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PAYING TRIBUTE

Appreciation week honors National Guard, Reserves

The theme of Citrus County's 29th annual Veterans Appreciation Week, "Citrus County Honors Our National Guard and the Reserves," pays tribute to the men and women citizen soldiers serving our country and state in peace and war.

This year's celebration runs through Nov. 11:

- Veterans free breakfast, Nov. 7 at the Inverness Elks Lodge No. 2522, 3575 E. Lake Place in Hernando. For more information, contact Mike Orndorff at 352-697-0139 or orndcons@aol.com.

- Massing of the Colors, 1 p.m. Nov. 7 at the First Lutheran Church, 1900 State Road 44 in Inverness. All organizational colors are welcome to participate. For more information, contact John Stewart at 308-293-0510 or husker69@yahoo.com.

- Woman veterans luncheon, noon Nov. 8 at the Crystal River Woman's Club, 320 N. Citrus Ave. in Crystal River. For more information, contact Leslie Martineau at 352-746-2396 or lmartineau_2001@yahoo.com.

- Veterans Day Parade, 10 a.m. Nov. 11 in Inverness. Staging begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Citrus High School parking area off Highland Boulevard. For more information, contact Chris Gregoriou at 352-302-9777 or allprestige@yahoo.com.

- Memorial service following the Veterans Day Parade Nov. 11 at the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum, 1 Courthouse Square in Inverness. Music by the Nature Coast Community Band with keynote speaker Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Sellers, retired U.S. Army. For more information, contact John McGee at 352-346-2141 or irishlrp@tampabay.rr.com.

- Veterans Day luncheon following the memorial service Nov. 11 at the VFW Post 4337, 906 State Road 44 in Inverness. For more information, contact John Lowe at 352-344-4702 or thelowes@tampabay.rr.com.

- Operation Welcome Home Veterans lunch following the memorial service Nov. 11 at the Depot Pavilion, 300 N. Apopka Ave. in Inverness. For more information, contact Barbara Mills at 352-422-6236 or barbarsjills@earthlink.net.

Visit veteransofcitruscounty.com.

—From staff reports

Taxing time? Paying for paving

Administrator says we must discuss raising sales tax to take care of roads

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

Scores of Citrus Countians have pleaded with county commissioners to resurface their pot-holed road.

Commissioners sympathize but say they can only do so many

roads given the lack of funding sources.

One option, sure to create a buzz, will be explored Tuesday morning as the board holds a workshop on considering hiking the current 6-cent sales tax to 7 cents, via a referendum.

County Administrator Randy

Oliver said Citrus County needs \$10 million per year to resurface all residential roads on a 20- to 25-year cycle, Oliver said tourists would pay one quarter of the tax if it's approved.

Florida has a state sales tax of 6% and allows local governments to collect a local option sales tax

of up to 1.5%. Citrus is the only county that does not impose that tax.

Citrus County had about 160 roads scheduled for resurfacing the prior fiscal year for a total cost of \$4 million.

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Here, there be dragons



The Leviathans Dragon Boat Racing Team from Apollo Beach head to shore after a race Saturday morning, Nov. 6, at the Lake Hernando Dragon Boat Festival in Hernando. Although cold temperatures may have kept the crowds away, the action on the water was intense.

Photos by Stephen Shaner/For the Chronicle



Lendy Won warms up with her team, the Heat, before a race Saturday morning at Lake Hernando Park in Hernando. Won, who lives in The Villages, takes the sport of dragon boat racing seriously and was a member of the 2009 national team.



A pile of paddles awaits participants at the Lake Hernando Dragon Boat Festival Saturday morning. The event, which attracts teams from all over Florida and the Southeast, is one of the largest dragon boat races in the country and serves as a fundraiser for the Citrus County Education Foundation.

County to talk modifying setbacks

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

County commissioners Tuesday morning will discuss once again whether waterfront setbacks for homes should be reduced.

This came up three years ago when commissioners voted 3-2 to kill a proposed Land Development Code proposal that would have allowed waterfront property owners to build homes 15 feet from the water's edge.

The current setback is 50 feet (35 feet with berms or swales in place) to prevent stormwater runoff from carrying fertilizer and other nutrients into the water.

The Citrus County Planning and Development Commission (PDC) would have to issue a variance if less than that.

Inverness attorney Clark Stillwell, in a letter to the county, suggests construction on waterfront property be as close as 15 feet to water in certain circumstances.

PDC member and Citrus County Building Alliance President Stacey Worthington is also advocating for reduced setbacks and, in a letter to the county, said the variance process is too strict.

"Common sense is not permitted to prevail because of the laws governing the PDC," Worthington said.

Weighing in for keeping current setbacks is Charles Lee, director of advocacy with Florida Audubon, who urges commissioners not to heed developers' arguments.

"This, of course, is counterintuitive to everything we know about the dangers of coastal flooding, and the numerous adverse environmental consequences of building too close to the water," Lee said in an email to the Chronicle. "Audubon Florida is opposing this move."

Setbacks are a big deal because they keep fertilizer, other pollutants and debris out of waterways; afford homeowners a greater level of privacy and keep new construction from obstructing sight lines.

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Just how wide is too wide?

City council to mull land development changes, driveways

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

In a vote to revamp Crystal River's building standards, City Council at an upcoming meeting is expected to mull over a particular subject: driveway widths.

Council members call to order at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, at Crystal River City Hall, 123 NW U.S. 19, Crystal River. For more information about

the meeting and how to watch it online, visit crystalriverfl.org/meetings.

During its first public hearing Oct. 25 to approve 14 text amendments for the city's land development code, council voted 5-0 to move forward with scheduling a second and final hearing for Monday.

However, council asked city staff to come back with additional information and recommendations for how wide residential driveways could be

within the city and its Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) district.

City staff had proposed to increase the width of a driveway section in the city's right of way from 10 feet to either 12 or 20 feet — depending on if there's a sidewalk present — before it gets onto private property and can open to up to 20 feet.

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WEEK IN REVIEW

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

HOME SWEET CONTAINER HOME



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Darren Nichter, left, and Rodney Worthington, cofounders of Citrus Container Park LLC, stand at their first container home Friday afternoon, Oct. 29, in Inverness. They have plans for 11 more to be built nearby to make up Citrus Container Village.

GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

This is Citrus County's 29th annual Veterans Appreciation Week, which culminates with a parade beginning at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, in Inverness, followed by a moving memorial service on the Historic Courthouse lawn.

Also, churches and local organizations are honoring veterans this week in a variety of ways.

Many veterans bear invisible scars, and words of encouragement and expressions of gratitude help heal wounds.

The people of Citrus County are known for their appreciation of the men and women who have served and are serving our country, and that's a good thing.

HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK

The story about license fees being hiked for pets that aren't sterilized caused a number of people to add their two cents on the Chronicle Facebook page. Here's what some said:

■ **Ashley Myers Barrett:** "LOVE this! However, obviously not all people who don't spay/neuter their pets are 'bad' owners. I'm sure they have their reasons or whatever. What I'm wondering is what percentage that don't give a hoot about their pets actually rabies/license them anyway? That's the catch. These rules only work for people who follow them and usually those folks are

doing the right thing anyway. So ends up being decent people who are punished and the 'target audience' as unaffected as before. Just my thoughts."

■ **Mike Fly:** "So poor people are not going to be able to afford to get their dog licensed. Seems to me the only thing that needs to be spayed or neutered is politicians."

■ **Bonnie Lefebvre:** "If they can't afford to have their animals fixed and cut down on overpopulation, they don't need one. Because they obviously won't be able to afford heartworm and flea meds either."

THE MOST POPULAR STORIES FROM THE WEEK THAT WAS

Shipping container homes arrive in Citrus County

Recently, Citrus Container Park, out of Lecanto, built a model container home on the future site of its Citrus Container Village development at 2714 E. Dawson Drive, west of Inverness and behind the Lowe's and Walmart shopping plazas along State Road 44.

A dozen, same-sized lots will make up the container community at buildout, permitted as single-family homes.

Made from two shipping containers, the Container Park's 720-square-foot model house accommodates a porch, two bedrooms, one and a half bathrooms, a living room, dining area, kitchen with full-size appliances and space for a stackable washer and dryer.

"It gives (people) an ability to own a home they can call theirs without having it get blown away in the storm," said Darren Nichter, cofounder of Citrus Container Park LLC. "It opens up the door for affordability; if the housing market keeps up, they're not going to be able to afford a house for who knows when."

Learn more at facebook.com/citruscontainerpark or call 352-302-6116.

From woods to asphalt: Life in the fast lane

The residents of Lecanto Mobile Home & RV Park have mixed feelings about their new "neighbor," the Suncoast Parkway interchange at State Road 44 that's almost completed.

The park is home to 78 mobile homes and 35 RVs.

"What privacy was there is gone," said Lillian Petterson, looking over the fence at the now-treeless expanse and construction equipment readying the interchange for an early 2022 opening. "The noise is going to be the issue more than anything else."

She added, "I think it will be nice for people when it's done — for people who want to get to Tampa quickly."

Her husband, Stephen Petterson, recalled when they moved there in 2015 and there was no fence and he could walk out his backyard to see trees and animals.

Now, he's worried truckers will use their loud "Jake Brakes" to slow down while coming off the freeway.

Park manager John Rockey said opinion among residents is mixed.

"It's a double-edged sword," he said.

He said the trucks and cars whizzing and exiting off State Road 44 won't be pleasant, but the convenience of getting to and from places to the south is an asset.

"It's a wait-and-see attitude," Rockey said. "We have to wait to see how it plays out."



Nick Nicholas Ford celebrating 40 years, three generations

Nicholas Bryant, 22, has been a part of his grandfather's business, Nick Nicholas Ford, for most of his life, beginning with commercials with his younger brother and sister.

Now he's assistant manager, taking a leadership role alongside his father, general manager Shane Bryant, and his grandfather, founder Nick Nicholas.

The dealership is celebrating 40 years in business this year.

"He's top-shelf," said Nick Nicholas about his grandson, who couldn't be happier to see the business he started all those years ago carry on through the family.

His dad and grandfather want him to learn every facet of the business. While attending the University of Florida, he worked at the family dealership in the summer.

He's worked in the service department doing some detailing and then on to the parts section.

"You've got to sit in everybody's chair," Nicholas Bryant said.

Bryant also knows the importance of continuing his family's legacy.

"My grandpa and dad built it up to where it is now," he said.

County supports Crystal River, Inverness legislative requests

It's that time of year when the cities of Crystal River and Inverness submit their holiday wish lists to county commissioners who then vote yea or nay to support their projects and add them to the county's legislative funding requests.

The 2022 legislative session begins Jan. 11 and state lawmakers will consider requests from their constituency. Citrus County's legislative delegation is Sen. Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby and Rep. Ralph Massullo, R-Lecanto.

Crystal River is asking for two funding requests: \$2 million for its \$8.6-million King's Bay Riverwalk project and the \$20.7-million to upgrade Turkey Oak Drive and turn it into a bypass around downtown Crystal River.

The city of Inverness wants only one thing: a temporary street or "stub-out" at the future entrance to Whispering Pines State Park at the Inverness Regional Shopping Plaza traffic light, which will facilitate traffic conditions once the U.S. 41 widening project begins.

The board voted unanimously at their last meeting to support the cities' list of projects and add them to the county's legislative funding requests.



Woman of Red: Local chosen as Bucs Fan of the Year

This is how much Wendy Mann loves the Bucs:

One day, she was headed to a Bucs game with her friend on Interstate 75. The radio was turned up and the two were chatting when her friend asked, "Did you hear that?"

"I looked in my rearview mirror and I saw nothing but smoke behind me," Mann said. "It was my car."

She called AAA and they asked if they were towing her to her house. She told them to tow her to the game so she could make the tailgate and kickoff.

"It was the Battle of the Bays — Green Bay and Tampa Bay — you just don't miss that," Mann said.

That's just one of her many fangirl reasons why she was selected NFL Fan of the Year for the Bucs among more than 4,100 applicants and nominees. For her devotion, she will receive an all-expense paid trip for her and a guest to Super Bowl LVI.

"The whole point was for them to hear the community's sentiments ... our concerns regarding the cemetery. This is not going to be the last time they hear from us; I promise you that, I promise you that."

— DR. DEVONTE WHITE, HOST OF A TOWN HALL-STYLE MEETING TO DISCUSS PINE HILL CEMETERY, COMMENTING ABOUT THERE NOT BEING ONE PERSON FROM THE COUNTY AT THE MEETING.

— compiled by Nancy Kennedy

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Around the COUNTY

Coastal Region Library to host November events

November is a month rich with cultural heritage and historical events. The Coastal Region branch, 8619 W. Crystal St. in Crystal River, will host several speakers throughout the month.

At 1 p.m. Nov. 8, Dr. Vera Swade will present an infamous piece of Ukrainian history, the Holodomor. After Swade's presentation, attendees are encouraged to tour and ask questions about her standing exhibit.

November is also Native American Heritage Month. At 10 a.m. Nov. 9, Don Clark will demonstrate a traditional smudging ceremony. Clark is from the Lumbee tribe of North Carolina and will share his insights into the sacred ceremony.

At 1 p.m. Nov. 12, local photographer Gary Kuhl will present a travelogue of his experiences in Ireland and Scotland. The presentation will be accompanied by photos taken during his trip.

These library programs are free and open to everyone with no registration required. For more information, call 352-795-3716, visit citruslibraries.org or Citrus Libraries on Facebook.

Conservation Florida to host Zoom talk

Conservation Florida is a statewide accredited land conservancy working to protect Florida's natural and agricultural landscapes for future generations. K.C. Nayfield will present a summary of their activities, including past and current land preservation efforts at 6 p.m. Nov. 9 via Zoom.

The conservation projects support Florida's native plants and wildlife, fresh water, conservation corridors, family farms and ranches, the economy and nature-based recreation.

Since 1999, Conservation Florida has led the way in strategic and evidence-based land protection. They have saved more than 25,000 acres of critical habitat.

Nayfield is a native Floridian and semi-retired veterinarian. He is president of Conservation Florida and serves on the board of the Friends of the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge.

Nayfield was also active in the public purchase of the Three Sisters Springs refuge as chairman of the Crystal River Waterfront Advisory Board.

To join, visit tinyurl.com/2rsuje2x. Meeting ID: 393 580 7027. Passcode: 342957.

Wisconsin Social Club to resume meetings

After meeting cancellations due to COVID-19, the Wisconsin Social Club has decided it's time to get back in the groove and start socializing again. Wisconsinites will gather at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 10 at the Crystal Point Clubhouse, 7820 Summer-tree St. in Crystal River.

The Wisconsin Club is a social group that meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Anyone interested in joining the group is welcome, including snowbirds.

The club has been in existence for more than 20 years and all who attend enjoy socialization and a chance to meet new people from many locations throughout the state.

For more information, call Joyce McMullen at 352-860-1292.

— From staff reports

Founding spot now a historic site

SEAN ARNOLD
For the Chronicle

DUNNELLON — Representing the site where Augustus Vogt discovered phosphate in 1889, leading to the founding of Dunnellon and the Boomtown Era, the Florida Department of State Division of Historical Resources recently designated Nine Island Cove as a Historical Archaeological Site and added it to its Florida Historical Site Master File.

The listing comes at a crucial time for the site, which is situated between the Withlacoochee River, Dunnellon Middle School and the neighborhood of Vogt Springs. Nine Island Cove was approved this year for the Florida Forever Priority List. Florida Forever is a State land acquisition program

aimed at preserving historically and environmentally significant lands.

The Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC) will be re-ranking projects on the priority list in December, and the governor's office will use the rankings to determine the newest slate of projects in March. The historical listing figures to benefit Nine Island Cove's ranking, which is currently at No. 18. It's listed under the Rainbow River Corridor project. The historical designation makes Nine Island Cove eligible for possible preservation funding and programs.

If selected by the governor's office, Nine Island Cove could potentially be purchased by the state and managed locally as a passive 40-acre park. Owners of the

relevant lots would have to agree to sell to the State, and the City or some other governmental entity would have to agree to manage the park.

Proponents see the location as a key part of Dunnellon's future status as a parks and trails hub, with the state trail system eventually extending to and from Dunnellon from the east, west and south.

Rainbow River Conservation President Burt Eno applied for the site's listing on Florida Forever, and he was joined by Mayor Bill White in Tallahassee in June for the ARC's ruling. White was an advocate for a Nine Island Park in 2019, but was unable to convince the remainder of the City Council at the time to provide an official endorsement of an application and management plan from the

city.

Since the 2020 election, White, now as mayor, and new council members Jan Cabbage and Louise Kenny voted in approval of an endorsement of a plan, which was constructed by members of the Rainbow River Conservation (RRC), including Eno and Paul Marrafinno. RRC led on the project of Blue Run of Dunnellon Park over a decade ago.

In addition to the RRC members, the Historical Archaeological Site application was also spearheaded by local volunteers Dwight Porter and Dominic Battista as well as Greater Dunnellon Historical Society members Andy Murray and John Starkey. Marrafinno announced the Historical designation in an email to the City Council last weekend.

Chilly, but successful day for jam



Ocala residents Mike Dillard, Laura Riggs and Brian Smith came down to enjoy tasty stone crabs at the 14th annual Stone Crab Jam and Music Festival, Saturday, Nov. 6, on North Citrus Avenue in Crystal River. The chilly weather did not stop people from coming out and enjoying the refreshments, food and live music.

Photos by Sydney Akens/For the Chronicle

LEFT: Isaac Hoffman, family friend of the Crab Plant, serves up pounds of steamed stone crab at the 14th Annual Stone Crab Jam and Music Festival, presented by the Kings Bay Rotary Club Charitable Foundation, Saturday, Nov. 6, in downtown Crystal River. Friends and employees of the Crab Plant were working hard to provide fresh stone crab as quickly as possible as multiple lines of guest began to pour in.



Debbie Johnson and Katie Hurd, owners of KandD's, had a crowd around their booth interested in their sweet treats at the Stone Crab Jam and Music Festival, Saturday. The ladies offered a large variety of all-homemade custom cake treats, candies, fudge and even sugar-free options. They will be attending the Winter Wonderland Craft Show at the Florida National Guard Armory in Crystal River on Nov. 13. Many unique booths and local businesses come to set up at the Stone Crab Jam each year.

Around the COUNTY

Workshop: '9 Principles of Florida-Friendly Landscaping'

Citrus County Utilities Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program will have a free virtual gardening workshop, "9 Principles of Florida-Friendly Landscaping," from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 16.

The University of Florida developed nine basic principles to establish a set of gardening practices which aid gardeners in creating sustainable and successful ornamental gardens. These practices allow gardeners to create beautiful landscapes while generating little or no impact to our water resources.

Selection of the right plant for the right location,

efficient irrigation, appropriate fertilization and responsible pest management are several of the topics discussed during this workshop.

To register, visit ccufflprogram.eventbrite.com. For more information, call Steven Davis at 352-527-5708.

CF Citrus Campus welcomes public to open house

The College of Central Florida invites anyone thinking about college to an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 18 at the CF Citrus Campus, 3800 S. Lecanto Highway.

Future students are encouraged to tour the

campus and learn about more than 150 academic pathways, including 70 job-training programs. Attendees can receive assistance with the application process, financial aid, placement testing, academic advising and registration for the spring semester, which begins Jan. 10.

Everyone who completes an admissions application at the event will have the \$30 fee waived and will be entered to win free tuition for a three-credit class at CF's standard tuition rate.

A virtual open house will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 8 via Zoom. For more information, visit CF.edu/openhouse or call 352-746-6721, ext. 6179.

—From staff reports

Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthdays: A change of pace will improve your attitude and lower your stress, but first, take care of unfinished business. What you cannot do yourself, summon someone else to take care of. Procrastinating and living in the past will lead to resentment.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): Declutter your space, lighten the load and focus on what makes you happy. Take responsibility and make the necessary changes.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): Emotional family issues will crop up if you or someone close to you is withholding information. Being open will be crucial.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep your eye on what's important to you. Someone you least expect will play confusing emotional games.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): Do your best, and you'll have no regrets. Don't let anyone take advantage of you legally or financially. Set the standard and do what makes you happy.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20): Make changes under the radar. If you share too much information regarding what you are up to, someone will stifle your plans.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Listen and make decisions that are in line with your dreams. Avoid a situation that poses a health problem.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Ask questions, but don't participate in someone else's plan. Consider what you like to do, then invest your time and money.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You'll attract questionable individuals. Don't let your emotions lead you astray. Protect your reputation, possessions and cash.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Emphasize things that interest you. Use your knowledge, experience and skills to attract attention and interest in what you want to pursue.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Tension will mount if things don't go according to plan. Take the high road and do your own thing if someone chooses to make last-minute changes.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take care of business before you move on to social activities. An idea you share with a friend or relative will draw interest.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Stepping up and assisting others will come with perks, but before you take on something, make sure it's worth your while.

ENTERTAINMENT

Crowd surge kills at least 8 at Houston music festival

HOUSTON — The crowd at a Houston music festival suddenly surged toward the stage during a performance by rapper Travis Scott, squeezing fans so tightly together that they could not breathe or move their arms, witnesses said Saturday, hours after at least eight people died in the chaos.

The pandemonium unfolded Friday evening at Astroworld, a sold-out, two-day event in NRG Park. An estimated 50,000 people were in attendance.

Niaara Goods, 28, said the crowd surged as a timer clicked down to the start of the performance.

"As soon as he jumped out on the stage, it was like an energy took over and everything went haywire. All of a sudden, your ribs are being crushed. You have someone's arm in your neck. You're trying to breathe, but you can't," Goods said.

Goods said she was so desperate to get out that she bit a man on the shoulder to get him to move.

The dead ranged in age from 14 to 27, and 13 people were still hospitalized, Mayor Sylvester Turner said. He called the disaster "a tragedy on many different levels" and said it was too early to draw conclusions about what went wrong.

Houston Fire Chief Samuel Peña said the crowd's movement toward the stage caused panic and some injuries. Then "people began to fall out, become unconscious, and it created additional panic."

Experts who have studied deaths caused by crowd surges say they are often a result of



Associated Press

Festival goers are seen rushing into the VIP area prior to Travis Scott performing during day one of the Astroworld Music Festival at NRG Park on Friday, Nov. 5, in Houston. Several people died and numerous others were injured in what officials described as a surge of the crowd at the music festival while Scott was performing.

density — too many people packed into a small space. The crowd is often running either away from a perceived threat or toward something they want, such as a performer, before hitting a barrier.

G. Keith Still, a visiting professor of crowd science at the United Kingdom's University of Suffolk, has testified as an expert witness in court cases involving crowds. He said he usually does not look at eyewitness reports when in the early stages of analyzing an incident because emotions can cloud the picture, and witnesses can see only what's immediately around them.

People in the Houston crowd reported lots of pushing and shoving during the performances leading up to Scott's set.

Then when Scott took the

stage, the crowd seemed to rush to the front, trying to get closer to the stage, said Nick Johnson, a high school senior from the Houston suburb of Friendswood who was at the concert with friends.

"Everyone was passing out around you, and everyone was trying to help each other. But you just couldn't move. You couldn't do anything. You can't even pick your arms up," Johnson said. "It just got worse and worse."

Johnson said fans started to crush each other, and people started screaming. He said it felt like 100 degrees in the crowd.

Scott seemed to be aware that something was going on in the crowd, but he might not have understood the severity of the situation, Johnson said.

—From wire reports

Today in HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Nov. 7, the 311th day of 2021. There are 54 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight: On Nov. 7, 1917, Russia's Bolshevik Revolution took place as forces led by Vladimir Ilyich Lenin overthrew the provisional government of Alexander Kerensky.

On this date: In 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won an unprecedented fourth term in office, defeating Republican Thomas E. Dewey.

In 1967, Carl Stokes was elected the first Black mayor of a major city — Cleveland, Ohio.

In 1989, L. Douglas Wilder won the governor's race in Virginia, becoming the first elected Black governor in U.S. history; David N. Dinkins was elected New York City's first Black mayor.

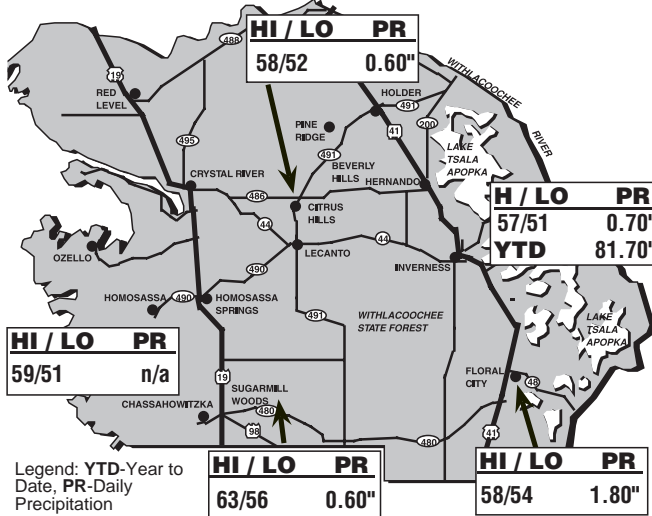
Ten years ago: A jury in Los Angeles convicted Michael Jackson's doctor, Conrad Murray, of involuntary manslaughter for supplying a powerful anesthetic implicated in the entertainer's 2009 death.

Five years ago: In Philadelphia, with tens of thousands shivering in the cold, Barack and Michelle Obama passed the torch to Hillary Clinton in an emotional but anxious plea to elect her president.

One year ago: Democrat Joe Biden clinched victory over President Donald Trump as a win in Pennsylvania pushed Biden over the threshold of 270 Electoral College votes; the victory followed more than three days of uncertainty as election officials sorted through a surge of mail-in ballots.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Barry Newman is 83. Actor Dakin Matthews is 81. Singer Johnny Rivers is 79. Former supermodel Jean Shrimpton is 79. Singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell is 78. Former CIA Director David Petraeus is 69. Actor Christopher Knight (TV: "The Brady Bunch") is 64. Rock musician Tommy Thayer (KISS) is 61. Actor Julie Pinson is 54. Rock singer Lorde is 25.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Forecast	High	Low
TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING	68°	45°
Mostly sunny, breezy and cool		
MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING	73°	49°
Sunny with low humidity		
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING	75°	54°
Mostly sunny, warmer		

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TEMPERATURE	Yesterday 59/51	DEW POINT	Yesterday at 3 p.m. n/a
Record* 91/32		HUMIDITY	Yesterday at 3 p.m. 94%
Normal 81/55		POLLEN COUNT**	Today's active pollen: ragweed, grasses, elm
Mean temp. 68			Today's count: 4.6/12
Departure from mean -13			Monday's count: 3.4
PRECIPITATION	Yesterday 0.29"	AIR QUALITY	Yesterday observed Good
Total for the month 1.82"			Pollutant PM2.5
Total for the year 61.28"			
Normal for the year 48.02"			
As reported from https://citrusmosquito.org			
UV INDEX: 4			
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high			
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	29.97		

SOLAR TABLES

DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
11/07	SUNDAY	6:46	2:34	5:39	3:06
11/08	MONDAY	6:47	3:39	5:38	4:10

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT	5:39 pm
SUNRISE TOMORROW	6:47 am
MOONRISE TODAY	9:54 am
MOONSET TODAY	8:17 pm

BURN CONDITIONS

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

WATERING RULES

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

Addresses with house numbers ending in:	Monday	Thursday
0 - 1	Monday	Thursday
2 - 3	Tuesday	Friday
4 - 5	Wednesday	Friday

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

TIDES

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

City	High	Low
Chassahowitzka**	7:20 a.m.	0.1 ft
Crystal River**	5:22 a.m.	0.1 ft
Withalacochee*	2:26 a.m.	0.1 ft
Homosassa***	5:46 a.m.	0.1 ft

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	66	55	mc	Miami	75	62	s
Fort Lauderdale	75	60	pc	Ocala	65	46	pc
Fort Myers	73	55	pc	Orlando	67	53	pc
Gainesville	66	45	pc	Pensacola	70	49	s
Homestead	76	57	s	Sarasota	71	56	pc
Jacksonville	64	49	mc	Tallahassee	68	44	s
Key West	78	69	pc	Tampa	69	52	pc
Lakeland	69	51	pc	Vero Beach	71	58	pc
Melbourne	69	58	pc	W. Palm Bch.	72	64	pc

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: North winds around 20 knots. Seas 3 to 5 feet with occasional seas to 6 feet. Bay and inland waters choppy. Tonight: North winds around 15 knots. Seas 3 to 4 feet with occasional seas to 5 feet.

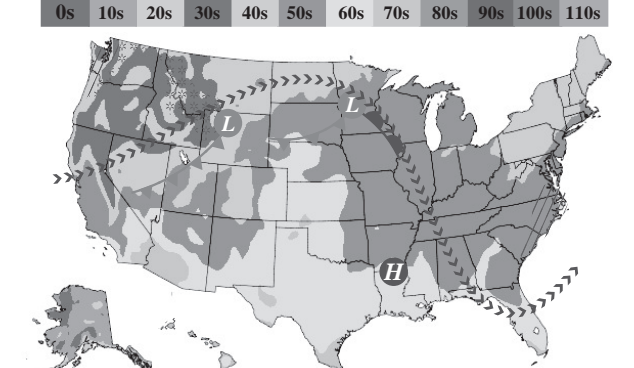
Gulf water temperature
64°
Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS

Location	SAT	FRI	Full
Withalacochee at Holder	30.19	30.03	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	38.06	38.03	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	39.40	39.36	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	40.59	40.54	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-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any one year. This data is obtained from the Southwest Florida Water Management District and is subject to revision. In no event will the District or the United States Geological Survey be liable for any damages arising out of the use of this data. If you have any questions you should contact the Hydrological Data Section at (352) 796-7211.

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Sunday

City	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fest	City	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fest
Albany	52	26	0.00	54	31	s	New Orleans	67	53	0.00	67	50	s
Albuquerque	73	43	0.00	75	42	s	New York City	52	40	0.00	57	42	pc
Asheville	54	32	0.00	60	33	s	Norfolk	58	52	0.02	59	47	ra
Atlanta	61	43	0.00	65	40	s	Oklahoma City	67	36	0.00	71	52	s
Atlantic City	54	31	0.00	60	46	mc	Omaha	70	39	0.00	70	43	pc
Austin	71	42	0.00	73	50	s	Palm Springs	88	62	0.00	86	62	s
Baltimore	57	28	0.00	57	42	mc	Philadelphia	56	34	0.00	56	40	mc
Billings	64	39	0.00	48	29	ra	Phoenix	90	62	0.00	87	59	pc
Birmingham	60	37	0.00	66	39	s	Pittsburgh	55	32	0.00	57	35	s
Boise	57	46	Trace	48	26	s	Portland, ME	52	25	0.00	52	37	s
Boston	52	36	0.00	53	38	pc	Portland, OR	53	46	0.28	49	42	sh
Buffalo	54	32	0.00	56	44	s	Providence, RI	54	28	0.00	55	38	pc
Burlington, VT	50	27	0.00	51	37	s	Raleigh	54	38	Trace	56	41	sh
Charleston, SC	52	43	0.86	60	45	sh	Rapid City	75	37	0.00	66	35	pc
Charleston, WV	61	25	0.00	61	36	s	Reno	55	46	0.03	50	29	pc
Charlotte	54	39	0.00	62	40	pc	Rochester, NY	52	28	0.00	59	40	s
Chicago	61	35	0.00	65	47	s	Sacramento	63	51	0.00	61	39	s
Cincinnati	59	24	0.00	62	36	s	Salt Lake City	67	50	0.00	55	39	pc
Cleveland	54	35	0.00	59	42	s	San Antonio	74	45	0.00	73	52	s
Columbia, SC	57	46	0.00	63	40	pc	San Diego	70	61	0.00	68	55	mc
Columbus, OH	56	28	0.00	61	36	s	San Francisco	63	54	0.00	63	48	s
Concord, NH	52	19	0.00	55	31	s	Savannah	47	45	1.74	63	43	sh
Dallas	67	42	0.00	73	49	s	Seattle	48	43	0.28	48	43	sh
Denver	78	40	0.00	78	48	s	Spokane	48	37	0.01	47	31	pc
Des Moines	67	39	0.00	69	36	pc	St. Louis	61	25	0.00	68	44	s
Detroit	54	30	0.00	59	41	s	St. Ste Marie	55	43	0.03	59	45	pc
El Paso	81	43	0.00	82	55	s	Syracuse	55	28	0.00	57	38	s
Evansville, IN	59	28	0.00	63	40	s	Topeka	68	37	0.00	70	50	pc
Harrisburg	55	28	0.00	55	36	pc	Washington	58	34	0.00	56	40	mc
Hartford	52	24	0.00	53	35	pc							
Houston	70	44	0.00	73	56	s							
Indianapolis	56	30	0.00	62	40	s							
Kansas City	66	42	0.00	68	50	s							
Las Vegas	86	53	0.00	80	56	s							
Little Rock	63	32	0.00	67	41	s							
Los Angeles	69	57	0.00	70	52	pc							
Louisville	61	32	0.00	64	38	s							
Memphis	63	39	0.00	67	40	s							

SETBACKS

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Not only that, but they allow room for the installation of utility lines; and, in more densely populated areas, to minimize the risk of fires spreading to neighboring homes.

Along the coast, setbacks also help keep water away from and out of homes when storms blow through.

Three years ago, County Commissioner Jeff Kinnard and then-Commissioner Jimmie T. Smith voted for setback reductions, saying there were other ways to prevent pollutants from entering the water, and that the county should allow property owners their choice on how to do that.

Then last year, Citrus County's planning board denied Kinnard's request for a variance to build his home within 35 feet of Dixie Shores. The PDC said he could accomplish what he wanted on the property within the 50-foot



Chronicle file
Citrus County commissioners from left: Holly Davis, Ron Kitchen Jr., Chairman Scott Carnahan, Ruthie Davis Schlabbach and Jeff Kinnard.

county rules.

Kinnard has said distance requirements are arbitrary and previously called berms and swales an outdated science.

"The setback number is arbitrary," Kinnard said Friday. "It's just a number picked out of the air. There's no science behind it."

There's a better, less

cumbersome way to do it, Kinnard said, and he plans to discuss it Tuesday.

Any reductions in setbacks would have to have a net environmental benefit, he said.

The workshop is at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness.

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Obituaries

Wanda June Purser, 84

INVERNESS

Wanda June Purser, 84, passed away peacefully on October 26, 2021, at Diamond Ridge Health and Rehab in Lecanto, Florida, having been under hospice care for the two weeks prior to her passing.

Wanda was born on March 4th, 1937, in Steele, Missouri, the daughter of J.W. and Lola Stowe. She was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Bill Purser, who was her high school sweetheart. They both moved to Inverness 22 years ago from Florence, Alabama, after retiring.

Wanda graduated from the University of North Alabama in 1969, with a master's degree, as a special education teacher, and worked as a hairdresser prior to that. She loved teaching and her students loved her. Even after retiring and moving from Alabama, several of her students still kept in touch with her.

After losing the love of her life in 2005, she went back to school and became a realtor, which she also loved doing. She also volunteered at Citrus Memorial Hospital and for the Citrus County Sheriff's Department. She lived a very happy and full life.

She was preceded in death by one of her two daughters, Pamela Creighton, and one of her three grandsons, Eric Creighton.

She leaves behind her daughter, Paula Richardson, her son-in-law, Bill Richardson, her identical twin grandsons, Jeff Creighton and Jeremy Creighton, and 5 great grandchildren. She will be missed dearly, but she left this earth knowing she was loved.

There will be a private family service. Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Judith Thomason Kasco, 77

INVERNESS

Judith Thomason Kasco, 77 of Inverness, Florida, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on October 31, 2021. She died of complications related to Lung Cancer.

She was born in Chicago, Illinois, on July 7, 1944 to Irene and Robert Stewart, now deceased.

She was the eldest of four children. Judith reunited with and married her high school sweetheart, Steve Kasco, on September 11, 1993. The couple were married for 28 years and resided in Inverness, Florida.

She is survived by her husband Steve Kasco, her two sons, Justin Hannah and his wife Rachelle, Joshua Thomason and his wife Erin, her step-children Sam Thomason and Lori Ruby, her step-children Windy and Sean Kasco and his wife, Laurel.

Judith was preceded in death by her daughter, Jill Hannah and her step-daughter Kim Kasco. She leaves behind her brother Ronald Stewart and wife Elba, her sisters Janine and Christine

Stewart, her former daughter-in-law Jennifer Downing, 8 grandchildren - Scott, Nolan, Natalie, Taylor, Emma, Laura May, Lily and Elizabeth. She had many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

All who loved her dearly will never forget her tenacity, wit, intelligence, love for life and her generous and giving spirit.

Among her many gifts, Judith will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, godmother, "Auntie" and friend. She had a "gift" for entertaining and was a masterful cook. She tended a large garden, landscaped her property, liked to knit and crochet plus created beautiful quilts. She was a unique and talented artist with acrylics and watercolor.

Judith was active in the Citrus Garden Club and loved playing Mahjong with her group of friends. Judith was a BSN graduate of Concordia University in River Forrest, Illinois. She had a rewarding 22-year career as an RN, working in Illinois, Hawaii and Florida.

She was an involved member of Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church and worked on many ministry efforts.

A private memorial will be held for family on Saturday, November 13th at Judith's home. A memorial gathering will be held for friends and family on Sunday November 14th, following the weekly 10 a.m. Sunday service, at Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church. The start time will be approximately 11:15 a.m. in Luther Hall. The church is located at 9425 N Citrus Springs Blvd, Citrus Springs, FL, 34434.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

It is with heavy hearts that the children of Norman Robert Ham Sr. announce his passing on October 30, 2021, following a brief, but difficult illness.

He was born in Rochester, New Hampshire on March 31, 1933. Norman was the beloved son of the late Rosina Marie (Levesque) and Albert G. Ham. He was preceded in death by his son Michael John and three grandchildren, who died in infancy.

He bids adieu to his beloved Rebecca Wadsworth as his spirit takes flight. She was the sustenance of his life for the last 16 years.

Norman is survived by his sister Lorraine Kimball (Ray), Arundel, ME. Norman leaves six children: retired Brigadier General USAF Norman R. Ham Jr., (Adele), Fayetteville, GA; Kathleen M. Sampson (Donald), Coldbrook, Nova Scotia, Canada; Maureen A. Hilliard (Tim), Millis, MA; Paul F. Ham, Mooresville, NC; Carol Bradley (Kris), Sutton, MA; Matthew R. Ham (Jaimie), Ossipee, NH. Norman has 17 grandchildren: Krystal, Megan, Kamie, Jeremi, Caitlin, Danielle, Katie, Ashley, Brodie, Kylie, Christian, Bethany, Nevin, Olivia, Colin, Cameron, and Murphy. He also has 9 great grandchildren: Hadley, Hayes, Bella, Anthony,

Michael John, Ellie, Vivienne, Maya, and Charlotte. He was immensely proud of all his family. In fact, he encouraged three sons and a grandson in their quest for careers in aviation. And, as he had done so long ago, his three daughters and several granddaughters work with children in education/mental health.

Norman completed his primary schooling in New Market, NH and when he turned 13, it was off to Assumption Preparatory School in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he excelled in academics and basketball.

Upon graduation he was offered a basketball scholarship to the University of New Hampshire. In 1953 he entered the Pilot/Officers Training for the United States Air force and graduated as a Lt. in 1955.

For 20 years this Air Force Fighter Pilot flew more than two hundred missions in Vietnam, Korea, Philippines, Japan, Laos, Cambodia, Morocco and beyond. He was a proud and decorated war veteran.

When he retired he attended the University of Nebraska to study history and education; he then earned a Masters in Counseling from the University of Virginia. Norman then created the ROTC program at Lowell High School where he shared his love of history and exemplified his patriotism for his beloved country.

One of his proudest accomplishments was when he was invited to sing the National Anthem at the Boston Garden (several times). He had an amazing memory and was the ultimate story teller, relaying his adventures overseas and his love of history and the world's people.

One could not miss his booming laughter or when he would burst into song with his strong and beautiful baritone voice (most recently serenading passengers at gate 42, as they waited for their delayed flight). In retirement, he enjoyed travelling and he could often be found flying his airplane, visiting an air show or popping over for a surprise visit.

Dad and so many other veterans have worked countless hours to make our country a safer place to live and to raise a family. This world is a safer place for Dad having walked it/or flown it, and we are grateful for this. Dad, we pray that a band of angels sing thee to thy rest as you rest in the arms of Jesus. We love you always.

Services will be held at Phaneuf Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 172 King Street, Boscawen, NH on Friday, November 12, 2021, 12:00-1:00pm. Graveside service with Military Honors will take place immediately afterwards at 1:30pm at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH. For more information, go to www.phaneuf.net.

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We acknowledge the tremendous support, encouragement and kindnesses shown to Dad in his final days. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, 1235 S. Clark St., Ste. 910, Arlington, VA 22202, or the Sunflower Springs Assisted Living Facility, 8733 W Yulee Dr, Homosassa, FL 34448. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Barbara Johnson, 81

PINE RIDGE

Barbara J. Johnson was born September 14, 1940 in Southern California and passed away peacefully at her home in Pine Ridge, Florida on September 19, 2021 after a long journey with Alzheimer's Dementia.

Her life really began when she moved to Illinois and met the love of her life, Harvey Johnson. After a six week courtship, they married and raised four children together, Andi (Jim Tomlinson), Judy (Michael Bradfield), Stephanie (Skip Katich), and Glen (preceded in death May 9, 1993).

She is also survived by four grandchildren London, Maclain, Megan and Kendall, three brothers Ronald Hinkle, Michael (Sharon) Tripp, Gregory (Linda) Tripp, two sisters Kathleen (Paul Rudder) and Audrey.

Barbara and Harvey lived in St. Charles, a Western Suburb of Chicago until they retired to Pine Ridge, Florida in 2005. Barbara retired from the Illinois Credit Union as a mortgage agent.

Barbara was very active in her church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

She was involved in Social Ministry, while chairing Serving Our Savior Food pantry. In 2012 Barbara was named Honoree at the 2012 Father Christmas Ball for her volunteerism in Citrus County.

Barbara enjoyed dancing and lit up the floors with Harvey by her side. She was also a huge football fan and found herself on fantasy football leagues.

Some of Barbara's favorite times were with the OBG's (couples club) group enjoying movies, vacation's and great dinners together. Barbara's biggest passion was definitely her family. She loved her family with so much joy and dedication. Her spirit was non-ending and she was so full of life.

Alzheimer's Dementia did everything to rob her of that spirit, but Barbara fought through to the end. Barbara was loved greatly by her husband, Harvey, who adored her and cared for her until her last breath.

In lieu of flowers, we ask for donations to be made to Serving Our Savior Food Pantry or to the General Fund of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Hernando, FL.

A Memorial Service will be held Friday, November 12, 2021 as Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Hernando, Florida. Visiting at 10 a.m. and Service at 11 a.m.

The service will also be live on the church's Facebook and E Bay site. Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

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Doris Sissom, 82

INVERNESS

Doris Ann Sissom, 82, of Inverness, FL passed away on October 31st, 2021 under the care of her family at her home.

She was born to the late Elmer and Eleanor White Johnfauno on March 2nd, 1939 in Indianapolis, Indiana. She and her late husband, Lelon, made Citrus County their home in 1971 after moving from Indiana. She was married to her beloved husband for over 40 years before his passing in January 2003.

Doris enjoyed shopping, traveling, cooking, and spending time with her friends and family, especially all of her cherished grandchildren. Along with her parents and husband, Doris was preceded in death by her daughter, Linda Rogers and by her brother, Richard "Bud" Johnfauno. Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Beverly Frazee of Floral City, FL, Patricia Tongate of Inverness, FL, and Brenda Wilfong (Ralph) of Springhill, FL; her brother, James Thomas "Tom" Johnfauno; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. She was loved by many and will be missed deeply.

Arrangements for Doris are private at this time. She will be laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery of Bushnell, FL alongside her husband. In lieu of flowers and cards, the family kindly requests that memorial donations be made to the National Kidney Foundation in Doris' name. Arrangements are under the care of the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home. Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

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She is also survived by four grandchildren London, Maclain, Megan and Kendall, three brothers Ronald Hinkle, Michael (Sharon) Tripp, Gregory (Linda) Tripp, two sisters Kathleen (Paul Rudder) and Audrey.

Barbara and Harvey lived in St. Charles, a Western Suburb of Chicago until they retired to Pine Ridge, Florida in 2005. Barbara retired from the Illinois Credit Union as a mortgage agent.

Barbara was very active in her church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

She was involved in Social Ministry, while chairing Serving Our Savior Food pantry. In 2012 Barbara was named Honoree at the 2012 Father Christmas Ball for her volunteerism in Citrus County.

Barbara enjoyed dancing and lit up the floors with Harvey by her side. She was also a huge football fan and found herself on fantasy football leagues.

Some of Barbara's favorite times were with the OBG's (couples club) group enjoying movies, vacation's and great dinners together. Barbara's biggest passion was definitely her family. She loved her family with so much joy and dedication. Her spirit was non-ending and she was so full of life.

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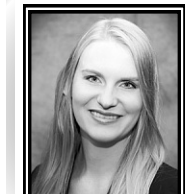
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Worth NOTING

Fundraiser to benefit refuge

The annual sunrise boat and bird tour fundraiser, presented by the Friends of the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge Complex, will be at 8 a.m. Nov. 13 at Kings Bay Park, 268 NW Third St.

This event will include a boat tour of Kings Bay and the surrounding areas for one hour, followed by a hot breakfast served in the park. Each boat will be accompanied by an Audubon guide to answer questions and to help sight and identify the various bird species in that area.

There will be many opportunities for photography. Tickets are \$25 for members, \$40 for guests and \$10 for youth under 17. To purchase a ticket, visit friendsofthecrystalriver.org.

St. Anne's to unveil memorial

Everyone is invited to the ribbon cutting of St. Anne's Veteran Memorial Garden at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 16, 9870 W. Fort Island Trail in Crystal River.

For more information about the church and the new memorial, visit stanneschurch.org.

—From staff reports

TAXING

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That target wasn't met. Previous referendums went down in flames. But the cries for road improvements are getting louder. The stumbling block, as usual, is money.

"The fact is the county needs approximately \$10 million per year to resurface all residential roads on a 20-to-25 year cycle," Oliver said recently. "This year we are funding them at \$4 million. Consequently, we are falling behind."

Raising the sales tax has proven to be a volatile issue every time it's come up. And every time, voters have rejected the idea in a referendum.

Commissioner Ruthie Schlabach has estimated the average resident would pay \$6 to \$20 annually. She said in a recent commission meeting a sales tax referendum would be "a powerful tool" in getting roads repaired if the county explains the benefits to residents.

A sales tax to help pay for desired services — like residential road resurfacing — is paid by everyone, including visitors, as opposed to real estate tax, which hits only property owners.

Other funding options besides a sales tax hike on the ballot will be discussed.

The resurfacing concern



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North Elckam Boulevard is one of many roadways within Citrus County that are scheduled to be paved.

and proposed sales tax Tuesday, Nov. 9 at the Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Ave., scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Inverness.

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Obituaries



Harry 'Marshall' Rae, 73
HERNANDO

Harry "Marshall" Rae left us way too soon, passing away unexpectedly at his home in Hernando, FL on October 28, 2021. He was 73.

Born in 1948 in Fort Lauderdale, FL, Marshall was a nomad by nature. He traveled across the country hundreds of times, calling many places home, and making great friends along the way. He loved telling tall tales, playing pranks, and having a good laugh. "Pops" to some, he was always there to make a family meal, always asking, "Tell me something...?!" His laugh, mischievous smile, and kind heart will be greatly missed.

A Navy sailor, Vietnam War veteran, novice pilot, and animal advocate, Marshall was a member of the National Greyhound Association and the National Pigeon Association. He is survived by his daughters, Jeni Bond and Jamie Davis; stepchildren, Tim Frizzell, Anne McGavin, and Jeff Frizzell; grandchildren, Georgia Bond, Ronan Bond, Chase Beene, Joseph (Drew) Hudson, John Hudson, Mandy Hudson, and Abigail (Abbey) Davis; and his longtime companion, Inge Chase. Marshall is also survived by his brothers, James Rae, Kevin Rae, and John Dickinson; and sisters, Elizabeth Mullally, Kathryn Packard, and Karen Rogan. He is preceded in death by his parents, James Rae and Ruth (Rae) Silvia, a brother, Albert "Sonny" Rae; and his son, James Marshall Rae.

Marshall's funeral service will be held on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 12:30pm at Bay Pines National Cemetery, 10000 Bay Pines Blvd North, St. Petersburg, FL. All of his friends and family are welcome to attend a reception at Holiday Inn Harbourside, 401 2nd St, Indian Rocks Beach, following the ceremony, to share stories and celebrate Marshall's life. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the animal shelter or rescue of your choice.

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Marie Hartley, 84
INVERNESS

Marie G. Hartley of Inverness passed away at her home while surrounded by her loving family on October 26, 2021 at the age of 84.

She was born to the late Raymond and Goldie (George) Gottstein on February 15, 1937 in Bloomsburg, PA. Marie was married to her loving husband James Hartley for 51 years until his passing on March 20, 2018.

She made Citrus County her home over 30 years ago after relocating from Valley Forge, PA. In her spare time she enjoyed being outdoors and gardening. She also enjoyed boating and going out fishing. Marie had a great love for dogs and had many faithful companions over the years. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family and her grandchildren.

Those left to mourn Marie's passing include her son, Jack Hartley and his wife Holly Hartley of Inverness; stepchildren: James M. Hartley and his wife Karen of Bensalem, PA, Gail Ann Freedman and her husband Phillip of Media, PA, and Susan Bauhof and her husband John of Bensalem; brothers: Leonard and Walter Gottstein; sister, Josephine Keyser; and grandchildren: Tyler and Makayla Hartley. She was preceded in death by sister, Julia Kasmitkie.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service is scheduled for Monday, November 15 at 10:00 AM at the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home and will be conducted by Pastor Paul Giglio of Calvary Chapel. Following the chapel service, Marie will be laid to rest with her husband James at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell at 11:30 AM. A procession to the cemetery will depart the funeral home at 10:45 AM for those that wish to attend the cemetery committal service. Arrangements are under the care of the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

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Donald Sullivan, 92

Donald J. Sullivan, 92, formerly of Beverly Hills, Florida (FL), and a proud member of the Greatest Generation died on November 4th 2021 at Superior Residences, Lecanto, FL.

Don was born in the Bronx, New York (NY) on August 17, 1929 and spent his formative years in Brewster, NY. He graduated from Brewster High School in 1948 where he excelled in football, basketball, and baseball. Following his graduation, he voluntarily enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he served during the Korean conflict.

He was honorably discharged as an Electricians Mate Third Class (EM3) in 1952. He was also a life-long member of the American Legion. Don worked for many years at Green Haven Prison, a maximum-security facility, in Stormville, NY. When he relocated from Pawling, NY to Coral Springs, FL in 1971, he started a new career with Southern Bell Phone Company until he retired in 1995.

Following his retirement, he and Ann, his wife of almost 49 years, lived in Spring Hill, FL until her passing in 2003.

Don was predeceased by his parents, John and Marguerite; his sister, Marion; his brother, John; a daughter, Mary Elizabeth; his wife, Ann; and by his second wife, Gertrude Cheresko, whom he married in 2012.

He is survived by his daughter, Margie Sullivan (Winter Park, FL); his son, Brian Sullivan (Fogelsville, PA); his granddaughter, Summer Sullivan (Santa Cruz, CA) and numerous nieces and nephews.

Sully was a lifetime member of the Notre Dame subway alumni and was a longtime fan of the New York Giants, the Brooklyn/Los Angeles Dodgers, and the Boston Celtics. He loved his family and his Irish heritage.

Don was a lifelong Roman Catholic who had a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, which he served consistently throughout his life. A Mass of Christian Burial

will be celebrated on Friday, November 12th, 2021 at 10am at Saint Francis Cabrini Roman Catholic Church located at 5030 Mariner Blvd. Spring Hill, FL 34609.

Burial will be private with military honors at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.

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DeRue of Rochester, NY, brother Stephen Finegan Jr. of Inverness, FL, along with many uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Lisa will be loved and missed and will forever be in our hearts.

An outdoor service will be held at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL on Friday, November 12th, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. Following the service, family and friends are welcome to gather at 9390 East Bushnell Rd, Floral City, FL 34436 at 12:00 p.m.

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Michael Clemmer, 75

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Michael William Clemmer
March 11, 1946 – October 31, 2021

Michael William Clemmer died at his home on October 31, 2021, at the age of 75.



Michael Clemmer

He was born on March 11, 1946, in Columbus, OH to the late Oriole and Pauline Clemmer. He attended Carmel High School in Carmel, IN, earned a bachelor's degree at Ball State University, and an MBA from Eastern Michigan University.

Mike honorably served our country in the US Army Linguistics Division stationed in Berlin, Germany where he attained the rank of Captain, then continued to serve for several years in the US Army Reserves. He met Diane in Bellevue, WA in 1984, where they were later married and

combined their families of two children each.

Mike was raised in a very close and loving family. Some of Mike's favorite memories from his childhood were when he, his siblings and two cousins would spend every summer vacation together: half the summer at his home in Carmel, IN and half with his aunt and uncle in Columbus, OH. Over the years they all loved telling endless stories about their adventures and good times together. Eventually, the entire extended family consisting of four generations would gather every Fourth of July to celebrate the "Annual Beer Sunrise and Family Reunion" in Columbus, which has been held for the past 41 years.

Mike developed a strong work ethic as a young boy with a newspaper delivery route he held for several years, and later when he worked at a Stokely Van Camp canning company and at a local supermarket. After college and serving in the Army, he began his life-long career in the heavy-duty truck finance industry at Ford Motor Credit Company in Dearborn, MI.

Through the years he was promoted to senior management positions as his career advanced him through Associates Commercial

Credit, PACCAR Financial Company, Kenworth Truck Company, Mercedes Benz Credit Corp., Daimler-Chrysler Credit Corp., Volvo Truck North America and Mack Truck Company, giving him and his family the opportunity to experience living in many parts of the country.

Mike retired in 2016 when he and his wife moved permanently to a golf club community in Sugarmill Woods, FL.

Mike enjoyed many outdoor activities with his family, including speed boating, water skiing, jet skiing, camping and riding dirt bikes in the mountains. Snow skiing was a favorite sport when he lived in the Seattle area, and he became an avid cyclist while living in Greensboro. Golf had become his great passion by the time he retired — he practiced endlessly, honing his skills to lower his handicap with the help of PGA professionals living next door. In addition, he enjoyed riding his Harley motorcycle.

As the self-appointed neighborhood caretaker, Mike looked after everybody on the block. Every year he sealed all the driveways on the cul-de-sac to maintain a well-kept curb appearance. He helped

care for some of the residents who had physical difficulties and anyone else who needed help of any kind.

As he grew older, Mike became more involved in the church and works of charity. A devout Catholic, he became an active member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in High Point, NC, and later at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Crystal River, FL, serving as Lector, Eucharistic Minister and Altar Server.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and was a Grand Knight both at IHM and at St. Benedict. He also was a member of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

He has always had a soft place in his heart for the intellectually and developmentally disabled, and joined Family and Friends Reaching for Abilities (FFRA), a non-profit

organization providing social and learning opportunities for the population in Citrus County, FL.

There he was an officer and member of the board of directors, planning and organizing many events and functions involving and benefiting these special individuals, as well as being a companion to several clients during their weekly outings and activities.

Mike lived a full life with the love of his family and many friends. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Diane Acker Clemmer, his children, Liane Clemmer Humphrey, Anthony Clemmer (Annie Koehler), Craig Cessna (Robin), Christine Cessna (Jason Sweat), sister Lynda Samm (Clarence), brother Matthew Clemmer (Leann), grandchildren Larisa Adaline, Sterling Adeline, Aubrie Olson, Nicholas Slead, Kyle Sitowski and Demri Robertson, nieces Michelle Samm and Kristin

Clemmer Ellis, and his first wife, Roswitha Clemmer.

He was dearly loved and will be missed by many other nieces, nephews and cousins.

The Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 12, 2021 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, 455 S. Suncoast Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429. A reception will follow.

The interment of his remains will be at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in High Point, NC at a future date. In lieu of flowers, Mike would be honored to have donations made in his memory to St. Benedict Catholic Church, Family and Friends Reaching for Abilities of Citrus County, or the Pregnancy and Family Life Center in Citrus County.

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Council members said properties should not have a restriction to their driveway width because residents with boats, trailers, RVs and larger vehicles would be limited with parking.

Also on Monday, council will also host the first of possibly two public hearings on whether to approve new ordinances to crack

down on people sleeping, camping or storing bicycles at a city park, recreational area or public right of way.

Also on council's agenda for Monday:

■ Council will vote on whether to have Mayor Joe Meek sign a letter of support for Save Crystal River's application for a \$20,000 Community Foundation Critical Needs List grant to provide signage and 28 power poles to help tour operators promote safe anchoring in King's Bay.

■ City Manager Ken Frink will present council with an update of the city's capital projects.

■ Citrus County Sheriff's Office leadership will present the agency's quarterly report on crime and calls for service within Crystal River's city limits.

■ Council members will proclaim Nov. 18 as "Children's Grief Awareness Day" alongside the Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast, bringing awareness to children who've lost loved ones.

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World NEWS

Austria to bar unvaccinated from restaurants

VIENNA — Unvaccinated people in Austria who also haven't had COVID-19 will no longer be allowed to enter restaurants, hotels and hair salons or attend public events larger than 25 people under new rules that take effect Monday, the government said.

Austrian Chancellor Alexander Schallenberg outlined the rules Friday night after a meeting with state-level leaders to discuss the country's response to rapidly rising coronavirus cases.

"It is simply our responsibility to protect the people in our country," Schallenberg told reporters, noting the case numbers and increasingly full hospital intensive care units.

Previously, people could enter restaurants, hotels and other areas if they were vaccinated, had recovered from the virus or could show results from a negative test.

The government is planning a transition period for the first four weeks to encourage the unvaccinated to get shots. During that time, anyone who has received one vaccine dose and has results from a valid PCR test will be allowed to attend events and enter the listed types of locations.

After four weeks, only people who are fully vaccinated or who have recovered from COVID-19 will be allowed entry.

The capital city of Vienna announced similar restrictions earlier this week.

Austria reported a pandemic high of 9,923 new confirmed coronavirus cases Saturday, surpassing its previous record of 9,586 last year. In the last seven days, the infection rate rose from 317.4 cases per 100,000 inhabitants to 522.4 cases per 100,000.

Pompeii dig yields rare window on slaves' lives

MILAN — Archeologists in Pompeii excavating a villa amid the ruins of the 79 A.D. volcanic eruption that destroyed the ancient city have discovered a cramped dormitory and storage room that offers "a very rare insight into the daily life of slaves," officials said Saturday.

Italy's culture minister, Dario Franceschini, said the find was "an important discovery that enriches the knowledge of the daily life of ancient Pompeians, in particular the level of society still little known."

The room was discovered in a villa in the Pompeii suburb of Civita Giuliana, just a few steps from where archeologists in January discovered the remains of a well-preserved ceremonial

chariot.

The room, with just one high window and no wall decorations, contains the remains of three beds made out of wood. The beds were adjustable, with two measuring nearly 5 feet, 7 inches and one just 4 feet, 7 inches, possibly indicating that a family with a child had lived there.

Nearby, a wooden chest contained metallic objects and textiles that "appear to be part of harnesses for horses," according to the archeological park. There also was a wooden steering element for a chariot.

Chamber pots and other personal objects were under the beds, while eight amphorae — an ancient vessel used as a storage jar — were in a corner, suggesting storage for the household.

The villa, with a panoramic view of the Mediterranean Sea on the outskirts of the ancient Roman city, is considered one of the most significant recent finds at Pompeii. It was discovered after police came across illegal tunnels dug by alleged looters in 2017.

UN Security Council calls for end to Ethiopia hostilities

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council called for an end to the intensifying and expanding conflict in Ethiopia on Friday, and for unhindered access for humanitarian aid to tackle the world's worst hunger crisis in a decade in war-torn Tigray area.

The U.N.'s most powerful body expressed serious concern about the impact of the conflict on "the stability of the country and the wider region," and called on all parties to refrain "from inflammatory hate speech and incitement to violence and divisiveness."

The press statement was approved by the 15 council members the day after the first anniversary of the war in the northern Tigray region that has killed thousands of people and displaced millions. It was only the council's second statement on the conflict, and the first to address the worsening conflict.

The statement was drafted by Ireland, Kenya, Niger, Tunisia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Those countries and the United States had called for an open Security Council meeting on Ethiopia on Friday afternoon, but it was postponed until early next week, probably Monday. Diplomats said African Union representatives weren't available to participate so the meeting was delayed.

The council called on the parties "to put an end to hostilities and to negotiate a lasting cease-fire."

— From wire reports

4 key challenges



Associated Press

A sign fixed to a lamp post advertises a "climate strike" for Nov. 5, in Glasgow, Scotland. The U.N. climate summit in Glasgow gathers leaders from around the world, in Scotland's biggest city, to lay out their vision for addressing the common challenge of global warming.

Glasgow climate negotiators seek worldwide resolutions

FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

GLASGOW, Scotland — As this year's U.N. climate talks go into their second week, negotiations on key topics are inching forward. Boosted by a few high-profile announcements at the start of the meeting, delegates are upbeat about the prospects for tangible progress in the fight against global warming.

Laurent Fabius, the former French foreign minister who helped forge the Paris climate accord, said the general atmosphere had improved since the talks began Oct. 31 and "most negotiators want an agreement."

But negotiators were still struggling late Saturday to put together a series of draft decisions for government ministers to finalize during the second week of the talks.

"People are having to take tough decisions, as they should," Archie Young, the U.K.'s lead negotiator, said Saturday.

Here's the state of play in four main areas halfway through the U.N. climate talks in Glasgow:

TOP RESULT FROM THE CONFERENCE

Each Conference of the Parties, or COP, ends with a general statement. It's as much a political declaration as a statement of intent about where countries agree the effort to combat climate change is heading.

A flurry of announcements at the start of the COP26 talks in Glasgow on issues including ending deforestation, cutting methane emissions, providing more money for green investments and phasing out the use of coal could be reflected in this final declaration. Even though only some countries signed on to

each of those deals, others would be encouraged to add their signatures at a later date.

Affirming the goal of keeping global warming at or below 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) by the end of the century, compared to pre-industrial times, is also seen as important. With greenhouse gas emissions continuing to rise, host Britain has said it wants the Glasgow talks to "keep 1.5C alive." One way to achieve that would be to encourage rich polluters in particular to update their emissions-cutting targets every one or two years, rather than every five years as now required by the Paris accord.

MONEY MATTERS TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE

Rich countries pledged to mobilize \$100 billion each year by 2020 to help poor nations cope with climate change. That target was likely missed, much to the frustration of developing nations.

Restoring goodwill and trust between rich and poor countries on this issue requires a clear commitment on raising financial support starting from 2025. Addressing the thorny question of who is to pay for the losses and damages that nations face as a result of global warming they aren't responsible for is likewise important, but agreement there could be elusive, observers say.

"It's about finance, finance, finance, finance," said Fabius.

CARBON TRADING: A TRICKY NUT TO CRACK

Many negotiators and observers at climate conferences roll their eyes when they hear the words "Article 6."

The section dealing with rules for carbon markets has become one of the trickiest parts of the Paris climate accord to finalize. Six years after that deal was sealed, countries appear to be making headway though and there's even talk of a breakthrough on the issue that so frustrated negotiators in Madrid two years ago.

Observers say Brazil and India may be willing to drop demands to count their old — but others say worthless — carbon credits amassed under previous agreements. The price for this might be that rich nations grant poor countries a share of proceeds from carbon market transactions to adapt to climate change. This has been a red line for the United States and the European Union until now.

A deal on Article 6 is seen as crucial because many countries and companies aim to cut their emissions to "net zero" by 2050. This requires balancing out any remaining pollution with an equal amount of carbon they can reliably say is captured elsewhere.

TRANSPARENCY, RIGOR IN NATIONAL EMISSIONS-CUTTING

The Paris Agreement lets governments set their own emissions-cutting targets, and many of them are in the distant future.

Verifying that countries are doing what they committed to, and that their goals are backed up by realistic measures, is tricky. China in particular has bristled at the idea of having to provide data in formats set by other nations. Brazil and Russia, meanwhile, have resisted demands to lay out in greater detail the short-term measures they're taking to meet their long-term goals.

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NEW THIS WEEK

Wellness clinic offers free massage to vets

Veterans with valid military ID are welcome to take advantage of a free 20-minute massage from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, at Mary Jane Wellness Clinic.

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The clinic is at 1321 U.S. 19 SE, Suite B, in Crystal River. Visit maryjanewellnessclinic.com or call the number above for more information.

COMING UP

Celebrate Veterans Day with American Legion Post 166

The Arnold Vern Allen American Legion Post 166 will host a Veterans Day event beginning at 9 a.m. Nov. 11, 4520 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Homosassa.

A bloodmobile will be on site until 5 p.m. The post will serve a breakfast of sausage gravy and biscuits from 10:30 a.m. until noon and a sloppy joe dinner from 4 to 6 p.m. There will also be snacks available all day, along with door prizes. The event is open to all veterans.

Celebrate the US Marine Corps birthday at ball

The Arnold Vern Allen American Legion Post 166 will host a celebration for the 246th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps from 3 to 6 p.m. Nov. 10, 4520 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Homosassa.

All Marine veterans are invited to share their stories, enjoy appetizers and a special cake with their fellow veterans.

Veterans to be honored at North Oak Church

North Oak Church will be honoring veterans in a special service at 10:45 a.m. Nov. 7, 9324 N. Elkcam Blvd. in Citrus Springs.

A warm welcome, special recognition and time of prayer will be offered for those who have served our country in the military.

All branches will be honored. No church affiliation or denomination is needed to attend. For more information, visit northoakbc.org or call 352-489-1688.

Military ball to celebrate US Marine Corps birthday

The Marine Corps League Archambault Det. 819 is hosting a military ball to celebrate the United States Marine Corps' 246th birthday Nov. 6 at the West Citrus Elks Lodge, 7890 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd. in Homosassa. Cocktail hour starts at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

All services are being honored. The dress code is uniform, formal or semi-formal. Tickets are \$50 per person.

For more information or to purchase a ticket, call 352-746-1135.

VFW Post 4964 picnic to help fund new roof

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

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

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

This is a fundraising event to assist in paying for a new roof for the post's aluminum add-on building.

For more information, call 352-465-4864, visit vfw4864.org or Edward W. Penno VFW Post 4864 on Facebook.

Military card party at VFW Post 4252

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

The event will feature card games, a silent auction and lunch. The cost is \$12 per person. Proceeds will benefit the Veteran's Village at Fort McCoy. New players are welcome to learn how to play.

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

Elks to host veterans breakfast

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

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True labor of love



Vanessa Brooks poses for a portrait with her father, Lawrence Brooks, in his room at their home in New Orleans on Friday, Sept. 8.

Daughter adjusts her life to care for 112-year-old veteran at home

LEAH WILLINGHAM
Associated Press/Report for America

Vanessa Brooks was gentle as she held the face of her 112-year-old father in her hands.

She patted the shaving cream carefully on his cheeks and along his jaw before sliding the razor across his face to make a clean strip.

Lawrence Brooks sat quietly in his big armchair in their double shotgun house, a New Orleans Saints blanket draped over the back. The oldest living U.S. veteran's arms were clasped together in his lap and his eyes were closed. Around him were banners from the National World War II Museum and the Veterans Affairs hospital celebrating past birthdays. A portrait of him in his Army uniform, three-quarters of a century old, sat on the dresser.

"I want him to be comfortable, happy and himself," Vanessa, 61, had said the day before, lying on the couch for a break in between feeding him and giving him therapy for his swelling legs. "If I can keep him in his right state of mind until God calls him home, that's my intent."

For the past 13 years, she has been her father's primary caregiver, providing round-the-clock attention. It's a full-time job, one she's tried to balance with her work as a neighborhood security patrol officer — the job that pays the bills. But as her father has aged, that balancing act has become trickier.

The centenarian Brooks is still mentally sharp — he can tell decades-old stories of his childhood in Louisiana and rural Mississippi, of being drafted to join WWII. But his body is weak.



In this Sept. 12, 2019 file photo, World War II veteran Lawrence Brooks holds a photo of him taken in 1943, as he celebrates his 110th birthday at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans.

Brooks' hearing is becoming more limited, he has lost his sight in one eye, and his vision is fading in the other. Several hospitalizations in the past year have been taxing physically and emotionally.

Each day, Vanessa starts early, bringing him medications, cleaning him and his space, loading his wheelchair onto the electric lift when he has doctor's appointments.

"Taking care of him, it's sun up to sundown," she said.

Brooks recently qualified for a program that will allow a VA home-health care aide come to their house during the day to help Vanessa. But she said

there are a lot of personal care needs that he only feels comfortable with her attending to, keeping most of the responsibility on her.

In late September, Vanessa took indefinite leave from her job of nine years. Too young to begin collecting Social Security, she knows the loss of income will take a toll. But she considers caring for her father the most important job in the world.

"I don't work; I don't get paid — bottom line," she said. "Basically, I just made that sacrifice. I just stepped out on faith and decided to do what I felt

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Honoring Our TROOPS & VETERANS

Acknowledging service every day

During my daily morning walk today — now becoming more of a crawl at my age — I met a new neighbor and we discussed his purchase of a home in our growing Citrus County along with the "fun" in moving that most of us here have experienced.

After welcoming him to Citrus County, I informed him about the Veterans Day Appreciation Week events occurring here over the next week or so and he told me about his 94-year-old father who was a veteran that served on an aircraft carrier during the test detonations of atomic bombs.

Positioned so close to the explosion, the men were instructed to place their arms

over their eyes to protect them from the flash. You can only imagine possible health issues caused from that close exposure to radiation fallout. But it is only one scenario of millions of sacrifices from our veterans throughout America's history.

Today, we are constantly bombarded by the horrific news items concerning health issues from Agent Orange exposure to Vietnam War veterans, Gulf War veterans' exposures to hazardous materials and the numerous medical



John Stewart
VETERANS VOICE

problems being found in Iraqi and Afghanistan war veterans from exposure to burn pits, chemical agents and countless deployments into the war.

Situations that are leading to severe illnesses or even death itself.

Of course, their mental health issues from PTSD and debilitating physical issues from exploding ordinance and gunfire cannot be forgotten.

Veterans charge into battle for freedom's sake despite possible consequences of suffering for years on end with health issues, being

maimed, or even killed.

For those of you that have attended a function where I was a privileged to be a guest speaker, you've probably heard me repeat one statement time and time again. I always say that when you go to veterans events established to honor and remember their service you'll mostly find veterans in the audience because, outside of Memorial Day and Veterans Day, the troops and their families seem to be placed on the back burner during the rest of the year.

And, that is sad. Unfortunately, it carries over to our first responders

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

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

■ Submit material at Chronicle office in Meadwocrest in Crystal River or email to community@chronicleonline.com.

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2	(WESH) NBC	19	19	NASCAR Cup Series	Football Night in America (N)	'14		NFL Football	Tennessee Titans at Los Angeles Rams. (N)	(In Stereo) Live					News			
3	(WEDU) PBS	3	3	NewsHour Wk Plus 'G'	WEDU Arts Plus 'G'	Father Brown: The Curse of Amehotep' PG		Call the Midwife (N) (In Stereo) '14		Grantchester on Masterpiece (N) (In Stereo) '14		Baptiste on Masterpiece (N) '14 (DVS)		Shakespeare and Hathaway - Private				
5	(WUFT) PBS	5	5	Great British	Great British	Call the Midwife (N) '14		Call the Midwife (N) '14		Grantchester		Baptiste on Masterpiece		Professor T '14				
8	(WFLA) NBC	8	8	NASCAR Cup Series	Football Night in America (N)	(In Stereo) Live	'14	NFL Football	Tennessee Titans at Los Angeles Rams. (N)	(In Stereo) Live					NewsChannel 8			
20	(WFTV) ABC	20	7	20	News at 6pm	ABC World News	America's Funniest Home Videos (N) (In Stereo) PG	Celebrity Wheel of Fortune (N) (In Stereo) PG		Supermarket Sweep (N) PG (DVS)		The Rookie The team must find buried gold. '14		News Sunday	Sports Night on 9 'G'			
10	(WTSP) CBS	10	10	10	CBS Weekend News	10 Tampa Bay	60 Minutes (N) (In Stereo)	The Equalizer "Followers" (N) '14		NCIS: Los Angeles "Divided We Fall" (N) '14		NCIS: Hawaii "Pilot" (In Stereo) '14 (DVS)		10 Tampa Bay	Charles Stanley			
13	(WTVT) FOX	13	13		NFL Football Green Bay Packers at Kansas City Chiefs. (N)		The OT PG	The Simpsons The Great North '14		Bob's Burgers Family Guy (N) PG		FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo)		FOX13 11:00 News (N) (In Stereo)				
11	(WCJB) ABC				World News	Funniest Home Videos		Celebrity Wheel		Supermarket Sweep PG		The Rookie (N) '14		WCJB TV20 Invest.				
2	(WGLF) IND	2	2	2	Truths that Life	Real Life 'G'	Great Awakening	Browne Love/Child		Graham Jewish Jes		M. Barclay Duplantis		Global Food	The Great A			
16	(WYKE) FAM	16	16	16	Bible Say?	Nature	YTA Movie of the Week			YTA Movie of the Week				Life of Cards				
11	(WFTS) ABC	11	11	11	News	World News	Funniest Home Videos		Celebrity Wheel		Supermarket Sweep PG		The Rookie (N) '14		News	Joel Osteen		
12	(WMOB) IND	12	12	12	Goldbergs	Goldbergs	Big Bang	Big Bang		Last Man Last Man		MacGyver '14		Matter	Blk Forum			
6	(WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	S.W.A.T. "Blindspots" '14	Family Feud	Family Feud			NewsChannel 8		Seinfeld Seinfeld		Chicago Fire '14		Born to Ride	Paid Prog.	
21	(WACX) TBN	21	21	21	Charles Stanley	Rejoice in the Lord		Divine Bill Winston		M. Barclay Chris Franz		Lori Bakker Jim Raley		Pink Chair	Paula Today			
4	(WTOG) CW	4	4	4	The King of Queens PG	The King of Queens 'G'	Mike & Molly '14	Mike & Molly '14		Legends of the Hidden Temple (N) PG		Masters of Illusion PG		Masters of Illusion PG		Bull Bull consults on a couple's civil suit. '14		Bull "Kill Shot" A widow hires Bull. '14
15	(WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (N) (Live)			Nuestra Belleza Latina (N) '14				Sal y pimienta (N) PG		María	Noticiero			
13	(WDOX) FOX				NFL Football: Packers at Chiefs		The OT PG	Simpsons	Great North	Burgers	Family Guy	FOX 51 News		TMZ (N) PG				
17	(WXP) ION				Criminal Minds '14	Criminal Minds '14		Criminal Minds '14		Criminal Minds '14		Criminal Minds '14		Criminal Minds '14				
54	(A&E)	54	48	54	The First 48 PG	The First 48 '14		The First 48 '14		The First 48 '14		The First 48 '14		The First 48 '14				
99	(ACCN)				College Soccer ACC Championship: Teams TBA. (N)			College Soccer ACC Championship: Teams TBA. (N)				College Football Pittsburgh at Duke.						
55	(AMC)	55	64	55	*: "Robin Hood" (2018) Taron Egerton. PG-13			Fear the Walking Dead		Fear the Walking Dead		Walking Dead: World		Fear the Walking Dead				
52	(ANI)	52	35	52	Lone Star Law '14	Lone Star Law '14		Louisiana Law: Defending		Lone Star Law: Uncuffed		Lone Star Law: Uncuffed		Lone Star Law '14				
96	(BET)	96	71	96	*** "Training Day" (2001) Denzel Washington. R			"Dutch" (2021, Crime Drama) Lance Gross, Jeremy Meeks, Macy Gray. R				Martin PG		Martin PG				
742	(BIGTEN)	742	809		B1G Football in 60 (N)	The Final Drive		B1G Football in 60 (N)		B1G Football in 60 (N)		The Final Drive		B1G Football in 60 (N)				
254	(BRAVO)	254	51	254	Real Housewives	Housewives/Potomac		Housewives/Potomac		The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City (N) '14				Housewives/Potomac				
35	(BSFL)	35	39	35	NBA Basketball Utah Jazz at Orlando Magic. (N) (Live)			Postgame		In Magic		Icons		World Poker				
27	(CC)	27	61	27	*** "Anchorman" (2011, Comedy) Kristen Wiig. R			*** "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" (2004, Comedy) Steve Carell. R				*** "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" (2004, Comedy) Steve Carell. R		South Park				
98	(CMT)	98	45	98	Mom '14	Mom '14		Mom '14		Mom '14		Yellowstone The attack on the Duttons continues. MA		*** "Double Jeopardy" (1999) R				
40	(CNN)	40	29	40	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom		Diana 'A Royal Rogue' (N)		Diana (N)		This Is Life		Diana 'A Royal Rogue'				
33	(ESPN)	33	27	33	SEC Storied 'G'	SportsCenter (N)		SportCtr Baseball Placeholder (N)		E60 Presents: Bonds (N)		Champ.		SportsCenter (N)				
37	(ESPN2)	37	28	34	Dog Show Canines compete for the crown. (N)			2021 TCS New York City Marathon				World of X Games (N)		Formula 1 Racing				
106	(FBN)	106	149	106	Sunday Morning Futures	Kudlow		Kennedy		American	American	The Pursuit! The Pursuit!		The Pursuit! The Pursuit!				
118	(FLIX)	118	170		*** "Slap Shot" (1977) Paul Newman. R			**** "Psycho" (1960) Anthony Perkins. R				**** "Rear Window" (1954) James Stewart. PG						
44	(FNC)	44	37	44	Fox Report	Sunday Night in America		Life, Liberty & Levin (N)		The Next Revolution With		Sunday Night in America		Life, Liberty & Levin				
26	(FOOD)	26	56	24	Holiday Baking	Holiday Baking		Holiday Wars An unlikely understudy. 'G'				Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby				
29	(FREEFORM)	29	52	29	***: "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" (2018)			***: "Avatar" (2009) Sam Worthington. A former Marine falls in love with a native of a lush alien world.										
732	(FS1)	732	112	732	MLS Soccer Teams TBA. (N) (Live)			Postgame		*** "Hoosiers" (1986) Gene Hackman. PG				College Football				
30	(FX)	30	60	30	***: "Spider-Man: Far From Home" (2019)			*** "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" (2014) Chris Evans. PG-13				*** "Capt. America: Winter"						
727	(GOLF)	727	67	727	PGA Tour Champions Golf TimberTech Championship, Final Round.			PGA Tour Golf World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba, Final Round.										
59	(HALL)	59	68	39	*** "Next Stop, Christmas" (2021) Lindsey Fonseca. NR			"A Christmas Treasure" (2021) Jordyn Sparks. NR				*** "Never Kiss a Man in a Christmas Sweater" (2020)						
302	(HBO)	302	201	302	Axios '14	Insecure		** "A Good Day to Die Hard" (2013) Bruce Willis.		Succession (N) MA		Insecure (N)		Enthusiasm Last Week	Succession			
303	(HBO2)	303	202	303	Succession MA	Succession MA		Succession MA		***: "Moonrise Kingdom" (2012)		"Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason"						
23	(HGTV)	23	57	23	Love It or List It PG	Love It or List It PG		Fixer to Fabulous 'G'		Fixer to Fabulous 'G'		Renovations, Inc		Fixer to Fabulous 'G'				
51	(HIST)	51	54	51	Modern Marvels PG	Engineering-World		Engineering-World		Engineering-World		Big Things Go Wrong		Engineering-World				
24	(LIFE)	24	38	24	"The Santa Squad" (2020) Aaron Ashmore. NR			"Lonestar Christmas" (2020) Stephanie Bennett. NR				"Highway to Heaven: Enhanced Edition" (2021) NR						
119	(LMN)	119	50	119	"Her Boyfriend's Deadly Secret" (2021) NR			"The Price of Fitting In" (2021) Lora Burke. NR				"Sorority Sister Killer" (2021) Sarah Fisher. NR						
42	(MSNBC)	42	41	42	Voices-Alicia Menendez	Voices-Alicia Menendez		The Mehdi Hasan Show		Ayman (N) (Live)		Four Seasons Total		The Mehdi Hasan Show				
448	(NBCSN)	448	26	730	Voices-Alicia Menendez	NASCAR Cup-Post Race		NASCAR Cup-Post Race		Speedways		Caffeine		Caffeine				
109	(NGEO)	109	65	109	Wicked Tuna	Wicked Tuna		Wicked Tuna		Wicked Tuna		Wicked Tuna		Wicked Tuna				
28	(NICK)	28	36	28	Lay Lay	Lay Lay		"The J Team" (2021, Children's) Jujo Siwa. NR				*** "Rito" (2011) Voices of Anne Hathaway. 'G'		Mike	Mike			
18	(NWSNTH)	18	18	18	Last Man	Last Man		Dan Abrams Live		NewsNation Prime (N)		NewsNation Prime (N)		Barfield	On Balance			
125	(OWN)	125	24	103	Love & Marriage	20/20 on OWN '14		20/20 on OWN PG		20/20 on OWN '14		20/20 on OWN '14		20/20 on OWN '14				
123	(OXY)	123	44	123	Snapped (N) PG			Mark of a Serial Killer "Summer of Fear" (N) '14		911 Crisis		911 Crisis		Snapped PG				
37	(PARMT)	37	43	37	Yellowstone MA	Yellowstone MA		Yellowstone The attack on the Duttons continues. (N) MA				Yellowstone (In Stereo) MA						
745	(SEC)	745	72		College Football Liberty at Ole Miss.			College Football Mississippi State at Arkansas.										
340	(SHOW)	340	241	340	Dexter MA	Dexter MA		The Circus		The Circus		American Rust MA		Desus	Dexter			
36	(SUN)	36	31	36	Fight Sports: Boxing	Animals	Sport	Sportsman		Florida		Best Boat		Fishing	P1 APBA Offshore	P1 AquaX USA 2021		
31	(SYFY)	31	59	31	Futurama	Futurama		Futurama		Futurama		Futurama		Futurama		Futurama		
49	(TBS)	49	23	49	*** "The Polar Express" (2004) 'G'			** "Fred Claus" (2007, Comedy) Vince Vaughn. PG				(DVS)		12 Dates of Christmas	12 Dates of Christmas			
169	(TCM)	169	53	169	*** "The Subject Was Roses" (1968) 'G'			*** "Sunday in New York" (1963) Cliff Robertson.				*** "That Touch of Mink" (1962) Cary Grant.						
53	(TDC)	53	34	53	Alaskan Bush People	Alaskan Bush: Off Grid		Alaskan Bush People (N)		Homestead Rescue "Marsh Madness" (N) PG				Homestead Rescue PG				
50	(TLC)	50	46	50	90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way (In Stereo) '14			90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way (N) (In Stereo) '14				I Love a Mama's Boy '14		90 Day: Other				
350	(TMC)	350	261	350	Burn After	*** "Crank" (2006) R		*** "The Gentlemen" (2012) (In Stereo) R				*** "Pixie" (2020) Olivia Cooke. R		Boogie				
48	(TNT)	48	33	48	***: "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" (2017) PG-13			***: "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" (2019) Carrie Fisher. PG-13				*** "Star Wars: The						
38	(TOON)	38	58	38	*** "Spider-Man" (2002, Action) Tobey Maguire. PG-13			Carbonaro Burgers		Burgers		Amer. Dad		Amer. Dad	Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty		
9	(TRAV)	9	106	9	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Caught on Camera (N) '14				Osbournes Want- Believe		Osbournes Want- Believe				
25	(truTV)	25	55	25	Jokes	Tacoma FD		Imp. Jokers		Imp. Jokers		Imp. Jokers		Imp. Jokers	Jokes			
32	(TVL)	32	49	32	Two Men	Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men	Two Men			
47	(USA)	47	32	47	*** "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" (2001) Daniel Radcliffe. PG (DVS)			*** "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" (2001) Daniel Radcliffe. PG (DVS)				*** "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" (2001) Daniel Radcliffe. PG (DVS)		*** "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" (2001) Daniel Radcliffe. PG (DVS)				
117	(WE)	117	69	117	NCIS: Chimeria '14	NCIS: Requiem '14		NCIS '14		NCIS PG		NCIS PG		NCIS PG	NCIS Tribes '14			

Annie gives advice

Dear Annie: I have two very good friends who I go to breakfast with every Saturday. We are part of a monthly book club; we exercise together three times a week, and we attend the theater together, for which we have season tickets.



DEAR ANNIE

They are both widows. My husband, thank goodness, is still alive and healthy. Lately, I have been getting vibes that they are trying to replace me with another widow. I have said no to invites to different places, such as craft shows, that I really didn't want to attend. But now they are making plans to go to dinners with another widow, which I found out about just by overhearing the discussion.

They did not ask me to go until I asked them about it, and it is something that I would have loved to do. I hesitate to accept the invite because I don't know if they really want me along or if they are just being polite.

Am I being overly sensitive? Or do I have reason to be concerned? This is not the first time that this sort of thing has happened. Should I ask them about it or just act like it doesn't bother me?

— **Feeling Left Out**
Dear Feeling Left Out: No one likes to feel

excluded, but once we understand the "why" of why we are not included, it can help ease the hurt feelings. Your friends all lost their husbands, while you have a wonderful husband at home.

Just take that fact in for a moment. Their "taking in" or including another widow has nothing to do with whether they like you or not and everything to do with the fact that they understand the pain of losing a husband and want to express empathy to their fellow widow.

Confronting them about it would not be beneficial. Focus on being grateful that they are your friends and that you have fun with them.

Dear Annie: I loved your answer to "Loss," the woman who, in her 60s, was grieving the loss of so many of her friends.

This brought to mind a helpful thought that was shared with my 90-year-old mother by her doctor. She was telling him about having lost seven very close family members and friends that year.

He responded by saying, "This is just the price we must pay for a long, joyful life filled with people we love." — **Great Advice**

Dear Great Advice: Thank you for sharing the wonderful wisdom of your mother's doctor.

Today's MOVIES

Citrus Cinemas 6 Inverness; 844-462-7342 Code 187	Monday, Nov. 8
"Eternals" (2021) PG-13 — 10:45, 11:15 a.m., 2:45, 3:30, 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 9:30, 10, 10:30 p.m.	"Eternals" (2021) PG-13 — 10:45, 11:15 a.m., 2:45, 3:30, 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 9:30, 10, 10:30 p.m.
"Last Night in Soho" (2021) R — 11:30 a.m.	"Last Night in Soho" (2021) R — 11:30 a.m.
"Dune" (2021) PG-13 — 11 a.m., 2:30, 6:30, 10:15 p.m.	"Dune" (2021) PG-13 — 11 a.m., 2:30, 6:30, 10:15 p.m.
"Halloween Kills" (2021) R — 11:45 a.m., 3:15, 7, 10:45 p.m.	"Halloween Kills" (2021) R — 11:45 a.m., 3:15, 7, 10:45 p.m.
"No Time to Die" (2021) PG-13 — 10:30 a.m., 2:10, 6, 9:35 p.m.	"No Time to Die" (2021) PG-13 — 10:30 a.m., 2:10, 6, 9:35 p.m.
Valerie Theatre, Inverness; 352-341-7850	Valerie Theatre, Inverness; 352-341-7850
No announced movies yet	No announced movies yet

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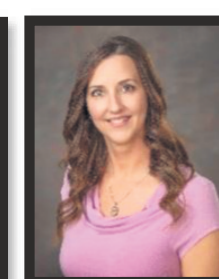
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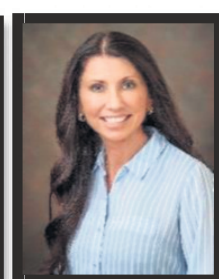
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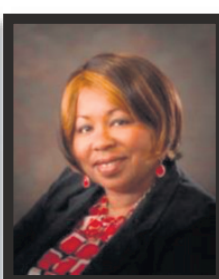
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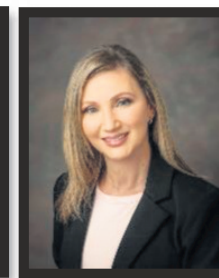
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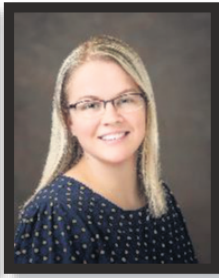
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during similar events of honor. During a recent event I attended in Inverness dedicating the new First Responder Memorial, I observed those in attendance seemed to be composed of veterans, firefighters, law enforcement, and nurses alongside very few from our public or government.

The same goes for this past weekend's concerts by the Citrus Springs Community Band honoring our National Guard and Reservists that I also attended. Many, many first responders and veterans in attendance with much smaller numbers of the general public.

I've asked myself and others in our communities many times over the years why this occurs. Do America's citizens not appreciate the service of our veterans and others dedicating their very lives every single day to their protection, freedom and safety in our country? Are they too busy to take an hour or two out of their lives to remember and thank those giving so much to America? Are Memorial Day and Veterans Day the only time they should remember our military personnel and their families?

Frustration is the only answer I can offer toward a situation I've seen time and time again.

Each Veterans Day we have a number of events in Inverness to remember and honor our veterans and their families, the largest being a Massing of Colors program and the Inverness Parade. This year, the Massing of Colors will occur at First Lutheran Church in Inverness at 1 p.m. Nov. 7 and is one of the most patriotic tributes to our flag and America's veterans anyone can possibly experience.

The massing, as we call it, is a patriotic ceremony established as a living and moving tribute to the injured and dead of all wars. Its purpose is to re-dedicate our faith in the colors of the United States and demonstrate our support of those colors while honoring and remembering our veterans.

This year, we have selected our

National Guard and Reserve veterans as our event patriotic theme recipients. The ceremony provides an opportunity to show our deep respect for the symbols of this great nation, our glorious American flag. And, to also remember sacrifices of our veterans spouses and family who, too, have given so much at home while their hero served America.

Their stories of struggle, financial difficulties, heartbreak, loneliness and bravery are endless and should never be forgotten.

The Inverness Parade at 10 a.m. Nov. 11 is dedicated to honoring our veterans, also with a special salute this year to the National Guard and Reservists who have sacrificed so much, particularly during the 20 years of war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The parade participants include veterans, family members, supporting organizations, school bands, private clubs and many others saluting military personnel and their families. Viewed and cheered, hopefully, by the public sitting and standing along the parade route.

I very sincerely hope that after the Massing of Colors and Inverness Parade I am not forced to return to a position where I believed that mostly veterans appear to honor veterans. I am asking you, the public, to come out to these functions. Each event lasts not much more than one hour.

Do you have two hours to give to our military personnel and families for their years and years of sacrifices? Do you appreciate the fact you live in freedom because of them? Do you love our flag?

You should, and hopefully, I'll see you at these wonderful programs.

For more information about these events and others this year to remember and honor our veterans during Veterans Day Appreciation Week, go to our website at www.veteransofcitruscounty.com.

John Stewart is a retired Air Force chief master sergeant, disabled Vietnam War veteran and has been a veterans advocate for nearly three decades. In 2016 he was inducted into the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame for his volunteer service and can be contacted at cornhusker69@yahoo.com.



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

St. Anne's to celebrate Veterans Day

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

All veterans are invited to stop by the church for the inaugural signing

of a special flag. Following the conclusion of the second Mass, veterans can gather for fellowship in the parish hall at 11:30 a.m. for coffee and snacks.

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

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

Chapter 776 MOPH offers scholarships

Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776 Military Order of the Purple Heart is

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The Chapter 776 scholarship information and application can be

obtained at www.citruspurpleheart.org, by contacting your school guidance department or by either emailing info@citruspurpleheart.org or calling 352-382-3847. Chapter 776 must receive applications no later than 5 p.m. Feb. 26, 2022.

Apply for veterans advisory board

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is seeking applications for two positions on the Veterans Services Advisory Board. This advisory board is seeking qualified members for terms that will begin on Feb. 1, 2022, and last two years.

Eligible applicants must be a veteran of a war time era as defined by

the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs, have a recommendation by a local veteran organization and be appointed by the BOCC.

They meet the second Thursday of every other month at the Citrus County Resource Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto. The purpose of this board is to advise the veterans service officer on the unmet needs, policies, services and other pertinent matters.

Applications are due by Dec. 2 to Denise Gallagher, Citrus County Administration, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, FL 34461.

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in my heart that I need to do, and that's stay here and take care of my dad."

A concerned friend set up a GoFundMe page to help support Vanessa and her dad while she cares for him at home.

The Brooks family isn't alone in trying to juggle priorities. One in five full-time workers in the U.S. is a caregiver, according to a Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregivers survey released last month. About 45% of family caregivers who are employed full time said they had to go part time at some point and roughly two in 10 said they had to quit their jobs altogether.

"It's a very common story, and the people who are affected the most are those people who are in low wage, hourly wage jobs," said Howard Gleckman, a retirement policy expert with the Urban Institute think tank.

A year ago, Vanessa shifted to part time. She had been working patrol shifts from 3 to 11 p.m. and contracted with an agency for an aide to care for the elder Brooks while she worked.

But with a shortage of health care workers during the pandemic, the help was inconsistent.

She found herself increasingly exhausted and having to take more and more time off work to meet her dad's needs.

"When I'm driving, I can't really go out tired and exhausted, either, because I can injure myself or someone else," she said. "I felt like I was in a tug of war."

Even with an aide from the VA coming to help care for her father, she doesn't think she can go back to work anytime soon.

A VA stipend program covers caregivers only for veterans who are suffering from service-related injuries.

Lawrence Brooks, who was in the mostly Black 91st Engineer General Service Regiment, never had a combat job, a legacy of racist policies that relegated many Black soldiers to service-oriented jobs in the then-segregated U.S. Army.

Brooks was a caretaker for three white officers in Australia and was discharged in August 1945 as a private first class. When he left the service, he worked as a forklift driver before retiring in his 60s.

In May of this year, he had surgery, which required Vanessa to take time off to stay with him in the hospital. Then, two and a half months ago, her father had a fall.

A doctor said he was suffering from a kidney infection.

She spent the past week caring for him after he was transferred to the VA hospital intensive care unit. The doctors said fluid had built up in his lungs, and his kidneys were again at risk.

When she's tried to go back to work recently, her father became depressed and started regressing. He did not want to eat or drink water, she said.

He is in his best health when she is able to stay home with him.

"That's what makes him happy, and that's what keeps him living," she said. "It's like, I am his lifeline. When I'm not around, he's sad, he's depressed, he falls into delirium."

She said she and her father enjoy going out for chocolate frozen yogurt, watching television — especially sports, like wrestling and football — and playing solitaire.

He loves sitting on their porch directly in the sun. People from the neighborhood, who all know him by name, will wave and leave little treats for him.

"I just want him to have a good life," Vanessa said. "He worked hard. He took care of our family. Now, I take care of him."

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St. Anne's to unveil veterans memorial

The public is invited to the ribbon cutting of St. Anne's Veteran Memorial Garden at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 16, 9870 W. Fort Island Trail in Crystal River.

All veterans, active duty, reserve duty members and their families are invited to attend.

For more information about the church, visit stanneschurchcr.org.

VFW raffle to benefit 'Never Say Never'

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

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

For more information or to purchase a ticket, visit the post at 906 U.S. 44 East in Inverness or call 352-344-3495.

Sponsor a gravesite wreath

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

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

To donate, visit wreathscrossamerica.org/FL0227P and click on

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Military bikes on display

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

• Navy Bike, Nov. 10 to 15 at Plaza CDJR

Join the VFW for monthly breakfasts

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

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

WTC scholarships available to vets

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

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

To access the available funds, veterans should contact the financial aid coordinator at WTC. For additional

assistance, call Bob Bendle, CCVC scholarship officer, at 352-400-8952.

FVN holds monthly meetings

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

Masks and social distancing are strongly encouraged.

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

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

Post 155 invites the public to breakfast

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

VFW Post 10087 to host Vittles for Vets

VFW Post 10087 Harry F. Nesbitt will be hosting Vittles for Vets at 4:15 p.m. every Tuesday at the post, 2170 W. Vet Lane in Beverly Hills.

For information, call 352-746-0440.

TOGETHER PAGE SUBMISSIONS

- The Chronicle runs birth announcements, engagements, weddings and significant anniversaries at no charge inside the Sunday Veterans section.
- To submit information, attach photos and email the text to community@chronicleonline.com or fill out the forms online at www.chronicleonline.com, at the bottom of the homepage under "Announcements."

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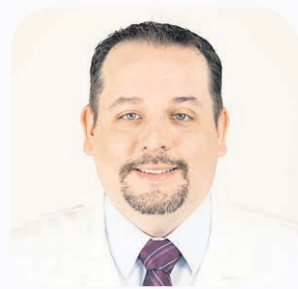
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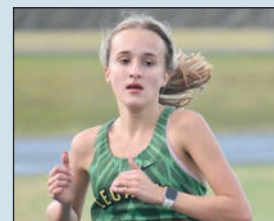


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Stamkos, Palat score late, lift Bolts

Lightning beat Senators 5-3

Associated Press

OTTAWA, Ontario — Steven Stamkos scored his sixth goal of the season to break a tie midway through the third period and Ondrej Palat added the game-winner with under two minutes to play as the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Ottawa Senators 5-3 on Saturday.

Victor Hedman, Jan Rutta, and Anthony Cirelli also scored for the Lightning and Brian Elliott stopped 24 shots.

Connor Brown, newly appointed captain Brady Tkachuk, and Logan Shaw scored for Ottawa and Matt Murray made 29 saves.

Stamkos was left alone at the side of the net as Victor Mete had a defensive breakdown and buried the loose puck at 7:32.

Palat scored at 18:19 as he was able to break in alone on Murray, and the goal turned out to be the winner. Cirelli added an empty-net goal at 19:26 before Shaw tipped in a goal for

Ottawa 18 seconds later.

"It was a big thing for us to come out in the third and not change, not chase the game, even with it tied," said Lightning coach Jon Cooper. "We didn't and got rewarded for it."

The Lightning got a break moments before the Palat goal when Nick Paul hit the crossbar and the puck stayed out.

"I think we just kept patient with our game," Hedman said. "We had some good looks. We didn't sit back, we were active. Some good chances and guys made some great plays there at the end. (Cirelli) and (Palat) finding each other a couple times, and obviously (Stamkos) driving the net...that was a big, tie-breaking goal."

The Senators look at the Lightning as the team they want to become. Experience helped spell the difference in this one.

"When you watch them, they're complete players all over the ice," said Senators coach D.J. Smith. "They're above the puck. They don't give anything. They just keep working and that's the challenge for our guys is that, with as much skill as we have, we have to learn the other side of the puck



Associated Press

Tampa Bay Lightning winger Ondrej Palat (18) pokes the winning goal past Ottawa Senators goalie Josh Brown (30) during third-period action on Saturday in Ottawa, Ontario.

and we continue to get better and we will."

Trailing 1-0, Brown tied the game for Ottawa early in the

second on a fantastic effort at the end of a long shift. Brown forced a turnover inside the zone, drove to the net and beat

Elliott up high.

"That was his best game of the

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Gators go down



Associated Press

Florida quarterback Emory Jones (5) runs with the ball as South Carolina linebacker Brad Johnson, left, reaches for him during the first half of a game Saturday, in Columbia, S.C.

South Carolina routs Florida 40-17, Gators lose 3rd straight

PETE IACOBELLI
AP sports writer

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Jason Brown threw for 175 yards and two touchdowns and South Carolina's defense shut down Florida's potent attack to hand the Gators their first three-game losing streak since 2017 in a 40-17 rout Saturday night.

Kevin Harris and ZaQuandre White each ran for over 100 yards, receiver Josh Vann had seven catches for 111 yards and a touchdown and kicker Parker White had a career-high four field goals for South Carolina (5-4, 2-4 SEC) in pummeling the Gators (4-5, 3-4).

Brown became the Gamecocks' third starting passer this season and the FCS

transfer made his first Southeastern Conference start an eye-opening one.

Brown, who last played at St. Francis, steadily led South Carolina on five first-half scoring drives for a 30-10 lead at the break.

The Gamecocks' defense did the rest, holding the normally fiery Florida offense to just 82 yards rushing and becoming the first team this season to outgain the Gators, 459-340.

Brown looked like an SEC veteran as he filled in after grad-assistant coach turned quarterback Zeb Noland continued his recovery from knee surgery last week. It's probably not Brown's last start at South Carolina after what he showed in this one.

Brown had a 50-yard pass to Vann to open a series with the Gamecocks

up 13-10 and closed it with a 24-yard toss to a wide-open Vann in the end zone to increase the margin.

Brown had consecutive passes to tight ends Traevon Kenion and Nick Muse that went for 18 and 17 yards that led to White's third first-half field goal for a 23-10 lead.

Moments later, Florida quarterback Emory Jones was tackled for a fumble that bounced backward to the feet of lineman Jabari Ellis who rumbled into the end zone with 1:13 left in the half and the Gamecocks, 20.5 point underdogs, went ahead by 20 points.

Jones completed 17 of 30 passes for 258 yards and two touchdowns. He also threw an interception and the fumble that went for a score.

Hendrick's best take on Gibbs' finest NASCAR Championship will be decided

JENNA FRYER
AP auto racing writer

AVONDALE, Ariz. — The fans held their \$4 beers, sharpies and phones as they stacked four rows deep seeking just a glimpse of NASCAR champion Chase Elliott inside his garage stall.

The crowd erupted in cheers as the No. 9 Chevrolet was pushed into the bay. It was empty, but no one seemed to care all that much.

Everyone was just happy to be at the big show.

A year after the pandemic forced renovated Phoenix Raceway to host its first championship weekend in front of only 8,000 fans a day, the full \$178 million facelift is on display. Every single allotted space has been sold for Sunday, when the Cup title will be decided in front of about 60,000 spectators.

They'll bring their koozies, coolers, some will sit on Rattlesnake Hill and, yes, some will even wear their "Let's Go, Brandon" T-shirts despite NASCAR's disapproval.

Elliott, Kyle Larson, Martin Truex Jr., and Denny Hamlin will try to make the season finale a race to remember, with one driving away with a Cup Series championship that will be impossible for him to forget.

This Sunday for NASCAR's championship four is arguably one of the best yet under this winner-take-all format introduced in 2014.

Elliott is the reigning champion, NASCAR's most popular driver and defending race winner, while 2017 champion Truex won at Phoenix this spring. They join three-time Daytona 500 winner and four-time championship loser Hamlin in chasing Larson, a nine-race winner this year and the FanDuel 2/1 favorite to win his first NASCAR title.

Take your pick of the most enticing storylines in the desert.

Hendrick Motorsports vs. Joe

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Miami rallies, beats Georgia Tech 33-30

Associated Press

MIAMI GARDENS — Another week, another close game for Miami.

To the Hurricanes, another win was all that mattered.

Tyler Van Dyke threw three touchdown passes, Charleston Rambo had 210 receiving yards to nearly break the Miami single-game record and the Hurricanes continued their second-half surge with a 33-30 win over Georgia Tech on Saturday.

Van Dyke completed 22 of 34 passes for 389 yards, becoming the first Miami quarterback since Bernie Kosar in 1984 with three consecutive games of at least 325 yards through the air. And they've come in three consecutive wins, as Miami continues trying to shake off a 2-4 start.

"What they've learned is they can manage any situation," said Miami coach Manny Diaz, whose team has played five consecutive games decided by four points or less, the first such streak in school history.

Jaylan Knighton ran for a career-best 162 yards and a score for Miami (5-4, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), which visits rival Florida State next week with a chance to secure bowl-eligibility and improve its hopes in the ACC's Coastal race.

Diaz said he allowed players a whole minute or two postgame to enjoy the win before making the annual announcement: "It's Florida State week," he said, immediately turning the page.

Rambo had seven catches, falling just 10 yards shy of matching the Miami record of 220 yards set by Eddie Brown in 1984, and raved about both Knighton and Van Dyke afterward.

"TVD. TV Dinner. That boy is going to make



Miami running back Jaylan Knighton (4) avoids a tackle by Georgia Tech linebacker Ayinde Eley during the first half of a game Saturday, in Miami Gardens.

plays," Rambo said.

Keyshawn Smith's touchdown catch with 10:27 left put Miami ahead for good, and Mike Harley also had a scoring grab for the Hurricanes — who have played a FBS-leading six games decided by four points or less this season, going 4-2 in those contests.

Jeff Sims threw for 194 yards and a touchdown for Georgia Tech (3-6, 2-5). Jordan Mason had a 71-yard rushing score for the Yellow Jackets, while Jahmyr Gibbs had a 50-yard TD catch and Jaylon King had a fumble return for another touchdown for Georgia Tech.

It was the fifth loss by nine points or less this season for Georgia Tech, the third by six points or less.

"Guys battled," Yellow Jackets coach Geoff

Collins said, "They fought all the way until the end. It hurts. But we have to get over the hump of these one-score games."

Miami got touchdowns out of its first two possessions for the second straight week, going up 14-0 midway through the opening quarter on scoring throws from Van Dyke to Harley (8 yards) and Rambo (35 yards).

That's when slippery ball syndrome started for the Hurricanes. Miami got only three points from its next six possessions, fumbling the ball away three times, getting one field goal, missing another and punting once.

And it nearly cost them, with Georgia Tech leading 21-17 at the half and holding a 28-24 edge going into the fourth.

"We never got down on ourselves and I think that

really helped us," Van Dyke said.

The Yellow Jackets were down 33-28 after Smith's touchdown, but got a safety out of Miami's conversion try when Juanyeh Thomas intercepted Van Dyke's throw and returned it 100 yards for two points — the first such play by a Georgia Tech player since Ken Swilling did it against Duke Oct. 28, 1989.

"Quite an extraordinary game," Diaz said.

No. 2 Cincinnati 28, Tulsa 20

CINCINNATI — Tulsa's Steven Anderson fumbled as he was reaching for the goal line on fourth-and-goal from the 1, Jabari Taylor recovered for a touchback and No. 2 Cincinnati held off Tulsa 28-20.

Desmond Ridder threw

for 274 yards and two touchdowns, and Alec Peirce had five catches for 113 yards and a touchdown to help the Bearcats (9-0, 5-0 American Athletic) extend the nation's second-longest home winning streak to 25 games.

Shamari Brooks ran for 132 yards for Tulsa (3-6, 2-3), and Anthony Watkins added 105.

North Carolina 58, No. 10 Wake Forest 55

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Ty Chandler ran for career highs of 213 yards and four touchdowns and North Carolina overcame an 18-point deficit to beat Wake Forest, handing the Demon Deacons their first loss in a nonconference matchup of in-state Atlantic Coast Conference teams.

Chandler's big day included a 50-yard breakaway run

with 1:12 left. That was the final blow for the Tar Heels (5-4) as they rallied from a huge third-quarter deficit to beat the Demon Deacons (8-1, No. 9 CFP) for the second straight year, following a 21-point comeback last year by erasing a 45-27 deficit with 7:38 left in the third.

No. 1 Georgia 43, Missouri 6

ATHENS, Ga. — Stetson Bennett passed for 255 yards and two touchdowns before giving way to former starter JT Daniels, leading Georgia past Missouri.

The game opened new questions for Georgia at quarterback while affirming the Bulldogs' season-long defensive dominance. Missouri was held to 273 yards of total offense in Georgia's seventh game of the season allowing no more than 10 points.

Georgia (9-0, 7-0 Southeastern Conference) scored 40 straight points after Missouri (4-5, 1-4) took a 3-0 lead.

Purdue 40, No. 5 Michigan State 29

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Aidan O'Connell threw for a career-best 536 yards, matched his career high with three touchdown passes and led Purdue past Michigan State, leaving the Big Ten without any unbeaten teams.

Purdue's second major upset in four weeks could keep the conference out of the College Football Playoff for the third time in five years. The Boilermakers (6-3, 4-2), who won at then-No. 2 Iowa last month, are bowl-eligible for the first time in three years. They tied for the West Division lead and extended their FBS record for wins over top-five teams when unranked to 17.

The Spartans (8-1, 5-1) lost to Purdue for the first time since 2006 and trail Ohio State in the East by one game.

Leary tosses four TDs as NC State defeats FSU

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Dave Doeren can smile with pride, enjoying a season in which North Carolina State defeated Clemson and Florida State for the first time since he arrived in Raleigh, N.C., in 2013.

Devin Leary threw for 314 yards and four touchdowns as the Wolfpack jumped ahead of Florida State early for a 28-14 win on Saturday.

"I don't know how many times NC State has beaten Clemson and Florida State in the same year as a program," Doeren said. "But that happened this year and I think that's pretty good. When you look at those two programs, what they spend on football, their budgets, what they spend on their staffs, what we just did. I think it says a lot about what we're doing."

Doeren's Wolfpack knocked off two of their biggest Atlantic Division rivals for the first time since 2002, before some of the current freshmen were born. N.C. State used the big play in the passing game against a Florida State team that was short-handed due to flu-like symptoms.

Leary connected with Trent Pennix, C.J. Riley, Christopher Toudle and Ricky Person on touchdowns — one in each quarter — for the Wolfpack (7-2, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference). Three of the touchdowns were big plays, with connections of 62 yards to Riley, 45 yards to Pennix and 43 yards to Person.

"I feel like it's a really special day," Pennix said. "We have a really special team. I had all the faith in my guys that we were going to pull out this win. We just went out and finished like we always do."

McKenzie Milton filled in as Florida State's starting quarterback with Jordan Travis not dressed out. Milton completed 22 of 44 passes for 233 yards and scrambled to complete an 8-yard touchdown pass to Keyshawn Helton, but the Seminoles (3-6, 2-4) were also plagued by drops from the start.

Leary connected with Riley and Toudle to give the Wolfpack a 14-0 lead at the half. Florida State's offense was stuck in neutral, accumulating

just 78 offensive yards and three first downs in the first 30 minutes.

Florida State was shut out in a half for the first time since the second half of a Week 3 loss at Wake Forest. It was the first time the Wolfpack held an opponent scoreless in the first half on the road since 2015 at Boston College.

The Seminoles opened the second half with an onside kick, which was recovered by kicker Parker Grothaus. That short-field opportunity eventually set up Milton's touchdown pass to Helton, and the Seminoles added Jashaun Corbin's 3-yard touchdown run on the following drive to cut the deficit to 21-14.

Coach Mike Norvell opted to go for it on fourth-and-4 from the Florida State 43 with 8:16 left in the game, but Milton's pass to Ontaria Wilson was broken up.

"Liked the response that I saw from our guys," Norvell said. "Unfortunately, we weren't able to finish it off there in the fourth."

No. 6 Ohio State 26, Nebraska 17

LINCOLN, Neb. — C.J. Stroud threw for 405 yards and two touchdowns and Ohio State's defense came up with a pair of stops after Nebraska pulled within six points.

Ohio State (8-1, 6-0 Big Ten) won its 24th straight game against a conference opponent.

The Huskers (3-7, 1-6) dropped their fourth straight game and are assured of a fourth consecutive losing season under Scott Frost and a fifth in a row overall.

No. 8 Notre Dame 34, Navy 6

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Jack Coan threw for 269 yards and a touchdown, Kyren Williams ran for two scores and Notre Dame shut down Navy's triple-option attack.

Coan, a grad transfer from Wisconsin, completed 23 of 29 passes, with a 70-yard scoring pass to Kevin Austin late in the first half for the Irish (801, No. 10 CFP).

Grad nose tackle Kurt Hinrich had a career-high 10 tackles after making just 14 in six games coming in. Notre Dame dominated the Midshipmen (2-7) with its size and physical



Florida State quarterback McKenzie Milton (10) escapes North Carolina State linebacker Vi Jones (31) in the second half of a game on Saturday, in Tallahassee.

play. Navy controlled the clock, with 34:33 of possession — but completed just one pass for 18 yards and rushed for 166 yards — 73 on 22 carries by fullback Isaac Ruoss.

No. 11 Oklahoma State 24, West Virginia 3

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Spencer Sanders threw two touchdown passes and Oklahoma State had eight sacks against West Virginia.

Oklahoma State (8-1, 5-1 Big 12, No. 11 CFP) has won seven straight over the Mountaineers (4-5, 2-4).

No. 12 Texas A&M 20, No. 12 Auburn 3

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Micheal Clemons scored the game's only touchdown on a 24-yard fumble return early in the fourth quarter, and Texas A&M beat Auburn.

TCU 30, No. 14 Baylor 28

FORT WORTH, Texas — Chandler Morris threw for 461 yards and two touchdowns in his first start for TCU and the Horned Frogs beat Baylor in their first game without Gary Patterson on the sideline

since 1997.

No. 15 Mississippi 27, Liberty 14

OXFORD, Miss. — Matt Corral threw for 324 yards and a touchdown to lead Mississippi past Liberty and former Rebels coach Hugh Freeze.

The Rebels (7-2) raced to a 24-0 halftime lead, highlighted by a 70-yard touchdown run by Jerrion Ealy on the game's second play.

No. 17 BYU 59, Idaho State 14

PROVO, Utah — Jaren Hall threw for 298 yards and four touchdowns, all in the first half, and BYU demolished Idaho State.

BYU (8-2) finished with 560 yards of offense, averaging 7.4 yards per play, in its third straight victory. Idaho State is 1-8.

No. 21 Coastal Carolina 28, Georgia Southern 8

STATESBORO, Ga. — Backup Bryce Carpenter threw for 85 yards and a touchdown and ran for another score to help Coastal Carolina beat Georgia Southern in the rain.

The Chanticleers (8-1, 4-1 Sun

Belt Conference) are tied with Appalachian State (7-2, 4-1) atop the East Division standings.

No. 22 Penn State 31, Maryland 14

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Jahan Dotson caught 11 passes for a school-record 242 yards and three touchdowns, helping Penn State snap a three-game losing streak.

Memphis 28, No. 23 SMU 25

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Seth Henigan returned to throw for 392 yards and two touchdowns in Memphis' victory over SMU.

After sitting out last week in a loss to UCF with a right shoulder injury, Henigan completed 34 of 53 passes, including touchdown strikes of 2 yards to Eddie Lewis and 27 yards to Jaron Ivory for the Tigers (5-4, 2-3 American Athletic Conference).

Marshall 28, FAU 13

BOCA RATON — Jayden Harrison returned the opening kickoff 99 yards for a score and Rasheen Ali ran for two third-quarter touchdowns as Marshall rallied to beat Florida Atlantic 28-13.

FOOTBALL

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	5	2	0	.714	229	109
New England	4	4	0	.500	206	164
N.Y. Jets	2	6	0	.250	144	251
Miami	1	7	0	.125	138	233
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	6	2	0	.750	227	195
Indianapolis	4	5	0	.444	245	213
Jacksonville	1	6	0	.143	123	203
Houston	1	7	0	.125	119	241
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	187	164
Cincinnati	5	3	0	.625	220	162
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.571	132	142
Cleveland	4	4	0	.500	183	180
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Las Vegas	5	2	0	.714	180	166
L.A. Chargers	4	3	0	.571	172	177
Denver	4	4	0	.500	157	137
Kansas City	4	4	0	.500	208	220

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	6	1	0	.857	225	162
Philadelphia	3	5	0	.375	203	191
N.Y. Giants	2	6	0	.250	156	200
Washington	2	6	0	.250	156	227
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	6	2	0	.750	260	183
New Orleans	5	2	0	.714	176	128
Carolina	4	4	0	.500	165	159
Atlanta	3	4	0	.429	148	195
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	7	1	0	.875	192	167
Minnesota	3	4	0	.429	163	157
Chicago	3	5	0	.375	123	195
Detroit	0	8	0	.000	134	244
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	7	1	0	.875	246	138
L.A. Rams	7	1	0	.875	245	168
San Francisco	3	4	0	.429	168	171
Seattle	3	5	0	.375	181	169

Thursday's Game

Indianapolis 45, N.Y. Jets 30

Today's Games

Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Houston at Miami, 1 p.m.
Las Vegas at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
New England at Carolina, 1 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Philadelphia, 4:05 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
Green Bay at Kansas City, 4:25 p.m.
Tennessee at L.A. Rams, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Detroit, Seattle, Tampa Bay, Washington
Monday's Game
Chicago at Pittsburgh, 8:15 p.m.

College scores

EAST

Albany (NY) 20, New Hampshire 7
CCSU 30, Bryant 15
Cornell 15, Penn 12
Delaware 24, William & Mary 3
Duke 34, LIU Brooklyn 28
Fordham 41, Georgetown 20
Harvard 49, Columbia 21
Holy Cross 35, Lafayette 10
Kennesaw St. 45, Robert Morris 21
Lehigh 38, Bucknell 6
Marist 7, Drake 0
Merrimack 35, Wagner 26
Monmouth (NJ) 45, North Alabama 33
Oklahoma St. 24, West Virginia 3
Penn St. 31, Maryland 14
Rhode Island 35, UMass 22
Sacred Heart 14, St. Francis (Pa.) 13
Stony Brook 22, Maine 17
Wisconsin 52, Rutgers 3
Yale 63, Brown 38

SOUTH

Alabama 20, LSU 14
Alabama A&M 42, MVSU 14
Austin Peay 42, E. Illinois 26
Bethune-Cookman 35, Alcorn St. 31
Charlotte 31, Rice 24, OT
Chattanooga 35, Wofford 10
Coastal Carolina 28, Georgia Southern 8
Davidson 42, St. Thomas (Minn.) 15
Dayton 41, Stetson 13
ETSU 27, VMI 20
East Carolina 45, Temple 3
Georgia 43, Missouri 6
Hampton 27, Gardner-Webb 21, OT
Jackson St. 41, Texas Southern 21
Jacksonville St. 40, Abilene Christian 25
James Madison 51, Campbell 14
Marshall 28, FAU 13
Memphis 28, SMU 25
Miami 33, Georgia Tech 30
Mississippi 27, Liberty 14
Murray St. 32, Tennessee Tech 27
NC A&T 21, Charleston Southern 18
NC Central 38, Norfolk St. 36, 2OT
NC State 28, Florida St. 14
Nicholls 24, McNeese St. 14
North Carolina 58, Wake Forest 55
North Texas 38, Southern Miss. 14
Northwestern St. 28, Houston Baptist 24
Pittsburgh 54, Duke 29
Richmond 28, Towson 17
SC State 15, Howard 12
Samford 35, The Citadel 14
Troy 31, South Alabama 24
UAB 52, Louisiana Tech 38
UCF 14, Tulane 10
UT Martin 41, Tennessee St. 20
Villanova 35, Elon 0
W. Carolina 43, Furman 42
W. Kentucky 48, Middle Tennessee 21

MIDWEST

Cincinnati 28, Tulsa 20
Illinois 14, Minnesota 6
Illinois St. 17, N. Iowa 10, OT
Kansas St. 35, Kansas 10
Missouri St. 38, S. Illinois 28
North Dakota 24, Youngstown St. 21
Notre Dame 34, Navy 6
Ohio St. 26, Nebraska 17
Purdue 40, Michigan St. 29
S. Dakota St. 27, N. Dakota St. 19
South Dakota 42, W. Illinois 21
Valparaiso 65, Presbyterian 55

SOUTHWEST

Appalachian St. 48, Arkansas St. 14
Ark.-Pine Bluff 33, Grambling St. 26
Arkansas 31, Mississippi St. 28
Cent. Arkansas 63, Texas Wesleyan Rams 3
Incarnate Word 55, SE Louisiana 52
Prairie View 24, Alabama St. 20
Sam Houston St. 59, Dixie St. 10
Stephen F. Austin 31, E. Kentucky 17
TCU 30, Baylor 28
Tarleton St. 42, Lamar 21
Texas A&M 20, Auburn 3
Texas State 27, Louisiana-Monroe 19

FAR WEST

Arizona 10, California 3
Army 21, Air Force 14, OT
BYU 59, Idaho St. 14
Idaho 42, S. Utah 24
Montana 35, N. Colorado 0
Montana St. 23, E. Washington 20
Portland St. 30, Weber St. 18
San Diego 10, Morehead St. 3
UC Davis 40, N. Arizona 24
UNLV 31, New Mexico 17
Utah St. 35, New Mexico St. 13
Wyoming 31, Colorado St. 17

Florida LOTTERY

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

PICK 2 (early) 3 - 8	PICK 5 (late) 9 - 2 - 4 - 4 - 3
PICK 2 (late) 7 - 1	FANTASY 5 Unavailable
PICK 3 (early) 0 - 5 - 5	LOTTO Unavailable
PICK 3 (late) 5 - 1 - 9	POWERBALL Unavailable
PICK 4 (early) 6 - 6 - 6 - 8	POWER BALL Unavailable
PICK 4 (late) 5 - 6 - 9 - 7	CASH 4 LIFE 34 - 39 - 44 - 50 - 53
PICK 5 (early) 0 - 5 - 7 - 0 - 4	CASH BALL 1

Friday's winning numbers and payouts:

Jackpot Triple Play: 1 - 15 - 22 - 31 - 35 - 40	4-of-5 MB No winner
6-of-6 No winner	4-of-5 8 winners \$500
5-of-6 18 winners \$466	3-of-5 MB 21 \$200
4-of-6 882 \$23	3-of-5 812 \$10
3-of-6 14,870 \$1	2-of-5 MB 715 \$10
Combo 10+ 1 \$10,000	Fantasy 5: 4 - 6 - 11 - 20 - 24
Combo9 9 \$500	5-of-5 1 winner \$192,828.68
Combo8 49 \$50	4-of-5 343 \$90.50
Combo7 428 \$20	3-of-5 9,325 \$9
Combo6 2,125 \$10	Cash 4 Life: 8 - 30 - 31 - 43 - 51
Combo5 7,841 \$5	Cash Ball: 2
Mega Millions: 10 - 15 - 20 - 66 - 68	5-of-5 CB No winner
Mega Ball: 18	5-of-5 No winner
5-of-5 MB No winner	Players should verify winning numbers by calling 850-487-7777 or at www.flalottery.com.
5-of-5 No winner	

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS AUTO RACING

12:30 p.m. (28 ABC) Formula 1 Mexico City Grand Prix
3 p.m. (8 NBC) NASCAR Cup Series Championship
11 p.m. (ESPN2) Formula 1 Mexico City Grand Prix (Same-day Tape)

BASEBALL

8 a.m. (MLB) World Series Houston Astros at Atlanta Braves, Game 4 (Taped)
10 a.m. (MLB) World Series Atlanta Braves at Houston Astros, Game 6 (Taped)
8:30 p.m. (ESPN) MLB Gold Glove Awards Show
10 p.m. (MLB) World Series Atlanta Braves at Houston Astros, Game 1 (Taped)
12 a.m. (MLB) World Series Houston Astros at Atlanta Braves, Game 3 (Taped)

NBA

6 p.m. (BSFL) Utah Jazz at Orlando Magic
7 p.m. (NBA) San Antonio Spurs at Oklahoma City Thunder

EQUESTRIAN

3:30 p.m. (FS1) America's Day at the Races

NFL

1 p.m. (10 CBS) Cleveland Browns at Cincinnati Bengals
1 p.m. (13 FOX) Atlanta Falcons at New Orleans Saints
4:25 p.m. (13 FOX) Green Bay Packers at Kansas City Chiefs
8:20 p.m. (8 NBC) Tennessee Titans at Los Angeles Rams

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

5:30 p.m. (ESPNU) Oregon at Washington (Taped)
6 p.m. (SEC) Tennessee at Kentucky (Taped)
8:30 p.m. (ESPNU) LSU at Alabama (Taped)
2 a.m. (ESPN2) Oregon at Washington (Taped)
3 a.m. (SUN) Teams TBA (Taped)

GOLF

7 a.m. (GOLF) European PGA Tour Portugal Masters, Final Round (Same-day Tape)
2 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba, Final Round
6 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour Champions TimberTech Championship, Final Round (Same-day Tape)
4 a.m. (GOLF) Ladies Euro Tour Aramco Saudi Ladies International, Final Round (Same-day Tape)

HOCKEY

12 p.m. (NHL) Philadelphia Flyers at Washington Capitals (Taped)
1:30 p.m. (NHL) Minnesota Wild at Pittsburgh Penguins (Taped)
3 p.m. (NHL) AHL Milwaukee Admirals at Chicago Wolves

MOTORCYCLE RACING

12 p.m. (8 NBC) MotoGP Grand Prix of Algarve
8 p.m. (NBCSPT) MotoGP Grand Prix of Algarve (Same-day Tape)

RODEO

4 p.m. (10 CBS) PBR Bull Riding World Finals: Unleash the Beast (Same-day Tape)
5 p.m. (6 CBS) PBR Bull Riding World Finals: Unleash the Beast (Same-day Tape)

RUGBY

5 p.m. (NBCSPT) Premiership Wasps vs Harlequins (Same-day Tape)

SOCCER

9 a.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League Everton vs Tottenham Hotspur
11:30 a.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League West Ham United vs Liverpool
3:30 p.m. (ESPN) MLS New York Red Bulls at Nashville SC
6 p.m. (FS1) MLS Minnesota United FC at LA Galaxy
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
1 p.m. (ESPN) ACC Championship: Teams TBA (Taped)
1:30 p.m. (FS1) Big East Championship: Teams TBA
2 p.m. (BIG10) Big Ten Tournament: Michigan at Rutgers
3:30 p.m. (ESPNU) Big 12 Championship: Teams TBA (Same-day Tape)

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

2 p.m. (ACCN) ACC Championship: Teams TBA (Same-day Tape)
4 p.m. (ACCN) ACC Championship: Teams TBA
4 p.m. (BIG10) Big Ten Tournament: Michigan State at Penn State
6 p.m. (ACCN) ACC Championship: Teams TBA
8 p.m. (ACCN) ACC Championship: Teams TBA

TRACK AND FIELD

8:30 a.m. (ESPN2) TCS New York City Marathon
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

12 p.m. (BSFL) Syracuse at Virginia
2 p.m. (ESPN2) Ole Miss at Tennessee
3 p.m. (SUN) Florida State at Georgia Tech
4 p.m. (SEC) Arkansas at Alabama

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Djokovic reaches Paris final to end year as No. 1

PARIS — Novak Djokovic will end the year at No. 1 for a record seventh time after rallying to beat Hubert Hurkacz

3-6, 6-0, 7-6 (5) in the Paris Masters semifinals on Saturday.

Djokovic, who also stays on course for a record-extending sixth Paris Masters title, moved one ahead of American Pete Sampras, who secured his six top year-end finishes from 1993-98.

Jokic's block preserves Nuggets' win over Rockets

DENVER — Nikola Jokic blocked Jae'Sean Tate's drive to the basket as time ran out and the short-handed Denver Nuggets escaped with a 95-94 victory over the Houston Rockets on Saturday.

Jokic finished with 28 points and 14 rebounds.

Aaron Gordon had nine points, including a pair of corner 3-pointers, his last one with 51.4 seconds left that gave Denver the lead.

— From staff and wire reports

BOLTS

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year by far," Smith said. "He worked. Second effort was there, he was all over the place. He just looked confident, he made plays. He was really good. When Connor Brown plays like that, he can help carry a line for us and that gives us another threat."

Tampa thought it had regained the lead shortly after, but a goal was waved off due to goaltender interference. The Lightning lost the ensuing challenge.

Tampa made it 2-1 midway through the period when Rutta scored from the slot.

With under a minute remaining in the period, Tkachuk buried a one-timer to tie it 2-2.

The Lightning opened the scoring at 4:27 of the first period with a power-play goal by Hedman, his first goal of the season. Hedman fired a shot from the blue line and it was tipped by Ottawa's Josh Brown, leaving Murray with little chance to stop it.

Tkachuk felt the Senators played a solid, but incomplete game — and that was the difference.

"We played a very mature hockey team and they just kept playing their game for the whole 60 minutes," he said. "I think we can learn from their team. They're a two-time defending Stanley Cup champ and work to the very end, so I definitely think we can learn from that."

Panthers 5, Hurricanes 2

SUNRISE — The Florida Panthers matched the best 11-game start in NHL history and denied the Carolina Hurricanes what would have been a league record-tying start of their own, with Anthony Duclair getting two goals and two assists in a 5-2

NASCAR

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Gibbs Racing in a 2-on-2 battle for the trophy. The winner will drive either a Chevrolet (Hendrick) or a Toyota (Gibbs); Ford will be a championship spectator.

Or the in-house rivalry between Elliott and Larson for title of top dog at Hendrick Motorsports, the winningest team in NASCAR history and leader this season with 16 wins through 35 races.

Truex, a four-race winner this year back at Phoenix in the same Toyota he drove to the win in March, is the dark horse. His Gibbs teammate Hamlin is the enigma as he tries to win his first Cup in his fifth try.

Although he insists he is content with his resume even if he never wins a championship, Hamlin hinted he might turn in his car keys and follow buddy Michael Jordan's lead by calling it quits if he does claim the title. Hamlin and Jordan are now partners in first-year team 23XI Racing, and Hamlin has cited scenes from the ESPN documentary "The Last Dance" that showcased Jordan's drive.

"Jordan always said he had to come up with his own thing. He would come up with a (trash)-talking statement from a competitor that they didn't say to just motivate him," Hamlin said this week. "I feel the same way. Like, I want that. I want to get pushed. I don't know what it is. I can't explain it. I'm wired the same way."

Hamlin declared he thrives amid chaos, the more drama the better, and he landed in the thick of it in last weekend's elimination race. He fumed when spun from the lead at Martinsville Speedway by winner Alex Bowman, then was heavily booed by his Virginia home state crowd.

Hamlin called Bowman "a hack," insulted Elliott's fanbase and soaked in the jeers from the crowd. Hamlin without a doubt was the cockiest of the four championship drivers leading into Sunday, undoubtedly soaking in his self-inflicted chaos.

Hamlin and Truex for sure can win the title, but Joe Gibbs Racing conceded its role as the underdog on Monday, the day after the final four was set. The oddsmakers agree: FanDuel lists Hamlin at 9/2 odds and Truex 49/10, with both Hendrick drivers rated higher.

But the Hendrick duo brings their own unique challenges.

victory.

Wild 5, Penguins 4, SO

PITTSBURGH — Nick Bjugstad scored the deciding goal in a shootout that came after Minnesota erased two-goal deficit against Pittsburgh in the final five minutes of regulation.

Red Wings 4, Sabres 3, OT

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Moritz Seider scored 3:45 into overtime and Tyler Bertuzzi had two goals and two assists in Detroit's rally over Buffalo.

Flyers 2, Capitals 1

WASHINGTON — Derick Brassard and Sean Couturier scored in the second period and Martin Jones stopped 31 shots as Philadelphia beat Washington.

Golden Knights 5, Canadiens 2

MONTREAL — Alex Pietrangolo and Chandler Stephenson each had a goal and an assist, and Las Vegas rallied to beat Montreal.

Blue Jackets 4, Avalanche 2

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Columbus stretched its winning streak to three games by beating Colorado with a three-goal third period.

Maple Leafs 5, Bruins 2

TORONTO — Auston Matthews and John Tavares had two goals as Toronto picked up its fifth straight victory by defeating Boston.

Islanders 2, Jets 0

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Anders Lee and Brock Nelson scored and Ilya Sorokin made 24 saves as New York ended Winnipeg's undefeated string at home with a 2-0 victory.

For Larson, he has dominated the Cup Series and advanced to his first championship race in his comeback season from a nearly yearlong suspension. He almost destroyed his career early in the pandemic when he used the N-word while racing online, and he spent all but four races banished by NASCAR.

Rick Hendrick gave him a second chance once NASCAR reinstated him, and Larson watched Elliott win the championship 364 days ago from the Hendrick Motorsports control room on its North Carolina campus. Now he's got a chance

Titans, Rams: top teams with different outlooks

BARRY WILNER
AP pro football writer

They lead their divisions and have been prime contenders for the top spot in their conference — and the only playoff bye.

Yet the outlooks for the Tennessee Titans (6-2) and Los Angeles Rams (7-1) aren't close to the same as they meet Sunday.

Tennessee, which not only owns a three-game lead in the AFC South but has swept the only possible threat there, Indianapolis, placed running back Derrick Henry on injured reserve. The 2020 Offensive Player of the Year, leading rusher in the NFL this season and probably the best player in the division is out with a foot injury.

"If anybody can, I guess come back, it would be Derrick," coach Mike Vrabel said, "but not going to put any expectations on any sort of timeline.

"I know that he'll be around our team as soon as he can. I know that's important to him. I know that'll be important to our team. We will have to move on. We'll have to move on unfortunately without him here in the short term and not look back."

Looking ahead — and far down the road to where they could be in February, hosting the Super Bowl — the Rams added what could be a key piece to their already formidable defense.

Von Miller was acquired from Denver, and while the linebacker no longer is an elite player, there could be enough left to make that Aaron Donald-led unit even more stingy.

"I feel like it frees us all up," Miller said. "They'll try to figure out creative ways to triple-team and double-team, but it can't possibly be that effective. We've got great coaches. We've got great guys playing on this team, and we'll be able to figure it out.

"You hear stories of the Fearsome Foursome, you hear stories of this legendary defense, and we want to recreate that. They've been playing great defense all year. I just want to add some of the things that I do best."

The action began Thursday night, as the Indianapolis Colts rushed for the highest single-game total in the NFL this season in a 45-30 win over the New York Jets. Carson Wentz threw three touchdown passes and Jonathan Taylor rushed for 172 yards and two scores as Indy (4-5) finished with 260 yards rushing. New York starting quarterback Mike White injured his right forearm in the first quarter as the Jets (2-6) lost their seven straight night game.

Off this week are Washington (2-6), Seattle (3-5), Detroit (0-8) and Tampa Bay (6-2).

Green Bay (7-1) at Kansas City (4-4)

Other than Cheeseheads, the folks most disappointed (and



Tennessee Titans running back Derrick Henry (22) is tackled by Indianapolis Colts safety Andrew Sendejo (42) in the second half of an Oct. 31 game in Indianapolis.

annoyed) about Aaron Rodgers being sidelined while in the COVID-19 protocol must be at Fox, the network televising what could have been a terrific quarterbacks confrontation with Patrick Mahomes.

Kansas City hardly looks like a playoff contender as it enters the toughest stretch of its schedule, with a leaky offensive line, a struggling defense and an inability to consistently make big plays. Green Bay has won seven in a row, including that impressive performance at Arizona on Oct. 28. Even if star wideout Davante Adams returns from the COVID-19 list, he will have Jordan Love throwing the ball.

"You just watched this last weekend," Chiefs coach Andy Reid says. "Two quarterbacks (the Jets' Mike White and Saints' Trevor Siemian) came in that hadn't had an opportunity to play much, if at all, and won games. So, our guys are aware of that. You get yourself ready to play. In this league, there are small margins. It's a true team sport. You get yourself ready to go."

Cleveland (4-4) at Cincinnati (5-3)

Such drama. The Odell Beckham Jr. saga has diverted attention from a rare matchup in which both Ohio teams are contenders. They also both come off ugly defeats, the Bengals at the Jets, the Browns against the Steelers.

The Browns have won five of the past six in the series and quarterback Baker Mayfield is 5-1 in his career against Cincinnati with 17 touchdowns and a 111.4 rating. Cleveland leads the league in rushing, though Pittsburgh limited it to 96 yards last week.

Cincinnati figures to test Cleveland's pass defense with rookie receiver Ja'Marr Chase, who leads the league with six receptions of at least 40 yards, is third in yards receiving (786),

and second with 14 receptions of at least 20 yards.

New England (4-4) at Carolina (4-4)

Carolina needs running back Christian McCaffrey back on the field, and might get him. The Panthers snapped a four-game slide without him with their victory at Atlanta, and his hamstring injury seems healed enough for him to play.

The most intriguing storyline here could be Patriots rookie quarterback Mac Jones against cornerback Stephon Gilmore, the 2019 Defensive Player of the Year who couldn't get a new contract out of New England and was dealt to Carolina. Gilmore had an interception in his first game with the Panthers last week while playing 17 snaps.

For New England, which is 3-0 on the road, has seen Jones lead all rookies in completions (192), completion rate (68.1), passing yards (1,997), TD passes (nine) and rating (90.1). He's trying to become the first rookie QB since Dak Prescott in 2016 to win his first four road starts.

Denver (4-4) at Dallas (6-1)

Given their current forms, it might be impossible to believe that the Broncos have won six consecutive games in the series. The previous victory for Dallas was in 1995, also the most recent time the Cowboys reached the Super Bowl, or even the NFC championship game.

The Cowboys hope to get back Dak Prescott, though backup quarterback Cooper Rush performed admirably in last week's victory at Minnesota. Cornerback Trevon Diggs has a league-leading seven interceptions after going without one in a game for the first time this season against the Vikings.

It's Denver's first game without the traded linebacker Von Miller. GM George Paton gave

coach Vic Fangio and offensive coordinator Pat Shurmur votes of confidence this week but was highly critical of Denver's offensive showings.

Buffalo (5-2) at Jacksonville (1-6)

A rugged matchup for the Jags — as if pretty much all their opponents don't have an edge on them. Finding a way to move the ball will be a huge challenge for Trevor Lawrence. Consider that Buffalo's safety tandem of Jordan Poyer and Micah Hyde own three interceptions each as part of a defense tied for the NFL lead with 11 picks. Buffalo's stout run defense, which has only allowed Henry a 100-yard game, might not be facing Jacksonville starter James Robinson (bruised heel).

Bills QB Josh Allen has at least two TD passes and a passer rating over 100 in five consecutive games, the longest active streak in the NFL.

Arizona (7-1) at San Francisco (3-4)

The Cardinals have had recent success in this series at the Niners, winning five of the past six. They are 4-0 on the road in 2021, and though they come off their first loss, the Cardinals have been perfect on fourth downs, 7 for 7.

The 49ers snapped a four-game losing streak last week, but are 1-7 at Levi's Stadium the past two seasons.

Minnesota (3-4) at Baltimore (5-2)

Unlike Arizona prospering in the Bay Area, the Vikings have all of one win in Baltimore. That goes back to when the Colts made it their home. They beat the Ravens in 1998 when they went 15-1. The Vikings were 0-8 on the road against the Colts and 1-3 vs. the Ravens.

Also working in Baltimore's favor: The Ravens have the NFL's longest active winning streak against the NFC with 11, and are an NFL-best 17-8 in games immediately following a bye week. Coach John Harbaugh is 10-3 in those games.

The Vikings lead the NFL in sacks per game and with 24 in seven games have already surpassed their 2020 season total (23).

Atlanta (3-4) at New Orleans (5-2)

With Jameis Winston gone for the season (left knee), veteran Siemian or do-everything Taysom Hill, back from injured reserve, will start at quarterback for the hosts. The Saints are 21-9 against the Falcons since Sean Payton became head coach in 2006 and have won three straight and six of the past seven meetings.

Atlanta's Matt Ryan has

passed for at least two TDs in each of his past five road games. Tight end Kyle Pitts ranks second among rookies in yards receiving (484) and is tied for fourth in receptions (33). He's become the top target for Ryan with wide receiver Calvin Ridley out for personal reasons.

Las Vegas (5-2) at New York Giants (2-6)

Rich Bisaccia can become the first interim head coach to win his initial three games since Gary Moeller took over in mid-season and led the Lions to three straight wins in 2000.

The only Raiders coaches to start 3-0 were John Madden (1969) and Bill Callahan (2002). Coincidentally, Callahan replaced Jon Gruden, who was traded to Tampa Bay. Bisaccia, the special teams coordinator, took over when Gruden resigned in October.

The sloppy Giants had 10 penalties in last Monday's loss at Kansas City. But the Giants have won three of the past four against the Raiders.

LA Chargers (4-3) at Philadelphia (3-5)

While the Eagles come off their best performance in two seasons, the Chargers come off two of their worst this year: They were routed at Baltimore, then handed a game to New England in LA last Sunday. LA's defense is last in the NFL against the run and the Eagles are coming off their best rushing game in several years, totaling 236 yards from Boston Scott and Jordan Howard.

The Chargers have a dynamic running back in Austin Ekeler, tied for second in the NFL among RBs with eight scrimmage touchdowns.

Philly is 0-3 at home.

Chicago (3-5) at Pittsburgh (4-3), Monday night

Monday night is no time to be in the Steel City for visiting NFL teams. The Steelers are 27-5 in Pittsburgh since "Monday Night Football" began in 1970, including 19 straight wins. The previous Monday night home loss was in 1991 against the Giants. Pittsburgh's .662 winning percentage (49-25) on Monday night is the highest in the NFL.

But the Bears have won their past three against Pittsburgh.

Houston (1-7) at Miami (1-7)

What could have been an intriguing matchup if a Deshaun Watson trade had gone through now is, well, the worst on the schedule — perhaps for the entire season and not just in Week 9. It's second NFL game involving two teams with 1-7 records: the other was Carolina against San Francisco in 2004.

AFC Individual Leaders

Quarterbacks				
Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Mahomes, KC	325	216	2368	19
Carr, Las	266	180	2269	12
Burrow, Cin	246	167	2215	20
Wentz, Ind	300	190	2198	17
Tannehill, Ten	262	172	2002	10
M.Jones, NE	282	192	1996	9
Herbert, LAC	281	179	1994	16
Allen, Buf	272	178	1972	17
Jackson, Bal	225	146	1943	10
Bridgewater, Den	257	181	1914	13

Rushers				
Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Henry, Ten	219	937	4.3	76t
Taylor, Ind	140	821	5.9	83
Chubb, Cle	106	584	5.5	52t
Mixon, Cin	137	572	4.2	27
Harris, NE	118	517	4.4	35
J.Robinson, Jac	88	482	5.5	58
Jackson, Bal	76	480	6.3	31
Harris, Pit	128	479	3.7	20
Ekeler, LAC	84	420	5.0	28
Gordon, Den	88	397	4.5	70t

Receivers				
No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Chase, Cin	38	786	20.7	82t
Hill, KC	64	735	11.5	75t
Pittman, Ind	50	658	13.2	57
Cooks, Hou	51	585	11.5	52
Sutton, Den	40	579	14.5	55
Brown, Bal	37	566	15.3	49t
Kelce, KC	49	560	11.4	46t
Williams, LAC	35	517	14.8	72t
Andrews, Bal	37	516	13.9	41
A.Brown, Ten	35	509	14.5	57t

Punters				
No	Yds	Lg	Avg	TD
Cole, Las	29	1524	71	52.6
Morstead, NYJ	23	1108	59	48.2
Long, LAC	24	1148	69	47.8
Bailey, NE	25	1189	68	47.6
Cooke, Jac	30	1423	64	47.4
Huber, Cin	33	1548	61	46.9
Johnston, Hou	43	2012	69	46.8
Koch, Bal	28	1294	57	46.2
Sanchez, Ind	33	1516	79	45.9
Martin, Den	34	1548	68	45.5

Punt Returners				
No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Duvernay, Bal	16	270	16.9	42
Olszewski, NE	16	213	13.3	27
Rogers, Ten	12	141	11.8	22
Spencer, Den	12	124	10.3	25
McCloud, Pit	12	112	9.3	19
Felton, Cle	24	214	8.9	24
McKenzie, Buf	15	122	8.1	20
Renfrow, Las	12	96	8.0	17
Phillips, Cin	15	108	7.2	16
Hines, Ind	12	86	7.2	16

Kickoff Returners				
No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
McKenzie, Buf	11	281	25.5	75

Scoring Touchdowns				
TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
Henry, Ten	10	10	0	0
Taylor, Ind	9	8	1	0
Ekeler, LAC	8	5	3	0
Chase, Cin	7	0	7	0
Mixon, Cin	7	5	2	0
Brown, Bal	6	0	6	0
Harris, NE	6	6	0	0
Hill, KC	6	0	6	0
Williams, LAC	6	0	6	0

Kicking				
PAT	FG	LG	Pts	
16/19	20/21	52	76	Folk, NE
23/23	16/17	57	71	Bass, Buf
21/22	15/17	51	66	Bullock, Ten
16/18	14/16	55	58	Carlson, Las
15/15	14/15	66	57	Tucker, Bal
26/26	10/13	53	56	McPherson, Cin
16/16	13/14	47	55	McManus, Den
25/25	9/10	54	52	Butker, KC
13/15	13/15	50	52	Hopkins, LAC
18/18	11/12	57	51	McLaughlin, Cle

NFC Individual Leaders

Quarterbacks				
Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Brady, TB	343	231	2650	25
Stafford, LAR	273	188	2477	22
K.Murray, Ari	256	186	2276	17
Goff, Det	308	206	1995	8
Cousins, Min	274	189	1953	14
Jones, NYG	273	175	1949	7
Heinicke, Was	274	175	1928	11
Aa.Rodgers, GB	258	173	1894	17
Hurts, Phi	256	157	1819	10
Ryan, Atl	271	186	1814	13
Darnold, Car	273	166	1814	7

Rushers				
Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Elliott, Dal	118	571	4.8	47
Henderson, LAR	110	507	4.6	29
Kamara, NO	133	480	3.6	23t
Jones, GB	104	463	4.5	57
Cook, Min	98	444	4.5	23
Gibson, Was	111	442	4.0	27
Fournette, TB	101	439	4.3	21
Mitchell, SF	81	433	5.3	39
Hurts, Phi	73	432	5.9	27
Edmonds, Ari	75	427	5.7	54

Receivers				
No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Kupp, LAR	63	924	14.7	59
Samuel, SF	44	819	18.6	83
Adams, GB	52	744	14.3	59
Godwin, TB	50	660	13.2	44
Moore, Car	50	645	12.9	39

Punters				
No	Yds	Lg	Avg	TD
Lee, Ari	27	1377	62	51.0
Way, Was	22	1109	66	50.4
Fox, Det	28	1411	67	50.4
Gillikin, NO	30	1489	63	49.6
Anger, Dal	18	876	63	48.7
Bojorquez, GB	24	1146	62	47.8
Dickson, Sea	43	2022	68	47.0
Berry, Min	34	1593	63	46.9
O'Donnell, Chi	30	1401	63	46.7
Wishnowsky, SF	23	1067	65	46.4

Punt Returners				
No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Swain, Sea	10	95	9.5	20
Raymond, Det	11	100	9.1	22
Grant, Chi	14	121	8.9	21
Moore, Ari	15	131	8.7	27
Aiyuk, SF	14	117	8.4	21
Erickson, Car	16	130	8.1	22
Williams, Atl	11	73	6.6	15
Am.Rodgers, GB	10	62	6.2	17
Atwell, LAR	10	54	5.4	17
Reagor, Phi	12	58	4.8	22

Kickoff Returners				
No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Harris, NO	11	308	28.0	39
Carter, Was	21	538	25.6	101t

Knicks Go wins Breeders' Cup Classic

Japan collects 2 victories

BETH HARRIS
AP racing writer

DEL MAR, Calif. — Knicks Go burst into the lead out of the starting gate and kicked away to a 2 3/4-length victory in the \$6 million Breeders' Cup Classic on Saturday at Del Mar.

No one seriously pressed the colt, who earned his fourth straight victory and in the process solidified a bid to win the Eclipse Award as Horse of the Year.

"Speed is very dangerous," winning trainer Brad Cox said.

Ridden by Joel Rosario, 5-year-old Knicks Go squared off against a trio of top 3-year-olds — controversial Kentucky Derby winner Medina Spirit, Belmont Stakes winner Essential Quality and hometown hero Hot Rod Charlie, whose ownership has San Diego ties.

"He broke really sharp," Rosario said. "He looked like he was really enjoying what he was doing. I could see his ears, he was so relaxed."

Sent off at 3-1 odds, Knicks Go paid \$8.40 to win. Cox also saddled 9-5 favorite Essential Quality, who finished third.

Medina Spirit was second for embattled trainer Bob Baffert. The colt failed a post-race drug test after the Derby and the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission has yet to make a final ruling based on its investigation.

Baffert was allowed to enter horses in the season-ending world championships, but the event's money-leading trainer had to meet certain conditions, including stricter out-of-competition testing of his horses and greater security at his barn. He agreed to the extra scrutiny

and was required to pay for it out of his own pocket. He won the \$2 million Juvenile with Corniche on Friday.

Hot Rod Charlie, second to Essential Quality in the Belmont, was fourth. Fans chanted "Let's go Chuck!" before the race.

The Classic field was reduced to eight when Express Train was scratched in the morning with swelling in his right hock, similar to an ankle.

In other races: — Japan snapped an 0-for-13 skid in the Breeders' Cup, with a stunning 45-1 upset in the \$2 million Distaff and a victory in the \$2 million Filly and Mare Turf.

Marche Lorraine edged Dunbar Road by a nose after a photo finish in the Distaff. The 5-year-old mare ran 1 1/8 miles in 1:47.67 and paid \$101.80 to win under Irish jockey Oisín Murphy.

Letruska, the 8-5 favorite with ties to Mexico, finished 10th among 11 horses.

Yoshito Yahagi trained both of Japan's champions. Loves Only You won the Filly & Mare Turf by a half-length under Yuga Kawada. She covered 1 3/8 miles in 2:13.87 and paid \$10.60 to win.

"I'd like to say thank you to my horse. She did a great job," Yahagi said through a translator. "It's a dream come true for the Japanese horse racing industry. I'd love to come back Breeders' Cup at Keeneland next year and do the same thing."

— Britain-bred Yibir won the \$4 million Turf by a half-length, giving trainer Charlie Appleby, jockey William Buick and owner Godolphin Stables their third win of the weekend. Godolphin is the racing outfit for Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the ruler of Dubai. Yibir ran 1 1/2 miles in 2:25.90 and paid \$19 to win at 8-1 odds. The



Joel Rosario rides Knicks Go, foreground, to victory during the Breeders' Cup Classic race at the Del Mar racetrack on Saturday, in Del Mar, Calif.

3-year-old gelding had one horse beat turning for home before charging on the outside and reeling in Broome, who finished second. Tarnawa, the 2-1 favorite, was 11th.

The trio earlier teamed to win the \$2 million Mile with 2-1 favorite Space Blues and the \$1 million Juvenile Turf on Friday with Modern Games.

— In the Mile, Ireland-bred Space Blues won by a half-length. He ran the distance on the turf in 1:34.01 and paid \$6.20 to win as the 2-1 favorite in his last race before retiring. Appleby's other horse, Master of the Seas, was scratched at the starting gate after acting up in the No. 1 post. Neither horse nor jockey James Doyle was hurt. It was similar to what occurred Friday, when Modern Games was mistakenly scratched by the veterinarians before being

reinstated to run in the Juvenile Turf for purse money only. Modern Games won.

— Aloha West scored a nose upset in the \$2 million Sprint. The 4-year-old colt, who began his racing career this year, was sixth at the top of the stretch and edged Dr. Schivel at the wire under Jose Ortiz, who won his second Cup race of the weekend. Trained by Wayne Catalano, Aloha West ran six furlongs in 1:08.49 and paid \$24.60 to win.

— Ce Ce won the \$1 million Filly & Mare Sprint by 2 1/2 lengths in an upset. The 6-1 shot paid \$14.40 to win. Defending champion Gamine, the 2-5 favorite trained by Bob Baffert, finished third. Victor Espinoza, who is 49, rode the winner. She ran seven furlongs in 1:21.

— Life Is Good cruised to a 5 3/4-length victory in the \$1 million Dirt Mile, giving jockey Irad

Ortiz Jr. his third Cup victory of the weekend. The 3-year-old colt ran the distance in 1:34.12 and paid \$3.40 to win as the 3-5 favorite. Todd Pletcher trains Life Is Good and earned his 12th Cup win. Ortiz has 14 career Cup victories.

— Golden Pal rocketed to the front in the \$1 million Turf Sprint and won by 1 1/4 lengths under Irad Ortiz Jr. The 5-2 favorite ran 1 1/4 miles in 54.75 seconds and paid \$7 to win. Ortiz and trainer Wesley Ward combined to take the Juvenile Turf on Friday with Twilight Gleaming.

— Jockey E.T. Baird was fined \$5,000 by the Del Mar stewards for violating California's whip rules in the Juvenile Turf Sprint on Friday. He was cited for using the whip more than six times during a race. His mount, One Timer, finished ninth.

Late birdies give Hovland a 2-shot lead at Mayakoba

Associated Press

PLAYA DEL CARMEN, Mexico — Viktor Hovland was hitting it so well he had no trouble taking on a big risk, and it paid off Saturday with a big finish for a 9-under 62 and a two-shot lead in the World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba.

Hovland, the defending champion at this Mexican resort, hit driver just over the green on the par-4 17th and hit a dart into the closing hole at El Cameleon for the lowest score of his PGA Tour career.

That gave him a two-shot lead over fellow Oklahoma State alum Talor Gooch (63), and he was three clear of Justin Thomas (64).

"That was fun today," Hovland said. "Obviously, got off to a nice start and it was nice to have one of those rounds where you can kind of keep it going throughout the day instead of maybe slowing down towards the end there where, frankly, there's some tough holes."

Matthew Wolff, who started the weekend with a two-shot lead, made a pair of bogeys early in his round to fall out of the lead and managed only one birdie in his round of 73 that dropped him out of contention.

Scottie Scheffler had a

good start and little else, and a double bogey on the 14th hole when he drove into a hazard led to a 70 that put him seven shots behind.

Hovland was at 19-under 94 as he goes for his third PGA Tour title.

The Norwegian star already had made up a three-shot deficit with seven birdies, along with tough pars on some of the holes into the steady breeze.

The tour moved up the tees about 100 yards on the 17th hole, with mangroves right of the green and a small lagoon to the left.

Gooch was in the group ahead of him and hit iron off the tee and wedge to tap-in range for birdie that gave him a share of the lead. Hovland went with driver and it landed about 15 feet beyond the pin and rolled just off the edge. He pitched beautifully to 6 inches for birdie.

"I've hit it great and I thought it was the play," Hovland said. "So if it's the play, you pull out the big dog and you try to hit it."

Then, Hovland peeled a low driver into the fairway and stuffed that one about 4 feet away for another birdie to widen his lead.

Gooch had a birdie putt that spun out of the cup on the 18th. Even so, he will be in the final group on Sunday as he goes after

his first PGA Tour victory.

Pieters, Pavon up by 4 in Portugal after 3rd round

VILAMOURA, Portugal — Thomas Pieters and Matthieu Pavon will enter the final round of the Portugal Masters sharing a four-shot lead after the pair rose to the top of the leaderboard.

The two leaders both carded a third round of 6-under 65. Pavon of France hit eight birdies to go with two bogeys, while Belgium's Pieters recovered from a double bogey on the fifth by making an eagle and five birdies on the back nine.

"The front nine was really tough with the wind," said Pieters, a four-time European Tour winner. "We got lucky, it just kind of died down on the back nine but the front nine was brutal. It's nice to be 16 under. Hopefully I'll have a chance tomorrow."

Petrovic shoots 61 to tie Furyk for Champions lead

BOCA RATON — Tim Petrovic birdied the final two holes for an 11-under 61 and a share of the lead with Jim Furyk after a 36-hole in the TimberTech Championship. Furyk closed with a birdie for a 64 to match Petrovic at

14-under 130 at The Old Course at Broken Sound, a day after 5 inches of rain wiped out play in the second

of three PGA Tour Champions playoff events for the Charles Schwab Cup.

The 55-year-old Petrovic is

winless on the 50-and-over tour and winning the 2005 Zurich Classic of New Orleans for his lone PGA Tour title.

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- Veterans Military Ball, Saturday, Nov. 6, 5:00 p.m.**, West Citrus Elks Lodge #2693, Homosassa: Marine Corps League Det. 819, Morgan Patterson, 352-746-1135, MPaterson41@tampabay.rr.com. Tickets \$50.00. Veterans of all military services are invited.
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- Woman Veterans Luncheon, Monday, Nov. 8, 12:00 Noon**, Crystal River Woman's Club, 320 N. Citrus Ave, Crystal River: Leslie Martineau 746-2396, lmartineau_2001@yahoo.com.
- Veterans Day Parade, Thursday, Nov. 11, 10:00 a.m.**, Inverness: Chris Gregoriou 352-302-9777, allprestige@yahoo.com. Staging begins 8:30 a.m., CHS parking area off of Highland Blvd.
- Memorial Service, Thursday, Nov. 11,** following parade, Old Courthouse Heritage Museum, Inverness: John McGee, 352-346-2141, irishlrrp@tampabay.rr.com. Music by the Nature Coast Community Band. Keynote Speaker Brigadier General (Ret.) Thomas J. Sellers.
- Veterans Day Luncheon, Thursday, Nov. 11,** following memorial service, VFW 4337, Inverness: John Lowe 344-4702; thelowes@tampabay.rr.com.
- Operation Welcome Home Veterans Lunch, Thursday, Nov. 11,** following Memorial Service, Depot Pavilion, Inverness: Barbara Mills, 352-422-6236, barbarajmills@earthlink.net.

World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba

Saturday
At El Cameleon Golf Club
Playa del Carmen, Mexico
Purse: \$7.2 million
Yardage: 7,017; Par: 71

Third Round	
Viktor Hovland	67-65-62—194 -19
Talor Gooch	64-69-63—196 -17
Justin Thomas	68-65-64—197 -16
Carlos Ortiz	67-65-67—199 -14
Sergio Garcia	64-69-67—200 -13
J.J. Spaun	65-68-67—200 -13
Andrew Landry	66-68-67—201 -12
Scottie Scheffler	67-64-70—201 -12
Aaron Wise	63-70-68—201 -12
James Hahn	67-67-68—202 -11
John Huh	66-69-67—202 -11
Denny McCarthy	67-68-67—202 -11
Joaquin Niemann	69-66-67—202 -11
Seamus Power	68-67-67—202 -11
Michael Thompson	68-65-69—202 -11
Brendon Todd	67-69-66—202 -11

Portugal Masters

Saturday
At Dom Pedro Victoria Golf Course
Quarteira, Portugal
Purse: \$1.7 million
Yardage: 7,191; Par: 71

Third Round	
Matthieu Pavon, France	68-64-65—197 -16
Thomas Pieters, Belgium	68-64-65—197 -16

L. Bjerregaard, Denmark	67-65-69—201 -12
Kristoffer Broberg, Sweden	69-67-66—202 -11
Nicolai Hojgaard, Denmark	67-69-67—203 -10
Sam Horsfield, England	68-66-69—203 -10
Nino Bertasio, Italy	61-69-74—204 -9
Richard Bland, England	70-65-69—204 -9
Benjamin Hebert, France	67-69-68—204 -9
Callum Shinkwin, England	67-66-71—204 -9
Adri Arnaus, Spain	65-67-73—205 -8
Gavin Green, Malaysia	66-69-70—205 -8
Matthew Jordan, England	70-68-67—205 -8
Francesco Laporta, Italy	70-66-69—205 -8
Oliver Wilson, England	68-67-70—205 -8

TimberTech Championship

Saturday
At Old Course
Boca Raton, Fla.
Purse: \$2 million
Yardage: 6,807; Par: 72

Second Round	
Jim Furyk	66-64—130 -14
Tim Petrovic	69-61—130 -14
Ernie Alker	68-63—131 -13
Stevie Els	67-66—133 -11
Scott Dunlap	68-67—135 -9
Miguel Angel Jimenez	68-67—135 -9
Kirk Triplett	69-66—135 -9
Jeff Maggert	68-68—136 -8
Woody Austin	66-71—137 -7
Ken Duke	69-68—137 -7
Tim Herron	68-69—137 -7
K.J. Choi	68-70—138 -6
Billy Mayfair	68-70—138 -6
Vijay Singh	69-69—138 -6

Citrus boys headed back to states

Girls fall short of sixth straight trip

CHRIS BERNHARDT JR.
Staff writer

One Citrus High cross country team advanced to states on Saturday, while the other fell just agonizingly short.

The Citrus boys finished sixth at the Region 3A-2 meet at Austin Tindall Park in Kissimmee, with a team score of 161. The top eight teams and top three runners not on those teams moved on to the FHSAA Cross Country Finals on Friday at Apalachee Regional Park in Tallahassee.

That means the Hurricanes are headed back to the state meet for the second year in a row.

"We were ranked seventh and we came in sixth today and we're excited to be moving forward," Citrus boys coach Karen Tyler said. "We've been working really hard. They've been dropping their time consistently and they're peaking at the right time, so I'm really proud of them today."

Thomas Tyler paced the 'Canes with an 11th-place 16:46.94, followed right behind by Tristan Woods in 12th place with a 16:47.92. Cody Bishir came in 33rd (17:34.19), Logan Shaw was 59th (18:48.09) and Randall Luke placed 64th (18:57.99).

Citrus' girls were seeking a sixth consecutive trip to states, but they ended up in ninth with a team score of 272. Senior Mackenzie Scordato ran a 27th-place 20:54.17 in the final race of an outstanding prep career.

Also for the 'Canes, Kendall Gibson finished 47th (22:22.58), Aubrey Mueller was 75th (23:54.77), Frances Martins ended up 76th (24:03.24) and Katie Gagne placed 82nd (24:28.99).

Lecanto sophomore Catalina Veldwijk will go back to states for the second consecutive season, with a seventh-place 19:33.37 that snagged the third individual qualifying spot. She didn't get to compete at states last year due to COVID-19.

The Panthers were 13th overall (295). Alex Garcia ran a 22:35.41 to place 53rd, Elise Leturno came in 63rd (22:59.88), Marina Welch was 101st (28:01.53) and Meredith Welch was 104th (28.47.50).

Brandon Rydzewski crossed the finish line in ninth with a



LEFT: Lecanto sophomore Catalina Veldwijk runs during the Citrus County Country Championships on Oct. 19 at Lecanto High. **RIGHT:** Citrus senior Cody Bishir competes in the county meet. **BELOW:** Logan Shaw of Citrus is trailed by Seven Rivers Christian eighth-grader Miles Tobin during the county meet. All four were among the Citrus County runners who advanced to states after they qualified as either individuals or with their team in two regional meets held on Saturday.

16:37.64, making him the fourth-best finisher not on a top-8 team and leaving him a spot short of representing the Lecanto boys at states.

Lecanto's boys were 11th (324) overall. Dylan Wilsek came in 68th (19:07.21), Zachary Curreri finished 75th (19:26.48), Joseph Sullivan was 91st (20:31.42) and Aidan Finamore took 106th (21:36.49).

Also on Saturday, Seven Rivers Christian eighth-grader Miles Tobin qualified for states in the Region 1A-2 meet at Santa Fe College in Gainesville. Tobin came in 17th place with a time of 18:01.10 to take the third and final individual qualifying berth.

The Warriors were 11th in the team standings, compiling a 290 score. Colin Kearse was 55th (19:41.00), Anthony Nott came in 64th (20:19.30), Zach Saint placed 66th (20:27.80) and Paul Speaks finished 101st (22.58.60).



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Pandemic didn't burst this 'balloon' bubble



Courtney Stewart
SEEING BEYOND

We have all played this game at some point in our lives. You know the one. It starts at a kid's birthday party when one balloon begins to float away. You tap it to bring it closer to you and then suddenly there are seven grown adults launching themselves full force across living room furniture to keep that balloon from touching the ground that has now, inevitably, turned into hot lava. Every family has a variation. My

family does this in the pool. We never start out with the intention of playing what we all know will become a wild game of splashing and finding ourselves waterlogged from one too many dunks under the water. But it never takes long. One person hits the beach ball to another. And let the games begin. We've all been there. We've wasted unknown quantities of time keeping some kind of round, ball-like object from touching the

ground or the water in an attempt to prove just how good we are at this inconsequential game. This just in: it may not be so inconsequential anymore. Looking back over the past 20 months, the COVID-19 pandemic has managed to bring out the worst and the best of America. I'm weary of the vaccine debates and the masking brawls. I'm tired of local officials having to deal with threats and acts of violence for simply doing their jobs. I'm

saddened that we have been divided so harshly and vehemently over these issues. It has, for sure, brought out some things about our nation that are ugly and heartbreaking. But it has also brought to the surface some other amazing qualities about our nation. I've seen people come together, crossing divides that have pitted people against each other for decades, in order to lend a hand or meet a

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Veterans deserve more than one day in spotlight



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Members of the Inverness VFW Post 4337 lead parade participants through town as the 2019 Veterans Day Parade gets started. The 2021 Veterans Day Parade is a full go after the 2020 parade was cancelled due to the pandemic.

Within the past few years, my dad has embraced his military service, proudly donning a baseball cap stating: "Vietnam Veteran." He was even taken aback when he was out enjoying a meal in an area restaurant and the wait staff told him his bill had been taken care of.



Jeff Bryan
THE OTHER GUY

The mystery customers left a message for him: "Thank you for your service." That moment stands out in stark contrast to when my father returned home from his tour of duty in Vietnam. It was a cold, snowy, blustery night in December 1969 when my

mother, as well as other family members, made the trek to the Kansas City Downtown Airport. There was no fanfare, no pomp and circumstance. They whisked him home, where he was warmly welcomed by family. When I was a child, my dad spoke little of his time in Vietnam, sans his colorful reasoning as to why he would never eat rice again in his lifetime, when, as a then-9-year-old, I ignorantly questioned my him about why he wouldn't eat it at dinner one night. On rare occasions, my father would speak more often about

his time in Vietnam. Times have changed for Vietnam veterans as well as others who have served throughout the years, and rightfully so. My father, two of my lifelong friends and hundreds of thousands of others who have donned the uniform of one branch of the U.S. armed forces should never have to hang their head in shame; they should be revered for the freedoms we embrace. Here in Citrus County, we have one of the nation's largest veteran populations. During the past two weeks, they have been lauded for their commitment to our country. Those celebrations will come to a close at 10 a.m. Thursday with the annual Veterans Day Parade through downtown Inverness, followed by a memorial service

at the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum. My first challenge to each of you in the community is bring you family, come line the streets Thursday in Inverness, to cheer on our veterans, shower them with praise and appreciation and thank them for their sacrifices. My second challenge to those of with you children is educate them about the American military, their storied histories and the men and women who have proudly served our country. Showing our appreciation to veterans more than one day a year is about respect. Let's not lose sight of that.

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Charles Lee
OTHER VOICES

Don't alter current waterfront setbacks

Editor's Note: This letter was sent to the Citrus County Commission as well as County Administrator Randy Oliver, County Attorney Denise A. Dymond Lyn and Development Director Joanna Coutu. The writer asked that it be printed in the Chronicle.

We have learned that Attorney Clark Stillwell and representatives of the Citrus County Building Alliance have lobbied successfully to get the commission to entertain changes in waterfront setback regulations once again, and that a workshop is scheduled for Nov. 9. Audubon Florida opposed changes to weaken the setback requirements when previously proposed in 2018, and the commission decided to decline the invitation to weaken the standards that these same advocates made at that time. We continue to strongly oppose changes to the code which would generally allow construction to be placed closer to the water's edge. We believe that a review of 2018 letter is appropriate because staff has

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In Citrus County, cooperation between municipalities does mix

Getting government agencies and municipalities to cooperate often seems like mixing oil and water. It doesn't work too well - except in Citrus County. Amazingly, we have seen the cities and the county working well on many endeavors, and that spirit of cooperation was on full display at a recent county commission meeting.

Each year, the county, the two cities, and organizations like the Chamber of Commerce put together a list of legislative priorities and present them to our state senator and representative. The process allows institutions to make a formal request of our legislative delegation. Last week, Commissioner Kinard brought to the county

commission some of the legislative priorities from the cities of Inverness and Crystal River that are also important to all of Citrus County: an augmentation of the Turkey Oak Drive Bypass that is championed by Crystal River, and a modification to create an opportunity for a future entrance change to Whispering Pines Park, led by Inverness.

Turkey Oak Drive was constructed many years ago by the county as a bypass to allow for a better flow of traffic on U.S. 19 in Crystal River. After years of use, the road needs some improvements, and the city of Crystal River, Citrus County government and the Citrus



John Murphy
GUEST COLUMN

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PUBLIC SAFETY

EMS transition on positive trajectory

When the county commission took the long-discussed step of taking ownership of the troubled Nature Coast EMS, the transition was on a tight timeline, with only 16 days to take over the employees and assets of the bankrupt organization.

This was a major transition, which included bringing 60 to 70 EMS employees into county employment, evaluating Nature Coast properties, including the condition of a fleet of ambulances of varying age and physical condition and the equipment they carry, to determine which would go into county ownership and which would stay with the bankrupt EMS provider.

Now, a month later, it looks like this transition is on a positive trajectory thanks to leadership from county officials and a positive attitude toward the transition from former EMS employees.

In a recent meeting with the Chronicle Editorial Board, Fire Rescue Chief Craig Stevens and County Administrator Randy Oliver gave an update that included discussion of some of the complexities involved in the process.

For example, Nature Coast had 25 ambulances, but lacked the personnel to staff them all, and some of the ambulances were below what the county considers their standards, including two ambulances that broke down while transporting patients in October.

The county had to evaluate the physical condition of each ambulance, and then determine if the ambulance was worth paying off the balance of debt on it or if it should be rejected. In the end, the county took 16 of the ambulances, six of which were new, and paid off the debt against them. The county has also ordered six new ambulances.

In addition, county staff had to evaluate the physical condition of the equipment in each ambulance and either replace or repair equipment considered deficient.

And, of course, the former Nature Coast employees who were transitioning into county employment had to be processed by human resources staff, and information technology systems had to be integrated. Stevens and Oliver said these support teams worked together to make the transition as seamless as possible.

Also, Stevens said he had reached out to Marion and Hernando counties for information about how they had made the transition from a private ambulance service to a county-run service, and these county departments had given Citrus County personnel valuable information to help smooth the transition.

But even though the initial transition seems to have generally gone well, in the conversation with Stevens and Oliver, it was clear that the county is looking to the future as plans are made for staffing and the physical facilities needed to provide emergency medical services as the county grows.

One of the initial problems was a need for more paramedics. Stevens said Nature Coast was overworking paramedics to cover staffing shortages, and the county has had to hire additional paramedics to meet current needs. He said for the future, the county wants to work closely with local high schools to involve students in possibly preparing for careers such as firefighters and paramedics and begin training programs while they are still in school.

With the commitment now made for the county to provide emergency medical services, our hope and expectation is that the county commission will continue to fund the service at a level that will allow continued expansion and improvements that will be needed as the county grows. The chief of the service is looking forward and making plans for the future. Realizing these plans will require elected officials to make the decision to properly fund them.

Fundraiser won’t ‘prohibit’ fun

Let’s get serious for a minute about fun.

You read that right. In Citrus County, we like to have fun, especially if it’s for a good cause. The United Way, as with numerous organizations, host fun events yearly — dinners, plays, fashion shows, barbecues, family activities — while at the same time collecting all-important dollars to help those in our community who need it.

There are a lot of fun events because the need is great. Each day many of our neighbors and friends, those we see in the grocery store, church or school event, are helped by the very specialized services these organizations provide.

While nonprofits receive funds from a variety of sources — United Way operates primarily on employee contributions from Citrus County businesses — it’s the annual gala that gets the juices flowing.

Which made 2020 and the first few months of 2021 so difficult for many of us in the nonprofit field. Gatherings became “virtual” events, attended by people sitting in their living

rooms or on phones participating that way. We all did the best we could, and are so appreciative of a community that refused to let the pandemic get in the way of our mission of serving Citrus County’s less fortunate.



Meghan Pitzer
UNITED WAY

We are seeing those events return and the public is responding. Folks from all corners of the county, our residents are coming out to fundraising events to offer a hand and have a pleasant time.

So mark Saturday, Nov. 13, on the calendar for a United Way evening of un-speakable delight: Prohibition at the Pumphouse, starting at 7:30 p.m.

This is the seventh year of our annual fundraiser. Formerly called Boots and Bling, United Way and its sponsors are thrilled to bring this year’s event to the historic Crystal River Pumphouse, 123 NW U.S. 19.

It’s a 1920s speakeasy theme, so the less said the better. But know there will be heavy hors d’oeuvre, a three-piece band and performances from the Aerial Dragon Dancers.

Prohibition at the Pumphouse will directly benefit four United Way programs: ReadingPals, which pairs 200-plus volunteers with young school children to improve their literacy skills; Mission United assists local veterans in need; Prosperity Center removes barriers to adults enrolled in a technical program to earn a family sustaining income; Rapid Rehousing assists with upfront costs and provides case management for our most vulnerable homeless citizens.

Putting on an event of this magnitude requires a lot of help, and we are so grateful to our sponsors: Stanley Steemer, St. Johns Tavern, Meek Real Estate, Abitare Day Spa and Salon, Ross Hammock Ranch, Nature Coast Brewing Co., Lollygaggers, The Aesthetic House, Southern Babe Boutique, Hope Creations, LassiterWare Insurance, Freedom Hill Farms, Mike Bays State Farm, Duke Energy, #1 Anytime Bail 24/7, Gene and Jennifer McGee and Amy’s on the Avenue.

Individual tickets are \$75, and sponsorships are still available. For more information, visit www.citrusunitedway.org, or our Facebook page.

Meghan Pitzer is CEO of United Way of Citrus County.

What about park upkeep?

I’m responding to Sound Off (about Thursday, Oct. 28’s front-page story), “County to price Pirates Cove,” where “Kinnard said the purchase would come from state grants or impact fees — not one dime of taxpayer money would be used.” Really? What about the maintenance and upkeep? Where’s that money going to come from, Mr. Kinnard? It’s going to come from taxpayers. We don’t need another park. Why don’t you take that money and put it into the roads where it belongs? You’re saying it will bring more people because it will draw tourists. We don’t need the traffic we have now. Why don’t you wake up and smell the roses and listen to the people of Citrus County. Quit wasting money. No, no, no!

Voting is patriotic, not political

I saw the Sound Off where the caller was complaining about the voting booth where one could register to vote at Cooter Fest (Saturday, Oct. 30, Page A8, “Leave politics out of festival”). Registering to vote is not a political activity. It’s a patriotic duty of all citizens. I hope that everybody that passes it and hasn’t registered goes.

You shouldn’t be eating turkeys

I’m calling in reference to a person that called in about the “Price of turkeys is outrageous” (Sunday, Oct. 31’s Sound Off). They said that \$2.39 a pound was twice what they were last year and they would rot there before they would pay \$2.39 a pound. I just want to remind this person that these were living, breathing creatures. Personally, I don’t even think you should be eating turkey. You don’t need to. People don’t need to eat animals and put them through the hell that they go through. So, you know what? Maybe you should just think about stopping eating meat altogether before it gets so expensive that you can’t afford it at all. Once again, what a terrible thing to say. That thing was alive; it was living and breathing. Have a good day.

Price not that bad for a turkey

I was reading today, Oct. 31, in the Sound Off about someone complaining about how expensive turkeys are. \$2.39 a pound is certainly not expensive when you think of what beef costs. Maybe it is double what it was last year, but it’s just the way it is. For the person to say — I guess it was a man — he said he was going to let the turkeys rot. Well, other people aren’t going to let them rot. \$2.39 is not a big price for a turkey.

Give locals a price break

(Re the Sunday, Oct. 31, Page C2 editorial, “Maritime Money,” “Fees will support boat ramp usage”): At the boat ramps, they want to charge county residents the same one-day fee as the out-of-towners. I think that’s wrong. In your article, you even put that the out-of-towners contribute to boat ramp repairs because there’s so many out-of-towners. Why don’t you put the increase on the out-of-towners? Let them pay \$25 a day if they want to use our waterways. Why do they pay the same as Citrus County residents on a \$10 daily basis if they want to use it? Editor’s note: County residents have the option of purchasing a year pass for \$25.

Misplaced empathy

In response to the Sound Off, “Abuse of other animals” (Sunday, Oct. 31, Page C2): The person says people are making a big thing over Judge Howard giving the guy probation. He deserves more than probation. He left a dog outside with no water, no food and a bone exposed. I don’t believe the farmers have any animals with broken legs leaving a bone exposed, with no water and no feed. I think you need to look at where your empathy needs to be. It needs to be for that poor dog that was left out with a bone exposed.

Don’t hire outside sources

With all the flooding issues in the bay area and Crystal River, I hear they’re having all these meetings with all these engineers. Just make a decision.

You don’t need to hire outside sources. If we’re hiring these engineers and they can’t do the job, get rid of them. Make the decisions and fix the problem. There’s always an emergency plan for everything — or there should be.

Give my street some attention

After driving through town the other day right after we had that storm, I noticed Crystal River employees blowing off and maintaining the Three Sisters Springs Boulevard. I would just like to hope that the rest of us here in town would get such attention on our streets and that the focus would be taken a little bit off the downtown area and concentrated on the whole city. There were a lot of streets within the city messed up, but they were not getting the attention like it was down there.

Solve the flooding problem

I’m calling Sound Off in reference to this little storm we had that brang coastal flooding again in Crystal River, which made the news and showed the reporter standing in the water by Pete’s Pier.

This is my problem: You want to spend money, but you don’t take care of the issues you have. You know that when it rains, these areas flood and what have you done about it? Absolutely nothing. Have you found a solution to it? No. The problem still lingers.

Happy about Pirates Cove decision

I’m calling about two things. One I’m happy about, one not so happy: One, I am happy that the commissioners voted 3-2 to at least look at the feasibility of buying the old Pirates Cove property in Ozello. We do not need condominiums or low-density housing there. This would be a great passive park for seniors and children. Also, I am unhappy about the boat ramp collection fees. I think the fees are reasonable and are needed to support, but I am unhappy that we have to go outside the state of Florida to Louisiana to get a company to handle fee collection. Could we not have found a veterans organization or a disabled vet company startup to do this? That would have been more appropriate. Every cent should stay in Florida.

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Democrats are getting in their own way

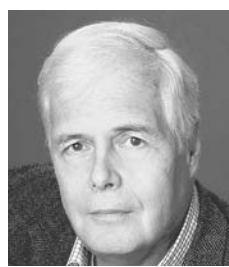
As the nation's political press obsess over the fate of the administration's Build Back Better proposal, nothing less than the ultimate success or failure of Joe Biden's presidency is said to be at stake. And yet here's the great paradox: Taken separately, the elements of the Democrats' social spending proposals poll extremely well.

According to a recent CBS News poll, support for federal funding to reduce prescription drug prices is favored by 88% of American voters. Adding Medicare coverage of dental, vision and hearing polls at 84%. Another 73% back expanding paid family and medical leave. Sixty-seven percent think that universal pre-kindergarten for 3- and 4-year-olds is a good idea.

Similarly, more than two-thirds of voters support tax increases on corporations and high-income individuals to pay for these reforms.

And yet, only 10% of Americans — 10%! — know that all of these elements are major parts of the Build Back Better bill

Democrats have been haggling over for months. (It also includes free community college tuition, a \$3,600 tax credit for each child under 6, a \$3,000 credit for kids between 7 and 18, and enhanced child nutrition programs.)



Gene Lyons
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Only 36% believe the bill's passage would be good for their families, while another one-third believe they'd be hurt. A bit more than half want the Biden initiative to pass.

What Americans do know, partly because of the news media's relentless focus on the bottom line, is the White House bill's proposed \$3.5 trillion cost. Most appear only dimly aware that's a 10-year projection. In short, the voting public is at best lukewarm over Biden's signature issue.

No wonder the bill's on life support, along with, allegedly, the Biden presidency itself. No wonder, too, that the president's overall approval numbers are seen as anemic — although recent polls from CNN and Fox News placed his favorability at 50%, higher than his predecessor ever achieved.

other, etc.

Instead, they decided that Mitch McConnell's determination to prevent any and all Democratic bills from coming to a Senate vote made bundling them into a single reconciliation bill the only way to pass anything.

The Biden White House agreed. Media critic Eric Boehlert blames the Beltway news media for failing to enlighten the public. Writing on his Press Run website, Boehlert argues that "as Democrats work to pass both a huge infrastructure bill and even bigger social spending bill, dubbed Build Back Better, the Beltway press continues to do a great job ignoring the contents of the historic effort. Focusing instead on its cost and obsessively documenting the vote-counting process, the press has walked away from its job of explaining legislation."

Washington Post columnist E.J. Dionne agrees, writing, "the relentless focus on the single number of \$3.5 trillion has left most Americans clueless about what Biden wants to do." Up to a point, I agree. Also with Dionne's larger point that the Democratic party "needs to spend less time on cultural issues and more on fighting for

direct benefits to the working and middle classes, a cause that unites voters across racial and regional lines."

But the real fault here isn't with the news media; it's with the White House's inexplicable failure to sell its plan. People don't know what's in the Build Back Better plan mainly because President Biden hasn't told them — simply, clearly and repeatedly. If you want the public to understand the legislation, you've got to tell them you're going to tell them, tell them, and then remind them you told them. Over and over until it sinks in.

But the bully pulpit has been vacant. It's incredible that Democrats have gotten suckered into talking about nothing but the 10-year price tag — as if \$3.5 trillion were even comprehensible to people. It's as tone-deaf and self-destructive as "Defund the Police."

To succeed, Democrats will first need to get out of their own way.

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I was being sarcastic

I was reading Sound Off today (Nov. 3) and I see "Grateful for the COVID policy." I'm the one who wrote it in and I was being sarcastic because I was tired of hearing on the news our governor and politicians and people

running around saying how we are "the freedom state." What I was trying to get across was the idea that this is a ridiculous policy. People are dying by the thousands in this state. What was it, 800-and-some have died in the county alone? We're a small county. It's time we start looking at what's really

happening and be thankful we have someone who is trying to get the vaccine out to people instead of someone going, "We're going to go to court and stop it."

The paper is getting better

I have been away for five

months and I want to tell you, regarding all the new people at the Chronicle, I got my first paper on Sunday and I was very, very happy with it. It was a lot more articles, a lot more information, which is what is going on, what is happening in the entire county instead of maybe one or two cities that are in

the county. Anyway, very good job. Also information out of the area. I got Monday's paper today (Nov. 1) and it's a lot more informative and I'm very happy with the paper. I always liked the paper before, but now I think it's better with all the more information of what's going on.

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published the failed 2018 setback changes again as material relevant to this workshop in conjunction with the agenda, and appears to be suggesting that the changes proposed in 2018 are an appropriate place to start the workshop discussion.

The reasons for waterfront setbacks are multiple.

First, preventing construction from encroaching on the edges of water bodies reduces property damage during storms, both to the property which may otherwise have included construction closer to the water, and to adjacent properties. Storm damage can be amplified by constriction of tidal flow, the displacement of rising flood waters, and the location of objects closer to the immediate path of the strongest storm winds on water bodies which adds to the potential for flying debris. Displacement of rising flood waters causes storm driven surges to rise higher than they otherwise would without materials that such as fill or structures placed too close to water bodies that occupy space in rising waters and therefore force floodwaters to rise at other locations.

Setbacks also protect shorelines, wetlands, and wildlife

habitat. Finally, by keeping impervious surfaces further from the waters edge, stormwater pollutants are reduced. The county's current requirement for a 50-foot setback, or an alternative 35-foot setback with a berm to retain stormwater, is a good balance in this regard.

Mr. Stillwell suggests in his letter of Sept. 27 that the fact that people are applying for variances constitutes valid grounds for a change in the code. He then references a table produced by the Citrus County Building Alliance from county records, which shows the outcome of variance applications from 2018 forward. He claims that there is a problem because county planning staff must address variance applications, and suggests that an "axiom in land use planning" to the effect that repeated applications for a variance on the same issue are grounds to change the code.

We believe that Mr. Stillwell has clearly misinterpreted the actual results of the variance history shown in the table he cites. What careful examination of the table, and the outcome of variance applications from 2018 forward actually shows, is that from 2018 to present, 14 variances have been approved, and 21 denied. And, it is important to note that the table cited by Mr. Stillwell does not reveal the number of permit applicants who are readily complying with

the code and not seeking variances.

Contrary to Mr. Stillwell's assertions, the results shown on the table are consistent with a variance system that is working correctly. County planning staff, and the Planning and Development Commission are doing their jobs well, scrutinizing variance applications, and are applying the waterfront setback provisions in the code, and current Standards for Special Exceptions and Variances in the Code (4400 C).

Mr. Stillwell next suggests that a "net environmental enhancement" can be achieved by amending the code, substituting an optional 25-foot setback coupled with a berm for all pre-1990 waterfront lots. While a universal berm requirement may have value from the singular perspective of stormwater, what his proposal and claim of "net environmental benefit" obscures in the discussion is the cumulative effect of encroachment of structures and fill exacerbating storm tide displacement, structural damage due to storms, and the degradation of environmental aspects of shoreline vegetation and benthic communities that may be impacted by construction closer to the water.

Mr. Stillwell then proposes a new section of the code (3501 E) requiring upgraded septic systems to current FDOH standards, a system of biannual

monitoring for stormwater systems (swales and berms), a 20% expansion rule for existing homes that can be achieved automatically without any variance, and a requirement that notice of the annual inspections be recorded as a covenant running with the land.

Again, while some of these provisions could be beneficial from a water quality standpoint, they are not viable "tradeoffs" to excuse reducing the size of setbacks. The reason that they are not viable "tradeoffs" is that they are not germane to the larger group of negative effects on other matters caused by reducing the size of the setbacks. It should be noted that proposals to amend the code to establish better water quality measures do not depend upon rolling back the waterfront setbacks.

Finally, Mr. Stillwell suggests abandoning entirely the standards for variances in Section 4400.C, "Standards for action by the PDC" with regard to waterfront setbacks.

We hope that ultimately the Citrus County Commission will consider the discussion over Waterfront Setbacks in the context of the rapidly growing consensus about the crisis facing Florida due to the consequences of sea level rise. The Florida TAXWATCH report released on October 20th 2021, titled "A Rising Tide Sinks All Homes - The Effects of Climate

Change on Florida's Economy" presents a compelling and challenging picture of what the future holds for Florida, particularly coastal communities such as Citrus County, due to sea level rise. See: <https://tinyurl.com/345bcr78>.

We ask you to read the TAXWATCH report carefully and recognize that its recommendations to consider a "Slow and managed retreat from the coast", and its direct plea to governments to "End or modify government programs and policies that encourage risky development" are 180 degrees contrary to the concept of rolling back or weakening Citrus County's Waterfront Setback requirements reflected by either the 2018 proposed changes, or Mr. Stillwell's proposed language.

TaxWatch is an institution governed by a board of directors comprised of some of Florida's most prominent business leaders, including many in the land development business. Their recommendations, and call to action in this report should not be taken lightly.

Now is not the time for Citrus County to loosen the requirements in its code to more easily allow development closer to the water in the county's coastal areas. Please reject proposals to weaken this code.

Charles Lee is the director of advocacy for Audubon Florida.

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County Chamber of Commerce are asking our legislative delegation to consider this important project during the 2022 session.

The ask of our legislators is interchange improvements, signal upgrades, signage, and some other items on Turkey Oak Drive, but this is not about road widening.

Despite a comment at the recent Board of County Commission meeting that businesses on U.S. 19 in Crystal River would prefer the traffic to stay on U.S. 19 to increase patronizing of local businesses, the Turkey Oak project has been widely supported by local businesses. Yes, the business owners I talk to do want traffic on U.S. 19, but they want local traffic and not the through-traffic. Augmenting the Turkey Oak Bypass will allow consumers better access to businesses on U.S. 19. For drivers who have no

intention of stopping in our amazing city, the bypass will allow them to quickly continue on their way.

The 2020 census reported a Citrus County population increase of 9%, which is faster than the state population growth of 7.4%.

Layer on top of the population growth, the completion of the Sun-coast Parkway and these improvements are essential to keep up with our community needs.

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee

applauds the leadership of Commissioner Kinnard for bringing this issue before the board. Furthermore, we applaud the full board for voting to send a letter of support for the Turkey Oak project.

Cooperation between municipalities is not only possible but alive and well in Citrus County. And yes, sometimes oil and water do mix.

John Murphy is the government affairs committee chairperson for the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce.

BEYOND

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need. I've seen incredible acts of generosity and selflessness. I've seen a resurgence in the value we place on relationships over things.

The consequences of the pandemic are too many to name. We are facing so many obstacles as a community, a nation, and a world. It can be difficult to see the light.

Enter the game of "keep the balloon off the floor," you may

be wondering. Well, actually, yes.

This household game of innumerable forms has been launched into the spotlight in a pretty spectacular way as a result of the pandemic. The first ever Balloon World Cup took place late last month in Tarragona, Spain.

Yes, you read that right. The game of which we are all experts has now been deemed relevant enough to have a World Cup championship. And a true worldwide experience it was.

Teams from 32 countries

participated in the tournament, including a pair of American brothers from Oregon whose viral videos of slow motion replay action during their lockdown games of "keep the balloon off the floor" went viral and inspired the World Cup. The tournament had better viewership than several high profile Pay-Per-View boxing matches.

It was intense. Ultimately, the tournament was won by Peruvian Francesco De La Cruz who beat the German representative, Jan Spiess, 6-2 in the final.

Now we all have a chance to be World Cup champions thanks to some siblings who used their lockdown experience to perfect a game that, deep-down, we all think we're experts in.

The pandemic isn't over but I'm hopeful the days of lockdowns and wide-spread quarantines are behind us. If not, though, we can all dust off our balloon-tapping skills and train for the newest edition of World Cup championship opportunities.

Or better yet, invent a new game with all that time we may

spend with our families.

You just never know where it might take you.

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Paying homage to a life well lived

Ross Douthat has a powerful new book about his battle with chronic Lyme disease. In "The Deep Places: A Memoir of Illness and Discovery," he writes beautifully, with honesty and gratitude.

I was overcome with emotion when I got to the part about our mutual friend Andrew Walther, who died a year ago.

Douthat describes Andrew as "a Knight of Columbus and energetic global diplomat who was saving Middle Eastern Christians from the Islamic State while I was wandering around our rural property and dosing myself with tetracycline and tweeting against Trump. He and

his wife had their fourth child just a couple of months before we had ours, and then it happened: a leukemia diagnosis in the middle of the pandemic."

I remember it all too well. I had gotten a text from Andrew, who was in the emergency room: "Please pray." By that evening, he called to tell me he had been diagnosed with leukemia.

I was flabbergasted. How could such a tireless man, always working to help others, be stricken down so young?

Andrew's wife, Maureen, is amazing. Spending time with the family is both beautiful and heartbreaking. Faith makes it possible to keep going,

even if Andrew's untimely death doesn't make sense. Watching Maureen makes me pray more for all single parents.

It takes such perseverance and courage. All parenthood does. But without a partner, all the more so.

As Douthat chronicles, Andrew's cancer treatment seemed to be going well, until it wasn't. Some of our last conversations were about experimental treatments. I don't know if he knew his time was coming to an end, but in the final days, we were making plans to meet — in New York after his doctor visit, or over at the house in Connecticut.

Because of COVID, I hadn't even met my goddaughter, his youngest daughter. But everything went too fast. I met her at the vespers service the night before his funeral Mass and burial.

Andrew died on All Saints Day, which is

fitting. Andrew was selfless. He felt called by God to help the Christians suffering persecution in Iraq and throughout the world. There are Christians living in Erbil today because of actions Andrew took with the Knights of Columbus. A university has opened there because of so much of his work. I hear a dorm will be named in his honor.

When Douthat was first showing the debilitating symptoms of Lyme, he was not being diagnosed correctly. He thought he was having heart attacks, as doctors dismissed him

as mentally ill. What a cross to bear, and for someone so smart and capable.

Reflecting on Andrew and it all, Douthat is grateful for "the chance to keep fighting," to not burden his family with his absence, even if he is now a husband and father in "a diminished state." I have no doubt "The Deep Places" will be a gift for many. It is for me. I'm grateful that he paid tribute to our friend, reminding us to love in the time we have.

We best not be deluded by false security. Be

grateful for life, and keep moving forward together in the hope that even the joys — and certainly the pain — are not all there is.

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NONPROFIT BRIEFS

Business of nonprofits

The public belief may hold that nonprofit organizations are all charities. This assumption is understandable; the preponderance of nonprofits in Citrus County are “charitable” nonprofits. They are under IRS statute code 501(c)(3).

Nonprofits however, can serve many unmet needs and not those that are charities. IRS lists 27 different categories of nonprofit. Each category has been created to serve a specific individual or group need.

Charitable nonprofits

All charities are guided by IRS under Tax Code 501(c)(3) Rulings. Inside this particular class, IRS lists charitable, scientific, educational, research, safety and certain sports organizations. Each of the categories has a specific mission and purpose. Within this class of nonprofits, IRS also lists three types of foundations.

Foundations are known for their financial benevolence, huge cash reserves and investments. They make grants and provide financial help for worthy causes.

IRS monitors foundations closely assuring operations follow specific operation standards. Foundations have a modified tax exemption, but pay taxes on certain earnings from investments.

Other nonprofits

Under the 501(c) Tax Code, IRS lists the more popular and easily recognized nonprofits such as: Civic Leagues as 501(c)(4), Labor and Agricultural organizations as 501(c)(5) and Chambers of Commerce as 501(c)(6).

The entire series of special nonprofits end at the 501(c)(27), which is a state-sponsored workers compensation board. All nonprofits benefit when they operate within their statutory code specific to their mission and purpose.

For-profit businesses

For-profit businesses offer products/services to a specific market. Their mission is primarily to generate profit and strive to offer the best of what they make or serve.

The management skills applied in for-profit business ventures are transferable to how volunteers should manage and serve the mission of a nonprofit.

The mission of a nonprofit is a market. It can be served and an underserved need can be met. Volunteers who come from a for-profit business to serve a nonprofit can apply many of the skill sets that were required in the business environment.

Operational and management skills

Successful nonprofits need volunteers with

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‘Paychecks for Patriots’

Finding employment for veterans who get the job done

Recently, I watched an old episode of “Last Man Standing” titled, “The Gift of the Mike Guy” — a play on O’Henry’s “The Gift of the Magi” about unselfishly gifting a perfect present. While it was a Christmas-themed program, the holiday that broke through for me is coming up this week: Veterans Day.

The story involved Mike Baxter’s (Tim Allen) attempt to give his newly retired friend, mentor, and co-founder of the Outdoor Man store, Ed Alzate (Hector Elizondo), a perfect gift for Christmas. Suffice to say, his effort fell flat. Big time.



Laura Byrnes
CAREER SOURCE

You see, Ed had left Outdoor Man because he no longer felt needed; Mike failed to notice his friend’s deepening ennui because he was busy searching for new hires to expand the company nationwide.

Hoping to discover why his gift was an epic fail, Mike confronted Ed tending bar at the local VFW lodge. At first, Mike didn’t get it.

“You know why I like tending bar here? Because I like talking to veterans,” Ed explained, then pointed out one of the vets. “Take Billy: He ran a munitions depot, a huge warehouse, moved ordinance all over the Mid-East. Now he drives an Uber. Just until he finds a place that can use his unique skills. We all have hope.”

Back home, where the Baxter family had gathered to decorate the tree, Outdoor

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Care about your credit score?

Get strategic with your card limits

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If you have credit cards in your wallet, you might track your balances to keep your budget in check, but knowing each card’s credit limit off the top of your head is another story. However, actively managing how much of your credit limits you are using — also known as your credit utilization ratio — can make a big impact on your credit score.

Your credit score is a mix of many factors, including your credit usage. If you want to build your credit score, focusing on using less of your credit limits is a powerful way to do it. People with excellent credit tend to have low credit utilization ratios.

According to credit expert John Ulzheimer, utilization is one of the more actionable ways to improve your credit: “To the extent you have the ability to pay down your credit card debt, then your ratios are going to go down. That’s just a fact.”

Even if you can’t reduce your balances, a few other strategies

can help reduce credit utilization.

WHAT IS A CREDIT LIMIT AND WHO SETS IT?

Your credit limit is the maximum amount you’ve been approved to spend by a creditor, based on factors like your payment history, income and credit score. A credit limit is not set in stone and is likely to change over the life of the account: Your card issuer can increase or decrease your limit without warning, and you can also ask for a credit limit increase (more on that later).

USE YOUR CREDIT LIMITS TO HELP SCORE

Make sure you know your credit limits. Try checking your latest bill or banking app to find the limit for each card. With your limits in mind, you can focus on keeping your balances low.

Ideally, you want to use no more than 30% of the credit limit on any card. The lower that credit utilization ratio, the less risky you seem as a potential



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borrower: People with the highest scores tend to use less than 10% of their limits. You can calculate your credit utilization ratio by dividing your balance by your credit limit. Multiply that number by 100 to get a percentage.

Keeping tabs on your credit usage is as simple as setting an alert once you’ve reached a certain spending threshold. Most cards will let you do that. Many

personal finance websites and apps also have a dashboard that shows your utilization.

Other strategies can help you keep credit utilization low. “Pay an amount before you get your statement,” says Chi Chi Wu, an attorney at the National Consumer Law Center. “Because utilization is calculated from what the balance is at the end of the

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LIVE UNITED 365 Small Business Circle

Extreme Decalz is a new member of the LIVE UNITED 365 Small Business Circle of the United Way of Citrus County. Brian Sanders, owner, is pictured with Meghan Pitzer, United Way CEO. To learn more about the program, call the United Way at 352-795-5483.

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BYRNES

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Man's head of security, Chuck Larabee, showed up to hand-deliver his staffing report.

"Boy, you military guys sure get the job done," Mike told him.

"When you ask a Marine to do a thorough job, that's like asking the Pope to go to church, you know he's going to stay for the whole Mass," Chuck replied, prompting his boss to say, "I wish we had more guys like you."

Eureka! Struck by inspiration, Mike grabbed the stack of personnel reports and dashed back to the lodge to deliver a gift that keeps on giving: A sense of hope for veterans who need a hand up not a hand-out, and a sense of purpose for Ed.

"I know exactly the kind of people I want for (our) jobs," Mike told his non-plussed friend. "I want people looking for a place to apply their unique skills ... and somebody who knows their specific skill sets so they can match them to the correct position."

Veterans CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion salutes the brave men and women who have served our country as well those who have served their own tours of duty as members of military families. For us, Veterans Day isn't just one day of the year.

If you are a veteran looking for ways to apply your unique skills in civilian employment, we offer free priority of service year-round to you and your eligible family members.

And this Wednesday, veterans get early access to the ninth annual Paychecks for Patriots Job Fair beginning at 10 a.m. with open access to all general job seekers at 11 a.m. It is part of the statewide Paychecks for Patriots effort taking place throughout the month.

Registration for the virtual event is easy and takes about 60 seconds. To get fee-free assistance and/or access to computers to attend the job fair, visit our Career Center at 683 S. Adolph Point in Lecanto.

At last count, nearly 20 businesses — all with multiple and immediate jobs to fill — plan to attend: Allstate Insurance Company, ANCORP, AutoZone, Florida Express Environmental, C.E.M. Solutions, Chariot Eagle, Citrus

County Sheriff's Office, City of Ocala, CoreCivic Citrus County Detention Facility, FedEx Ground, Florida Department of Corrections, JR Plastics Corp., Marion County Board of County Commissioners, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Optimum RV, Phoenix House, Real-Truck, UPS, and Winco Mfg.

These are among the region's businesses that understand the "unique skills" veterans bring to the table and are eager to hire heroes because they know veterans lead with integrity, know the meaning of hard work, and perform well under pressure.

In other words, veterans get the job done.

To register for the virtual job fair, go to careersource.clm.com and click on the blue bar at the top of any page or visit our Calendar of Events. For more information, call 352-249-3278 or 800-434-JOBS (5627).

Laura Byrnes, CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion's director of communications, is accredited in public relations, a certified public relations counselor, and a Florida-certified workforce professional. Contact her at 352-291-9559, 800-434-5627, ext. 1234, or lbyrnes@careersourceclm.com.

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billing cycle, if you pay it beforehand you now actually reduce that utilization."

Ulzheimer suggests two additional ways to keep your usage low: Start by trying to reduce your credit card balances if you're carrying debt from month to month. Or you can ask to increase your credit limit, which not only offers you more flexibility to make bigger purchases but also helps lower your credit utilization ratio.

"If you can do both at the same time — lower balances and more credit limits — then again, you have lowered your ratio," Ulzheimer says.

This works only if you

can keep your balance low and resist any temptation to increase your spending. Also note that applying for a higher limit can temporarily ding your credit score.

THE COVID CONNECTION

For a real-life example of how credit utilization and credit score are connected, look no further than the COVID-19 pandemic. Recent data from credit scoring company FICO shows that in 2020, many Americans took advantage of reduced spending and government stimulus checks to pay down their consumer debt. According to FICO, average credit card balances decreased by 10.9%, and the average FICO score rose 8 points between April 2020 and April 2021.

Doing something simple — like using extra cash to pay down existing credit card balances or making several payments throughout the billing cycle — can improve your credit, even during trying financial times.

This article was provided to The Associated Press by the personal finance website NerdWallet. Amanda Barroso is a writer at NerdWallet. Email: abarroso@nerdwallet.com.



NONPROFIT

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financial skills. Good meeting management keeps a board or committees running efficiently. Office management experience can serve to organize and keep the central lo-

cation available to the public.

Volunteers with public speaking or writing skills add value to spread the word relative to mission and purpose. Accountants can serve to keep the books of records presentable. Just about every skill in the for-profit business world can be applied to the volunteer management of a nonprofit organization.

Volunteering is a great job to have

after retirement. One can keep the skills learned to good use by helping a nonprofit meet its goal to serve a mission. Join a group today!

Dr. Frederick J. Herzog is founder of the NonProfit Resource Center and can be reached via email: herzog@tampabay.rr.com, or by calling 847-899-9000. Visit online at thenonprofitresourcecenter.com.



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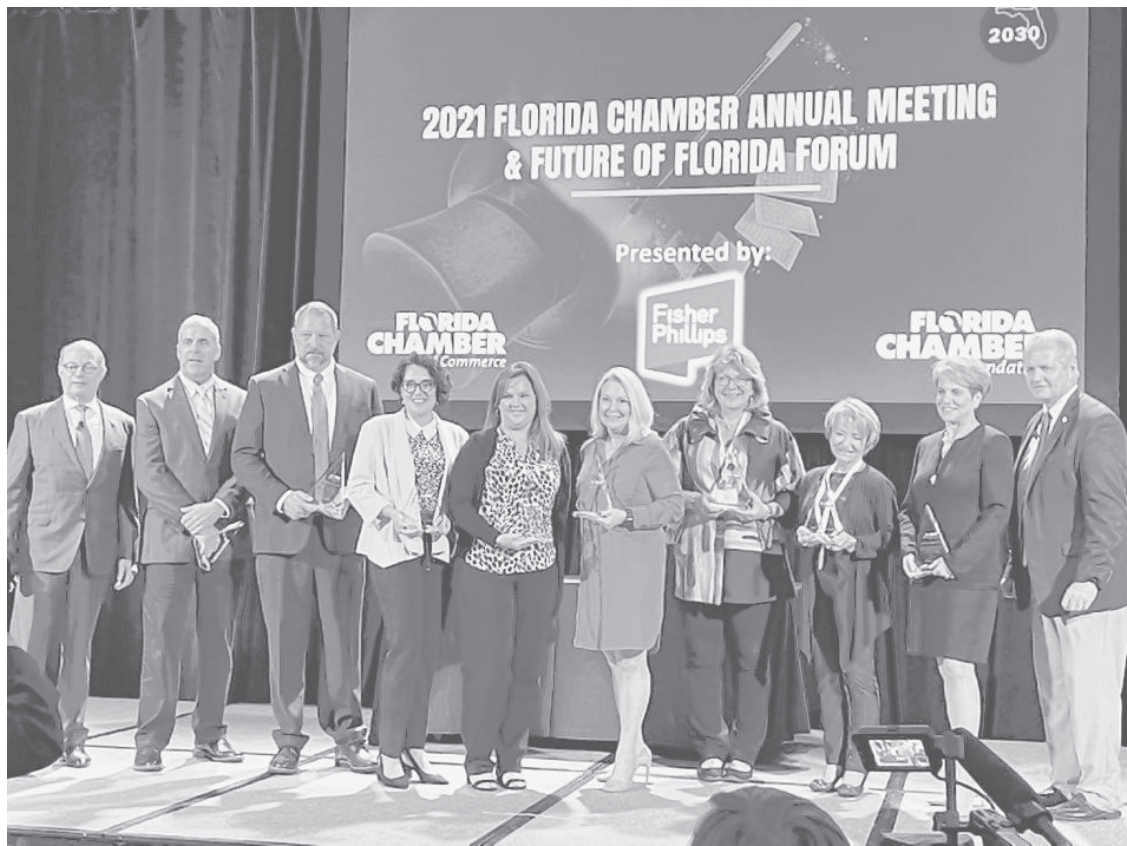
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Chamber Initiative Recognized at State Level

The Chamber was honored last week at the Florida Chamber conference with the 2021 Chair's Award, presented to President/CEO Josh Wooten; Vice President of Operations & BRE Ardath Prendergast; and prosperity initiative leader, County Commissioner Holly Davis, for the continuous work of Prosperity Citrus to uplift our entire community to sustained success and access to a prosperous future.

We would also like to recognize the additional members of the Prosperity Citrus steering committee: Gene McGee, Shaunda Burdette, Tiarra Alexander, Meghan Pitzer, and Jade White.

This initiative began with the Florida Chamber's focus on third grade reading scores and the impact those numbers have on the overall health and economy of a community. We identified and gathered together many of our local service organizations and agencies under what the Florida Chamber has been identified as the ten different pillars to success at a



kickoff event held in August. From here, the steering

committee is doing a deep dive to reach out to families in need,

and to target and gather committed businesses and

individuals to become long-term champions of the families, using the resources of our community organizations.

Thank you to the organizations and agencies that are working to make the goals of Prosperity Citrus a success: CareerSource CLM, Citrus County Education Foundation, Habitat for Humanity Citrus County, Mid-Florida Homeless Coalition, Citrus County Transportation, Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board/ Florida Association for Community Action, Citrus County YMCA, Citrus County Health Dept, Community Food Bank, Early Learning Coalition, Citrus County Fire Rescue, Citrus County Sheriff's Office, Citrus Abuse Shelter (CASA), Citrus County Clerk of Courts, Boys and Girls Clubs of Citrus County, PACE Center for Girls - Citrus, Anti-Drug Coalition of Citrus, United Way of Citrus County, Citrus County Blessings, Citrus County Libraries, Citrus County Schools, College of Central Florida, Withlacoochee Technical College.

Today's Workforce Dynamics Keep the Holiday Cheer HERE!

November Luncheon sign-up due Nov. 9

We are excited to welcome Cory Weaver, Director of Operations at CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion, to discuss the changing dynamics of our workforce and how that workforce is changing on almost a daily basis.

The luncheon will be held on November 12th from 11:30 - 1:00 at Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club.

Thank you to our November luncheon sponsor Withlacoochee Technical College.

\$20 for Chamber members; \$25 for non-members.

Reservations required no later than November 9th. Online at <https://tinyurl.com/2021NovemberLuncheon>.

The November Chamber Luncheon is sponsored by Withlacoochee Technical College.

Cory Weaver has been in workforce development for 15 years, working in a variety of roles including grant writing and management, performance management and Labor Market data analysis. She holds a Bachelor's in Management Information Systems from the University of South Florida and completed Applied Analyst training through the Council for Community and Economic Research in 2016.



Cory Weaver

She assisted in the application development for statewide databases used by the workforce system and served on the technical review committee for the Florida Workforce Performance Funding Model.

She is currently Director of Operations with CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion and works closely with education and economic development partners to help meet the needs of businesses and citizens in the tri-county area.

Holiday season is in FULL SWING and shopping Citrus First for your gifts, holiday prep, décor, and more will help spread the joy to your neighbors and community! For every \$100 spent at local Citrus County businesses, \$68 continues to circulate within our local economy. Investing your dollars locally doesn't ONLY support our local business owners, it helps employ our citizens, support our local charities, local sports leagues, youth programs, and non-profits. Our local businesses are



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'Chamber Report' on WYKE

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This week, host Jade White, Chamber Public Relations & Communication Coordinator, talks with Meghan Pitzer, CEO of United Way of Citrus County, about their upcoming fundraising event and an update on the United Way's programs. Also joining Jade is Crystal River Health and Rehab representatives, Rhonda Spidle RN, Staff Development and Leslie Morgan LPN, PCA class teacher to discuss their new employment program offering high school students paid, on the job training and experience.

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



Meghan Pitzer

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LEGALS

1677-1107 SUCRN PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Name

Notice under Fictitious Name Law, pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of: **BELCASTRO'S REPAIR** located at 6111 N. Carl G. Rose Highway, Hernando, FL 34442 in the County of Citrus, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, FL. Dated at Hernando, FL, this 4th day of November, 2021. /s/ Marcia & Brian Belcastro Owners **Published November 7, 2021**

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MEETINGS

1669-1107 SUCRN

11/17/21 Regular Meeting CC Tourist Development Council
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **CITRUS COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL** will hold a Regular meeting on **Wednesday, November 17th 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.

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, FL 34461- (352) 527-5207, at least one day before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, use the TDD telephone (352) 341-6580.

SCOTT E. CARNAHAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the Governing Body with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose may need to provide that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based (Section 286.0101, Florida Statute).

Published November 7, 2021

LEGALS

1674-1128 SUCRN Laura A. Radford
2021-DR-1431 Dissolution of Marriage

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA**
Case No.: 2021DR1431
Division: DOMESTIC RELATIONS

LAURA A. RADFORD,
Petitioner
and
KELLY G. RADFORD, JR.
Respondent.

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR
PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE AND OTHER
RELIEF**

TO: KELLY G. RADFORD
5068 W. RANGER STREET,
BEVERLY HILLS, FL 34465

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on LAURA A. RADFORD, C/O MORING & MORING, P.A., whose address is 7655 W. GULF TO LAKE HWY. STE. 12, CRYSTAL RIVER FL 34429 on or before December 7, 2021 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 110 NORTH APOPKA AVENUE, INVERNESS, FL 34450 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.**

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: 10/27/2021
ANGELA VICK, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
{{County Court Seal}}
By: /s/ P. Hendrickson
Deputy Clerk

Published November 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2021

MISCELLANEOUS

1675-1107 SUCRN
PUBLIC NOTICE

Invitation to Bid
ITB 22-027
Re-Bid Transportation and
Disposal of Waste Tires at Central Landfill

Solicitation Overview

Citrus County, Florida ("County") invites interested parties to submit a Bid to provide transportation and disposal services for the recycling of waste tires that are deposited at the Citrus County Central Landfill. The Contractor shall provide open-top trailers for loading and transport for disposal of whole tires, with or without rims, at a recycling facility that meets Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) rules. The County will pay the Contractor on a per-ton basis. Payments will be based upon the weight generated from the Landfill's State-certified scale and recording system.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Bidders are encouraged to carefully review all the materials contained herein and prepare your Bid accordingly.

Submission of Bids

Citrus County BOCC will accept only electronic submission of this Bid per the directions outlined as listed in the Solicitation. Current bid solicitations and associated addenda, notices of recommended bid award, and current bid awards will be posted at www.myvendorlink.com. There is no charge for registration.

Responses are to be submitted on or before December 1, 2021 at 2:00 PM (EST). The County will now receive bid submittals through the online solicitation management portal, www.myvendorlink.com.

Public Opening Sealed Responses shall be opened and read aloud publicly on December 1, 2021 at 2:15 PM. Electronic Bids shall be opened via "Mitel Connect: phone conference call. See Solicitation document for detail information on www.myvendorlink.com.

****All public Meetings are subject to change or can be cancelled due to the current events.**

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the County Administrator's Office, (352) 527-5210, at least two days before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, dial 7-1-1, 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service.

Si necesita un traductor de español por favor haga arreglos con el Condado dentro de dos días de la notificación de la publicación 352-527-5370

English Translation: (If you need a Spanish Translator please make arrangements with the County by telephone within two days of the publication notice at 352-527-5370)

To obtain a copy of the Solicitation Document for this announcement, please visit the Citrus County Website at www.citrusbooc.com and select "Departments-drop down," "Management & Budget," "Purchasing & Bids," and under Solicitations/Vendors select <https://www.myvendorlink.com/common/register.aspx>: to register or Demandstar. Copies can also be obtained by calling the Department of Management & Budget/Purchasing at (352) 527-5457.

CITRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT CARNAHAN, CHAIRMAN

Published November 7, 2021

MEETINGS

1671-1107 SUCRN

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Citrus County Code Compliance will conduct its monthly Special Master Hearing on **Wednesday, November 17, 2021, @ 9:00 AM** at the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 West Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461, to conduct its regular meeting and any other business to come before the Code Compliance Special Master, at which time and place any and all persons interested are invited to attend. If you have questions, contact Code Compliance at (352) 527-5350.

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the County Administrator's Office, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, FL 34461, (352) 527-5210, at least two days before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, dial 7-1-1, 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service.

Si necesita un traductor de español por favor haga arreglos con el Condado dentro de dos días de la notificación de la publicación 352-527-5370.

English Translation: (If you need a Spanish translator please make arrangements with the County by telephone within two days of the publication notice at 352-527-5370).

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Code Compliance Special Master with respect to any matter considered at this public hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which record shall include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

CHRISTIAN W. WAUGH,
SPECIAL MASTER CITRUS COUNTY CODE COMPLIANCE

Published November 7, 2021

LEGALS

1673-1128 SUCRN 2021-DR-756
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2021 -DR-756

IN THE INTEREST OF:

A.E.Y.,
A Minor Child;
NATHANIEL EDWIN DAVIS, SR.,
Petitioner/Father,
and
BRIANA KATHERINE YATTAW,
Respondent/Mother.

AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: BRIANA KATHERINE YATTAW
Last known address:
4048 Boulder Drive
New Port Richey, FL 34653

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action seeking the Establishment of Parenting Plan and Other Relief from NATHANIEL EDWIN DAVIS, SR, has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on STEVEN D. FICHTMAN, ESQ. the Father's attorney, whose address is Law Office of Steven D. Fichtman, PLLC., P.O. Box 4290, Homosassa Springs FL, 34447, by December 7, 2021 and file the original with the Clerk of the Court at 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness, FL 34450, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.**

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court on the 05 day of October, 2021.

ANGELA VICK, CLERK OF COURT
{{County Court Seal}}

By: /s/ Samantha Leap
Deputy Clerk

Published November 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2021

MISCELLANEOUS

1672-1107 SUCRN
PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID
ITB 22-026
REBID TREE, BRUSH, CONSTRUCTION, AND DEMOLITION
DEBRIS DISPOSAL FACILITY

Citrus County, Florida ("County") invites interested parties to submit a Bid to provide disposal services and facility(s) for tree, brush, construction, and demolition debris for the County.

The County may select more than one Successful Bidder. Utilization of any disposal facility will be predicated on 1) the distance that the disposal facility is from County's project site and 2) the cost of disposal. County cannot guarantee that any of the disposal facilities that it enters into a contract with will be utilized.

SEALED Bids are to be submitted **on or before November 30, 2021, at 2:00 pm**. It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to ensure that their Bid response is submitted through VendorLink no later than the time and date specified in the Solicitation or subsequent addenda.

Visit <https://www.myvendorlink.com/common/register.aspx> to register with Vendor Link. VendorLink is an online Bidder registration system that provides a free at no cost to Bidders, a secure, user-friendly Internet portal and one-stop service center to register with County. This system also allows you to receive automatic email notifications regarding County's upcoming competitive solicitations as opportunities become available.

Electronic Bids shall be opened and read aloud publicly on **November 30, 2021, at 2:15 PM. via Microsoft Teams, information is listed in the Solicitation Document found on VendorLink.**

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the County Administrator's Office, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, FL 34461, (352) 527-5210, at least two days before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, dial 7-1-1, 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service.

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SCOTT CARNAHAN, Chairman

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Joe Adams
Chairman of the Board

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MEETINGS

1676-1107 SUCRN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
CITRUS COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL
COORDINATING BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Citrus County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (LCB) will hold a Public Meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2021, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Citrus Transit Center, 1300 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, FL.

- Social Distancing Required – Persons must maintain 6 feet from each other during their stay in the building
- Face Coverings are required

Items scheduled for the meeting include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) Quarterly Report
- Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD) letter
- Annual Operating Report (AOR) for Fiscal Year 20/21
- Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP) bus schedule update
- Proposed 2022 Meeting Calendar

All meetings are open to the public. Any questions concerning this public meeting should be directed to Ms. Cayce Dagenhart, Transportation Planner II, Hernando/Citrus MPO, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, FL 34601, telephone (352) 754-4082, extension 28013, or email mpo@hernandocounty.us. The meeting agenda will be available approximately one week prior to the meeting at: www.hernandocitrusmpo.us.

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Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization
/s/ Carlene Riecss
Transportation Planner

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MEETINGS

1670-1107 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, **November 18, 2021**, beginning at 1:30 p.m., at the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 West Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto, FL

- Items scheduled on the agenda include, but are not limited to:
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) FY 2023-2027 Tentative Work Program Presentation
 - Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) FY 2023-2027 Tentative Work Program Presentation
 - FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment
 - Proposed 2022 MPO Meeting Schedule
 - Affirmation – New MPO Executive Director
 - September 23, 2021, MPO meeting update and Issue list
 - Request for Letter of Interest from MPO to Citrus County Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC)
 - Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Reappointment
 - Vision Zero Hero Award – Steve Diez

Approximately one week prior to the meeting the meeting agenda may be viewed online at: www.hernandocounty.us and/or www.hernandocounty.us/hernandocitrusmpo.

The public is encouraged to attend. Any questions concerning this public meeting should be directed to Carlene Riecss, Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, FL, 34601, telephone (352) 754-4082, extension 28010, 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, Section 286.0105 F.S.

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Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization
/s/ Carlene Riecss
MPO Transportation Planner

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Section E - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021

HOMEFRONT

Citrus County Chronicle Real Estate Guide



These native counties, *Zamia integrifolia*, in the foreground, are small cone-bearing gymnosperm plants that will eventually have a cluster of 3 to 4 feet long pinnate leaves and no trunk. Planted exactly 5 feet apart, they should not touch each other. Under overhead utility lines and 5 feet behind the counties is a row of evergreen Simpson's Stoppers that grow to be large dense shrubs to small trees about 6 feet wide and 10 to 12 feet high at maturity in about 10 years. They will touch each other within 5 years. Another 5 feet behind the Simpson's Stoppers, also planted 5 feet apart, is a row of endemic Ocala Yellow Anise, *Illicium parviflorum*, that will mature 7 to 9 feet wide and 10 to 14 feet high. When Jane's privacy screen grows, the thicket will block views, road dust and exhaust fumes, and provide cover, food, seeds and nest sites for birds and wildlife.

JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

Inside this week:

Jane's Garden

Building a buffer zone and trail system./Page E6

Building inspections not always a given

TIM CARTER
Tribune Content Agency

Ask the **BUILDER**

A few years back, I used to do a two-hour radio call-in show in Cincinnati about home improvement. It was loads of fun to be on the spot on live radio, answering listeners' questions. I miss those mornings but now do the same thing via email at AsktheBuilder.com.

My friends Frank and Kim regularly invite me on their radio show on WLIP in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and we cover lots of topics, some of which have nothing to do with home improvement. It's so much fun to be back on live radio!

Recently, it came up in a discussion that some places across the United States have no building inspections for new homes. Frank thought this was unbelievable.

For years I've done expert witness work in residential legal cases. I clearly remember a case in northern Ohio in which a prominent orthopedic surgeon and his wife built a stunning house on a lake. It turns out there were no inspections required, and, as you might suspect, problems started cropping up.

I moved to New Hampshire from Cincinnati in 2008. Not too long after this, I discovered at least one small town in New Hampshire that also has no building inspections. Just a few days ago a woman hired for a plumbing riser isometric drawing for her new home. I've been a master plumber since 1981, and I draw many of these plans. It turns out where she's building in the state of Mississippi, there

are no inspections of any type, including a plumbing inspection.

What does this mean to you? Let's briefly discuss the building code. This written document is generated with the input of many experts. That said, most inspectors I've talked with in my 45-plus years in the industry will readily admit the building code is a set of minimum standards. This means that if your home passes a building inspection, using the code it might be similar to achieving a 70-percent grade on a test. Every aspect of building your home can always be done better than what the code mandates.

You should never assume your home will be inspected, especially if you're building in a rural setting. It's in your best interest to call your local government office where building permits are issued and discover what inspections happen as your home is built.

Some new houses get quite a few separate inspections. It's not unusual in larger towns and cities to have inspectors look at the soil before footings are poured, the framing after all the utilities are installed, and the insulation, rough plumbing, rough electric and final inspections for all these things before a certificate of occupancy is granted.

However, even with all these inspections, don't think they're all done with a magnifying glass. Inspectors may only be able to spend a few minutes at

your house, as they have lots of jobs to look at on that given day. I clearly remember one of my plumbing inspectors that never got out his car to inspect my work. He had seen my work, knew it was first class and trusted me. He'd chat with me, fill out the sticker and hand it to me. I've had just the opposite with certain electrical inspectors. Some were so thorough that they discovered a wall outlet hidden by an open door that had no cover plate!

What should you do if you want to ensure your new home is built as best

See **BUILDER**/Page E11

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Located in the highly desirable Brentwood community that is gated over night, here is an almost new home completed in 2016! For the past four years, the same owners have been snowbirds, but this is the first time they will have been here all year. So, the house has hardly been lived in! They have impeccably cared for this 2 bed, 2 bath home with a den. Truly a must-see!!

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'Impatient' plants can be weeds or cultivated

LEE REICH
Associated Press

At a recent dinner party, my host launched into a monologue about a plant he had discovered in his garden and was delighted with.

It had, he said, green leaves (what a clue!) and large, yellow flowers. What he found most remarkable was that it appeared all by itself in his somewhat wild, somewhat shady garden. What's more, each time he just touched a seed capsule in an effort to collect seeds, the capsule would explode, scattering seeds all over.

The sun was nearly down and dinner was yet to begin. My host asked me, "Would you like to run out and take a look at the plant, perhaps identify it?"

Of course I would, and we did.

Identification of the plant was easy: jewelweed (a species in the *Impatiens* genus), also known as touch-me-not,



LEE REICH/Associated Press

Pale touch-me-not flowers in New Paltz, N.Y. Related to our cultivated impatiens, pale touch-me-not is considered by some people to be a weed, by others to be a wildflower.

for obvious reasons.

My host raised an eyebrow when I said "jewelweed," then shook his head, asserting that he knew jewelweed. He pointed to a sea of orange flowers still glowing in the fading light at the lower end of his property.

Yes, that was jewelweed down there, and yet it was different from the plants we were standing next to, also jewelweed. The orange-flowered jewelweed, which my host looked

upon scornfully, is botanically *Impatiens capensis*, also known as spotted touch-me-not. The jewelweed with the pale yellow flowers is *Impatiens pallida*, sometimes called pale touch-me-not.

These two plants — no, the whole *Impatiens* genus — highlight how very arbitrary we can be in our judgement of plants. The outstanding quality of this genus is the plants' ability to deck themselves out in bright, colorful flowers

even when growing in shade.

Their "impatient" method of seed dispersal might be seen as a good quality if you want an annual plant that spreads and returns every year. Of course, a plant that is too good at this may become a weed — like the spotted touch-me-not in my host's garden.

Jewelweed is stigmatized from the outset by the "weed" in its name, yet both species mentioned are pretty enough to have occasionally been offered by dealers in native plants.

Another jewelweed, Himalayan jewelweed (*Impatiens glanduliferae*), has flowers that range in color from pink to red. I have seen this plant described as a "coarse garden annual" that tends to naturalize in this country. Hmmm. A garden flower or a weed?

And then there are the more high-bred, hybrid *Impatiens* species. The upright stems of garden balsam (*Impatiens*

Balsamina), a plant more popular decades ago than today, are studded with double flowers resembling miniature roses. This annual plant is still well worth growing; it's easy to grow from seed (and self-seeds in moderation), tolerates sun or part shade, and, especially in some of the cultivated forms, bears attractive flowers all summer long.

The most famous member of the genus, of course, is simply called

"impatiens" — never jewelweed. It brightens shady gardens from the Atlantic to the Pacific with dazzling flowers that are either white or some shade of red.

Some years ago, a yellow-flowered variety of "impatiens," dubbed African Queen, was introduced with fanfare. And if you looked beyond the ballyhoo, you might have noticed that African Queen was very reminiscent of the spotted and pale jewelweeds.



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Pet-friendly houseplants

BH&G GARDEN EDITORS

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Living SPACE

While houseplants have the ability to bring life to a room and purify the air while doing it, a drawback is that many houseplants are toxic to animals. Here are 10 plants that add beauty to your home without worry.

First, keep in mind that while many plants are technically safe for cats and dogs, it's best to eliminate temptation and place all houseplants out of reach. This will prevent possible tummy aches and digestive problems in your pets. If a pet ever does ingest a plant, make sure to watch them closely for any signs of a negative reaction. Just because a plant is nontoxic for cats and dogs doesn't mean ingesting it will make them feel good!



EyeEm

One way to watch over your furry friends is to choose pet-friendly houseplants for your home.

1. African violet. Want pet-safe houseplants with blooms? Look no further than African violet. This versatile, hardworking houseplant is right at home with your pets. It comes in a range of purple hues, and it's low maintenance and thrives without bright light.

2. Aluminum plant. The

variegated gray-and-green leaves of this plant makes it an attractive option for the home. It's one of many great easy-care houseplants safe for pets.

3. Christmas cacti. Unlike their dangerous holiday counterpart amaryllis, Christmas cacti are not poisonous for pets like cats and dogs. The cactus may

cause intestinal discomfort if ingested, but overall it's a safer choice than many other festive plants.

4. Friendship plant. This plant is named for the ease with which it can be divided and shared—so if you happen to receive such a gift, rest

See LIVING/Page E8

Spoons are Russian style, not necessarily Russian-made

Dear John: We received the silver attached photos from a gentleman who brought them for us from Russia as a wedding gift 49 years ago. Can you tell us anything about them as to their history and value? Thank you very much. — Z.L., Beverly Hills



John Sikorski
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inside. This indicates they are made of a very low-grade silver. They are Russian in style but have no marks as one would expect if they were made in Russia. Further, the Russians did not use the number 80 in their silver hallmarking system. Potential dollar value is below \$100 for the six.

Dear John: I have an antique

Dear Z.L.: The table-spoons were likely made in the mid to late 19th century. In your photographs I discovered an impressed small square with the number 80

display table that seems quite unique. I cannot take a photo since it is in storage, but perhaps you will recognize it from my description. All the wood trim is black as

well as the legs. The deep sides are glass, consisting of eight beveled glass panels; four are doors. The top has a tray with two handles that lifts off. The table stands about 30 inches high.

Was this piece made for a specific purpose or for general display of art objects? When would this type of piece been made? Any information you could supply would be greatly appreciated, especially what the value might be. — R.B., internet

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These silver spoons were likely made in the mid to late 19th century. They are likely made of a lower grade of silver.

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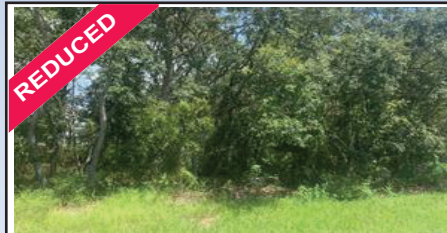


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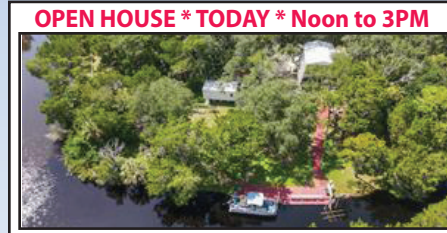
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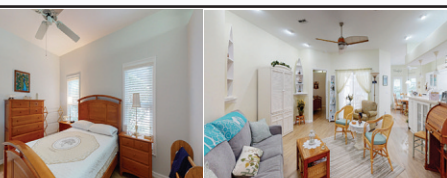
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A buffer zone and trail system

Wandering the wide sandy trails that encircle my adjacent lots in the rolling sandhills is a regular exercise and nature walk. Some wildflower species are always in bloom. Visitors often visit to explore the trails, observe the wildflowers, birds and butterflies and take photographs. As lightning strikes occur every summer, wildfire is a possibility. The 6 to 8 feet wide, bare sand trails are fire-breaks.



Jane Weber
JANE'S GARDEN

In 2019 I bought the lots next to my home to save the existing natural habitat, trees, wildlife and wildflowers from clearing, development and expanses of monoculture turfgrass lawns. The perimeter property lines total 1,896 feet, with 647 feet of road frontage. Six driveways, each over 20 feet wide, allow access and parking. One is concrete, one mowed grasses and groundcovers and four are mulched deeply with decaying wood chips. Cavity nest boxes on steel poles mark the territory at each lot corner and entry.

The sand trails meander 20 to 50 feet inside the lot lines. Between the existing trees, the outer border has been planted as a privacy screen, buffer zone and wildlife habitat. Within 5 to 10 years, the dusty road, air pollution, traffic and neighboring homes will be totally hidden from view from the trails. Passers-by will see a wall of evergreen native shrubs and wildflowers backed by dense native red cedar and oak trees. This privacy screen provides wildlife with cover from predators, nest sites, pollen, nectar, fruit and seed.



Colored concrete pavers make the treads of rustic steps while old pieces of pressure-treated lumber act as risers. At the top a path of crushed red bricks leads through dense evergreen native trees, shrubs and wildflowers. Passersby cannot see through to the home and front greenspace firebreak that surrounds it.

JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

Over 2 years I planted thousands of native plants including coontie, Sabal palms, Serenoa saw palmettos, Simpson's Stopper, Ocala Yellow Anise, Red Cedar, Yaupon Holly, East Palatka Holly, Beautyberry, Saltbush, Wax Myrtle, yucca, Garberia, goldenrod and assorted self-seeding wildflowers. Fortunately, I grow plants in my backyard nursery, so did not have to buy any species native to the sandhills. There are thousands of potted plants left

to share with native plant enthusiasts at reasonable grower pricing.

To create the trail system, first I walked the possible route and removed perennial wildflowers and shrubs that could be potted successfully. Relocated plant species included latis, garberia, paintbrush, asters, perennial grasses, baby Longleaf Pine seedlings and Laurel Oak saplings. Looking up, I noted declining trees and crowded saplings and tagged

them for removal with my battery-operated 40-volt chainsaw.

Next my 48-inch-wide riding garden mower mowed, mulched and blew off the trails between the trees on the path of least resistance. A few good trees needed to be sacrificed, so I chose to remove occasional Turkey Oaks, American Persimmons, and Sand Live Oaks. Then my compact tractor rototilled and graded the trails. Some hand raking side-to-side finished the job.

Occasionally, the trails are blown clear of leaf litter as well as pioneer grass and wildflower seeds that land on them. As a senior, I use a battery-operated blower these days, but reserve the powerful 12-year-old Echo gas blower for faster maintenance. Piles of leaf litter and debris are gathered two or three times a year and carted to the roadside where it is mulched with a mower to amend the sandy and limestone-contaminated soil so grasses and wildflowers will grow.

Volunteers are welcome to help rake up the top layer of fresh pine needles and take it home as top mulch for their garden beds. Their efforts reduce the depth of the leaf litter and so reduce the fire hazard and intensity of a possible wildfire. Without human fire suppression, the pre-development sandhills habitats would have burned every 3 to 5 years. Reducing the leaf litter and mulching unwanted debris on the roadsides and greenspace surrounding my home should reduce the intensity of any wildfire. The wide firebreak trails should limit groundfire spread.

Every home could use more native plants that grow well in Florida's sandy, well-drained soils and humid subtropical climate. Adding a buffer planting, privacy screen and wildlife zone around any lot will increase property values, restore biodiversity and reduce residential carbon footprints. Green plants absorb carbon dioxide and produce oxygen for humans and wildlife to breathe. Native trees sequester carbon in their trunks, leaves and roots. Readers are invited to my garden to see mature plant species and learn how best to plant them in the right locations.

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ABOVE: This section of the 2,000-foot long firebreak trail system climbs up a gentle slope across the back of a lot through existing evergreen native Sand Live Oaks and deciduous Turkey Oaks. The property line is just 20 feet to the left or south of the trail. These species of canopy trees provide shade, cover and nest sites for birds and squirrels, racoons and opossums. Their leaves are host plants for several species of butterfly caterpillars. Note the row of young Red Cedars, on the left, recently planted 10 feet apart that will grow into tall dense trees to block the view of the adjacent building lot and future homes.

RIGHT: From the mowed greenspace of assorted wildflowers, grasses and groundcovers, this path winds through dense evergreen native shrubs and trees to steps leading down into the roadside ditch. Passersby cannot see through the thick vegetation. The greenery catches dust and exhaust fumes, cleans the air and softens traffic noise. Native plants are adapted to Florida's humid subtropical climate, torrid summers and seasonal rainfall patterns.



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assured it's safe for your cats and dogs. But beware, pets may be especially drawn to the fuzzy, crinkly leaves.

5. Certain kinds of herbs. Indoor herb gardens are an easy, fun way to add

fresh flavor to your cooking. But not all herbs are created equal when it comes to pet safety. Standards like lavender and oregano are off-limits, but pets are fine around basil, sage and thyme.

6. Peperomia. This quirky plant has blooms that resemble tubes of lip-stick, and is safe for cats and dogs alike. A native of

the tropics, it thrives in bright light and loves being outside in the warmer months.

7. Parlor palm. This is the perfect solution for pet owners looking to add a small tree indoors. Safe for cats and dogs, it's also great for green-thumb beginners.

8. Polka dot plant. This plant is perfect for adding

a fun splash of pattern to miniature gardens, terrariums, mixed containers and more. Available in colors such as white and pink, it's as versatile as it is whimsical.

9. Prayer plant. Topping out at 6 to 8 inches, this plant is ideal for small spaces such as bookshelves and end tables. Its red, cream and green

leaves curl up at night, giving it its name. What's more, it's one of the easiest houseplants you can grow.

10. Some succulents. Many of the most popular succulents — including hens and chicks, echeveria and rosettes — aren't problematic. However, with so many varieties on the market, it's best to

research each individual plant. Jade, for example, while similar to other succulents, is actually dangerous.

Better Homes and Gardens is a magazine and website devoted to ideas and improvement projects for your home and garden, plus recipes and entertaining ideas. Visit them online at www.bhg.com.

ATTIC

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Dear R.B.: Based on your description, the piece of furniture you have is a chocolate cabinet. The black finish is known as an ebonized surface giving the look of ebony, an exotic expensive wood used in furniture during earlier periods.

Chocolate pots were

made as early as the 17th century in silver and silverplate. By the Victorian era, beautifully hand-painted porcelain chocolate pots with cups and saucers on matching trays were all the rage. Chocolate cabinets made in mahogany, walnut and other woods with decorative carved surfaces were created to house complete sets inside, with a lift of top tray to serve from.

Chocolate cabinets, depending on quality and condition, generally sell in the \$150 to \$600 range. Without a photograph it is not possible to give an idea of what your chocolate cabinet might sell for.

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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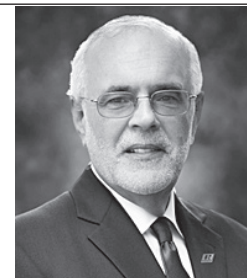
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as it can be? This is a whopper of a question. First, it starts with excellent plans and written specifications. These two things are the north star for your builder. They should be referenced in your contract with the builder. Simply state that your house must be built in accordance with the plans and specifications that become an exhibit to the contract. You and the contractor should sign the cover page of the plans and specifications as well as the contract. Keep your copy of these documents in a very safe place.

You can hire your own inspectors who can look over the shoulder of the builder. This should be referenced in your contract, and there needs to be language that your builder must satisfy this inspector as well as any that your local government

provides. If you don't include this clause in the contract, your builder might say: "I don't care what he says. That's not the way I do things."

It's entirely possible you might hire separate inspectors for different aspects of the job. I wouldn't hesitate to hire a residential structural engineer to look at the footings before they're poured to make sure the soil is good and to make sure the reinforcing steel is correct. I'd have that inspector also look at every aspect of the structure as the house is built.

You might also look into hiring a home inspector who is certified by the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI). If you do this, be sure to ask her/him about how much new construction experience they have. Many of these inspectors have deep experience — and that's the one you want.

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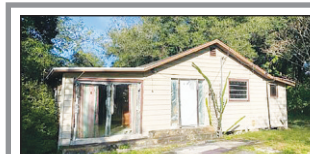
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NATE? YOUR HOMEWORK, PLEASE.

ME?

YES, YOU! WHAT WAS YOUR TOPIC?

"WHAT IF THIS HOMEWORK HAD NEVER BEEN ASSIGNED?"

NOT THE ANSWER I WAS LOOKING FOR.

PRINCIPAL

YOU AGAIN?

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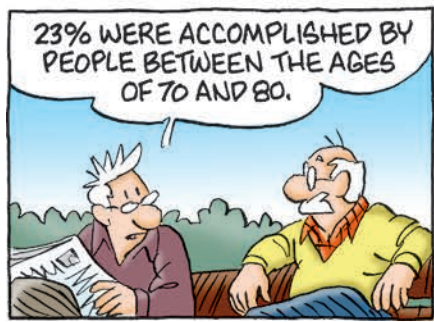
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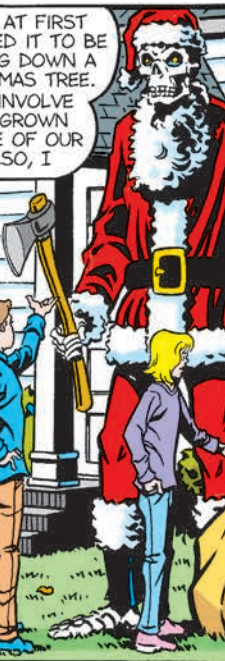


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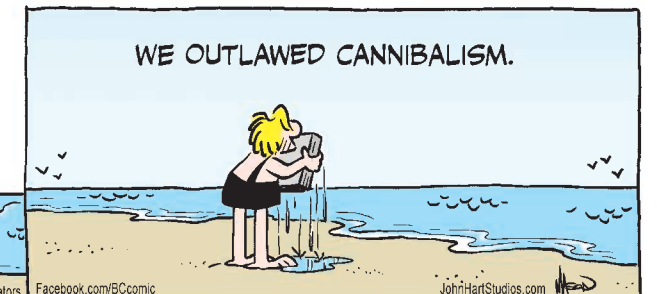
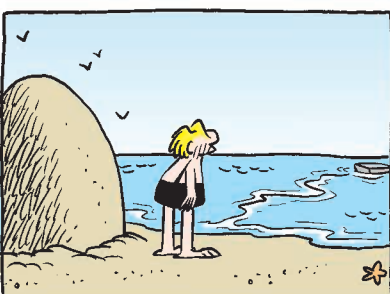
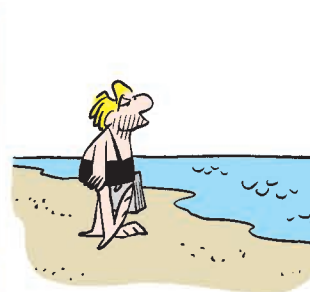
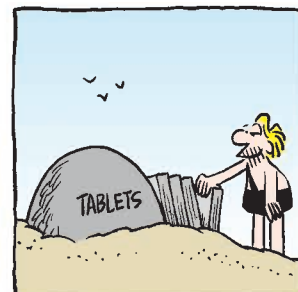


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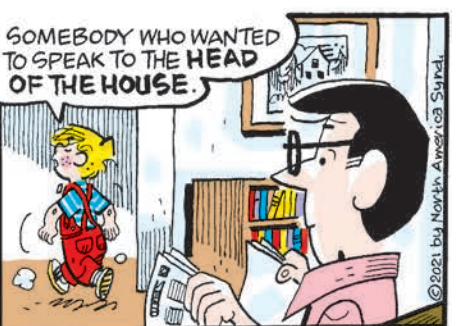
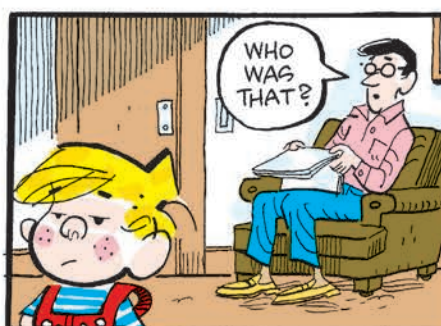
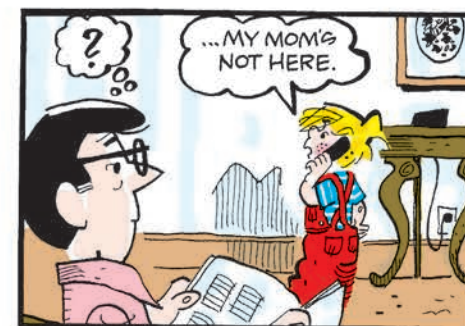
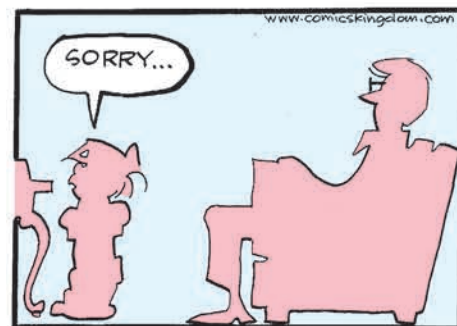
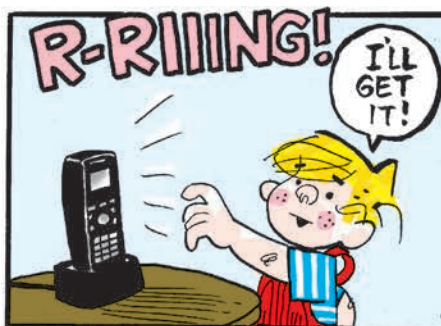
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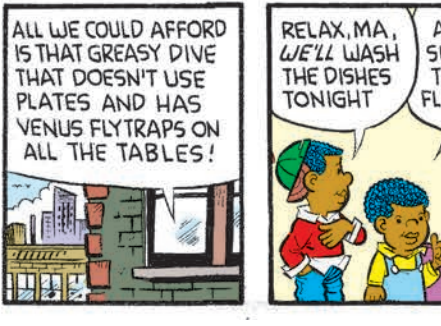


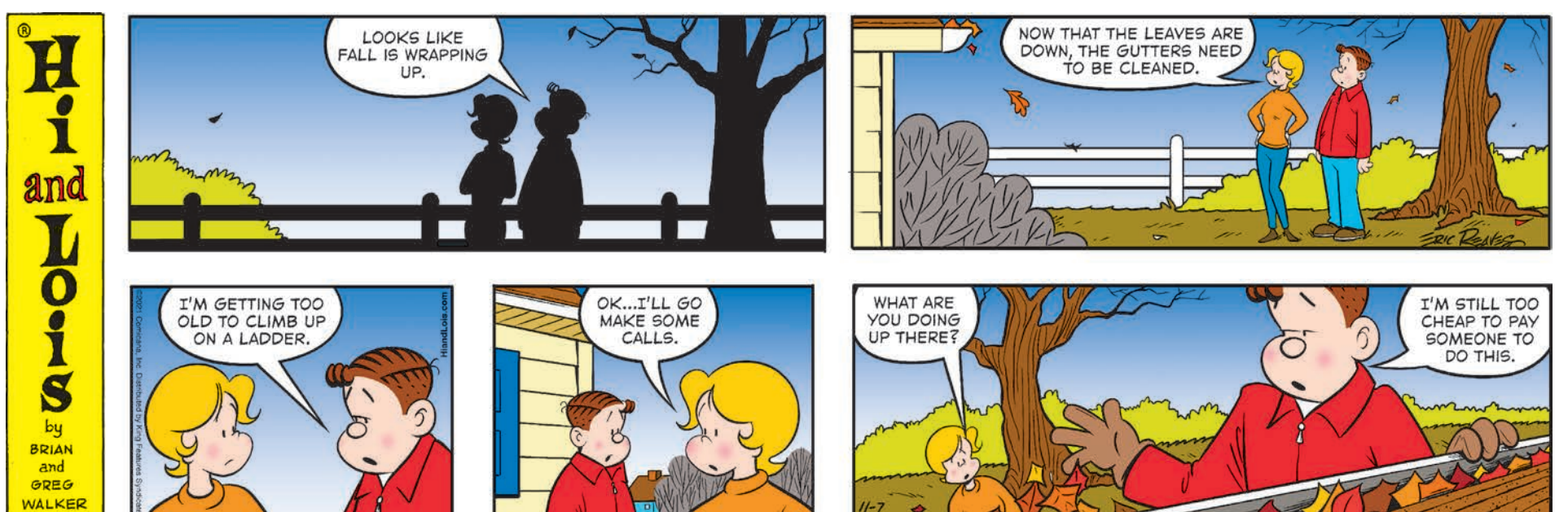
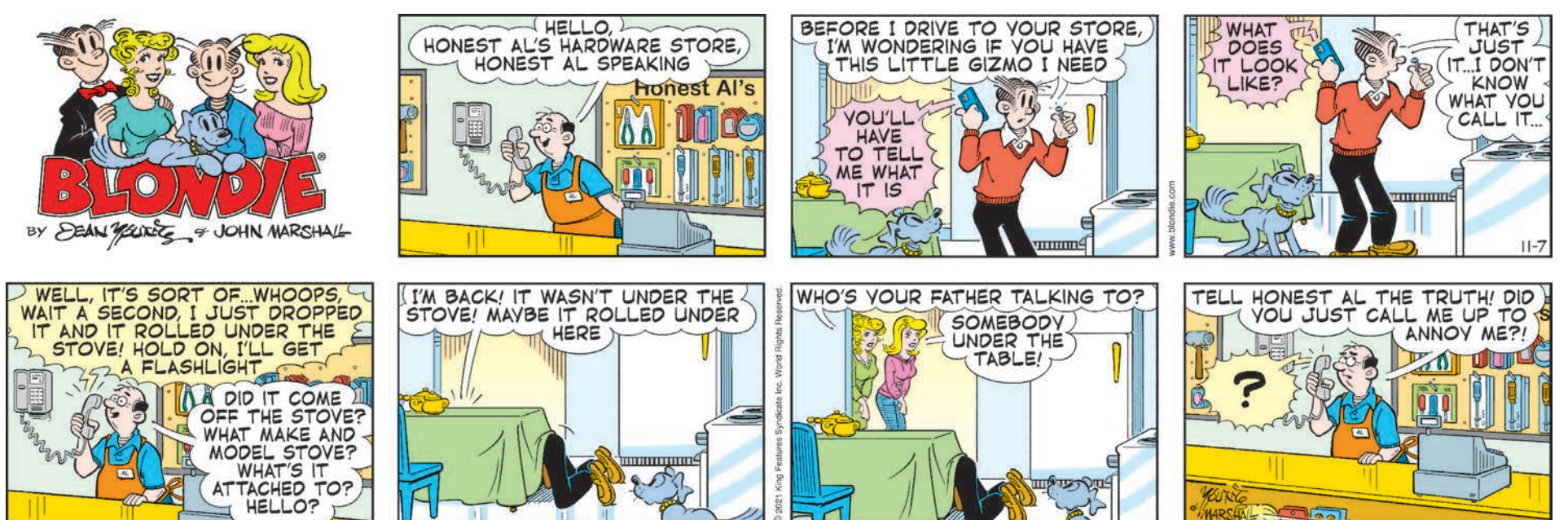
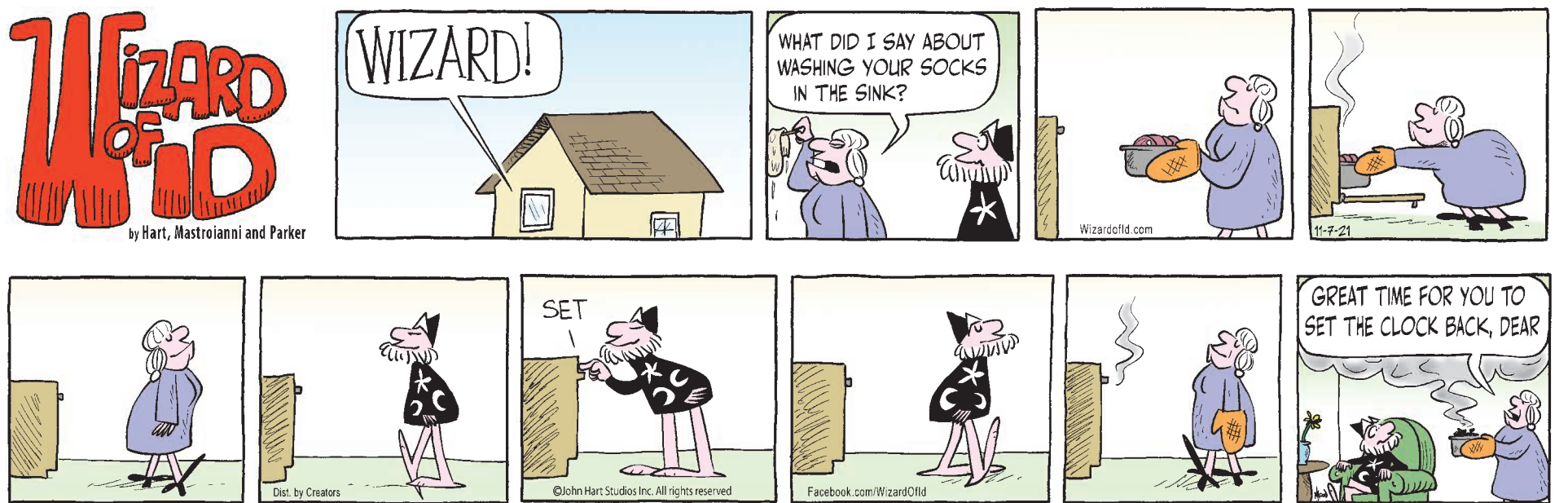
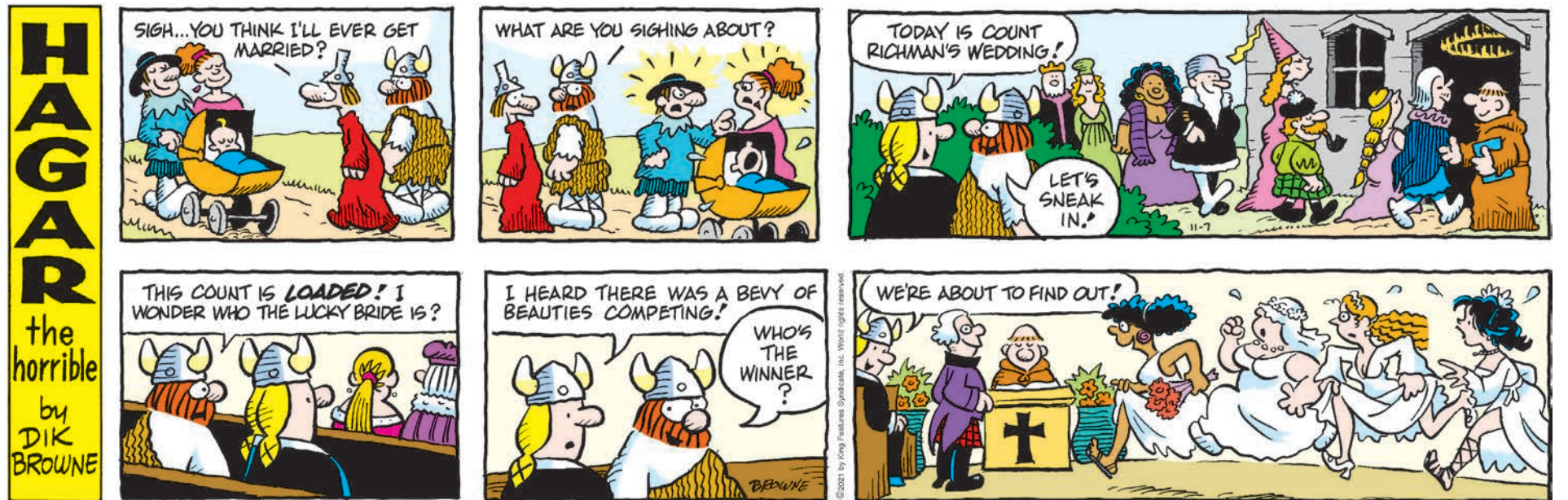
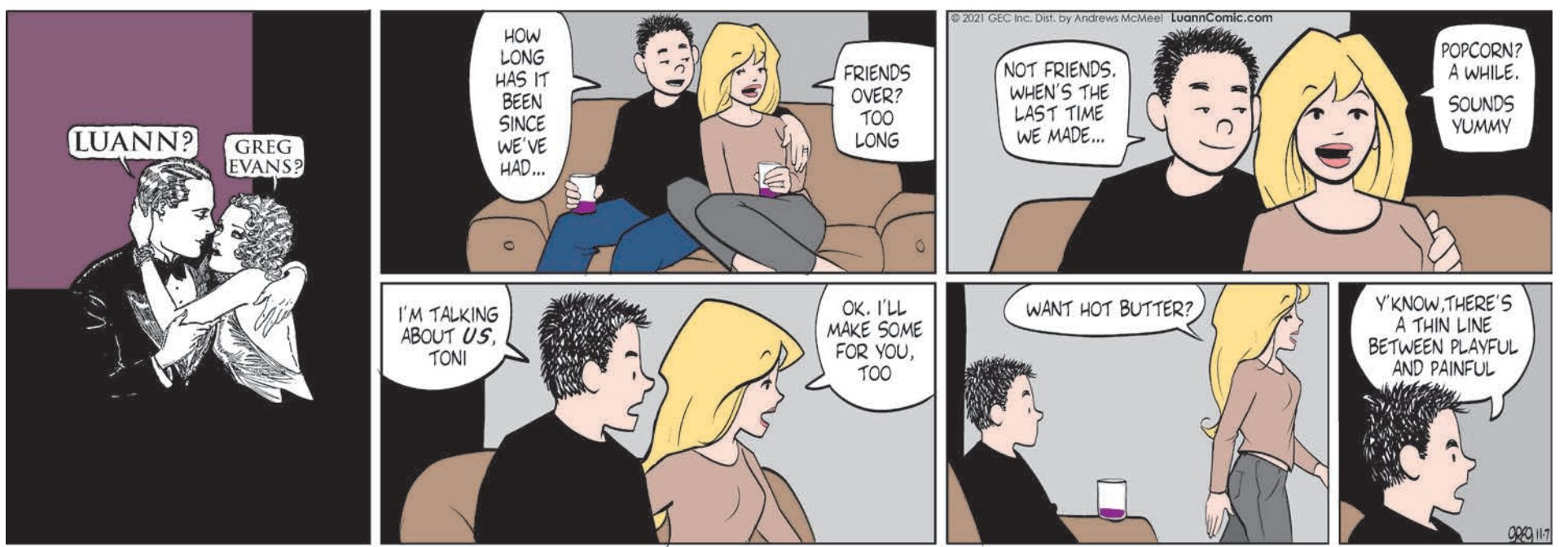
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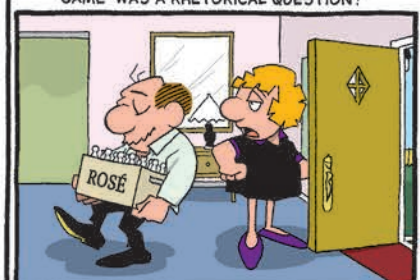


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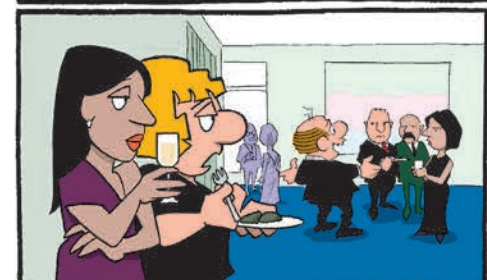
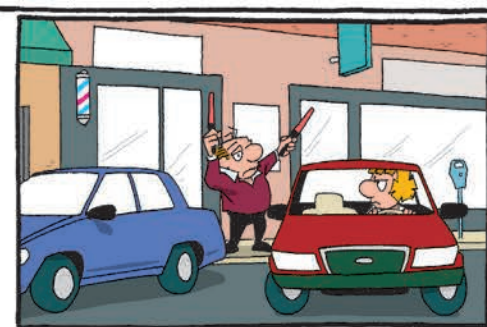
"YOU DO REALIZE THAT 'WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT, PICKING UP MY MOTHER OR WATCHING THE JETS GAME' WAS A RHETORICAL QUESTION?"



"SILLY ME ... I THOUGHT YOU WERE BRINGING ME A DOZEN ROSES."



"THEY SAY SPACE IS EXPANDING, AND THAT INCLUDES LORETTA'S CLOSET SPACE"



"SOME PEOPLE MAKE A LASTING IMPRESSION ... LEROY MAKES A LAST ONE."

Thanksgiving cheer

Your guide to a great holiday weekend

10 ideas for homemade Thanksgiving wreaths



When you welcome friends and relatives into your home this holiday, make sure they're greeted by a beautiful wreath hanging outside. Here are 10 festive options to adorn your front door.

1. A shallow, round woven basket wreath filled with faux fall foliage and small gourds
2. A deep green silk magnolia leaf wreath dotted with silver painted acorns
3. A grapevine wreath embellished with faux bittersweet vines and cranberries
4. A pine cone wreath adorned with metallic leaves, a burlap bow and copper glitter
5. A foam wreath wrapped in strips of orange, yellow and red tulle

6. An olive branch wreath with dried white orchids and sprigs of lavender
7. A grapevine wreath decorated with fake apples, walnuts and cinnamon sticks
8. A gathered burlap wreath with faux sunflowers and sprigs of pine
9. A multi-color flint corn wreath filled in with dried husks and beige tulle
10. A floral wreath in fall colors with a "thankful" or "welcome" sign cut out of wood

Keep in mind that many of these suggestions can easily be adapted to create matching centerpieces for your dining table.

Thanksgiving quiz

Thanksgiving celebrations are steeped in tradition, but how much do you know about the history of this holiday? Test your knowledge with this quick quiz.

1. During which historical event did Thanksgiving become an annual federal holiday?
 - a. World War I
 - b. The Civil War
 - c. The Great Depression
 - d. The American Revolutionary War
2. When was the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade?
 - a. 1904
 - b. 1871
 - c. 1989
 - d. 1924
3. Under which president did the turkey pardon become an annual tradition?
 - a. George H. Bush
 - b. Abraham Lincoln
 - c. Jimmy Carter
 - d. Dwight Eisenhower
4. How long had the Wampanoag been living in the Cape Cod area when the English settlers arrived?
 - a. 100 years
 - b. 1,000 years
 - c. 10,000 years
 - d. 100,000 years
5. Which classic Christmas song was originally meant to be sung on Thanksgiving?
 - a. Silent Night
 - b. Jingle Bells
 - c. Winter Wonderland
 - d. Deck the Halls
6. Why did President Franklin Roosevelt move up Thanksgiving by one week in 1939?
 - a. To coincide with the launch of the final phase of the New Deal
 - b. To allow soldiers to spend time with their families before deployment
 - c. To appease businesses that wanted a longer Christmas shopping season
 - d. To make sure the annual football game wouldn't be held in the snow
7. When was the first Turkey Trot?
 - a. 1831
 - b. 1643
 - c. 1919
 - d. 1896
8. What types of protein were likely eaten at the first Thanksgiving celebration in 1621?
 - a. Venison and seafood
 - b. Turkey and buffalo
 - c. Quail and ham
 - d. Chicken and lamb



Happy Thanksgiving!
5-B, 6-C, 7-D, 8-A
1-B, 2-D, 3-A, 4-C
ANSWERS

Give thanks to the planet with a plant-based meal

For many families, a traditional meal is at the heart of their Thanksgiving celebrations. Some might argue that the holiday would be incomplete without a lavish turkey served alongside stuffing and gravy. So while a growing number of people are transitioning to a plant-based diet for ethical or environmental reasons, it can be particularly challenging to adapt holiday meals to this lifestyle.

And yet, there are many benefits to making plant protein and vegetables the stars of your Thanksgiving dinner. In addition to causing less pollution than meat options, a plant-based holiday meal tends to be healthier, makes use of seasonal ingredients and allows you to explore new flavors. Here are just a few delectable comfort food dishes to consider for this year's spread:

- Hearty chickpea "meatloaf" with a maple glaze and thyme mashed potatoes
- Lentil, mushroom and walnut balls topped with a sweet pear-cranberry sauce
- Sweet potato gnocchi with an apple cider sauce and sauteed rapini
- Butternut squash vegducken, stuffed with eggplant, zucchini and an onion-lentil stuffing
- Tempeh shepherd's pie or pot pie with corn, carrots and peas
- Individual pumpkins stuffed with rice, black beans, corn, cashews and mushrooms



An additional perk is that most of these dishes can be prepared in more flexible portion sizes than the traditional 15-pound turkey or whole ham. This allows you to waste less food and prepare a hearty meal regardless of how many people will be gathered around the table this season.

If you're not ready to forgo the turkey, consider opting for an organic or pasture-raised bird from a local farm. This sustainable choice is better for the environment and supports the regional economy.

5 fun Thanksgiving games

If you're looking for a festive way to spend time with your family over Thanksgiving, here are five fun games that will get everyone moving.

1. TURKEY TAG

Transform clothespins into turkeys using feathers, googly eyes and other craft supplies, then clip them on to the back of each player's shirt. When the game begins, try to unpin other players' turkeys without losing your own. The last person with a pin on their back wins.

2. SWEET POTATO RACE

The first person to roll a sweet potato across the floor and over the finish line wins. The catch is you can only use a spoon to push it. Alternatively, see who can blow a feather across the room the fastest using a turkey baster.

3. THANKSGIVING CHARADES

On individual pieces of paper, write down holiday-themed phrases such as marching in a parade, carving the turkey, setting the table, baking pumpkin pie and playing football. Take turns picking a phrase and silently acting it out while other players try to guess.

4. GRATITUDE PICK-UP STICKS

Use a multi-color set or make your own by painting wooden skewers. Assign a category (person, place, food, thing) to each color. When a player picks up that color stick, they have to say something they're thankful for in that category.

5. TURKEY WADDLE

This is a great game to play outdoors. Each player holds a balloon between their legs,

and the first person to waddle across the finish line with their balloon still in place wins. For larger groups, create teams and make it a relay race.

Additionally, you can search online for Thanksgiving trivia, riddles and jokes to liven up your dinner table discussions.



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