 8, Pittsburgh 1

Pittsburgh	Cincinnati
ab	r
h	bi
Frazier 2b	4 0 0 0
Akiyama lf	4 11 0
Newman ss	4 0 1 0
Castellanos rf	11 3
Bell 1b	3 0 0 0
Votto 1b	4 12 0
Moran dh	4 0 0 0
Winkler dh	3 23 3
Reynolds cf	4 1 1 1
Senzel cf	3 0 0 0
Polanco rf	4 0 0 0
VanMeter 2b	4 11 0
González 3b	4 0 1 0
Galvis ss	4 12 0
Tucker cf	3 0 2 0
Barnhart cf	4 11 2
Stallings c	3 0 0 0
Farmer 3b	4 0 1 0

Money & Markets



Stocks Recap

	NYSE	NASD	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD
Vol. (in mil.)	2,904	2,951	DOW	27977.81	27759.39	27931.02	+34.30	+0.12% -2.13%
Pvs. Volume	3,081	3,321	DOW Trans.	11029.92	10843.48	10959.54	+73.06	+0.67% +0.53%
Advanced	1287	1408	DOW Util.	832.33	822.82	824.87	-9.52	-1.14% -6.18%
Declined	1267	1601	NYSE Comp.	12932.89	12856.69	12902.50	-16.64	-0.13% -7.26%
New Highs	32	49	NASDAQ	11058.44	10972.06	11019.30	-23.20	-0.21% +22.81%
New Lows	2	15	S&P 500	3378.51	3361.64	3372.85	-0.58	-0.02% +4.40%
			S&P 400	1958.58	1941.92	1949.56	-3.06	-0.16% -5.50%
			Wilshire 5000	34542.23	34373.41	34478.01	-14.57	-0.04% +4.84%
			Russell 2000	1583.48	1567.88	1577.88	-1.91	-0.12% -5.43%

Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE		CLOSE		YTD		1YR					
		LO	HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	Wk	Mo	Qtr	%CHG	%RTN	P/E	Div
AT&T Inc	T	26.08	39.70	30.01	+1.10	+0.3	-	▼	▼	-23.2	-6.5	15	2.08%
Ametek Inc	AME	54.82	102.31	101.28	+0.32	+0.3	▲	▲	▲	+1.5	+19.9	42	0.72
Anheuser-Busch InBev	BUD	32.58	98.34	56.22	-1.12	-0.2	▲	▲	▲	-31.5	-39.4	14	1.10%
Bank of America	BAC	17.95	35.72	26.47	+0.12	+0.5	▲	▲	▲	-24.8	-0.7	9	0.72
Capital City Bank	CCBG	15.61	30.95	20.94	+0.07	+0.3	▲	▲	▲	-31.3	-11.2	1	0.56
CenturyLink Inc	CTL	8.16	15.30	11.07	+0.22	+2.0	▲	▲	▲	-16.2	+5.3	4	1.00
Citigroup	C	32.00	83.11	52.93	+0.04	+0.1	▲	▲	▲	-33.7	-13.8	7	2.04
Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	130.53	-0.43	-0.3	▲	▲	▲	-9.7	-2.3	18	1.76
Duke Energy	DUK	62.13	103.79	82.15	-0.59	-0.7	▼	▼	▲	-9.9	-1.6	20	3.86%
EPR Properties	EPR	12.56	79.80	32.65	-0.20	-0.6	▲	▲	▼	-53.8	-52.1	10	4.32
Equity Commonwealth	EQC	27.62	35.08	30.53	-0.01	...	▼	▼	▼	-7.0	+0.3	31	2.50%
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	30.11	75.18	43.20	+0.19	+0.4	▲	▲	▼	-38.1	-31.7	10	3.48
Ford Motor	F	3.96	9.65	7.04	+0.01	+0.1	▲	▲	▲	-24.3	-20.2	6	...
Gen Electric	GE	5.48	13.26	6.66	+0.06	+0.9	▲	▼	▼	-40.3	-25.3	dd	0.4%
HCA Holdings Inc	HCA	58.38	151.97	134.43	+3.76	+2.9	▲	▲	▲	-9.1	+6.0	20	1.72%
Home Depot	HD	140.63	282.97	280.55	-1.11	-0.4	▲	▲	▲	+28.5	+38.8	28	6.00
Intel Corp	INTC	43.63	69.29	48.89	+0.33	+0.7	▲	▼	▼	-18.3	+10.7	17	1.32
IBM	IBM	90.56	158.75	125.27	+0.24	+0.2	▲	▲	▲	-6.5	-0.7	13	6.52
LKQ Corporation	LKQ	13.31	36.63	31.49	+0.16	+0.5	▲	▲	▲	-11.8	+29.0	18	...
Lowes Cos	LOW	60.00	157.98	154.34	-1.36	-0.9	▲	▲	▲	+28.9	+65.3	34	2.20
McDonalds Corp	MCD	124.23	221.02	207.03	+0.54	+0.3	▲	▲	▲	+4.8	-2.9	31	5.00
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	132.25	217.64	208.90	+0.20	+0.1	▼	▲	▲	+32.5	+55.5	41	2.04
Motorola Solutions	MSI	120.77	187.49	145.37	-0.59	-0.4	▲	▲	▲	-9.8	-16.0	27	2.56
NextEra Energy	NEE	174.80	289.41	280.50	-3.90	-1.4	▼	▲	▲	+15.8	+34.6	21	5.60
Piedmont Office RT	PDM	12.86	24.78	16.17	-0.10	-0.6	▼	▲	▼	-27.3	-10.6	7	0.84
Regions Fncl	RF	6.94	17.54	11.77	+0.15	+1.3	▲	▲	▲	-31.4	-12.3	9	0.62
Smucker, JM	SJM	91.88	125.62	113.97	-0.66	-0.6	▲	▲	▲	+9.4	+4.4	14	3.60%
Texas Instru	TXN	93.09	139.14	137.35	+0.20	+0.1	▲	▲	▲	+7.1	+18.5	25	3.60
UniFirst Corp	UNF	121.89	217.90	197.84	-1.51	-0.8	▼	▲	▲	-2.0	+2.0	22	1.00
Verizon Comm	VZ	48.84	62.22	58.79	+0.27	+0.5	▲	▲	▲	-4.3	+9.6	13	2.46
Vodafone Group	VOD	11.46	21.72	15.59	-0.26	-1.6	▲	▼	▼	-19.3	-6.3	0.97%	
WalMart Strs	WMT	102.00	134.13	132.60	+0.75	+0.6	▲	▲	▲	+11.6	+26.9	76	2.16%
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	36.65	64.50	41.91	+0.91	+2.2	▲	▲	▲	-28.9	-16.1	8	1.87%

Dividend Footnotes: a - Extra dividends were paid, but are not included. b - Annual rate plus stock. c - Liquidating dividend. d - Amount declared or paid in last 12 months. f - Current annual rate, which was increased by most recent dividend announcement. i - Sum of dividends paid after stock split, no regular rate. j - Sum of dividends paid this year. k - Declared or paid this year, a cumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m - Current annual rate, which was decreased by most recent dividend announcement. p - Initial dividend, annual rate not known, yield not shown. r - Declared or paid in last 12 months. s - Stock is a closed-end fund - no P/E ratio shown. cc - P/E exceeds 99. dd - Loss in last 12 months.

Interest rates

TREASURIES	LAST	PVS	NET		1YR							
			CHG	AGO	Wk	Mo	Qtr	%CHG	%RTN	P/E	Div	
3-month T-bill	.10	.09	+0.01	1.90								
6-month T-bill	.12	.11	+0.01	1.85								
52-wk T-bill	.13	.14	-0.01	1.71								
2-year T-note	.14	.15	-0.01	1.48								
5-year T-note	.29	.31	-0.02	1.42								
7-year T-note	.50	.52	-0.02	1.47								
10-year T-note	.71	.71		1.52								
30-year T-bond	142	143	-0.01	1.98								

Prime Rate

PRIME RATE	FED FUNDS	NET		1YR	
LAST	PVS	CHG	AGO	W	

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You may differ with my choice, but not my right to choose.

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LET'S GET WISE

Everyone must cooperate to stop pandemic

As of the Friday, Aug. 14, Florida Department of Health update, 45 new positive cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Citrus County.

As of Friday morning in Citrus County, 1,708 people have tested positive (including five non-residents), 156 have been hospitalized and 38 people have died since March. A sharp increase during the week of July 27 to Aug. 3 of 10 virus deaths was the highest jump in COVID-19 deaths in a single week.

These are not just statistics. These numbers represent our co-workers, neighbors, friends and our family members.

Face it, many people in our community have become less "wise" and more "whys?"

For example: Why shouldn't I go out and party with my friends? Why should I wear an uncomfortable face covering? Why should I do something I don't want to do?

(Cue the arm crossing and foot stomping.)

Well, those of us who would like this nightmare to end have some "whys" of our own.

Why are we putting up with this? Why are we making this situation worse by continuing to ignore science and simple actions such as

THE ISSUE:

Local coronavirus numbers continue to climb, including deaths.

OUR OPINION:

Why not enact safety measures?

You can't smoke on a plane or a bus because it makes other people sick. We hated it at first, but then learned to live with controls on smoking until the science caught up. Now most everyone agrees with the health concerns.

The same is true in regard to the deadly coronavirus, but it seems as though we can't learn from our own recent past.

We are playing with fire here. This threat is real and becoming more scary, not only in Citrus County, but globally as it resurges and mutates.

If 10 deaths within one week's time in our little part of the world doesn't jolt our county leadership and residents to get serious about the danger, what will?

As for one more "why?" ... Our locally elected government leaders, not just national and state, have the power to enact rules to keep us safer. Our county leaders have this power.

Why won't they help us?

during the downturn that not one elected official nor government employee has missed a paycheck, yet county unemployment of the folks that actually pay the taxes has increased at least 200%. And can someone remind me of a county-government-funded project that has been canceled or delayed during the tax shortages? Don't you remember when the Republican Party used to be the party of small government and fiscal responsibility? Perhaps we should remind the candidates of that Aug. 18.

Prepare for a tax increase

(Re the July 23, 2020, Page A3 story, "Board backs budget, tax increase"): The way I see it, the Citrus County commissioners are preparing to whack property owners with a 6% increase in property taxes next year and they didn't even blush. Yes, they argue that the millage is the same as last year, but they say the value of our home has increased during the pandemic. Really? And haven't you noticed

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Marin: I will dedicate myself to the Citrus community

As we approach the end of the primary election cycle, over half of you have already voted, but there are a stubborn few like me who still wait until Election Day. This was my first run for office, and this is likely my last time I have to address voters. Here are my closing thoughts on the direction of the county and some accomplishments I achieved along the way.

One letter to the editor on my behalf was titled "Marin will be a voice for the people." This genuinely means a lot to me. My strong opposition to raising the sales tax while people are hurting in the midst of an unpredictable pandemic gives voters a clear choice between candidates. We can't tax ourselves into prosperity. The county commission is already poised to raise the property tax and an additional sales tax supported by my opponents is an additional burden we simply can't afford.

However, this tax and spend style of governing is easier than putting in the work to find what can be cut, delayed or changed



Luis Marin
GUEST
COLUMN

to adjust our budget without raising taxes. I will be a full-time commissioner. In my first 25 years on the Miami-Dade police force, I didn't take a sick day. I will dedicate myself to the work required.

Another area where I have proudly taken a stand is against Tallahassee influence in our local elections. One of my opponents has benefited from tens of thousands of dollars from a dark money group called the Committee to Protect Florida. This political action committee (PAC) is funded by other PACs making the origin of the money nearly impossible to trace as cited in the Treasure Coast Palm newspaper in 2018 and by the Chronicle's own Fred Hiers when he reported on electioneering spending by the Committee to Protect Florida in Ocala 13 years ago.

This type of dark influence has never before been seen in Citrus elections yet it is here now. We have to ask ourselves, if someone in the race is willing to personally benefit from tens of thousands of dollars of untraceable Tallahassee funds now, then what will that same

person do with oversight of a \$302,900,000 budget of our tax money?

You can trust my integrity and dedication will be to serve the people of Citrus County the way I served Miami-Dade County for 34 years as a police officer. This public safety experience uniquely qualifies me for the position. Public safety is the largest line-item industry in the Citrus general fund from the sheriff's office, to fire services, emergency operations, and the county jail contract. I have hands-on experience no one else has in these fields.

In conclusion, I'm honored to have been called the voice of the people. Even though we have been up against faceless forces in Tallahassee dark money, I am proud to have spoken out about why it is bad for Citrus to have this unwelcome influence pour into our local races. Lastly, my ability to dedicate myself full-time to the position and my unique background in public safety that comprises nearly a quarter of the general fund best qualifies me for the position. My name is Luis Marin and I hope to have your vote on Election Day.

Luis Marin is a candidate for Citrus County Commission.

LETTERS to the Editor



Schlabach the clear choice

I am not one to write in to the newspaper, but this is too important. Early voting ends Saturday and election day is Tuesday. I heartily endorse Ruthie Schlabach for Citrus County Commission. It's an open primary so all registered voters can participate.

Yes, I work for Ruthie and Jarey, but we were friends first. As a friend, you will find no one more loyal or decent. As a business owner, she is savvy and successful. As a parent, the results speak for themselves. Twenty-five years as an active citizen of Citrus, working and contributing to make this county a better place.

Yes, there are five others running, although only two have any local connection. I really like the other locals in the race and consider them friends. However, when it comes to who should be our next District 5 commissioner, I believe the choice is clear.

Richard Spires
Lecanto

Klyap committed to Citrus County

My name is Erica Klyap, the wife of sheriff candidate Mike Klyap. I have known Mike for close to 20 years, and I can tell you there is nobody more committed to his community, his country and those who wear a uniform more than my husband.

Not a day goes by that Mike isn't helping feed our homeless, our veterans or the needy, performing military honors for a fallen comrade, filing claims for a veteran, acting as an escort on the veterans honor flight or making sure people have what they need for a decent quality of life such as shelter, food and clothes. During the year, you can count on Mike to buy and deliver gifts to needy children, playing Santa Claus and putting clothes on the backs of children who have nothing. I have seen Mike take members of the community shopping for diapers, food, pay for their gas, and their utility bills wanting nothing in return. Mike involves himself in many fundraising activities, he initiated a fundraiser that raised just under \$60,000 for Marine who lost both legs in combat. He recently sponsored a Walk Across Citrus County to support the families of fallen law enforcement

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officers and our veterans. Mike was there as were caring citizens and members of different veterans' organizations, but no government officials showed up.

Since I have known my husband, he has been involved in the lives of hundreds and maybe thousands of children in one way or another. He has coached Little League baseball, flag football, taken kids shopping for Christmas, and when a mom or dad needed someone to talk with their child, they called Mike. Mike is a state and local 40/8 Youths Sports Director and has been able to donate thousands of dollars to local programs such as Nature Coast Soccer, Crystal River Sharks and Bull football, Crystal River High School basketball, and Lecanto High School baseball just to name a few.

Mike is a great husband, father and will no doubt give unselfishly of himself as sheriff as he has for decades for his community, our children, his country and those in uniform.

If you want the best for the community, our children and you the citizen, you will vote Mike Klyap sheriff 2020.

Erica Klyap
Pine Ridge

List your drop-off locations

A number of times I have seen charitable organizations in the Chronicle listing a need for certain items. If you could list several locations in various parts of the county where people could drop off these items for their group so there would be more drop-off points, I'm sure you would have a greater number of items donated.

People do not want to drive miles to drop off two or three items. Members would surely be willing to pick up donated items once or twice a month, asking permission first from the locations manager. The

Chronicle would likely be willing to print a small article listing the drop-off points.

Margo B. Blum
Homosassa

Eakley will address future growth

My husband and I bought our first home in Citrus County in 1986 and we moved here permanently after retirement in 1990. I know what it felt like to be safe during the early years and I feel differently now. I met Mel Eakley before he began running for sheriff and listened to what he had accomplished when he was a deputy sheriff. Mel is approachable and puts people at ease. He is genuine and not a politician. He has the vision to address the future growth and will ensure he is always able to provide a high level of service to us. I am a senior citizen and I want a sheriff who will listen to my concerns. Homelessness is growing here in Homosassa and needs some attention. Mel has a plan to work with local and Tampa Bay nonprofits to assist them in housing and has relationships with the VA to get our veterans some assistance. Please take the time to listen to Mel either in person or on his website. You will not be disappointed.

Ruth Luttrell
Homosassa

Thanks for supporting program

The Pregnancy and Family Life Center would like to thank the Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation Inc. for their continued support of our mental health program.

Through the funds provided by the CCCF we can make sure those without medical insurance or funds to pay for mental health counseling can receive quality counseling from a licensed clinical social worker. The Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation does truly support those programs in Citrus County that focus on the indigent/underprivileged. Thank you again for your financial support. If you have any questions about the Pregnancy and Family Life Center's Mental Health program, please call 352-344-3030.

Stephanie Bell, RN
Executive Director, The Pregnancy and Family Life Center

Letters to THE EDITOR

Florida a swing state

This is in response to Frank Lovell's July 8 letter.

First of all, why do you feel you must write so hateful and demeaning to others? Here's some facts toward your Florida being a red state. In 1972, 69% vote Democrat, 28% vote Republican and 3% other. In 2016, Florida was 38% Democrat, 36% Republican and 26% other. In 2018, 37% Democrat, 35% Republican and 28% other. At no time was Florida a Republican state. Florida is a swing state.

We vote according to who we believe will do right for us, our state and our country. As far as red and blue goes, in 1976, NBC was first in color TV. For visual effect, they color coded their map blue for Republicans and red for Democrats because blue was the color of the Union uniform in the civil war and conservatives in Europe. As channels like CBS and ABC went to color, they used Red for Republicans, confusing the people who would change channels. Not until 2000 did all channels use red for Republicans and blue for Democrats. I find it offensive to paint a whole state a color.

As far as your statement that whoever doesn't vote Republican should go home, I am home. I was born here. We don't need a dictatorship; we need a

democracy. I was always taught that variety is the spice of life. Also, considering you want Democrats and others to go home, should we take our money with us? Won't that put a damper on all the money this state makes off of tourism? Sounds like your taxes would go up just for road upkeep and for other things we Democrats and others help to pay for.

Sharon Brown
Citrus Springs

Supreme Court decision a victory

Recently, the Supreme Court rendered a unanimous decision; yes, you read that right, we now have a unanimous ruling against "faithless electors." All nine justices agreed states can enforce pledges made by presidential electors to support the presidential candidate preferred by the citizens of their respective states. While we'll vote this coming November, the election is not official until the electors meet in their respective state capitals in December and cast their votes as promised when accepting the role of being an elector.

Lets take a quick look at the Electoral College, which happens to be an important part of our constitutional system that balances popular sovereignty with the benefits of a federal system — a Republic — in which state governments play a vital role. How many

electors is each state allowed? Each state is entitled to a number equal to their two senators, plus the number of members they have in the House of Representatives. This unique arrangement is an attempt by our Founding Fathers to balance the interests of the smaller states with those of the larger states. This also forces the presidential candidates to not ignore those smaller states and campaign only in the large, urban population centers.

Have you ever wondered what happens to faithless electors? Can their state remove them? Can their state punish or at least fine them? The Supreme Court just confronted the question of a faithless elector and concluded that the answer to both questions is a huge yes. In this decision, the Supreme Court looked at the text of the Constitution instead of legislating from the bench — what a refreshing move — and at the historical practice that from the earliest days of our Republic showed that electors have pledged to vote for a particular candidate rather than act as free agents!

Our Supreme Court has maintained that the sovereignty established in our Constitution and Electoral College must remain intact. "We the People" still chose our leaders through the Electoral College and retain ultimate sovereignty over our own affairs. The Supreme Courts decision on faithless electors is a

huge victory for America! Again our Founding Fathers vision of the future was correct, and our rule of law still stands fast.

Bill Claustre
Inverness

No future without history

My heart is aching and my eyes fill with tears watching and listening to the rhetoric of mostly young people screaming obscenities at police and yelling at the top of their lungs how they hate America, and some saying they are not free, and burning our flag, ripping down statues, defacing property, rioting and stealing without any regards to whom they do it to.

This country became free and raised the flag of freedom for which so many people gave everything they had, and many their lives. They do this because they are not educated enough and have not taken the time to do research themselves.

To disrespect the flag is to disrespect one's self. When any person here the U.S. screams, "I am not free," it shows they do not know our history. The American flag is the very symbol of freedom for everyone, no matter what color, race or background. God made us equal, man is what divides us, and usually for power and greed.

The next time anyone yells obscenities at police or any authority

while standing in a crowd of protesters, thank the ones who gave their life to defend your right to do so and display the American flag as the symbol of these rights. American history is here to stay, even if you tear it down, burn the books and change the present. There is no future without history.

Don B. Powell
Hernando

Don't rename military bases

Veterans and citizens of Citrus County, support our Commander in Chief from those who want to rewrite American history by removing the names of Confederate officers from 10 military bases in the United States.

When I served in the U.S. Army, I was stationed in three of these bases: Fort Benning, established in 1917; Fort Jackson, established in 1918; and Fort Rucker, established in 1942. As a native-born Yankee whose grandfather volunteered as a soldier for service to President Lincoln in Springfield,

Illinois, not far from where the 16th president of the United States is at rest in the Lincoln Tomb, I can see no reason whatsoever to rename these military posts. Millions of service members have passed through these 10 bases on their way to combat, with many returning in flag-draped coffins or buried on foreign soil.

What's next, rename the Florida counties of Baker, Bradford, Hendry, Lee and Pasco counties and remove a couple of hundred of statues around the country? I have sent my letter of opposition to this rewrite of American history by sending a letter to President Donald J. Trump. You can reach him at: The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20500.

Ronald Mayer
Lecanto

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**Watchdog:
Homeland**

**Security officials
wrongly appointed**

WASHINGTON — The two most senior officials in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security were improperly appointed to the posts under federal law by the Trump administration, a nonpartisan congressional watchdog said Friday.

The Government Accountability Office says acting DHS Secretary Chad Wolf and his acting deputy, Ken Cuccinelli, are ineligible to run the agency under the Vacancy Reform Act.

It was not immediately clear what effects the determination would have on DHS, an agency that has acting officials, serving without Senate confirmation, in a number of prominent roles and is at the forefront of key administration initiatives on immigration and law enforcement.

The report does not carry the force of law, though it could be a factor in lawsuits challenging administration policies or influence members of Congress.

DHS rejected the finding. "We wholeheartedly disagree with the GAO's baseless report and plan to issue a formal response to this shortly," the agency said in a written response to The Associated Press.

**TS Kyle forms
as Josephine
weakens in
Atlantic**

MIAMI — Josephine continued to just barely hold on to its tropical storm status

Friday as Tropical Storm Kyle formed in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of New England, packing winds near gale force but with no major population centers in its projected path.

Kyle was about 185 miles southeast of Atlantic City, New Jersey, with maximum sustained winds of 40 mph, the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said. It was moving east-northeast at 17 mph and was expected to move quickly away from land over the next few days, the center said.

Tropical storms have maximum sustained winds between 39 and 73 mph. No coastal watches or warnings were in effect.

Josephine had maximum sustained winds of 40 mph and was about 460 miles east of the northern Leeward Islands, the U.S. National Hurricane Center. Josephine was expected to weaken over the weekend, forecasters said. No coastal watches or warnings were in effect.

**UN soundly
defeats demand
to extend arms
embargo on Iran**

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council on Friday resoundingly defeated a U.S. resolution to indefinitely extend the U.N. arms embargo on Iran, with the Trump administration getting support from only the Dominican Republic.

The vote in the 15-member council was two in favor, two against and 11 abstentions, leaving it far short of the minimum nine "yes" votes required for adoption. Russia and China strongly opposed the resolution, but didn't need to use their vetoes.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced the defeat of the resolution ahead of a very brief virtual council meeting to reveal the vote.

— From wire reports

Europe copes with new flareups

*Leads to club
closings, masks*

SYLVIE CORBET,
FRANCES D'EMILIO
AND DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

PARIS — New flareups of COVID-19 are disrupting the peak summer vacation season across much of Europe, where authorities in some countries are reimposing restrictions on travelers, closing nightclubs again, banning fireworks displays and expanding mask orders even in chic resort areas.

"Unfortunately, this virus doesn't play ball," British Transport Secretary Grant Shapps told Sky News.

The surges have spread alarm across Europe, which suffered mightily during the spring but appeared in recent months to have largely tamed the coronavirus in ways that the U.S., with its vaunted scientific prowess and the extra time to prepare, cannot seem to manage. The continent's hardest-hit countries, Britain, Italy, France and Spain, have recorded about 140,000 deaths in all.

In addition to clubs and alcohol-fueled street parties, large family gatherings — usually abounding with hugs and kisses — have been cited as a source of new outbreaks in several European countries.

A new public awareness campaign by Spain's Canary Islands depicts a family gathering for a

grandfather's birthday, with people taking off masks and embracing. The grandfather ends up in a hospital bed with COVID-19.

In France, thousands of vacationing Britons scrambled to return home Friday to avoid having to self-quarantine for 14 days following Britain's decision to reimpose restrictions on France because of a resurgence of infections there. Ferries added extra trips back to England, and trains were running out of space.

Some of the toughest new measures were announced in Spain, which has recorded almost 50,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases in the past 14 days.

Italy's Health Ministry said 574 new COVID-19 cases were recorded on Friday — the highest daily number since May 28.

The outbreaks and new restrictions in Europe shouldn't come as a surprise, said Josh Michaud, associate director of global health policy with the Kaiser Family Foundation in Washington.

"Even the smallest chink in the armor can lead to an outbreak if you're not careful," Michaud said. "In no country have we approached herd immunity, and we don't have a vaccine."

In Greece, authorities strongly recommended people wear masks for a week indoors and out in public areas after returning from domestic vacation destinations with a high COVID-19 incidence.

Gatherings of more than nine people were



Associated Press
People queue in line to check-in for a British Airways flight to Heathrow airport, Friday Aug. 14, 2020 at Nice airport, southern France. British holidaymakers in France were mulling whether to return home early Friday to avoid having to self-isolate for 14 days following the U.K. government's decision to reimpose quarantine restrictions on France amid a recent pick-up in coronavirus infections.

prohibited on two popular Greek resort islands, Paros and Antiparos, and a ban on restaurants, bars and nightclubs operating after midnight was expanded to more parts of the country, including Athens. The steps came as Greece recorded its second-highest daily infection numbers — 254 new cases.

There also were worrisome developments in other parts of the world:

■ India's death toll overtook Britain's to become the fourth-highest in the world, with another

single-day record increase in cases Friday. The number of dead hit more than 48,000, behind the United States, with over 167,000; Brazil, with more than 105,000; and Mexico, with over 55,000.

■ New Zealand's government extended a lockdown of its largest city, Auckland, for 12 more days as it tries to stamp out its first domestic outbreak in more than three months, involving 30 people.

■ In Toronto, health officials said as many as 550 people may have been exposed to COVID-19 at a strip club last week and urged them to quarantine themselves for 14 days.

Post Office warns of delays

BRIAN SLODYSKO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service has warned 46 states and the District of Columbia it cannot guarantee all ballots cast by mail for the November election will arrive in time to be counted, The Washington Post reported Friday.

Voters in several states also complained that some curbside mail collection boxes were being removed.

Even as President Donald Trump rails against widespread voting by mail, the post office is bracing for an unprecedented number of mail-in ballots as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

The warning letters sent to states and obtained by the Post raise the possibility that tens of millions of Americans eligible for mail-in ballots this fall will not be able to use them — even if they follow election rules.

The revelation that some voters could be disenfranchised comes amid a campaign by Trump to sow doubts about the election. Though Trump casts his own ballots by mail, he's vigorously criticized efforts to allow more people to do so, which he argues without evidence will lead to increased voter fraud.

Recently, members of Congress from both parties have voiced concerns that post office mail boxes, which is how many will cast their ballots, have abruptly been removed.

And at the same time that the need for timely delivery of the mail is peaking, service has been curtailed amid cost-cutting and efficiency measures ordered by the Trump-appointed new postmaster general, Louis DeJoy, a former

supply-chain CEO and a major political donor to Trump and other Republicans. He has implemented measures to eliminate overtime pay and hold mail over if distribution centers are running late.

A spokesman for the Postal Service did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Officials in Michigan, Oregon, Virginia, Iowa, Ohio, California, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Utah and New York all confirmed to The Associated Press that they had received the Postal Service letters of warning.

"This is a deeply troubling development in what is becoming a clear pattern of attempted voter suppression by the Trump administration," Democratic Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam said in a statement.

"I am committed to making sure all Virginians have access to the ballot box, and will continue to work with state and federal lawmakers to ensure safe, secure and accessible elections this fall."

Kim Wyman, the Republican secretary of state in Washington state, where all voting is by mail, said sending fall ballot material to millions of voters there is a "routine operation of the U.S. Postal Service."

"Politicizing these administrative processes is dangerous and undermines public confidence in our elections," she said in a statement. "This volume of work is by no means unusual, and is an operation I am confident the U.S. Postal Service is sufficiently prepared to fulfill."

Meanwhile, the removal of U.S. Postal Service mail boxes triggered concerns and anger in Oregon and Gianforte.

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NOTES**

'Let's stand for the benediction'

On March 1, 2020, just weeks before the coronavirus pandemic caused the world to spin off its axis, singer-songwriters Kari Jobe and Cody Carnes performed their song "The Blessing" at a Charlotte, North Carolina, church worship service.

Taken from a familiar Old Testament benediction found in Numbers 6:24-26, they sang: "The Lord bless you and keep you, make his face shine upon you ... turn his face toward you and give you peace."

They sang: "May his favor be upon you and a thousand generations — your family and your children and their children and their children."

They sang: "God is for you, not against you ... God is with you — in your comings and your goings, in your rejoicing and your weeping. He is in you, all around you. He goes before you and behind you."

And the hundreds, maybe thousands, in the congregation sang "Amen, amen, amen ..."

You can view the 12-minute video of the live performance on YouTube at <https://tinyurl.com/vnu3fb>.

The first time I saw the video and sang along, alone in my living room, I felt the power of the words of scripture, the very words of God, speaking to my heart.

"May his favor be upon you ... your family (MY family!) and your children (MY children!) and their children and their children."

In this time of global and national uncertainty and upheaval, it's balm to my anxious heart and soul to hear these words of blessing and benediction.

That made me curious — what exactly is a benediction?

Usually, the benediction part of a church service is when the pastor gives his parting words. However, it goes beyond "Have a good week. See ya soon."

The one I call my uncle dad said "benediction" simply means a blessing with the power of God behind it.

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Real-time contact with real people

Last month I wrote about communication. Talking and listening.

We use text and emails so much because they are quick, but I'm finding out over and again, they are poor for communication.

There are times where my inner voice yells and says "pick up the phone!" Oh yeah, that thing which everyone uses to ping each other with abbreviated verses is really disguised as a telephone.

Have you ever heard the term "pause for effect?" I find myself pausing to think, reflect and actually decide on how to best communicate.

I have also discovered I have

a whole list of things to do today and I'm thinking about my list while someone is trying to talk to me, and I'm only listening halfheartedly because I'm hoping they hurry up and finish so I can get on with my list. The problem with this is I have found by not listening to the person, it really messes up the rest of my day and the rest of my list.

There is something interesting about all of the Zoom meetings we are having. People can get distracted very easily because when you are meeting in a room, we would never dream of doing some of the things we do on Zoom because no one else is in

the room.

Have you heard of some of the stories or seen some of them? I was doing some bills during one meeting. I know, no matter how much we try to convince ourselves, I cannot do two things at once and continue undivided attention. How funny we even try, and pride ourselves on multi-tasking. If I considered it longer, it might even be rude to everyone else.

We also communicate with body language. Facial expressions can say more than words at times.

We just went through a new roof campaign at the shelter which cost \$75,000. I felt a video expressed our gratitude and the finished work much better than emails or letters.

The Path has always had a newsletter with pictures to help

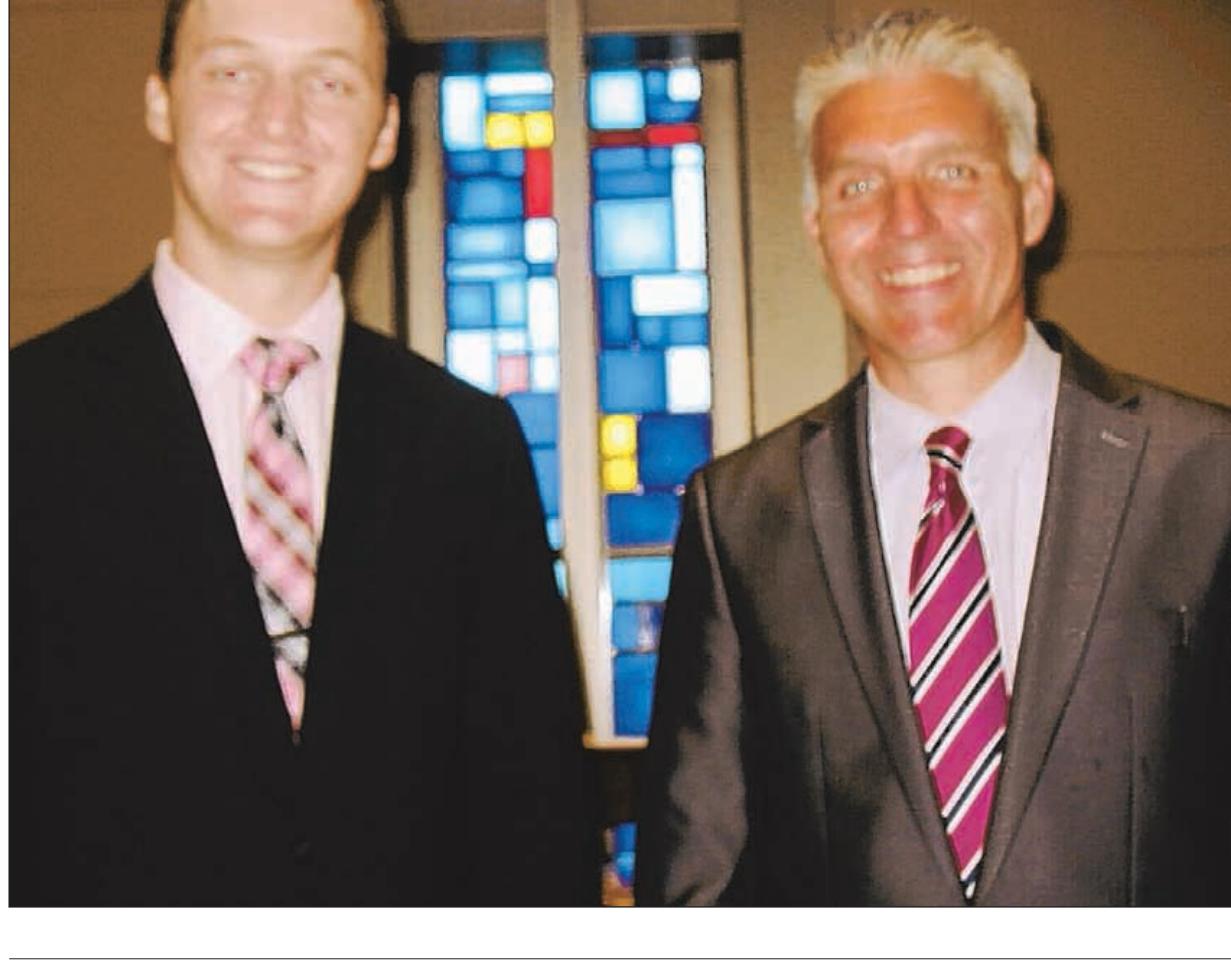
us capture what words could not.

Last night, The Path sent out its first video to report to our donors about our work. I'm excited about this new technology (and as I have expressed, I'm not giddy about all of it). It will greatly help us show the work and put a reality touch on reporting not possible in the past because of the amount of people and finding the right words, even if people would read it all.

This video tool allows all of our friends to view a one-minute report instantly and see what is happening in real time with real people.

DuWayne Sipper is the executive director of The Path of Citrus County, a faith-based homeless shelter. Contact him at 352-527-6500 or sipperd@pathofcitrus.org.

New vicar at St. Paul's Lutheran Church



Recently, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and congregation in Beverly Hills officially welcomed a new vicar, Joel Prange, left, during the Rite of Installation at the worship service this past Sunday, conducted by the Rev. Mark Gabb, right. Vicar Prange graduated from Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, with a Bachelor of Arts degree, followed by two years of seminary training at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin. After his internship year of service as a vicar, mentored by the Rev. Gabb, he will return to the seminary for one year and will then graduate with a Master of Divinity degree. Worship services at St. Paul's have followed social distancing, thorough cleaning after each service and more efforts for safekeeping of all in attendance at all services. More details can be found at stpauls.edu.

Special to the Chronicle

Council 14485 honors Andy Terenzi in June

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Andy Terenzi was named Knight of the Month for June by the St. Scholastica Knights of Columbus Council 14485 in Lecanto.

Andy and his wife, Lori, moved to Citrus Hills from Milford, Massachusetts, in February, 2004. They have two daughters, seven grandchildren and are expecting a great-grandchild in July 2020; they all reside in Massachusetts.

Andy joined the St. Scholastica Knights Council in 2015. He has held the officer positions of trustee and recorder and is currently the treasurer. Andy has been active in the Council's youth sports program, including the Soccer Challenge and Free Throw Competition.

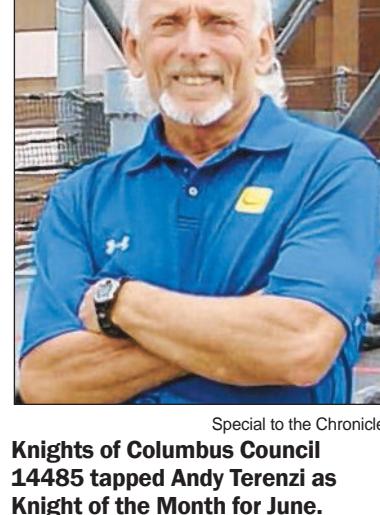
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Knights of Columbus Council 14485 tapped Andy Terenzi as Knight of the Month for June.

This is the second time that he

has been awarded Knight of the Month.

He belongs to the Citrus Elks and the International Electronic Exposition Committee. As a volunteer with the Citrus County Sheriff's Crime Watch for eight years, Andy helped rescue an infant from a locked car, during a hot summer month while on duty. He is an usher at St. Scholastica Church.

Andy received a Catholic education early in life by attending Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Grade School and graduating from St. Michael's Cathedral High School, both in Springfield, Massachusetts. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Northeastern University in Boston and a certificate in electrical engineering from DeVry Institute.

Andy founded and was president of Marathon Sales Ltd., a firm of manufacturing representatives marketing electronic components to the high-tech industry in the six New England States.

He served six years in the U.S. Army Signal Corps. He was assigned to Starcom (Strategic Army Communications) in the Philippines for two years and was on active duty during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

One life experience that Andy found challenging and rewarding was running in the Boston Marathon. He ran twice and his best time was 3 hours and 45 minutes.

He enjoys playing tennis and golf, frequent gym workouts and power walking with his wife, Lori.

RELIGION NOTES

Cornerstone — Beverly Hills has become a new church, **Hills Church**, at 2 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills. Guest speakers at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, will be Early Earth educators Brian A.

Norman (Master of Divinity in Theology) and Virginia Norman (Master of Science in Geology), who will demonstrate how the Bible and science are in harmony. Visit us in person or online at www.thehillscampus.com/live.

Congregation Beth Shalom, 102 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills, continues its "separate but together" online programs. We have been having services via Zoom Friday evening starting 7 p.m. and Saturday morning Shabbat service starting at 10 a.m. Cantor Alisa Forman chants from the weekly Torah portion. The congregation will have time to chat with each other. We will continue bringing people together, even if they are at home, until we can meet in person once again. Beth Shalom decided that due to the current situation with COVID-19, we will continue to wait and monthly readress meeting in person in our sanctuary.

We also are planning to Zoom High Holidays services, maybe from the sanctuary if possible. We

also are considering having congregants attend in person if conditions improve, while still Zooming the service. We would be following strict health guidelines.

The decisions will be made with the health and safety of our congregants and the community in mind. For information on our upcoming plans for Shabbat and High Holidays, email President Barbara Hamerling at barb4949@gmail.com.

Calvary Chapel Crystal River is a nondenominational church that focuses on the teaching and preaching of the word of God. We study the Bible verse by verse, chapter by chapter. We meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday and 10 a.m. Sunday at 1145 NW U.S. 19, Crystal River, behind the Crystal River Motel. Call us at 352-794-6789 any time with any questions.

Shepherd's Way Baptist Church at 965 N. Lecanto Highway in Lecanto has a sign language interpreter versed in American Sign Language to interpret both music and message at the 10 a.m. Sunday service for those residents who are hearing impaired.

Beverly Hills Community Church will be

celebrating 55 years on Friday, Aug. 21, with an Old Fashioned Hymn Sing. The event is open to the public. It will take place in the Jack Steele building, where it all started, next to the Community Church on the Civic Circle in Beverly Hills. The doors will open at 5:45 p.m. and singing will begin at 6:30 p.m. Since this is an Old Fashioned Hymn Sing, the songs will be by request from a list provided. Come sit back and enjoy singing your favorite hymns. Pastor Hoyt will be there to say hello to everyone. For your enjoyment may purchase a soda, bottled water or an ice cream sandwich for \$1 each during the event.

Due to the uncertainties regarding the COVID-19 situation, the November concert at **Homosassa First United Methodist Church** has been canceled. As of now, the other three concerts of the **Music Series** are still scheduled. The Brass Roots Trio will perform Jan. 17, 2021; gospel pianist Timothy Noble will be featured Feb. 27. To end this season, the "Neil Diamond of the South," Bobby Palermo, will take the stage March 7. Ticketing information will be forthcoming.

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Dunnellon Concert Series at Dunnellon Presbyterian Church has been canceled for the fall quarter. Plans will be made to start up again in January 2021 and further details will be posted as soon as available. We appreciate everyone's continued support and look forward to being together in 2021.

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Homosassa has resumed Bereavement Support Group

Thursday meetings in the hall behind the church. We take a positive approach to grief by helping grievers learn how to make a new life.

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Thomas the Apostle is on U.S. 19, 300 yards southwest of Cardinal, just past Walmart, on the west side. For information, call 352-220-1959.

Floral City United Methodist Church is in its main

sanctuary for Sunday 9:30 a.m. services. The church is following CDC guidelines and Methodist district requirements including social distancing, alternate pews with only same-family members sitting together.

The entire sanctuary is sanitized weekly. There is no direct contact of members, nor congregational singing, but musical performances by gospel artists are being shown on the big screen during the service. The church service is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday with Pastor Joyce Dunne. The services can also be viewed on Facebook for those who prefer to remain home at this time.

For more information, contact the Floral City United Methodist Church at 352-344-1771. For those attending, the church encourages everyone to bring nonperishable food to be deposited in the entrance foyer that will be distributed to those in need in Citrus County.

First Baptist Church of Beverly Hills is open for Sunday service. Restrictions and social distancing still apply, and we ask that you wear masks for the comfort of others.

We will continue with video

of our services for those that may not yet be comfortable with returning to church, and many more that have enjoyed the sermon from afar. There are no youth activities yet, and children are welcome to attend service with their parents. Please enjoy pastor's sermons online on our website, www.fbcbbh.com.

St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Crystal River is open for 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday. St. Anne's is at 9870 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River. Call 352-795-2176.

North Oak Baptist Church has reopened the doors for worship services on Sundays under some restrictions. There are two services — at 9 a.m. and at 10:45 a.m. Safety precautions are in place.

Registration for seats is requested so that people are seated at a distance from one another.

There are labels on the floor and driveway to maintain social distancing for those waiting to be seated. Every other pew is empty and all of the facilities being used are cleaned between services.

The doors open 15

minutes prior to the service and the congregation is dismissed by pews at the end of each service. Ushers and greeters are appropriately masked and gloved although masks are not required for worshippers.

We invite anyone and everyone to call our church office at 489-1688 to request a seat. All are welcome; however, no children's activities or child care is available yet. For those not yet comfortable with gathering, a streamlined service is available on YouTube after 3 p.m. each Sunday by going to northoakbc.org. North Oak is at 9324 N. Elkcam Blvd. in Citrus Springs.

First Lutheran Church of Inverness will reopen its food pantry from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The church has also started live services. Services will be at 9 a.m. for the time being and a live podcast at www.1stlutheran.church will continue with all services and Bible studies on Wednesday.

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strengthening the family on radio station 720AM every Sunday at 8 a.m. and on YouTube and Facebook. Visit online at CrossBoundMinistry.com.

Faith Lutheran Church at 935 S Crystal Glen Drive in Lecanto has discontinued the 11 a.m. Sunday service, but continues our normal service schedule of 6 p.m. Saturdays and 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

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It's a gift of grace, from Creator to created beings. "Ultimately, that's the secret to being blessed," Eclov writes. "We must receive what God gives, and we do that by faith."

In tumultuous times like these, we need to receive and hold on to these benedictions.

So, I'd like to leave you with my favorite benediction, found in the New Testament book of Jude:

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever."

And all God's people said, "Amen!"

Nancy Kennedy is the author of "Move Over, Victoria — I Know the Real Secret," "Girl on a Swing" and "Lipstick Grace." She can be reached at 352-564-2927 or via email at nkennedy@chronicleonline.com.

SUNDAY TOGETHER PAGE SUBMISSIONS

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- Local groups are welcome to add their upcoming events to the Chronicle's online community calendar. Go to www.chronicleonline.com. At the very top of the screen, click on "Submit your news."
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- Once signed in, click on "Calendar Events" in the left-hand column, then click on "Create an event."
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2 (WESH) NBC 19			19			News	News	Ent. Tonight		Dateline NBC (In Stereo) 8:30	Saturday Night Live			News	SNL		
3 (WEDEU) PBS 3	3	3		14	6	NewsHour Wk	Samantha Br	The Lawrence Welk Show 'G' 8:00	Keep-Appear	As Time Goes By	Midsomer Murders 'PG' 9:00	Midsomer Murders 'PG' 9:30	Midsomer Murders 'Modus' '14' 10:00	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries 'PG' 10:30	Austin City Limit		
5 (WUFT) PBS 5			5			Classic Gospel 'G'		Antiques Roadshow		Midsomer Murders	Bluegrass			Austin City Limits			
8 (WFLA) NBC 8	8	8	8	8	8	News	Nightly News	Extra (N) (In Stereo) 'PG' 8:30	Dateline NBC (In Stereo) 9:00		Saturday Night Live (N) '14' 9:30			Saturday Night Live (N) '14' 10:00	Saturday Night Live (N) '14' 10:30	Saturday Night Live (N) '11:00	Saturday Night Live (N) '11:30
9 (WFTV) ABC 20	7	20				News at 6pm	World News	Jeopardy! 'G' 7:00	Wheel of Fortune	America's Funniest Home Videos 'PG' 7:30	Shark Tank 'PG' 8:00		The Good Doctor "Hurt" '14' 8:30	News Saturday	20/20 (N) 9:00		
10 (WTSP) CBS 10	10	10	10	10	10	10 Tampa Bay	Weekend News	Wheel of Fortune 'G' 8:00	Jeopardy! 'G' 8:30	NCIS: Los Angeles "Provenance" '14' 9:00	SEAL Team '14' 9:30	48 Hours (N) (In Stereo) 10:00	10 Tampa Bay	Paid Program 'G' 10:30			
13 (WTVT) FOX 13	13	13		13	13	FOX13 6:00 News (N) (In Stereo) 8:00	MLB Baseball (N) (In Stereo Live) 8:30				FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo) 9:00	News	MasterChef				
20 (WCJB) ABC			11			WCJB T	ABC	Ent. Tonight	Funny Home Videos	Shark Tank 'PG' 9:00		The Good Doctor	WCJB T	Bensinger			
22 (WCLF) IND 2	2	2	2	22	22	Turning Point With David Jeremiah 'G'	Robert Jeffress	The Three Hour 'G' 9:30	Gaither Homecoming	Leslie Hale 10:00		Healing Touch	Christian Music	CityLife Church	Pure Passion 'G' 11:00		
24 (WYKE) FAM 16	16	16	16		15	Ask Pharmacist	Bible Say?	Motorz 'G'	Planet X 'G'	Your Citrus County Court		The Monitors					
28 (WFTS) ABC 11	11	11		11	11	ABC Action News	World News	Paid Program 'G'	American Medicine	America's Funniest Home Videos 'PG' 11:00	Shark Tank 'PG' 11:30	The Good Doctor "Hurt" '14' 12:00	ABC Action News	Inside Edition			
32 (WMOR) IND 12	12	12		5		Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Mom '14' 12:30	Mom '14' 1:00	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	How I Met	How I Met	Family Guy '14' 1:30	
33 (WTVA) MNT 6	6	6	6	9	9	Ent. Tonight	FamFeud	FamFeud	Healing Touch	Paid Prg.	Elementary '14' 1:30	Paid Prg.	S.Channel	ROH Wrestling			
40 (WAXC) TBN 21			21			Kellie	Shake Jim	Raley	Healing Touch	Paid Prg.	Paid Prg.	Gospel	Victory Gospel Hour				
43 (WTGB) CW 4	4	4	4	12	12	Friends '14' 21:00	Friends Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	Major Crimes "Two Options" '14' 21:30	Major Crimes "Dead Zone" '14' 22:00	Friends '22:30	Friends '22:30	2 Broke Girls '14' 22:30	2 Broke Girls '14' 22:30			
50 (WVEA) UNI 15	15	15	15	14		Maria	Noticiero	Alma	Alma	Latin Grammy Awards			Maria	Noticiero			
51 (WOGX) FOX			13	7	7	Big Bang	Big Bang	MLB Baseball (N) (In Stereo Live) 21:00			FOX 51 News		Ultimate Tag 'PG'				
66 (WXPX) ION 17						Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU				
(A&E) 54	48	54	25	27		Live Rescue "Live Rescue -- 02.10.20" (In Stereo) '14' 21:00		Live Rescue "Live Rescue -- 12.16.19" (In Stereo) '14' 21:30		Live Rescue "Live Rescue -- 03.02.20" (In Stereo) '14' 22:00							
(ACCN) 99						College Football		Upon Further Review			College Football From Dec. 1, 2007.						
(AMC) 55	64	55				**** "The Godfather" (1972, Drama) Marion Brando, Al Pacino. A mafia patriarch tries to hold his empire together. 'R' 21:30		**** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974) Al Pacino, Michael Corleone moves his father's crime family to Las Vegas. 'R' 22:00									
(ANI) 52	35	52	19	31		Pit Bulls and Parolees 'PG' 21:00	Pit Bulls and Parolees 'PG' 21:30	Pit Bulls & Parolees: Tia's Tales (N)	Pit Bulls & Parolees: Tia's Tales (N) 'PG' 22:00	The Secret Life of the Zoo (N)	Pit Bulls and Parolees 'PG' 22:30						
(BET) 96	71	96				**½ "Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too?" (2010) Tyler Perry. Four couples struggle with the challenges of married life. (2007) Tyler Perry. 'PG-13' 21:30		**½ "Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too?" (2010) Tyler Perry. Four couples struggle with the challenges of married life. (2007) Tyler Perry. 'PG-13' 22:00		** "Meet the Browns" (2008) 22:30							
(BIGTEN) 742	809					Michigan Football Classic 21:00	Michigan Football Classic 21:30	Michigan Football Classic 22:00	Michigan Football Classic 22:30	Michigan Football Classic 23:00	Michigan Football Classic 23:30	Michigan Football Classic 24:00	Michigan Football Classic 24:30				
(BRAVO) 254	51	254				"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" (2011)		**** "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1" (2010)						Potter			
(CC) 27	61	27		33		South Park 'MA'	South Park 'MA'	South Park 'MA'	South Park 'MA'	**** "Megamind" (2010, Children's) Voices of Will Ferrell, Brad Pitt. 'PG' 21:00	South Park 'MA'	South Park 'MA'	South Park 'MA'	South Park 'MA'			
(CMT) 98	45	98	28	37		½ "I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry" (2007) PG-13' 21:00		½ "The Replacements" (2000) Keanu Reeves. Misfit substitutes take the field during a football strike.		½ "I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry" (2007) Adam Sandler. 'PG-13' 21:30							
(CNN) 40	29	40	41	46		CNN Newsroom	Situation Room	Situation Room	Situation Room	Situation Room	CNN Special Report		United Shad				
(ESPN) 33	27	33	21	17		UFC 252: Miocic vs. Cormier 3 - Prelims From the UFC APEX facility in Las Vegas. (N)				To Be Announced			SportsCenter (N)				
(ESPN2) 37	28	34	43	49		To Be Announced		E60	E60	E60	E60	E60	E60	Rugby			
(FBN) 106	149	106	99	41		Journal Editorial Rpt.	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Strange	Strange	OBJECTified 21:00	OBJECTified 21:30	OBJECTified 22:00	OBJECTified 22:30				
(FLIX) 118	170					** "Failure to Launch" (2006) Matthew McConaughey. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 21:00		** "Chicago" (2002, Musical) Catherine Zeta-Jones. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 21:30		** "Mean Girls" (2004) Lindsay Lohan. 'PG-13' 22:00		** "Chuck" (2007) Adam Sandler. 'PG-13' 22:30					
(FNC) 44	37	44		32		Fox Report	Life, Liberty & Levin	Watters' World (N)	Justice With Jeanine	Greg Gutfeld		Watters' World 22:00					
(FOOD) 26	56	26				Diners, Drive	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners			
(FREEFORM) 29	52	29	20	28		*** "Kung Fu Panda 2" (2011) Voices of Jack Black.	*** "Despicable Me" (2010, Children's) Voices of Steve Carell. (In Stereo) 'PG' 21:00	*** "Despicable Me 2" (2013, Children's) Voices of Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig. (In Stereo) 'PG' 21:30									
(FS1) 732	112	732				MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Cincinnati Reds. (N) 21:00		Steelers	Ravens	Mexico Primera Division Soccer							
(FSNFL) 35	39	35				MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Miami Marlins. (N) (Live)		Postgame	NBA Basketball	In Magic		Red Bull Series					
(FX) 30	60	30		51		*** "The Amazing Spider-Man" (2012) Andrew Garfield. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 21:00		*** "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (2017) Dwayne Johnson. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 21:30		*** "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (2017) Dwayne Johnson. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 22:00							
(GOLF) 727	67	727				PGA Korn Ferry Tour	Golf U.S. Amateur Championship, Semifinals. (N) (Live)			Golf Central (N) 'G' 22:00		PGA Golf					
(HALL) 59	68	39	45	54		"Love on Harbor" "The Last Bridesmaid" (2019, Romance-Comedy) Rachel Boston. 'NR' 21:00		"Wedding Every Weekend" (2020) Kimberley Sustad. Premiere. 'NR' 21:30		"Nature of Love" (2020) Emilie Ullerup.							
(HBO) 302	201	302	2	2		** "Aquaman" (2018, Action) Jason Momoa. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 21:00		** "Birds of Prey (and the Fantabulous Emancipation of One Harley Quinn)" (2018) Renée Zellweger. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 21:30		Perry Mason "Chapter Eight" 'MA' 22:00		** "Joker" (2019) 'R' 22:30					
(HBO2) 303	202	303				Succession "Dundee" 'MA' 21:00	Succession "DC" (In Stereo) 'MA' 21:30	Succession "This Is Not for Tears" 'MA' 22:00		** "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" (2004) Renée Zellweger. 'R' 22:30		Room 104 'MA'		"Mr-Mrs Smith"			
(HGTV) 23	57	23	42	52		Property Brothers: Forever Home 'G'	Property Brothers: Forever Home 'G'	Vacation House Rules	Love It or List It								

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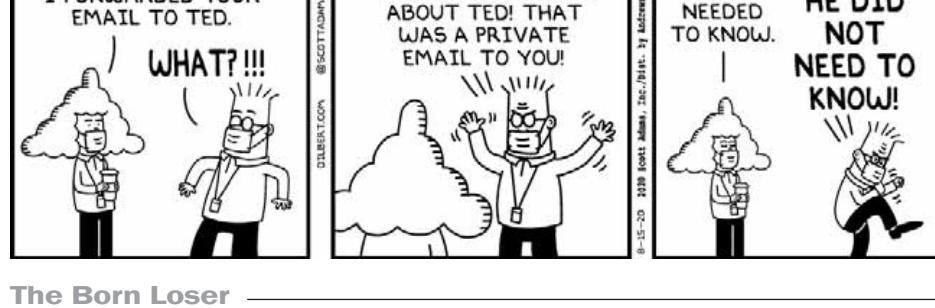
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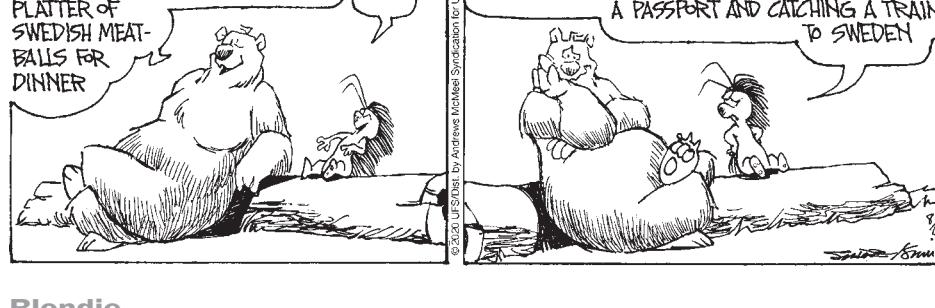
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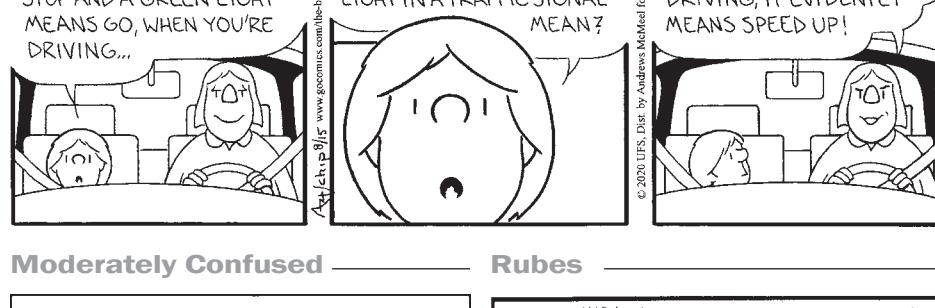
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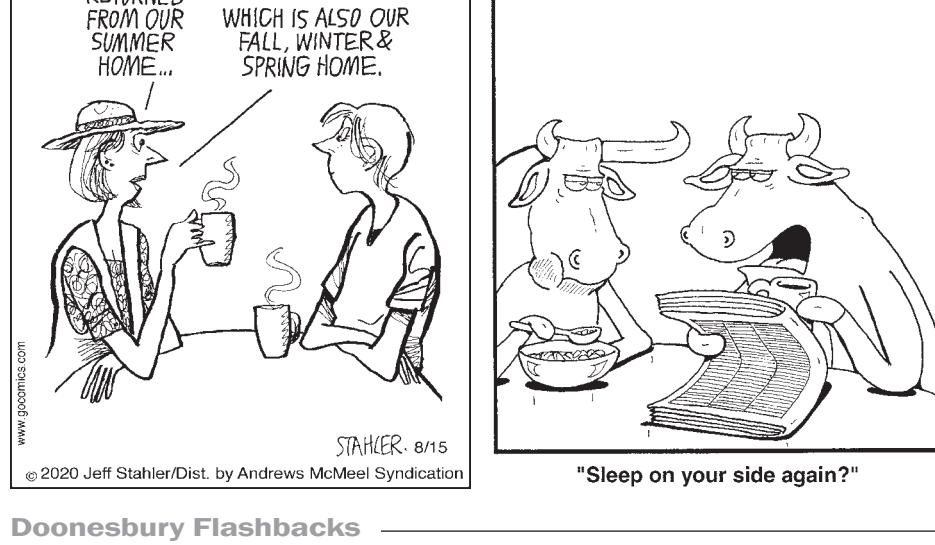
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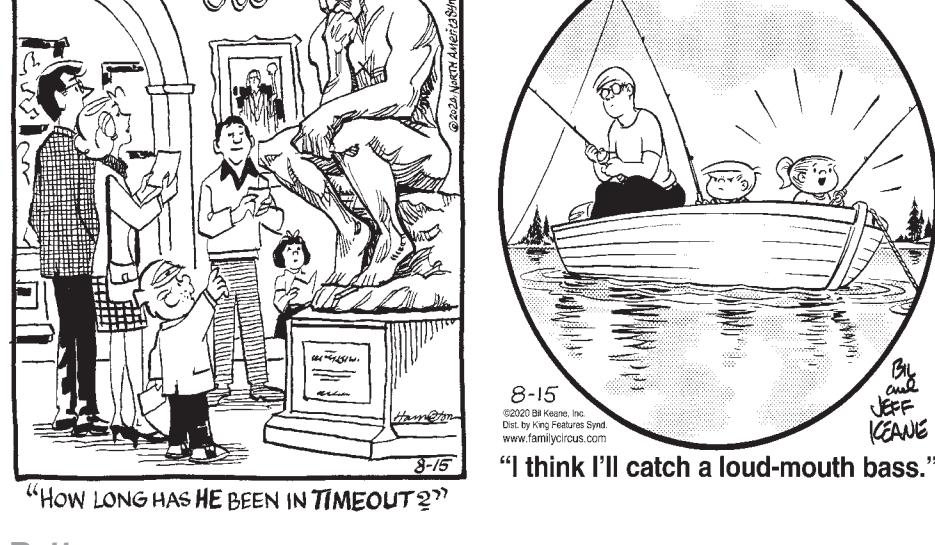
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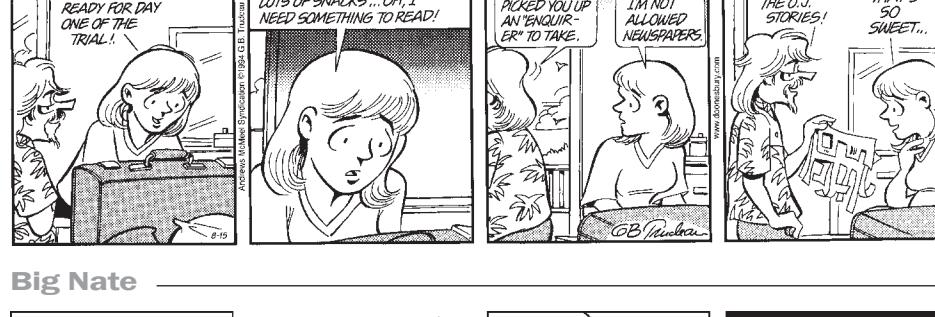
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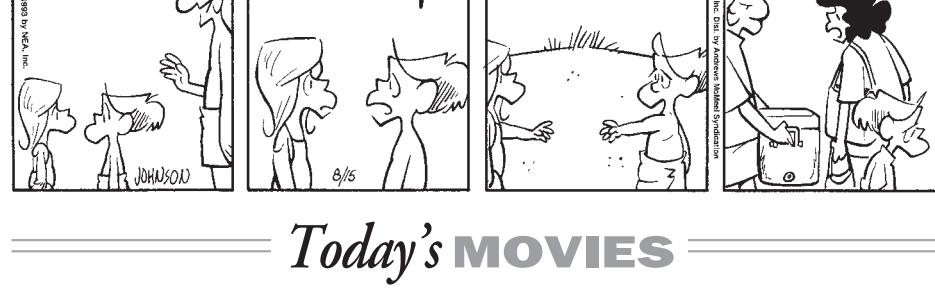
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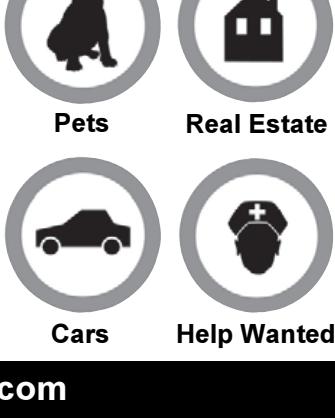
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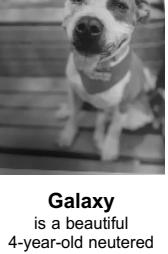
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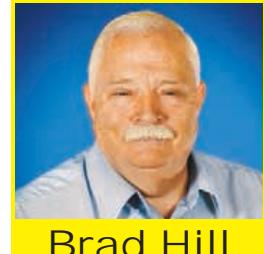
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