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Boat parade
 Boats adorned with Trump flags and signs paraded on King's Bay this weekend.
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NEWS BRIEFS

Citrus County COVID-19 update

Fifty-seven new positive cases were reported in Citrus County since the latest FDOH update. Two new hospitalizations were reported; no new deaths were reported. To date in the county, 853 people have tested positive, 83 have been hospitalized and 17 have died.

Food drive to benefit SOS Support Center

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 Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, 2540 W. Norvell 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.

Board to discuss reopening campuses

Citrus County School Board members are hosting an emergency meeting to discuss when campuses will reopen in the fall amid COVID-19. They'll also mull over mask-wearing requirements for students and staff. Education officials will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at the school district's main office building, 1007 W. Main St., Inverness. Those wishing to comment must fill out a green card in-person beforehand. Speakers will be able to address school board members after a motion, if any, is made. Aug. 10 is the first day of the 2020-21 school year, when Florida Department of Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran ordered school grounds to open and offer a "full panoply" of services to students at least five days a week. School districts have until July 31 to submit their respective reopening plans.

— From staff reports

COVID cases spike again

Two more die in Citrus County

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Citrus County continued to break its seven-day record for increases in COVID-19. By its Monday, July 20, 2020, coronavirus update, the

Florida Department of Health reported a total 855 cases for Citrus County, a 48.2% jump from the 577 cases documented a week earlier on July 13. From July 6 to July 13, the county witnessed a case increase of 44.6%, which

surpassed the 40.5% rise in cases set the week prior. COVID-19 hospitalizations went from 62 to 83 between July 13 and July 20, an increase of 33.9% compared to the 37.7% rise in hospital visits from July 6 to July 13. Citrus County also lost two more residents to the virus since July 13, putting the death

count at 17. According to CoreCivic — the Citrus County Detention Facility's management firm — and County Administrator Randy Oliver on July 20, there has been no change in cases within jail staff and inmate populations since July 13. CoreCivic reported a total of See COVID/Page A11

Annual Key run changes pace



Brelyn Royal takes part in the 44th annual "Run for the Money" on Monday as she runs with others during the opening minutes of the annual fundraiser for the Key Training Center. Her father, Phil Royal, died four years ago while participating in the run during the first day of the 180-mile trek from Tallahassee to Citrus County. The Key Center supports developmentally disabled adults through a wide variety of programs. This is the first year since the inception of the fundraiser that runners have not taken to U.S. 19 to run from Tallahassee to Crystal River. For more photos, see this story online at www.chronicleonline.com.



Several runners make their way east Monday, July 20, 2020, along County Road 486 in Hernando. The runners are, from left, Stephanie Stevens, Madison Whitmeyer, Cortney Pulley, Devon Stevens, Shawn Host and Caleb Tague.

Course is different but the mission is the same: Fundraising for center

JEFF BRYAN
Managing editor

The sun was already rising in the east, though it wasn't the steps of the state Capitol — the COVID-19 pandemic might have altered the traditional route for the 44th annual Run for the Money. However, the spirits and enthusiasm for the 13 runners had not been dampened as they gathered Monday, July 20, 2020, in the parking lot of The Grove Health and Rehabilitation along County Road 486. Perhaps no one was more enthusiastic about the first leg of the run (35 miles) than 4-year-old Brelyn Royal, whose father died four years ago during the Run for the Money. "She picked out her outfit last night and was up at 5:30," said her mother, April Royal. "She wanted to be here last night. She is so excited, she knows she's running for those clients who can't. This is just in her blood." Though it has been four years now since Phil died, Royal said she cannot believe that much time has passed. "I see it more when I look at (Brelyn) and see how big she is growing," April said. The course for the Run for the Money might not be the same but the mission remains the See RUN/Page A2

FWC to vote on shorter stone crab season

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Florida's stone crabbing industry could see a shorter fishing season starting this year if state wildlife officials approve the measure along with other rule changes at their virtual meeting. Members of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will vote on the commercial and recreational stone-crabbing modifications soon after they call to order at 9 a.m. Wednesday,

July 22, 2020. FWC commissioners will also cover other items during their two-day meeting, which goes through July 23. For more on their agenda, visit tinyurl.com/yxxdrcr. Visit TheFloridaChannel.org to watch a live video of FWC's meeting. Viewers can also use the channel's conference line to phone in and provide comments on a first-call, first-serve basis. No more than two hours of public comment will be dedicated to the subject of

stone crabs. Citrus County's coast is lined with pockets of crabbing boats, which are allowed to lay traps underwater 10 days before Oct. 15, the start of the seven-month stone crab season. Citing data showing a 22% (712,000 pounds) decline of harvests from stone crab landings since the late 1990s, FWC staff believe the species is being overfished. See FWC/Page A2

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MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Those running and bicycling Monday in the first leg of the Key Training Center's Run for the Money hold a prayer before hitting the pavement on the annual fundraising journey that traditionally begins in Tallahassee and finishes in Crystal River. This is the first year the run has not taken place along U.S. 19 in the 180-mile journey to raise money for developmentally disabled adults that the Key Training Center assists.

RUN

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same: Illustrate the challenges that adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) experience every day so they do not go unnoticed.

"As a group of runners, it means a lot, so we decided to get together and run on our own around our county so everyone could see we're out here doing something," said Stephanie Stevens, who is participating in her fifth "Run for the Money."

The Run (and Cycling) is designed to generate up to \$300,000 to provide scholarships to unfunded clients, explained Melissa Walker, executive director for the Key Training Center. Stephanie Stevens explained the runners will mix up the locations throughout the week. One challenge is finding a location with a sidewalk in

highly visible area for passing motorists to see the runners.

"It's day-by-day, we're giving everyone an opportunity to pick a place, then we'll go out and track our 3 miles," she said. "It is challenging, because we need sidewalks and we're not doing the van, we're trying to make sure our social distancing is what we're supposed to be doing."

Even though the traditional run was scrapped a couple of months ago, Stephanie Stevens said there was no way they were not going to complete the 180 miles. And like most runners, people still thought they were "crazy." "You're still going to do it?" she said of the response. "This is what we do every year; it's the same, tight group of runners."

It is way different, going from running from Tallahassee to running straight down the road, said Craig Stevens, fire chief for Citrus

County Fire Rescue, who is part of the event for a 12th straight year.

"You see different views the whole time," he said. But Stevens pointed out, it does feel good to run at home.

"This is my community, it does feel good to be here," said Stevens. "It's taking a bit of an adjustment, I think for all of us, to come up with good ideas and plans to make this effective. We're going to do it one way or another."

"We want people in the community to see us, see we're still doing the 'Run for the Money,' that this is important to all of us that are out there."

Added Walker: "Mr. Chet Cole is smiling upon us by continuing the tradition even through these trying times. Phil was passionate about the Key and the health and safety of the runners. He will always hold a vital place in the hearts of the Key and Key Runners."

FWC

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To curtail overfishing impacts, state biologists are proposing FWC commissioners shorten the stone crab season by a month, ending it on

April 15.

They're also recommending escape rings for every trap, an increase in the minimum claw size for harvest and a limit in the number of whole stone crabs.

FWC commissioners already approved a draft of these rule changes in May

2020, when their staff was then suggesting ending the stone crab season on April 9.

If commissioners vote to approve them July 22, these changes go into effect Oct. 1. For information on current stone crabbing rules, visit tinyurl.com/y6au4mo9.

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3400 N. Lecanto Hwy will be moving to 2671 W. Norvell Bryant Hwy, Lecanto FL

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Our offices phone numbers will remain the same

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We look forward to your continued support and trust in us along with our new colleagues who shall continue to provide to serve you including: the hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and the several office locations.

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Around the
COUNTY

Council to consider station regulations

The Inverness City Council will consider an ordinance regulating gas stations, including that they be barred from the central business district.

The ordinance is up for a first reading at the county's 5:30 p.m. meeting Tuesday, July 21, at city hall, 212 W. Main St.

A consultant's report states there are now no gas stations in the central business district, which includes the downtown area.

City Manager Eric Williams says in an agenda memo that the ordinance seeks to protect sections of the city from a proliferation of gas stations.

"We have seen a significant interest and development of convenience store/gas station development," he wrote. "Concurrently, there is also a desire to protect the downtown business district from potential incompatible gas station use impacts."

The agenda also includes updates on the Depot District, Hill Street and Cooter Pond decking.

Virtual School enrollment climbs

Citrus Virtual School continued to grow in student enrollment as local education officials prepare to re-open campuses amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

From July 13 to July 20, 2020, the number of students registered with the Citrus County School District's new online school system increased from 700 to 850, according to the school district.

Virtual school students currently make up 4.8% of district students, not including those studying at the Withlacoochee Technical College.

Lecanto middle and high schools are also both over 90% in reaching their student capacities.

Parents had until noon July 20 to sign their children up for either virtual or brick-and-mortar schooling; however, the school district won't have its final enrollment numbers processed until later this week.

Depending on the circumstances, school district officials said they'll make exceptions for late enrollments.

Aug. 10 is the first day of school for the 2020-21 year.

For answers to frequently-asked questions on how schools are planning to re-open, visit tinyurl.com/y6jqzgd.

— From staff reports

Man accused of eating evidence

Hernando man allegedly ingests drugs at traffic stop

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

A Hernando man tried to hide a bag of cocaine from police by eating it during a traffic stop.

Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested 35-year-old Matthew Leroy Simmons during the early-morning hours of Friday, July 17, 2020, on a felony charge of evidence



Matthew Simmons

tampering. Deputies also jailed Simmons on charges of possessing a controlled substance, resisting law enforcement without violence, driving with an invalid license and possessing drug paraphernalia.

Simmons was booked at the Citrus County Detention Center under a \$14,000 bond, which a judge lowered to \$10,000

during Simmons' first court appearance later on July 17, court records show.

According to Simmons' arrest report, a deputy tried to pull a motorist — later identified as Simmons — over near the intersections of County Road 486 and U.S. 41 for driving a car without a working tag light.

With the deputy's cruiser following with its emergency lights and sirens on, Simmons turned onto East Lake Place and

then onto North Railroad Way before parking in front of his house.

Simmons' arrest report states the deputy spotted Simmons moving a lot inside the car, "as if he may be trying stash something somewhere in the vehicle."

When the deputy removed Simmons from the car, he noticed Simmons was chewing on something and ordered him to spit it out.

Simmons spat out a small plastic bag and a straw, which both contained cocaine residue,

according to his arrest report.

Deputies searched Simmons' car and found 1.02 grams of crack cocaine inside a pill bottle labeled with Simmons' name.

Simmons, his arrest report states, admitted to owning the narcotics and eating the bag because he thought it had cocaine in it.

Simmons arraignment hearing is scheduled for Aug. 11.

Contact Chronicle reporter Buster Thompson at 352-564-2916 or bthompson@chronicleonline.com.

Trump supporters swarm the bay



SABRINA THOMAS/Special to the Chronicle

Boaters make their way through the Crystal River on Saturday, July 18, 2020, during the 2020 Trump Boat Parade on the Crystal River.

Political boat parade attracts thousands

Boats adorned with flags and signs supporting President Donald J. Trump's 2020 re-election bid flooded the area waterways Saturday, according to event organizer Michael Ferson of Summerfield. The event launched at 11 a.m. from Pete's Pier in King's Bay, heading out of Crystal River. The parade, which lasted three hours, made its way past Fort Island Park as well as the Crystal River Archaeological Park.

ABOVE RIGHT: Spectators watch as boats make their way past a pier during the 2020 Trump Boat Parade on the Crystal River.
LOWER RIGHT: Boaters adorned their vessels with American flags as well as Trump 2020 flags and assortment of other items in support of the president's re-election bid.



Florida again reports more than 10,000 new coronavirus cases

State totals over 360,000 cases, 5,000 deaths

CURT ANDERSON
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — Florida reported another 10,000 new coronavirus cases on Monday, the 12th day since the Fourth of July the number has topped that threshold.

The state Department of Health reported 10,347 new cases and 90 deaths. That brings the state's totals for the entire pandemic to more than 360,000 cases and over 5,100 deaths.

The new reported deaths

brings Florida's seven-day average to about 114 per day. Its overall deaths rank 25th in the nation per capita, or about 7 times less than highest-ranked New Jersey.

Hospitalizations for the disease continued to increase, standing at 9,452 statewide in the late morning Monday — up about 160 from the day before. Though the increase has slowed when compared to about week ago, those additional patients have been straining intensive care

units of some hospitals in the South Florida, Tampa, Orlando and Jacksonville areas — and many administrators have limited non-emergency procedures to help make space.

Statewide, 18% of ICU beds were available.

The skyrocketing case-load is making for a strange summer in the Sunshine State, where many popular beaches are shuttered, residents and tourists can be fined for not wearing masks, and bars across the state aren't allowed to pour liquor.

The upcoming plan to have the Republican National Convention in Jacksonville to renominate President Donald Trump continues to be on shaky ground. Even after the GOP announced plans to scale back the convention and hold more events outside, the local sheriff said people's safety cannot be guaranteed.

"Where we are today is we can't support this plan," Sheriff Mike Williams told local news outlets Monday. "Where do we go from here is a good question. But where we are today, we can't support it."

Williams added: "There's got to be some major reworking of what's happening."

Critics have complained that Gov. Ron DeSantis has not mandated a statewide mask ordinance as cases rise. The governor has repeatedly said policies in hard-hit South Florida might not make sense in the Panhandle, where the infection rate is lower, even as his fellow Republicans increasingly acknowledge the need for a unified, non-partisan message.

Speaking at blood center in Orlando, where he was interrupted by chanting

protesters Monday, DeSantis said parents should be given a choice as to what is the best option for their children, whether virtual learning, in-class schooling or a combination of the two. Schools also need to make health accommodations for employees too if they are high risk, the governor said.

"Parents need to choose the best environment for their students, their kids," the Republican governor said. "If a teacher doesn't feel comfortable there ... I think they should be given as many options as possible."

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ENTERTAINMENT

Nicki Minaj says she's pregnant with first child

NEW YORK — Nicki Minaj has a new release coming soon: her first child. The rapper took to Instagram on Monday to announce she is pregnant, posting photos of herself with a baby bump. One caption simply read: "#Preggers." She also wrote on another post, "Love. Marriage. Baby carriage. Overflowing with excitement & gratitude. Thank you all for the well wishes." Minaj married Kenneth Petty last year. They first dated as teenagers and reunited in 2018. Musically, Minaj has also had a winning year, topping the Billboard Hot 100 chart twice. Her remix of Doja Cat's "Say So" helped Minaj achieve her first-ever No. 1 on the Hot 100, despite releasing multiple hits throughout her career. She also reached the top spot with "Trollz," her collaboration with 6ix9ine.



Associated Press

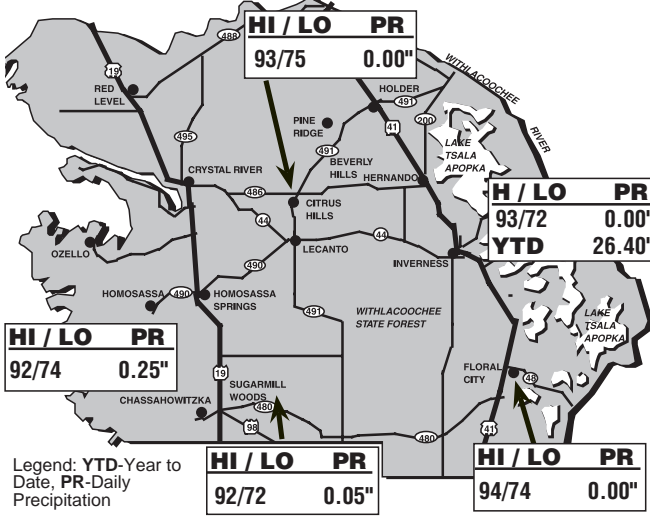
This Aug. 20, 2018, file photo shows Nicki Minaj at the MTV Video Music Awards in New York. Minaj has a new release coming soon: her first child. The rapper took to Instagram on Monday, July 20, 2020, to announce she is pregnant, posting photos of herself with a baby bump. One caption simply read: "#Preggers."

Floating boat cinema coming to Pittsburgh, more

PITTSBURGH — Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, drive-in movies have been making a comeback — now a company says a floating cinema allowing people to watch from mini-boats will be making appearances in a number of places around the country — including Pennsylvania and Ohio. Beyond Cinema, an Australian production company, is bringing Floating Boat Cinema to cities worldwide with a stop in Pittsburgh in September. The location for the aquatic theater planned Sept. 16 to

Sept. 20, 2020, hasn't been released, and the movies to be shown haven't been announced. The cinema will be made up of 12 to 24 mini-boats, each holding up to eight people. Tickets will require that the entire boat be purchased to ensure that groups will be seated with friends and family only to allow for social distancing on and between boats. Organizers say the movies will be a mix of golden oldies and new releases. Attendees will get free popcorn, and other movie snacks and drinks will be available for purchase before people embark on the boats. Floating Boat Cinema will also be heading to St. Louis on Sept. 9 and later to Houston, Chicago, Miami, Orlando, New York, Austin, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Columbus and Cincinnati, as well as three cities in Canada. —From wire reports

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Exclusive daily forecast by: TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING High: 93° Low: 74° Scattered to numerous PM showers and thunderstorms. WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING High: 93° Low: 73° Numerous PM showers and thunderstorms. THURSDAY & FRIDAY MORNING High: 93° Low: 74° Scattered PM showers and thunderstorms.

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Table with weather statistics: TEMPERATURE (Yesterday 92/73, Record* 98/63, Normal 92/71, Mean temp. 82, Departure from mean 1), PRECIPITATION (Yesterday 0.00", Total for the month 0.23", Total for the year 10.97", Normal for the year 28.31"), DEW POINT (Yesterday at 3 p.m. 75°), HUMIDITY (Yesterday at 3 p.m. 61%), POLLEN COUNT** (Today's active pollen: Ragweed, grasses, chenopods; Today's count: 2.3/12; Wednesday's count: 4.8; Thursday's count: 4.6), AIR QUALITY (Yesterday observed Good, Pollutant Ozone).

SOLAR TABLES

Table with columns: DATE, DAY, MINOR (MORNING), MAJOR (MORNING), MINOR (AFTERNOON), MAJOR (AFTERNOON). Rows for 07/21 TUESDAY and 07/22 WEDNESDAY.

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT 8:26 pm, SUNRISE TOMORROW 6:45 am, MOONRISE TODAY 7:30 am, MOONSET TODAY 9:35 pm. Includes moon phase icons for Jul 27, Aug 3, Aug 11, Aug 18.

BURN CONDITIONS

Today's Fire Danger Index is: LOW. There is no burn ban. For more information call Florida Division of Forestry at (352) 797-4140. For more information on wildfire conditions, please visit the Division of Forestry's Web site: www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Wildland-Fire

WATERING RULES

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

Table with columns: Watering days (0-1, 2-3, 4-5) and corresponding days (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday).

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

TIDES

Table with columns: City, High, Low, and corresponding times for Tuesday. Locations include Chassahowitzka, Crystal River, Withalacoochee, and Homosassa.

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

Table with columns: City, H, L, F'cast. Lists temperatures for cities like Daytona Bch., Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Gainesville, Homestead, Jacksonville, Key West, Lakeland, Melbourne, Miami, Ocala, Orlando, Pensacola, Sarasota, Tallahassee, Tampa, Vero Beach, and W. Palm Bch.

MARINE OUTLOOK

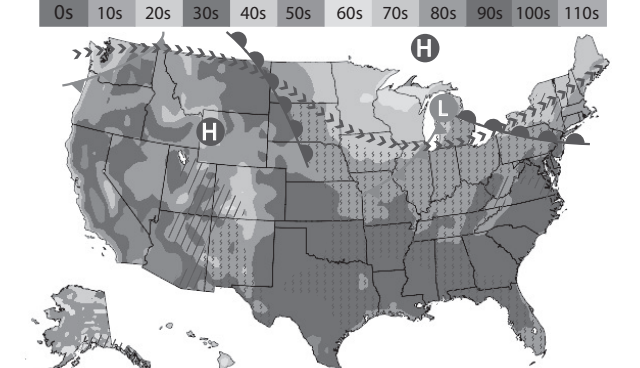
Today: Southeast winds around 15 knots diminishing to 5 to 10 knots late in the afternoon. Seas 2 to 3 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop. Scattered thunderstorms. Numerous showers in the afternoon. Gulf water temperature 90° Taken at Aripeka

LAKE LEVELS

Table with columns: Location, MON, SUN, Full. Lists lake levels for Withalacoochee at Holder, Tsala Apopka-Hernando, Tsala Apopka-Inverness, and Tsala Apopka-Floral City.

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

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Tuesday

Table with columns: City, MON H L Pcp, TUE H L Fcst. Lists weather forecasts for cities from Albany to Washington.

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW

HIGH 118, Furnace Creek, Calif. LOW 31, Bondurant, Wyo.

WORLD CITIES

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Today in HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, July 21, the 203rd day of 2020. There are 163 days left in the year. Today's Highlight: On July 21, 1925, the so-called "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tennessee, with John T. Scopes found guilty of violating state law for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (The conviction was later overturned on a technicality.) On this date: In 1944, American forces landed on Guam during World War II, capturing it from the Japanese some three weeks later. In 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin blasted off from the moon aboard the ascent stage of the lunar module for docking with the command module. In 2000, Special Counsel John C. Danforth concluded "with 100 percent certainty" that the federal government was innocent of wrongdoing in the siege that killed 80 members of the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, in 1993. In 2011, the 30-year-old space shuttle program ended as Atlantis landed at Cape Canaveral, Florida, after the 135th shuttle flight. Ten years ago: A triumphant President Barack Obama signed into law the most sweeping overhaul of U.S. lending and high finance rules since the 1930s. Five years ago: The Defense Department said a U.S. airstrike in Syria on July 8, 2015 had killed Muhsin al-Fadhli, a key figure in a dangerous al-Qaeda offshoot. One year ago: Clashes involving Hong Kong's protest movement escalated violently, with police launching tear gas at protesters who didn't disband after a march. Today's Birthdays: Singer Yusuf Islam (also known as Cat Stevens) is 72. Cartoonist Garry Trudeau is 72. Comedian Jon Lovitz is 63. Comedian Greg Behrendt is 57. Rock-soul singer Michael Fitzpatrick (Fitz and the Tantrums) is 50.

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Obituaries

Leslie Eastman

OLD ORCHARD BEACH, MAINE

Leslie Merrill Eastman, son of Leslie Earl and Gertrude Estelle (Lalonde) Eastman was born 7 September 1940 in the Trull Hospital in Biddeford, Maine and passed away at Gosnell Hospice House in Scarborough, Maine 17 July 2020.



Leslie Eastman

Les was a former resident of Citrus County an active member of the Nature Coast Unitarian Universalists in Citrus Springs.

He served on the Board of Directors and was a member of the Social Activities and Caring Committees as well as presenting several Sunday services.

Les graduated from the Old Orchard Beach High School in 1959 and University of Southern Maine with a BS in Geography and an MA in Maine Studies. While a student, he worked for Maine Audubon Society where he arranged and guided field trips. He went on to teach Maine History and Current Events at the Lewiston High School for 25 years a career that drew upon his love for Maine history and allowed him time off to track down rare plants. He was known for his innovative teaching style and was awarded a Certificate of Excellence for Newspapers in Education, and was Yearbook Teacher of the Year twice.

As a product of the meeting of three cultures of 17th century New England, English, French and Native American and a 10th generation Mainer, he spent his boyhood exploring the coastal marshes and swamps of Old Orchard Beach, collecting everything from salamanders to pitcher plants. Family weekends were spent with his parents who shared his interest in rocks, traveling Maine's countryside in search of a variety of minerals. Les became a knowledgeable collector and the vast majority of his mineral collection was purchased by Harvard University.

According to Down East Magazine 1985, Les is considered "Maine's premier rare plant detective who has discovered or relocated over 300 plant species in Maine and who is widely considered one of the most important botanists ever to work in Maine." Les has, according to many of Maine's leading botanists, "added more to our knowledge of the state's rare plants than any other individual in this century."

Past president of the distinguished Josselyn Botanical Society, Les also served on the Rare and Endangered Plant Species Committee of the New England Botanical Club of Harvard University and was an executive board member of the Maine Naturalist. He was the author of more than 100 journal articles and scientific reports on rare plants, including the Rhodora and Northeastern Naturalist and author of Rare Vascular Plants of Maine and

co-authored The Flora of Oxford County with Christopher Campbell. In 1993 he received the Outstanding Botanist Award from The New England Wildflower Society for the discovery and documentation of Maine's rarest plant species.

He married his childhood friend, Jo Ann Darling, in 1986 at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Saco, Maine. They remodeled an 1875 farm house in Greene, Maine where they established extensive gardens.

In 2004 they moved to Lecanto, Florida where they were active with the Nature Coast Unitarian Universalists. They traveled to England, Scotland, and Wales, Trinidad, and the Yucatan, Mexico as well as exploring the biodiversity of Florida. In 2016 they returned to their home in Old Orchard Beach, Maine.

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Eleanor Macko, 89

HERNANDO

Eleanor Macko, 89, of Hernando, FL, passed away on Saturday, July 4, 2020 in Lecanto, FL. Heinz Funeral Home & Cremation, Inverness, FL.



Wayne Pike, 89

INVERNESS

Wayne Leon Pike, 89, of Inverness, FL passed away peacefully July 10, 2020 surrounded by his family and loved ones.

He was born in Dayton, OH on June 4, 1931. He lived in Sidney, OH until 1969 when he moved his family to Florida, and then settled down in Citrus County in 1972.

Wayne served his country in the Korean War as a member of the U.S. Army from 1951-1953.

After his military service, Wayne became a lino-type operator for the Sidney Daily News.

Wayne was a very avid reader and enjoyed riding his bike, walking his dogs, and working in his garage.

He was preceded in death by his mother Esther Gillespie, step-father Robert Gillespie, and father Hubert Pike; sisters Dorothy Moses, Katherine Chiles, and Clara Carey; son-in-law Raymond Cubero, and grandson SGT Robert Surber.

Survivors include his loving wife of 63 years, Vera Hoover Pike; sister-in-law Esther Carey; children Kyle Pike and Kerri Surber; 6 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and his beloved dogs Booter and Puggie.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service for Wayne will be held on Friday, July 24, at 11:00 A.M. at the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Shirley Roseman, 89

HOMOSASSA

Shirley (Bugga) Roseman, age 89 years, of Homosassa FL, died peacefully Wednesday, July 8th, 2020 at Seven Rivers Hospital in Inverness, with nurse Keinnamon by her side.

We would also like to thank Lindy Decker and her staff at All About Caring for their years of wonderful caring they gave our aunt.

Shirley was born on July 19th, 1930 in Chicago, IL to Angeline and George Krueger. Shirley started working as a Librarian in Spring Grove, IL, and lived most of her youth in Fox Lake, IL. Shirley moved to Ely, MN, where she owned and operated a Resort and cabins on Lake Vermillion until she moved to Homosassa in 1989. Shirley spent the rest of her career working for the Homosassa State Park until her retirement at age 75.

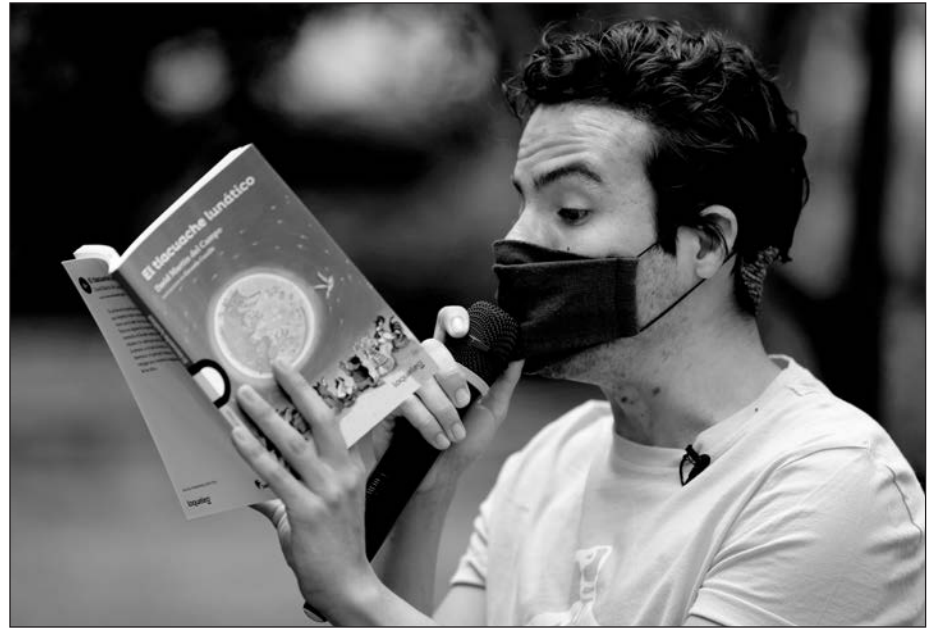
Shirley loved the outdoors, her swimming pool, Animal Planet, playing Yahtzee and laughing with her family. She will be remembered fondly as "BBB", Big Boss Bugga and giving out half of a piece of doublemint gum to her nieces and nephews.

She was survived by her sister Oral Deans and brother Bruce Krueger and several nieces and nephews. Memorial date TBD. On line condolences may be made at www.hooperfuneralhome.com. Shirley will be laid to rest at Mt. Carmel cemetery in Antioch, IL date TBD.

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'De la casa a la plaza'



Associated Press

Percibald Garcia uses a microphone to read aloud children's books amid the high-rise housing complex of Tlatelolco, in Mexico City, Saturday, July 18, 2020. Confinement during the coronavirus pandemic has been especially tedious for children, so the young architect sets out every afternoon with a microphone and a loudspeaker to walk the neighborhood where he lives and provide entertainment.

Storyteller cheers kids in apartment complex

LISSETTE ROMERO
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Percibald Garcia recognized that confinement during the coronavirus lockdown is especially tedious for children. So the young architect decided to read them stories.

Almost every day since the beginning of May, the 27-year-old has gone out in an enormous Mexico City apartment complex with his "wandering microphone" to broadcast stories to children who gather at their windows to listen.

While most kids these days have cell-phones, tablets or computers, Garcia wants them to hear the human voice and the world of shared tales. He also wants them to realize they can use, even from a distance, the public plazas that have served as the anchor of life in Mexico for centuries.

"We realized that almost nobody was looking after the way that kids were experiencing this lockdown," Garcia said Saturday.

Setting up his microphone in one of the green spaces that sit between rows of apartment buildings, he read "El Tlacuache Lunatico" ("The Crazy Opossum"). It's a story by David Martín del Campo about a possum who suffers because he is so short. The possum tries to reach the moon to feel taller. Once there, he eats the moon — and then has to figure out, with fellow animals, how to bring it back. Other stories follow the same vein.

Garcia often precedes a story by playing songs by the celebrated Mexican children's composer Francisco Gabilondo Soler, who performed as Cri-Cri the cricket. Sometimes other storytellers perform, as does a puppet troop. And always, just as on Saturday, children appear at the windows of the multi-story building to take in the show.

In the end, it is an act of mutual comfort, similar to the Italians who serenaded each other from their balconies early in the pandemic, but also a cry to reclaim shared public spaces and stem the migration to a digital, virtual world.

"In the last three months, everything has gone online, —work, contacts, shopping," said Garcia. "This is an act of resistance in the face of this ferocious digitalization we are experiencing."

Rogelio Morales listened to the stories from the window of his grandmother's apartment. Since March, the 9-year-old has spent much of his time playing video games.

"The only thing I go out for is to walk my dog," he said. "It's a little boring. I

miss school." "It's nice," Rogelio said of the storytelling. "If we have something to do, or if we're very frustrated, we can relax a little."

Luna Gonzalez, came with her mother, Tatiana Vega, to listen to the stories from a safe distance, both wearing face masks.

"I imagine the characters, I imagine what the animals are like," said Luna, who used the opportunity to go out to dress up in her finest. "Sometimes we go out, because I get bored at home."

Garcia calls his project "De la Casa a la Plaza" ("From the house to the plaza") — a reference to the town squares where historically Mexicans have gathered to socialize and share.

The pandemic hit this aspect of life hard, because people have been encouraged not to go out or gather for fear of contagion.

It's a tradition that also has been altered in the modern neighborhoods of Mexico's big cities, where shopping malls have often replaced plazas and parks as gathering spots. But due to the coronavirus, the malls also have been ordered closed in Mexico City.

Garcia's family has lived in the capital's Tlatelolco neighborhood since 1967, just a few years after it opened in 1964. It originally contained nearly 12,000 apartments and spread over 232 acres.

The government-built complex was erected during a period when architects still felt they had to provide open, communal spaces, something private developers have largely abandoned.

"The public plaza has been extremely important in Mexico since the time of our ancestors," since the Aztecs, Garcia noted. "It is where people meet, talk, where the life of a neighborhood develops."

"The shopping mall is now the plaza, but it's private ... you have to pay," he added. "This kills the public plaza, kills the social structures."

Some children have even approached Garcia to read their own stories, and other guest storytellers are invited to join.

"This is an invitation to people to continue using the public plaza," he said.

It is not only children who listen.

Rogelio's grandmother, Maria Elena Sevilla, also leaned out her ground-floor window.

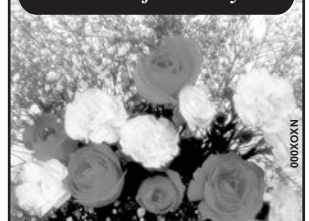
"This young man will get a special reward from God, because it is not just children he is entertaining, it is people of my age, too," she said.

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Candace Joy Sheldon
Born March 18th, 1955 in Casper, Wyoming, and went home to be with her Lord and savior on June 24th, 2020.
A resident of Citrus County, Candy taught 8th grade history at Inverness Middle School until she retired last Fall. She was well loved by her students who frequently stayed in contact with her throughout their high school years and beyond.
Candy was also well traveled and lived and worked all over the world: Hawaii, Seattle, Washington; Boston, Massachusetts; Minneapolis, Minnesota; London, UK; and Iquitos, Peru. She loved Scotland and requested that her ashes be spread at the headwaters of the Trossachs in Scotland, UK.
She is survived by her mother Suzanne Sheldon and sister Cindy Koenigsfeld of Littleton, Colorado; her niece Marchellie Sheldon of Minnesota; her daughter Mia Sol Mishel-Culgni-Sheldon of Iquitos, Peru; in addition to many friends who mourn her passing but know that she's at her eternal home and take comfort in that.
A celebration of her life will be held at Gulf to Lake Baptist Church in Crystal River on July 24th at 11:00 A.M.
In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Candy's memory to the YMCA at: www.ymcasuncoast.org/ways-to-give/memory-honor-gifts. You may also send or bring a check to the YMCA.

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Sandra Himmel
Sandra Himmel
Superintendent
Citrus County School Board

NFL could scrap preseason

ROB MAADDI AND BARRY WILNER
AP pro football writers

The NFL has offered to scrap all preseason games, a person familiar with the decision tells The Associated Press.

The players' association had sought no preseason games and the league had reduced the exhibition schedule to two games. But on Monday evening, the NFL said it would eliminate those preseason contests and also would offer players 18 days for acclimation, up from seven days. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the offer has not been made public.

Another part of the offer is to provide a means for players concerned about participating in training camp and/or games to opt out and receive a stipend.

The union has not yet accepted the offers. Should it do so, both sides

would have taken a major step toward starting the season on time.

Earlier Monday, the league said players will be tested daily for the coronavirus for at least the first two weeks of training camp, per the league's new testing protocols.

The NFL and the players' union reached an agreement as rookies for Houston and Kansas City were set to report to camp. Rookies for other teams begin arriving Tuesday.

Players and all Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 2M or Tier 3 individuals must test negative two times separated by 72 hours using a nasal swab before initially entering the building to begin physical exams or any form of team activity.

After two weeks of daily testing, if the positivity rate of those tests falls below 5% among players and Tier I and Tier II individuals, as described previously in NFL protocols, testing

would go to every other day. If the positivity rate doesn't fall below that threshold, daily testing would continue until it drops.

"There's no finish line with health and safety and I think these protocols are very much living and breathing documents, which means they will change as we gain new knowledge about this virus, as we gain new knowledge about transmission, as we gain new knowledge about testing and there are new tests and new techniques that come online," said Dr. Allen Sills, the NFL chief medical officer. "We very much anticipate that these protocols will change."

The NFL has sought input from other leagues that have already returned to action, including leagues outside the country. It's not known how many positive tests would result in shutting down the football season.

"These are complicated issues which involve a lot of factors," Sills said. "But suffice it to say we very much look at it from a medical and public health standpoint, and we want to make sure that first and foremost we're creating the safest possible environment for our players, for our coaches and our staff, but that we're also operating within the safest environment for each one of our clubs' locations, which means ongoing and regular communication with the public health authorities in those areas."

The league and the NFLPA already finalized protocols regarding team travel, media, and treatment response, and updated the facilities protocol to specifically address training camp based on recommendations from a joint committee of doctors, trainers and strength coaches formed by the league and players' union.

SPORTS BRIEFS

NHL suspends Rangers' Lemieux for 2 preliminary round games

NEW YORK — New York Rangers forward Brendan Lemieux has been suspended by the NHL for the first two games of the team's preliminary-round series against Carolina because of an illegal check that injured Colorado forward Joonas Donskoi in March.

The league's department of player safety announced the suspension Monday, four months after holding a hearing with Lemieux. The NHL waited until return to play guidelines were in place before making a ruling.

The suspension means Lemieux will miss the first two games of the Rangers' best-of-five series against Carolina, which opens in Toronto on Aug. 1. He will be eligible to play in New York's exhibition game against the New York Islanders on July 29.

'I always think about Cups' — Rejuvenated Malkin leads Pens

PITTSBURGH — Evgeni Malkin is already thinking about the future, the one where the hockey star in the family isn't the four-time All-Star forward for the Pittsburgh Penguins but his 4-year-old son, Nikita.

The younger Malkin certainly seems to be on his way. The elder Malkin posted a picture on Instagram this week with Nikita decked out in full Penguins gear. Spending an extended amount of time with Nikita during the three-month pause to the NHL season created by the COVID-19 pandemic gave Malkin an appreciation for the energy it takes to wrangle a preschooler.

While many of his teammates are still trying to find their footing during training camp as they prepare for a playoff meeting with Montreal early next month, the 33-year-old Malkin is already at full speed.

"You guys can see it when you watch in practice every day," Penguins coach Mike Sullivan said. "The level of intensity ... it's contagious throughout our team. All of our leaders have brought that ... but Geno has set the standard as far as bringing his work ethic to the rink every day."

Chaos in Spain as 2nd-tier game suspended after outbreak

MADRID — An outbreak of positive COVID-19 tests among players of a second-division club has created chaos in Spanish soccer.

The positive results were announced just hours before Monday's final round, prompting the suspension of one decisive game and the ire of other clubs who felt they were at a disadvantage.

The match between Deportivo La Coruña and Fuenlabrada was postponed after some Fuenlabrada players tested positive. The entire final round was at risk of

being postponed but all of the other matches — which the league originally wanted to be played at the same time — went on as scheduled.

Some clubs said the decision to suspend only one game instead of the entire round affected the outcome of the competition because many teams depended on the result of the Deportivo-Fuenlabrada match.

Cricket World Cup delayed to 2021 because of pandemic

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — To no surprise, the men's Twenty20 World Cup in Australia has been delayed for 12 months because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Cricket Australia cast doubt in May on the chances of it going ahead as scheduled from Oct. 18 to Nov. 15.

The 16-nation tournament will be played in the same months in 2021, the International Cricket Council said on Monday, without confirming the host venue.

The postponement has led to a reshaping of the men's international calendar in order to accommodate bilateral series which have been postponed everywhere since March except in England.

Lakers' LeBron James speaks out: 'Nothing is normal in 2020'

LAKE BUENA VISTA — LeBron James keeps hearing the same questions. How's it going? How's the bubble?

He now has a one-size-fits-all answer.

"I just say it's 2020," James said. "Nothing is normal in 2020."

That's not entirely true. The NBA is a few weeks from playoff mode, and James -- just like normal -- has himself and the Los Angeles Lakers squarely in the mix to compete for championship. It is a rare bit of normalcy for a player who appeared in eight consecutive NBA Finals from 2011 through and including 2018, and for a franchise that has won 16 championships.

Everything else about this year has been most abnormal. A pandemic suspended play. David Stern, the NBA's commissioner emeritus, died. Kobe Bryant, who was the third-leading scorer in NBA history until James passed him on Jan. 25, died in a helicopter crash the following day. And now James, the Lakers and 21 other teams are at Walt Disney World, separated from the rest of the world, trying to salvage a season and decide a champion.

Lakers coach Frank Vogel has seen playoff-season James three times before — never liking how those experiences went. Vogel was coaching Indiana and his three best seasons there saw the Pacers matched up with James and the Miami Heat in the Eastern Conference playoffs. This time, Vogel is genuinely and understandably eager to see James at playoff time.

— From wire reports

Ready for short schedule



Associated Press

New York Yankees starting pitcher Deivi Garcia reacts Monday, July 20, 2020, after Yankees manager Aaron Boone removed him from the mound during the second inning of an exhibition baseball game against the Philadelphia Phillies at Yankee Stadium in New York.

Baseball teams shaking off the dust before season begins

STEVEN WINE
AP sports writer

Miami Marlins shortstop Miguel Rojas talked Monday about the ways the 2020 season will be different for players, with little clubhouse interaction, seats in the stands and postgame meals via hotel room service.

Another change: Rojas believes the Marlins will be good.

He joined Miami in 2015 and has since endured five consecutive losing seasons. But like the team's management and some outside observers, Rojas says the Marlins are poised for a big leap forward in Year 3 of Derek Jeter's rebuilding program.

"I'm really excited about the starting pitching, and our offense is way better than the last couple of years," Rojas said. "The whole organization has been doing a great job bringing the young prospects along. It doesn't matter if they don't make the club right now. We know we have those guys waiting."

Fans will get their first look — on TV only — when the Marlins play an exhibition game today at Atlanta. They begin the season Friday at Philadelphia.

GETTING GOING

Dr. Anthony Fauci, a Washington Nationals fan and the nation's top infectious diseases expert, will throw out the ceremonial first pitch at the team's opener Thursday against the New York Yankees.

GOING DEEP

There may not be fans in Cleveland. There are fireworks.

The Indians are continuing the tradition of setting off blasts following each home run hit by the team at Progressive Field. The charges launched from a parking garage beyond the center-field wall echoed loudly following a three-run homer by Francisco Lindor and solo shots by Jordan Luplow, Mike Freeman and Jake Bauers in the Indians' 11-7 win over Pittsburgh

on Monday night.

The Pirates also homered four times, with Josh Bell, Phillip Evans, Guillermo Heredia, and Colin Moran all going deep.

Cleveland is counting on its starting pitching to carry it in the shortened season, and the Indians were pleased Mike Clevinger went five innings in his longest outing since undergoing knee surgery in February.

A FIRST

Right-hander Chris Paddack of the San Diego Padres earned his first career opening day start and will oppose Madison Bumgarner of the Arizona Diamondbacks on Friday night at Petco Park.

"A little cowboy showdown," Paddack said. "I'm going to have to use my imagination and hear the 55,000 people cheering my name."

HURTING

The Milwaukee Brewers placed left-hander Brett Anderson on the injured list due to a blister on his left index finger. He had been slated to start the Brewers' second game of the season, Saturday against the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field.

Oakland Athletics left-hander A.J. Puk, a top prospect, went on the injured list and traveled to Los Angeles to be examined by Dr. Neal ElAttrache for a shoulder strain. Puk's shoulder also bothered him during spring training.

ROSTER MOVES

Outfielder Scott Schebler was designated for assignment by the Cincinnati Reds, who selected the contract of left-hander Brooks Raley from team's alternate training site.

Schebler hit 30 home runs for Cincinnati in 2017 but only two last year, when he battled a shoulder injury.

The Atlanta Braves signed infielder Matt Adams to a minor-league contract, giving the team an option for a left-handed

hitter. The move comes after Adams exercised the opt-out clause in his minor league deal with the NL East rival New York Mets.

WINNING A JOB

Brewers reliever Justin Grimm and outfielder-first baseman Logan Morrison learned they made the team after reporting to camp as non-roster invitees.

The news was particularly sweet for Grimm, who made at least 50 appearances for the Chicago Cubs every season from 2014 to 2017 but has bounced around a few organizations since and spent all of 2019 in the minors.

"It was a long year last year," Grimm said. "There were times I was ready to walk away from the game, just to be honest with you. But I'm just very fortunate that I have people around me who care, who helped me navigate those emotions."

UP IN THE AIR

The Colorado Rockies have a social distancing plane plan.

That's just one of the protocols in place as the Rockies embark on their first trip of the season. They're scheduled to play two exhibition games starting Tuesday at Texas' new \$1.2 billion stadium before opening the season against the Rangers on Friday.

"There are a lot of things in place that will sustain health and safety," manager Bud Black said. "I can't go through them all."

One of them is a social distancing blueprint while up in the air.

"There won't be a lot of interaction on the plane of players and coaches, which during the normal times you'd see conversations going on about baseball or about other things," Black said. "It's a great time on the plane to talk to a player or catch up with guys. You probably won't see a lot of that this season."

Florida LOTTERY

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

PICK 2 (early) 9-9	PICK 5 (early) 4-7-7-1-6
PICK 2 (late) 2-0	PICK 5 (late) 1-1-5-5-9
PICK 3 (early) 3-3-2	FANTASY 5 11-22-26-30-31
PICK 3 (late) 4-9-5	CASH 4 LIFE 24-33-39-40-46
PICK 4 (early) 5-5-8-9	CASH BALL 4
PICK 4 (late) 1-0-0-4	

Sunday's winning numbers and payouts:

Fantasy 5: 3-4-14-28-32	Cash Ball: 4
5-of-5 1 winner \$167,695.74	5-of-5 CB 0 winners
4-of-5 223 \$121	5-of-5 0 winners
3-of-5 6,817 \$11	Players should verify winning numbers by calling 850-487-7777 or at www.flottery.com.
Cash 4 Life: 14-27-34-36-45	

Letters to the EDITOR

Baird engaged and efficient

This election cycle marks the end of Susan Gill's run as Supervisor of Elections, and I believe our county owes her a deep sense of gratitude for a job well done. Citrus County has always been early in reporting returns, and as far as I can recall, they have always been unquestionable. How she has been able to accomplish so much with a handful of staff and a group of dedicated part-timers is truly remarkable. As our vote is the single biggest privilege we are afforded under our constitution, I have been paying special attention to the race to replace Mrs. Gill.

Maureen Baird has been involved with the Supervisor of Elections for over 30 years. She also has been Mrs. Gill's right hand for quite some time. She is current on all election changes (of which there are many) and has a good working relationship with the staff. Watching Ms. Baird present her platform twice, I find her to be engaged and quietly efficient.

I continue to keep an open mind and watchful eye on the Supervisor of Elections contest, and I encourage all our county's electorate to consider how we wish to have our county represented in this very public position. Thank you again, Susan Gill, and may your retirement be long and fruitful.

Dennis C. Miller
Homosassa

Marin will both lead and follow

This letter is in reference to Luis Marin, candidate for Citrus County Commission, District 3.

I have known Luis Marin for 10 years and

can attest to his impressive conduct, personal behavior and reliability. I retired from the United States Army after 20 years and continue to serve as a Department of Defense civilian. As a fellow man of service, I am proud to call Luis a friend. Luis's dedication to helping our nation's veterans is highly commendable.

A public official possesses the ability to both lead and follow, and Luis has that ability in spades.

He is a humble man with a positive attitude who understands the value of a hard day's work, and knows the importance of fostering an environment of safety and well-being.

I believe strongly in Luis Marin's potential for success and recognize Luis as a future effective leader of Citrus County Commission, District 3.

Edwin Colon
Cooper City

Leaders not addressing issues

The July 13 "Citrus COVID response needs improvement" editorial was excellent. I have been pondering the lack of leadership with regards to all of the topics you mentioned in the editorial. The limited amount of tests available, the lack of testing sites available and the delay with getting results is incredible. There appears to be no cohesive members of our community working together to initiate action to address not only the aforementioned issues but to communicate with the constituents. In addition to the hotline provided by Sheriff Mike Prendergast being discontinued in early June, the posting of the current COVID-related statistics was also discontinued at the beginning of June.

The Chronicle has been a consistent reporter of

the stats, and I am glad that you pointed out the major deficiencies that exist with regards to COVID topics in Citrus County. There is nobody in charge! There are no leaders addressing the issues from a comprehensive perspective to get the deficiencies resolved. Other than the Chronicle, there is nobody communicating. With the volume of vulnerable citizens in this county, the situation is pitiful! As a tourist destination for so many, not only are we sitting ducks, the livelihoods of so many of our residents are exponentially at stake. Poor leadership! Leaders of this county, get your act together, form a coalition, act on behalf of your residents. "Who the heck is in charge?" should not be the constant utterance and/or state of affairs. Thank you again to the Chronicle for pointing out the deficiencies!

Sue Hale
Homosassa

BOCC: Stand up for constituents

Editor's note: This letter was also sent to each county commissioner.

How many more will die in our county before our Board of County Commissioners decide to do the right thing? It appears that their allegiance to our governor, and his allegiance to our president who has called the COVID-19 a hoax, is more important than those of us they were elected to protect.

As Trump's numbers drop, Republicans or not, our commissioners would benefit by standing up for their constituents by mandating masks to be worn in public. Election time is here; commissioners may be replaced.

In the meantime, how many more Citrus County citizens will

sicken, be hospitalized and die before our commissioners take the right action: 20, 30, 50, 100?

Ellen B. Miller
Homosassa

Adams fair, honest, dedicated

With the 2020 election approaching, we are seeing signs along the roads and we are receiving fliers in our mail. Some of the fliers are very fancy and expensive as they extoll the virtues of the candidate running for office. We, as voters, are challenged to determine who we believe to be the best person to fill the office. It is a little like separating the wheat from the chaff.

Voters in this year's election will be selecting a new Supervisor of Elections, since Susan Gill is resigning. It is time to move the election board forward to meet the new challenges it will be facing. Susan did a fine job as supervisor and was well liked by many Citrus County voters. We now have a candidate in the person of Scott Adams ready, willing and very qualified to keep the board in step with these changing times.

Based on what I know and have observed working as an inspector at the polls the past 25 years, I am confident Scott will be a fine supervisor of the Citrus County Board of Elections.

I first met Scott in 1993 when many residents known as Too Far were struggling to save our water that was being mismanaged. Scott was right there helping us to combat the state water management district, more commonly known as Swiftmud. As time went on, I became better acquainted with Scott when he and his wife Pam were getting their dry wall service business off the ground. They work together to this day managing much larger

businesses. Scott and I have stomped the swamps with mud up to our knees. In my 22 years of service on three separate water boards, Scott has helped me with encouragement and assistance. I know that employees of the Board of Elections will like and appreciate his fair, honest, and dedicated supervision.

There is another, perhaps more down-to-earth reason to have Scott be your Supervisor of Elections. His soul is dedicated to his Lord and his heart is dedicated to Citrus County. He is a people person. He does not hide behind a desk of authority. You will always find him on your side of the desk or on your side of the fence helping you in any way he can.

Wayne Sawyer
Inverness

Prendergast has earned re-election

Living in Citrus County for the past 30 years, I've witnessed the Citrus County Sheriff's Office being led by four different Sheriffs. My wife Kathy and I were blessed to be able to raise our children in such a safe place. Four years ago, retired Army Col. Mike Prendergast stepped up to serve the citizens of Citrus County as sheriff following the well-earned retirement of Sheriff Dawsy and the tragic death of his heir apparent Phil Royal.

In spite of having big shoes to fill and a compressed learning curve, Sheriff Prendergast has demonstrated over and over that he is more than up to the task. He kept his promise to the citizens to keep Citrus County a place where honest, hard-working people want to raise a family, and a place where retirees want to spend their golden years. He kept his promise to the sheriff's

office employees by raising pay and improving working conditions in an agency that was already an example statewide. From my vantage point, he's done so through his sense of duty to the community and unwavering integrity. His experience in leading troops through both combat and humanitarian operations doesn't hurt either. I hope you will join me in voting to re-elect Sheriff Mike Prendergast in the Republican primary.

Jeff Kopp Sr.
Citrus Hills

The problem with Republicans

People ask where is the outrage from Republicans over this insurrection, death and destruction in American cities and not a word from them. The bottom line is if they are not RINOs, then it's fear that produces their silence. Historically, whenever the word racism arises, they cover in fear of it being directed their way.

It is up to us patriots to contact them and demand action. They are our only hope of putting an end to this insanity. Only they can restore law and order in America and only patriots can force them to do their job. If they know we are behind them, they will act. We already have armed citizens stepping up to protect their lives and property and it's only a matter of time before this gets amplified.

Contact these Republicans and demand they take a position and restore law and order to America; demand they do their job, to do their sworn duty, to stand up for America and our freedom.

Frank D. Lovell
Inverness

Hot Corner: VIRUS

■ I am just here to say how proud I am of our leadership in this state from the governor, our senators, our congress people and even the leaders in Citrus County. We are setting records daily. We are going to be leading the pack soon if we all work together. Like the man said, "Citrus County is not ready for masks." That's right, we will lead. We will show those northern states that we are better than them. We will beat them in every category. We'll just keep up the good work by our leadership and we will have the highest numbers if we keep working at it, but we've got to work at it. We've got to keep together now. ... They're all lying to us, saying "There's no such thing as the disease of the COVID-19, it's a hoax." I've heard it many, many times. As the president said, we've just got to learn to live with it.

■ Us Floridians were doing good keeping the coronavirus COVID-19 down until all the people from the other states started coming down into Florida. They brought it all with them and now they kicked it up and it's getting worse.

■ I have a suggestion for the debate about wearing or not wearing masks in public places: If all the stores where you have to go inside to shop would set aside a certain amount of hours for mask-only shoppers and the rest of the time for the option of wearing a mask or not wearing a mask and infecting the rest of us with the germs, I think it would prevent a lot of conflicts with people who care and wear a mask and those who just don't care.

■ "Long wait to be tested for virus," front-page news, Citrus County Chronicle, July 2, 2020. The article indicates that the Citrus County Department of Health is limiting testing to

100 people per day with a nine-day waitlist. This is totally unacceptable. Today's positive numbers of new COVID-19 cases in Florida, as reported by the state Department of Health website, indicates another 9,558 new cases positive for the virus. Citrus is up to 345 cases, an increase of 22 from today's Chronicle's report of 323. Something smells fishy here. Sounds like the president and governor are getting their way to limit testing to make the numbers go down. Simple arithmetic tells me that if Citrus only tests 100 people per day and we have 67 counties total in Florida, if all counties were to follow the Citrus model, the reported cases in Florida will obviously go down, just like the president wanted. Bottom line is there will be a lot of sick people out there who will not know if they have the virus or not.

■ A passing observation on the massive COVID-19 testing: Instead of massive testing sites, why not have every doctor's office have the ability to administer a test? It would just be part of a routine exam.

■ A big thank you to the Chronicle's editorial for pointing out the obvious 8,000-pound elephant in Florida's pandemic room (July 2, 2020, Page A8, "Set stronger restrictions to stem rising coronavirus numbers"). Gov. DeSantis is using the pandemic problems as a political tool. What he doesn't realize is that his lack of leadership is costing him political points. I am a Democrat. However, if DeSantis had handled this pandemic with the bold leadership called for in a major health crisis, I would be more inclined to vote for him.

■ I'm calling Sound Off in reference to (the July 3, 2020) "Hot Corner: Suicide by COVID," where the people are complaining

about the man that made the statement that he wants to commit suicide to keep people from bugging him. Let's just face it and let's get over this. Even if you test positive for coronavirus, you might not even get sick. People have the coronavirus in them. It's not going away. It's going to be around for the rest of our lives, so get used to it. Just because you contract the coronavirus don't mean you're going to die, don't mean you're going to be sick. It doesn't mean you're going to spread it just because you have it. There's people that have AIDS that don't spread it, but they have the AIDS virus in them. So why don't you just respect them for their opinion, worry about yourself and let's move forward.

■ We have failed as a nation, we have failed as a state and we have failed as a county with adequate testing of COVID-19. Please, before our children go back to school, get serious with our ability to test and track infections. Do we have enough masks for all our children, bus drivers, teachers and lunchroom workers? How often will buses and buildings be disinfected? We need accurate and complete transparency to understand our health risks — something that has not been forthcoming from the state and possibly from the county.

■ Is this virus is it real or not? Some people say it's all politics. Well, if it is, then stop it. You are putting people out of work with your shenanigans. And if it's real, then do what these educated scientists say and wear a mask. You ain't no scientist, so you don't know more than them. I just don't know what is real anymore. I'm tired of it. What is this world coming to? I don't know, but I'm praying for everyone.

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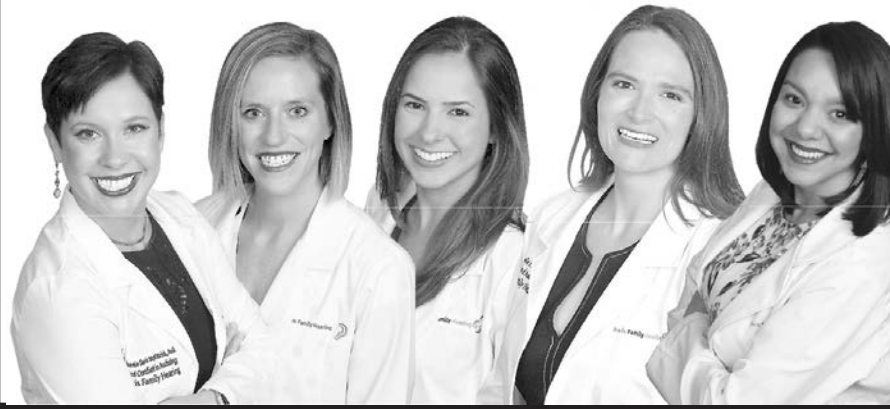
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ENDORSEMENT: SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Chronicle endorses Himmel for Superintendent

Editor's note: The Chronicle Editorial Board issues endorsements of local candidates. Endorsement decisions are based on multiple interviews conducted with each candidate by the board and staff. Candidates not endorsed by the editorial board of the Chronicle are encouraged to submit a rebuttal to letters@chronicleonline.com no later than Thursday, Aug. 13, 2020. All rebuttals submitted prior to the deadline are guaranteed to publish no later than Monday, Aug. 17, 2020, the day before Election Day.

This election season voters will be asked to choose between Sandra "Sam" Himmel and Paul John Reinhardt for the Citrus County School District Superintendent.

The only two candidates are Republicans so the Aug. 18 primary is open to all voters.

Reinhardt earned a doctor of medicine diploma in Mexico and unsuccessfully ran for the Florida State House Representative District 34 in 2018. He lacks the qualifications and experience necessary to run the Citrus County schools. Himmel, who is seeking a fifth term, has adeptly managed the school district for the past 16 years and built one of the best districts in the state. Her peers recognized her as 2020 Superintendent of the Year for the state of Florida.

Here are some of Himmel's accomplishments that led to that award:

- closing the achievement gap between the disparities of academic performances, especially for economically disadvantaged students;
- getting her district named the first in Florida as a Purple

Heart School District;

■ placing the district in the top third in the state for math, English, science and social studies for 11 years.

This summer, Himmel was named president-elect of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents' board of directors.

During her last term, she led her team through changes brought about by Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act. She also has managed the district during the coronavirus crisis — setting up a virtual school to enable students to finish their coursework after classes were canceled in the spring. Additionally, she developed a plan to allow students to graduate safely in front of family and friends.

She has run a school system that is above average from an academic achievement standpoint and secure from a financial standpoint — a difficult task to maintain. She has the support of her staff and loyalty from teachers. She is tuned in to the concerns of the community.

Himmel is a proven administrator and leader, who has effectively guided the district through the classroom mandate, recurring state budget cuts, the safe schools initiative and now the pandemic crisis.

A mark of an effective leader is the ability to put together a first rate team, which she has done.

Because of these accomplishments and her impeccable record, the Chronicle Editorial Board recommends voters re-elect Sandra "Sam" Himmel in the race for Citrus County School District Superintendent.

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Locals alerting potential speeders

I agree with the (June 24, 2020) Sound Off titled, "Thanks CCSO for your patrols," about stepped-up speed limit enforcement on Miss Maggie Drive. But every day I drive down that road and if there's a cop waiting to catch speeders, many of the locals flash their lights to let others know. Kind of counterproductive, wouldn't you agree? I think this practice should be made a



crime and come with heavy penalties. If you really want to stop speeders, stop hamstringing the deputies in their efforts.

Thank you for the letter

I'm reading today's paper, Wednesday, June 24. I want to thank Jim Price for his letter to the editor. He said exactly what many of us feel. You wrote it beautifully, Jim. You said it correctly and if people would only listen, we would have a much saner, smoother life in our community. Thank you again.

Endorsement REBUTTAL

Roberts: I have the board experience

My rebuttal to the Chronicle's endorsement of a candidate in District 3 for County Commission:

I am the only candidate that has served on a board that has made decisions that effected an entire town. I am a former Town Councilman from Chadbourn, North Carolina. One of my suggestions was adopted as to a tiered water rate schedule that helped those less fortunate. We rebuilt roads — not just repaved them. One of my ideas — to not raise property taxes — is still in effect to this date, five years after moving to Citrus Springs.

I volunteer for Crime Watch, CERT, and at the Community Center in Lecanto.

I received a letter Nov. 15, 2015:

Dear Ed, it was with regret that I read that you and Ginny (my wife) are moving from Chadbourn. I appreciate your active presence here in our church and in our community. We need more people like you who don't just "talk the talk" but "walk the walk," and try to make our community grow and prosper. I thank you for that and for your active presence in our church. I wish you and your family the best of everything. With best regards (this letter is available at the Community Center at 1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd., see Janet the Civic Association president).

I attend the BOCC meetings and know what is coming before us in the future, we need someone that can tackle these issues. I have only lived in

Citrus Springs in Citrus County for four years, and I know what Citrus County needs. We need business that will generate great wages and great products. We need roads that we can drive on. We need rain runoffs so that water leaves areas in Crystal River and other areas.

In order to attract people to move the Citrus County, we have to keep taxes in order and fees in order. Remember, Citrus County is a business; how do you attract business? You elect people that know how to do this. I have what it takes to make a difference in Citrus County.

I have been there, done that. I may only have been settled in Citrus County for five years in August, but I am running because I can make a difference.

Thank you to the Chronicle for letting me post my rebuttal. Edwin L. Roberts for a Better Citrus.



Edwin Roberts
ENDORSEMENT REBUTTAL

LETTERS to the Editor

Commissioners promote petty wars

The Board of County Commissioners has once again wasted public time in order to promote individual commissioners' petty wars among each other. Tuesday's resolution to scold one of its own, Jimmie T. Smith, borders on tinkering with and attacking one of our historic rights, freedom of speech. Frankly, the BOCC's action approaches a chilling effect. The U.S. Supreme Court has addressed this issue and has affirmed this basic tenant, freedom of speech, as adopted in the First Amendment to the Constitution numerous times.

This forum is not the place to identify the BOCC's dangerous approach to inhibiting Mr. Smith's right to free speech as addressed in the court rulings. The BOCC used an ordinance as glue in its resolution to chastise Mr. Smith. Yet the BOCC's ordinance, 2-208 (b) specifically says that "nothing contained herein shall prevent a county commissioner from discussing any county policy or program with a citizen." Mr. Smith worked within the ordinance's framework; he made no mention by name of any county employee.

The BOCC was determined to knife Mr. Smith, even though one of the commissioners, Jeff Kinnard, admitted Smith's concern has substance. As a citizen and homeowner, I am becoming more fearful of our county representatives. They give the appearance of spending way too much time bickering among themselves and finding ways to insert a dagger into one of their own. It is almost Shakespearean. Ron Kitchen has demonstrated numerous times his aim to discredit Smith; he appears

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to waste taxpayer dollars in this effort rather than focus on moving this county forward. Unfortunately, Kitchen also is unfriendly to criticism from his constituents, and almost refuses to respond to citizen emails that question the BOCC's actions, and takes unfair advantage of his place on the board by chastising individual citizen concern from the dais when the citizen is not in attendance, was not put on notice, and doesn't have access at that time to respond to Kitchens' comments.

BOCC: enough! Personal vendettas are destructive, appear negatively ambitious and are hurtful. Commissioners get on with real issues and stop giving the appearance of limiting free speech and attacking the First Amendment.

Don Hiers
 Homosassa

Church stands tall against injustice

I read the article about Seven Rivers Christian School and I found it to be very interesting. It was interesting because I attended Seven Rivers church from 2014 until May of this year.

While I never had any interaction with the school, I can tell you this that that the pastor of Seven Rivers church has always stood tall in the fight against racial injustice.

Ray Cortese and I are not exactly on the same page when it comes to the Bible and the mission of a church, but he has a deep commitment to fight racial injustice. It is sad that anyone would take such a cheap shot at a church and a school that has fought the good fight in the arena of social injustice. The people there at Seven Rivers do have a deep love for people of all races.

In my opinion, if you wanted your child to attend a school where they can learn about academics and being a good citizen and good person and the Bible, then Seven Rivers school is the right choice.

Ronnie Rozier
 Homosassa

Lack of Democrats disappointing

I was shocked when I received my ballot and discovered that there were no Democrats on my ballot. I am very disheartened by this. I realize that Republicans outnumber Democrats nearly 2 to 1, but this is what's wrong with Citrus County.

Cynda Dimmer
 Inverness

Hot Corner: COVID

■ It's Monday, July 13, and I'm looking at the headlines in the Chronicle: "Resolution targets Smith," "Taking a shear leap of faith," and then up in the corner, in very small print, is our "COVID-19 update." I think we better put that as the headline, put pictures of people wearing masks and only report on commissioners who are doing something about this increasing pandemic. It's getting worse in Citrus County and we need to do something about it.

■ I'm responding to Sound Off (about the July 14, 2020, front-page story), "County virus cases break 500 week of July 6-13" Really? I wonder why. Do you think maybe if we stopped the scallop season that might help to stop some of these people from coming to our county from out of different counties coming into ours? Just shut down the scallop season and

let's see how it goes from there, but that's not going to happen.

■ (Re the July 14, 2020, Sound Off, "Country needs patriotism"): Yes, fireworks bring people together — standing close, probably demonstrating their independence by not wearing masks. Citrus County is heading towards 600 cases of COVID.

■ With the increase of COVID cases — not only in Florida, but in Citrus County — the school board needs to relook at opening the schools in August. There's no reason why they should not wait until the end of August or after Labor Day. Give it more time to evaluate the situation. Let's not jeopardize our kids and their families with this increase in COVID cases.

■ I would like to know what happened to heart disease, cancer, lung disease and all these other diseases that people were dying of. Why are they putting it onto COVID? Maybe

they're not even related to COVID, you know? I had friends that died of massive heart attacks. Did they say heart attacks? No, they said COVID. I had a friend in the hospital who tested negative to the COVID, but they told her if she'd have died, they'd have to put COVID on her death certificate. This is not right. I think they should go back and refigure all these figures that they're saying everybody's dying of COVID or even had COVID. Maybe it's something else. I'd like some answers and I think the governor ought to do something about it because it's costing the government money when they're doing this.

■ Eight years ago, my wife and I thought we were living the dream when we moved to Florida. Now after the way our governor and local officials are handling the virus, we wish we'd never heard of the state of Florida.

Tax group questions toll road project

JIM TURNER
The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — The Tallahassee-based Florida TaxWatch is raising questions about the cost and need for a project that would extend the Suncoast Parkway from Citrus County to Jefferson County at the northern end of the state.

But TaxWatch, which weighs in on numerous state fiscal issues, is not joining groups opposed to the road, which is one of three major toll-road projects that the Legislature backed last year to stretch from Collier County to Jefferson County.

In a report released Monday, TaxWatch called the proposed 150-mile Suncoast Connector, a “risky project with a significant price tag and little transportation need.”

TaxWatch President and CEO Dominic Calabro, in an accompanying news

release, urged “further analysis of the costs, benefits, and practicality of the Suncoast Connector, especially now that our state is facing unprecedented revenue shortfalls due to COVID-19.”

“It is our sincere hope that our analysis of the need for, cost of, and revenue potential from the Suncoast Connector helps ensure this program proceeds thoughtfully to strengthen the self-supported and self-funded Florida Turnpike System and serve Floridians well throughout the state as a positive investment of taxpayer dollars,” Calabro added.

The release came a day before the Florida Department of Transportation’s task force on the Suncoast Connector will hold a “hybrid” meeting on the proposed road. The meeting will be held online because of the pandemic, but members of the public also can travel to Riverside

Christian School in Trenton and the Jefferson County K-12 A Somerset School in Monticello to provide input.

The Department of Transportation did not immediately respond with comments Monday on the TaxWatch report.

The project was approved by the Legislature in 2019 along with an extension of the Florida Turnpike from Wildwood to connect with the Suncoast Parkway and the construction of a new multi-use corridor, including a toll road, from Polk County to Collier County. The legislation, a priority of Senate President Bill Galvano, R-Bradenton, eventually dedicates up to \$101.7 million a year to the roads.

Similar task force meetings will be held Wednesday on the turnpike extension and Thursday on the project linking Polk and Collier counties.

The TaxWatch report only looked at the Suncoast Connector.

COVID

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three employees testing positive for COVID-19. Oliver said one non-county inmate contracted the virus while undergoing treatment outside of the jail.

At 114.3% and 95.8%, respectively, county zip codes 34433 and 34448 reported the highest surge in cases since last week.

Here are the number of COVID-19 cases ranked by Citrus County’s 15 zip codes:

34452 (Inverness, Floral City, Inverness Highlands North and Inverness Highlands South): 238, an increase of 78 (48.8% increase) since July 13.

34429: (Crystal River,

Ozello, Homosassa Springs, Lecanto and Black Diamond): 78, an increase of 21 (36.8%).

34428 (Crystal River, Red Level and Inglis): 67, an increase of 19 (39.6%).

34446 (Homosassa, Homosassa Springs, Lecanto and Sugarmill Woods): 66, an increase of 29 (78.4%).

34465 (Beverly Hills, Black Diamond, Citrus Springs, Lecanto and Pine Ridge): 65, an increase of 22 (51.2%).

34453 (Inverness, Citrus Hills, Hernando, Inverness Highlands North and Lecanto): 52, an increase of 12 (30%).

34461 (Black Diamond, Citrus Hills, Homosassa Springs, Lecanto, Pine Ridge and Sugarmill Woods): 51, an increase of 19 (56.3%).

34442 (Citrus Hills,

Citrus Springs, Hernando, Lecanto and Pine Ridge): 48, an increase of 14 (41.2%).

34448 (Homosassa, Homosassa Springs, Sugarmill Woods, Lecanto and Crystal River): 47, an increase of 23 (95.8%).

34434 (Dunnellon, Citrus Springs, Hernando and Pine Ridge): 46, an increase of 10 (27.8%).

34450 (Inverness and Inverness Highlands South): 40, an increase of 8 (25%).

34433 (Dunnellon, Citrus Springs and Pine Ridge): 30, an increase of 16 (114.3%).

34436 (Floral City): 18, an increase of five (38.5%).

34445 (Holder, Citrus Springs, Hernando and Pine Ridge): Less than five, no change.

34449 (Inglis and Yankeetown): 0, no change.

For the RECORD

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Domestic battery arrest

■ Gregic Wright, 57, of Inverness, at 11:48 a.m. July 14 on a misdemeanor charge of violating a condition of pre-trial release on a domestic violence charge.

Other arrests

■ Brent Mathuse, 30, of South Palm Avenue, Homosassa, at 11:14 p.m. July 14 on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance and a misdemeanor charge of drug paraphernalia. According to his arrest affidavit, Mathuse was

riding a bicycle with no rear lights and approximately 12.9 grams of methamphetamine and a meth pipe were found in his possession. His bond was set at \$3,000.

■ Shirley Dixon, 62, of South Greenfield Avenue, Floral City, at 9:09 p.m. July 14 on a misdemeanor charge of drug paraphernalia. According to her arrest affidavit, Dixon was arrested on an active Sumter County warrant and a cut straw with methamphetamine residue was found in her possession. Her bond was set at \$1,000.

■ Alexandra McBrayer, 22, of Tifton, Georgia, at 8:19 p.m. July 14 on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance. Her

bond was set at \$2,000.

■ Clarence Tate Jr., 27, of Homosassa, at 8:08 p.m. July 14 on a misdemeanor charge of possession of cannabis.

■ Lewis Randolph, 33, of Floral City, at 7:18 p.m. July 14 on a felony charge of aggravated battery, intentionally causing great bodily harm.

■ Brian Lendin, 56, of St. Augustine, at 11:56 a.m. July 14 for felony petit theft. He also faces a misdemeanor charge of failing to register as a felon within 48 hours of a conviction. His bond was set at \$2,500.

■ Brice Schwartz, 18, of Crystal River, at 3:30 a.m. July 14 on two felony counts of car burglary. His bond was set at \$20,000.

State BRIEFS

Deputies help woman who called 911 over broken refrigerator

JENSEN BEACH — When a distraught senior citizen called 911 because her refrigerator broke, sheriff’s deputies went to her home to explain that the phone number is reserved only for emergencies.

Cheryl Nanantonis told the Martin County Sheriff’s deputies that she thought all of her food was going to spoil, so she called for

help, according to the agency’s Facebook post.

The deputies realized that she only made the call because she “believed she was in crisis,” so they decided not to leave without finding a solution.

They called the Jensen Beach Goodwill and arranged for a gently used refrigerator to be delivered to her.

In a Facebook post, the sheriff’s office said Nanantonis is now “back on track.”

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World BRIEFS

Europe



Associated Press
German Chancellor Angela Merkel wears a protective face mask as she arrives Monday, July 20, 2020, for an EU summit in Brussels. Leaders from 27 European Union nations stretched their meeting into a fourth day on Monday to assess an overall budget and recovery package spread over seven years.

UAE spacecraft rockets toward Mars

TOKYO — A United Arab Emirates spacecraft rocketed into blue skies from a Japanese launch center Monday at the start of a seven-month journey to Mars on the Arab world's first interplanetary mission.

The liftoff of the Mars orbiter named Amal, or Hope, starts a rush to fly to Earth's neighbor that is scheduled to be followed in the next few days by China and the United States.

Amal blasted off from the Tanegashima Space Center aboard a Mitsubishi Heavy Industries' H-IIA rocket on time at 6:58 a.m. after being delayed five days by bad weather.

Mitsubishi later said the probe successfully separated from the rocket and was now on its solo journey to Mars.

Saudi Arabia's king admitted to hospital for tests

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Saudi Arabia's King Salman has been admitted to a hospital in the capital, Riyadh, for medical tests due to inflammation of the gallbladder, the kingdom's Royal Court said Monday in a statement carried by the official Saudi Press Agency.

The statement said the 84-year-old monarch is being tested at the King Faisal Specialist Hospital. The brief statement did not provide further details.

The hospital frequently treats royal family members, including recently those who've contracted the coronavirus. The facility is specialized in transplant surgeries, research and training programs.

Vatican: In rare cases, lay faithful can lead marriage

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican said on Monday that in very exceptional circumstances and with special permission, lay Catholics can be allowed to perform marriage rites.

In a document issued by the Holy See office for clergy, the Vatican said that could only happen if there are no priests or deacons available, the nation's bishops sign off on the exception and the Holy See OKs it too.

The same document stresses that lay faithful can preach at liturgy services, but never can give homilies at Masses.

The Vatican document said that the local bishop, using his "prudent judgment," may entrust to lay faithful in "exceptional circumstances" such duties including celebrating funeral rites, administering baptism, assisting at marriages — with the Holy See's permission.

— From wire reports

Virus relief still stalled



Associated Press
Visitors ride scooters through downtown San Antonio, Monday, July 20, 2020. Cases of COVID-19 continue to spike in Texas.

As politicians wrangle in D.C., cases continue to surge across the country

LISA MARIE PANE, KELLI KENNEDY AND ED WHITE
 Associated Press

MIAMI — The desperate race to corral the coronavirus pandemic took on even greater urgency Monday as a burgeoning economic crisis collided with political turmoil. Even as the latest experimental vaccine appeared to show promise, politicians in Washington seemed far apart in finding a way to bring financial relief to Americans.

As the first federal relief package was poised to end, Congress was trying to come to agreement on another package to ease the financial burden Americans have dealt with as businesses have endured repeated shutterings or pauses since the virus first appeared

on the continent.

The political turmoil was playing out as there appeared to be good news on the medical front, with scientists involved in the development of at least one vaccine reporting promising results in an early trial.

Even as Republicans were at odds with Democrats over how much money was enough, top Republican members of Congress also faced pushback from the White House. GOP leaders met Monday with President Donald Trump as the White House panned some \$25 billion in the GOP's plan that would be devoted to testing and tracing, said one Republican familiar with the discussions.

There remains a wide gulf between the GOP and Democratic packages, with Democrats passing in the House a

\$3 trillion package, while the Republican package came in at about \$1 trillion.

"We have to end this virus," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Monday on MSNBC. Any attempt by the White House to block testing money "goes beyond ignorance."

The political stakes are high for all sides before the November election, especially with the nation registering more coronavirus infections and deaths than any other country. With 17 straight weeks of unemployment claims topping 1 million, many households were facing a cash crunch and losing employer-backed health insurance coverage.

The number of confirmed global virus deaths has risen to more than 603,000, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University. The United

States tops the list with more than 140,500, followed by more than 78,000 in Brazil.

The number of confirmed infections worldwide has passed 14.3 million, with 3.7 million in the United States and more than 2 million in Brazil. Experts believe the pandemic's true toll is much higher because of testing shortages and data collection issues.

In the U.S., infections have been soaring in California, Florida, Texas and Arizona.

State governments have been forced to borrow billions of dollars and slash costs by furloughing workers, delaying construction projects, cutting school aid and even closing highway rest areas. For many states the main hope for avoiding even deeper cuts is to get help from Congress.

Federal agents at protests spark alarm

GILLIAN FLACCUS
 Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Federal law enforcement officers' actions at protests in Oregon's largest city, done without local authorities' consent, are raising the prospect of a constitutional crisis — one that could escalate as weeks of demonstrations find renewed focus in clashes with camouflaged, unidentified agents outside Portland's U.S. courthouse.

State and local authorities, who did not ask for federal help, are awaiting a ruling in a federal lawsuit filed late last week by state Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum. She said in court papers that masked federal officers have arrested people off the street, far from the courthouse, with no probable cause — and whisked them away in unmarked cars.

Constitutional law experts said Monday the federal officers' actions are a "red flag" in what could become a test case of states' rights as the Trump administration expands its federal policing into other cities.

"The idea that there's a threat to a federal courthouse and the federal authorities are going to swoop in and do whatever they want to do without any cooperation and coordination with state and local authorities is extraordinary outside the context of a civil war," said Michael Dorf, a professor of constitutional law at Cornell University. "It is a standard move of



Associated Press
Federal agents use crowd control munitions to disperse Black Lives Matter protesters Monday, July 20, 2020, near the Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse in Portland, Ore. Officers used tear gas and projectiles to move the crowd after some protesters tore down a fence fronting the courthouse.

authoritarians to use the pretext of quelling violence to bring in force, thereby prompting a violent response and then bootstrapping the initial use of force in the first place," Dorf said.

President Donald Trump says he plans to send federal agents to other cities as well. The Chicago Tribune, citing anonymous sources, reported Monday that Trump planned to deploy 150 federal agents to Chicago. The ACLU of Oregon has sued in federal court over the agents' presence in Portland, and the organization's Chicago branch said it would similarly oppose a federal presence.

"We're going to have more federal law enforcement, that I can tell you," Trump said Monday. "In

Portland, they've done a fantastic job. They've been there three days and they really have done a fantastic job in a very short period of time."

Top leaders in the U.S. House said Sunday they were "alarmed" by the Trump administration's tactics in Portland and other cities. They've called on federal inspectors general to investigate.

Trump, who called the protesters "anarchists and agitators" in a Sunday tweet, said the agents, with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Justice Department, are on hand to help Portland and restore order at the Mark O. Hatfield Federal Courthouse.

The protests now gaining nationwide attention have roiled Portland for 52

nights, ever since George Floyd died after being pinned by the neck for nearly eight minutes by a white Minneapolis police officer.

Many rallies have attracted thousands and been largely peaceful. But smaller groups of up to several hundred people have focused on federal property and local law enforcement buildings, at times setting fires to police precincts, smashing windows and clashing violently with local police.

The Portland Police Bureau used tear gas on multiple occasions until a federal court order banned its officers from doing so without declaring a riot. Now, concern is growing that the tear gas is being used against demonstrators by federal officers instead.

St. Louis couple charged for defending home

ST. LOUIS — St. Louis' top prosecutor on Monday charged a white husband and wife with felony unlawful use of a weapon for displaying guns during a racial injustice protest outside their mansion.

Mark and Patricia McCloskey, who are both personal injury attorneys in their 60s. Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner told The Associated Press that the McCloskeys' actions risked creating a violent situation during an otherwise non-violent protest.

"It is illegal to wave weapons in a threatening manner — that is unlawful in the city of St. Louis," Gardner said.

Supporters of the McCloskeys said they were legally defending their \$1.15 million home.

Several Republican leaders have condemned Gardner's investigation, including President Donald Trump, Missouri Gov. Mike Parson and Sen. Josh Hawley, who has urged Attorney General William Barr to undertake a civil rights investigation of Gardner.

Parson said in a radio interview Friday that he would likely pardon the couple if they were charged and convicted.

— From wire reports



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Through another lens

Our life on this planet is finite and it is up to us to determine what kind of life we wish to live.

I never like to spew out clichés, but there is so much truth to them. Life isn't about arriving at the destination; but more so about the journey to that destination.

And while on that journey, it is OK to look back on our most nostalgic moments. It is in those reflections where we learn to appreciate and navigate the roads ahead. But so many times, we forsake the past in our quest for adventures of tomorrow.

Just the other day, I realized I never looked up from the driveway to appreciate the intricacies of the tree branches. I realized that I haven't paid attention to the littlest of things in a home I have lived in for 30 years.

The things that are so easy to overlook, yet so define the nature of a place. The same concept can apply to human relationships

I believe it was Leonardo Da Vinci who said a "life without love, is no life at all." To me, this translates to a myriad of relationships; whether love of neighbors, partners, family or friends. I truly believe the one most powerful instrument that is infinite throughout time is love.

My personal and professional life has been relatively short. But through this time, I am learning that truly having love for another makes for our lesser angels to disappear. Less anger, less tension, less frustration and less stress.

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Get some balance back in your life

Extension service plans classes in August, September

Special to the Chronicle

Fear of falling can be just as dangerous as falling itself. People who develop this fear often limit their activities, which can result in severe physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater.

Many older adults also experience increased isolation and depression when they limit their interactions with friends and family. A Matter of Balance — a class to be offered by UF/IFAS

Extension Citrus County — can help people improve their quality of life and remain independent.

The class will be conducted on Wednesdays from Aug. 12 until Sept. 30, 2020.

Two sessions will be offered, session one from 10 a.m. to noon or session two from 1-3 p.m. Participants may choose one session time.

Classes are held once a week for eight weeks for two hours each.

The class will be held at UF/IFAS Extension Citrus County, 3650 W. Sovereign Path in Le-canto. Pre-registration is required and is first come, first served because class sizes are limited.

A Matter of Balance is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults.

Participants learn to set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors and learn

simple exercises to increase strength and balance.

Face coverings are required for all participants. Individuals at a higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 — including older adults and vulnerable people of all ages with certain underlying medical conditions — should avoid in-person events and gatherings at this time.

For more information or to register, contact the UF/IFAS Extension Citrus County office at 352-527-5700.

Grief into gratitude



How to stay positive while social distancing

MetroCreative

As recently as late February, much of the populations of the United States and Canada were living life as they normally would. A few short weeks later, when COVID-19 began to affect a greater number of people, many businesses grinded to a halt. Schools were closed to students, and governments instructed people to stay home as much as possible.

Social distancing quickly became part of the general lexicon, with people in many cities and towns staying six feet apart from others when venturing into the public, but mainly staying at home. While it is still too soon to determine the lasting impact of COVID-19, the psychological effects of social distancing were apparent almost immediately.

According to Dr. Adam Kaplin, a neuroscientist at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, anyone who has had some trauma in the past may

discover that social distancing rekindled previous traumatic feelings. Emily Roberts, a New York-based psychotherapist, says any form of isolation can be devastating to a person's mood because they are left with their own thoughts.

Various strategies can help to ease the potential psychological burden of social distancing and give people a new perspective on their situation.

■ Focus on the positives. Look at what you have gained rather than lost from social distancing. This may translate to more time with the family; opportunities to exercise more; time to engage in a hobby; or chances to finish up projects around the house.

■ Get fresh air. Where laws allow, make time daily to get outdoors, even if it's for a short jaunt around the neighborhood. Seeing new sights can be good for the mind, and exercise also is good for the body.

■ Establish a routine. A routine helps anyone feel more in control, which is helpful when so much of the

consequences of COVID-19 are beyond individuals' control. Psychology Today recommends rising and going to bed on your typical schedule, eating meals at regular intervals and making time for different activities each day.

■ Reach out to people. Social distancing does not mean you have to cease being social. Contact friends or family on the phone, through video chats or even speak with them at a safe distance in person. If you need professional help, many therapists now offer telehealth therapy sessions.

■ Turn off the news. Take a break from the constant onslaught of information. This can reduce stress and anxiety and allow the brain to focus on positive thoughts and ideas.

■ Express gratitude. Give thanks for what you have each day and try to help others who may be less fortunate than you.

Social distancing has been a trial for everyone involved. Certain strategies can help turn grief into gratitude.

Herd immunity: What it means in fighting COVID-19

MetroCreative

Infectious diseases can strike at any time. Some of them cause relatively minor interruptions to daily life and often can resolve of their own accord when the body's immune system mounts a successful defense.

Other diseases can cause serious, even life-threatening symptoms or spread rapidly, which makes it essential for medical professionals to help slow down or stop the transmission.

Herd immunity is a term that often arises in relation to infectious diseases. Herd immunity has taken on renewed significance as the world has been battling COVID-19, the novel coronavirus introduced in late 2019.

Herd immunity, which is sometimes called community immunity, population immunity or social immunity, refers to the indirect protection from infectious diseases that occurs when a large percentage of the population has become immune to that disease. If enough people are resistant to the cause of a disease, whether it is a bacteria or virus, that disease has nowhere to go and the spread stalls, according to WebMD.

There are two ways that herd immunity can occur. The first is when resistance develops naturally when the body is exposed to the virus or bacteria. At



Herd immunity is an important factor in disease prevention. Getting the facts about this phenomenon is important.

this point, the immune system will produce antibodies to fight off the infection. After recovery, these antibodies are still circulating and should exposure to the same disease occur again, the body can defend against another infection.

Another way that herd immunity

occurs is through vaccination. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that when the majority of people are vaccinated, it creates the same disease lockdown — fewer people get sick and fewer germs are able to spread from person to person.

What's more, even those who are not

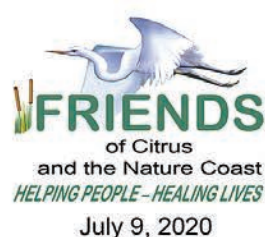
vaccinated, such as newborn babies or those who may not be able to get vaccinated due to chronic illnesses, will get some level of protection because the disease will not be spreading as readily within their communities.

When enough of a population is immune to a pathogen it prevents further spread and herd immunity is apparent. Diseases are different and herd immunity is reached based on the pathogen's reproduction number, or R0. Essentially, this boils down to how contagious the pathogen in question is.

WebMD says the R0 tells the average number of people that a single person with the virus can infect if those people aren't already immune. The higher the R0, the greater number of people will need to be resistant to reach herd immunity. Measles, which is very contagious at an R0 of 12 to 18, requires 93 to 95% of the population to be immune for herd immunity to be reached.

The World Health Organization estimates the R0 for COVID-19 to be between 2 and 3. This means between 40 and 70% of the population will need to be immune to halt the spread.

In the case of COVID-19, it's still unclear whether anyone can get reinfected, and whether antibodies produced for one strain can fend off another strain of this novel coronavirus.



15 TIPS: CREATE YOUR OWN NORMAL

During COVID-19

Perhaps, you're feeling a little out of sync in the midst of these uncertain and difficult days.

If so, it's okay. Your feelings are valid.

But, instead of riding the roller coaster of emotions, it's time to take charge and create your own normal. Here are some tips to get you started:

1 Do what you can.

Focus on what you can control. Remember, the only way out is through!

2 Discover new ways to overcome these ongoing, daily hurdles.

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again!

3 Start now . . .

then continue later.

4 Use this time wisely.

There's no sense in waiting around for a new normal that may never come. Create your own normal with new goals for your future.

5 Let go of the past . . .

It's behind us. Leave it there.

6 Concentrate on today.

Don't concern yourself with life's "what ifs." Tackle today's challenges head-on.

7 Consider your past victories . . .

and know you have the strength to do it again!

8 Don't try to understand what is happening around you.

Just face what lies directly in front of you.

9 Stay connected to your support system.

Get creative using whatever means possible to "keep in touch."

10 Find a healthy balance emotionally, physically and spiritually.

Exercise your mind, your heart and your soul.

11 Learn to be grateful for people or things in your life.

Pause to soak in the beauty around you.

12 Develop a new routine.

Create your own normal from here forward. It will be different, but different can still be good.

13 Validate your feelings.

Feelings are real, but they don't have to control your behavior.

14 Rejoice in the little things.

Find something to smile at; enjoy a good laugh or two.

15 Seize the day.

Take advantage of the new opportunities all around you.

Don't let life pass you by, waiting around for a new normal. Choose this "now" moment, and create your own normal!

Jonathan Beard, Community Education Manager

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Facials can bring about the best in your skin and help treat various conditions.

Few things beat the pampering of a professional facial spa treatment — a luxury that many men and women afford themselves when possible. However, lately, people have had to look elsewhere for popular beauty services.

Data from the Simmons National Consumer Survey for the cosmetic and personal care industry revealed roughly 3 million Americans received facials four times or more in 2019.

Many aestheticians recommend facials every month. Canadian Living reports that facial treatments there can range from \$40 to more than \$200.

Though they're wildly popular, facials have fallen victim to social distancing guidelines that shuttered many salons. While not a carbon copy of the in-depth treatments offered at spas, at-home facials can bridge the gap until spas reopen.

Grasp the process

Professional facials typically feature a series of steps. These include cleansing, exfoliation,

steaming, extraction, specialized spot treatment, toning and moisturizing. Aestheticians use products they endorse or those required by the spa. But you can use any products on hand to achieve similar results, which means you can shop around for the price point that works for you.

Know your skin

Understanding your skin is the key to targeting and addressing issues. Just because a particular moisturizer worked on your sister who has dry skin doesn't mean it would work the same way on your skin. Consider allergies as well. If you tend to break out when sipping orange juice, a citrus-based toner may not be your best bet.

Gather your tools

You likely have all you need at home to give yourself a good facial. A steamy shower or a pot of boiling water satisfies the steam requirement. A nubby, cotton washcloth can help with the cleansing and exfoliation of skin.

Chances are you already have a toner, cleanser and moisturizer in your bathroom cabinet that can be utilized.

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How to navigate a crisis and come out stronger

Family Features

When life, or the people in your life, push your limits, the emotional load may feel insurmountable. Making sense of the chaos in your life can allow you to rediscover peace and joy, but circumstances like a world crisis can complicate the process of emotional healing.

"Almost nobody is trained on what to do with their emotions in times of crisis and stress, and most of us are never taught how to manage our emotions in normal times," said Eric Paskel, who holds a master's degree in clinical psychology and is a licensed marriage, family and child therapist. "If you've ever admired someone who was cool under pressure then you know it's possible to emotionally survive, and even thrive, in a crisis."

Paskel, an author and motivational speaker, has spent 34 years exploring how human beings can rise above their dysfunctional tendencies and control their emotions. He has developed a series of resources to help individuals prevent their emotions from owning them in a crisis, allow people to do more observing and less reacting and take decisive actions to help themselves and their loved ones.

Learn how to take charge of your emotional health with these practical and effective tips, adapted from Paskel's Emotional Survival Kit, a free online video course on personal crisis management.

Keep learning

During a crisis is when personal growth is most possible. During adversity and crisis, there are always lessons to be learned and shared. Sometimes growth comes as the result of overcoming the pain of a crisis, but there are other sources of growth.

To accelerate your growth, begin by recognizing you need help then be willing to accept that help. It may come in the form of advice from a professional or it may be simply listening to the perspective of others with similar experiences.

Grab opportunity

A simple change in perspective like a crisis or a

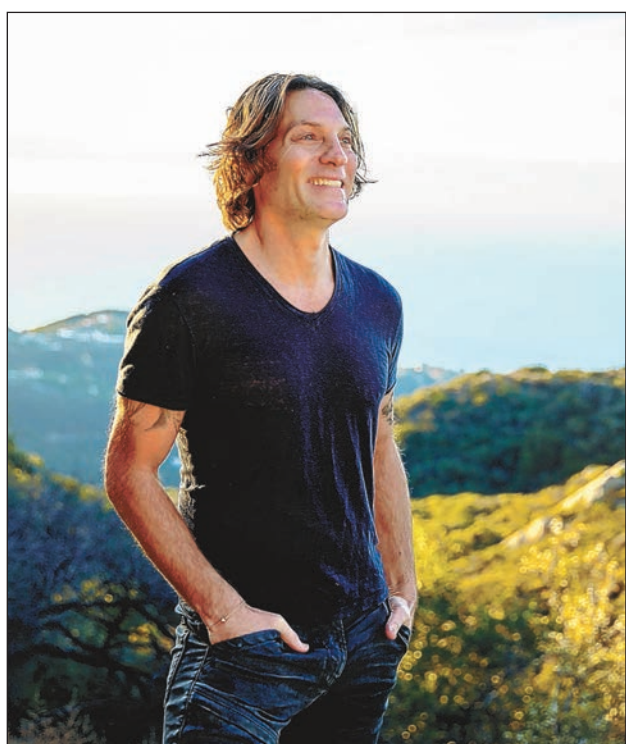


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You may think you're alone, especially during hard times, but when you understand it's a matter of creating relationships and making connections, you'll never feel truly lonely again.

forced change, such as having to work from home, is both a challenge and an opportunity, although the challenges and benefits will likely be different for each individual person.

Some people will benefit from the isolation, which they'll see as solitude. Some will be challenged by a noisy home

while others will be thrilled to have the company of family or roommates all day. The key is to find a way to turn those challenges into gold.

Begin by identifying your challenges. Then find the silver lining. What are the benefits that come with these challenges? It may be that your rigorous travel

schedule allows more time at home or that you've been able to tackle a long-standing list of lower-priority tasks. Then choose to focus on the positive and find ways to adapt to the challenges.

Use your former commute time to practice

yoga or exercise. Buy noise-cancelling headphones to reduce distractions.

Find different strategies that work for you.

Self-sufficiency

Being self-sufficient is critical to your personal

and emotional freedom and a crisis can serve as an opportunity to become more self-sufficient. Being self-sufficient means you're able to manage yourself and have sovereignty over your body and mind.

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RESEARCH STUDY

"I have Ulcerative Colitis, and my medications are just not working for me."

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Annie offers advice

Dear Annie: I need some advice on what to do about my daily journals. I keep a daily journal and have for many years...



DEAR ANNIE

In those journals, I wrote about the times he got drunk — of his stumbling around in a drunken stupor, of his passing out in his lounge with our children sitting in the room, of his lying about going to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and instead going to the club and drinking for hours...

Now that he's been — so thankfully — sober all these years, I'm wondering what to do about those journals from the times when he was not. They contain not only comments about the difficulties I went through dealing with his drinking but also information about the family's normal daily life — for example, children's sports games...

So, what do I do? At my age, I'm thinking that if I'm going to change anything, I'd better start doing it now. — Deliberating Diarist

Dear Deliberating Diarist: Your family's struggle with alcoholism is not something you or your husband should feel ashamed of, and it might actually be helpful for your grandchildren and great-grandchildren to be made aware of it — when they're old enough — as they may be genetically predisposed to the disease themselves...

How special it would be for them to be able to look to the pages of your journal and remember their heritage of perseverance.

You're passing these journals down because you want your descendants to know what your life was like, so let them know what it was really like: thrilling, exasperating, challenging, fulfilling, maddening, awe-inspiring — not always pretty but ultimately still beautiful.

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E.B. White, who was an author of children's books, wrote, "Weather is a great bluffer. I guess the same is true of our human society — things can look dark, then a break shows in the clouds, and all is changed."

Bridge contracts can be like that. When you are the declarer, sometimes things look grim, but suddenly there is a light at the end of the 13-trick tunnel. It is the

job of the defenders, though, to keep the light bulb off. How is that relevant to today's deal? South is in six diamonds. West leads the club king, then shifts to the spade queen.

South evaluated his hand well. Note that if North had had the heart jack extra, six diamonds would have been almost laydown.

Most experts lead king from ace-king and king-queen against a contract of five clubs or higher. Then East gives court.

Declarer won with his spade ace and cashed all of his trumps, discarding spades from the board. The defenders jettisoned clubs, but on the last trump, West turned on the light by discarding one of his apparently useless hearts.

West should have parted with a spade. Yes, declarer might have just played hearts from the top, which is the percentage play in the suit. But if he sensed that West started with four hearts and East with only two, the odds change. Now finessing dummy's heart 10 on round two would be recommended because East could have only five jack-doubletons but 10 low-doubletons.

Bridge deal diagram showing North and South hands, dealer information, and opening lead.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SUYFS

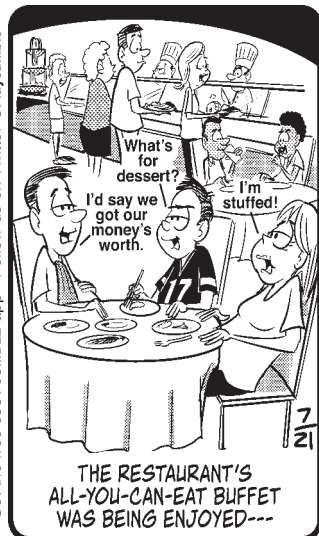
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Yesterday's Jumbles: ALPHA IMPLY ENROLL BATTER Answer: He was able to understand the concept of zero seconds in — NO TIME AT ALL



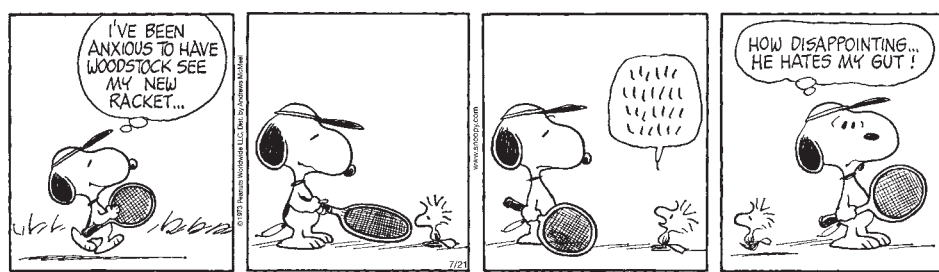
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

MORE PUZZLES

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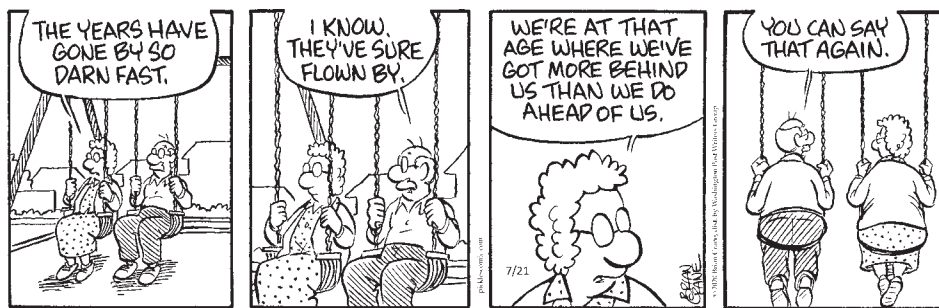
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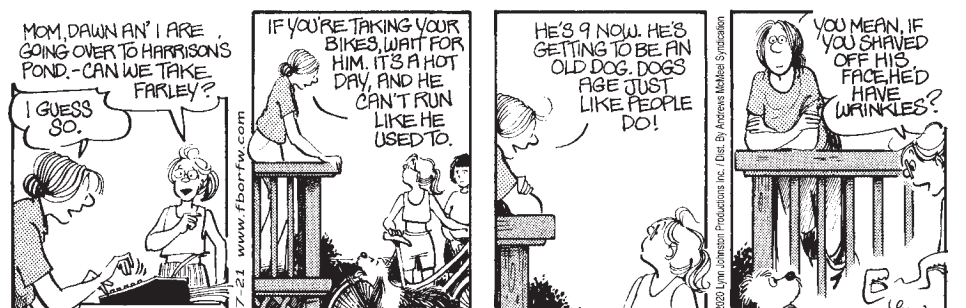
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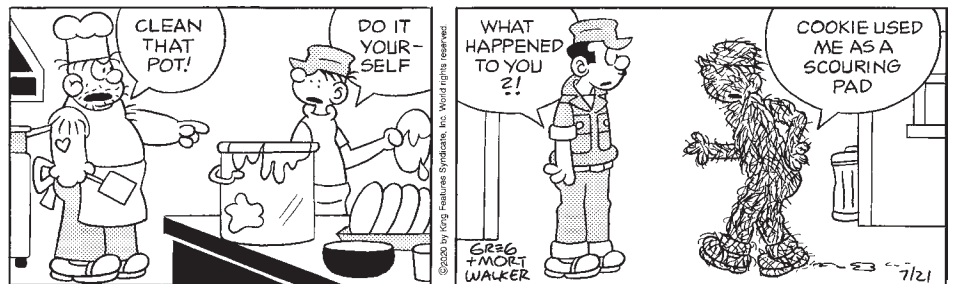
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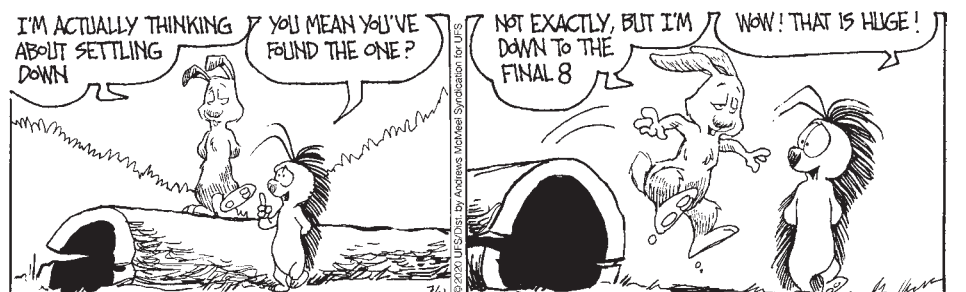
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The Born Loser



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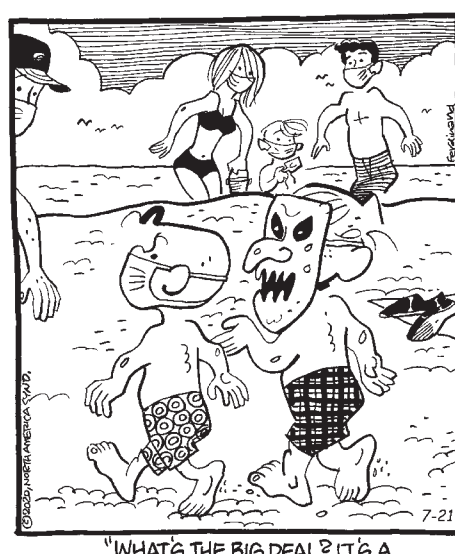
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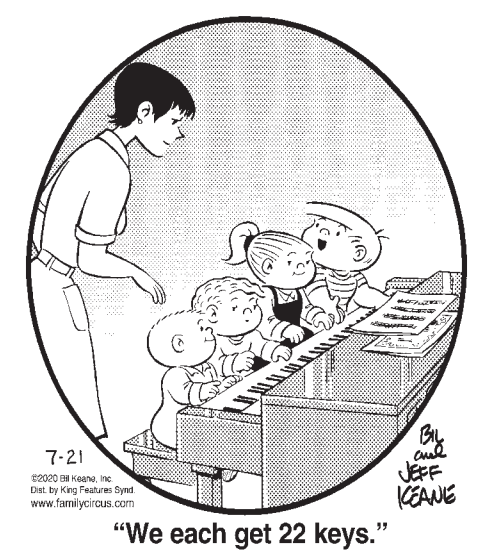
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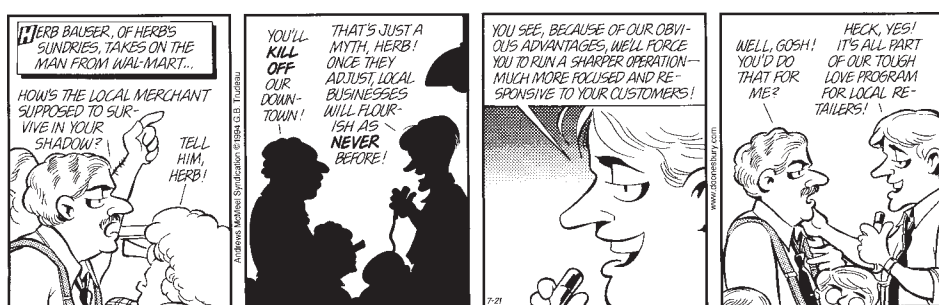
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The Family Circus



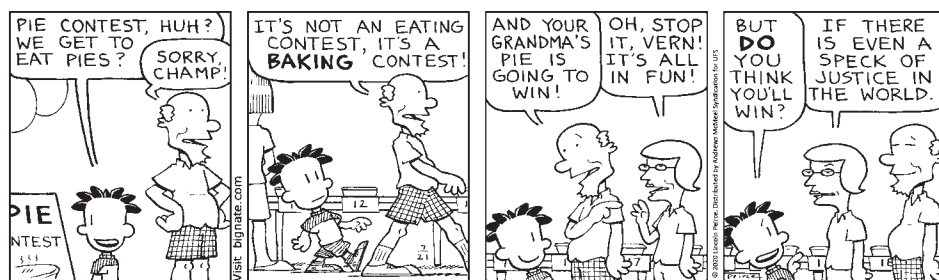
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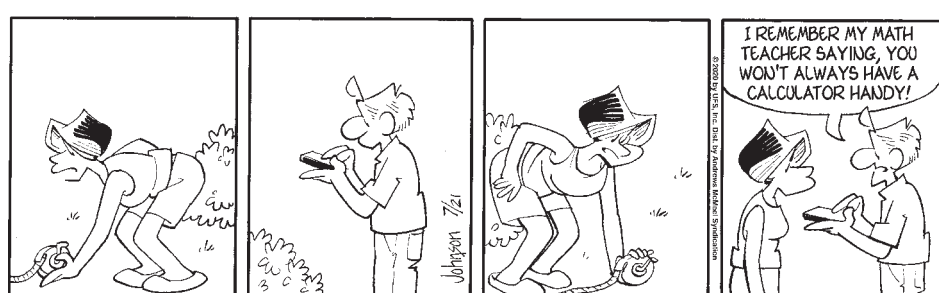
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CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: J equals C

WCOZICFX ZDWZ SW WRPSWYSZF IX
YSTZ IZKPDZXW. S'O WRPSWYSZF IX R
IZREPSYED WPVSKN RVVRKNZOZKP.

- IZJH

Previous Solution: "I never want to know the range of my voice. It has to be impulsive, and I don't want to kill the mystery." - Bjork

Today's MOVIES

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