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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Deck the House Contest

Embrace your inner Clark Griswold with the Citrus County House Holiday Light Contest. The Chronicle invites you to enter into its friendly competition for the most beautiful house on the block through Friday, Dec. 4.

A first-, second- and third-place winner will be announced for the east and west side of the county. Residents will submit a photo of the exterior of their home and receive a yard sign telling everyone to vote for their entry. Voting runs Saturday, Dec. 5, through Tuesday, Dec. 15. The Chronicle will publish a locator map in print and online so everyone can see the lights.

To enter the contest, visit tinyurl.com/y3532nos.

Citrus Springs contest

Citrus Springs Civic plans house decorating contest

The Citrus Springs Civic Association is hosting a Christmas House Decorating Contest in light of canceling the annual Citrus Springs Christmas Parade.

Citrus Springs residents are encouraged to decorate their homes for spectators to drive by and enjoy this holiday season. Register your home with the civic association; contest winners will be chosen, and each winner will be awarded with $50 on Sunday, Dec. 20.

Registration entry forms must be returned by Nov. 30. Call 352-897-5009 leave a message.

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'MASSIVE RESET'

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Ashley and Eran Mehler say this Thanksgiving holiday holds special meaning like never before. Eran was crushed and nearly killed by a truck earlier this year while working at Eagle Buick GMC in Crystal River. Above, he holds their 18-month-old daughter Emma next to the work area where the incident happened but says he has no recollection of the accident.

Thanksgiving takes on new meaning after profound accident

JEFF BRYAN
STAFF WRITER

Thanksgiving Day, Ashley Mehler found her husband, Eran, in a self-induced coma — a food coma — from indulging on the holiday feast.

"Don't think for a second that '#foodcoma #notarealcoma' wasn't on Facebook," Ashley quipped with her husband sitting next to her as the couple laughed at the humor.

Added Eran: "That's hilarious."

The good-natured ribbing between the two aside, they both realize it's a far cry from where they found themselves in late July when Eran, a master mechanic, was caught underneath a vehicle lift at Eagle Buick GMC in Homosassa.

"No one really knows how it happened," Eran said. "Judging by the tire tracks across my body and how I was pinned under the vehicle, it looked like when I was exiting out from under the vehicle, that my shirt, either the wind caught it or something, and my shirt got caught under the tire ..."

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Duke Energy eyes 10 new solar plants

MICHAEL D. BATES
STAFF WRITER

As utilities continue moving forward with plans to expand solar energy, state regulators are set to take up a Duke Energy Florida proposal that would add 10 solar plants in the coming years.

But like a similar plan approved this year for Florida Power & Light, the Duke proposal has drawn opposition because of the way it is structured and financed.

Duke's proposal, called the Clean Energy Connection Program, would involve some customers voluntarily paying more upfront on their bills to help finance the projects and then receiving future bill credits.

Utility officials said the program would benefit all of its customers because the solar projects would ultimately reduce the need to build costly natural-gas plants and would help reduce carbon emissions.

Duke spokeswoman Ana Gibbs said the company plans to invest $1 billion in new solar power plants across Florida in the next three years.

"We anticipate building approximately 10 solar power plants, which will each be just under 75 megawatts," Gibbs said. "The first plants will go online in 2022 and more will follow through 2024."

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Special to the Chronicle

Solar panels at the Columbia Solar Power Plant, in Fort White, Fla.

Farms near Crystal River still in development phase

MICHAEL D. BATES
STAFF WRITER

California-based Pattern Development plans to build two solar farms on 500 acres each at the LafargeHolcim quarry north of Crystal River.

But construction plans are on hold, at least until after the holidays, said Joab Ortiz, who provides stakeholder management services at Burns & McDonnell.

"We're still in the development phase," said Ortiz, who chose not to comment further.

Pattern, a renewable energy company, plans to turn 1,000 acres at the quarry into a solar-power facility.

At the height of construction, the $150-million project is expected to employ 190 workers, according to an earlier interview with Jenn Ritchey, senior manager of business development at Pattern.

When completed, the farms would generate 150 megawatts of electricity capable of powering about 17,500 local homes.

Ritchey has said Citrus County will realize economic benefits by way of property taxes and jobs.

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WEEK IN REVIEW

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

FEEDING A COMMUNITY

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Volunteer Scott Waters loads one of hundreds of turkeys to be given away through The New Church Without Walls food giveaway Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020, at the Crystal River Mall. He and many other volunteers from a host of community organizations gather to distribute all the fixings for a full Thanksgiving Day meal free-of-charge to those waiting, many since early Saturday morning.

GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

Between the Community Food Bank of Citrus County, Doug Alexander and the New Church Without Walls, the Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance and all their many partners, thousands of families across Citrus County received food for Thanksgiving, including fresh turkeys.

"If you look around, some of these people have nice vehicles, but you don't know what's going on, what makes people come at five in the morning to wait for food," said the Rev. Doug Alexander, pastor of the New Church Without Walls, at the Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020 food giveaway at the Crystal River Mall. "We don't ask questions; we just do what we can."

HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK

A recent Chronicle online poll asked: "How do you feel about county commission chairman Scott Carnahan's remark that taxpayers 'don't have the stomach' to support spending millions of dollars on a new animal shelter in Lecanto?"

Here's what some had to say:

■ Joe Nicks: "What better way to spend $ than on an animal shelter?"

■ Kelly Mount-Adkins: "Infuriated. What about all the money that 's already been donated for the shelter? ... Definitely not helping to build the shelter. What about the money that Dr. Ralph Massullo has donated of his own to build the shelter?"

■ George Carnevale: "Love it. Spend some $$ enforcing leash laws and requiring pet owners to have proof of spay/neuter when obtaining the required pet licenses. Building more 'storage' space for wayward animals isn't even a viable 'bandaid.' Be more proactive, not reactive. Efforts to prevent unwanted animals will pay off in the long run."

■ Laura McKee: "I think he'd be surprised at what the taxpayers' stomachs can tolerate. Roads to bring in more development etc. — not so much. A new shelter for the benefit of man's best friends and their future families — very much so."

■ Lynn Ericson: "I'd rather the county use the money to build a tiny home village for homeless veterans. Or how about something for low-income housing? How about job training programs? How about a free spay/neuter program?"

THE MOST POPULAR STORIES FROM THE WEEK THAT WAS

Christmas parades overhauled due to virus concerns

The coronavirus has changed everything, even the way we view parades.

This year, the two cities' Christmas parades will still take place, but with a reverse twist: floats will remain stationary and viewers will drive by to view them from the safety of their vehicles.

Dates and times are the same: 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, in Crystal River and noon Saturday, Dec. 12, in Inverness. The locations will be changed.

The Chamber is working with the Citrus County Sheriff's Office to route the floats in the Crystal River Christmas parade around a one-mile interior road at the Crystal River Mall.

In Inverness, the reverse parade will be along Highlands Boulevard, from Montgomery Avenue to Apopka Avenue.

"This has been done successfully in other communities and both cities seem to be on board with this idea," said Josh Wooten, Citrus County Chamber of Commerce president and CEO.

New coronavirus tests available locally with results in 15 minutes

The wait for results of a coronavirus test can be long and stressful, especially if it takes more than a week to get results.

The long wait is over.

On Friday, Nov. 20, 2020, Brashear's Pharmacy in Inverness began offering rapid response testing for the coronavirus with results in just 15 minutes.

Along with some basic health questions and paperwork before the test, customers can be out the door with test results in under half an hour.

Although the pharmacy has two locations, only the Inverness one on 206 W. Dampier St., offers the testing from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

Currently, the only other health care business in the county to offer the rapid test is Quick Care Med.

"This is just one more way we can keep our neighbors and families healthier and protect our community," said Elis Brashear, pharmacist and manager of the store in Inverness.

Suncoast focus shifts to Citrus County route

Where should the Suncoast Parkway go? That's the multi-million dollar question that a multi-county task force has spent 15 months meeting in person and virtually to discuss which route to use to extend the Suncoast Parkway north to I-10 in Jefferson County.

The conclusion: Better to use what's there now than build an entire new roadway.

Senate President Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, whose district includes Citrus, said he supports using U.S. 19 and building bypasses around towns to move traffic north and south.

"I like the idea of being less impactful to the environment, especially if we can attain the same goals," he said.

The section between U.S. 98 and State Road 44 in Lecanto is under construction and scheduled to open in early 2022.

Where does that leave Citrus County and its attempts to keep the parkway moving north?

County Commission Chairman Scott Carnahan, who served on the task force, said the focus should be on keeping the parkway onward to a quiet stretch of U.S. 19 at Red Level.

Community rallies to support woman with terminal cancer

For 22 years, Coach Deon Copeland and his wife, Amy, have been inseparable.

They went to Lecanto High School together, had classes together, although they didn't really know each other until after they had graduated, Deon Copeland said.

Deon has worked for the school district as an assistant high school principal, teacher and coach. Amy worked for River Safaris in Homosassa.

Now, cancer threatens to separate them as Amy suffers with terminal metastatic breast cancer throughout her body.

A fundraising benefit is scheduled to take place from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020, at Fat Daddy's Roadhouse, 1470 S. Suncoast Blvd. (U.S. 19) in Homosassa.

The event will feature a cornhole tournament, music, food, raffles and 50/50 drawing and silent auction items, including a signed jersey from Tampa Bay Buccaneers tight end Rob Gronkowski.

A GoFundMe page is at: https://tinyurl.com/yxklk53j.

Former school board member, dedicated churchgoer Mark Stone dies at 62

Representing Citrus County's education system and serving one of its largest churches were roles Mark Stone performed with understanding and compassion.

Mark Henry Stone Sr., of Homosassa, died early Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020, during a single-vehicle crash in Hernando County. He was 62.

His tenure on the county school board eased tensions, and his time caring for the people and grounds of Seven Rivers Church was invaluable.

"He was very religious, very family-orientated and just a really nice, wonderful man," said Pat Deutschman, who was elected to the school board alongside Stone in 1998.

"Mark was a great guy and had a really good sense of humor; he wasn't a fake, he was an authentic guy," said Adam Jones, one of the pastors at Seven Rivers Church in Lecanto, where Stone was a member for 27 years. "Some people live here, and Mark lived here but loved our community."

"They were ugly yellow baby socks."

— CANCER SURVIVOR LUKE LAMBERT, 6, ABOUT THE SOCKS KIDS ARE GIVEN TO WEAR IN THE HOSPITAL AND HIS PARTNERSHIP WITH RESILIENCE GIVES' SOCKS WITH STORIES: PAYING IT FORWARD INITIATIVE THAT PROVIDES FUN SOCKS TO KIDS WITH CANCER.

— compiled by Nancy Kennedy

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Around the COUNTY

The Spot to host Christmas Jams

The Spot Family Center is seeking volunteers for their 2020 Christmas Jam. Consider volunteering at one or more of the following events:

Gift Wrapping: 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Crystal River Church of God, 2180 NW 12th Ave.; and/or Tuesday, Dec. 15, at The Spot, 405 SE Seventh Ave.

Christmas Jam: 1 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, and/or Thursday, Dec. 24, at The Spot.

Volunteers may sign up for one or more hours.

The Spot is also in need of new, unwrapped toys for children between the ages of 2 and 6.

For information on volunteering or to donate a toy, email evthespot@yahoo.com.

The Spot offers families in Citrus County emergency Christmas care.

'Laugh it Off' at special event

The League of Women Voters of Citrus County will host a holiday celebration via Zoom at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8.

To register, visit https://www.lwvcitrus.org and complete the form. Wear an ugly Christmas sweater or favorite robe and floppy slippers. Bring a humorous story to share or an unusual past holiday or just sit back, relax and enjoy yourself. For information, call 614-563-4282 or email lwvcc2013@gmail.com

Toys for Tots registration open

Citrus United Basket will begin registration for the Toys for Tots program now through Dec. 9. The hours for registration are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Children must be from birth to 12 years old. Bring with you photo ID, original birth certificate or school record, a piece of mail with current address. If you have custody of a child, you must bring proper documentation. All applications will be cross referenced with all Citrus County agencies to ensure no duplication of accounts.

Masks will be required to register.

We are at 1201 Parkside Ave., Inverness. For information, call 352-344-2242.

Annual toy drive going on now

The fourth annual Hometown Toy Drive is being held now through the Christmas party at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Elegant Pelican, 7395 W. Pinebrook St., Crystal River.

There will be a "Fill the Trailer" bicycle drive which donates new bikes to the event. The Christmas party will have music, food, games, crafts for kids and a visit from the Fire Department.

Proceeds will go to toys for Citrus County children, Jessie's Place and YFA of Citrus.

For information, call 352-453-9364, email Timothym stephens@yahoo.com or visit @Hometowntoydrive on Facebook.

— From staff reports

Attorneys question 'trade secrets'

Florida regulators ponder excluding proprietary information from hearings

JOHN HAUGHEY
The Center Square

The Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) may ask legislators next year to adopt revisions to state law to allow them to hear some public hearing testimony in secret to safeguard utilities' proprietary information and confidential trade secrets.

The proposed measure was raised by PSC attorney Keith Hetrick last week before a public hearing on Duke Energy's Connection Program, noting the need for revision in PSC public hearing requirements was fostered by a September court ruling involving Duke Energy.

"As you know, our current processes for dealing with confidential information during the course of the hearing are very cumbersome, outdated and disjointed," Hetrick told the PSC board, which regulates utilities in Florida.

Associated Press

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The PSC upheld in September an administrative law judge's recommendation that Duke Energy return $16.1 million to customers after the utility repaired a Wheedon Island power plant in 2012.

The utility charged customers for the extra power needed to replace the power offline during the repairs. The Office of Public Counsel (OPC), which represents ratepayers before the PSC, objected, and a public hearing was scheduled to discuss the issue.

Administrative Law Judge Lawrence Stevenson recommended in April that Duke return $11.1 million in replacement power costs required during the outage.

Stevenson also recommended the utility refund about $5 million to cover replacement energy costs created by a faulty 2017-19 turbine after coming back online.

During the subsequent PSC hearing, however, the commission, for the first time ever, agreed to Duke Energy's request to bar the public from hearing some testimony because it involved propriety trade secrets.

Under current law, the PSC must keep hearings open. When confidential information or proprietary concepts are key to discussions, the PSC can refer a case to the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings, which is allowed to close portions of hearings.

In outlining the tentative legislative proposal last week, Hetrick said the prospective 2021 bill would allow the commission to close portions of hearings to ask questions about confidential trade secrets and no longer would require the PSC to refer cases involving proprietary information to the Division of Administrative Hearings.

Hetrick said the bill would not seek to change the definition of what qualifies as proprietary or confidential information, and it would affect only a handful of cases.

OPC attorney J.R. Kelly objected to the proposed legislation, noting the public has the right to hear all information related to their bills.

Feeding Alliance completes 2020 effort

Hundreds of families helped in Thanksgiving distribution

Special to the Chronicle

The Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance in Citrus County has worked every year since 2007 to provide Thanksgiving dinners to those in need.

This year, over 30 nonprofit and for-profit businesses and organizations came together in this effort. After months of planning and collaboration, it again resulted in success.

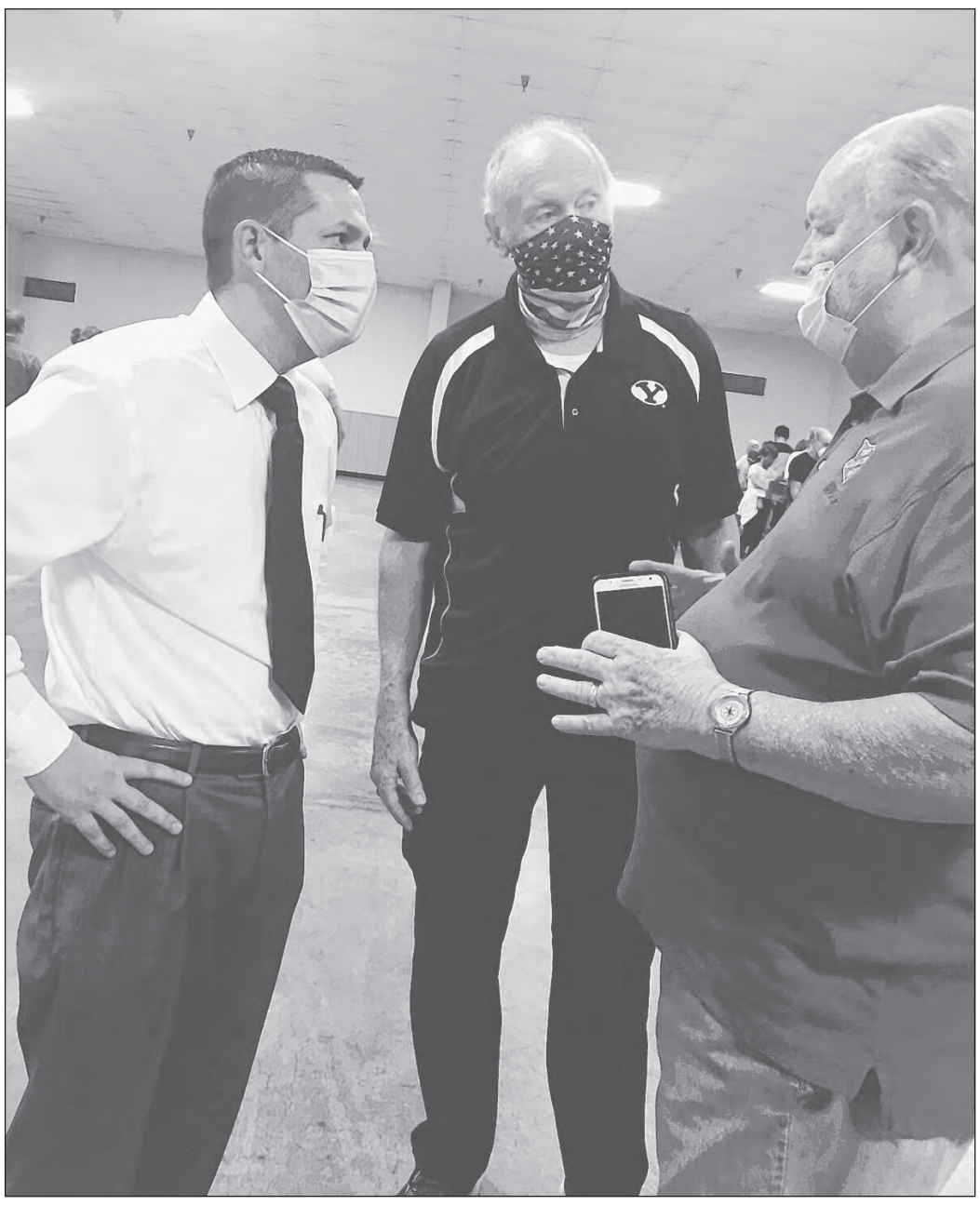
This year presented unique challenges because of constraints due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but with adjustments in box packing and distribution, the operation continued. Volunteers from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, along with other members of the community, met on Tuesday evening, Nov. 17, to pack the boxes.

The following Saturday morning, volunteers loaded the boxes in the trunks and back seats of vehicles in an efficient drive-through distribution. Turkeys and over 400 boxes of food were given away to recipients who qualified through the Salvation Army.

The efforts and contributions of many make this unique effort truly a community event. Doug Lobel, president of the Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance, coordinated the efforts again this year. Richard Clay and Bishop Ed Nixon of the Lecanto Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints arranged for the donation of $20,000 in nonperishable food items from the Church.

Publix donated $1,000 in credit toward providing 600 turkeys. Black Diamond Foundation issued a $5,000 matching donation challenge to the community. Brannen Bank collected monetary donations in all of its 11 branches.

The Citrus County Chronicle donated $3,700 worth of free advertising. Many other organizations provided funds and the use of equipment such as forklifts, pallets and trucks.



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Bryon Aven, Ed Nixon and Doug Lobel, pictured from left, pause to talk logistics during the 2020 Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance distribution.

All nonperishable food items not used for the Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance project were given to the Salvation Army for distribution to the needy and for use in their weekly preparation and distribution of dinners to the homeless throughout the year.

'Nontickets' help feed Citrus families

Special to the Chronicle

Did you attend the Father Christmas Ball in years past? Would you have gone this year if things were different and we could actually have one?

If so, consider purchasing a "nonticket" in the form of a donation to SOS Food Pantry, the nonprofit organization that thousands of families in Citrus County depend on for food.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

The price of the tickets were $50, but larger donations are accepted. Keep in mind that if you could have gone to the ball, you may have also participated in the silent auction and/or the 50-50 tickets.

A small group of volunteers are working each Thursday to make sure the families in Citrus County that depend on us do not go hungry.

This number has increased lately, which unfortunately means the need is not diminishing. Consider this special consideration for your holiday giving, or for that matter, any time you can help out.

Tax-deductible contributions may be sent directly to: SOS, Inc., P.O. Box 640774, Beverly Hills, FL 34464.

For information, email: sos4food@gmail.com.

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Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthday — Stay focused on what matters to you. Refuse to let others sidetrack you. Set personal goals and live up to your expectations. Keep an open mind, but don't get trapped in someone else's dream.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Making your space more manageable will ease stress and encourage you to get more involved in projects that will make your life better.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Speak up about your feelings, intentions and plans. A domestic adjustment will improve your life.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Check off what's on your to-do list and put your responsibilities behind you early in the day. Make fitness and good health your priorities.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Pay close attention to how you spend your money. A joint venture looks promising, as long as you share the expenses equally. A gift is heading your way.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Keep your ego in check and your mind on what you are trying to accomplish. Concentrate on doing your best to make a difference.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — A change of heart will lead you in a better direction. Consider what you want to do, and get started.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Pay attention to what's going on around you. You may have to intervene if someone is misrepresenting a situation that involves you. Do your part and carry on.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Size up what you can accomplish, and get started. Do what you can to live up to your own expectations.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Join the front line of a cause you believe in. Fight for your rights and for those unable to fend for themselves.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Find a new way to reach out to people. An unexpected offer will encourage you to start something new.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Take your anger and replace it with compassion and understanding. Sitting on the fence will not help you make a decision, but open discussions will.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Discuss personal plans with a loved one. An unexpected offer will encourage you to leave the past behind.

Champion Ken Jennings first interim 'Jeopardy!' host

NEW YORK — "Jeopardy!" record-holder **Ken Jennings** will be the first in a series of interim hosts replacing **Alex Trebek** when the show resumes production next Monday.

Producers announced Monday that Jennings, who won 74 games in a row and claimed the show's "Greatest of All Time" title in a competition last year, will host episodes that air in January.

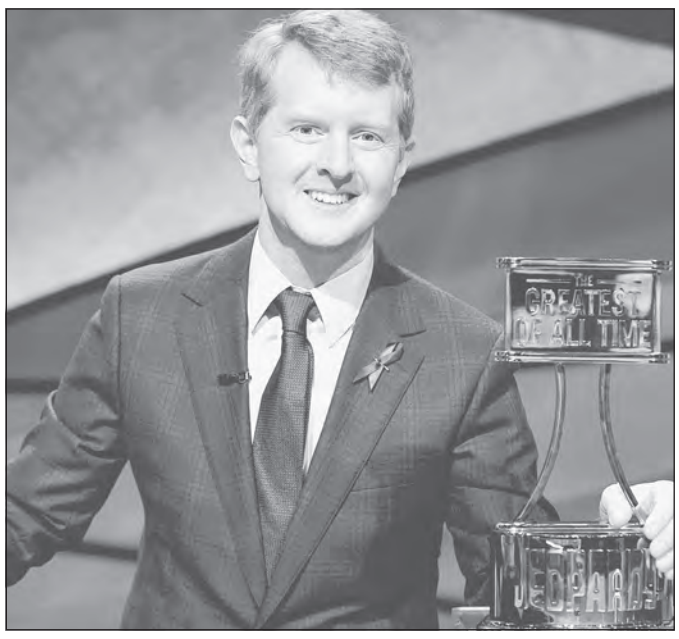
A long-term host to replace Trebek, who died of cancer on Nov. 8, will be named later.

"By bringing in familiar guest hosts for the foreseeable future, our goal is to create a sense of community and continuity for our viewers," the show's executive producer, **Mike Richards**, said.

The show is in its 37th year of syndication. It is still airing shows that Trebek filmed before his death.

Art Fleming hosted earlier editions of the game show, including the original "Jeopardy!" that debuted in 1964 on NBC and aired for a decade.

Richards said "Jeopardy!" will air repeat episodes for the holiday weeks beginning Dec. 21 and 28, meaning Trebek's final week of shows will air starting Monday, Jan. 4. Jennings' episodes begin on Jan. 11.



Associated Press

This image released by ABC shows contestant Ken Jennings with a trophy on "Jeopardy! The Greatest of All Time." Jennings will be the first interim guest for the late Alex Trebek, and the show will try other guest hosts before naming a permanent replacement.

Issa Rae urges support for small businesses

LOS ANGELES — With many small businesses struggling to hold on during the coronavirus pandemic, **Issa Rae** believes now is the time to support independent stores more than ever.

The creator and star of HBO series "Insecure" strongly encourages people to shop locally as part of Small Business Saturday, a couple days after Thanksgiving. She said the initiative created by American Express, for which she is a compensated endorser, can help give an extra push during the holidays to small businesses who have gone into survival mode.

Rae said using "word of mouth" and tagging a business on social media tremendously helps.

"Survival is on the line," the Emmy-nominated actor said in a recent interview. "You're seeing the pandemic shut down so many businesses and businesses are struggling. I think now is the best time to shoutout some of the places that literally need you to keep their doors open."

While growing up, Rae learned the importance of shopping at small businesses from her grandparents and mother while living in Inglewood, California. As a child, she initially wanted to shop the popular brands, but ultimately saw the value of spending her own dollars in her neighborhood as she grew older.

"For some reason in my mind, it was ingrained that these businesses weren't good enough because they didn't have the means to advertise on television," she said. "I felt like we were getting the low brand version of what I really wanted. But as I grew up, I realized — while embracing my neighborhood — how harmful that perspective was."

— From wire reports

Today in HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Nov. 29, the 334th day of 2020. There are 32 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Nov. 29, 1929, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Richard E. Byrd, pilot Bernt Balchen, radio operator Harold June and photographer Ashley McKinney made the first airplane flight over the South Pole.

On this date:

In 1864, a Colorado militia killed at least 150 peaceful Cheyenne Indians in the Sand Creek Massacre.

In 1961, Enos the chimp was launched from Cape Canaveral aboard the Mercury-Atlas 5 spacecraft, which orbited earth twice before returning.

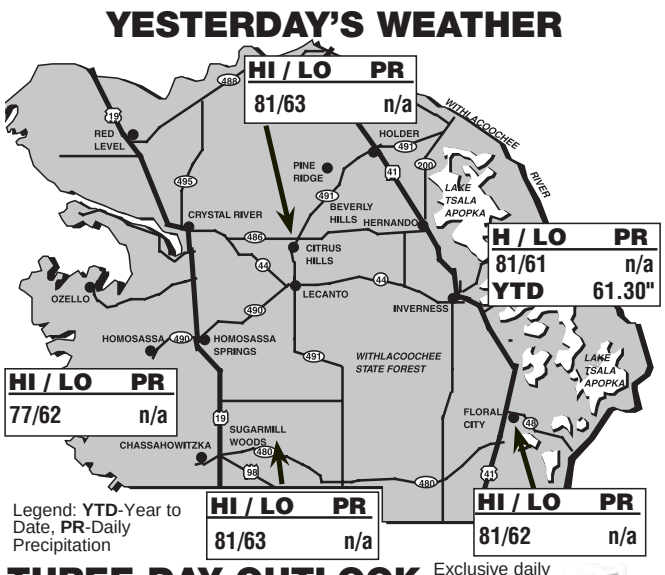
Ten years ago: Climate negotiators began a two-week conference in Cancun.

Five years ago: Andy Murray gave Britain its first Davis Cup title in 79 years when he beat Belgium's David Goffin 6-3, 7-5, 6-3 in the first of reverse singles.

One year ago: Former Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone died at the age of 101.

Today's Birthdays: Hall of Fame sportscaster Vin Scully is 93. Blues singer-musician John Mayall is 87. Actor Diane Ladd is 85. Songwriter Mark James is 80. Country singer Jody Miller is 79. Actor Jeff Fahey is 68. Actor-comedian-celebrity judge Howie Mandel is 65. Actor Cathy Moriarty is 60. Actor Kim Delaney is 59. Actor Tom Sizemore is 59. Actor Andrew McCarthy is 58. Actor Don Cheadle is 56. Pop singer Jonathan Knight (New Kids on the Block) is 52. Actor Larry Joe Campbell is 50. Rock musician Frank Delgado (Deftones) is 50. Actor Paola Turbay is 50. Actor Gena Lee Nolin is 49. Actor Brian Baumgartner is 48. Actor Julian Ovenden is 45. Actor Anna Faris is 44. Gospel singer James Fortune is 43. Actor Lauren German is 42. Rapper The Game is 41. Actor Janina Gavankar is 40. Rock musician Ringo Garza is 39. Actor-comedian John Milhiser is 39. Actor Lucas Black is 38.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



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THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Exclusive daily forecast by: Bay News 9

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 81° **Low:** 59°
Partly sunny and warm, stray shower by evening

MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING
High: 70° **Low:** 41°
Windy, scattered showers and storms end

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING
High: 60° **Low:** 36°
Breezy, decreasing clouds

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Data from Crystal River Airport

TEMPERATURE

Yesterday	79/62
Record*	88/24
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Mean temp.	63
Departure from mean	8

PRECIPITATION

Yesterday	0.00"
Total for the month	1.17"
Total for the year	22.33"
Normal for the year	49.29"

*Official record values from Tampa International

UV INDEX: 4
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE 30.01

DEW POINT
Yesterday at 3 p.m. 64°

HUMIDITY
Yesterday at 3 p.m. 63%

POLLEN COUNT**
Today's active pollen:
ragweed, grasses, composites
Today's count: 3.5/12
Monday's count: 1.3
Tuesday's count: 2.6

AIR QUALITY
Yesterday observed Good
Pollutant Ozone

SOLUNAR TABLES

Provided by ezfshn.com

DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
11/29	SUNDAY	7:03	11:47	5:31	None
11/30	MONDAY	7:04	12:10	5:31	12:34

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

Nov 30 · Dec 7 · Dec 14 · Dec 21

SUNSET TONIGHT	5:31 pm
SUNRISE TOMORROW	7:04 am
MOONRISE TODAY	5:13 pm
MOONSET TODAY	6:16 am

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:

Addresses with house numbers ending in:

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

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

TIDES

*From mouths of rivers **At King's Bay ***At Mason's Creek

SUNDAY

City	High				Low			
Chassahowitzka*	4:52 a.m.	0.6 ft	5:44 p.m.	0.3 ft	12:49 p.m.	0.0 ft	10:43 p.m.	0.2 ft
Crystal River**	3:04 a.m.	2.2 ft	4:07 p.m.	1.7 ft	10:16 a.m.	0.0 ft	10:04 p.m.	0.8 ft
Withlacoochee*	12:30 a.m.	3.3 ft	2:03 p.m.	2.9 ft	8:21 a.m.	-0.4 ft	8:11 p.m.	1.3 ft
Homosassa***	3:43 a.m.	1.4 ft	5:41 p.m.	0.7 ft	12:31 p.m.	-0.2 ft	10:17 p.m.	0.3 ft

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	79	67	mc	Miami	80	73	pc
Fort Lauderdale	81	71	pc	Ocala	79	65	mc
Fort Myers	83	69	pc	Orlando	81	67	mc
Gainesville	76	63	sh	Pensacola	73	49	sh
Homestead	82	70	pc	Sarasota	80	69	mc
Jacksonville	76	65	mc	Tallahassee	69	57	sh
Key West	81	76	pc	Tampa	81	69	mc
Lakeland	82	68	mc	Vero Beach	81	67	mc
Melbourne	81	68	mc	W. Palm Bch.	79	73	pc

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: South winds 15 to 20 knots. Seas 2 to 4 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop. A chance of showers in the late evening and early morning. A slight chance of thunderstorms in the late evening and overnight.

Gulf water temperature
73°
Taken at Crystal River

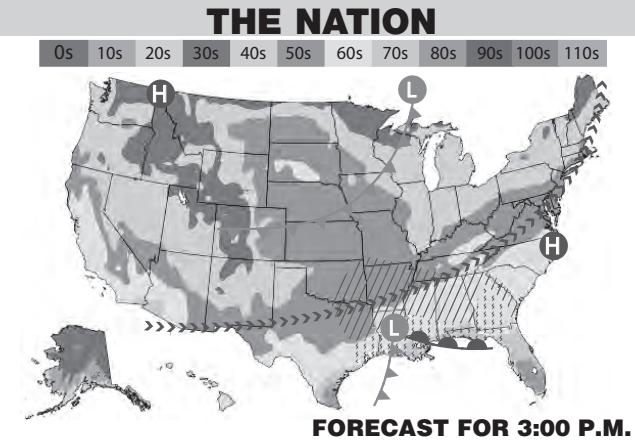
LAKE LEVELS

Location	SAT	FRI	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	29.73	29.72	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.85	37.86	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	39.11	39.12	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	40.34	40.35	41.37

Levels reported in feet above sea level. Flood stage for lakes are based on 2.33-year flood, the mean-annual flood which has a 43-precent 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

0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110s



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Sunday

City	SAT H	SAT L	SAT Pcp.	SUN H	SUN L	SUN Fcst
Albany	46	30	0.05	50	33	s
Albuquerque	50	33	0.00	51	20	s
Asheville	63	47	0.03	56	43	ra
Atlanta	68	50	0.06	60	44	sh
Atlantic City	59	42	0.00	56	48	s
Austin	61	52	0.55	61	37	pc
Baltimore	59	44	0.00	56	44	s
Billings	51	35	0.00	45	27	s
Birmingham	62	52	0.06	62	42	sh
Boise	37	22	0.00	42	22	s
Boston	54	44	Trace	53	40	s
Buffalo	44	40	Trace	52	39	pc
Burlington, VT	45	35	0.08	47	38	s
Charleston, SC	61	51	0.08	71	63	sh
Charleston, WV	51	38	0.00	61	43	pc
Charlotte	69	53	0.02	60	51	ra
Chicago	50	28	0.00	49	33	mc
Cincinnati	50	34	0.00	53	36	pc
Cleveland	47	40	Trace	52	40	s
Columbia, SC	61	52	0.24	64	56	sh
Columbus, OH	47	33	0.00	51	37	pc
Concord, NH	50	38	Trace	50	26	s
Dallas	60	48	0.10	54	33	cl
Denver	51	27	0.00	41	21	s
Des Moines	58	31	0.00	40	21	s
Detroit	46	31	0.00	52	37	pc
El Paso	57	34	0.00	62	37	s
Evansville, IN	54	30	0.00	52	33	mc
Harrisburg	58	46	0.00	57	38	s
Hartford	54	41	Trace	53	36	s
Houston	67	61	2.05	63	42	mc
Indianapolis	48	28	0.00	50	34	pc
Kansas City	57	29	0.00	48	25	mc
Las Vegas	60	35	0.00	66	40	s
Little Rock	57	40	0.00	45	32	ra
Los Angeles	74	48	0.00	76	54	s
Louisville	53	35	0.00	57	37	pc
Memphis	57	42	0.00	51	34	sh
Milwaukee	50	29	0.00	45	27	pc
Minneapolis	50	32	0.00	36	18	mc
Mobile	70	63	0.13	71	48	sh
Montgomery	65	58	0.00	65	46	sh
Nashville	57	45	0.00	62	37	sh
New Orleans	69	62	0.00	71	47	sh
New York City	56	47	Trace	54	47	s
Norfolk	61	46	0.00	62	52	s
Oklahoma City	46	35	Trace	51	27	ra
Omaha	60	28	0.00	40	20	s
Palm Springs	75	46	0.00	77	50	s
Philadelphia	57	48	0.00	55	43	s
Phoenix	70	44	0.00	73	49	s
Pittsburgh	46	39	0.00	54	39	s
Portland, ME	45	34	0.04	48	35	s
Portland, OR	45	37	0.11	51	38	pc
Providence, RI	54	45	0.00	53	40	s
Raleigh	67	48	0.00	60	53	pc
Rapid City	67	27	0.00	39	20	s
Reno	52	20	0.00	50	26	pc
Rochester, NY	45	38	Trace	54	38	s
Sacramento	64	32	0.00	62	37	s
Salt Lake City	45	24	0.00	45	25	s
San Antonio	59	53	1.78	64	41	s
San Diego	73	42	0.00	72	50	s
San Francisco	64	41	0.00	63	45	s
Savannah	63	56	0.66	71	62	sh
Seattle	48	45	Trace	50	43	mc
Spokane	47	37	0.00	43	28	pc
St. Louis	53	28	0.00	54	27	mc
St. Ste Marie	47	29	Trace	43	25	mc
Syracuse	46	36	0.02	53	38	s
Topeka	58	25	0.00	46	23	pc
Washington	61	46	0.00	57	45	s

KEY TO CONDITIONS: c=cloudy; fg=fog; hz=haze; mc=mostly cloudy; pc=partly cloudy; ra=rain; rs=rain/snow; s=sunny; sh=showers; sm=smoke; sn=snow; ss=snow showers; t=thunderstorms

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW
HIGH 88, Everglades, Fla.
LOW -13, Bondurant, Wyo.

WORLD CITIES

CITY	SAT H/L/SKY	CITY	SAT H/L/SKY
Acapulco	91/70/s	Lisbon	59/53/ra
Amsterdam	39/35/pc	London	49/44/pc
Athens	62/56/ra	Madrid	53/45/mc
Beijing	39/29/pc	Mexico City	76/59/pc
Berlin	42/34/mc	Montreal	42/34/mc
Bermuda	72/67/ra	Moscow	36/32/ra
Cairo	70/58/s	Paris	47/41/s
Calgary	35/22/mc	Rio	89/74/s
Havana	80/70/s	Rome	59/51/ra
Hong Kong	71/62/pc	Sydney	100/72/mc
Jerusalem	60/49/s	Tokyo	54/49/mc
		Toronto	46/37/s
		Warsaw	35/33/sn

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Obituaries

Carole Ann Delisle, 82

FLORAL CITY

Carole Ann Delisle passed away at home in Floral City, Florida on October 6, 2020 after undergoing several hip surgeries and suffering a stroke. She was born on May 23, 1938 to Beatrice Smedley and Perry Hazlewood and grew up in Nutley, New Jersey.

Carole Ann Delisle

Carole had an outgoing and sunny personality that would make everyone feel as if they were long-time friends. She enjoyed traveling, knitting her "scrunchies" from tulle, hosting potluck dinners, playing all types of board and card games, and baking treats for everyone.

She was a devoted wife, doting mother, and loving grandmother. While raising her children, she was very active in her community and was a member of the Fort Lauderdale Women's Club for many years. Whether it was baking a cake for the bake sale at school, volunteering at the church for the potluck dinners and rummage sales, or assisting in the concession stand at the ballpark, she was always looking for ways to volunteer and help others.

After moving to Floral City in 2000, she quickly joined many local groups including the Citrus Newcomers Club, Red Hat Ladies, Floral City Garden Club, and Fishing Club and developed many new friendships that would last for years.

She is survived by her husband of 20 years, Robert Lawrence Delisle of Floral City; children — Cheryl McAfee of Anderson, SC; Nancy Thoman (Michael) of Coral Springs, FL; Matthew Francisco (Summer) of Jensen Beach, FL; and step-son, Christopher Delisle (Rachel) of Tallahassee, FL; siblings — Jean Golden, Ann Touron, Wanda Herrmann, Jim Hazlewood, John Hazlewood, and Janice Williams; and grandchildren — Nicole, Carrie, Tyler, Alexandra, and Brodie.

"When you speak of her,
speak not with tears,
for thoughts of her should not be sad.
Let memories of the times you shared
give you comfort,
for her life was rich
because of you."

She will be dearly missed.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Karen Goodwin, 71

INVERNESS

Karen Lynn Goodwin passed away at home under the care of HPH Hospice on November 20, 2020.

Karen was born in St. Petersburg, Florida, on March 8, 1949, to the late Henry and Martha Roseberry. Karen moved to Inverness in 1976 with her husband, Larry. She taught school starting in the Old Hernando Elementary, and taught elementary school for 31 years. She always felt students had to show their full potential.

Karen Goodwin

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, brother Richard and Wendy Roseberry of Palm Harbor, Florida.

Upon her retirement, we lived our summers in Boone, N.C., and our winters in our home in Inverness.

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- Obituaries must be verified with the funeral home or society in charge of arrangements.

Phillip Johnson, 71

LECANTO

Phillip C. Johnson, 71 of Lecanto, FL passed away Saturday November 21, 2020 at Bayfront Health Seven Rivers Hospital in Crystal River, FL. Private arrangements are under the direction of Strickland Funeral Home and Crematory, Crystal River, FL.

Norman Edwards, 82

INVERNESS

Norman G. Edwards, 82, of Inverness, FL passed away on November 19, 2020 at Vitas Healthcare in Lecanto, FL.

He bravely served our country as a member of the United States Air Force.

Services for Norman are private. Cremation with Care is under the direction of the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, FL.

Marshall Davis Sr., 93

INVERNESS

Marshall J. Davis, Sr., age 93 and resident of Inverness, FL passed away at Citrus Memorial Hospital on November 20, 2020.

He was born to the late William and Ruth (Shepard) Davis on September 20, 1927 in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Marshall Davis Sr.

He was a Lace Weaver for the textile industry and worked for Collyer Wire for many years.

Marshall bravely served our country as a member of the United States Navy.

Marshall married his beloved late wife, Olive, and they enjoyed 66 years of wonderful marriage before her passing in August of 2015. He made Citrus County his home in 1989 after moving from his hometown of Pawtucket and enjoyed attending Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Inverness, FL.

Marshall enjoyed watching the Red Sox and Patriots and will always be remembered for being a devoted husband to his wife, Olive.

Along with his wife and parents, Marshall is preceded in death by his brother, William Davis and his three sisters, Ruthie, Marion, and Rita.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children, Marshall Davis, Jr., Kenneth Davis, and Gayle Bobola; his sister, Mary; his 8 grandchildren; and his 6 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements for Marshall are private. His urn will be laid to rest at Fountains Memorial Park in Homosassa, FL at a later date. Cremation with Care is under the direction of the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, FL.

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Sabina 'Sally' Bock, 87

BEVERLY HILLS

I would like to let you know that my Mother's work here is done. She received a call, an offer she could not refuse. An appointment from which she will not be returning, she left us on October 15, 2020. She was 87 years old, young of heart and spirit. Born on April 20, 1933 in Hamtramck, Michigan and lived a wonderful life retired in Beverly Hills, Florida.

Sabina 'Sally' Bock

This assignment came with many bonuses; a reunion with family, friends and loved ones that she has not seen in long time. Her new mission takes her to a wonderful place where she will be safe, socializing, dancing, cooking and to be reunited with her late husband Donald C. Bock. "He will ask for a cup of tea, and she will fill his cup with two sugars." I imagine this and my heart is happy.

She is survived by Jennie Streit (sister). Her son Allan and Gayle (wife) Bock, grandchildren Ross Bock, Kali and John (husband) ReBant and great grandchild Jade ReBant. Her daughter Nancy Haskin, grandsons Kenny Haskin, Vincent and Breanna (wife) Haskin. And Daughter JoAnn Bock and her companion dog Jayke.

I know you are at peace and are with Dad again. "Together Forever".

Mass service will be held at Our Lady of Grace at 11:00AM on December 3, 2020. Interment will be at 1:00PM, at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.

Heinz Funeral Home & Cremation

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Roy Cawley Jr., 87

BEVERLY HILLS

Roy L. Cawley, Jr., Age 87, of Beverly Hills, FL, passed peacefully into the arms of his Lord on Nov. 15, with his wife of 66 years by his side.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy Sr. and Eula, and infant son, Kenneth. He is survived by his wife and adventure partner, Barbara Dee, children Sandy (Bill) Locher of Yulee, FL, Colleen (Mark) Heldt of Denver, CO, and Nancy (Jim) Zugschwert of St. Paul, MN; grandchildren Scott, Jamie, Kevin (Laura), Jeff (Molly), Kyle (Melissa), and David, and three-month-old great-grandson, Milo Roy.

Roy Cawley Jr.

Roy was born in Beckley, WV, on December 13, 1932. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Beckley in 1950 and from West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1954; it was there he met Barbara Dee. Married on May 30, 1954, he and Barbara Dee moved to the Midwest, where he attended seminary for two years and served as a student-pastor to two churches in Northeast Iowa.

In 1956 he began work at the Trane Company in LaCrosse, WI, and later moved to Rochester, MN, in 1958 to work for IBM Corporation, where he worked until his retirement in 1987.

Throughout the years Roy served the Lord faithfully in many capacities in the churches he attended and was a visiting lay preacher at dozens of churches well into his 80s. His life was marked by love and devotion to his faith and his family, deep love of music and theater, and an adventurous spirit.

He and his bride enjoyed escapades that included cross-country motorcycle trips, 10 years as live-aboard sailors on a 32-ft. sailboat, RV traveling, and singing in church and community choirs. He enjoyed a lifelong hobby of flying remote-control airplanes and he could build or fix just about anything he put his mind to.

His lengthy resume of handyman projects he did for his daughters and their families includes everything from fixing cars and building a play loft and backyard deck to complete kitchen and bathroom remodels.

A hallmark of Roy's life was service to those in need, rarely failing to stop to help a stranded motorist or boater or offer his home for hospitality or shelter. He would wish for anyone reading this to embrace life, pursue their dreams, and take care of their most precious relationships.

Arrangements for cremation are being made by the Neptune Society. A virtual celebration of life will take place on his birthday, December 13, 2020, with the Reverend Donnie Cross officiating. Those interested in attending the online celebration of life may contact a family member to request details.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making a gift to the Salvation Army, The Path of Citrus County, or the Food Pantry at Life Tree Church in Crystal River.

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Thomas Michael 'Mike' Potter, 73

FLORAL CITY

Thomas Michael "Mike" Potter of Floral City, FL passed away at the James A. Haley Veteran's Hospital in Tampa, FL on November 23, 2020 at the age of 73. Mike was born in Tampa on January 23, 1947 and was a lifelong Floridian.

He proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy Seabees and was a Veteran of the Vietnam War.

Thomas Michael 'Mike' Potter

On September 4, 1971 he married Jeanne (Stickland) with whom he shared 49 years of loving marriage. Mike and Jeanne made Floral City their home 16 years ago after relocating from Tampa.

He was a Baptist by faith and a member of Floral City Baptist Church. Mike absolutely loved the outdoors and knew the woods like the back of his hand, never getting lost.

He enjoyed all outdoor activities including fishing, hunting, air boating and making homemade BBQ for his family and friends. Mike also loved to teach his family and friends how to water ski. He was a member of Floral City VFW Post #7122 and the Inverness Lion's Club.

In addition to his loving wife Jeanne, those left to cherish his memory include his daughter, Stacy Potter Largay and her husband Nick of Floral City, FL his son, William Thomas Michael Potter and his wife Rebekah of Floral City, FL; grandchildren: Jeremy and his wife Nicole, LCpl Steven W Potter of the United States Marine Corps, Bryanna and Caitlin; Step-mother: Gladys Potter; sisters: Joy Gotwalt of Gainesville, GA and Lisa Potter of Spring Hill, FL, and all his nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service is scheduled for Monday, December 7, 2020 at 11:00 AM from the Chas E Davis Funeral Home and will be conducted by Pastor Michael Sellers and Pastor Eddie Quates of Floral City Baptist Church. Following the chapel service, full military honors will be rendered by Floral City VFW #7122.

Friends are invited to join the family in visitation beginning at 10:00 AM until the hour of service.

Mike will be laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 1:00pm. Arrangements are under the care of the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

In lieu of flowers the Family has requested Citrus Trees for them to plant in memory of Mike or donations to First Baptist Church of Floral City.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

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Arthur Maloy Kelly, 58

CRYSTAL RIVER

Arthur Maloy Kelly, age 58, of Crystal River, FL passed away November 22, 2020 in Seven Rivers Hospital. Mr. Kelly was born in Jacksonville, FL on November 27, 1961 to the late Malone and Lucille (Jordan) Kelly and moved to Citrus County over 30 years ago from Oxford, FL.

Arthur Maloy Kelly

He was a natural born mechanic and tinkerer of all trades. His passion was outboard motors, and he spent his career working in the boating industry. A thrill-seeker at heart, Maloy loved all things racing — boats, cars, and motorcycles. As a young man, he raced dirt bikes and on any given Saturday, you could find him under the lights at Citrus County Speedway, chasing that checkered flag.

Maloy never knew a stranger. On many occasions, he would go missing while in a public place with Kim, only to be later found with a new-found friend.

Maloy was also a proud member of the Crystal River Church of God. He loved the Lord and his family deeply. The many lives he brought to know the Lord and the footprints he left in our hearts will be his legacy. As we move forward, Maloy would want everyone to know Jesus and treat others as brothers and sisters of the Lord.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 37 years, Kimberley (Miller) Kelly, Crystal River, FL; two daughters: Amber Peterson and her husband, James of Palm Bay, FL; Shawna Riggs, and husband Patrick of New Port Richey, FL; one sister, Christine "Tina" Lawler, Inverness; two grandchildren: Logan and Adyson Peterson. He was predeceased by his brother, Warren Kelly.

A Celebration of Life for Maloy is schedule for Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 1:00 PM from the Crystal River Church of God with Pastors Ronnie Reed and Justin Strickland officiating. Burial will follow in Hills of Rest Cemetery, Floral City.

The family will receive visitors at the church from 12 Noon. Guests in attendance are requested to wear masks.

Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home With Crematory assisted the family.

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Ashley and Eran Mehler speak Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020, inside the work bay at Eagle Buick GMC in Crystal River where Eran was nearly killed earlier this year while working. A truck crushed Mehler but the mechanic says, thankfully, he has no recollection of the incident.

"So then at some point, it pulled me under," Eran said, standing no more than 15 feet from where the accident occurred.

"I still have some bruising on my left side from where the tires were up on my chest and arms," he said. "I still have a scar on my lefthand side, it looks like two tires. It's slowly fading away on the right side arm and ribs. It was such a deep contusion."

His wife, Ashley, a former law enforcement officer, remembers going to the trauma room.

"Having seen so many people run over in my life already, they handed me his clothes," she said. "I remembered parts of the shirt being shredded. It appeared as if he had been run over."

Instead of celebrating Thanksgiving at home, Eran was initially supposed to be still be in the hospital, halfway through a six-month stay. He spent 12 days in a coma after being airlifted to Bayonet Point before doctors transferred him to Tampa General Hospital.

"He died twice," Ashley said, pausing before explaining his heart stopped two separate times: once after the initial incident; the second time at Bayonet Point.

And for the Mehler family, Tampa General will always hold a special place in their hearts. It was there, through in-vitro fertilization, their 18-month-old daughter, Emma, was conceived and born. The first of two miracles, Ashley said; the second, they saved her husband's life.

Three days after being transferred to the main floor, Eran was discharged, sent home to recover and work through the physical therapy.

"The only reason he made such a massive quick recovery, is because he was at home," Ashley said, as Eran agreed.

"I was in a comfortable environment," Eran, 41, said. "Who likes a hospital really? You're always in there for the wrong reason unless it's the birth of a child."

New meaning

So as families wrap up the long Thanksgiving weekend, for the Mehler family, "Thanksgiving has a whole other meaning, it all does."

"It sounds extremely cliché," Eran admitted. "You don't know what life really is until you die or you're on your death bed. You have your regrets; it is kind of that way. Because now those little things that used to bother you and stuff like that, it's like, who cares, who cares. It's just like that in an instant. It's funny how your brain blocks it out."

It's not the lone item his mind has blocked off; he remembers nothing from the incident which nearly cost him his life.

"That was my biggest fear," said Ashley, who met Eran while she stationed in Virginia during her service time with the U.S. Navy. "Having come to close to death myself, I was scared he was going to be scared and have all of those memories flashing back to him. Just knowing what he'd gone through, being that close to death and thinking you're going to die.

"I worried about his fear level and fear level coming up," she said. "I remember talking to one of the men who was there that day and asking Eran, 'do you remember anything?' Eran said, 'No.' He told him, 'thank God. I hope you never do.

"He did make Thanksgiving a year-round priority; every day is Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day," Ashley said. "Him being sweet, interested in everything I do. He's going out of his way to do stuff for me. It's like being married for the first time again."

Eran said he gives thanks every day and attempts to show that same appreciation every day.

"That shouldn't be reserved just for a singular holiday," he said. "It's something you should doing all year-round. I do it with her, the baby, myself, my friends and my coworkers."

The accident "was like a massive reset on everything," the couple said.

"You get to re-approach everything, your relationships, parenting, employment," Eran said. "A lot of that stuff was kind of wiped out. You get to learn all of this stuff again, seeing it through new eyes, where you have so much greater appreciation for everything. The ability to breath, see my wife, my daughter every day."

Eran texts his wife every day from the driveway on his return home.

"Emma comes hurdling out of the house, stops, gets her necklaces, she's gotta look pretty for daddy," Eran said with an ear-to-ear grin, "then comes rocketing out of the house, yelling, screaming, laughing ... you cannot pass up on a feeling like that."

Still joking

All Eran remembers is waking up in the hospital; a feeding tube running out of his nose, and that is his biggest complaint from his time in the hospital: the food.

"That's what you remember?" his wife asked.

"I always remember food," he jokingly said, rubbing his stomach.

Ashley, still sitting next to Eran, shakes her head.

"He was considered brain dead for 80 hours," she said.

"She still thinks I'm brain dead," Eran quipped.

"He still uses at it as excuse. For general male things, like this selective hearing," she said.

"I had a hearing test and apparently everything is OK," he responded.

That's how their relationship works — the jokes, back and forth. "That's how we get along," they said.

Because of the pandemic, Ashley wasn't allowed to visit Eran in the hospital, and she wasn't there when he woke up from the almost two-week-long coma. And that's when Ashley might have won their often back-and-forth joking. Eran messaged her to get an explanation as to why he was in a hospital and where she was.

Ashley filled him in via text about everything up to that point. She jokingly and poignantly concluded her message with a meme of, "But did you die?" a sentence said in the popular movie "The Hangover" by the character Mr. Chow, played by actor Ken Jeong.

"That should still be in my messages," Eran laughed.

New 'normal'

"Normal" is slowly returning to the Mehler family, as Eran returned to work four weeks ago.

"The first couple of days, it was a little ... nerve wracking," Eran said. "It was nice being around my friends, but being around the vehicles and having them up on the lifts ... at one point, I had to squeeze between two objects and put a little pressure on my chest. It kind of freaked me out a little bit.

"But everybody here has been so supportive, in the way a mechanic could be supportive. We give each other a lot of hazing. That really helps with easing the tension of being back. The wisecracks help alleviate the tension," Eran said.

There were no reservations about returning to work, Eran said.

"That's not true," Ashley said, glaring at him. "Once you finally came back to work, you didn't have any, but before that, he did have some reservations."

"I would say none now," Eran corrected himself.

Ashley, however, admitted, life will never be "normal."

"For me, things will never go back to the way they were pre-accident, there's a new heightened level of alertness," she said. "I still a lot of trauma from it. It will bring me back to those first 80 hours when I thought he wasn't going to make it. Something is going to happen. We always thought it would me on that end; we never prepared for the reverse."

The Mehlers credited Eagle Buick for its "fantastic" treatment of them during the incident and in the days, weeks and months afterward.

"I know all eyes are on me to make sure I am doing well," Eran said. "It's like a second family, everyone there is so cool, they have a vested interested in each other and the company. We're working toward a common goal. It's one of the best dealerships I have ever worked at. The best crew of people I've ever worked with. They've been nothing but great to us."

New perspective

While Eran isn't 100% recovered from the accident, the Mehler's aren't dwelling on what happened or what could have been. They're focused on the here and now.

"You never know when you're going to get that phone call," Ashely said. "Don't waste any of (the time), because it could all be gone in a second. It's quick. It's not the same."

Eran used to take life for granted, Ashley said.

"I'm kind of glad the accident happened," she said. "He doesn't take life for granted anymore.

"He doesn't waste his time that are meaningless. He's 100% focused on his family; just isn't concerned with his past demons."

Eran agreed, explaining he emancipated himself from his parents at the age of 13.

"I grew up disconnected from society," he said. "So, I wasn't taught a lot of social skills, value or appreciation of things, because I basically raised myself. I was an extremely selfish, self-centered person and it's all about me.

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California-based Pattern Development plans to build two solar fields on 1,000 acres at the LafargeHolcim quarry north of Crystal River.

FARMS

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Members of the Citrus County Planning and Development Commission (PDC) in April voted unanimously to recommend county commissioners approve Pattern Development's conditional-use request for its Crystal River Solar 2 plant.

This $100-million solar-panel field is one of two the company is trying to build on leased land that makes up the quarry, which neighbors Duke Energy's Crystal River Energy Complex.

Once Pattern's 35-year lease ends with the quarry, it will decommission its solar complex.

Pattern proposed an original design of Crystal River Solar 2 to the PDC in August, but made changes to its plans since then for approval.

Jenn Ritchey, Pattern's senior manager of business development, told PDC members changes include: an additional 30 acres of solar panels; a shorter and more direct access road from U.S. 19; and a electric transmission line that runs south to a nearby substation and the grid.

PLANTS

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Gibbs said Duke is considering a number of sites across the state and could not confirm Citrus County is one of them.

"However, the program must still be approved by the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC)," she said. "Therefore, we are not at a point where we have specific sites yet."

Sen. Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, said he would support a solar plant in Citrus County as long as it doesn't hike customers' energy bills and they are built efficiently.

"I would like to see them built in the most efficient places and if that's Citrus County, then yes," Simpson said.

Solar energy, he said, is becoming a cost-effective alternative energy source

"At first glance, this looks like an attractive proposal," Josh Wooten, president/CEO of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, said. "Clean energy is the way of the future. If it's affordable and fair to utility customers, we can get behind it."

Critics contend the program will have costs and financial risks for the vast majority of Duke customers who will not participate. For example, the bill credits for participants in the program will be financed through money that customers pay to cover power-plant fuel expenses.

"The CEC program as proposed is an inappropriate and fundamentally unfair means to increase solar generation on Duke's grid, and the (Public Service) Commission should accordingly reject Duke's petition," wrote attorneys for the Earthjustice legal group, which is representing the League of United Latin American Citizens in opposing the plan.

Gibbs said the Clean Energy Connection Program is designed to be cost-effective for both participating and nonparticipating customers and will enable Duke Energy Florida customers to support the expansion of solar power.

It helps business and governmental customers meet their sustainability goals — all while lowering bills over time.

With program enrollment, low-income customers will see guaranteed savings on their bill every month, Gibbs said.

Those customers will pay an $8.35 monthly per kW subscription fee and receive a $9.03 monthly per kW bill credit, producing a savings of 68 cents for every kW subscribed, according to Duke.

In this case, a low-income customer subscribing to a 3-kW block will save $2.04 every month, or $24.48 annually.

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Florida quickly approaching 1 million COVID-19 cases

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE — The Florida Department of Health confirmed 6,277 additional cases of COVID-19 on Saturday, bringing the state's known total of cases to 985,297.

The state also confirmed 81 new deaths on Saturday, bring Florida's total during the pandemic to 18,442.

Because of the Thanksgiving Day holiday the state didn't report numbers on Thursday, opting instead to provide a two-day tally of 17,344 on Friday evening. Many testing sites were closed for the holiday.

Hospitalizations related to COVID-19 continued to rise on Saturday morning, with 3,860 confirmed cases in hospitals. That number has steadily risen since October after plateauing at around 2,000 hospitalizations daily for weeks following the summer surge of the virus.

Unlike in the spring and summer, officials have not adopted additional restrictions in Florida to prevent the virus from spreading.

People wait line at a COVID-19 testing site in a park shelter at Crandon Park, Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020, in Miami.
Associated Press

Virus keeps Black Friday crowds thin

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The raging coronavirus pandemic kept crowds thin at malls and stores across the country on Black Friday, but a surge in online shopping offered a beacon of hope for struggling retailers after months of slumping sales and businesses toppling into bankruptcy.

In normal times, Black Friday is the busiest shopping day of the year, drawing millions of people eager to get started on their holiday spending.

But these are not normal times: A spike in coronavirus cases is threatening the economy's fitful recovery from the sudden plunge in the spring. Crowds at stores were dramatically diminished as shoppers shifted online.

Game consoles, cookware, robotic vacuum cleaners, slippers and pajamas were popular among shoppers preparing to spend a lot of time indoors this winter. Many were still eager to get into the holiday spirit and delight their loved ones after a tough year.

Eric Kelly, a boxing gym owner, camped outside a store on Black Friday for the first time in his life, trying to score a PlayStation 5 for his 13-year-old twin sons as a reward for persevering through remote learning during the pandemic.

"They've been away from their friends," said Kelly, who failed to get the console at a GameStop in New York City's Union Square but said he would keep trying online.

Before Black Friday, GameStop teased that it would have a limited supply of the new $500 PlayStation 5 game console for sale only at its stores, in contrast to other retailers that sold it only online.

Kelly said "people were on top of each other" in the line. At a Garden State Plaza mall in Paramus, New Jersey, police monitored a crowd outside a GameStop, but few people kept their distance.

GameStop said it was taking several safety precautions, including contactless pickup.

Many retailers beefed up their safety protocols to reassure wary customers about coming in on Black Friday. But stores also catered to those shopping digitally by moving their doorbuster deals online and ramping up curbside pickup options.

COVID-19: summary for Citrus County

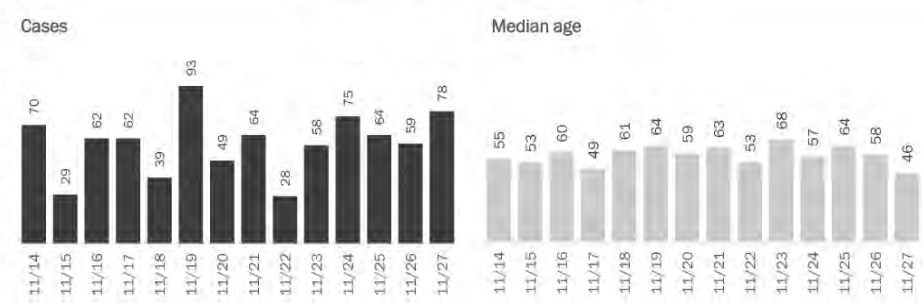
Data through Nov 27, 2020 verified as of Nov 28, 2020 at 09:25 AM

Data in this report are provisional and subject to change.

Cases: people with positive PCR or antigen test result

Total cases	**4,700**
Florida residents	4,677
Non-Florida residents	23
Type of case	
PCR positive	4,468
Antigen positive	209
Gender for Florida residents	
Men	2,084
Women	2,578
Unknown	15
Age for Florida residents	
Range	0 - 100
Median age	54

Cases in Florida residents by date case confirmed



Race, ethnicity	Cases		Hospitalizations		Deaths	
White	3,791	81%	361	88%	144	87%
Hispanic	149	3%	10	2%	3	2%
Non-Hispanic	3,452	74%	336	82%	130	79%
Unknown ethnicity	190	4%	15	4%	11	7%
Black	234	5%	20	5%	5	3%
Hispanic	15	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Non-Hispanic	213	5%	20	5%	5	3%
Unknown ethnicity	6	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Other	308	7%	20	5%	7	4%
Hispanic	64	1%	4	1%	1	1%
Non-Hispanic	221	5%	15	4%	4	2%
Unknown ethnicity	23	0%	1	0%	2	1%
Unknown race	344	7%	11	3%	9	5%
Hispanic	20	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Non-Hispanic	66	1%	0	0%	0	0%
Unknown ethnicity	258	6%	11	3%	9	5%
Total	4,677		412		165	

Outcomes for Florida residents		
Citrus		
Hospitalizations	412	(9% of all cases)
Deaths	165	(4% of all cases)
Statewide		
Hospitalizations	54,591	(6% of all cases)
Deaths	18,442	(2% of all cases)

Cases in facility staff/residents		
Citrus		
Long-term care	831	(18% of all cases)
Correctional	179	(4% of all cases)
Statewide		
Long-term care	56,079	(6% of all cases)
Correctional	25,650	(3% of all cases)

Age group	All cases		New cases (11/27)		Hospitalizations		Deaths	
0-4 years	44	1%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%
5-14 years	162	3%	7	9%	1	0%	0	0%
15-24 years	510	11%	6	8%	4	1%	0	0%
25-34 years	529	11%	14	18%	12	3%	2	1%
35-44 years	491	10%	10	13%	17	4%	0	0%
45-54 years	639	14%	9	12%	38	9%	3	2%
55-64 years	765	16%	10	13%	57	14%	12	7%
65-74 years	716	15%	10	13%	96	23%	39	24%
75-84 years	555	12%	8	10%	120	29%	62	38%
85+ years	265	6%	4	5%	66	16%	47	28%
Unknown	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	4,677		78		412		165	

Hospitalization counts include anyone who was hospitalized at some point during their illness. It does not reflect the number of people currently hospitalized.
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Pope elevates 13 new cardinals then puts them in their place

Nicole Winfield
Associated Press

ROME — Pope Francis raised 13 new cardinals to the highest rank in the Catholic hierarchy Saturday and immediately warned them not to use their titles for corrupt, personal gain, presiding over a ceremony marked from beginning to end by the coronavirus pandemic.

Two new "princes" of the church, from Brunei and the Philippines, didn't make it to Rome because of COVID-19 travel restrictions, though they were shown on giant screens watching it from home in the nearly empty St. Peter's Basilica. Throughout the socially distanced ceremony, which clocked in at an unusually quick 45 minutes, cardinals new and old wore protective masks.

Most removed their masks when they approached a maskless Francis to receive their red hats, but Cardinal Wilton Gregory, the first African-American cardinal, kept his on. Gregory also was one of the only new cardinals who kept his mask on when the group paid a singing courtesy visit to retired Pope Benedict XVI.

During his homily, Francis warned the new cardinals against falling into corruption or using their new rank for personal advancement, saying that just because they have a new title, "Eminence," doesn't mean they should drift from their people.

His comments reflected Francis' constant complaint about the arrogance of the clerical class, as well as his current battles to fight corruption in the Vatican hierarchy.

"Let's think of so many types of corruption in the life of the priesthood," Francis told the new cardinals, deviating from his prepared text. If they think of themselves so grandly, "you won't be pastors close to the people, you'll just be 'Eminence.' And if you feel this way, you'll have strayed off the road," the pope warned.

The ceremony, known as a consistory, is the seventh of Francis' pontificate and once again reflected the Argentine pope's effort to name cardinals from places that have never had them before or whose service to the church he wants to highlight. Nine are under age 80 and eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope, further solidifying the majority of Francis-appointed, voting-age prelates in the College of Cardinals.

Gregory, the new archbishop of Washington, told The Associated Press ahead of the ceremony that he viewed his appointment as "an affirmation of Black Catholics in the United States, the heritage of faith and fidelity that we represent."

Gregory's appointment comes after a year of racial protests in the U.S. sparked by the latest killing of a Black man by a white police officer. Francis has endorsed the protests and cited the American history of racial injustices.

"There is awareness now of the need for racial reconciliation, an awareness that I have not seen at this level and at this intensity before," Gregory said.

Another social justice-minded cardinal is the retired archbishop of Chiapas, Mexico, Cardinal Felipe Arizmendi Esquivel, who has championed the rights of Mexico's indigenous peoples and spearheaded efforts to translate the Bible and liturgical texts into native languages.

Francis visited Chiapas in 2016 and has long championed the rights of indigenous peoples. "That could be one of the reasons (he made me a cardinal) but I can't confirm it," Esquivel said during a Zoom call.

The Vatican's in-house theologian-preacher, Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa, also got a red hat, but he successfully argued against being made a bishop as well, saying at his age - 86 - he couldn't take on the responsibility. He also eschewed a red cassock for Saturday's ceremony, using instead his brown hooded friar's robes covered with a white "rochet" vestment.

After the ceremony, Francis and the new cardinals paid a visit to Benedict, who lives across the Vatican gardens in a converted monastery. Francis, again sans mask, greeted his predecessor warmly. The cardinals greeted Benedict, kissed his hand and sang a prayer as the retired pope, who is 93 and frail, listened. Only Gregory and one other new cardinal kept his mask on during the encounter.

The ceremony took place against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, which erupted in Italy in February and has seen a resurgence this fall. The Vatican is under a modified lockdown, with the Vatican Museums shuttered and Francis' public general audiences cancelled. Instead he holds them in private, livestreamed.

The cardinal candidates and others who came to Rome from afar for Saturday's service were required to undergo 10 days of Vatican-mandated quarantine at the pope's hotel, where meals were brought to their rooms.

Usually, consistories are full of parties and crowds, with days of receptions, Masses and dinners for the new cardinals and their friends. The consistory itself is normally followed by "courtesy visits," where the new cardinals greet well-wishers and the general public from the grandeur of their own reception rooms in the Apostolic Palace or Vatican auditorium. This year, there were no courtesy visits, and each cardinal was given a 10-guest limit.

With Saturday's new cardinals, Francis has named 73 of the 128 voting-age cardinals, compared to 39 for Pope Benedict XVI and 16 for St. John Paul II. While the outcome of a future conclave can never be predicted, it's not a stretch to suggest that a hefty majority of today's electors presumably share the pastoral and doctrinal attitudes of the pope who named them.

The geographical makeup of the College of Cardinals has also shifted under Francis away from Europe, though Europe remains the greatest voting bloc with 53 electors. The Americas - North, Central and South and the Caribbean - together have 37 cardinal electors, even though an estimated 40% of the worlds Catholics live in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Francis has continued the trend of naming cardinals from the "peripheries" of the Catholic Church: Brunei got its first-ever cardinal with the Vatican's ambassador to the country, Cardinal Cornelius Sim.

Rwanda also got its only cardinal with the archbishop of Kigali, Antoine Kambanda, whose family was slaughtered during the Rwandan genocide. Kambanda made the trip to Rome for the ceremony, Sim stayed home due to COVID-19 restrictions.

History's first Jesuit pope has also increased the number of cardinals who belong to religious orders, naming three Franciscans this time around in a year in which the pope, who named himself after St. Francis of Assisi, released an encyclical inspired by the saint's call to fraternity and solidarity with the weakest.

D-I-Y ONLINE CALENDAR

- Local groups are welcome to add their upcoming events to the Chronicle's online community calendar. Here's how:
- Go to www.chronicleonline.com. At the very top of the screen, click on "Submit your news."
- Sign in or create an account.
- Once signed in, click on "Calendar Events" in the left-hand column, then click on "Create an event."
- Fill in all fields — those marked with a red asterisk (*) are required.
- Add photos, if desired, and include all relevant information.
- Click the "Create Event" button at the end.
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Nation BRIEFS

Associated Press

This Nov. 13, 2020, photo provided by Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation shows a handler holding a rescue dog from Georgia in Falls Church, Va. Kim Williams, who volunteers for the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation says he has tapped into a puppy pipeline to bring some of Georgia's homeless pet population to the mid-Atlantic region, where demand is outrunning the number of dogs available for adoption.

Puppy pipeline runs from Georgia northward to adoptive homes

MACON, Ga. — Packed in a dog crate, a 3-year-old boxer mix named Sky took flight earlier this month.

She was one of a half-dozen dogs who got the ride of their lives flying from Macon, Georgia, to new homes in Virginia.

GEORGIA

Kim Williams, who volunteers for the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation of Arlington, Virginia, tells WMAZ-TV he has tapped into a puppy pipeline to bring some of Georgia's homeless pet population to the mid-Atlantic region, where demand is outrunning the number of dogs available for adoption.

"We have had the most incredible outpouring of people in the D.C. suburbs that have a strong desire to rescue dogs and cats during this pandemic," Williams wrote in an email.

Williams, who has family in Macon, met Kristin Reid during one of her visits with relatives.

Reid has a 30-acre horse farm in Forsyth and has rescued some unadoptable dogs from local shelters and tries to foster others to keep them from being euthanized.

Unable to hold fundraisers this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Reid found it difficult to take on more dogs. When she learned the Virginia foundation needed dogs to adopt out, the groups linked up with the Pilots N Paws volunteer pilot group.

Since the onset of COVID-19, the foundation has placed nearly 2,500 dogs in new homes.

Rough rescue: Storms, broken plane force layover for rare turtles

BOSTON — They might have gotten there faster by walking, but at any rate, these endangered turtles had a lot to be thankful for on Thanksgiving.

Bad weather, a damaged propeller and an unscheduled stop in Tennessee complicated the rescue of 30 critically endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles that were among hundreds recently found on the beaches of Cape Cod, stunned and almost killed by falling ocean temperatures.

BOSTON

Volunteers and conservation experts initially took the turtles to the New England Aquarium in Boston and the National Marine Life Center on Buzzards Bay, where they began the long rehabilitation process before being moved to wildlife centers along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

A batch of 30 New Orleans-bound turtles had a harder trip than most.

Their plane left Wednesday but had to change course and refuel twice because of storms and strong winds. A rock kicked up during takeoff after the second refueling, in Chattanooga, damaged the propeller and grounded the plane.

Staff members of the Tennessee Aquarium collected the animals and cared for them overnight. On Thanksgiving, the turtles were loaded onto a shuttle bus borrowed from the airport and driven the rest of the way to New Orleans, arriving on Thanksgiving Day.

The turtles appear to be in good condition at their new home, operated by the Audubon Nature Institute's Coastal Wildlife Network, but they will require significant care before they can be released back into the wild, according to the New England Aquarium.

2 shot, killed at Northern California mall on Black Friday

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Police are looking for a gunman who shot and killed two teens at a Northern California mall in the midst of Black Friday, sending shoppers running for safety, authorities said.

Arden Fair Mall in Sacramento was evacuated shortly after 6 p.m. when shots were fired near one of the mall's entrances, police spokesman Karl Chan said.

CALIFORNIA

A 19-year-old man was found dead at the mall and a 17-year-old boy was found critically wounded at a bank outside of the mall. He was taken to the hospital and succumbed to his injuries several hours later, police told the Sacramento Bee on Saturday.

Workers at the mall said they heard up to a dozen shots.

"Heard a couple of shots go off, didn't really think anything of it," Antwon Martinez said. "And more and more kept going off, so everyone started running toward our back room. ... Everyone just started running."

He said customers and workers evacuated through the corridors and stairways in the back of the mall.

The coronavirus pandemic kept crowds thinner than usual on Black Friday, one of the busiest shopping days of the year, the newspaper reported.

Chan said the shooting appeared to be a targeted and isolated attack, though he didn't disclose the gunman's motive.

— From wire reports

Overseeing inoculations

UK appoints vaccines minister

JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON — The British government appointed a vaccines minister on Saturday as it prepares to inoculate millions of people against the coronavirus, potentially starting within days.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said Conservative lawmaker Nadhim Zahawi will oversee the country's biggest vaccine program in decades.

The U.K. medicines regulator is currently assessing two vaccines — one developed by Pfizer and BioNTech, the other by Oxford University and AstraZeneca — to see if they are safe and effective. The Guardian newspaper reported that hospitals have been told they could receive the first doses of the Pfizer shot the week of Dec. 7, if it receives approval.

The U.K. says frontline health care workers and nursing home residents will be the first to be vaccinated, followed by older people, starting with those over age 80.

Britain has ordered 40 million doses of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine, enough for 20 million people, and 100 million doses of the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine.

In all, the U.K. government has agreed to purchase up to 355 million doses of vaccine from seven different producers, as it prepares to vaccinate as many of the country's 67 million people as possible.

Decisions about which, if any, vaccines to authorize will be made by the independent Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency.

Associated Press

Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson, wearing a mask because of the coronavirus, has a close look at a sample at the Lateral Flow Testing Laboratory during a visit to the Public Health England site at Porton Down science park near Salisbury, southern England, on Friday Nov. 27, 2020.

Biden plans swift moves on rights

DAVID CRARY AND ELANA SCHOR
Associated Press

As vice president in 2012, Joe Biden endeared himself to many LGBTQ Americans by endorsing same-sex marriage even before his boss, President Barack Obama.

Now, as president-elect, Biden is making sweeping promises to LGBTQ activists, proposing to carry out virtually every major proposal on their wish lists. Among them: Lifting the Trump administration's near-total ban on military service for transgender people, barring federal contractors from anti-LGBTQ job discrimination, and creating high-level LGBTQ-rights positions at the State Department, the National Security Council and other federal agencies.

Associated Press

In this Oct. 8, 2019, file photo, protesters gather outside the Supreme Court in Washington where the Supreme Court is hearing arguments in the first case of LGBT rights since the retirement of Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy.

In many cases the measures would reverse executive actions by President Donald Trump, whose administration took numerous steps to weaken protections for transgender people and create more leeway for discrimination against LGBTQ people, ostensibly based on religious grounds.

In a policy document, the Biden campaign said Trump and Vice President Mike Pence "have given hate against LGBTQ+ individuals safe harbor and rolled back critical protections."

Beyond executive actions he can take unilaterally, Biden says his top legislative priority for LGBTQ issues is the Equality Act, passed by the House of Representatives last year but stalled in the Senate. It would extend to all 50 states the comprehensive anti-bias protections already afforded to LGBTQ people in 21 mostly Democratic-governed states, covering such sectors as housing, public accommodations and public services.

Critics, including prominent religious conservatives, say the bill raises religious freedom concerns and could require some faith-based organizations to operate against their beliefs.

World BRIEFS

Associated Press

Youths overturn a construction hut during a demonstration against a security law that would restrict sharing images of police, Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020, in Paris. Civil liberties groups and journalists are concerned that the measure will stymie press freedoms and allow police brutality to go undiscovered and unpunished.

French protesters decry bill outlawing use of police images

PARIS — Tens of thousands of critics of a proposed security law that would restrict the filming of police officers protested across France on Saturday, and officers in Paris who were advised to behave responsibly during the demonstrations repeatedly fired tear gas to disperse rowdy protesters who set fire to France's central bank and threw paving stones.

PARIS

The mood was largely peaceful, however, as dozens of rallies took place against a provision of the law that would make it a crime to publish photos or video of on-duty police officers with the intent of harming their "physical or psychological integrity."

Civil liberties groups, journalists, and people who have faced police abuse are concerned that the measure will stymie press freedoms and allow police brutality to go undiscovered and unpunished.

"We have to broaden the debate, and by doing that, we say that if there were no police violence, we wouldn't have to film violent policemen," Assa Traore, a prominent anti-brutality activist whose brother died in police custody in 2016, told The Associated Press.

She was among at least 46,000 people who packed the sprawling Republique plaza and surrounding streets carrying red union flags, French tricolor flags and homemade signs denouncing police violence, demanding media freedom or calling for the resignation of French President Emmanuel Macron or his tough-talking interior minister, Gerald Darmanin.

Police block Warsaw march against abortion ruling, force use

WARSAW, Poland — Police blocked protesters from marching in Poland's capital as demonstrations took place across the country against an attempt to restrict abortion rights and recent police violence.

Police and protesters played a game of cat and mouse in Warsaw as officers set up cordons which the protesters sought to evade, pushing them to try to regroup elsewhere in the city center.

POLAND

At one point, protest participants gathered on a major thoroughfare, causing traffic to back up. As drivers honked, the protesters shouted: "We are sorry for the inconvenience, we have a government to overthrow."

Police issued warnings that the demonstration was illegal because it had not been registered ahead of time. It also violated a pandemic-related ban on large gatherings.

Officers at one point used tear gas against an opposition lawmaker, Barbara Nowacka, who had been intervening "in defense of peacefully protesting women," Borys Budka, the head of Poland's centrist Civic Platform party, said.

Protesters in the capital began their demonstration by symbolically "renaming" a downtown square to Women's Rights Roundabout. An activist climbed onto a ladder placed upon a van to hang a new street sign over the official one reading Roman Dmowski Roundabout.

Women's rights activists want authorities to formally approve the name change. They say it would honor a movement for equality rather than Dmowski, a statesman who had a key role in helping Poland regain national independence in 1918, but who was also an anti-Semite.

— From wire reports

VETERANS

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27 veterans die in COVID-19 outbreak

Investigation underway at Illinois VA home

Associated Press

LASALLE, Ill. — State officials are investigating a coronavirus outbreak at a veterans nursing home in rural Illinois that has infected nearly 200 residents and staff, and killed 27 veterans.

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker's office and the state's Department of Veterans Affairs are attempting to determine what caused the outbreak at the state-run LaSalle Veterans Home in LaSalle, about 90 miles southwest of Chicago.

The department on Tuesday requested an independent probe into the facility, which was the focus of a state Senate committee virtual hearing on the outbreak.

"The tragedy of what has unfolded at the veterans' home cannot be understated," said state Sen. Sue Rezin, who represents the district where the home is located. "I'm glad that the director has called for an independent investigation and agree that there are lesson to be learned from this terrible outbreak that has claimed the lives of 27 of our nation's heroes."

The current outbreak was identified in late October when a staff member and a resident tested positive for the virus. Since the beginning of November, two-thirds of residents and employees have tested positive, according to the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs.

"November 4th, there were only four cases of COVID within the home," Rezin said Monday. "Very quickly within the past 20 days, we've had almost 200 cases."

Dr. Avery Hart, a consultant for the state's Public Health department, said at the hearing that all 16 long-term care facilities in LaSalle County have had outbreaks.

"It is no coincidence that cases within the home began to rise just as cases rose dramatically within the surrounding community," Veterans Affairs Director Linda Chapa LaVia testified Tuesday at the hearing.

State officials have increased staff testing at the facility, and the governor said an infection control team was sent to the home. As of Tuesday morning, 40 of 101 residents and 24 staff members had tested positive for the virus.

Also Tuesday, the state's health director said Illinois will receive far fewer doses of the COVID-19 vaccine than originally estimated. Dr. Ngozi Ezike told reporters that she expects the state to receive about 80,000 initial doses instead of the 400,000 doses that Illinois officials had anticipated, pending FDA approval of the vaccines.

She also said she still expects health care and emergency workers who could come into direct contact with coronavirus patients to be vaccinated first.

Veterans NOTES

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

NEW THIS WEEK

Female Veterans Network preparing for monument delivery

For the past three years, the Female Veterans Network (FVN) has been fundraising to erect a monument honoring all female veterans.

Members are excited to announce that the monument is soon to become a reality and will be located in front of the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum in Inverness.

The monument is currently being engraved and is expected to be completeted in the next six weeks. A dedication date is yet to be set.

The FVN will announce a dedication date as soon as it is scheduled.

For updates or for more information, contact Cynthia at cynthia@femaleveteransnetwork.org or 352-628-6481.

Community invited to wreath ceremony honoring veterans

To honor all veterans at the outset of the Christmas season, Citrus County veterans and civic organizations will undertake the placement of lighted Christmas wreaths on the

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Riding for wreaths

JULIE MANCINI/For the Chronicle

JT and Sonia Mare of South Dakota along with their dog Stain, depart Nov. 21 from Crystal Harley-Davidson, participating in the American Legion Chapter 237's fourth annual Wreaths Across America Benefit Run. About 100 riders participated in the event, which is held to raise funds for wreaths to be placed on the graves of fallen heroes at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell during the holiday season.

About 100 motorcycle riders participated in the fourth annual Wreaths Acoss America Benefit Run, hosted Nov. 21 by American Legion Chapter 237. The event is held each year to raise funds for holiday wreaths to be placed on the graves of fallen veterans at the Florida National Cemetery.

ABOVE: With several patches sewn on his vest indicating his participation in past Wreaths Across America events, Chuck Andrew mans the registration table at Crystal Harley–Davidson on Nov. 21.

A motorcycle belonging to a Marine Corps Veteran sits parked in front of Crystal Harley-Davidson in Homosassa on Nov. 21 before the annual Wreaths Across America Benefit Ride.

Artist Scott Berosik applies pin-striping to a motorcycle during the staging of the ride on Nov. 21. Berosik was one of about 20 vendors who set up the morning of the ride at Crystal Harley-Davidson.

Veterans GROUPS

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

American Legion

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

■ American Legion, Beverly Hills Memorial Post 237, 6726 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills. Visit

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- Submit information for the Veterans page at least two weeks before the event.
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SUNDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 29, 2020

C: Comcast, Citrus S: Spectrum D/I: Comcast, Dunnellon & Inglis F: Oak Forest H: Holiday Heights

	C	S	D/I	F	H	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
2 WESH NBC	19		19			News	News	Football Night in America '14'			NFL Football Chicago Bears at Green Bay Packers. (N)						News
3 WEDU PBS	3	3		14	6	Frontline 'PG'	Frontline Development of the Gospels. 'PG' (DVS)			Masterpiece: 50 Fabulous Years! (N) (In Stereo) 'G'			Josh Groban: An Evening of Harmony (In Stereo) 'G'			Suze Orman's Ultimate Retirement	
5 WUFT PBS	5		5			Suze Orman's Ultimate Retirement Guide				Masterpiece 50 Fabulous			Josh Groban Evening			Memory Rescue	
8 WFLA NBC	8	8	8	8	8	News	Nightly News	Football Night in America (N) (In Stereo Live) '14'			NFL Football Chicago Bears at Green Bay Packers. (N) (In Stereo Live)						NewsChannel 8
9 WFTV ABC	20	7	20			News	World News	Prep-Landing	Prep & Landing	Supermarket Sweep (N) (In Stereo) 'PG'		Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N) 'PG'		Card Sharks "211" (N) (In Stereo) 'PG'		News Sunday	Spo Night on 9
10 WTSP CBS	10	10	10	10	10	NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at Tampa Bay Buccaneers. (N)			60 Minutes (N) (In Stereo)		Neighborhood	★★★ ***"Coming to America"*** (1988) Eddie Murphy. An African prince and his royal sidekick come to Queens.					10 Tampa Bay
13 WTVT FOX	13	13		13	13	FOX13 6:00 News (In Stereo)			Bob's Burgers	The Simpsons	Ice Age: Christmas	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy '14'	FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo)		FOX13 11:00 News (N) (In Stereo)	
20 WCJB ABC			11			WCJB T	ABC	Landing	Prep &	Supermarket Sweep		Who Wants to Be		Card Sharks (N) 'PG'		WCJB T	Gone Vi
22 WCLF IND	2	2	2	22	22	Joseph Prince	Empowered Life	Real Life 'G'	Great Awakening, Rodney, Browne		Love a Child 'G'	Billy Graham	Jewish Jesus 'G'	Mark T. Barclay	Jesse Duplantis	Global-Crisis	The Great Awake
24 WYKE FAM	16	16	16		15	Bible Say?	Nature Coast	YTA Movie of the Week					YTA Movie of the Week			Vegas Unveiled: A Virtual Vegas	
28 WFTS ABC	11	11		11	11	ABC Action News	World News	Prep-Landing	Prep & Landing	Supermarket Sweep (N) (In Stereo) 'PG'		Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N) 'PG'		Card Sharks "211" (N) (In Stereo) 'PG'		ABC Action News	The Race
32 WMOR IND	12	12		5		Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Nightwatch "Full Moon Rising" '14'		Dateline "Deadly Deceit" '14'		Soledad O'Brien	Greta Van Susteren
38 WTTA MNT	6	6	6	9	9	Funny	Funny	FamFeud	FamFeud	NewsChannel 8		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Murdoch Mysteries		Born Ride	Feel
40 WACX TBN	21		21			In Touch		Rejoice in the Lord		Divine	Bill W.	Barclay	Chris	Jentezen	Jim Raley	Paula	Paid Prg.
44 WTOG CW	4	4	4	12	12	Mike & Molly '14'	Mike & Molly '14'	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	Pandora (N) (In Stereo) 'PG'		The Outpost "Dying Is Painful" (N) '14'		NCIS: New Orleans '14' (DVS)		NCIS: New Orleans "Survivor" '14'	
50 WVEA UNI	15	15	15	15	14	Política	Noticiero	Aquí y ahora (N)		Tu cara me suena (N)					Sal	María	Noticiero
51 WOGX FOX			13	7	7	FOX 51 News		Simpsons	Burgers	Simpsons	Ice Age	Burgers	Fam. Guy	FOX 51 News		TMZ (N) 'PG'	
66 WXPX ION		17				***"A Christmas P"***		***"A Royal Christmas Engagement"*** (2020)				***"A Christmas in Royal Fashion"*** (2018)				***"Best Christma"***	
A&E	54	48	54	25	27	★★★ ***"Back to the Future Part III"*** 'PG'		★★★½ ***"Back to the Future"*** (1985, Comedy) Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd. (In Stereo) 'PG'				★★★ ***"Back to the Future Part II"*** (1989, Comedy) Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd. (In Stereo) 'PG'					
ACCN		99				College Basketball Teams TBA.				Women's College Basketball Teams TBA.				Women's College Basketball Teams TBA.			
AMC	55	64	55			★★★ ***"Twister"*** (1996, Action) Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton, Cary Elwes. 'PG-13'				Fear the Walking Dead 'MA'		The Walking Dead: World Beyond "The Deepest Cut; In This Life" Everything is cast in a new light. 'MA'					Walking Dead
ANI	52	35	52	19	31	North Woods Law (In Stereo) 'PG'		North Woods Law (In Stereo) 'PG'		North Woods Law: Protect and Preserve		North Woods Law (N) (In Stereo) 'PG'		Moonshiners "Hush Money" '14'		Moonshiners Tickle bootlegs at night. '14'	
BET	96	71	96			BET Star Cinema		2020 Soul Train Awards Pre-Show (N)		2020 Soul Train Awards (N) '14'				DJ Cassidy's	2020 Soul Train Awards '14'		
BIGTEN	742	809				To Be Announced				B1G Football in 60 From Nov. 28, 2020.		The Final Drive		B1G Football in 60 (N)		The Final Drive	
BRAVO	254	51	254			Housewives-Atlanta		Housewives		Housewives		Housewives/Potomac			Chat	Housewives	
CC	27	61	27		33	★ ***"Joe Dirt"*** (2001, Comedy) David Spade, Dennis Miller, Brittany Daniel. 'PG-13'				★★ ***"50 First Dates"*** (2004, Romance-Comedy) Adam Sandler. 'PG-13'				Dunham		South Park 'MA'	
CMT	98	45	98	28	37	★★½ ***"Overboard"*** (1987) Goldie Hawn. An amnesiac millionairess is duped by a cunning carpenter. 'PG'					★★½ ***"Look Who's Talking"*** (1989, Comedy) John Travolta. 'PG-13'					★★★ ***"Ferris Bueller's Day Off"*** (1986) Matthew Broderick.	
CNN	40	29	40	41	46	CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		This Is Life		This Is Life		State of the Union	
ESPN	33	27	33	21	17	College Basketball		ESPN Documentaries		MLS Soccer				ESPN Documentaries		SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2	37	28	34	43	49	College Basketball			Basket	College Basketball				World of X Games		Formula 1 Racing	
FBN	106	149	106	99	41	Maria Bartiromo		Lou Dobbs Tonight		America vs. China		History of Socialism		Return: Apollo 13		Maria Bartiromo	
FLIX		118	170			***"The 'Burbs"***	★★ ***"The Money Pit"*** (1986, Comedy) Tom Hanks. 'PG'			★★★★ ***"Tootsie"*** (1982, Comedy) Dustin Hoffman, Teri Garr. (In Stereo) 'PG'				★★ ***"Ishtar"*** (1987, Comedy) Warren Beatty. (In Stereo) 'PG-13'			
FNC	44	37	44		32	Fox Report		Fox News Sunday		Life, Liberty & Levin		The Next Revolution		Greg Gutfeld		Life, Liberty & Levin	
FOOD	26	56	26			Guy's Games		Guy's Games		Holiday Wars (N) 'G'		Candy Land (N) 'G'		Buddy vs. Christmas		Holiday Baking	
FREEFORM	29	52	29	20	28	★★★½ ***"The Incredibles"*** (2004, Children's) Voices of Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter. (In Stereo) 'PG'					★★★½ ***"Incredibles 2"*** (2018) Voices of Craig T. Nelson. Animated. Elastigirl battles a mad cybercriminal called Screenslaver.						***"The Goonies"***
FS1	732	112	732			Basket	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N)				PBC	World Poker Tour (N)		World Poker Tour (N)		World Poker Tour (N)	
FSNFL	35	39	35			College Basketball				World Poker		Shogun Fights (N)		World Poker		World Poker	
FX	30	60	30		51	★★ ***"Venom"*** (2018) Tom Hardy. (In Stereo) 'PG-13'			★★½ ***"Halloween"*** (2018) Jamie Lee Curtis. Laurie Strode faces a showdown with killer Michael Myers. 'R'					Fargo "Storia Americana" 'MA'		Fargo "Storia Americana" 'MA'	
GOLF	727	67	727			European PGA Golf				Wom. Golf				Feherty '14'		Feherty 'PG'	
HALL	59	68	39	45	54	***"Christmas Waltz"*** (2020, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Will Kemp. 'NR'				***"If I Only Had Christmas"*** (2020) Candace Cameron Bure. Premiere. 'NR'				***"Christmas Town"*** (2019, Romance) Candace Cameron Bure, Tim Rozon. 'NR'			
HBO	302	201	302	2	2	★★½ ***"The Fast and the Furious"***		★★ ***"2 Fast 2 Furious"*** (2003, Action) Paul Walker, Tyrese. (In Stereo) 'PG-13'				The Undoing "The Bloody Truth" 'MA'		Murder on Middle Beach (N) 'MA'		The Undoing "The Bloody Truth" 'MA'	
HBO2	303	202	303			The Undoing "Do No Harm" 'MA'		The Undoing "See No Evil" 'MA'		The Undoing "Trial by Fury" 'MA'		★★½ ***"We Bought a Zoo"*** (2011, Children's) Matt Damon. (In Stereo) 'PG'				★★★ ***"Dirty Dancing"*** (1987) 'PG-13'	
HGTV	23	57	23	42	52	Fixer Upper 'G' (DVS)		Fixer Upper 'G'		Renovation Inc "Episode 1" (N)		Renovation Inc "Facing the Lions"		Home Town "Leaving the Nest" 'G'		Home Town 'G' (DVS)	
HIST	51	54	51	32	42	The Food That Built America 'PG'		American Pickers 'PG' (DVS)		American Pickers 'PG' (DVS)		American Pickers "Motor Mania" 'PG'		American Pickers 'PG' (DVS)		American Pickers 'PG' (DVS)	
LIFE	24	38	24		21	***"Christmas Unwrapped"*** (2020, Drama) Amber Stevens West. 'NR'				***"People Presents: Once Upon a Main Street"*** (2020) Vanessa Lachey. 'NR'				***"Feliz NaviDAD"*** (2020) Mario Lopez. A single father finds romance during the holidays.			
LMN	119	50	119			***"Killer Grandma"*** (2018, Suspense) Kelly Sullivan, Nana Visitor. 'NR'				***"Psycho Sister-in-Law"*** (2020, Suspense) Andrea Bowen. Premiere. 'NR'				***"Deranged Granny"*** (2020, Suspense) Wendie Malick, Amanda Righetti. 'NR'			
MSNBC	42	41	42			American Voices		American Voices		Week-Johnson		Week-Johnson		American Voices		Week-Johnson	

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NBCSN	448	26	730			Premiership Rugby Teams TBA.		Lucas Oil Motorsports (N)		The National Dog Show More than 500 dogs compete. (In Stereo)				The National Dog Show Dogs vie to be named Best in Show. (In Stereo) 'PG'			
NGEO	109	65	109			Inside Solitary Confinement: Redeemed		Russia's Toughest Prisons '14, V'		World's Most Dangerous Gang		World's-Dangerous Drug: Super Meth		Surviving Maximum Security: Back Inside		Inside Cocaine Wars: Cartel	
NICK	28	36	28	35	25	Danger	Danger	All-Star Nickmas		Top Elf 'G'		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
OWN	125	24	103			Iyanla, Fix My Life		20/20: Homicide		20/20: Homicide		20/20: Homicide		20/20: Homicide		20/20: Homicide	
OXY	123	44	123			Snapped (N) 'PG'		Real Murders		Real Murders		Killer Siblings '14'		Killer Siblings '14'		Snapped 'PG'	
PARMT	37	43	37	27	36	★★★ ***"A League of Their Own"*** (1992)		★★½ ***"The Proposal"*** (2009) Sandra Bullock. A woman pretends to be engaged to evade deportation.					★★½ ***"The Proposal"*** (2009) Sandra Bullock. A woman pretends to be engaged to evade deportation.				
SEC	745	72				College Football Arkansas vs Missouri. From Faurot Field in Columbia, Mo.						College Football Mississippi State at Ole Miss. From Vaught-Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, Miss.					
SHOW	340	241	340			Shameless "Order Room Service" 'MA'		Shameless "Survival of the Fittest" 'MA'		The Reagans "The Great Undoing" 'PG'		***"My Psychedelic Love Story"*** (2020) Premiere. 'NR'			Moonbase 8	The Reagans "The Great Undoing" 'PG'	
SUN	36	31	36			America-Races	World of Waves	Chad Hoover	Sport Fishing	Sportsman	Dreamboat	Best Boat Florida	Sport Fishing	Silver Kings 'G'	Reel Animals 'G'	O'Neill Outside	Kayak Fishing
SYFY	31	59	31	26	29	★★★ ***"Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2"*** (2017) Chris Pratt. The team unravels the mystery of Peter Quill's parentage. 'PG-13'						★★★ ***"Ant-Man"*** (2015, Action) Paul Rudd. Ant-Man uses his shrinking skills to battle Yellowjacket. 'PG-13'				Movie Show	
TBS	49	23	49	16	19	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	The Flight Attendant		***Transfrmr***
TCM	169	53	169	30	35	★★★ ***"Running on Empty"*** (1988, Drama) Christine Lahti, River Phoenix. 'PG-13'				★★★ ***"Indiscreet"*** (1958, Romance-Comedy) Cary Grant. 'NR'				★★½ ***"That Touch of Mink"*** (1962, Romance-Comedy) Cary Grant, Doris Day. 'NR'			
TDC	53	34	53	24	26	Alaska: The Last Frontier Exposed (N)		Alaska: The Last Frontier Exposed (N)		Alaska: The Last Frontier (N) (In Stereo) '14'				Building Off the Grid (In Stereo) 'G'		Building Off the Grid (In Stereo) 'G'	
TLC	50	46	50	29	30	90 Day: Other		90 Day: Other		90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way 'PG'				I Love a Mama's Boy		90 Day: Other	
TMC	350	261	350			★★★ ***"Boiler Room"*** (2000, Drama) Giovanni Ribisi, Vin Diesel. (In Stereo) 'R'				★★ ***"Angels & Demons"*** (2009) Tom Hanks. Robert Langdon confronts an ancient brotherhood. 'PG-13'						★★ ***"Larry Crowne"*** (2011) Tom Hanks. 'PG-13'	
TNT	48	33	48	31	34	★★★ ***"Wonder Woman"*** (2017, Action) Gal Gadot, Chris Pine. 'PG-13' (DVS)				★★ ***"Suicide Squad"*** (2016, Action) Will Smith. Armed supervillains unite to battle a powerful entity. 'PG-13'						★★ ***"Suicide Squad"*** (2016) Will Smith. 'PG-13' (DVS)	
TOON	38	58	38	33		***"LEGO Batman"***		★★½ ***"The LEGO NINJAGO Movie"*** 'PG'				American	American	Fam. Guy		Fam. Guy	Rick
TRAV	9	106	9		44	Monsters-Myst.		Monsters-Myst.		Monsters Atta.		Survivorman: Bigfoot (N) 'PG'				Bigfoot Is Real '14'	
truTV	25	55	25	98	55	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Videos	Jokers
TVL	32	49	32	34	24	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two and a Half Men		Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
USA	47	32	47	17	18	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'	
WE	117	69	117			Law & Order "Good Faith" '14'		Law & Order "Bling" (In Stereo) '14'		Law & Order "Fallout" '14'		Law & Order Former sexual predator. '14'		Law & Order "Over Here" '14'		Law & Order "The Family Hour" '14'	
WGN-A	18	18	18	18	20	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation	

Annie gives advice

DEAR ANNIE

Dear Annie: What advice would you share for families who are grappling with members who have differing opinions about what is considered safe behavior for COVID-19 and protocols for how to interact over the holidays?

Since the start of the pandemic, my older sister and her husband have had a very laissez-faire approach to their safety, refusing to wear masks, limiting time with others indoors and in public places, and to socially distance, saying the virus is here and we all just have to learn to live with it.

Although it is their prerogative how they choose to behave within their bubble, as my sister continues to participate in high-risk activities, she also demands that other people in our family disregard their own level of comfort and safety to interact with them and their young daughter in person, including our mother, who is nearly 70.

When we ask her to limit activities or enforce basic guidelines like delaying scheduling family time after they participate in high-risk activities — such as attending a large wedding or planning to host visitors from overseas in their home — my sister lashes out at my mother for making such requests.

Over the past several months, my mom has maintained her level of comfort and safety most of the time, but she'll eventually get worn down by my sister's guilt trips and silent treatment and will see them in person anyway.

As my mom tried to make a schedule to alternate between families to show fair and equal time around the holidays, my sister reacted and has somehow positioned herself as the victim in the situation.

Besides dropping our own level of safety and comfort to align with her high-risk lifestyle, which we will not do because of my older son's health risks, how would you suggest families like ours navigate this situation? Please help. — **Frustrated Brother**

Dear Frustrated Brother: Families like yours all across the world have to remind themselves that this is temporary. If you don't feel comfortable seeing your sister and her family, or if your mother's behavior — forced by your sister — makes you nervous, then don't see them for the time being. Remind yourself that, if you peek below the surface of your anger and frustration at your mother and sister's family, it comes from an incredible love for them and their safety. Best of luck to you and your family during this time, and stay safe.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

Today's MOVIES

LOCAL THEATER INFORMATION

Regal Cinema on State Road 44 in Inverness and Regal Cinema in Crystal River are closed until further notice.

VALERIE THEATRE CULTURAL CENTER

NOTE THAT COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE.

Valerie Theatre, Inverness; 352-341-7850

"Christmas In Connecticut" (NR) Nov. 29, 3 p.m.
"The Pink Panther" (NR) Nov. 30, 1 p.m.
"Home Alone" (PG) Dec. 1, 4 p.m.
"Life Animated" (PG) Dec. 2, 1 p.m.

Sunday PUZZLER

ACROSS
1 City on Lake Titicaca (2 wds.)
6 Ort
11 Palm tree
16 Italian explorer
21 Priest's vestment
22 Sporty car
23 — longhorn
24 Fiber plant
25 Lists
26 Hearsay
27 Command
28 Pertaining to the kidneys
29 Conceit
30 Cake part
32 Pickle flavoring
34 Tiny Tom?
36 Everybody
37 Learning by repetition
39 Peruse
41 Lane of "Superman"
43 Timetable abbr.
44 Drama
45 Coated, as with flour
48 Greek letter
50 Otherwise
52 Sheriffs' stars
55 Essays of —
57 — avis
59 Shed (Hyph.)
63 Monstrous ones
64 Secret
66 Formal disavowal
68 Parched
69 Smoke conduit
70 "Go team!"
72 Jersey
73 Seuss and Dre
74 Ribbed fabric
75 Mardi —
76 Abductor of Helen
78 Tip
79 Melt together
80 Had a taste for
82 Go very quickly
83 Leg part
85 Stupefy with drink
86 Mournful
87 Dessert tray item
88 Literary collection
89 Mauna —
90 Burn
93 The Pentateuch
95 Blue- — law
96 Manage
100 Arrived
101 Distress letters
102 Rot
104 Think over
105 Geller the illusionist
106 Yoko —
107 Malice
109 — de mer
110 Military post
111 High-fiber food
112 Magical place
115 Specify
117 Talk on and on
118 Pea or bean
119 Soil
121 Bill of fare
122 Thwarted
123 Neeson or Hemsworth
125 Shut loudly
127 Like a golf ball
129 Room divider
132 — Holliday
134 Clapton or Cartman
136 Antitoxins
137 Lab burner
141 Time
142 Cousin to an org.
144 Complain
146 At hand
148 Pole
149 Very important
151 Big hit
153 Clio's sister
155 Prize
157 Upper crust
158 Not of this world
159 Tooth
160 Hoist
161 Fender mishaps
162 Walks
163 Post or Dickinson
164 Lazy fellow

DOWN
1 Subsequently
2 Chum from Cuba
3 Airman
4 Mere show
5 Piquancy
6 Long harangue
7 Fearless
8 Peculiar
9 Footless animal
10 Danger
11 Artist's studio
12 Roulette bet
13 Sign on a door
14 Hidden supply
15 Shrewd
16 Food class, for short
17 Honest —
18 Commonplace
19 City in Florida
20 Headcount
31 Angers
33 High toss
35 Wild duck
38 Moved slowly
40 Search (with "into")
42 Sun
44 Earthy fuel
46 Legal matter
47 Expire
49 War god
51 Denomination
52 Kind of game or meeting
53 Concur
54 Falls in drops
56 Adorn
58 Goddess of wisdom
60 Spider's nest
61 Trunk
62 Start
64 Dressed
65 — Heel State
67 Skating venue
69 Mertz or MacMurray
71 That guy's
75 Former student, for short
76 Beg
77 Unsteady
79 Tricky act
81 — of Wight
82 Evergreen tree
84 Every
85 Treat for Fido
87 Of the mail
89 Misplaced
90 Disapproving look
91 Umiak
92 In the company of
93 Work
94 Garment edge
95 Oregon's capital
96 Remedy
97 Not urban
98 Deliver a speech
99 Wrinkled
101 Stretches out
103 Bounder
104 Massive
107 Partly (Prefix)
108 Slaughter of baseball
110 End
111 Wife-to-be
113 Drab
114 Valley
116 Provided a meal to
117 Edgar Allan —
120 Walks in a parade
122 Pennant
124 Flowerless plants
126 Farrow the actress
128 Religious home
129 Signaled a certain way
130 Nimble
131 Admit (2 wds.)
133 Orbiting object
135 — brulée
138 Follow
139 Scandinavian
140 Snake
142 English festivals
143 Concern
145 School dance, for short
147 Mata —
150 Courtroom fig.
152 Drink
154 — Pasha
156 Soft mass

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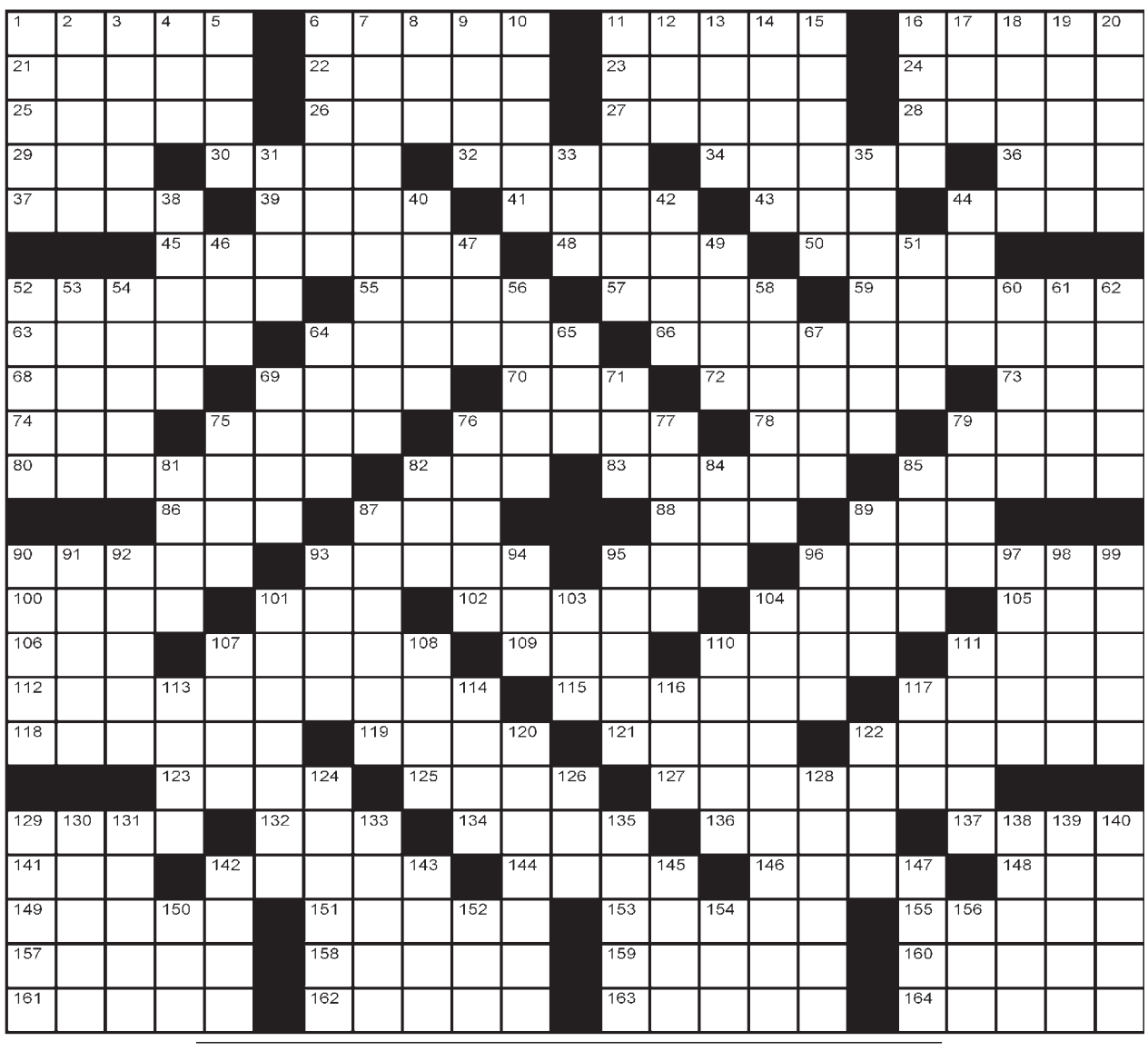

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■ Allen-Rawls American Legion Post 77 and Auxiliary Unit 77, 4375 Little Al Point, off Arbor Street in Inverness.

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

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

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

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

■ Arnold Vern Allen American Legion Post 166 meets monthly. Call 352-765-3949 or email americanlpost166@gmail.com. American Legion Post 166 is located at 4520 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa. The post is open from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

● The Sons of the Legion meets the first Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

● Post 166 meets the second Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

● The Auxiliary meets the third Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

● The Legion Riders meet the fourth Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars

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

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

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

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

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

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monuments located in front of the historic Citrus County Courthouse in Inverness. This event will begin at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, to honor all veterans at this special time of the year — especially those who did not make it home to their families for Christmases past.

Continued community support honoring the sacrifices of those not to be forgotten will be provided by representatives of the American Legion of Foreign Wars, the Inverness Sertoma, Military of the Purple Heart, Marine Corps league No. 819, and 1139, the Citrus Korean War veterans association, the Nature Coast Young Marines, Female Veterans Network, Fleet Reserve, Citrus Veterans Coalition, Citrus Disabled American Veterans Association and Operation Welcome Home.

Veterans and families supporting veterans are encouraged to plan to attend.

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Rushing TDs for Buffalo's Jaret Patterson on Saturday, tying the single-game D-I record, to go along with 409 rushing yards.

Jaret Patterson

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Chiefs expect Bucs to be at best

Brady looking to shake off slump

FRED GOODALL
AP sports writer

TAMPA — The Kansas City Chiefs aren't buying all the talk about Tom Brady's struggles. They insist he's still playing at a high level and will have to be at their best to beat the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The reigning Super Bowl champions (9-1) visit the Bucs (7-4) on Sunday, with Patrick Mahomes facing Brady for the fourth time in his young career and Brady looking to shrug off a couple of subpar performances against playoff contenders.

"You can't take anything away from Tom Brady. He's still very smart, he's still trying to throw the ball downfield, he still has the weapons. We'll have our hands full," Chiefs safety Tyrann Mathieu said.

"He's played against our system a number of times, even going back to New England," Mathieu added. "He's familiar with us. Now we have to get familiar with him and the weapons he has."

Brady won two of the previous three matchups against Mahomes, including an overtime thriller in the AFC championship game two seasons ago.

The six-time Super Bowl champion played poorly in home losses to New Orleans and the Los Angeles Rams two of the past three weeks. Still, Kansas City coach Andy Reid cautioned against anyone writing off the 43-year-old quarterback.

Despite Brady's recent struggles, particularly on deep passes, the Bucs have already matched their victory total from all of last season and remain in prime position to end a 12-year playoff drought that's the second longest in the NFL.

"He's unbelievable. He's a great player, a Hall of Fame player. We're lucky enough to have a chance to be in this era where we get to play him," Reid said.

"He's old, and it's hard to tell he's old," Reid added. "And that's a tribute to how he takes care of himself, and the care and living he does all the way around, from diet to workout to everything."

The Chiefs have won five straight, the eighth consecutive year they've had a streak at least that long.

Associated Press

Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady (12) reacts as he leaves the field after throwing an interception to Los Angeles Rams strong safety Jordan Fuller during the second half of a game Monday, Nov. 23, 2020, in Tampa.

They avenged their lone loss last week a 35-31 victory at Las Vegas, with Mahomes throwing for 348 yards and two TDs.

Mahomes, who's thrown for just over 312 yards per game with 14 TDs and one interception during Kansas City's winning streak, was as surprised as anyone that Brady

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Closer to clinching

Associated Press

Florida tight end Kyle Pitts (84) scores a touchdown during a game against Kentucky in Gainesville, Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020.

Pitts scores 3 TDs in his return, No. 6 Florida tops Kentucky 34-10

MARK LONG
AP sports writer

GAINESVILLE — Kyle Pitts was feeling a little jittery before his first game in three weeks.

His chest "got hot" and his heart started beating fast. Once he stepped on the field and saw one-on-one coverage, his eyes had to widen as well.

Pitts scored three touchdowns in his return from a concussion and a broken nose — all on perfect passes from Heisman Trophy front-runner Kyle Trask — and No. 6 Florida overcame a sluggish start to beat Kentucky 34-10 Saturday in the Swamp.

The Gators (7-1) avenged a home loss to the Wildcats (3-6) two years ago and put themselves on the verge of returning to the Southeastern Conference championship game for the first time since 2016. Pitts and Trask look every bit ready for the big stage.

"It was just getting back in the groove and playing how I've been playing," Pitts said.

The junior tight end missed the last 10 quarters following a vicious hit against Georgia that knocked his helmet so sideways that his face mask fractured his septum. He had surgery and sat out two full games. Trask wasted little time reconnecting with his favorite and most talented target.

They misfired on Florida's opening down but Trask found Pitts for a 56-yard touchdown four plays later. Pitts ran away from starting cornerback Kelvin Joseph on the score.

"He causes a lot of mismatches for defenses and chaos in the back end trying to guard him," Trask said.

Pitts now has 11 touchdowns in 5 1/2 games.

"He's such a dynamic playmaker," coach Dan Mullen said. "He can turn some smaller gains into some pretty explosive, big plays. I think he does an amazing job of doing that. He creates matchup problems for you. He's hard to deal with one on one, and if you get him one on one, we can take advantage of it."

Trask's three TD passes gave him 34 on the season, moving him past 2007 Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow and into a tie for third on the school's single-season list. Only Danny Wuerffel (39 in 1996, 35 in 1995) is ahead of him. Rex Grossman also threw 34 in 2001.

Trask did break one of Wuerffel's records Saturday. He became the first player in school history with at least three TD passes in eight consecutive games, topping Wuerffel's mark of seven set in 1996.

Trask is on pace to pass Wuerffel for TDs, too, and it could happen in his final two regular-season games. More importantly for Trask and the Gators, though, is clinching the East with a victory at Tennessee next week.

"The sky's the limit," Trask said. "We have huge goals for this team."

The Wildcats (3-6) kept Florida's high-scoring offense in check for the first half, thanks partly to a fumble and a dropped third-down pass.

Kadarius Toney turned the game by taking advantage of a huge mistake by All-American punter Max Duffy. Kicking from their own 10-yard line, the Wildcats called for a kick left, but Duffy shanked it right.

Kentucky's coverage unit surrounded Xzavier Henderson on one side while Toney caught the ball on the other with no one around him. He went untouched for a 50-yard score that put the Gators up 14-10 with 42 seconds left.

"We didn't execute good enough. We didn't coach good enough. Tough loss,"

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FSU game called off yet again

Outbreak may jeopardize season for Ohio State

MITCH STACY
AP sports writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State officials say they are unsure when the team can practice again, let alone play next week at Michigan State, after an outbreak of COVID-19 put the third-ranked Buckeyes' Big Ten title hopes in danger.

"I have no clue what this afternoon or tomorrow will bring or next week will bring," athletic director Gene Smith said Saturday.

Three more college football games across the country were canceled or postponed Saturday, including Florida State hosting Virginia. For the second straight week, the Seminoles had their home game called off hours before kickoff and after their opponent had already traveled to Tallahassee, Florida.

Last week the issue was Clemson and Florida State not agreeing on whether the game should be played after a Tigers player who was positive for COVID-19 traveled with the team to Florida.

This week, one positive test for a Florida State player returned Saturday morning led to contact tracing that left the Seminoles with only 44 scholarship players.

"We deeply regret that many Florida State and Virginia fans have already traveled to the game as well as Virginia's team," Florida State athletic director David Coburn said. "We simply had no way of knowing we would not be playing until this morning. We made every effort to play, but we could not do so in a way that was safe for the players."

Ohio State canceled its Saturday game at Illinois on Friday night. Across college football, 19 of the 58 games originally scheduled for this week were called off because of COVID-19 issues.

The Buckeyes' disruption could be the most significant, impacting the Big Ten and national championship race.

If Ohio State (4-0) cannot play

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Jones, No. 1 Bama roll past No. 22 Auburn

Clemson, QB Lawrence throttle Pitt

Associated Press

TUSCLAOOSA, Ala. — Once the Iron Bowl kicked off, Nick Saban was just another passionate, heavily invested fan who was powerless to help his team win.

His team still won — big.

Mac Jones passed for 302 yards and a career-high five touchdowns, highlighted by two long ones to DeVonta Smith, and No. 1 Alabama rolled over rival No. 22 Auburn 42-13 on Saturday without Saban.

The Crimson Tide (8-0, No. 1 playoff rankings) continued a dominating march through a schedule of all-Southeastern Conference games even minus its six-time national champion coach on the sideline.

Saban tested positive for COVID-19 on Wednesday and watched the game feed from home, witnessing the usual array of big plays with offensive coordinator Steve Sarkisian running the show.

Saban said his staff "did a marvelous job."

"Sark did a nice job of managing things, and I sat here and felt a little helpless," he said in a postgame zoom from his home. "I could see things and yell at things and listen to (wife) Miss Terry yell downstairs. It's a little different. It still feels good to win."

The result was much of the same against the Tigers (5-3), who suffered the second-most lopsided loss of Gus Malzahn's coaching tenure. The only bigger margin was Alabama's 52-21 win in the 2018 Iron Bowl.

Associated Press

Alabama running back Najee Harris (22) stiff-arms Auburn linebacker Owen Pappoe (0) during a game Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020, in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

"They're a very, very talented team," Malzahn said. "We knew that. Still we came in here with the mindset that we wanted to win the game. To beat a team like that on the road, you've got to make plays. We didn't do that. We didn't play our best. It's obvious."

Alabama started a string of three straight touchdowns with Jones' 66-yard touchdown to Smith, who was streaking by himself downfield after Auburn defenders bit on a double move. He later added a 58-yard catch and run on a quick slant, sprinting away from the Tigers.

Smith had seven catches for 171 yards. Najee Smith ran for 96 yards, including a 39-yard touchdown, and John Metchie III caught a pair of scoring passes.

"Not having Coach Saban is difficult and obviously he did a great job preparing all of us for a situation like this," Jones said. "It was clear we were prepared for this situation."

Bo Nix passed for 227 yards and ran for a late touchdown for the Tigers, but also threw two interceptions.

"It feels pretty terrible," Nix said. "It's not very fun. It just hurts because of everything that I've put into it, everything that I've done to get to this moment and just come up a lot short. It's an awful feeling, to be honest with you."

Saban, meanwhile, couldn't talk to his team starting 90 minutes before kickoff though he still led the preparation during the week. He spoke to the media in his home's "recruiting room," filled with Alabama memorabilia, including an elephant head on the wall and a pool table with a crimson playing surface.

"That was really hard, especially the fact that I feel great," the 69-year-old said.

No. 4 Clemson 52, Pittsburgh 17

CLEMSON, S.C. — Trevor Lawrence threw for 403 yards and two touchdowns in his first game in five weeks — and likely last one at Death Valley — and Clemson throttled Pittsburgh.

Lawrence hadn't seen the field on game day since beating Syracuse on Oct. 24. He tested positive for the coronavirus the following week and missed Clemson's next two games, including its only loss this season — a 47-40 double OT defeat at No. 2 Notre Dame.

Lawrence led Clemson (8-1, 7-1 Atlantic Coast Conference; No. 3 CFP) a step closer to the league championship game and a likely rematch with the unbeaten Fighting Irish.

Cornell Powell had five catches for 176 yards, including a 43-yard TD catch off a flea-flicker pass from Lawrence. Powell also had an incredible, one-handed grab on a 70-yard pass to the Pitt 5 that set up Chez Mellusi's 2-yard TD run for a 38-3 lead.

The Panthers (5-5, 4-5) were the last team to win at Clemson, 43-42 in 2016. Kenny Pickett threw four interceptions, three in the first eight minutes that all led to Clemson touchdowns.

No. 12 Indiana 27, Maryland 11

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Stevie Scott III had three touchdown runs and Indiana had three interceptions, three sacks and a game-changing safety.

Freshman Tim Baldwin Jr. ran for a season-high 106 yards for the Hoosiers (5-1).

The safety midway through the third quarter gave the Hoosiers a 9-3 lead, and Indiana extended the margin to 17-3 on the ensuring possession. Scott scored on a 1-yard plunge and backup quarterback Jack Tuttle completed his first throw of the day — a 2-point conversion to Peyton Hendershot. Tuttle also led the Hoosiers to two fourth-quarter scores after replacing injured starter Michael Penix Jr.

Maryland (2-2) was coming off a 21-day break stemming from a COVID-19 outbreak that caused the cancellation of two games.

No. 16 Coastal Carolina 49, Texas St. 14

SAN MARCOS. Texas — C.J. Marable ran for 157 yards and three touchdowns and Coastal Carolina wrapped up the Sun Belt Conference East Division title.

The Chanticleers (9-0, 7-0) had 572 yards of offense in extending their winning streak to 10 games. They moved up to the Football Bowl Subdivision three seasons ago.

Texas State (2-10, 2-6) closed its sixth straight losing season. It was the second-most points the Bobcats have allowed in regulation this season.

Michigan State holds off No. 11 Northwestern for win

Jackson's 3 TD runs lead No. 21 Oklahoma St

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — No. 11 Northwestern put itself in position to play for the Big Ten title, then it hit the road.

Michigan State was ready.

Matt Coghlin made a tiebreaking 48-yard field goal with 3:35 left, and the Spartans handed Northwestern its first loss of the season with a 29-20 victory Saturday.

The Wildcats (5-1, 5-1) were coming off a 17-7 victory over Wisconsin that moved them into contention for a spot in the College Football Playoff. That prospect likely was dashed with the loss to the Spartans, but they remain in control of the Big Ten West.

"Really disappointed in the outcome, but we have all our goals in front of us," coach Pat Fitzgerald said. "We didn't come up here and play clean football and Michigan State did and credit to them."

The Spartans (2-3, 2-3) lost a 17-0 lead, but went back ahead by forcing three turnovers in the fourth quarter and making the most of two big kicks by Coghlin.

Michigan State had dropped consecutive games against Iowa and Indiana by a combined score of 73-7, including a 24-0 loss to the Hoosiers at home on Nov. 14. Last weekend's matchup with Maryland was canceled because of a COVID-19 outbreak with the Terrapins.

"We needed this win as a team," said Rocky Lombardi, who got the Spartans off to a fast start with a 75-yard touchdown pass to Jalen Nailor. "It's good to get out there and beat a really good team like Northwestern because it's just the kind of confidence boost we needed.

"We know we're a good team and we know we can beat good teams, but it's kind of hard to believe yourself until you do it."

It was the second win for first-year coach Mel Tucker after the Spartans beat Michigan on Oct. 31.

"Culture doesn't change overnight — it just doesn't," Tucker said. "But wins like today show what we're capable of."

Northwestern grabbed a 20-17 lead on Cam Porter's 3-yard run early in the fourth.

The Spartans rallied on Coghlin's 44-yard field goal after forcing a turnover one snap following Lombardi's interception.

Northwestern turned the ball over again, and receiver Berkeley Holman was carted off the field following the play.

Shakur Brown broke on Peyton Ramsey's pass for his second interception and made contact with Holman, who lay motionless on the field while the school's medical staff evaluated him.

Holman was carefully strapped to a backboard and lifted onto a cart. After Holman's teammates surrounded him to offer support, he lifted his left arm and extended his thumb.

Holman was taken to a hospital as a precaution. He was talking, alert and moving.

"Great news about Berk," Fitzgerald said.

The Wildcats punted on their next possession, facing a fourth-and-10 from their 22, with a few minutes left.

Lombardi converted a third-and-8 from his 38 with a run after Northwestern called a timeout, taking time off the clock until punting from midfield with 32 seconds left.

The Wildcats ended the game by throwing laterals from deep in their end, trying to extend the play as time expired, only to have the Spartans recover the ball in the end zone for a touchdown at a fan-free game.

"A lot of self-inflicted wounds on our end," Fitzgerald said.

Associated Press

Michigan State's Connor Heyward, right, is pushed out of bounds by Northwestern's Cameron Ruiz during the first half of a game, Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020, in East Lansing, Mich.

No. 21 Oklahoma State 50, Texas Tech 44

STILLWATER, Okla. — Dezmon Jackson rushed for career highs of 235 yards and three touchdowns and Oklahoma State bounced back from a disappointing loss to rival Oklahoma.

Jackson had 36 carries in part because the top two backs, Chuba Hubbard and LD Brown, did not play. The Cowboys still ran for a season-high 317 yards. Hubbard was out with a right ankle injury, and Brown has been fighting through injuries.

Spencer Sanders passed for 222 yards and ran for 78, and Tylan Wallace caught seven passes for 129 yards and a score for Oklahoma State (6-2, 5-2 Big 12).

Alan Bowman passed for 384 yards and three touchdowns for the Red Raiders (3-6, 2-6).

No. 23 La.-Lafayette 70, La.-Monroe 20

MONROE, La. — Levi Lewis passed for three touchdowns and ran for two more in less than three quarters, and Louisiana-Lafayette routed winless Louisiana-Monroe.

Running backs Trey Regas and Elijah Mitchell each rushed for more than 90 yards and scored a touchdown apiece for Louisiana-Lafayette (8-1, 6-1 Sun Belt). Bralen Trahan returned an interception 53 yards for a score during a second quarter in which ULL scored four straight touchdowns,

The Ragin' Cajuns have won five straight since their lone loss to 16th-ranked and unbeaten Coastal Carolina, which is scheduled to host ULL in the Sun Belt title game Dec. 19.

Jeremy Hunt had one touchdown passing and one rushing for Louisiana-Monroe (0-9, 0-6).

Oregon State 41, No. 9 Oregon 38

CORVALLIS, Ore — Taking his first college snap after starting quarterback Tristan Gebbia limped off, Chance Nolan scored on a 1-yard, fourth-down run with 33 seconds left to give Oregon State a 41-38 upset victory over No. 9 Oregon on Friday night.

Jermar Jefferson ran for 226 yards and two touchdowns to help the Beavers (2-2) win their second straight game. Jefferson has run for at least 100 yards in each of Oregon State's four games and is on pace to hit 1,000 despite the short season.

Oregon (3-1) had won seven in a row and three straight over the rival Beavers. The loss dashed any slim hopes the Ducks had of a spot in the College Football Playoffs. The Ducks were ranked No. 15 in the first CFP rankings released Tuesday.

Tristan Gebbia threw for 263 years and a score and had a touchdown run during the foggy game at Reser Stadium. While no fans were allowed in the game, cars passing near the stadium honked for the home team in the aftermath.

Tyler Shough threw for 266 yards and two touchdowns for Oregon.

It was the 124th edition of the rivalry that dates to 1894. This summer amid racial injustice protests nationwide, both schools decided to drop the "Civil War" nickname.

FOOTBALL

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	7	3	0	.700	272	265
Miami	6	4	0	.600	264	202
New England	4	6	0	.400	209	238
N.Y. Jets	0	10	0	.000	149	302

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	7	3	0	.700	276	208
Tennessee	7	3	0	.700	279	259
Houston	4	7	0	.364	268	297
Jacksonville	1	9	0	.100	202	298

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	10	0	0	1.000	298	174
Cleveland	7	3	0	.700	238	261
Baltimore	6	4	0	.600	268	195
Cincinnati	2	7	1	.250	213	270

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	9	1	0	.900	321	214
Las Vegas	6	4	0	.600	286	276
Denver	4	6	0	.400	206	267
L.A. Chargers	3	7	0	.300	260	273

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	4	7	0	.364	241	243
Philadelphia	3	6	1	.350	220	254
N.Y. Giants	3	7	0	.300	195	236
Dallas	3	8	0	.273	251	359

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	8	2	0	.800	295	222
Tampa Bay	7	4	0	.636	320	253
Carolina	4	7	0	.364	253	272
Atlanta	3	7	0	.300	252	275

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	7	3	0	.700	308	258
Chicago	5	5	0	.500	191	209
Minnesota	4	6	0	.400	264	278
Detroit	4	7	0	.364	252	328

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	7	3	0	.700	243	192
Seattle	7	3	0	.700	318	287
Arizona	6	4	0	.600	287	238
San Francisco	4	6	0	.400	238	234

Thursday's Games

Houston 41, Detroit 25
Washington 41, Dallas 16

Today's Games

Arizona at New England, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Las Vegas at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 4:25 p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.

Monday's Game

Seattle at Philadelphia, 8:15 p.m.

Tuesday's Game

Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 3

Dallas at Baltimore, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 6

Cincinnati at Miami, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Houston, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Las Vegas at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Washington at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
New England at L.A. Chargers, 4:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at Green Bay, 4:25 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Carolina, Tampa Bay

Monday, Dec. 7

Buffalo at San Francisco, 8:15 p.m.

GOLF

Alfred Dunhill Championship

Saturday
At The Leopard Creek Country Club
Malelane, South Africa
Purse: $1.8 million; Yardage: 6,663; Par: 72
Third Round

Adrian Meronk, Poland	65-66-71—202	-14
J. Trey Schaper, S. Africa	69-67-67—203	-13
C. Bezuidenhout, S. Africa	69-68-68—205	-11
Sean Crocker, US	70-68-68—206	-10
Adri Arnaus, Spain	70-67-69—206	-10
Joachim Hansen, Denmark	70-64-73—207	-9
Calum Hill, Scotland	71-69-67—207	-9
Richard Bland, England	67-67-74—208	-8
Julian Suri, United States	71-69-68—208	-8
Scott Jamieson, Scotland	66-71-72—209	-7
D. Van Tonder, S. Africa	69-70-70—209	-7
Robin Roussel, France	65-71-73—209	-7
Marcus Armitage, England	71-71-67—209	-7
Pedro Figueiredo, Portugal	72-68-69—209	-7
Matthias Schwab, Austria	70-71-68—209	-7
Alexander Levy, France	70-72-68—210	-6
Fabrizio Zanotti, Paraguay	71-71-68—210	-6
Wilco Nienaber, S. Africa	71-68-72—211	-5
Oliver Farr, Wales	70-68-73—211	-5
Wil Besseling, Netherlands	73-70-68—211	-5
Richard Mcevoy, England	71-70-71—212	-4
Oliver Wilson, England	69-68-73—212	-4
C. Basson, South Africa	69-69-74—212	-4
Brandon Stone, S. Africa	71-72-69—212	-4
R. Macintyre, Scotland	72-70-70—212	-4
Johannes Veerman, US	71-71-70—212	-4
C. Sharvin, N. Ireland	72-72-68—212	-4
Scott Vincent, Zimbabwe	72-70-71—213	-3
M. Kawamura, Japan	69-73-71—213	-3
Oliver Bekker, South Africa	73-69-71—213	-3
Jbe Kruger, South Africa	69-72-72—213	-3
James Kingston, S. Africa	71-68-74—213	-3
Adrian Otaegui, Spain	75-68-70—213	-3
Dale Whitnell, England	70-72-71—213	-3
Anthony Michael, S. Africa	76-68-69—213	-3
Chris Wood, England	69-73-72—214	-2
Hennie DuPlessis, S. Africa	72-71-71—214	-2
Dylan Naidoo, South Africa	74-69-71—214	-2
Matthew Jordan, England	69-73-72—214	-2
David Horsey, England	69-73-72—214	-2
Steve Surry, England	72-70-72—214	-2
Joost Luiten, Netherlands	69-72-73—214	-2
S. Garcia Rodriguez, Spain	68-75-72—215	-1
Gavin Green, Malaysia	68-74-73—215	-1
Richard Sterne, S. Africa	71-73-72—216	E
James DuPreez, S. Africa	69-74-73—216	E
Justin Walters, S. Africa	72-72-72—216	E
M.J. Viljoen, South Africa	73-69-74—216	E
Ockie Strydom, S. Africa	68-70-78—216	E
D. Van Driel, Netherlands	73-71-73—217	+1
Darren Fichardt, S. Africa	73-70-74—217	+1
Pablo Larrazabal, Spain	74-69-74—217	+1
Philip Eriksson, Sweden	74-67-76—217	+1
Steven Brown, England	69-74-75—218	+2
Eddie Pepperell, England	71-71-79—218	+2
Ruan Conradie, S. Africa	70-73-75—218	+2
Marcel Siem, Germany	69-72-77—218	+2
Trevor Fisher Jr., S. Africa	73-71-75—219	+3
Martin Rohwer, S. Africa	74-70-75—219	+3
B. Follet-Smith, Zimbabwe	69-69-81—219	+3
Jaco Van Zyl, South Africa	70-72-77—219	+3
Jean-Paul Strydom, S. Africa	73-71-76—220	+4
Garrick Porteous, England	71-72-77—220	+4
Matthieu Pavon, France	73-69-79—221	+5
R. Van Der Spuy, S. Africa	74-69-79—222	+6

TRANSACTIONS

FOOTBALL

NFL — Announced that DB Tyrique McGhee has been suspended without pay for two games Angeles Rams' practice squad, has been suspended without pay for two games for violating the NFL policy on performance-enhancing substances.

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Activated DL Zach Allen from injured reserve/designated to return list. Signed TE Evan Baylis from practice squad. Placed TE Darrell Daniels and DL Josh Mauro on injured reserve. Promoted DL Michael Dogde, RB D.J. Foster and CB Jace Whittaker from the practice squad.

ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed G Kris Dunn. Promoted RB Tony James from the practice squad.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed CB Jalen Davis from practice squad. Activated WR Auden Tate and C B.J. Finney ffrom the reserve/COVID-19 list. Signed QB Kevin Hogan to the practice squad.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Promoted G Michael Dunn, DT Joey Ivie and DE Cameron Malveaux from practice squad.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Promoted LB DeJon Harris and RB Mike Weber from the practice squad.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Promoted LS Andrew DePaola and TE Brandon Dillon from practice squad.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Activated LB Tae Crowder and S Xavier McKinney from injured reserve. Activated K Graham Gano from the reserve/COVID-19 list.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Activated LB Jack Cichy from injured reserve. Placed C A.Q. Shipley on injured reserve.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed OLB Brooks Reed to the practice squad. Signed LS Matt Overton from the practice squad. Promoted LB Will Compton and OLB Tuzar Skipper from the practice squad. Activated P Brett Kern and CB Tye Smith from injured reserve. Activated LB David Long from the reserve/COVID-19 list. Placed CB Chris Jackson on the reserve/COVID-19 list.

Florida LOTTERY

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

PICK 2 (early)
5 - 7

PICK 2 (late)
8 - 6

PICK 3 (early)
4 - 0 - 3

PICK 3 (late)
9 - 3 - 7

PICK 4 (early)
6 - 5 - 5 - 3

PICK 4 (late)
3 - 5 - 9 - 1

PICK 5 (early)
9 - 2 - 7 - 3 - 5

PICK 5 (late)
1 - 8 - 1 - 0 - 0

FANTASY 5
Unavailable

LOTTO
Unavailable

POWERBALL
8 - 12 - 18 - 44 - 51

POWER BALL
18

CASH 4 LIFE
11 - 13 - 23 - 49 - 58

CASH BALL
2

Friday's winning numbers and payouts:

Jackpot Triple Play: 2 – 10 – 19 – 26 – 33 – 43

6-of-6	No winner	
5-of-6	25 winners	$447.50
4-of-6	1,208	$22.50
3-of-6	20,205	$1
Combo 10+	2	$10,000
Combo9	5	$500
Combo8	74	$50
Combo7	553	$20
Combo6	2,945	$10
Combo5	10,833	$5

Mega Millions: 4 – 10 – 27 – 35 – 58
Mega Ball: 10

5-of-5 MB	No winner	
5-of-5	No winner	
4-of-5 MB	No winner	
4-of-5	20 winners	$500
3-of-5 MB	62	$200
3-of-5	1,353	$10
2-of-5 MB	1,253	$10

Fantasy 5: 4 – 12 – 19 – 24 – 32

5-of-5	1 winner	$193,533
4-of-5	292	$106.50
3-of-5	8,681	$10

Cash 4 Life: 12 – 14 – 20 – 28 – 51
Cash Ball: 3

5-of-5 CB	No winner
5-of-5	No winner

Players should verify winning numbers by calling 850-487-7777 or at www.flalottery.com.

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS

AUTO RACING

9:05 a.m. (ESPN2) Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix
3:30 p.m. (ESPN) Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix (Same-day Tape)

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

12 p.m. (ACCN) Florida at Florida State
2 p.m. (ACCN) Georgia at Georgia Tech
4 p.m. (ACCN) Miami (Ohio) at Notre Dame
4 p.m. (SEC) Belmont at Kentucky

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

1 p.m. (ESPN) Richmond at Kentucky
1 p.m. (ESPN2) Air Force Reserve Hall of Fame Tip-Off, Consolation Game: Teams TBA
3:30 p.m. (ESPN2) Air Force Reserve Hall of Fame Tip-Off, Final: Teams TBA
5:30 p.m. (ESPN2) Houston vs Texas Tech
5:30 p.m. (ESPNU) Air Force Reserve Hall of Fame Tip-Off: Rhode Island vs Temple
6 p.m. (ACCN) North Florida at Miami
6 p.m. (FSNFL) Prairie View A&M at Louisville
6:30 p.m. (FS1) Eastern Illinois at
8 p.m. (ESPN2) Air Force Reserve Hall of Fame Tip-Off: Virginia Tech vs South Florida

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

1:30 p.m. (ESPNU) Air Nado (NV) vs. CBC (CA) (Taped)
3 p.m. (ESPNU) Lake Norman Christian (NC) vs. Oak Hill Academy (VA) (Taped)
8:30 p.m. (ESPNU) Top Flight Invite, Third-place game: Team Sizzle (MN) at Storm (NC) (Taped)
10 p.m. (ESPNU) Top Flight Invite, Championship game: Air Nado (NV) at National Spotlight (FL) (Taped)

BOWLING

4:30 p.m. (13 FOX) PBA All-Star Clash (Taped)

EQUESTRIAN

11:30 a.m. (FS1) America's Day at the Races

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

8 a.m. (ACCN) Pittsburgh at Clemson (Taped)
12 a.m. (ESPNU) Northwestern at Michigan State (Taped)

NFL

1 p.m. (10 CBS) Miami Dolphins at New York Jets
1 p.m. (13 FOX) Arizona Cardinals at New England Patriots
4:25 p.m. (10 CBS) Kansas City Chiefs at Tampa Bay Buccaneers
8:20 p.m. (8 NBC) Chicago Bears at Green Bay Packers

GOLF

5 a.m. (GOLF) European PGA Tour Alfred Dunhill Championship, Final Round
12:30 p.m. (GOLF) Ladies Euro Tour Andaluc"'ia Costa del Sol Open de Espa" a, Final Round (Same-day Tape)

NHL STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

10 a.m. (NHL) New York Islanders vs Tampa Bay Lightning, Game 1 Eastern Conference finals (Taped)
11:30 a.m. (NHL) New York Islanders vs Tampa Bay Lightning, Game 2 Eastern Conference finals (Taped)
1:30 p.m. (NHL) Tampa Bay Lightning vs New York Islanders, Game 4 Eastern Conference final (Taped)
3 p.m. (NHL) Tampa Bay Lightning vs New York Islanders, Game 6 Eastern Conference finals (Taped)

FIGURE SKATING

4 p.m. (8 NBC) ISU Grand Prix: NHK Trophy, Women's & Men's Free Skate (Same-day Tape)

SOCCER

8:55 a.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League Southampton vs Manchester United
11:25 a.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League Chelsea vs Tottenham Hotspur
2:10 p.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League Arsenal vs Wolverhampton Wanderers
3 p.m. (28 ABC) MLS New England Revolution at Orlando City SC
8 p.m. (ESPN) MLS Nashville SC at Columbus Crew SC

WINTER SPORTS

2:30 p.m. (8 NBC) FIS Alpine Skiing World Cup: Women's Slalom (Taped)

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

SPORTS BRIEFS

Meronk clings to 1-shot lead at Alfred Dunhill

MALELANE, South Africa — Adrian Meronk clung on to take a one-shot lead into the final round of the European Tour's Alfred Dunhill Championship as a couple of home players made big charges on Saturday.

Meronk went to 14 under par overall at Leopard Creek Country Club in South Africa with a 1-under 71 that included three birdies but also two bogeys.

It was subdued from Meronk but enough for the overnight leader to stay ahead, although his three-shot lead from Friday was whittled down.

Meronk has already made history here as the first Polish player to lead a European Tour event and is honing in on a maiden tour victory for himself and his country.

Johnson, Steward help No. 9 Duke beat Coppin St.

DURHAM, N.C. — Freshman Jalen Johnson had 19 points, 19 rebounds and four blocks to help No. 9 Duke overcome a turnover-filled performance and beat Coppin State 81-71 in Saturday's delayed season opener for both teams.

The 6-foot-9 Johnson made all eight of his shots from the field, including a 3-pointer, and both of his free throws while also tallying five assists. Fellow rookie DJ Steward scored 24 points for the Blue Devils, including a key 3-pointer with 2:02 left that helped keep Duke in control during an unexpectedly tight finish.

Duke was playing without its rowdy fans in the famously hostile Cameron Indoor Stadium due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Blue Devils shot 53% but committed 22 turnovers to give the Eagles plenty of extra chances.

DeJuan Clayton and Anthony Tarke each scored 22 points to lead the Eagles, who shot 33% but made 10 3-pointers — seven coming after halftime — to keep the pressure on Duke the entire second half.

Russell lifts Rhode Island past South Florida 84-68

UNCASVILLE, Conn. — Fatts Russell scored 15 points as Rhode Island topped South Florida 84-68 at Bubbleville at the Mohegan Sun Resort on Saturday.

Jalen Carey had 12 points for Rhode Island (1-2). Makhel Mitchell added 11 points and four blocks. Jeremy Sheppard had 11 points.

David Collins had 16 points for the Bulls (1-1).

— From wire reports

BUCS

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left the Patriots to sign with Tampa Bay in free agency last March.

"But he's in a great spot. They've got a lot of weapons there," Mahomes said, looking ahead to another head-to-head meeting.

"I don't think it's going to feel very much different. It's still a very good football team that's playing really good football and winning a lot of games," Mahomes added. "I know it's going to be a really big challenge for us."

Brady threw a pair of costly interceptions and was 0 for 6 on passes traveling at least 20 yards in last week's 27-24 loss to the Rams. He's 0 for 19 on such throws over the past three games, which includes a 38-3 loss to the Saints.

The struggles have raised questions about whether the offense Brady is being asked to run following a historic 20-year stint with the Patriots is suited to what he does best.

Bucs coach Bruce Arians concedes the offense has been inconsistent, but attributes that to a lack of continuity caused in part by teams not having a usual offseason due to the coronavirus pandemic and injuries that have forced lineup changes and limited practice time for some players.

"He can do anything, so it's not like he can't do it," Arians said, responding to critics who suggest the problem is the offensive scheme, which stresses pushing the ball downfield.

"We've had the guys open. We've just missed them," Arians said.

"Each and every week is so different, but when they're there, we need to hit them," the coach added. "We can't have them going off our fingertips, and we can't overthrow them."

Brady has lots of good things to say about Mahomes and the Chiefs, who lead the league in scoring at 32.1 points per game.

"He's a terrific player, obviously. ... They've got their offense rolling," Brady said. "I feel continuity is probably the most critical aspect of consistent performance. ... They've been in that system for a while. Coach Reid's been there for a while. He's a great coach. ... They've been tough to beat for a lot of years now."

GATORS

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Kentucky coach Mark Stoops said.

The Wildcats added to their self-inflicted woes with three straight penalties to start the third quarter, giving Florida 39 free yards and setting up Trask's second TD pass to Pitts.

"There's nothing more aggravating to a defense than when you have a chance for a sack or no-yard gain or lost yards gain and you have a 15-yard penalty," Stoops said. "It just breaks your back."

THE TAKEAWAY

Florida: Mullen will have plenty to address after a second straight ho-hum performance. The defense struggled early and offensive miscues put the Gators in a small hole. But Trask, Pitts and Toney helped mask many of the flaws.

TRASH TALK?

Pitts said several Kentucky defensive backs, including Joseph, were talking trash on social media before the game and said it gave him "that extra boost." He even got a warning from officials — and Mullen — for yapping a little too much after his third score.

"If you're going to trash talk, you better back it up," Mullen said.

UP NEXT

Florida: Can secure a spot in the title game in Atlanta by beating Tennessee for the 15th time in the last 16 years.

COLLEGE

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its final two regular-season games it would likely not reach the minimum number (six) required to be eligible for the Big Ten championship game. The Buckeyes had an earlier game canceled because of a COVID outbreak at Maryland.

This time Ohio State has the outbreak. According to Dr. Jim Borchers, Ohio State's team physician, the program had virtually no positive tests this season until Wednesday's testing.

Borchers said the percentage of positive individuals among Ohio State players and staff hit one of the Big Ten's warning "guideposts" on Friday night, leading officials to cancel Saturday's game at Illinois.

Borchers said that benchmark was 7.5% of the 170 individuals deemed Tier 1 in the program, including players, coaches and staff. That means at least 13 people in the Buckeyes camp tested positive, although Borchers declined to provide specific numbers.

One of the positive tests was coach Ryan Day, who wouldn't have been on the sideline even if the team had gone to Champaign, Illinois.

Day, his voice slightly raspy, participated in a Zoom call with the reporters Saturday and said: "I'm resting comfortably, but I have an extremely heavy heart."

Players who test positive have a 10-day isolation period followed by a 10-day return-to-activity period under Big Ten protocols, Borchers said. So while Day might be able to return for the Buckeyes next week at Michigan State, the players who have tested positive will miss at least one more game — if the game is played at all.

Ohio State's final regular-season game is Dec. 12 vs. Michigan and the Buckeyes could play another on Dec. 19 even if they are not eligible for the Big Ten title game.

The College Football Playoff has no minimum number of games required to be eligible for selection.

Ohio State has paused all football activities. Day said if the team could get back on the field by Thursday it might be able to play next Saturday.

Borchers said the Big Ten benchmark that would have forced a seven-day shutdown — 5% positives of all tests administered — was not reached, so the decision to cancel Saturday's game was made by Ohio State and was not forced. The positive tests were spread out among players and staff, with no identifiable clusters, he said.

"What we're seeing in our case is kind of a community type of spread," Smith said. "We didn't see spikes in specific areas. Could we have played? Sure? Was it the right thing to play? No."

Day said as the positive cases started to show on Wednesday, the team adjusted its practice schedule, meeting virtually, no helmets or hitting on the field, everyone masked up. They'd already decided to fly to Illinois on Saturday morning instead of Friday.

"It wasn't until (Friday) when we did testing, and with enhanced testing that it got to a point where it became very clear that we needed to pause," Borchers said of the late decision to cancel the game. "Unfortunately, this wasn't a decision we could make early in the week. This was not a decision from my standpoint that could be made until (Friday)."

The program will keep testing daily and no one can say when the team might be able to take the field again, if at all.

Colts-Titans game spices up Thanksgiving week

AFC South lead will be on the line

Barry Wilner
AP pro football writer

Both of the AFC South leaders won in overtime with comebacks last week. The Colts already won at Tennessee this month.

Tennessee has its best record after 10 games since going 10-0 in 2008, in part because the Titans have a league-low five turnovers. Derrick Henry became the first player in league history with multiple overtime rushing touchdowns in a single season and leads the NFL with 1,079 yards.

"That's just what they do," Colts defensive coordinator Matt Eberflus said of Tennessee's run game. "They are just going to stay committed to it, and we have to stay — we feel like we're in good shape in terms of our perseverance, in terms of our discipline and we will want to take that in the game and being able to finish."

The Colts have won four of their past five overall and four of the past five in this series. QB Philip Rivers (right big toe) hopes to make his 235th consecutive start, which would break a tie with Eli Manning for the 10th-most starts in league history.

Baltimore (6-4) at Pittsburgh (10-0), Tuesday night

One of the NFL's best and most physical rivalries, but the Ravens are struggling and lost their past two games, while, clearly, the Steelers are surging.

The Steelers are the 17th team since 1970 to start a season 10-0. Their 10-game winning streak is the second-longest single-season string in franchise history: The 1975 team won 11 straight on its way to the team's second straight Super Bowl title. The Steelers can clinch a playoff berth with a win and losses by the Raiders and the Dolphins.

This game was moved from Thursday night to Sunday and then to Tuesday night because of the Ravens' coronavirus issues. Baltimore apparently will be without several key players, including quarterback Lamar Jackson, running backs J.K. Dobbins and Mark Ingram, along with defensive tackle Brandon Williams and both centers, all of whom are on reserve/COVID-19 list.

Chicago (5-5) at Green Bay (7-3)

Neither side comes into this renewal of the league's longest rivalry playing their best. Indeed, Chicago has dropped four in a row as its offense has disappeared. Green Bay is 3-3 after a 4-0 start.

The Packers have won their past four home matchups with the Bears. Green Bay has gone 19-5 against Chicago when Aaron Rodgers is the starting quarterback.

Seattle (7-3) at Philadelphia (3-6-1), Monday night

Clearly, the way the Eagles have played has made their NFC East lead a mirage. And they're in the midst of the toughest part of their schedule.

The Seahawks, meanwhile, are in the easiest portion, home meetings with both New York teams and a trip to Washington upcoming before finishing with divisional affairs with the Rams and 49ers. If Seattle's defense that finally showed up in last week's victory against Arizona is for real, Pete Carroll's crew should be in good shape.

New York Giants (3-7) at Cincinnati (2-7-1)

A huge break for the Giants, who actually are playing the best among the dregs of the NFC East. They won't have to face rookie sensation Joe Burrow after the quarterback and top overall draft choice tore knee ligaments in a loss at Washington.

"I think when you look at this division, this is really the starting point for the division," Giants coach Joe Judge says. "We're coming out of Thanksgiving after this weekend, everyone is really on equal ground. The only thing that matters is what we do from this point forward."

Cleveland (7-3) at Jacksonville (1-9)

Like the Ravens and Bengals in their division, the Browns have had some COVID-19 issues and will be without their best player, edge rusher Myles Garrett, for the second consecutive week. Cleveland has built its record by beating whoever it should, and certainly the Jaguars, losers of nine in a row, fit that category.

Jacksonville will go with yet another QB, journeyman Mike Glennon, who steps in for Jake Luton, who stepped in when Gardner Minshew was injured.

Miami (6-4) at New York Jets (0-10)

Had the Dolphins not stumbled in Denver, this could be considered a trap game. Instead, look for a determined bunch from Miami, which figures to shut down the inept Jets with its strong defense.

New York, threatening to become the third franchise to go 0-16 in a dozen years, hopes to get the oft-injured Sam Darnold back behind center. The Jets really need to evaluate him over the final six weeks as they head toward major decisions.

Los Angeles Chargers (3-7) at Buffalo (7-3)

No major QB decisions ahead for these teams. Buffalo took Josh Allen four spots after Darnold went in 2018 and has no reason to regret it. The Chargers grabbed Justin Herbert with the sixth overall spot in April and are thrilled with him.

The Chargers finally overcame their late folds in beating the Jets last week, while the Bills had a bye. Watch the performances of outstanding wideouts Keenan Allen of LA and Stefon Diggs of Buffalo.

San Francisco (4-6) at Los Angeles Rams (7-3)

At least the 49ers had a week off to get somewhat healthier, but this is a shell of the conference championship squad. Its reward upon returning is perhaps the NFC's most balanced squad.

The Rams don't particularly run the ball well, but their dynamic passing attack makes up for that — and more. They won at Tampa Bay on Monday night even though Aaron Donald wasn't quite the force he usually is. Keep an eye on No. 99 in this one

Associated Press

ABOVE: **Tennessee Titans running back Derrick Henry (22) runs for a game-winning touchdown against the Baltimore Ravens during overtime of a game Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020, in Baltimore. The Titans won 30-24 in overtime.**

BELOW: **Indianapolis Colts quarterback Philip Rivers (17) celebrates throwing a touchdown pass during the second half of a game against the Green Bay Packers, Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020, in Indianapolis.**

New Orleans (8-2) at Denver (4-6)

As Taysom Hill stepped in so admirably for the sidelined Drew Brees, the Saints seized the top spot in the NFC. It's Hill's show for now, and the New Orleans defense appears ready to keep things rolling. Considering the only remaining opponent with a winning record, albeit a formidable one, is Kansas City, the rest of the schedule could be, well, a Big Easy.

Denver, as up and down as anyone, ran all over Miami's tough D last week. So the Broncos are no pushover.

Las Vegas (6-4) at Atlanta (3-7)

Lack of defense could be decisive here. The Raiders have 11 sacks in the first 10 games, ranking 31st in the league. They allowed Kansas City to score touchdowns on two drives of at last 90 yards last week after giving up none in the first nine games. And they lost that game for just the third time in the past seven seasons when scoring at least 30 points.

The Falcons have 17 sacks to rank 24th in the league. And they are vulnerable in protection: Matt Ryan was sacked eight times by the Saints last Sunday.

Arizona (6-4) at New England (4-6)

It's been stunning to see the Patriots flop against mediocre or worse teams, with losses to injury-wrecked San Francisco, inconsistent Denver, and awful Houston last week. They seem to have little direction on offense, and the last time we could say that was 20 years ago.

Arizona is right in the playoff mix in the NFC West and the conference, with two games against the division-leading Rams remaining. Cardinals quarterback Kyler Murray has to know that New England neutralized the similar style of Lamar Jackson two weeks ago.

Carolina (4-7) at Minnesota (4-6)

The Vikings truly blew an opportunity by losing at home to Dallas and are 1-4 at home. The Panthers had their first shutout in 82 games when they manhandled Detroit as Brian Burns had a career-high two sacks. He leads all defensive ends in total tackles with 42.

Like the Cowboys, Carolina has the receivers to damage Minnesota's spotty secondary.

NFL LEADERS

AFC Individual Leaders

Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Watson, Hou	363	250	3201	24	5
Mahomes, KC	374	254	3035	27	2
Allen, Buf	364	249	2871	21	7
Herbert, LAC	350	238	2699	22	6
Burrow, Cin	404	264	2688	13	5
Rivers, Ind	349	239	2683	14	8
Roethlisberger, Pit	380	255	2534	24	5
Carr, Las	314	219	2431	19	3
Tannehill, Ten	312	204	2387	22	4
Jackson, Bal	276	175	1948	15	6

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Henry, Ten	229	1079	4.7	94t	9
J.Robinson, Jac	172	762	4.4	39	5
Jacobs, Las	199	755	3.8	24	9
Edwards-Helaire, KC	140	655	4.7	31	4
Conner, Pit	145	645	4.4	59	5
Hunt, Cle	147	644	4.4	33	4
Chubb, Cle	96	575	6.0	59	5
Jackson, Bal	103	575	5.6	50t	3
Gordon, Den	122	523	4.3	43t	6
Taylor, Ind	135	518	3.8	21	4

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Diggs, Buf	73	906	12.4	49	4
Kelce, KC	66	896	13.6	45	7
Fuller, Hou	53	879	16.6	77t	8
Allen, LAC	81	835	10.3	28	6
Hill, KC	55	752	13.7	54t	10
Cooks, Hou	52	719	13.8	57t	3
Boyd, Cin	69	710	10.3	25	3
Beasley, Buf	55	642	11.7	29	3
Higgins, Cin	43	629	14.6	67	4
Jeudy, Den	37	589	15.9	48t	2

Punters

	No	Yds	Lg	Avg
Bojorquez, Buf	25	1228	72	49.1
Martin, Den	38	1833	69	48.2
Townsend, KC	29	1380	67	47.6
Bailey, NE	27	1275	64	47.2
Cooke, Jac	37	1740	67	47.0
Huber, Cin	43	2022	70	47.0
Anger, Hou	40	1871	67	46.8
Sanchez, Ind	26	1210	60	46.5
Long, LAC	36	1675	63	46.5
Koch, Bal	37	1673	59	45.2

Punt Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Grant, Mia	21	300	14.3	88t	1
McCloud, Pit	17	229	13.5	57	0
Roberts, Buf	16	191	11.9	38	0
Erickson, Cin	14	125	8.9	22	0
Proche, Bal	19	166	8.7	17	0
Hines, Ind	19	160	8.4	21	0
Raymond, Ten	17	143	8.4	40	0

Kickoff Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Duvernay, Bal	13	396	30.5	93t	1
Rodgers, Ind	18	537	29.8	101t	1
Roberts, Buf	20	581	29.1	60	0
McCloud, Pit	15	363	24.2	49	0
B.Wilson, Cin	18	433	24.1	49	0
Olszewski, NE	17	397	23.4	33	0
Reed, LAC	17	376	22.1	46	0

Scoring

Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
Hill, KC	11	1	10	0	66
Claypool, Pit	10	2	8	0	60
Henry, Ten	9	9	0	0	54
Jacobs, Las	9	9	0	0	54
Newton, NE	9	9	0	0	54
Fuller, Hou	8	0	8	0	48
Hunt, Cle	8	4	4	0	48
J.Smith, Ten	8	1	7	0	48

Kicking

	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Blankenship, Ind	25/27	23/26	44	94
Carlson, Las	31/32	21/23	54	94
Sanders, Mia	24/24	22/23	56	90
Bass, Buf	29/30	19/25	58	86
Tucker, Bal	29/29	19/20	55	86
Bullock, Cin	21/22	20/24	55	81
Fairbairn, Hou	26/28	18/21	54	80
Boswell, Pit	30/33	16/17	59	78
McManus, Den	18/19	20/21	56	78
Butker, KC	32/38	15/17	58	77

NFC Individual Leaders

Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Wilson, Sea	362	256	2986	30	10
Ryan, Atl	388	255	2978	15	7
Brady, TB	433	280	2955	25	9
Rodgers, GB	352	240	2889	29	4
Stafford, Det	386	244	2876	18	8
Goff, LAR	372	252	2823	16	8
K.Murray, Ari	353	241	2644	19	8
Bridgewater, Car	330	238	2552	13	7
Cousins, Min	275	184	2461	20	11
Wentz, Phi	377	220	2326	14	14

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Cook, Min	201	1069	5.3	70t	13
Jones, TB	153	754	4.9	98t	5
Elliott, Dal	181	707	3.9	24	5
Gibson, Was	139	645	4.6	40	11
Drake, Ari	146	641	4.4	69t	5
K.Murray, Ari	92	619	6.7	48	10
Gurley, Atl	167	610	3.7	35t	9
Sanders, Phi	102	585	5.7	74t	3
Jones, GB	113	534	4.7	75t	6
Kamara, NO	117	531	4.5	49	8

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
McLaurin, Was	69	963	14.0	68t	3
Hopkins, Ari	72	912	12.7	60	4
Moore, Car	46	863	18.8	74t	4
Metcalf, Sea	48	862	18.0	62	9
Cooper, Dal	71	848	11.9	58	3
Jefferson, Min	45	848	18.8	71t	4
D.Adams, GB	68	847	12.5	49	10
Anderson, Car	71	818	11.5	75t	1
Robinson, Chi	63	755	12.0	42	3
Lockett, Sea	67	748	11.2	47t	8

Punters

	No	Yds	Lg	Avg
Fox, Det	42	2112	67	50.3
Dickson, Sea	37	1835	67	49.6
Johnston, Phi	45	2198	66	48.8
Way, Was	45	2187	61	48.6
Wishnowsky, SF	34	1627	60	47.9
O'Donnell, Chi	48	2237	64	46.6
Hekker, LAR	41	1894	63	46.2
J.Scott, GB	30	1343	62	44.8
Pinion, TB	40	1786	59	44.7
Colquitt, Min	33	1472	59	44.6

Punt Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Harris, NO	17	207	12.2	42	0
Lamb, Dal	18	152	8.4	27	0
Ward, Phi	13	88	6.8	22	0
Mickens, TB	15	99	6.6	14	0
S.Sims, Was	16	96	6.0	19	0
Webster, LAR	13	75	5.8	15	0
Kirk, Ari	13	48	3.7	23	0

Kickoff Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Patterson, Chi	26	787	30.3	104t	1
Harris, NO	16	436	27.3	75	0
Agnew, Det	15	384	25.6	35	0
Cooper, Car	18	430	23.9	38	0
Osborn, Min	13	289	22.2	38	0
Pollard, Dal	22	482	21.9	67	0
Johnson, Was	19	415	21.8	46	0

Scoring

Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
Cook, Min	14	13	1	0	84
Kamara, NO	12	8	4	0	72
Gibson, Was	11	11	0	0	66
Thielen, Min	11	0	11	0	66
D.Adams, GB	10	0	10	0	60
K.Murray, Ari	10	10	0	0	60
Evans, TB	9	0	9	0	54
Gurley, Atl	9	9	0	0	54
Metcalf, Sea	9	0	9	0	54

Kicking

	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Succop, TB	33/35	21/23	50	96
Lutz, NO	34/34	19/21	53	91
Koo, Atl	18/21	24/25	54	90
Slye, Car	23/25	22/27	56	89
Zuerlein, Dal	18/21	21/24	59	81
Prater, Det	26/26	18/25	59	80
Gano, NYG	16/16	21/22	55	79
Gonzalez, Ari	32/33	15/19	56	77
Crosby, GB	35/36	13/13	53	74
Myers, Sea	36/38	12/12	61	72

Lions fire Patricia, Quinn

LARRY LAGE
AP sports writer

Matt Patricia opened his final postgame news conference with the Detroit Lions by thanking his wife and children for their support.

Patricia probably knew what was coming.

His boss, general manager Bob Quinn, might not have expected the same fate.

The Lions fired Patricia and Quinn, who hired the coach to replace Jim Caldwell, and effectively ended the franchise's attempt to replicate the success the men helped Bill Belichick achieve in New England.

The moves were made Saturday, surprising no one.

"It clearly wasn't working," Lions owner Sheila Ford Hamp said on a Zoom call with reporters.

The duo joins a long list of general managers and coaches that failed to help the franchise win over the last several decades.

Since Detroit won the 1957 NFL title, it has won only one playoff game — and that was way back on Jan. 5, 1992.

"We can't hide our past, that's for sure," said Hamp, who succeeded her mother in June to lead the franchise her late father bought in 1963. "But I'm very dedicated to turning this ship around and really making a difference."

Darrell Bevell, who has 14 seasons of experience as an offensive coordinator, will be the team's interim coach for the final five games. The general manager's duties will be handled on an interim basis by Kyle O'Brien, Lance Newmark, Rob Lohman and Mike Disner, all of whom worked for Quinn in the team's front office.

This season, the Lions (4-7) lost consecutive games for the third time and it cost Quinn and Patricia their jobs. Detroit collapsed in a 41-25 loss to Houston at home on Thursday after getting shut out for the first time in 11 years in the previous game at Carolina.

"I'm just really appreciative of my family, my wife, my kids," Patricia said Thursday before taking questions from reporters on a Zoom call. "My wife does a lot behind the scenes and from that standpoint I appreciate her a lot."

NFL dealing with more COVID issues

Associated Press

The Denver Broncos have no quarterbacks. The San Francisco 49ers have no home stadium or practice facility. And the Baltimore Ravens may not have enough players available for their next game, which has already been pushed back twice.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused major disruptions around the NFL on Saturday, again calling into question the league's plan to play a full schedule after several weeks that went relatively smoothly.

Multiple people familiar with the NFL's investigation told The Associated Press that all four of the quarterbacks on Denver's roster were ineligible to play Sunday against the New Orleans Saints.

One person told the AP that starter Drew Lock, backup Brett Rypien and practice squad veteran Blake Bortles were deemed high-risk close contacts with No. 3 quarterback Jeff Driskel on Wednesday, the day before Driskel tested positive for COVID-19.

Another person said the four quarterbacks apparently weren't wearing their masks the whole time they were together as required by the league's pandemic protocols.

The people spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the NFL and the Broncos hadn't made any announcements after Lock, Rypien and Bortles were ordered off the practice field Saturday and into isolation. The Broncos were scrambling to prepare practice squad rookie receiver Kendall Hinton and No. 3 running back Royce Freeman to play QB against the Saints.

The Ravens, meanwhile, put six more players on the COVID-19 list, which is for players who've either tested positive for the virus or had close contact with an infected person. Baltimore had already disciplined an unidentified staff member for violating COVID-19 protocols, and the outbreak — the worst on any team this season — left the Ravens with three defensive linemen and one quarterback available.

The Ravens' game at rival Pittsburgh was initially scheduled for Thanksgiving night and was moved to Sunday before being postponed again for Tuesday. Some Steelers players complained about their schedule being disrupted again because of another team's failure to contain an outbreak. But the Steelers placed starting running back James Conner on the COVID-19 list Saturday, joining three other teammates.

For the 49ers, the latest complication arose from the local government trying to contain the spread of the virus in the county where they practice and play their home games. Santa Clara County banned all contact sports from holding games and practices for the next three weeks.

The ban was to take effect Monday after the 49ers returned from their game at the Los Angeles Rams. It's set to last until Dec. 21.

The 49ers have home games scheduled for Dec. 7 against Buffalo and Dec. 13 against Washington at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara. The team also practices at that site.

Elsewhere in the league on Saturday:

— The active Ravens players placed on the COVID-19 list were outside linebacker Jaylon Ferguson, right tackle D.J. Fluker, defensive lineman Broderick Washington and offensive lineman Will Holden. Two others — defensive backs Khalil Dorsey and Tavon Young — were on injured reserve before also joining the list Saturday. Others on the list for Baltimore include quarterback Lamar Jackson and running backs Mark Ingram and J.K. Dobbins.

— The Saints placed starting left tackle Terron Armstead on their COVID-19 list, leaving him ineligible for Sunday's game at Denver.

— The Indianapolis Colts will be without running back Jonathan Taylor on Sunday. He is one of three Indy starters sitting out because of COVID-19 when Indianapolis hosts Tennessee for the AFC South lead.

— The Las Vegas Raiders said running backs coach Kirby Wilson won't coach this week because of COVID-19-related reasons. Senior offensive assistant John Morton will handle Wilson's duties on Sunday against the Falcons.

Fuller first woman in P5

JOSEPH WALLJASPER
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Sarah Fuller was playing around with a teammate a couple months ago when she kicked a soccer ball through the uprights from 45 yards away. She joked about being able to kick a football with teammates during the Southeastern Conference soccer tournament.

On Saturday, she made history.

Fuller became the first woman to participate in a Power Five conference football game when she kicked off for Vanderbilt to start the second half at Missouri, a moment that may take some time to soak in for her.

"I just think it's incredible that I am able to do this, and all I want to do is be a good influence to the young girls out there because there were times like I struggled in sports," Fuller said. "But I am so thankful I stuck with it, and it's given me so many opportunities. I've met so many amazing people through sports, and I just want to say like literally you can do anything you set your mind to."

Fuller kicked with a holder rather than using a tee in a designed squib kick, and the senior sent a low kick to the 35-yard line where it was pounced on by Missouri's Mason Pack. Fuller didn't get any other opportunities in Vanderbilt's 41-0 loss to Missouri.

Associated Press

Vanderbilt place kicker Sarah Fuller warms up before the start of a game against Missouri Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020, in Columbia, Mo.

Coach Derek Mason made clear that Fuller kicked for the Commodores due to need, not for history or publicity. COVID-19 protocols and restrictions left Mason with very few options, prompting him to reach out to the soccer team for help.

Fuller, a 6-foot-2 goalkeeper, decided she was up for the challenge.

"I'm not about making statements," Mason said. "This was out of necessity. You look at our week. Our students had gone home. The ability to have access to students and tryouts was almost nil in terms of like what's available. ... That just happened to be the most viable option."

After Fuller's kick, she went straight to the sideline, where she high-fived some of her new teammates and swapped some elbow bumps. Fuller's parents watched and cheered from the stands along with her boyfriend and best friend.

Fuller practiced with the Commodores this week after helping the Commodores win the SEC Tournament last weekend. Fuller said her longest field goal in practice was 38 yards.

She wore "Play Like A Girl" on the back of her helmet. The senior will get to keep the No. 32 jersey she wore Saturday, the same as her number when playing soccer.

Fuller even gave a halftime pep talk, which she usually left to her soccer teammates, telling her new teammates that Vandy won the SEC soccer tournament title by cheering for each other whether on the field or the sideline.

"We had a different mindset coming out the second half," quarterback Mike Wright said.

After her kickoff, reaction poured in on social media. Fuller was the No. 2 trending topic on Twitter, followed by Vandy. Her soccer team wrote on Twitter: "Glass. Everywhere."

As in glass ceiling.

Pat McAfee, a former NFL punter, reviewed Fuller's squib kick, noting the ball didn't go out of bounds and there was no chance of a return, setting up the defense.

"Congrats to (at)SarahFuller_27 for being THE FIRST EVER WOMAN TO KICKOFF A POWER 5 GAME," McAfee wrote. "Incredibly rare to be the '1st ever person to do something' these days..this is really cool."

No woman had appeared in an SEC football game or for any Power Five team. Liz Heaston became the first woman to score with two extra points for Willamette in NAIA on Oct. 18, 1997.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Suncoast Parkway 2 (SR 589), Phase 2 - Design
From SR 44 to CR 486
Financial Project Identification Number (FPID): 442764-1
Citrus County, Florida

FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE — FDOT

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will hold a Public Hearing for design of Suncoast Parkway 2 Phase 2, a new four-lane toll facility from SR 44 to CR 486 in Citrus County, on **Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 6 p.m.** This Public Hearing is being conducted to give interested persons an opportunity to express their views concerning the project.

The Department will provide several options to participate in the Public Hearing. You may participate virtually/online (recommended) via a computer, tablet, smartphone, or by telephone in listen-only mode. Alternatively, you may participate in-person at the Citrus County Fairgrounds Auditorium, 3600 S. Florida Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450. All attendees will participate in the same live virtual Public Hearing. Doors at the Citrus County Fairgrounds Auditorium will open at **5:30 p.m.** The online webinar **opens at 5:45 p.m**. with a **formal presentation at 6 p.m.**, followed by a public comments period. Please provide adequate log-in time to view the presentation in its entirety.

Visit the project website, www.suncoast2.com, to register for the Public Hearing and to select your participation option. **Please note that registration works best in the Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Firefox web browser.** Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email that includes instructions on how to join the hearing online. To join the hearing by phone in listen-only mode, call 1-562-247-8422 and enter audio access code 788-095-786. You should not attend in-person if you are not feeling well. Social distancing guidelines and local ordinances will be followed.

If you need assistance registering or do not have access to a computer, please contact Project Manager Francisco Cardona, at Francisco.Cardona@dot.state.fl.us or 407-264-3029 , at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. Prior to the Public Hearing, project displays illustrating the proposed design will be available for review on the project website, www.suncoast2.com. For technical assistance during the online hearing/webinar, please contact TPKMeetingSupport@dot.state.fl.us. A recording of the webinar will be available on the project website three (3) days after the Public Hearing.

Individuals who register to attend online may (1) provide written comments at the time of registration, or (2) sign up to provide verbal comments during the hearing when registering. In-person attendees may (1) submit written comments at the hearing, (2) complete a speaker request card to provide verbal comments during the hearing, or (3) provide verbal comments directly to a court reporter who will be at the in-person hearing location.

Phone-in attendees will participate in listen-only mode but may provide written comments (1) via email to Francisco Cardona, at Francisco.Cardona@dot.state.fl.us or via regular mail at Francisco Cardona, P.E, PTOE,. P.O. Box 613069, Ocoee, FL 34761

All members of the public may submit written comments to Francisco Cardona, via email at Francisco.Cardona@dot.state.fl.us or via regular mail at Francisco Cardona, P.E, PTOE,. P.O. Box 613069, Ocoee, FL 34761. All written comments postmarked on or before December 28, 2020 will become part of the Public Hearing record. All verbal and written comments will become part of the project record.

Project environmental documents and displays illustrating the proposed design will be available for review on the project website, *www.suncoast2.com*, beginning November 16, 2020. The project environmental documents will also be available for public review from November 16, 2020 to December 28, 2020 at the following locations: (1) **Central Ridge Library**, 425 W Roosevelt Boulevard, Beverly Hills, FL 34465, (352) 746-6622 – Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday – Wednesday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday - Friday; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; (2) **Coastal Region Library**, 8619 W Crystal Street, Crystal River, FL 34428, (352) 795-3716 – Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday – Wednesday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday – Friday.

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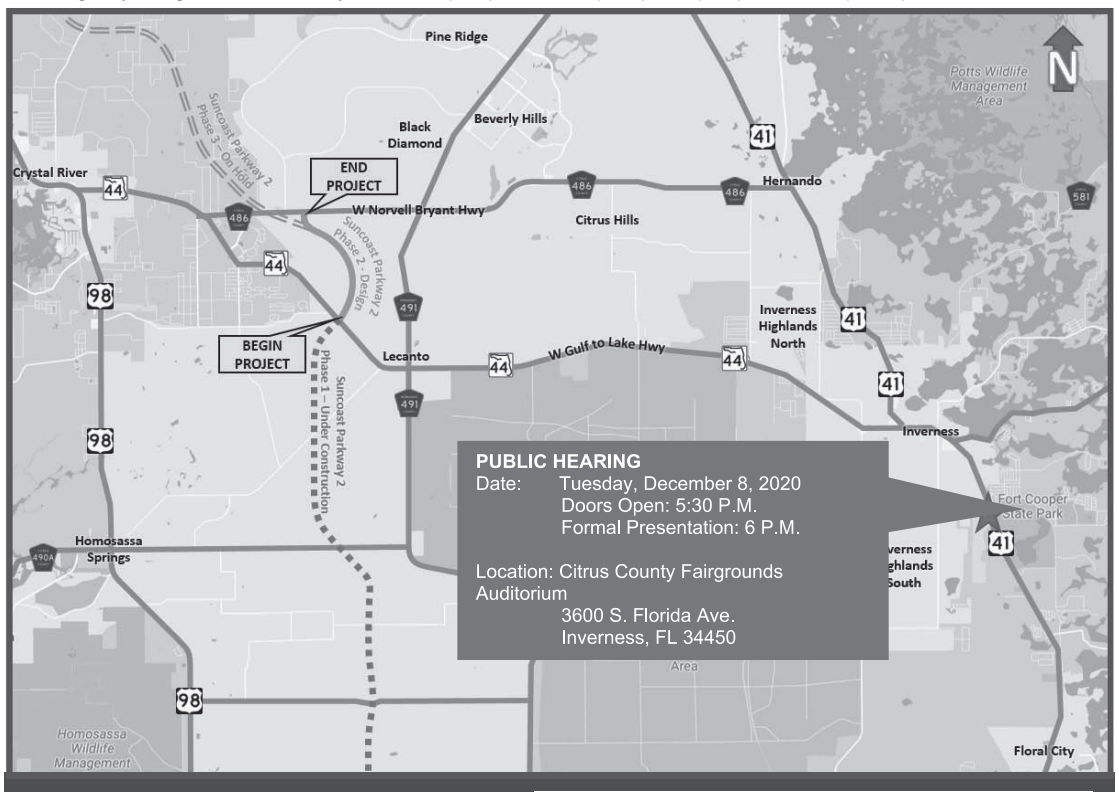

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NBA gives teams health protocols for season

Tim Reynolds
AP basketball writer

NBA players who test positive for the coronavirus this season may have to miss nearly two weeks in some instances before being allowed to return to the court, the league told its teams Saturday.

That revelation was one of many in a 63,000-word document, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, that explained some of the heath and safety protocols for the looming season. Preseason games begin Dec. 11 and regular-season contests start Dec. 22.

The document still needs to be ratified by the league and the National Basketball Players Association, but it at least provides some sort of blueprint for the start of training camps in the coming days. All players who will be part of training camp need to begin a testing program by Monday — many were expected to start it Saturday — and teams can begin holding mandated group workouts starting Dec. 6, the league said. Individual workouts can begin Tuesday, if players have three consecutive negative tests.

Players, coaches and other key staff are expected to be tested daily in most cases.

The league, in a separate memo, also told teams that even with the detailed prevention and mitigation strategies "it is likely that some staff, players and other participants in the 2020-21 season nonetheless will contract COVID-19." The league urged teams to have plans ready to assist visiting team personnel or referees who happen to test positive away from their home cities, such as directing them toward isolation accommodations if necessary and to assist with that person's care while recovering.

There are two methods by which a player can return to play after a positive coronavirus test: one is a test-based resolution, in which an infected individual has at least two consecutive negative PCR test results. The other is a time-based resolution, where a player would have to isolate, rest and avoid workouts for at least 10 days and then spend at least two more days training in isolation. He would also have to undergo cardiac screening before being cleared to return.

The league is still working with the union on specific protocols for life on the road, saying it wants to find ways to "promote more controlled environments and reduce nonessential interactions." Teams will be urged to work with hotel vendors on best practices, such as face-mask usage and physical distancing, especially from people who are not part of a team's travel party — which will be capped at 45 people, including players, coaches and staff.

There is a possibility that the league will have teams travel with someone whose specific task is to handle testing on the road. Those people — it may be one, it may be two — would not count toward the 45-person travel party total.

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Days of 'almost' normal

It was almost normal.

Thanksgiving morning I rolled out of bed, poured a steaming cup of coffee and sat down on the couch to watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade.

Sure, there were no crowds lining the parade route and fewer balloon handlers but if it wasn't for all the mask-adorned people on the broadcast, it might have been possible to forget that we were in the middle of a worldwide pandemic.

Cortney Stewart
SEEING BEYOND

Almost.

Of course I was very quickly reminded of it when I went into the kitchen to prepare my own Thanksgiving meal this year. I walked right into a wall of reality. No big family meal. No getting chased out of the kitchen with my dad for picking at the turkey. No breaking the wishbone with my sister. No family feud over the Florida/Florida State football game.

Thanksgiving 2020 fell in line with pretty much every other event this year: different. And just like with every other thing we've adjusted to this year, Thanksgiving done in a new way taught me how to appreciate the little things.

For instance, how in the world do moms literally know everything there is to know about everything? I enjoy cooking. I want cooking gadgets for Christmas. I watch all the foodie shows. I even took a foodie vacation last New Year's and literally toured a city by planning everything I did around my favorite celebrity chef's many restaurants in the city.

I love food. I love cooking. But Thanksgiving was never in my repertoire. And why should it be? No one cooks a better Thanksgiving than my mom.

And then — COVID — and now mom was on speed dial all morning helping me figure out how to cook a turkey without drying it out, how to make stuffing taste like hers and how to "do" Thanksgiving without being flanked by family on all sides.

The cooking part was an easy fix. She's been doing that for years. But the other stuff, well, let's just say that moms always know what to say and when to say it.

2020 gave me the gift of cooking my first Thanksgiving dinner. It wasn't my favorite way to celebrate the holiday and I wouldn't choose to do it again. But it's one check off the bucket list.

The truth is that choosing to stay away from my family for Thanksgiving was not an easy choice. It was tough. And I don't ever want to have to do it again. That's why I made the choice to do it this time — so next year, hopefully, I can have a normal Thanksgiving.

If the projections for COVID-19 are correct, Christmas is going to bring its own host of hurdles and obstacles to our traditional celebrations. And likely, just like everything else, we're going to have to do things differently this year. It isn't a change in plans any of us is likely to be looking forward to.

Christmas is a holiday wrought with tradition. And messing with tradition is always risky business. So it's best to prepare ahead. Make plans now to adapt traditions. Tell friends and family in advance so everyone knows what to expect. Take the opportunity to create new customs.

This holiday season will be different, for sure. But different doesn't have to mean bad. Prepare early for a 2020 Christmas, knowing that it isn't likely to look normal. And remember that if we all do what is necessary now, there's a much better chance we can take our traditions back in force next year.

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Thankful about the good things

Gerry Mulligan
OUT THE WINDOW

OK, I will admit it. It is particularly difficult to remember what we need to be thankful about in 2020.

Let's see if I have this right. A worldwide pandemic has infected millions of people and killed more than 250,000 Americans. A nasty national election tore at the very fabric of the institutions that hold our country together. While the stock market has climbed, the pandemic has caused the darkest economic moment since the Great Depression.

Small businesses are dying, unemployment has gone crazy and the lines at food banks are the longest in memory. Sporting events are canceled, our kids are trying to learn on computers and I can't find the unmute button on Zoom.

Thankfully, 2020 will be over soon. And, if you look a little deeper than my headlines, you can still find plenty of things in our community to be thankful about.

Think about what has happened in Citrus County over the last year that deserves our thanks.

My favorite story that deserves thanks is about Sandra Ingram, the grandmother who lost her daughter to cancer and then took custody of her two grandchildren. She didn't have room in her tiny Homosassa trailer to take care of the kids, but she had plenty of determination.

And so did Citrus County. Once her story was told, the community donated more than $70,000 in cash and a brand new mobile home for her family.

Citrus County comes thru again for a worthy person in need.

Save Crystal River, a citizen volunteer group, took the lead and has helped clean up a good portion of King's Bay and surrounding canals. Where government struggled to find answers to deteriorating conditions for more than 25 years, a group of volunteers came together and got the job started.

And now there is a group in Homosassa lined up to do the same thing. These volunteers are going to save their river! Local leadership gets things done.

And then there is the Rev. Doug Alexander with the New Church Without Walls.

The Rev. Doug and his volunteers save souls, but they also feed hungry people. Every week throughout this pandemic he has organized truckloads of free food for county residents who need help.

People who never needed help before find themselves in need. Rev. Doug and his volunteers treat people with smiles, respect and a trunk load of food.

We have two new county commissioners — Holly Davis and Ruthie Schlabach — who were just elected. They vow to be more receptive to the needs of the taxpayers. How can that not make you happy?

In Tallahassee, we have two of the smartest and best positioned legislative leaders you could imagine. Sen. Wilton Simpson is serving as the president of the Florida Senate, the second most important position in state government after the governor. He is positioned to make good things happen for Citrus County.

And then there is Rep. Ralph Massullo of Lecanto, a rising star in the Florida House who is smart and focused on our community. While money is tight in Tallahassee because of the pandemic and stumbling economy, our two leaders are at the top of their class.

I am thankful that Citrus County residents continue to support nonprofits during these difficult times. Agencies like the Community Food Bank and Citrus County United Way are struggling to keep up with the increased demand.

But volunteers and contributors keep coming through to help meet the need.

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Special to the Chronicle

Seagrasses typically grow in protected bays and lagoons but can also be found in the deeper waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

Seagrass mapping: Some of your questions answered

Q: What are seagrasses?

A: Seagrasses are flowering plants that colonized the ocean some 70 to 100 million years ago. Seagrasses have leaves, flowers, seeds and roots. Unlike land plants, seagrasses do not have strong stems to hold themselves up. Instead they are supported by the buoyancy of the water surrounding them. Another unique characteristic of seagrasses is that they are "halophytes," meaning they only grow in saltwater. Of the approximately 52 species of seagrasses that exist worldwide, there are only seven species found in Florida, six of them along Florida's Gulf Coast.

Dr. Chris Anastasiou
GUEST COLUMN

Q: Where do seagrasses grow?

A: Seagrasses typically grow in protected bays and lagoons but can also be found in the deeper waters of the Gulf of Mexico. The depth to which seagrasses grow is most often determined by the amount of light reaching the bottom. In most of our Gulf Coastal estuaries you can find seagrass meadows between 6-10 feet of water. But off the Springs Coast just north of Tampa Bay, seagrasses can grow at depths of 30 feet or more! Overall, Florida has about 2.5 million acres of seagrass, more seagrass than anywhere else in the continental United States.

Q: Why are seagrasses so important?

A: Seagrasses provide critical habitat in Florida estuaries. They help improve water clarity, reduce nutrient pollution, and even help combat climate change. Approximately 70% of commercially and recreationally important fish spend at least part of their lifecycle within seagrass meadows. Seagrasses are very important to Florida's economic health, contributing approximately $20 billion annually to the state's economy.

Q: How and why does the District map seagrass habitat?

A: Seagrasses are sensitive to environmental change and therefore make very good indicators of estuarine health. For this reason, District scientists have been mapping seagrass habitat along the west-central and southwest Florida coast since 1988 as a way to take the pulse of the estuary. District scientists collect digital aerial photographs from an aircraft flying at an altitude of approximately 10,000 feet.

Q: When does the District map seagrass and when is the next map expected?

A: The District maps seagrasses along two regions of west-central and southwest Florida, the Springs Coast and the Suncoast. The Suncoast includes all the estuaries from Tampa Bay south to Charlotte Harbor and is mapped every two years. The Springs Coast extends from Waccasassa Bay near Cedar Key south to the mouth of the Anclote River. This region is mapped every four years. The most recent photography was flown between November 2019 and February 2020. At this time, photo interpreters are hard at work mapping both the Suncoast and Springs Coast estuaries with an expected release in early 2021.

Q: How are seagrasses doing in our estuaries?

A: The good news is that mapped acres of seagrass over the past 25 years have significantly increased in most of our estuaries peaking in 2016. For example, in Tampa Bay, seagrass acreage is greater today than it was in the 1950s. These long-term gains are a direct result of better water quality, largely due to improvements in how we treat our wastewater and manage our stormwater runoff. However, since 2016, seagrass acreage has remained relatively steady and has even declined in some of our Suncoast estuaries. Seagrass loss can be caused by a number of reasons. Hurricanes, red tide, and other significant events all effect the overall health of our seagrass habitat. What will the 2020 maps show us? We will soon find out.

Q: Who else monitors seagrasses in my estuary?

A: The District's maps provide an excellent systemwide estimate of seagrass coverage over time. But that's not the whole story. To complete the seagrass habitat picture, more site-specific information needs to be collected. That's where our local partners come in. These partners, including county and city governments, National Estuary Programs, and citizen volunteer groups work very hard to collect critical site-specific seagrass data, that when used in conjunction with the District's seagrass maps, gives us a comprehensive look at this critical undersea habitat.

Q: How can I find out more information about seagrasses in my estuary?

A: The District seagrass maps are available for download via our geospatial open data portal (https://data-swfwmd.opendata.arcgis.com/). The University of South Florida Water Institute's open data portal also hosts many of the District's seagrass maps (https://data-waterinstitute.opendata.arcgis.com/).

Dr. Chris Anastasiou is the Chief Water Quality Scientist and the Seagrass Mapping Program Lead for the Southwest Florida Water Management District. He has a Ph.D. in Marine Science from the University of South Florida and has over 25 years of experience conducting research and implementing projects in marine and freshwater ecosystems across the Gulf Coast.

OPINION

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MANAGING DESTINY

Now is not the time for roadblocks

THE ISSUE:
The Suncoast 2's Cardinal Street interchange.

OUR OPINION:
Fine-tuning county planning vision is best exit scenario.

Change is not only inevitable, but speedily coming to our front doorsteps with the completion of the Suncoast 2 Parkway in early 2022.

Given that interchanges are development gateways, the rapidly approaching change will have its greatest impact at the parkway's Cardinal Street interchange because of its uniquely rural character.

To manage the parkway's developmental impact, county commissioners had the foresight in 2005 to adopt Interchange Management Areas (IMAs) within the Citrus County Comprehensive Land Use Plan to encourage managed development that promotes public safety, compatibility with surrounding uses, highway beautification and aesthetically pleasing development.

Since then, the county has devoted considerable time, study and effort in exploring several interchange exit scenarios to preclude the visual blight and unmanageable sprawl that plagues the Interstate 75 and State Road 44 junction in Wildwood.

The exploratory effort and public input have led county planners to favor a "Resilient Citrus County" scenario that envisions a well-balanced commercial and residential land use mix to support a diversified economy. Other interchange options explored were a "trend" scenario that would produce helter-skelter development and a "focused growth" scenario that would be a patchwork of redesignated land uses.

With Cardinal interchange planning ready to move forward in high gear, the Citrus County Planning Development Commission (PDC) waved a caution flag during the interchange's recent second public hearing. Rather than vote on whether to recommend to the county commission the scenario envisioned by county planners, the PDC postponed its vote to discuss concerns raised by some PDC members and the Citrus County Building Alliance.

Among the concerns raised were the blending of the interchange's development with its rural setting, planning restrictions that could impede balanced growth, and making the widening of Cardinal Street and central sewer and water integral, not ad hoc, to the interchange planning process.

As the parkway's completion accelerates, the county's opportunity to have a working plan in place before time overcomes it is quickly ticking down. As such, discussion of the concerns raised should be viewed by all parties as an opportunity to fine-tune the county's planning vision rather than a roadblock that could result in the Cardinal interchange's planning process falling victim to unmanageable growth and commercial blight.

Now is Citrus County's chance to be firmly in the driver's seat by fine-tuning county staff's planning vision and following the exit sign to the interchange scenario that best manages the dramatic developmental change of Cardinal Street as a gateway to the future.

If Citrus County is to control its destiny, it should heed the advice of management consultant Peter Drucker, "You cannot predict the future, but you can create it."

Be a hero: Shop local

The magical holiday season is upon us. I'll agree, 2020 has been anything but magical.

How about we create some local magic of our own? I've got a great opportunity for you to be a local hero and it's super easy — shop local.

Meredith Linley
CRYSTAL RIVER MAIN STREET

Downtown Crystal River is home to over 30 local retail shops, restaurants and local tourism businesses, and more than ever, our hometown businesses are counting on you to shop local this holiday season.

2020 has dealt our independently owned businesses a difficult hand but if we all vow to shop local we can ensure the longevity of these businesses.

So I'm here to issue a challenge to you and if you are willing to rise to the challenge, there could be a great reward. Along with the Crystal River Main Street Board of Directors, we formally challenge every resident of this community to come downtown and spend at least $100 in holiday purchases.

To incentivize this challenge our local downtown shops, restaurants and tourism-based businesses have all contributed products and gift certificates for local goods and services which we have split into three prize packages.

Grab one of our Main Street Shop Local cards at all our downtown businesses and once you fill up $100 of squares ($10 increments), leave your card to be entered to win one of the three local prize packages.

Want to rise to the challenge two, three or 87 times? You'll get an entry for every $100 spent.

In case you're wondering what gifts you can purchase downtown, I'll offer some advice. Heritage House, Amy's on the Avenue and Karma Cottage sell a variety of home and holiday decor.

If you're searching for local art, Coastal Art Gallery, Anderson Franklin Gallery of the Arts, Glasswerx and Anchored Souls feature dozens of local artist wares in a variety of mediums.

For trendy adult boutique wear, look no further than Southern Babe Boutique, The Cotton Club and Fishhook Outfitters. Stuff the stockings with nostalgic treats from the General Store.

Locally themed outdoor apparel can be found at Salty Girls Beach Shop, MezmerEyes Boutique and Explorida. Need a gift for a man in your life? Military Outlet is packed with ideas.

All of our downtown restaurants and bars offer gift certificates which are perfect for anyone on your Christmas gift list. Looking for an iconic Crystal River-themed gift? Try manatee pajamas from All About Nature, which come in sizes infant through adult.

Upon guidance from the Citrus County Health Department and in partnership with the City of Crystal River, we made the difficult decision to cancel First Friday.

Canceling this event is another blow for our local businesses, but I have great faith in this community that you will still shop local safely. Many of our downtown businesses offer curbside pickup service.

I encourage you to follow our Facebook page, www.Facebook.com/CRMainStreet. Starting Dec. 1, we will be featuring "25 Days of Local Gifts." I'm positive you will find something for someone on your list downtown.

Be a local hero this season and shop local.

Meredith Linley is executive director of Crystal River Main Street. Email her at meredith@crystalrivermainstreet.com.

LETTERS to the Editor

It seems animal lovers won't help

Renewed interest in an animal shelter is apparent. This is surprising since local support is minimal.

A few years ago, a fund was established for this purpose. Recently, the minimal amount collected was donated to the county since there was very little interest.

My guess is that those who seem so concerned likely donate to such organizations as the Humane society, PETA and others. These organizations have huge overheads and no interest in any local efforts.

This being the case, why would the general public be expected to pay for something that the supposedly concerned animal lovers will not support?

Robert E. Hagaman
Homosassa

Blame for COVID in all directions

The Chronicle commentary was to put the blame on politicians for the COVID-19 pandemic, yet fingers can and should be pointed in many directions.

Media has much blood on their hands as reporting about treatments, causes and precautions were all over the map. All of these were supposedly backed up by one study after another, from so called reliable sources or some doctor who had some dealings with COVID-19.

Amazingly, in the beginning, they were prognosticating at least 20 million lives lost and an eternity before any vaccine or cures could be found. Hyperbole ran rampant yet the facts did not bear out what had been said.

Leadership from our president was able to get respirators on a fast track along with a concerted effort from the hated big pharma to find a vaccine with the establishment of Operation Warp Speed using the Department of Defense and their dollars.

Trump could not mandate anything to the states; that is a violation of the Constitution. Also we are nowhere near that 20 million number. Someone somewhere did something right.

The people most at fault are the ones you see in your mirror. Lack of common sense, believing that somehow some politician is responsible for you and health.

Mike Dragoun
Lecanto

Universal health care is humane

Today's (Nov. 25, 2020) Chronicle first page shared the story of Amy Copeland and her bout with cancer. Wishing her the best is an understatement, and so is congratulations to those supporting her.

I write, however, in response to the need for Amy and her family to depend on the independent charity of her neighbors and friends which may or may not be sufficient to prevent possible financial catastrophe.

In addition, I think of all of the people in similar situations, not making the front page, people and families who may not have the support Amy has received. We are the only country in the modern world where this can happen.

Universal/single-payer health care for all Americans not only is the humane approach to health care, it is the most economical. How long before we wake up? We have excellent health providers — hospitals, doctors, nurses — but no citizens I've met from other countries would trade their health care program for that of the U.S.

Philip Cote
Crystal River

Gov.'s proposal is targeted legislation

A dangerous slide toward vigilantism opinion piece completely misstates Florida law.

What exists, and what the governor has proposed. That is forgivable; however, many state attorneys and judges don't know the law either.

Hence, the governor feels it is necessary to clarify it with specifically targeted legislation.

Steven M. Harris, attorney-at-law
Newberry

Why is governor hedging on mandate?

Why will Gov. DeSantis not issue a mandatory mask policy? It is the simplest way to stop the spread of the virus.

By the lack of mask wearing at local stores and restaurants, it's obvious many of our neighbors reject the advice of medical professionals and science. We need to be protected against these people. If they want to endanger their health fine, they have no right to endanger the health of others.

Someone should explain to our governor that he no longer needs to suck up to Trump and his dangerous policies. Time to protect the citizens that are begging for a mandatory mask policy.

Barry Stine
Homosassa

Pastor, wife did remarkable job

Pastors Douglas and Lady "T" Alexander of The New Church Without Walls are doing a miraculous job of feeding thousands of people who have found themselves in an unforeseen predicament during this pandemic.

In our continuing effort to support this program, the Sewing Sisters Plus One (Sharon Kerner, Karen Prijatel and Sharon Melton) are making and donating face masks. It is our belief that folks who are food insecure, probably would not be able to buy masks, a crucial component to controlling COVID-19.

For those of us who have been blessed and are able to donate, consider sharing the wealth during this "2020 Holiday Feeding." Here are ways to give:

- Checks made payable to "New CWOW."
- Credit card (call 352-344-2425, option 1).
- Paypal (visit website: www.newchurchwithoutwalls.com).
- CashApp to $NewCWOW.
- Text to donate: NCWOW to 77977.

Thank you in advance for caring and sharing for those in need.

Sharon Kerner
Crystal River

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WINDOW

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And speaking of community organizations, we take for granted the fact that Citrus County has more than 400 groups where citizens come together for the betterment of our area. I am a member of the Rotary Club in Crystal River and we do amazing things. There are five other Rotary groups throughout the county and they are each doing great things.

And we have Elks, and Moose and Does and Kiwanis. We have civic associations and homeowner groups in every nook and cranny of Citrus County. Even with the pandemic, these groups come together to make great things happen.

Have you seen the list of accomplishments and scholarships from the Women of Sugarmill Woods? And what about the Black Diamond Foundation? The Crystal River Woman's Club? The Citrus County Education Foundation?

These groups are packed with volunteers doing good stuff. That doesn't happen in every community — but it sure happens in Citrus County. They compete with each other to make good things happen. And they do their work under the radar screen of most people.

Did you know our school system is one of the best in the state? We should be thankful so many school district employees dedicate their lives to helping our children's succeed. School superintendent Sam Himmel has built a team of professionals that can stand up to any county in Florida.

In Crystal River, we have the combo team of new city manager Ken Frink and mayor Joe Meek getting amazing things. They have led the charge to create a new town center and a thriving downtown — even while the pandemic is beating up small business. And over in Inverness we have a new city manager — Eric Williams — who is trying to build bridges (not real bridges) with the county. Good things are getting done through cooperation.

I am also extremely thankful for the staff that produces and delivers the Chronicle each day. Throughout this pandemic — with a few hurricanes thrown in for extra stress — they have created a newspaper and gotten it to your home each day.

It is true that the world is a tough place right now. It is easy to focus on all the negative stuff that is happening. But if you can push away the awful headlines, you can see that deep down our county and our country still have good bones. Let's be thankful for the good stuff and try to keep pointing in the right direction.

Gerry Mulligan is publisher of the Chronicle. Email gmulligan@hronicleonline.com.

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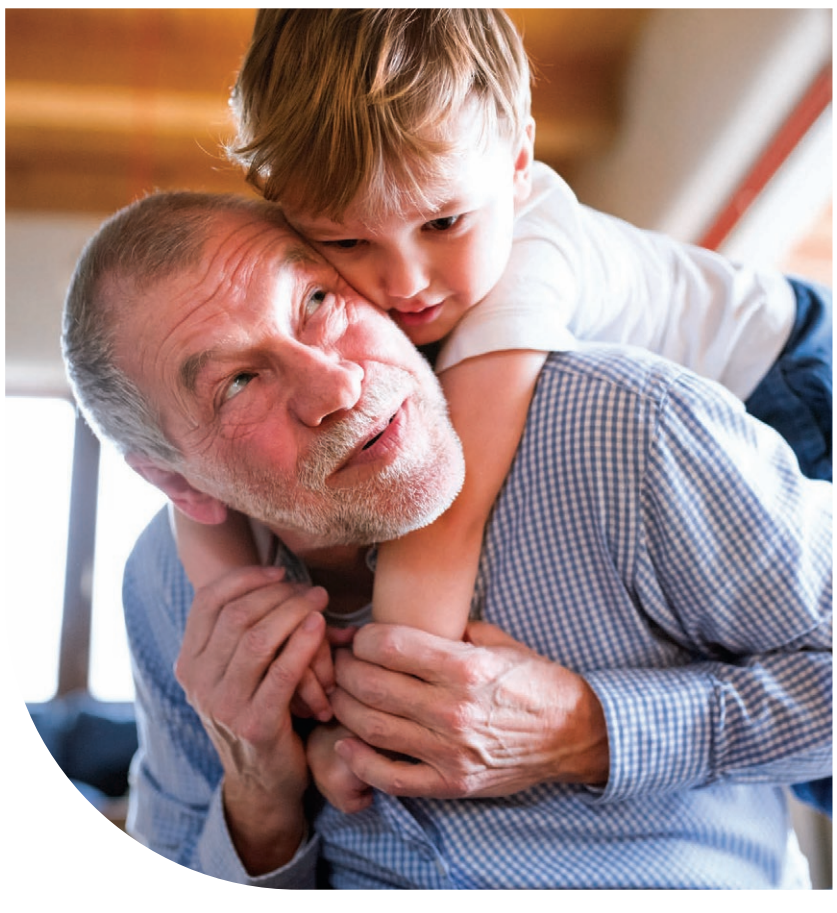

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NONPROFIT BRIEFS

Free products for nonprofits

Governmental agencies, both state and federal, provide benefits for which nonprofits can apply.

Foundations provide financial grants that fund the operations of nonprofits to support of their mission and purpose.

There are also large national nonprofits in the business of providing both service and product to other nonprofits.

NAEIR, the National Association for the Exchange of Industrial Resources is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that helps other charitable 501(c)(3) organizations.

Every year, NAEIR sends out a brochure to the Non Profit Resource Center explaining their program of giving. Here is their story.

About NAEIR

NAEIR is in the business of empowering 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organizations with acts of generosity.

NAEIR receives and warehouses excess inventory donated to them by manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers throughout the U.S. NAEIR redistributes this inventory to over 15,000 schools, churches and other nonprofits across America.

All merchandise received from NAEIR must be used by the recipient nonprofit and cannot be bartered, traded or sold.

Last year, an inventory of $100 million of free goods was available to nonprofits with membership status in NAEIR.

How does it work?

Manufacturers, distributors and retailers accumulate large amounts of inventory in their warehouses because of overproduction, returns and discounted items.

They do not want to throw away new, unsold and useable product.

Neither do they wish to flood the market with this merchandise as that would hurt and diminish new sales.

For the donors who choose to ship products to NAEIR, IRS provides tax deductions as an incentive to continue their donations.

Who is eligible for NAEIR?

Churches, schools and other nonprofits are eligible to apply for and receive free merchandise.

Eligible organizations must be 501(c)(3) charitable, publicly supported nonprofit organizations. An IRS "Determination Letter" is usually required before the merchandise can be shipped.

A nominal annual membership fee of $59 is required to join NAEIR.

Contacting NAEIR is the best way to receive current membership information. NAEIR can be reached by calling 800-562-0955 or by email member@naeir.org. The website is www.naeir.org/member.

Be sure to let NAERI know you discovered them thru the Non Profit Resource Center in Citrus County.

By law, all merchandise given to member nonprofits must be made available free of charge.

There are no limits on the dollar amount of inventory recipients can receive. Some nonprofits have received upwards of $18,000 of available products per year.

What's available?

The list of merchandise available is extensive. Products include: office and janitorial supplies, maintenance items, tools and hardware, class materials, clothing and shoes, computer software, toys, games and sporting goods, books, tapes and CDs, arts and crafts, personal care items and holiday items.

The state of Florida records indicate there are over 800 nonprofits located inside the borders of Citrus County and over 4,500 collectively by counties touching our county border lines.

It behooves any nonprofit to investigate the opportunity of receiving products available thru NAEIR.

Dr. Frederick J. Herzog is the founder and executive director of the NonProfit Resource Center in Citrus County. Call 847-899-9000 or email fherzog@tampabay.rr.com. Visit online at thenonprofitresourcecenter.com.

Time for more tacos

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

The new Laredo Taco Company has opened along with the new 7-Eleven in Inverness. Above, customers wait for their orders as their food is prepared as they wait.

Laredo Taco Company eatery opens inside Inverness' new 7-Eleven

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

There's a new taco restaurant in Inverness and it's inside the recently opened 7-Eleven.

The Laredo Taco Company is the chain's own quick-serve Mexican food brand and the Inverness site has the distinction of being the first of these to open — not only in Citrus County, but in Florida.

One of the highlights of the new restaurant is an expansive salsa bar.

From regular tacos to specialty tacos, Laredo will have a variety of items for those who enjoy south-of-the-border food.

The 7-Eleven at 1007 U.S. 41 North opened Wednesday, Nov. 18, with about 45 employees. The Laredo Taco Company has tacos served on handmade flour tortillas in on-site kitchens each day, according to the chain.

Patrons will also find chorizo, carne asada, carnitas, breakfast tacos made with hand-cracked eggs, and protein-packed bowls.

"We think Florida is really going to love our Laredo Taco Company restaurants and its delicious food, all made from scratch, with carnitas being my personal favorite," said 7-Eleven Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Chris Tanco.

Because of the pandemic, 7–Eleven has enhanced its hygiene procedures. One noticeable change: The freshly prepared salsas and pico de gallo are served in pre-packed containers at the salsa bar.

All store associates are required to wear masks and gloves when serving customers.

Acrylic shields have been installed at checkout registers as added protection for customers and employees.

For more information about the Laredo Taco Company, visit www.laredotacocompany.com.

Donate rewards or give cash?

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If you want to help nonprofits this holiday season consider donating your unused hotel points, airline miles or credit card rewards to charity.

If you're looking to give to charity this holiday season but don't want to dip into your bank account, donating unused credit card rewards, hotel points and airline miles can be a helpful alternative. In some cases the charity can use the rewards for travel needs, and in other cases, the issuer can convert them to cash for the charity.

And nonprofits' needs are skyrocketing amid the COVID-19 pandemic. A July 2020 analysis by Candid, a group that provides information about nonprofits, found that more than one-third of them may be forced to shutter as a result of the twin crises of the pandemic and recession.

Here are times it can make sense to donate from your credit card rewards stash and times when it's not the best idea.

WHEN DONATING POINTS WORKS WELL

■ When you (and the charity) will get good value for the points

Sometimes point values are diminished if you donate them. Other times, it's a fair or even superior value.

Citi lets eligible cardholders donate ThankYou points to a handful of charities at a value of 1 cent each. That's the baseline value you'd want for travel redemption, and it's a better value than redeeming for cash back.

Those who hold eligible Chase credit cards can redeem their points for statement credits to cover donations to about a dozen charities, again at a rate that's higher than the penny-per-point value for cash back.

There are third-party options, too. Miles4Migrants, a charity that uses donated miles to help people affected by disasters, works to get full value for gifted rewards.

"We have a team of expert award bookers search for flights and give that information to the donator, who books the flight directly for the person in need," marketing manager Cat Cooke said.

■ When the charity gets a kicker

Through Dec. 1, 2020 (aka "Giving Tuesday"), American Express is offering a 10-times match when you donate points to Feeding America. Discover lets cardholders donate rewards to several charities and contributes an extra $25,000 to one that receives the most donations annually.

United Airlines' Miles on a Mission platform runs periodic campaigns to support nonprofits. The company will roll out a new initiative starting Dec. 1 with a match limit of 125,000 miles per charity.

■ When your supply outpaces your demand

Points and miles don't earn interest and can be devalued. If you're sitting on more points than you'll use in the next two years, donating them may make sense.

Derrick Dye, an attorney and blogger at Travel-on-Points, earns millions of miles a year and strives to donate 10% of them, even if it's not for outsize value.

"My wife and I feel strongly about supporting our nation's veterans, and donating our Southwest Airlines points to the Honor Flight Network is an easy way for us to give back," Dye said.

WHEN DONATING POINTS ISN'T IDEAL

■ When your points lose significant value

Many loyalty programs don't disclose how many dollars a charity will receive for your points or miles donation. But often it won't be the same value you could expect if you used them for travel.

Marriott, for instance, offers a robust list of charities to which you can donate Bonvoy points — from as few as 2,500 points for a $10 donation, up to 125,000 points for a $500 donation. That's a value of 0.4 cent per point, but you can more than double that if you use them for travel.

■ If you can donate cash rewards instead

Some cards may give you an option to earn rewards as points or cash back. And while points can sometimes offer a fair or excellent value when donated, cash back remains the most flexible reward of all.

You can give that money to any number of charities, not just ones that partner with the card issuer. Plus, you might reap tax benefits this way.

Because the IRS generally views credit card rewards as rebates and not income, donations of points and miles aren't eligible write-offs — but monetary donations could be. If you redeem rewards for cash back and then donate that directly to a charity, you're giving money, not points.

■ If you have alternative 'found funds'

Another way to avoid tapping into your bank account or your rewards stash is to donate "cash equivalents." One example: unused gift card balances that may be floating around your desk. Charity Choice, a nonprofit that lets users send gift cards to more than 1,000 different charities, also accepts unused balances on existing retail and restaurant gift cards.

You'll receive a tax receipt for the full value of the gift card you donate.

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Mission of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce

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Welcoming New Leadership

As we head into the new year, the Chamber invites the community to join us in welcoming our incoming 2021 Chairwoman Tabitha Wells, Wells Business Solutions.

Tabitha Wells grew up, attended college and started her professional career right here in Citrus County.

Tabitha holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration with specialization in Accounting and completed a fifth year, making her eligible to become a Certified Public Accountant. She is also a QuickBooks Certified ProAdvisor. Her experience in the accounting field includes public and private accounting, along with tax and audit services.

Tabitha Wells

Tabitha has also performed full-service accounting functions for government entities, non-profit organizations, and individuals. She has served on numerous boards and volunteered for several charities.

Leslie Bollin

Tiarra Alexander

The Chamber also welcomes new board members as we jump towards 2021. Welcome Leslie Bollin, Events & Marketing Director for the City of Crystal River, and Tiarra Alexander, Community Coordinator with Pace Center for Girls — Citrus.

Thank you to all of our standing board members for your continued dedication to the Chamber's mission for economic growth and empowerment in Citrus County.

■ **Immediate Past Chair (2020):** Harold Walker, Pinecrest Building Corp

■ **2022 Chair Elect**: Lindsay Platz, Insight Credit Union

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Chamber Welcomes New Special Event Manager

The Chamber is pleased to welcome a new addition to our team, Erika Corley, as our Events Manager!

Erika Corley

Erika born in Rockledge, Florida moved to Leesburg, Florida at the age of 3yrs old. Erika is a native Floridian, a "Florida Cracker" graduating from Leesburg High School and attending college at Lee University, studying Communications & Business Relations.

From College, Erika returned to Leesburg and, in 1993, began a career with The Villages of Lake-Sumter Incorporated. Over the course of almost 21 years, Erika continued working within the Villages; in both the Parks and Recreation Department (under Director John Rohan), completing her Villages life as Executive Assistant/Planner for Lori Resmondo Director of Retail Division.

Erika continued her love for Special Events-Community Relations in early 2014, where she became the Special Events Coordinator-Community Relations for the City of Wildwood. Planning Special Events, Ribbon Cuttings, liaison for the City Commission to include public speaking events but not limited to groundbreaking ceremonies within both the City of Wildwood proper and The Villages-Wildwood.

Erika moved to Citrus County 2.5 years ago and aspires to move closer to the water where she can continue her love of being on the water; whether kayaking, paddle board, or fishing (recently acquiring the nickname, The Red-Slayer).

In November of 2020, Erika accepted a position with the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, as the Special Event Manager. Erika is excited to become a part of the Chamber "Family" and looks forward to the continued growth in Citrus County, in Special Events, as well as continued economic development and growth.

CF Corporate College to host virtual workshop on Friday, Dec. 4

■ CF Corporate College: Human Resources Basics "Business is Easy until People get involved"— Dave Ramsey

December 4, 2020

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via Zoom Hosted by Darlene Goddard

Darlene Stuart Goddard, SPHR, SHRM-SCP brings over 30 years of HR experience to her HR consulting in legal compliance, benefits, compensation, performance management, strategic planning and organizational development, as well as recruiting, training, coaching and mediation. She serves on the Florida CareerSource Region 10 Board, is member of Ocala HR Management Association (OHRMA) and works with EAF as Regional Representative. She lives with her husband, cats, and semi-tame wildlife in Dunnellon, Florida. You can reach her on Facebook, LinkedIn, and by email:

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This Introduction to HR Basics will touch on the many facets of Human Resources in small business. So many laws and regulations govern the employment process from advertising openings all the way through the relationship to separating an employee. How do small companies protect themselves from violations, fines and lawsuits that can close the doors? Knowing what to document and where the mine fields are goes a long way toward protecting the future of your business. Individual workshop fee is $29. Register and pay online at: CF.edu/CorporateCollege or call 352-873-5855.

'Chamber Report' on WYKE

Watch the weekly Chamber Report show on WYKE-TV to stay informed on Chamber events, issues, and member spotlights. Chamber Report is broadcast on Tuesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 5:00 p.m. on Spectrum Channel 16 or through LiveStream (www.livestream.com/watch and search for "WYKE TV 47").

Bonnie McMullin

Sue Grable

Harold Walker

This week, host Jade White, Chamber Public Relations & Communication Coordinator, talks with Bonnie McMullin and Sue Grable of the Nature Coast Ministries about their new store location and their mission to serve our veterans and underserved citizens through free dental care, clothing assistance, housing assistance, and more. Also joining Jade is the Chamber 2020 Chairman, Harold Walker, to review 2020 and what leadership looked like for him through the pandemic as well as the creation of the Diversity Action Committee and other accomplishments he has worked on this year.

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

Christmas Parades move toward drive-thru format

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, in consultation with the Citrus County Health Department, the City of Crystal River, the City of Inverness, and the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, has decided that with the spike of COVID-19 cases and the current stress on available hospital beds the Crystal River and Inverness Christmas parade formats will now be "drive-thru"

Commonly referred to as "reverse Parades", floats will be stationery and parade viewers will drive-thru the route to view the float entries.

The dates and times will remain the same, Saturday, December 5th at 6 P.M. in Crystal River and Saturday, December 12th at noon in Inverness. The locations will be changed to a more conducive area.

The Chamber has partnered with law enforcement to route the floats in the Crystal River Christmas parade around a one-mile interior road at the Crystal River Mall. In Inverness, Highlands Blvd, from Montgomery to Apopka, will be utilized for this year's Inverness Christmas parade.

Earlier this week, Tito Rubio, the Director of the Citrus County Health Department, notified the Chamber of Commerce that Citrus County was having a severe spike in COVID-19 cases. In addition, 60 citizens were currently hospitalized, putting stress on our local medical facilities. Given that information, Tito Rubio suggested to Chamber CEO, Josh Wooten, that we schedule a conference call for Tuesday, November 24th, between the cities, the sheriff's office, and the health department. Out of that call came the consensus to move forward with the "reverse parade" format.

CHRISTMAS ON PARADE

Along with our Annual Chamber Christmas Parades in Inverness and Crystal River, many other community parades are scheduled to ensure everyone has the opportunity to celebrate the season!

- Friday, Dec 4 — Inverness Boat Parade, 6pm
- Saturday, Dec 5 — Crystal River Parade, 6pm
- Saturday, Dec 12 — Inverness Parade, Noon
- Saturday, Dec 19 — Homosassa Golf Cart Parade, 6pm
- Saturday, Dec 19 — Crystal River Boat Parade, 6:30pm

Recent Ribbon Cuttings

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12/09/20 Regular Meeting CC Tourist Development Council
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **CITRUS COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL** will hold a Regular meeting on **Wednesday, December 9th at 9:00 a.m.** at the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, Lecanto, FL 34461.

Any person desiring further information regarding this meeting may contact the Executive Offices of the Board of County Commissioners, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida, 34450 - (352) 341-6560.

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1294-1129 SUCRN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
HERNANDO/CITRUS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will conduct a public meeting on **Thursday December 10, 2020, beginning at 1:30 p.m.**, at the **Hernando County Government Center, 20 North Main Street, Board Room, Brooksville, FL**. The following measures have been implemented in the Government Center/Courthouse and will apply to all persons entering the building:

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The MPO provides resources for citizens wishing to provide public comment remotely. Citizens may provide comment via email to MPO@hernandocounty.us. Comments will be accepted prior to and through the end of the meeting. Emails submitted should contain the sender's name and identify the agenda item topic in the subject line. Citizens' comments will be provided to the MPO Board and the official records keeper for the Board, to be added to the Minutes packet of the meeting. Citizens' comments will not be read at the meeting.

Items scheduled on the agenda include, but are not limited to:

- MPO Issue List and Media Release from September 10, 2020 Meeting
- MPO Budget
- MPO Director Succession Plan
- Public Transportation Agency Safety Performance Plan (PTASP) Performance Measures for Hernando and Citrus County - adoption
- Review and approval of a Scope of Services for Traffic Counts
- Proposed 2021 MPO Meeting Calendar
- Appointments to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
- Appointments to the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) FY 2022-2026 Tentative Work Program Information for Online Public Hearing
- Multi Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (MCORES) Status

Approximately one week prior to the meeting the meeting agenda may be viewed online at: http://hernandocountyfl.iqm2.com/citizens/. The public is encouraged to attend. Any questions concerning this public meeting should be directed to Mr. Steve Diez, MPO Executive Director, Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, FL 34601, telephone (352) 754-4082, extension 28013, or email mpo@hernandocounty.us.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) with regard to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, said person will need a record of the proceeding, and that, for such purpose, said person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based, s.286.0105, F.S.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact the County Administrator's Office, 20 North Main Street, Room 263, Brooksville, FL, 34601 (352) 540-6452, no later than three (3) days prior to the proceedings. If hearing impaired, please call 1-800-676-3777 for assistance at least 2 days prior to the meeting.

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/s/ Steve Diez
MPO Executive Director

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HomeFront

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Relieved to have found a new home for her treasured and big ponytail plant, 95-year-old Evelyn Stonesifer can devote her time to tending a front porch full of bonsai specimens.
JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

Inside this week:

Jane's Garden

The story of a ponytail plant./**Page E4**

Replacing a cracked undermount sink

Tim Carter
Tribune Content Agency

Ask the BUILDER

Q: Tim, can you solve a conundrum for me? My bathroom was remodeled about two months ago, and the vanity has a granite top with a china undermount sink. Yesterday I noticed a long crack in the sink that extends up from the drain hole. The contractor claims I did it by dropping something. I didn't. He won't repair it. What can be done? How might it have happened? I feel I need a new sink, but I can't figure out how to install one because when I lay on my back and look up I don't see any clips holding the sink to the underside of the stone. I'm so angry at the contractor. Help! — *Paula H., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.*

A: Few things are more frustrating than contractors who run away from problems instead of running towards them. Based on the incoming help requests at my website, I see an alarming trend of contractors who are reluctant to honor warranties. It's hard to comprehend, but I feel it's caused by the huge demand for building services right now. Contractors can just start a new job and make more money rather than go to a past job to work for free fixing an error or faulty product.

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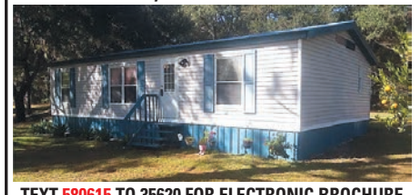

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Looking at the ponytail plant

Gardeners and homeowners enjoy collecting unusual plants. While travelling across Texas back in the 1970s, Citrus County resident Evelyn Stonesifer bought a souvenir — a small potted plant commonly called a ponytail or elephant's foot plant. Its accepted scientific name is *Beaucarnia recurvata*. In the family Asparagaceae of flowering plants (technically called Angiosperms) the Beaucarnia genus has only nine species — all are from tropical Mexico or Central America. Beaucarnia plants are considered succulents, not palms.

Jane Weber
JANE'S GARDEN

Closely related Nolina species are in a different genus in the same Asparagus family, so the name beaucarnia is not interchangeable with nolina. There are 27 accepted named species in Nolina, including two rare, legally protected endemic native species in the wild in Florida. Florida Beargrass, *Nolina atopocarpa Bartlett*, is a threatened species. Britton's Beargrass, *Nolina brittoniana Nash*, is an endangered species.

Inquisitive plant lovers can look online where The Plant List gives currently accepted Beaucarnia species names. For some 50 years, Evelyn enjoyed, tended, and repotted her ponytail plant as a house plant. She and her husband Martin "Stony" moved to Citrus County in 1968, where Martin built many houses. Over the years, Evelyn and her ponytail plant moved into a series of six homes that Martin built. For a while, the Stonesifers raised miniature horses out on County Road 491 behind two homes they built where Allen Ridge is now located. They also ran Stoney's Used Furniture.

Evelyn's ponytail had to live outside when it became too tall and heavy for an indoor houseplant. Her yellow cat took to climbing the very slow growing beaucarnia and scratched the smooth bark on the slim, gray-brown trunk. The base of the trunk swelled into a large round caudex where the plant stores water. Although xeric (drought-tolerant), tropical beaucarnias are not cold-hardy so need winter protection from temperatures below 45 degrees.

Beaucarnia recurvata is usually a potted patio or pool cage plant in Central Florida. Further north it is an indoor plant. In time and in the right climate, tropical, woody-stemmed, frost-tender Ponytail beaucarnia can grow 30 feet tall, with a trunk diameter up to 40 centimeters and the flared rounded caudex base can become many feet in diameter. Round when young, the caudex can elongate to several feet high with a base diameter of up to 6.5 feet on an ancient specimen. Single-stemmed when young, mature trees may have branches. In Mexico there are registered *B. recurvata* trees over 350 years old.

Thin, strap-like, linear, leathery, recurved,

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Matchbook holder an example of smoking memorabilia

Dear John: This small item was in a cigar box full of odds and ends that I bought at a garage sale a couple of years ago. It is 2 1/4 inches high by 1 1/4 wide. It is made of a flat silver metal that will not stick to a magnet. On the front side there are pinecones on a pine tree branch that have a very realistic look and are three dimensional. On the backside stamped into the metal is a circle with the words Wendell August Forge. In the middle is something I cannot make out. I do not understand what it was used for given its shape. It has been an object of conversation, but no one really knows what it was used for. Can you tell me what my mystery item is? — *D.McC., internet*

John Sikorski
SIKORSKI'S ATTIC

Dear D.McC.: I appreciate the good clear photographs including one of the makers' mark. You have a matchbook holder. Remember, until the late 20th century, matchbooks were literally ubiquitous. They were given away as promotional items by every restaurant and most retailers.

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This item is a matchbook holder. It might seem like a paradox, but even though smoking is no longer "cool," smoking-related memorabilia is still popular with collectors.

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ATTIC

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Smoking cigarettes is no longer cool, and now we have a collecting category that is cool called smoking memorabilia. All the decorative objects related to smoking cigarettes, e.g. lighters, ashtrays, advertising memorabilia, etc. are looked for by collectors.

Your matchbook holder was made by Wendall August Forge as marked. The company started business in the 1930s and continues into current times. It is made of aluminum. The condition appears to be excellent — I see no scratches on the surface. Potential dollar value is $10 to $20.

Dear John: I have seen in the Chronicle where you have helped with information about family pieces, so I am hoping you may be able to help me. My mother bought this secretary secondhand in the 1940s or 1950s for my father. Can you give me any information just by looking at the picture? I do not even know the style, but I think it is beautiful. Thanking you beforehand. — *K.R., Homosassa*

Dear K.R.: You have a drop front secretary bookcase with a broken arch pediment. It is an elaborate 20th century version of an English Chippendale 18th century form. I am glad you included a photograph of the desk portion interior. I can see the two metal armatures for the drop front lid support, dating the piece well into the 20th century. It was likely made in Grand Rapids, Michigan, between World War I and II. It is close to, if not 100 years old, so you have an antique reproduction.

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

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Creeping sage will creep all over your yard

Special to the Chronicle

This is creeping sage. Although it's a native plant and many people like it, Gardener Gal isn't a fan.

Dear Gardener Gal: I'm writing to you even though I'm no stranger to plants and gardening. I'm sure I'm older than you and I'll bet I have been gardening longer too, but need help with a new plant in my yard.

Leslie Derrenbacker
GARDENER GAL

I've attached a photo of a bloom spike, though the flowers are more blue than photo shows. It is a ground cover and very fast growing. I would like to know if it is native (I can tell you it is definitely invasive) and get a name for it so I can do some research on my own to decide if it goes or stays.

Appreciate your help. — *John*

Dear John: Of course I'm always happy to help a fellow gardener. It sounds like I could maybe use you as a resource as well. A wise person once told me that a gardener who stops asking questions is a gardener who has stopped learning.

I (feeling proud) knew right away what you had in your yard. *Salvia miscella*, or Southern river sage. Ok, I'm not gonna pull any punches — I hate it. Harsh, I know, but...I hate it.

Another common name for it is creeping sage. Boy, does it creep! It has taken over plant beds and is coming up in my lawn. It is a native plant. This is a good thing in terms of feeding native pollinators, though I honestly haven't seen them give it much attention. The creeping habit also makes it a fairly reliable ground cover, though you will probably lose it in winter for awhile.

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Cozy ideas for winter decorating

Living SPACE

Annika Peick
BHG.com

As temperatures outside drop, it's time to bring some warmth back into your home. Making your home a cozy refuge can be a fun, easy seasonal task that keeps you feeling warmer and brighter all winter long.

1. Focus on the hearth.

As temperatures dip lower, bring your focus inward by rearranging your furniture. If you have a fireplace, pull pieces in toward the center of the room and face them toward the hearth to create a cozy gathering spot for winter entertaining. Extra pillows and throws add warmth even without a roaring fire.

2. Color me happy.

Avoid the winter blues by infusing your spaces with pops of cheery color. A bright throw or a boldly patterned pillow will do the trick and will ensure your neutral spaces don't look stark and cold like the space outside your windows. Brightly colored elements can also last into the spring and summer, so you'll get more bang for your decorating bucks.

3. Reflect all available light.

Hanging a large mirror on a blank stretch of wall or above a mantel display will reflect light and maximize daylight hours during the wintertime. Turn the mirror into a decorative display by painting the frame an eye-catching color.

4. Brighten up your kitchen.

Even kitchens need a little TLC during the winter months. Adding bold window treatments to your kitchen windows, like bright red or sunshiny yellow curtains, will keep your workspace feeling cheery and bright. Create your own by purchasing a yard of fabric in the color or pattern of your choice, hemming the raw edges and using clip-style curtain rings over rods.

5. Be seated in style.

Winter decorating is all about layering on the fabrics. Cover your dining room chairs with simple slipcovers to add warmth and style. (Bonus: If they get spilled on during a family meal, you can always take them off to clean.)

6. Layer up in the bedroom.

Give your bedroom a quick style update and prepare it for the season by layering in textured bedding, throws and

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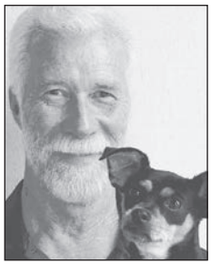
Repurpose or not?

Gypsy's Two Cents: *My daily walks are nothing more than a reminder to all that visit downtown who really is in charge. Don't let the leash fool you, it's for dragging Dad around.*

A fine antique table in good condition should remain untouched; however, once it deteriorates or falls out of favor, it can be restored, refinished, restructured or repurposed. For example, turn a sideboard into a TV stand, a double or twin bed headboard and footboard into a bench. Better yet, a 100-year-old oak clawfoot table into a work of art (see picture).



Steve Barnes
TIME WILL TELL

Jewelry that is missing stones or perhaps a ring that needs a resize or a style that is out of date and requires a total redesign are examples of repurposing. We sell lots of broken and out-of-style costume jewelry to crafters who turn them into works of art. Even gold and silver jewelry deteriorate to a point it becomes scrap, but in this case can still have significant value. A few customers purchase incomplete silverware sets (not sterling), to make into jewelry or wind chimes.

Unless you count looking good on a shelf, books have a sole purpose, to be read. Well some people like to take them apart and turn them into art. A rare book may need a repair but not a repurpose. Books and other paper products can hold their value if properly cared for. Don't store them in the shed or garage where they become food for silverfish, cockroaches and mold. Reminder we are in Florida. Clocks are similar in that they have a sole purpose, to tell time. Unless they are broken, and then there are fewer and fewer repair techs. We still have the best in Ed.

The Ice Cream Parlor receives ice cream cones in 12" x 18" foam panels that we reuse and repurpose for packing and shipping. The local restaurants have cardboard boxes that we reuse for items and packing.

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I am sure there are many items that can be repurposed and many that cannot. But if you are creative, the sky's the limit. You might have noticed our pictures on Instagram, Facebook and Shopify (which will launch soon) have a new and improved look and style. That's due to Molly, a high school senior who's helping in the shop and loves photography. Thanks Molly, you have a good eye.

Steve Barnes owns and, along with his shop dog Gypsy, operates Olde Inverness Antiques.

WEEKLY LINEUP

- Nearly a dozen medical professionals contribute their expertise to columns in Health & Life./ **Tuesdays**
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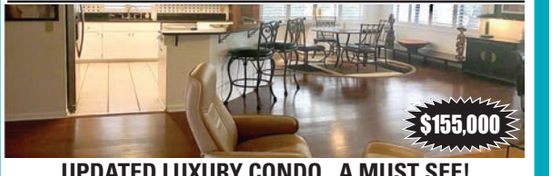

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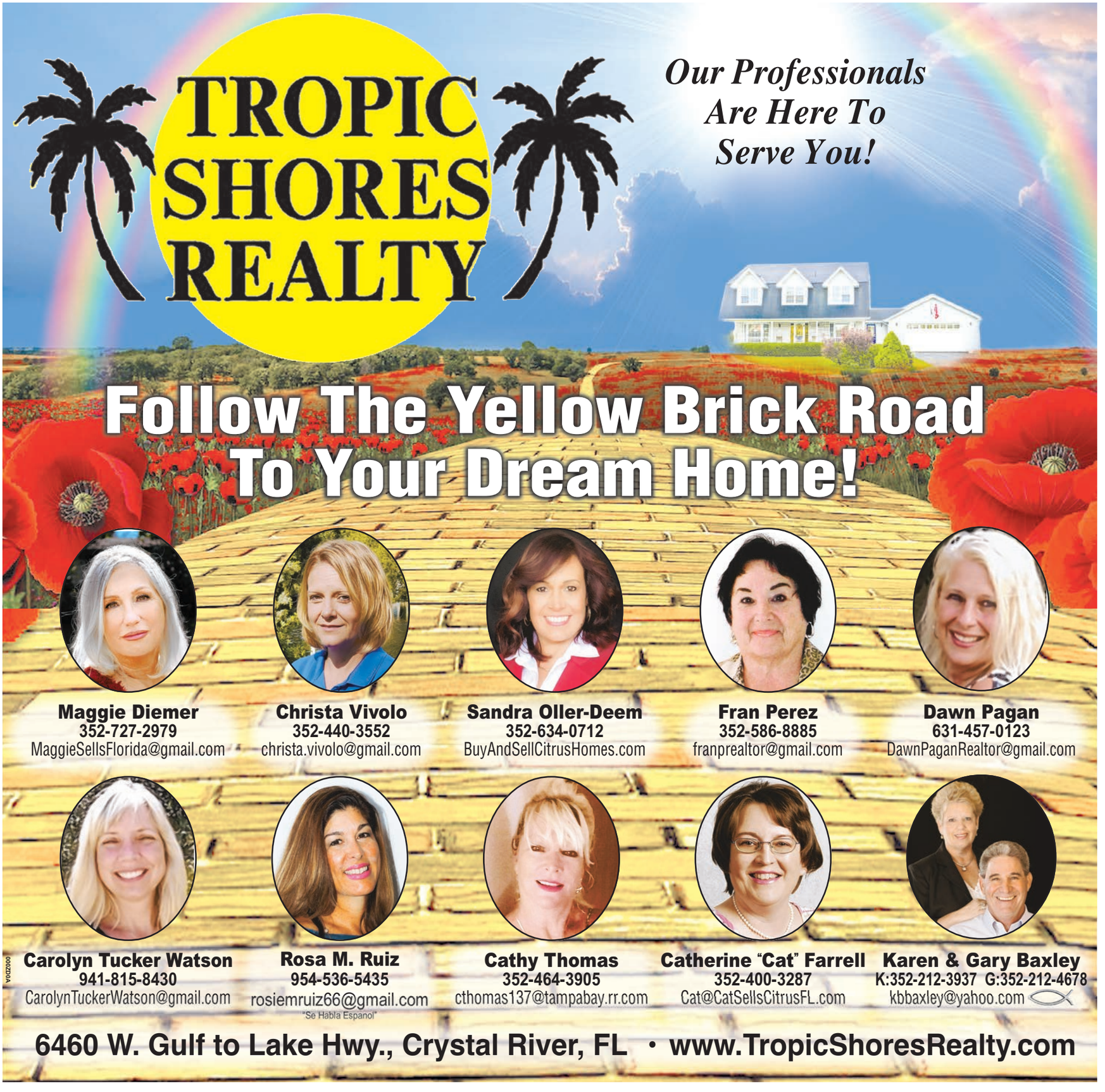
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pillows. A luxurious cashmere or wool throw and soft velvet bed pillows can turn your bedroom into a cozy refuge from those harsh winter winds.

7. Add sheepskin for warmth.

For warmer transitions from bed to floor, place a sheepskin rug beside your bed, creating a cozy greeting to feet on brisk winter mornings. Or toss one over an ottoman or a chaise to provide a toasty spot to tuck chilly toes while reading or relaxing.

8. Dress up your hardwood.

Although wood floors create a sophisticated style statement year-round, you'll need to cozy them up for the cold winter months. A fluffy area rug can set off a living room's main seating area and add warmth and texture underfoot. For a unique style statement, layer one rug on top of another to add more visual interest. If it won't damage the rug material, consider placing hook-and-loop squares on a couple of points on the smaller rug to help it stay in place and prevent tripping.

9. Pile up the throw pillows.

Playful patterns and bold hues give a room color and personality. Choose accent pillows in colors and patterns that match your existing decor to ensure you don't have to make any more decor adjustments. If you have a window seat, bulk it up with fluffy seat cushions. If space permits, use under-seat storage to house blankets for the season.

10. Block drafts with layered window treatments.

Add thick draperies to Roman shades for a pretty, cozy look. You can replace the thick curtains with sheer draperies during warmer months, or simply remove the extra treatments altogether until temperatures plunge again.

11. Give your fireplace a facelift.

As temperatures dip lower, your focus will naturally shift toward the hearth. Give your fireplace a quick makeover to ensure it's ready for all that extra attention. If you plan to use it to burn wood, have a chimney sweep clean it once yearly.

12. Highlight the scents of the season.

Although decor and accessories can go a long way toward cozying up your home, it's important to fill it with the smells of the season, too. A fragrant bowl of potpourri — in a wintry scent such as cinnamon, pine needles or evergreen — can do the trick and will fill your home with seasonal cheer. Display the arrangement prominently on a mantel or in a casual dining room tablescape.

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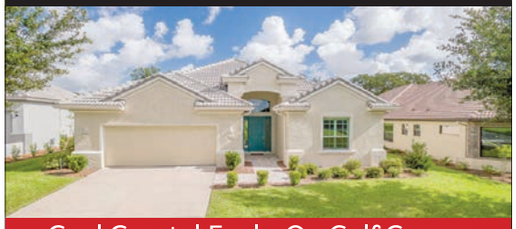
Making your home a cozy refuge can be a fun, easy seasonal task that keeps you feeling warmer and brighter all winter long.

Terra Vista



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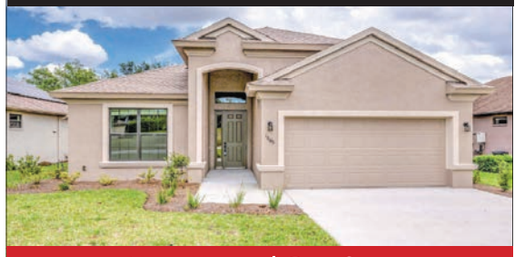

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- 2 bathrooms
- total sqft: 2,502
- MLS#791634

Citrus Springs

Brand New Home

10299 N Spaulding Dr

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- 2 baths
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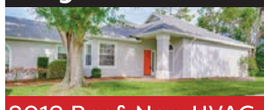
Sugarmill Woods



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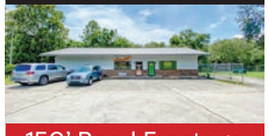

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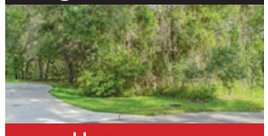

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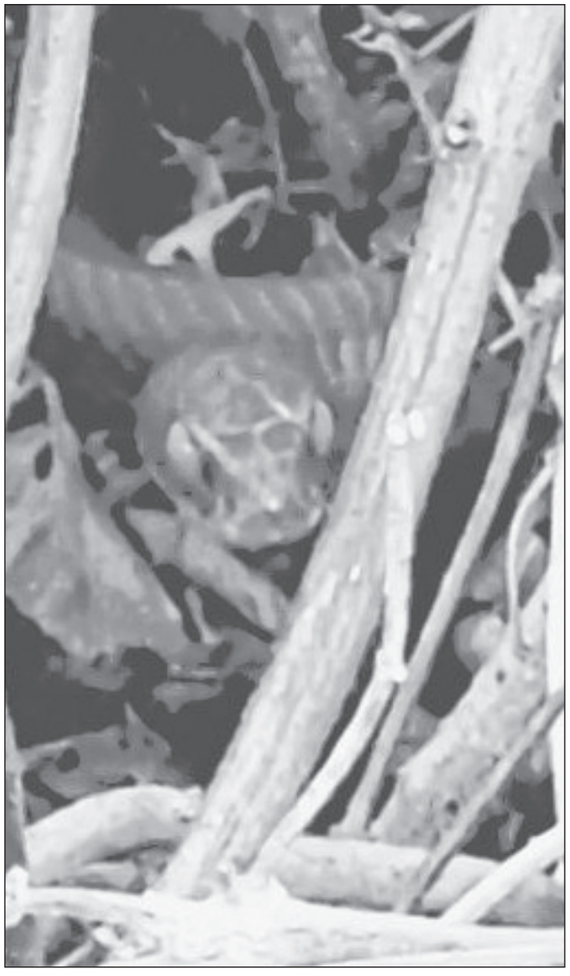

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Besides the invasiveness, I really don't like the smell of the crushed leaves. If I mow over it or step on it — I know instantly.

When you Google it, you will see most folks saying positive things about it. I'm all about using natives as much as possible, but just being native doesn't give a plant a free pass. At least not on my property.

Write me back when you decide if it is staying or going.

Dear Gardener Gal: We saw a snake in our bushes that was obviously blind. We could tell it wasn't poisonous, but still kept our distance. Do you think this is related to an injury or is it just a really old snake? My son feels bad for it and wants to feed it. Should he do that? — *June*

Dear June: Your son sounds like a terrific kid.

I have good news for him — the snake is only temporarily blind. The discoloration over its eyes is old skin that is ready to be shed. From your photo, it looks like the snake (black racer) will be rubbing the old skin off very soon. Nature plans it so they don't have to go around blind for very long.

This is a lifelong process and whether young or old, snakes (and lizards) will shed their skin on a regular basis as they grow.

Tell your son to keep an eye out for the shed. It will be in bushes or near rocks or whatever the snake used to get free of old skin. If he's lucky the shed will have the head with eyes will still be intact. Great conversation piece.

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

This black racer is only temporarily blind. The dead skin over its eyes will eventually rub off.

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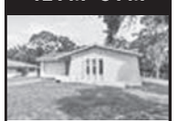

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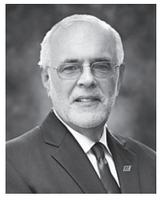

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JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

ABOVE: *Nolina recurvata* can be grown from stem cuttings, but does not grow the large rounded basal caudex as does a seedling *Beaucarnia recurvata*. Although closely related in the Family Asparagaceae, the two distinctly different genera — Beaucarnia and Nolina — are not the same, so the common names are not interchangeable.

LEFT: Evelyn Stonesifer, age 95, of Citrus County, with *Beaucarnia recurvata*, a succulent ponytail plant bought in the early 1970s on a road trip across Texas. The plant is at least 50 years old. It was grown as a houseplant in a pot, so it could not grow too tall.

This potted house plant at a big box store had a label that claimed it is a *Nolina recurvata*. It was propagated, grown and owned by Costa Farms in Miami. Growers get paid only when the big box store has sold their plants.

JANE

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evergreen leaves can be 5 feet, 11 inches long and appear in terminal tufts like a ponytail at the top of the trunk and branches. Leaf edges are very finely serrated.

Only old *Beaucarnia recurvata* plants flower and then only in warmer South Florida cold zones 10a to 11. Small greenish-white flowers with six tepals cluster in huge fluffy-looking panicles atop erect inflorescence flower stalks. A mature tree in a select location may flower two to three times a year. Seeds will weigh the flower stem downward.

After Martin died in 2003, a grandson, Troy Stonesifer, moved down from Maryland to help his grandmother with home upkeep, transportation, companionship and protecting the 12-foot tall ponytail beaucarnia from winter freezes. This November, at 95 years of age, Evelyn decided her beloved plant needed a new family, so phoned me for help arranging an adoption. I knew the perfect family with an ideal garden location nearby in Citrus Hills.

I phoned Dot and Brad Welch of Welch Appliances (now repairs and service only). Dot accompanied me to adopt the prized ponytail beaucarnia from Evelyn. We all wore face masks covering mouths, noses and chins even though we were out in the garden. We only removed the masks for photographs and kept a respectful social distance from the at-risk senior Evelyn. She is 20 years my senior and had a wealth of gardening experience to share. Her front porch is now converted into a greenhouse for bonsai plants. No heavy lifting involved with clipped and miniaturized bonsai plants.

Read more about ponytail beaucarnia plants at UF/IFAS Publications: "*Beaucarnea recurvata*, Ponytail, and Two Different 'Non-palms' to Grow" or check the UF's "Gardening Solutions — Houseplants for the Forgetful Gardener."

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B.J. JARVIS
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This shape is fine for a short while, but after the holidays, discontinue trimming. Compact trimming allows insect populations to thrive. Allowed to grow naturally, rosemary is a low-maintenance plant that tolerates Florida's climate well, whether planted in the ground or in a large pot.

Evergreen rosemary plants can grow to 3 to 4 feet tall and wide. Choose a garden spot that will accommodate its moderately fast growth, with full sun and well-drained soil. This Mediterranean plant prefers dry conditions and will suffer quickly if over-watered. Avoid "killing it with kindness."

Whether growing in the ground or in a container, small stems can be cut off and used in your favorite dish. (After a thorough washing of course!) Rosemary is commonly used to season meats, roasted potatoes and rustic breads, but can also add an aromatic zip to a sugar or butter cookie recipe.

While the plant does not have a spectacular flower, its blooms of pink to lavender add interest in the fall, making it a well-rounded garden addition. Maybe you'll gift yourself with one this year.

For more information on caring for house plants, contact the Citrus Extension office at 352-527-5709 or at MasterG1@citrusbocc.com.

BUILDER

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cracked. The first thing I'd consider would be the drain assembly. The plumber that installed the drain might have overtightened the nut on the drain assembly that compresses the drain trim ring to the china surface. The drain stopper fits inside this trim ring that you see from above when you brush your teeth.

In all my years I've never seen a china sink come from the factory with a firing crack defect. It's possible, but it's very rare. No matter how the crack happened, there's no acceptable fix in my opinion other than to remove and replace the existing sink.

The lack of clips or hardware under the sink to hold it tight against the stone top is very unusual. I'd never install an undermount sink this way. It appears the contractor, or his subs, used silicone caulk to hold the sink in place. This is a recipe for long-term disaster. I can't begin to share with you the number of failed-sink photos homeowners have sent me where sinks were installed just with caulk and suddenly drop once filled with water or heavy dishes.

I'd empty everything out of the vanity cabinet below and disconnect the sink from the drain piping. I'd also remove the drain tailpiece from the sink. Then I'd stack some old towels or empty cardboard boxes in the vanity base to catch the sink when it suddenly releases from the stone top.

Next, I'd get a new stiff 1.5-inch putty knife and, using a hammer, I'd carefully tap the knife at an angle so one tip of the knife, not the entire flat edge, drives between the underside of the stone and the top rim of the sink. I'd do this from above looking down on the sink — not from below, lying in the cabinet. Hold the knife parallel to the underside of the stone top and tap it carefully. Avoid having the hammer touch the polished edge of the stone top cutout. You surely don't want to chip that!

If the sink is held in place with silicone caulk, as I suspect, the knife will cut through the caulk. At some point, you'll start to see the sink sag, although it could drop suddenly with no warning. This is why you have the cushioning in place to prevent damage to the vanity.

Once the sink is out, scrape any excess caulk from the underside of the stone top. You can buy solvents that will soften silicone caulk. Read the safety warnings about working with these chemicals indoors.

You'll install the new sink using an undermount hardware kit. There are several available, and many require you to epoxy a threaded post to the underside of the stone top. These are easy to work with; you just have to make sure you install them in the right position so they don't touch the outer rim of the replacement china sink.

It's important to understand that the epoxy will not adhere well to any stone that has silicone caulk smeared on it. You either have to remove the caulk smear or grind it off using a small rotary tool so you expose rough stone that the epoxy will stick to with no issues.

Numerous online videos show how to install undermount sinks and how to hold the sink in place as you tighten the hardware to the epoxied threaded posts. Watch these videos for sure.

When you go to reinstall the drainpipe assembly, understand that the cone-shaped washer that fits inside the hole is what helps create the seal. You don't need the nut overtightened to get a leak-proof seal. Hand-tight plus an additional 1/2 to 3/4 turn is all you need.

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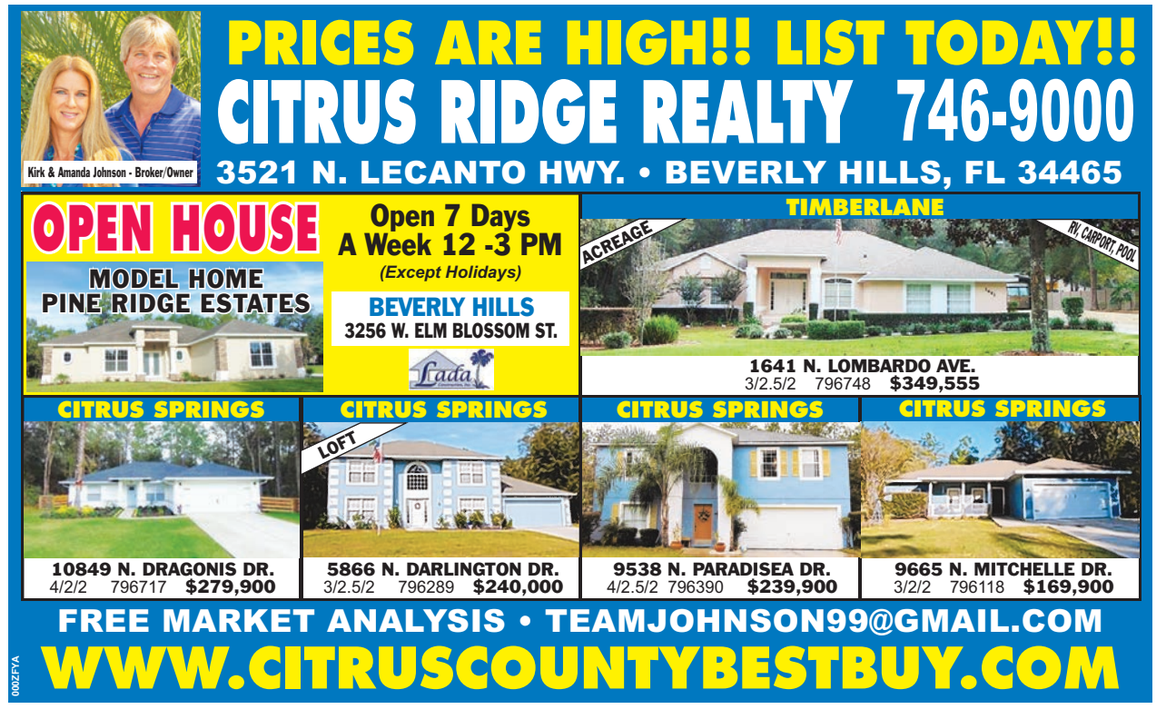

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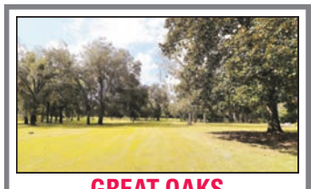
3738 GRAYHAWK LOOP 5/5/2.5
1+ acre; golf course view, flex room: media, office, den, or 6th bedroom 2 master suites; large lanai with golf course view and pool.
MLS #793864 **$499,000**
Linda Thomas 352-464-4881



GREAT OAKS

10 ACRES IN FLORAL CITY!
Some of the most beautiful property in the county. Fenced, rolling hills, oak trees, and the best part it backs up to the Rails to Trails!
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5145 S. LA BELLE DRIVE
2/2/2 IN INVERNESS - Here is a nice home on .99 acres. This home features larger rooms and closets, a screened-in porch, a fenced backyard, and no neighbors in sight.
MLS #794228 **$149,000**
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PRICE REDUCTION

806 KINGSLEY TER., INVERNESS
Check out this 2+ story 2/2/1 located in the heart of Inverness, close to shopping, fishing, outdoor activities, the Rails for Trails bike trail, and so much more.
MLS #796159 **$154,500**
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VACANT LAND/WATER ACCESS

NEW LISTING

4655 S. GATOR LOOP, HOMOSASSA
Check out this .56 acre lot with breathtaking views of over 260 acres of state lands from your backyard and is located in Riverhaven Village Subdivision with public water/sewer.
MLS #796588 **$22,500**
Call Ryan Hazelton 352-445-7693 for additional information.

BACK ON THE MARKET

605 EDGEWOOD AVE. INVERNESS
CALLING ALL INVESTORS! Check out these three separate properties, one a vacant lot, and two with triplexes multi residentials. One is on Edgewood and the other on Long Ave., and they are all occupied. This is a great income investment.
MLS #795512 **$575,000**
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FAN PALM

CRYSTAL RIVER POOL HOME!
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NEW LISTING

3840 S. APOPKA AVE., INVERNESS
Look at this 2/2/2 home located in Inverness Highlands South Subdivision nestled on a corner lot, minutes from historic downtown Inverness, and all the amenities it has to offer. This a great second or first-time buyer home.
MLS #796710 **$150,000**
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BLACK DIAMOND RANCH

NEW LISTING

3115 W. SHADOW CREEK LP. LECANTO
Luxurious custom build 4/3.5/3 pool home .60 acre lot • 3,645 sq. ft. living • 4,478 total sq. ft. Chef's kitchen with granite countertops Large screen covered lanai with summer kitchen Pool with spa
MLS #796540 **$649,900**
Call Chelsea Adams 352-201-8715 for your private showing.

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NEW LISTING

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NEW LISTING

6241 E. FOREST TRAIL DR., HERNANDO
Check out this beautiful, wooded 6.68 acres of privacy zone residential/mobile and is located in the Arrowhead Subdivision.
MLS #796620 **$39,900**
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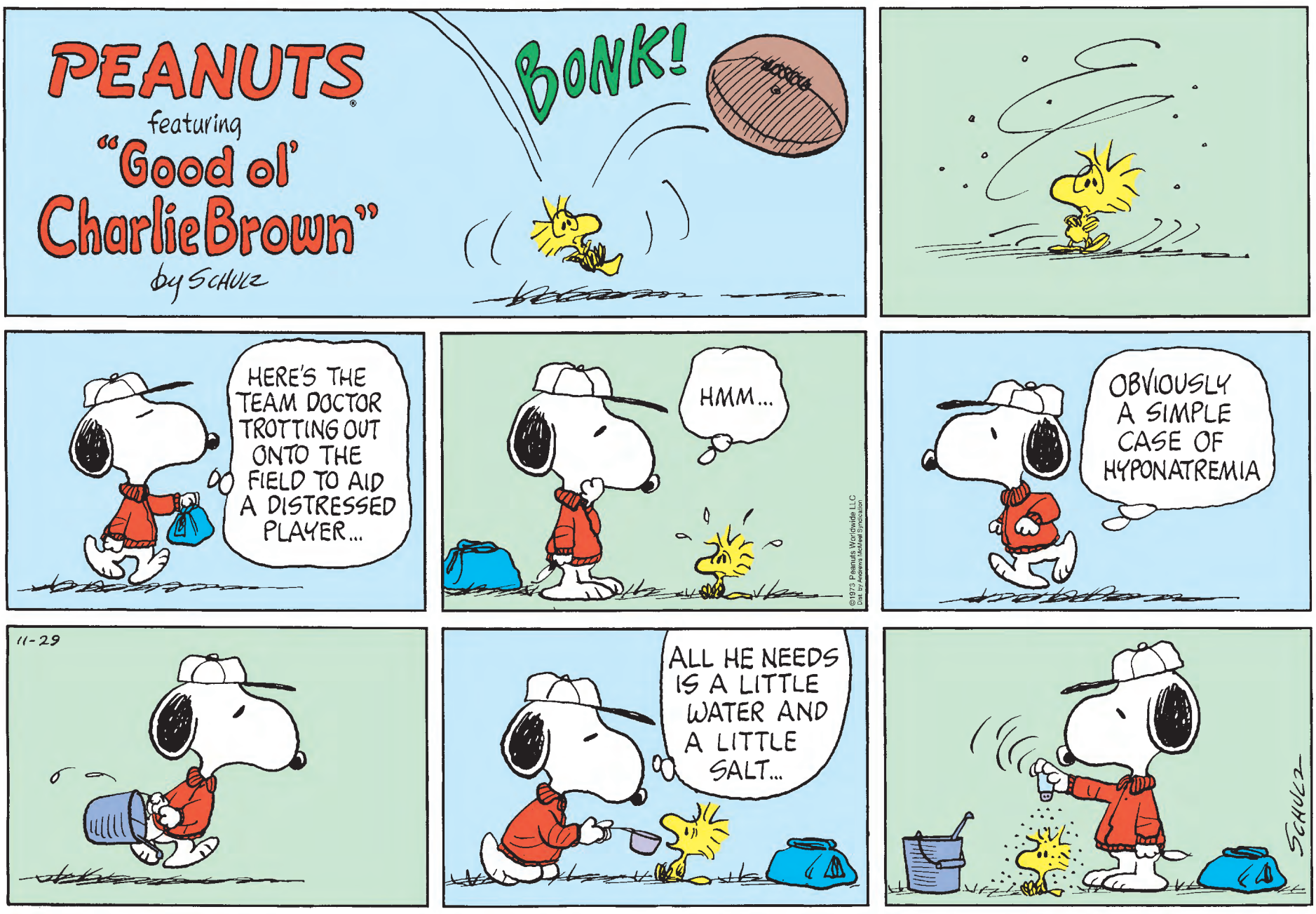

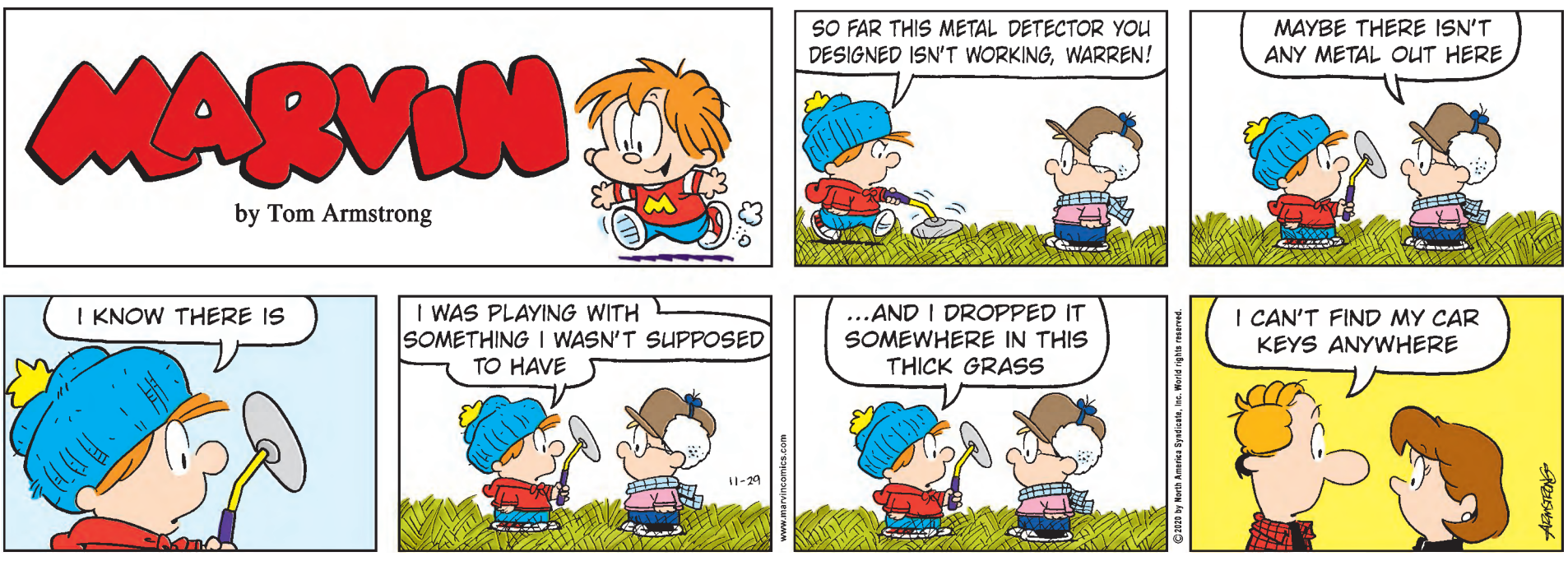

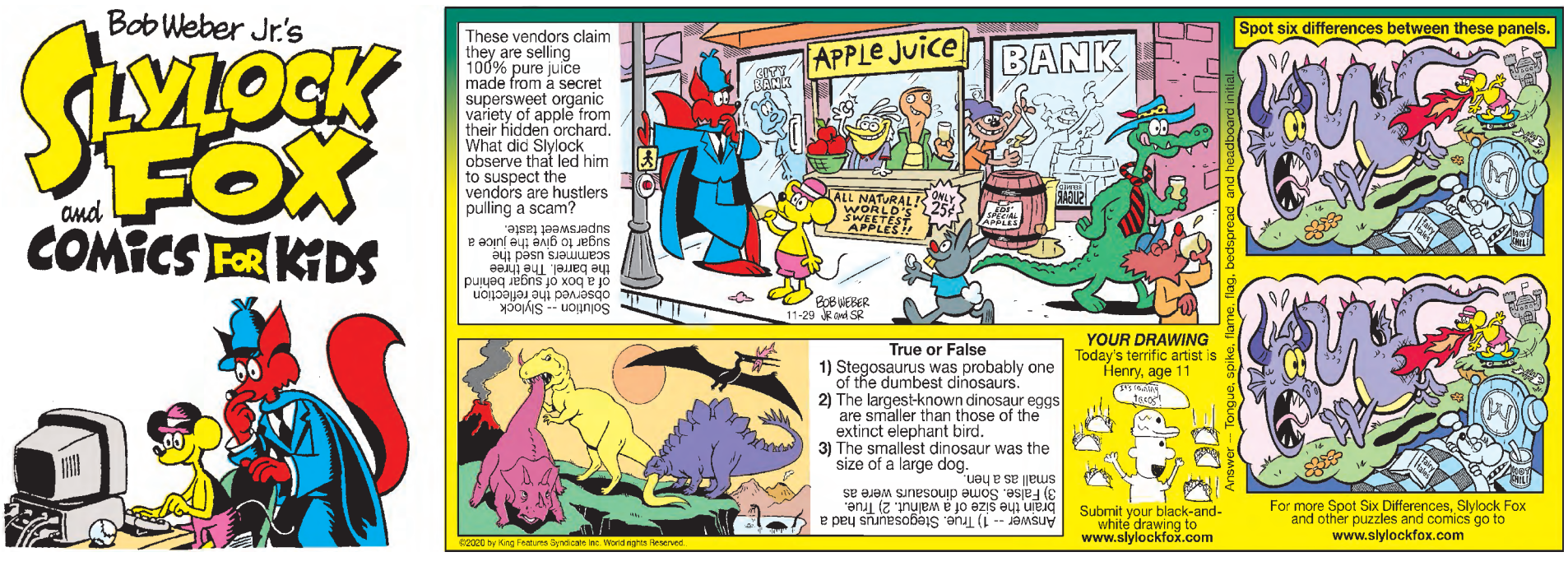

Sunday Puzzle Fun

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

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

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YMMHAE

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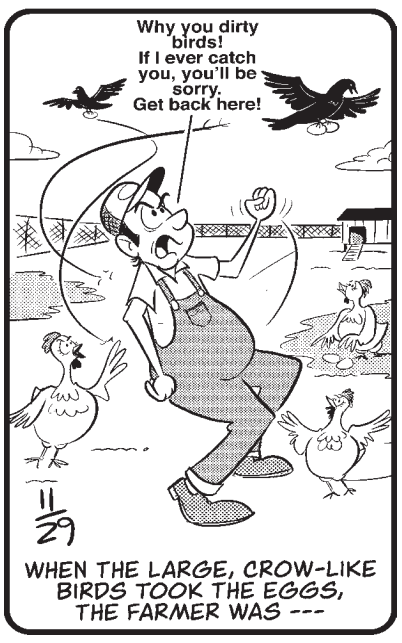
BKRREO

VTRENA



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SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level 1 2 **3** 4

1								8
		7	6		1			2
		9			7	5		
8								
			4	3	6			
								7
		6	9			1	2	
5						3		
3						4		6

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, please visit ***sudoku.org.uk***

Solution to Last Weeks puzzle

3	4	8	2	5	1	7	6	9
9	5	7	3	6	8	1	2	4
6	1	2	4	9	7	3	8	5
2	8	4	9	3	5	6	1	7
5	9	1	7	2	6	4	3	8
7	3	6	1	8	4	9	5	2
4	7	5	6	1	2	8	9	3
8	6	9	5	4	3	2	7	1
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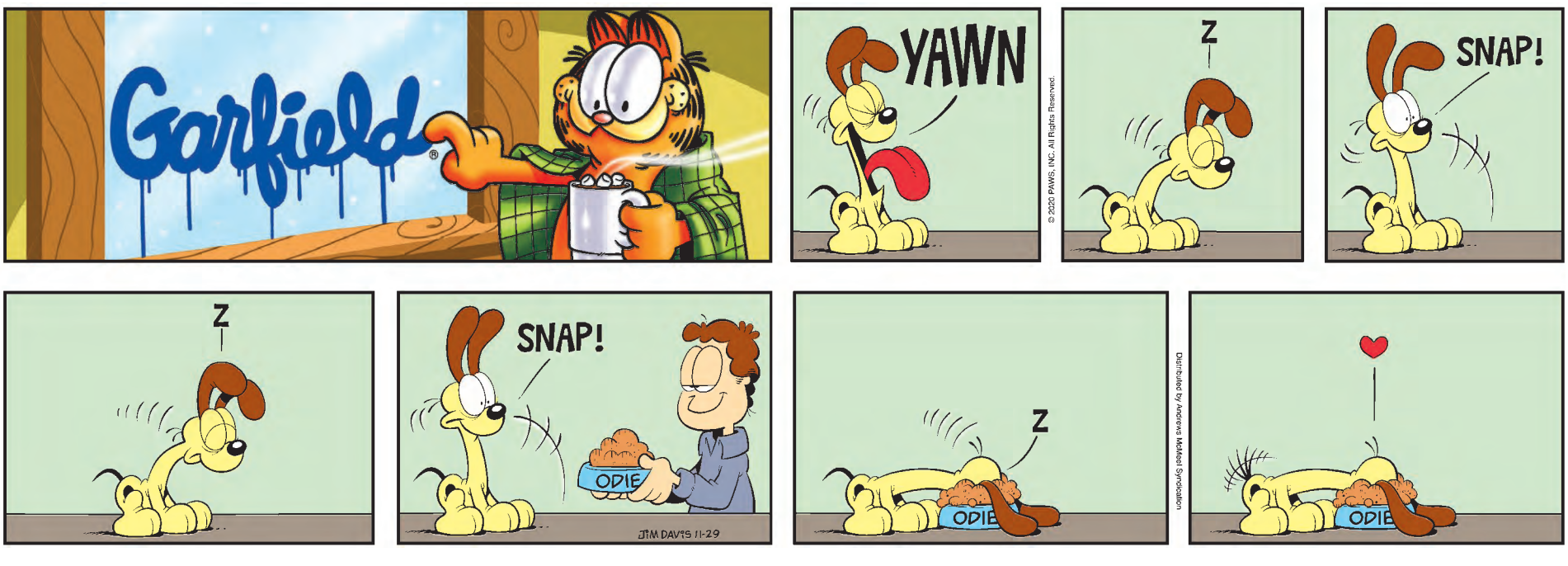

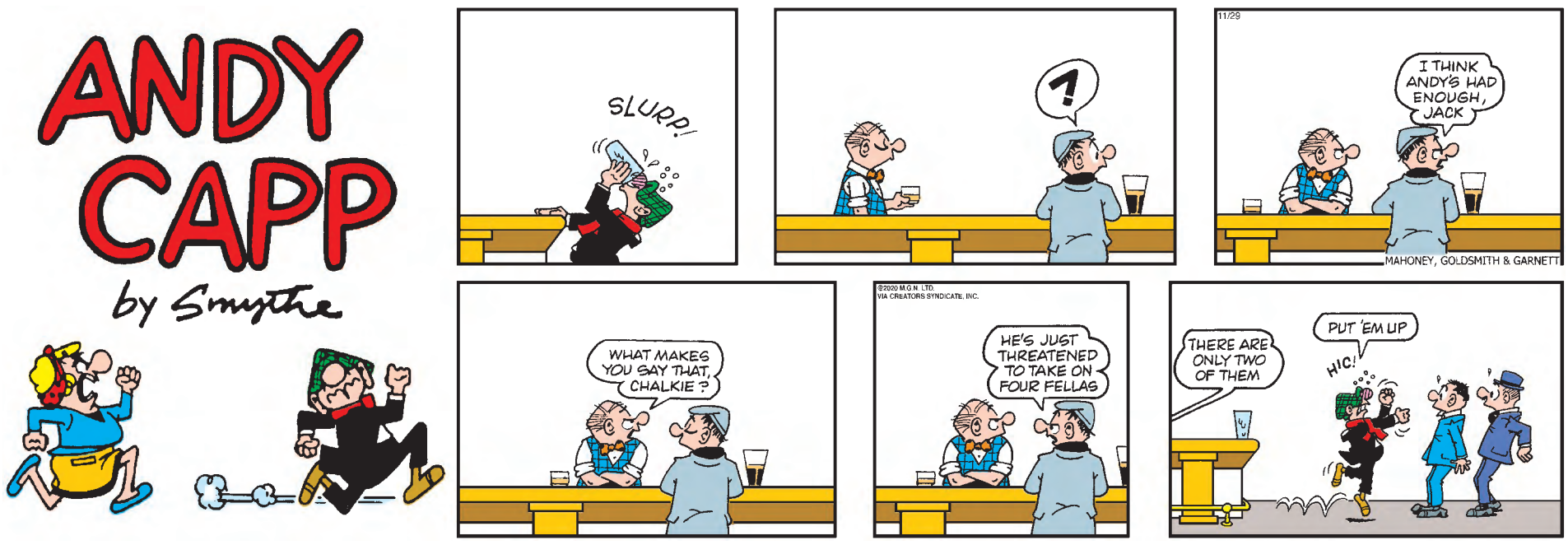

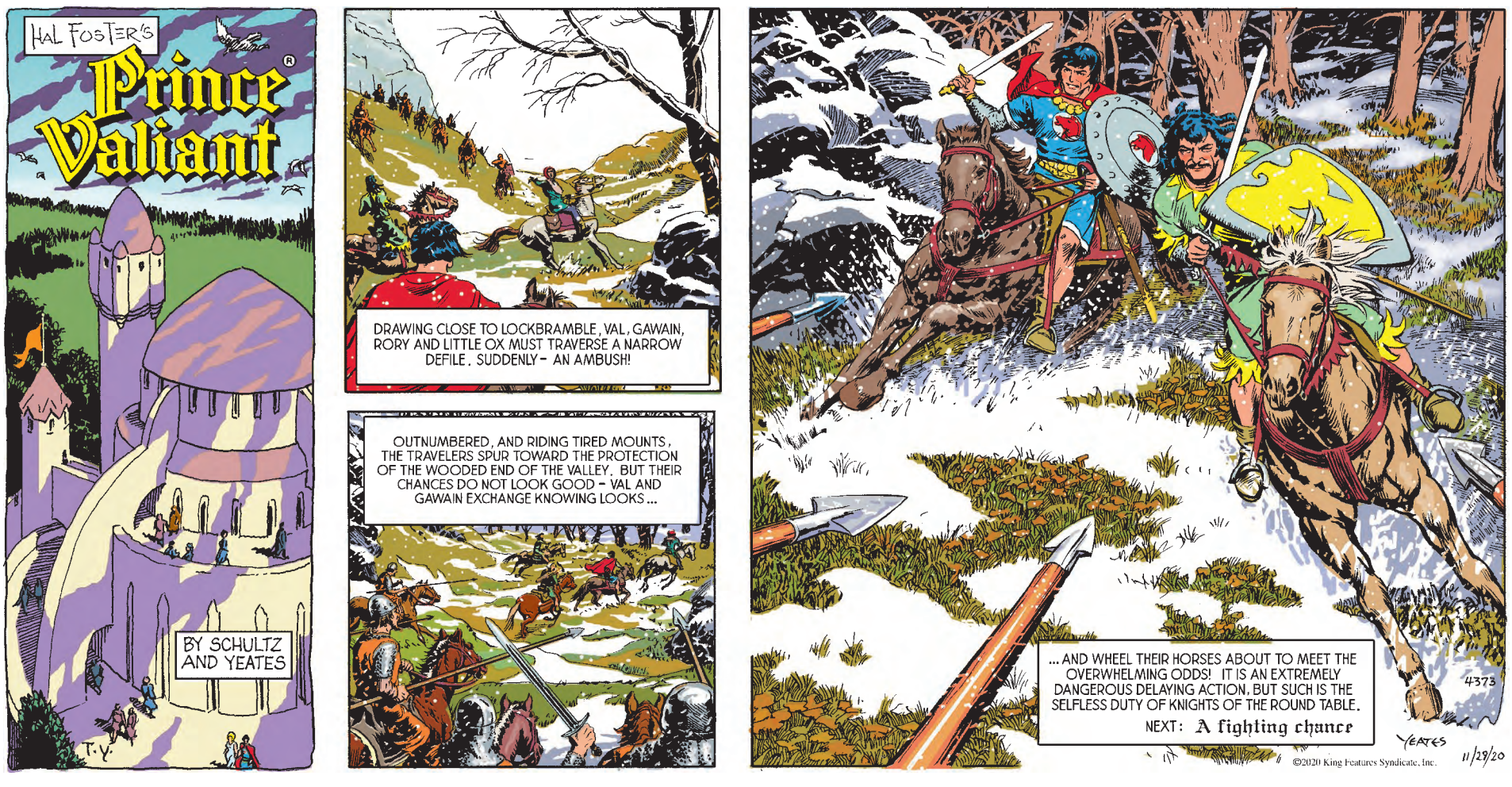

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Answer:
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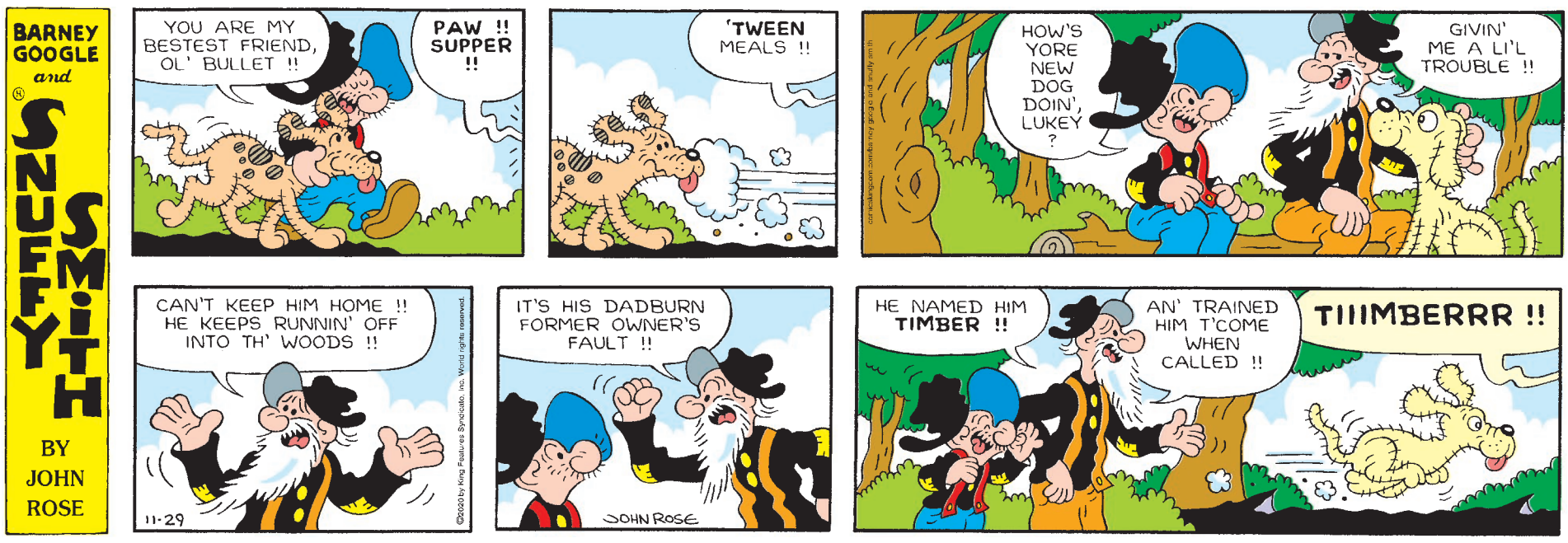
SUDDEN INDICT TAVERN
When the large, crow-like birds took the eggs, the farmer was —
STARK "RAVEN" MAD


BARNEY GOOGLE and SNUFFY SMITH
BY JOHN ROSE
YOU ARE MY BESTEST FRIEND, OL' BULLET !!
PAW !! SUPPER !!
'TWEEN MEALS !!
HOW'S YORE NEW DOG DOIN', LUKEY ?
GIVIN' ME A LI'L TROUBLE !!
CAN'T KEEP HIM HOME !! HE KEEPS RUNNIN' OFF INTO TH' WOODS !!
IT'S HIS DADBURN FORMER OWNER'S FAULT !!
HE NAMED HIM TIMBER !!
AN' TRAINED HIM T'COME WHEN CALLED !!
TIIIMBERRR !!
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JOHN ROSE

Mort Walker's
beetle bailey
BEETLE! YOU BROKE MY WINDOW AGAIN!
YOU STUPID JERK! I'LL BEAT YOU SILLY!
HOLD IT, SARGE
REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU ABOUT USING VIOLENCE?
WORDS ARE MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE
WORDS HELP SOLVE PROBLEMS
NOT THOSE WORDS!
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GIVE ME STICKS AND STONES! YOUR WORDS ARE KILLING ME!!
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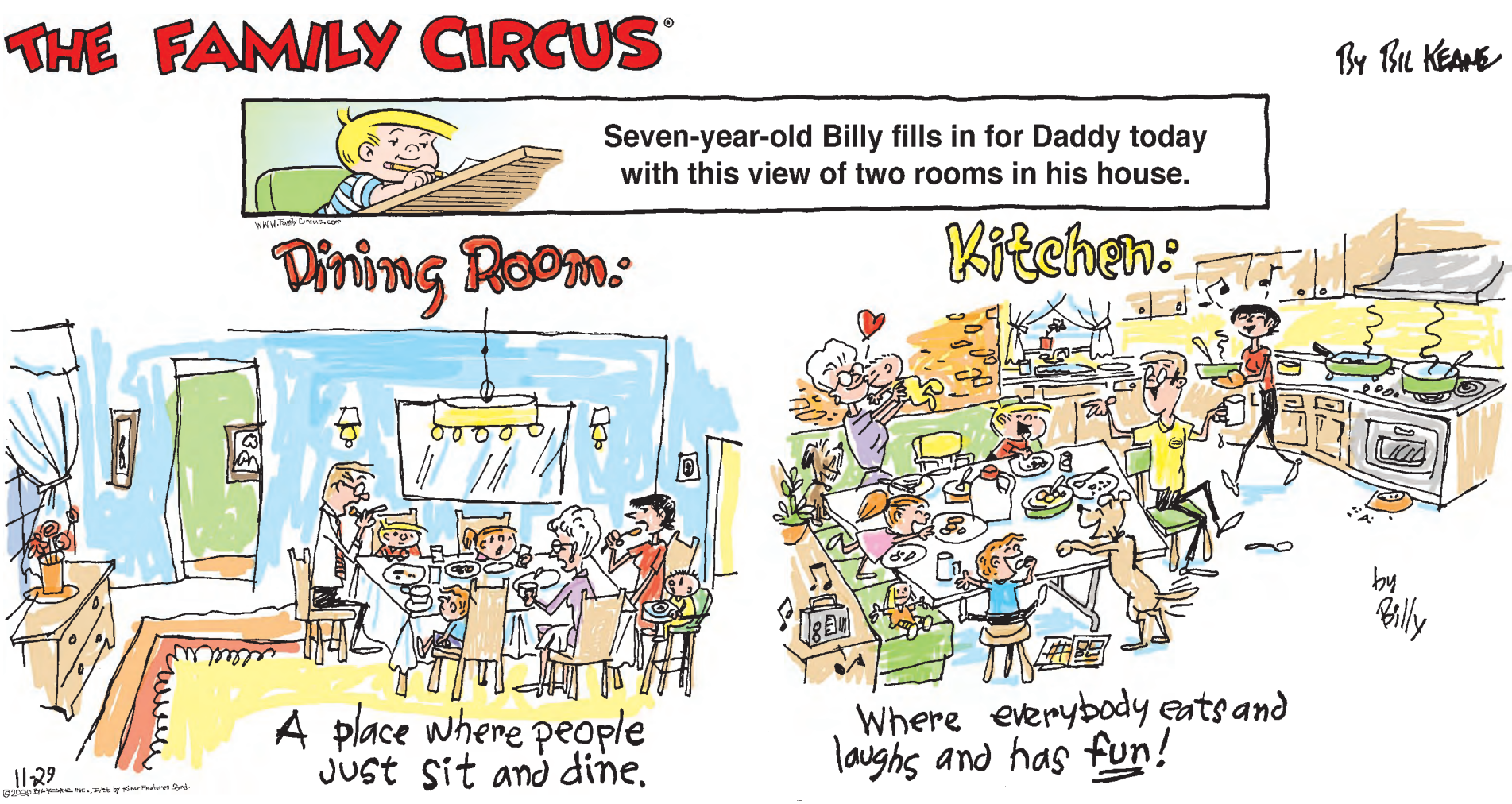
THE FAMILY CIRCUS
By Bil Keane
Seven-year-old Billy fills in for Daddy today with this view of two rooms in his house.
Dining Room:
A place where people just sit and dine.
Kitchen:
Where everybody eats and laughs and has fun!
by Billy
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big NATE
by Lincoln Peirce
I'LL PUT IT ON YOUTUBE, AND MAYBE IT'LL GO VIRAL!
WURF!
HEADS UP, MIRANDA. I'M SHOOTING A VIDEO OF SPITSY JUMPING INTO THIS LEAF PILE!
BUT–
IT'LL ONLY TAKE A SEC.
OKAY, SPITSY!...
ACTION!
ZIP!
RUSTLE RUSTLE
!?
ARRRGH!
YIP!
YIPYIPYIPYIPYIPYI
WE'RE PLAYING "CURSE OF THE MUMMY"!
SPITSY, YOU WUSS BAG.
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PICKLES
by Brian Crane
WHY ARE YOU SITTING OUT HERE, GRAMPA?
GRAMPA, YOU AND GRAMMA HAVE BEEN MARRIED A LONG TIME, HAVEN'T YOU?
YES, INDEED. WE SURE HAVE.
SHE USED TO ALWAYS ASK ME, "WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, EARL?"
FOR SOME REASON SHE ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW WHAT I WAS THINKING.
DOESN'T SHE DO THAT ANYMORE?
NOPE. SHE FINALLY REALIZED THAT GENERALLY SPEAKING I'M NOT THINKING ANYTHING.
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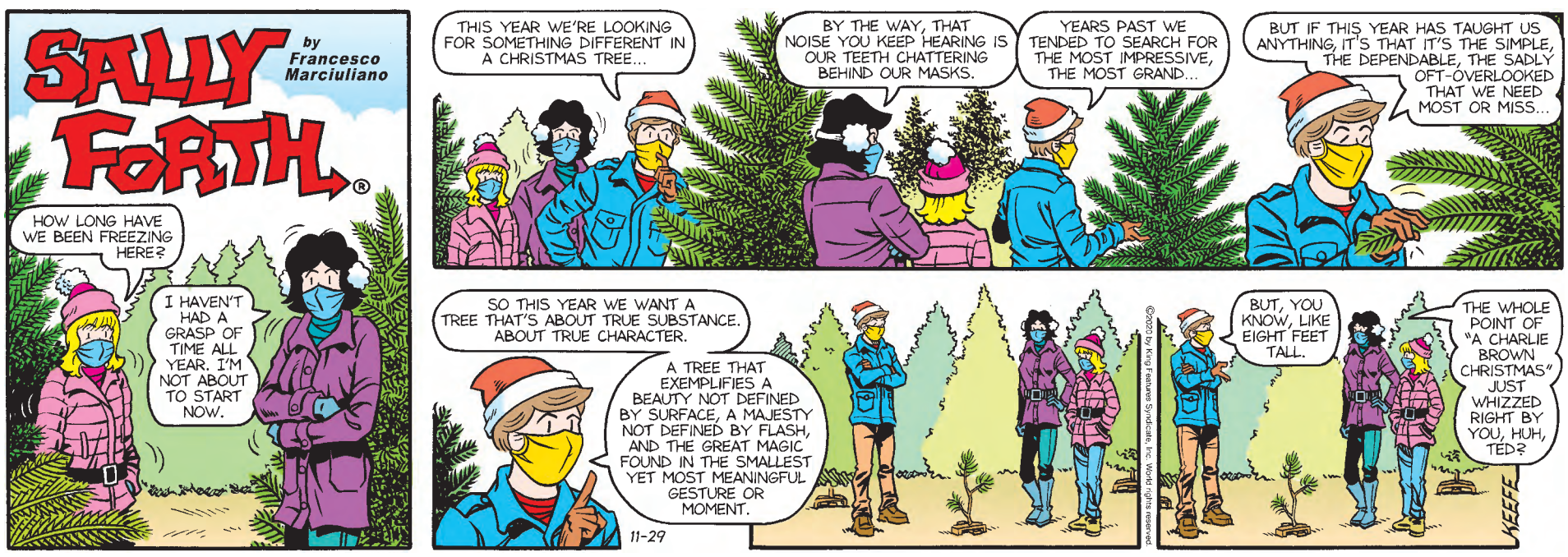
SALLY FORTH
by Francesco Marciuliano
HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN FREEZING HERE?
I HAVEN'T HAD A GRASP OF TIME ALL YEAR. I'M NOT ABOUT TO START NOW.
THIS YEAR WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN A CHRISTMAS TREE...
BY THE WAY, THAT NOISE YOU KEEP HEARING IS OUR TEETH CHATTERING BEHIND OUR MASKS.
YEARS PAST WE TENDED TO SEARCH FOR THE MOST IMPRESSIVE, THE MOST GRAND...
BUT IF THIS YEAR HAS TAUGHT US ANYTHING, IT'S THAT IT'S THE SIMPLE, THE DEPENDABLE, THE SADLY OFT-OVERLOOKED THAT WE NEED MOST OR MISS...
SO THIS YEAR WE WANT A TREE THAT'S ABOUT TRUE SUBSTANCE. ABOUT TRUE CHARACTER.
A TREE THAT EXEMPLIFIES A BEAUTY NOT DEFINED BY SURFACE, A MAJESTY NOT DEFINED BY FLASH, AND THE GREAT MAGIC FOUND IN THE SMALLEST YET MOST MEANINGFUL GESTURE OR MOMENT.
BUT, YOU KNOW, LIKE EIGHT FEET TALL.
THE WHOLE POINT OF "A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS" JUST WHIZZED RIGHT BY YOU, HUH, TED?
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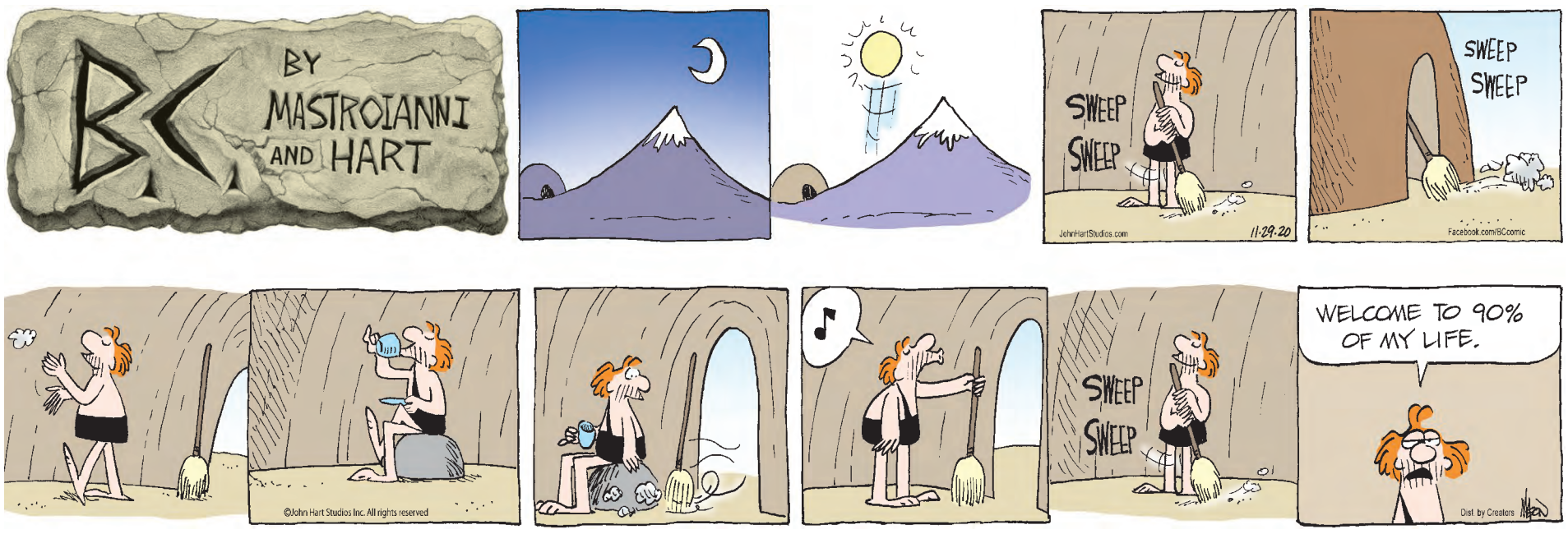
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BY MASTROIANNI AND HART
SWEEP SWEEP
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WELCOME TO 90% OF MY LIFE.
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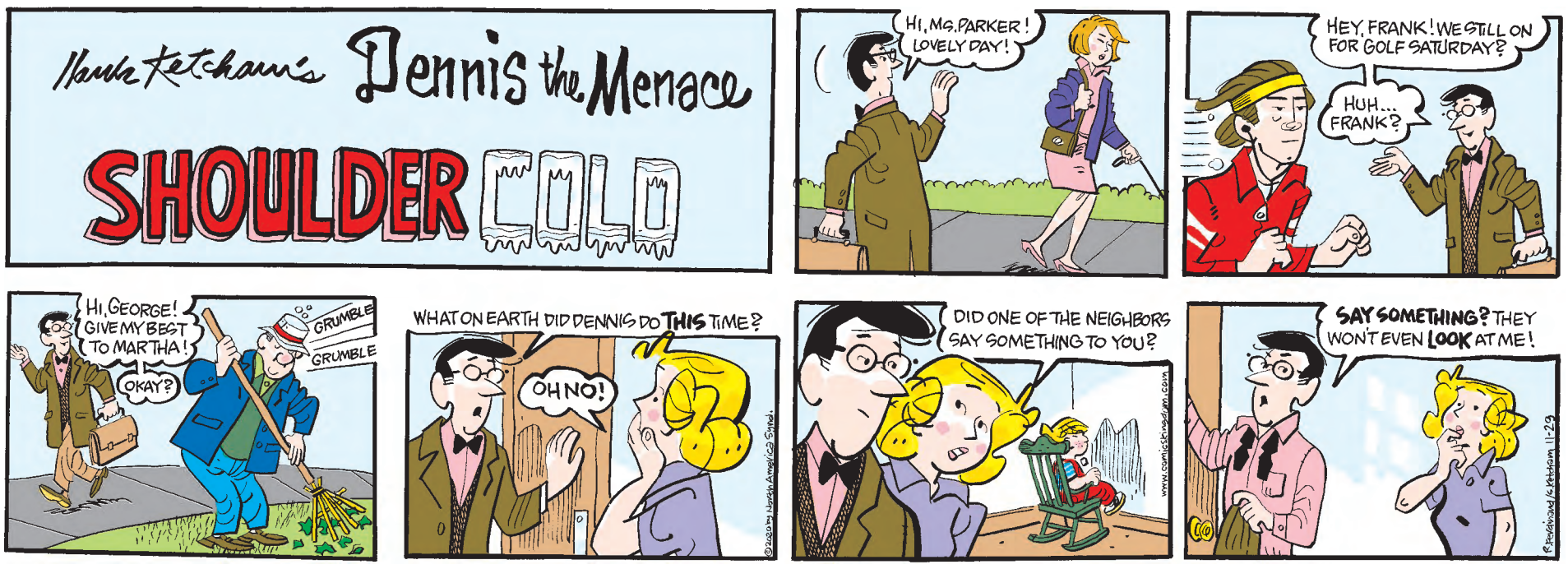
Hank Ketcham's Dennis the Menace
SHOULDER COLD
HI, MS. PARKER! LOVELY DAY!
HEY, FRANK! WE STILL ON FOR GOLF SATURDAY?
HUH... FRANK?
HI, GEORGE! GIVE MY BEST TO MARTHA!
OKAY?
GRUMBLE
GRUMBLE
WHAT ON EARTH DID DENNIS DO THIS TIME?
OH NO!
DID ONE OF THE NEIGHBORS SAY SOMETHING TO YOU?
SAY SOMETHING? THEY WON'T EVEN LOOK AT ME!

CURTIS
by Ray Billingsley
HEY, MA, WHEN WILL DINNER BE READY?
NOT FOR ANOTHER HOUR
I'M HUNGRY. THINK I'LL EAT SOME LEFTOVER TURKEY!
OH YEAH. THAT'S RIGHT.
THINK I'LL HAVE SOME LEFTOVER STUFFIN' AND GRAVY!
OH YEAH. THASS RIGHT.
AHH, THINK I'LL HAVE THAT LAST SLICE OF SWEET POTATO PIE!
OH YEAH. THASS RIGHT.
WHY NOT WARM UP THE MIXED VEGETABLES OR EAT SOME GOOD FRUIT?
MEH, I'M NOT HUNGRY
OH YEAH. THASS RIGHT.
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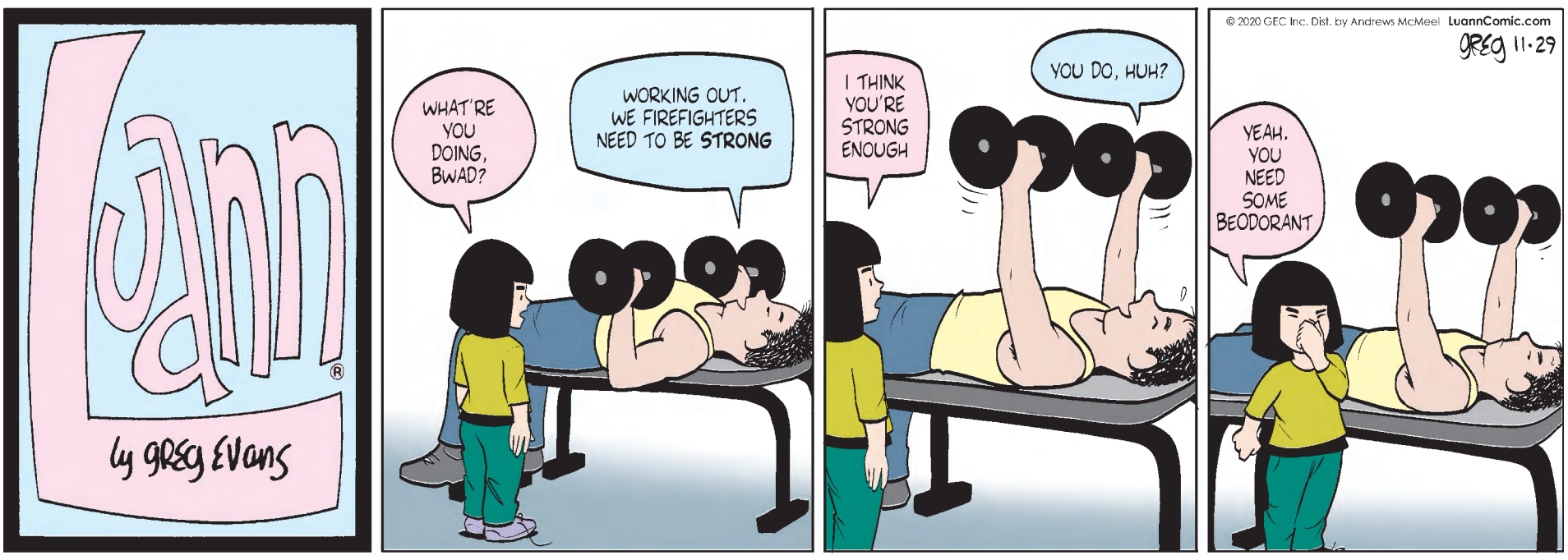
Luann
by GREG EVANS
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, BWAD?
WORKING OUT. WE FIREFIGHTERS NEED TO BE STRONG
I THINK YOU'RE STRONG ENOUGH
YOU DO, HUH?
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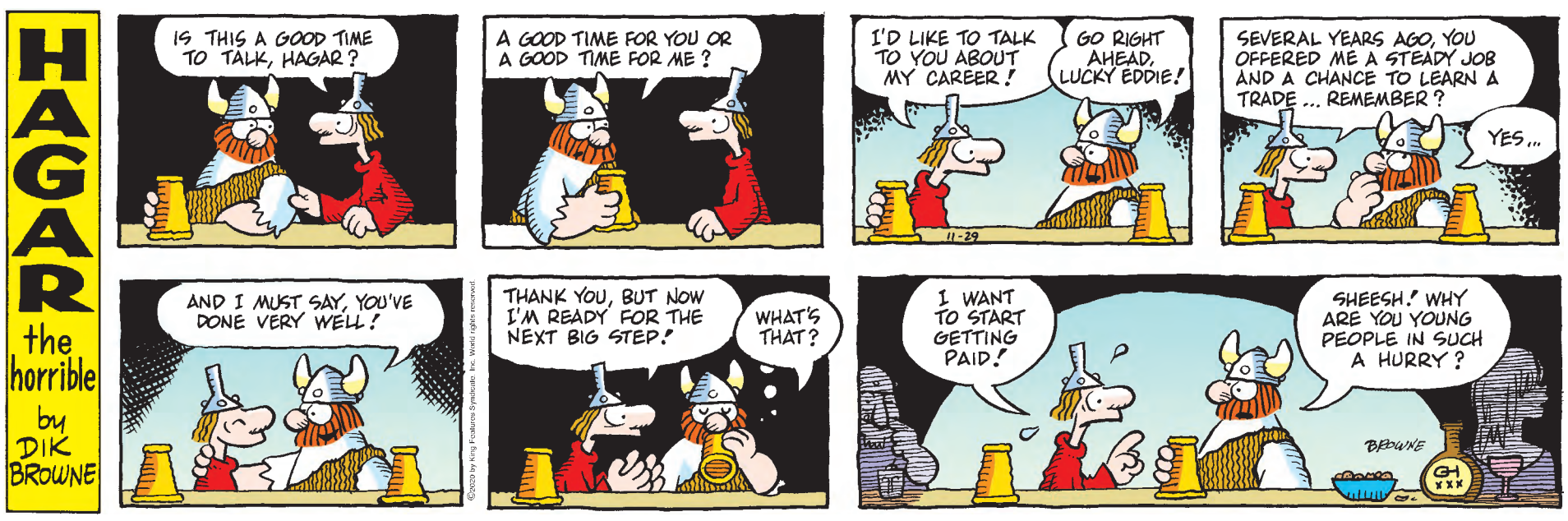
GREG 11-29
YEAH. YOU NEED SOME BEODORANT


HAGAR the horrible
by DIK BROWNE
IS THIS A GOOD TIME TO TALK, HAGAR?
A GOOD TIME FOR YOU OR A GOOD TIME FOR ME?
I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT MY CAREER!
GO RIGHT AHEAD, LUCKY EDDIE!
SEVERAL YEARS AGO, YOU OFFERED ME A STEADY JOB AND A CHANCE TO LEARN A TRADE ... REMEMBER?
YES...
AND I MUST SAY, YOU'VE DONE VERY WELL!
THANK YOU, BUT NOW I'M READY FOR THE NEXT BIG STEP!
WHAT'S THAT?
I WANT TO START GETTING PAID!
SHEESH! WHY ARE YOU YOUNG PEOPLE IN SUCH A HURRY?
BROWNE
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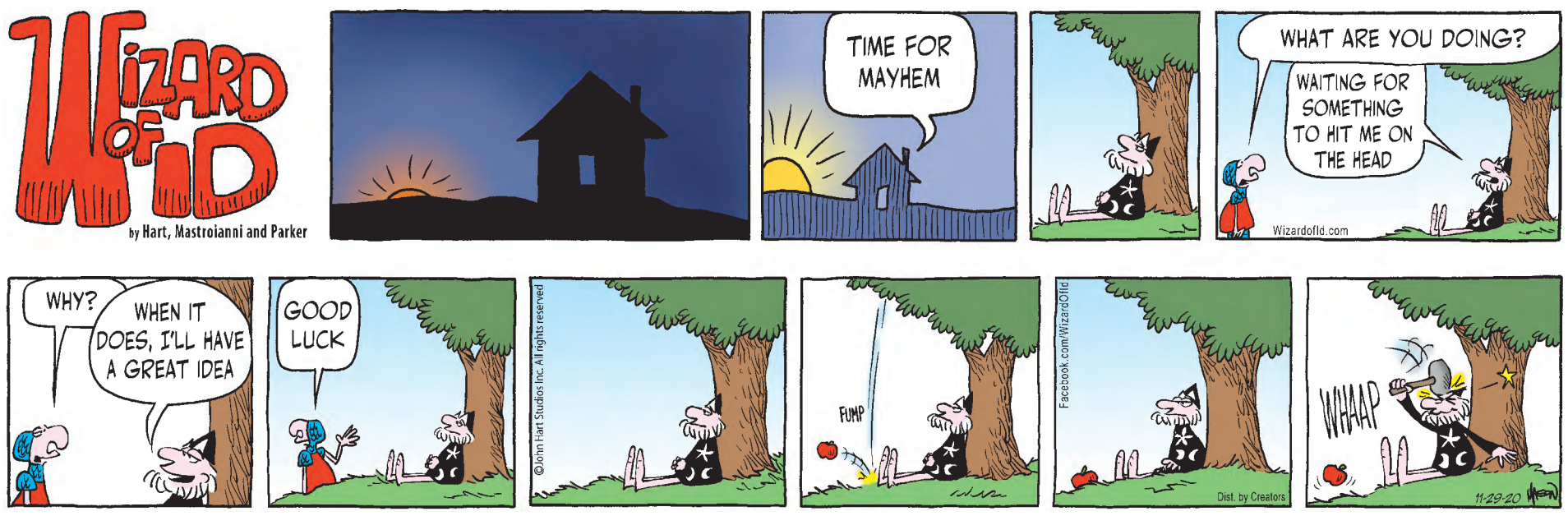
Wizard of Id
by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker
TIME FOR MAYHEM
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WAITING FOR SOMETHING TO HIT ME ON THE HEAD
Wizardofid.com
WHY?
WHEN IT DOES, I'LL HAVE A GREAT IDEA
GOOD LUCK
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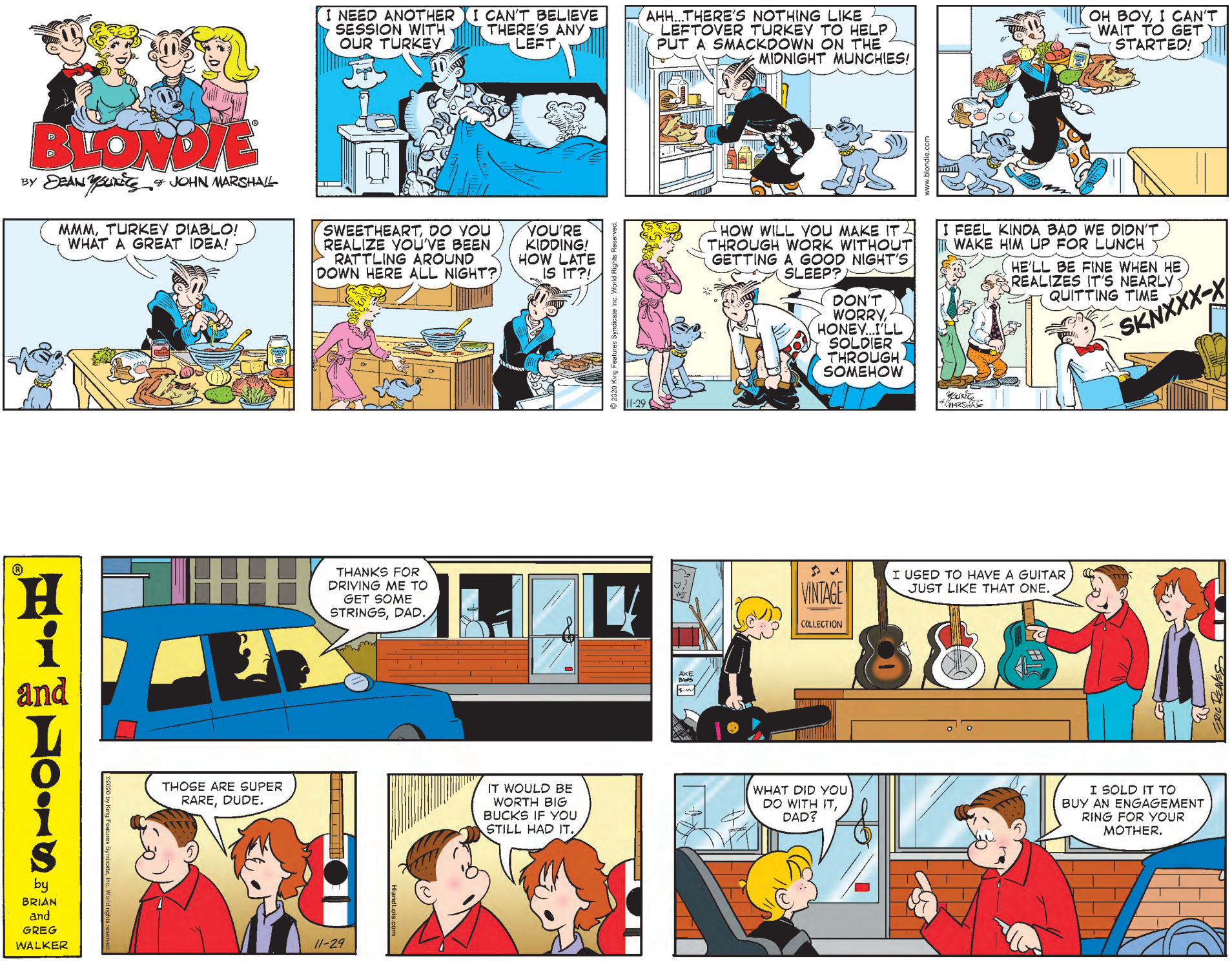
BLONDIE
BY DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL
I NEED ANOTHER SESSION WITH OUR TURKEY
I CAN'T BELIEVE THERE'S ANY LEFT
AHH...THERE'S NOTHING LIKE LEFTOVER TURKEY TO HELP PUT A SMACKDOWN ON THE MIDNIGHT MUNCHIES!
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OH BOY, I CAN'T WAIT TO GET STARTED!
MMM, TURKEY DIABLO! WHAT A GREAT IDEA!
SWEETHEART, DO YOU REALIZE YOU'VE BEEN RATTLING AROUND DOWN HERE ALL NIGHT?
YOU'RE KIDDING! HOW LATE IS IT?!
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HOW WILL YOU MAKE IT THROUGH WORK WITHOUT GETTING A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP?
DON'T WORRY, HONEY...I'LL SOLDIER THROUGH SOMEHOW
I FEEL KINDA BAD WE DIDN'T WAKE HIM UP FOR LUNCH
HE'LL BE FINE WHEN HE REALIZES IT'S NEARLY QUITTING TIME
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Hi and Lois
by BRIAN and GREG WALKER
THANKS FOR DRIVING ME TO GET SOME STRINGS, DAD.
I USED TO HAVE A GUITAR JUST LIKE THAT ONE.
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THOSE ARE SUPER RARE, DUDE.
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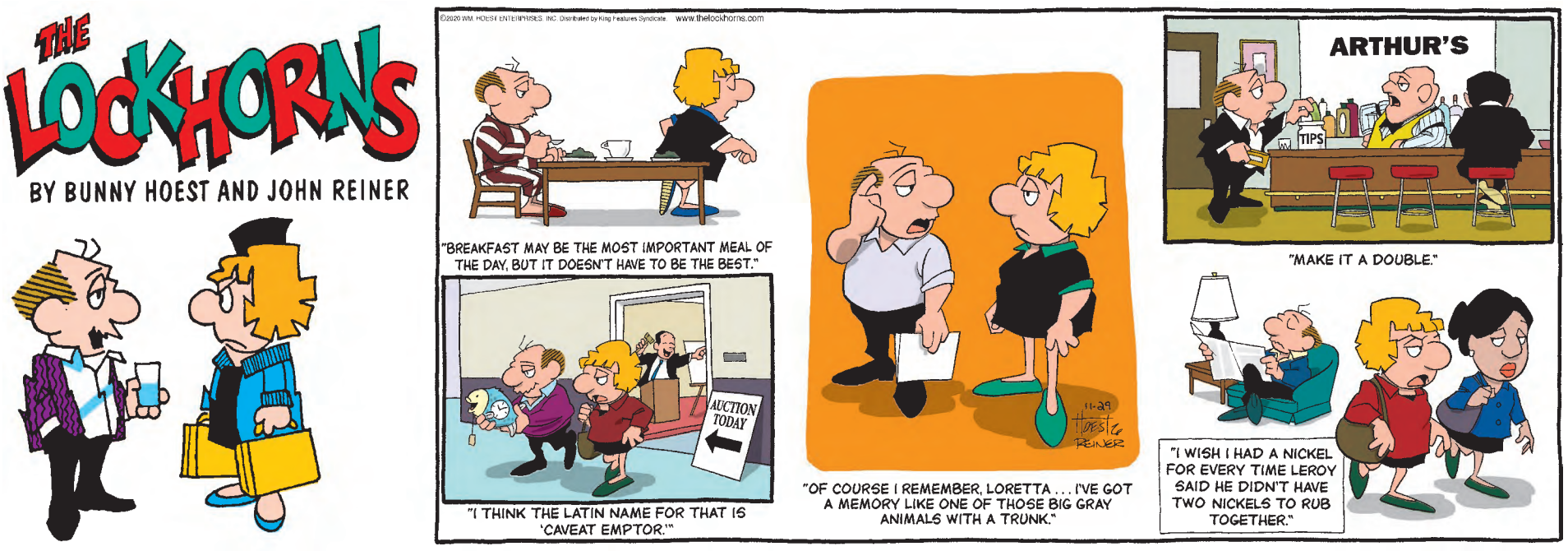
I SOLD IT TO BUY AN ENGAGEMENT RING FOR YOUR MOTHER.



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