



# THE SUNDAY CHRONICLE

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Inpatients with COVID-19 down by nearly 1,200

The number of inpatients with COVID-19 at Florida hospitals dropped by nearly 1,200 over the past week.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services posted data Friday that showed 4,240 inpatients at 257 Florida hospitals had COVID-19, down from 5,414 inpatients reported Oct. 1. The number of inpatients reported Friday was less than a third of the 13,452 who were hospitalized on Sept. 8.

Hospitals were hit with surges of patients in July and August as the highly contagious delta variant of the coronavirus spread across the state. But the numbers gradually declined in September and in early October. The federal data Friday showed that 1,103 patients with COVID-19 were in intensive-care unit beds, down from 1,425 a week earlier.

### Transit resumes fares for door-to-door services

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

CCT will continue to operate the demand response service with no limits on capacity on each of the buses. Door-to-door service is available for the following trip conditions: doctor's appointments, employment, grocery/supplies, and prescription pick-up. The bus schedules and times have been updated for each area. For details, visit [www.citruscountyttransit.com](http://www.citruscountyttransit.com).

The Orange Line (Deviated Fixed Route) has resumed service. Bus routes and scheduled stops/times have been modified. Visit the CCT website or Facebook page for details. Orange Line service will be offered free until further notice.

Face masks are still required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for all public buses and transfer facilities. Passengers without masks will be prohibited from the buses.

For more information, call 352-527-7630.

— From staff and wire reports

## PADDLING THE CHASSAHOWITZKA



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Paddlers make their way down the Chassahowitzka River in southwestern Citrus County Wednesday morning, Oct. 6. The shallow, spring-fed river flows into the Gulf of Mexico and is a popular destination for paddlers, wildlife enthusiasts, hunters and anglers alike. A public boat ramp at the Chassahowitzka River Campground affords visitors easy access to the river and a nearby campground accommodates campers staying in anything from tents to recreational vehicles. The nearby Chassahowitzka Wildlife Management Area, National Wildlife Refuge, River and Bay are often referred to simply as "The Chaz." Seminole Indians were known to have been in the area during the Second Seminole War from 1835 to 1842. They gave the region the name Chassahowitzka, meaning "pumpkin hanging place." The pumpkin referred to was a small climbing variety that is now rare and perhaps even extinct.

## City looks ahead to future Crystal River to unveil civic master plan at next council meeting

BUSTER THOMPSON  
STAFF WRITER

Crystal River is ready to release the early version of its development blueprint for the next half century.

City staff and their consultants with Dover Kohl & Partners are planning to unveil the first draft of the Crystal River Civic Master Plan during City Council's upcoming meeting.

Council will call to order at

5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11, at City Hall, 123 NW U.S. 19, Crystal River.

For more information about the agenda, and to watch the meeting online, visit, [crystalriverfl.org/meetings](http://crystalriverfl.org/meetings).

After it's introduced to council, the city's master plan will be published at [crystalrivercivicmasterplan.com](http://crystalrivercivicmasterplan.com) to receive public comment through Nov. 1.

Printed versions of the plan are also available upon request at the

city's Planning and Development Services Department in city hall.

To create the master plan, Dover Kohl and city staff hosted a live, five-day charrette in June to collect feedback from citizens and other stakeholders on how they'd like Crystal River to grow over the next 50 years.

Comments centered on the city's downtown, waterfront, shopping plazas, redesign of State Road 44 and surrounding neighborhoods.

A final draft of the master plan is expected to be released in the winter before city officials adopt it within the fiscal year.

City council to finalize ordinance change allowing micro-alcohol production

Council will hold its second public hearing Monday on a vote to finalize code changes expanding where craft breweries, distilleries and wineries could operate in the city.

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## County may seek help from bankruptcy attorney

MICHAEL D. BATES  
STAFF WRITER

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

In the wake of these two high-profile bankruptcies, County Attorney Denise Dymond Lyn — in a memo attached to the Oct. 12 commission agenda — is recommending the board retain Largo bankruptcy consultant Jake Blanchard as an assistant.

Blanchard, in a memo to Lyn, said his hourly billing rate is \$300 for government work. His fees are not expected to exceed \$8,000, according to Lyn.



Denise Lyn  
Citrus County attorney.

It's been quite a month for Citrus County regarding these two high-profile companies.

D.A.B. Constructors announced last month it was filing for Chapter 7 bankruptcy and the unexpected closure left a huge dent in county road projects.

D.A.B. was already behind schedule to finish the still-incomplete widening segments of U.S. 19 in Homosassa and Crystal River. The sureties are scrambling to find a replacement company. D.A.B. also had a \$3.4 million contract to resurface Citrus County neighborhood roads.

Then came the county's sudden decision last month to end its contract with Nature Coast EMS and take over the service after the private, nonprofit kept returning for additional financial help to keep it operating and give staff raises.

The commission meeting begins at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, at the courthouse in Inverness.



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

The U.S. 19 widening project came to a jarring halt after the company contracted to do the work, D.A.B. Constructors Inc., suddenly closed shop. The county will soon discuss hiring a bankruptcy attorney to litigate on its behalf following the abrupt work stoppage. Additionally, the commission will discuss possible litigation against Nature Coast EMS. The county recently took over ambulance service due to issues by the private company charged with ambulance service.



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WEEK  
IN REVIEW

PHOTO OF THE WEEK  
EMOTIONAL MEMORIAL



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle  
Citrus High School varsity football coach McKinley Franklin is overcome with emotion Friday evening, Oct. 1, during a memorial service for 16-year-old football player Antonio Hicks who collapsed during practice Tuesday, Sept. 28, and later died at Citrus Memorial Hospital. The teen's father, Henry Hicks, thanked the coaching staff for their dedication to his son. Franklin wears a Citrus High School hat with Hick's number 56.

**Antonio Elijah  
'Rico' 'Tony' Hicks**  
OCT. 28, 2004 TO SEPT. 28, 2021

GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

On most days, the Chronicle Sound Off section is filled with complaints. But every once in a while, someone calls to express their gratitude about something. This week two people called to say someone had paid for their meal, one at a restaurant and the other at a McDonald's drive-thru. On Monday, someone actually called with a positive comment about road paving: "Hats off to the city and the contractor who did Colonade Street resurfacing. They did a great job. Thank you." The number for Sound Off is 352-563-0579.



HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK

After a 6-year-old child was bit by the family dog and the dog was later euthanized, people took to Facebook to comment. Here's what some said:

■ **Kristina Rose Wright:** "If my dog bit my child in the face causing a hospitalization, it would never get a second chance. I can't believe my mom's dog was confiscated for biting bike tires and a stranger's ankle on the bike, but this dog bit its owner twice and the owner's daughter once before it mauled the daughter again. Negligence on the owner's part, and negligence on the Animal Control that allowed them to keep the dog after BITING its owner THREE TIMES!"

■ **Joy Brown:** "Maybe I would give the dog a pass after the first bite because animals may respond crazy when people argue/fight or they are scared. But after the second bite putting that same owner in the hospital, the dog should have been surrendered."

■ **Jennifer Detwiler Ruiz:** "If our family dog EVER bit my child like that, I would put a bullet between its eyes! Dogs with bite history should not be left unattended around children. Period!"

■ **Kim Tavares:** "Responsible animal owners keep their pets up to date on shots. The first bite was a mistake. The next bite was a call for in-depth training with a professional. Any bite after would be the red flag to put the dog down for aggression. This is a 100% preventable situation that wasn't handled properly and could have led to the child's death."

■ **Cassandra Napolitano:** "A dog that bites will always bite, and when it comes to children, children cannot defend themselves. In that case, having the dog isn't worth it; sorry, it just isn't. This is coming from a mama who had to watch part of her son's face get reattached from a pit bull attack (family dog went after him with no provocation). Just like when you have a human prone to violence, it WILL escalate."

THE MOST POPULAR STORIES FROM THE WEEK THAT WAS

Hole opens up on US 19 in Homosassa; northbound traffic being detoured

As if driving on U.S. 19 in Homosassa didn't have enough traffic and construction obstacles, add a hole that opened up on Monday, Oct. 4, closing northbound lanes of the highway near the intersection of South Oakridge Drive.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) crews responded to fix the hole, which widened to take up both the highway's northbound lanes. The agency also shifted northbound traffic of U.S. 19 onto southbound lanes, up until the highway's junction with West Cyprian Court. It's not known when repairs will be completed.



Friends, teammates mourn the loss of CHS football player

At a candlelight vigil Friday night, Oct. 1, the friends, family and teammates of 16-year-old Antonio Hicks, mourned the sudden loss of the Citrus High School football player who collapsed during football practice Tuesday, Sept. 28, and later died at Citrus Memorial Hospital. Several hundred people, many wearing T-shirts with Antonio's photo on the front and 56, his jersey number, on the back, gathered at the basketball courts at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Inverness to pay tribute to this exceptional young man. Antonio's mother, Lakesha Harrison, expressed her thankfulness to everyone who came to honor her son. "This right here, all of you, this is the most comforting thing," she said. "It fills my heart with joy that God gave me 16 years with this young man who touched so many people. I'm truly thankful." Henry Hicks, Antonio's father, speaking directly to the young people in the crowd, said, "This is beautiful, but I have a message for you: God don't make no mistakes. I love my son, but it was God's time for him. "Antonio left here doing exactly what he loved to do, and my son's message to everyone is 'Be great ... and follow Christ.' And to the (CHS) coach, we know you did everything you could, and we love you," he said. "To all the football staff, thank you for the time and the love you gave my son."

Postscript: Sherry Dunn, teaching was her passion

Sherry Lee Dunn, a fifth-grade teacher at Lecanto Primary School, after contracting COVID-19 died Sept. 16 at age 44. She dearly loved teaching and loved her "kiddos," her students, and was known for her bag of kisses, Hershey's kisses, that she would toss to the students who both raised their hands and gave a correct answer to a lesson question — that's how she stealthily taught manners. "She came into teaching later in life, and teaching was truly her passion," said Lecanto Primary School Principal Vicki Lofton. "She believed she had the greatest job ever and she started every day that way. "She had an incredible ability to bond with students and also with parents ... and because of that bond, she was able to get her students to soar," Lofton said. "They knew she loved them, and they worked hard for her." Lofton said Sherry Dunn was kind and always positive "Every. Single. Day."

Call for review of athletic trainers following student athlete death

In the wake of the recent unexpected death of a 16-year-old Citrus High School student during football practice, some question whether health professionals on-site could have made a difference. While the cause of the death is unknown and the school board has launched an investigation in the case, school officials are likely to ponder again whether to review the need for athletic trainers during school athletic practices and games. In 2008, Jonny Bishop, the assistant superintendent of business and support services for Citrus County's school district, gave the school board a presentation on the benefits of athletic trainers and requested the board's support to move forward. At that time, board members cited cost as the biggest issue and suggested shifting money from other programs to pay for it, but no "new" money. During a recording of that 2008 workshop presentation, Bishop said, "I think what's most important is to provide that first responder care," citing that athletic trainers could do just that.

Child airlifted for treatment after dog bite; canine euthanized, tested for diseases

A 6-year-old child had to be flown out for treatment after a dog bit them at a Homosassa-area house on Friday, Oct. 1. Animal control officers with the Citrus County Sheriff's Office had to sedate the involved canine with a tranquilizer-dart gun before they could remove it from the home. The dog's owners signed custody of the dog over to Citrus County Animal Services, and it was later euthanized and sent to a lab to determine if any diseases or rabies are present. A follow-up story reported that the child was in stable condition and that the dog did not have rabies. According to Citrus County Sheriff's Office reports, the dog, a 7-year-old male mastiff-bulldog, had a bite history dating back to 2017, including biting a child in the face.



“Your odds of hitting the lottery are actually better ... was the way it was explained to me.”

— HARRY NICOLINO, ONE OF THE ESTIMATED 2,650 MEN WHO WOULD BE DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST CANCER IN THE U.S. IN 2021.

— compiled by Nancy Kennedy

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Alzheimer's  
support available  
in Floral City

The Floral City Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group will meet at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 15 at the Floral City United Methodist Church, 8480 E. Marvin St. An invitation is extended to new caregivers who are feeling overwhelmed. The group offers support, shared lessons and help finding solutions in a safe and confidential manner.

Facilitators Helen Ciampi and Marcia Beasley will greet those attending in the large fellowship room of the main church building.

Support for the shared concerns of all caregivers is always held in confidence and with respect. Caregivers may feel free to share whatever they need to share and are welcome to handouts and other printed information. They have accumulated a small library of books on the subject, which are available on loan.

Gathering precautions are being continued, including distanced seating, face masks, hand sanitizer and ceiling fans. For more information, call Ciampi at 352-31-2867 or Beasley at 352-726-7740.

Have a laugh  
at Cooter  
Comedy Night

The Valerie Theatre welcomes Cooter Comedy Night at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 22, 207 Courthouse Square in Inverness.

The comedy show is hosted by local comedian Richard Spires and features Paul Jensen, JJ Curry and Carmen Vallone.

Tickets are on sale for \$15 at [tinyurl.com/3yyrah5x](https://tinyurl.com/3yyrah5x).

Conservative club  
to meet in  
Homosassa

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

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

The special guest at this meeting will be Diana Finegan, candidate for the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners, District 2.

For more information, visit the North Suncoast Conservative Club on Facebook or [nsconservatives.org](https://nsconservatives.org).

Senior Friends for  
Life get together  
at Citrus Hills

Senior Friends for Life will meet at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 13 at the Citrus Hills Country Club garden room, 509 E. Hartford St. in Hernando. Lunch will be served at noon and members will be called with choices.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. Call Sybil at 352-344-8256 or Alma at 352-249-7266.

The October restaurant tour will take the club to Cody's Original Roadhouse, 305 SE U.S. 19 in Crystal River.

To make a reservation, call Pat at 352-795-5822.

— From staff reports

NEWS BRIEFS

- Send news releases to [community@chronicleonline.com](mailto:community@chronicleonline.com). Submissions are always subject to editing.

Battle of celebrity bartenders

‘East vs. West’ event  
to benefit Camp  
E-Nini-Hassee

HANNAH SACHEWICZ  
Staff writer

The east and west sides of Citrus County will go head-to-head next week to see which is home to the most generous tippers.

From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 12, celebrity bartenders will sling drinks at both Lollygaggers locations, 744 SE U.S. 19 in Crystal River and 8370 S. Florida Ave. in Floral City. All tips will benefit Camp E-Nini-Hassee.

Camp E-Nini-Hassee is an outdoor therapeutic program based in

Floral City for at-risk girls who struggle with school, family conflicts, drug experimentation, depression, low self-esteem and behavioral issues. The camp utilizes the outdoor therapeutic environment while staff provides group therapy and education.

Former camper Heather Cogar said due to COVID-19, camp funding has declined due to lack of fundraising events.

Citrus County Chamber of Commerce president and CEO Josh Wooten said every year, the girls at E-Nini-Hassee help out at the Floral City Strawberry Festival. In turn, they receive a donation.



Ruthie Schlabach  
county commissioner.

“Last year, due to COVID, they weren’t able to do that,” Wooten said. “I wanted to do something for the camp.”

And so, the idea was born for a celebrity bartending event and Wooten and Cogar teamed up to make it happen.

Bartending at Floral City are Ruthie Schlabach, Citrus County commissioner; Leon McClellan, of M & B Dairy; and Rebecca Bays, past Citrus County commissioner. Bartending in Crystal River are Meredith Linley, executive director of Crystal River Main Street; Will Wilson, of Citrus Sports & Apparel;



Meredith Linley  
Crystal River  
Main Street  
director.

and Kevin Cunningham, of Re/MAX Realty One.

In addition to food, drinks and fun, the event includes raffles with auctioneer, Wooten, who may even pour a few drinks himself.

The event is a kick-off to E-Nini-Hassee’s Camp Spirit 5K on Nov. 13 in Black Diamond, which was spearheaded by Cogar with the assistance of Schlabach. All proceeds will go directly to the camp.

For more information on the race or to register, visit [tinyurl.com/yt2vera9](https://tinyurl.com/yt2vera9). For more information about the camp, visit [eckerdhelpsgirls.com](https://eckerdhelpsgirls.com).



Josh Wooten  
CEO, Citrus  
County  
Chamber.

Crystal River’s Scarecrow Festival returns



SYDNEY AKENS/For the Chronicle

Maci Burns enjoys a cold drink with husband, Tyler Burns, Saturday, Oct. 9, during the Scarecrow Festival at Heritage Village in Crystal River. It was a hot day with plenty of refreshment options available, a popular one being operated by the Citrus Sertoma Club.

LEFT: Six-year old Peyton Fairchild crouches down to pet a bunny at the petting zoo Saturday, Oct. 9, during the annual Scarecrow Festival at Heritage Village in Crystal River. Many nonprofits, clubs, sports and organizations came together with the city of Crystal River to bring visitors a fun-filled day.



RIGHT: One-year old Serena Sibel curiously explores the picture-perfect pumpkin patch Saturday, Oct. 9, during the annual Scarecrow Festival at Heritage Village in Crystal River. The downtown festival has been a family tradition for more than 30 years.

Stormwater ponds critical man-made bodies

Special to the Chronicle

Record amounts of rainfall in some areas over the summer has highlighted the importance of stormwater ponds to help prevent flooding and improve water quality throughout the region.

You may have seen stormwater ponds throughout neighborhoods and commercial developments in Florida but might not know about their purpose as many people often mistake stormwater ponds for natural water bodies.

Southwest Florida Water Management District ERP Bureau Chief David Kramer answers some of the most commonly asked questions about stormwater ponds and explains why they are critical in flood prevention and improving water quality.

**Q:** What are stormwater ponds and why do we need them?

**A:** A stormwater pond is designed to collect and manage runoff from rainwater. When rainwater lands on rooftops, parking lots, streets, driveways and other hard surfaces, the rainfall that doesn’t soak into the ground (stormwater runoff) flows into your neighborhood stormwater pond through grates, pipes, shallow swales or ditches.

Stormwater ponds are required for most new development (since the 1980s) and are specifically designed to help prevent flooding and remove pollutants from the water. Without these ponds, excess stormwater would flood downstream to adjacent systems and properties.

It would also carry pollutants like litter, motor oil, gasoline, fertilizers, pesticides, pet wastes, sediments and anything else that can float or dissolve in water, into

nearby streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands, estuaries and the Gulf of Mexico.

**Q:** Why don’t I see any stormwater ponds in my neighborhood?

**A:** Some neighborhoods that have been experiencing flooding during the summer months were built without ponds before the District’s stormwater regulations went into effect.

The District typically does not have jurisdiction in those areas. If you are experiencing flooding at your home, your first contact should be your local government as they bear much of the responsibility when it comes to local flood protection.

**Q:** How do stormwater ponds affect water quality?

**A:** Stormwater runoff can enter neighborhood streams, ponds, lakes, bays, wetlands and oceans and eventually make its way into our groundwater (water beneath the earth’s surface.)

If that runoff is contaminated with things like oil from your driveway, too much fertilizer on your lawn or even pet waste, it can cause pollution and damage to the ecosystem.

Stormwater ponds collect and filter these pollutants from the water before they are discharged into our watershed.

**Q:** Who is responsible for maintenance of stormwater ponds in my neighborhood?

**A:** Once the developer has completed construction of the roads and drainage system in a neighborhood, the property owner’s association (or in some cases, a community development district (CDD)) is typically responsible for



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Water  
Management  
District.

maintaining the neighborhood drainage system, including the stormwater ponds.

The long-term upkeep and maintenance of the ponds becomes the responsibility of the association or CDD, including labor and expenses for keeping the system functional.

**Q:** Can I remove vegetation from my stormwater pond?

**A:** Many stormwater ponds are designed and required to include native aquatic vegetation. Native vegetation will filter polluted runoff, trap sediments, control the growth of nuisance vegetation and help make the pond aesthetically pleasing.

Aquatic plants pump oxygen into the water and create habitat by providing cover and nurseries for fish and other organisms. Pond owners often request approval to remove vegetation that becomes overgrown in stormwater ponds. Removal of exotic, nuisance and excess vegetation is allowed.

Just make sure to consult your association or CDD and the District before removing any significant amount of vegetation. The District recommends selective maintenance and removal by hand rather than mass removal of native wetland vegetation that becomes established in a stormwater pond.

The District does not recommend cutting, mowing, using herbicides or introducing grass carp to remove native vegetation. In addition, if using herbicides, use only herbicides labeled for aquatic use.

Herbicides not labeled for

aquatic use may harm fish and other aquatic life, and their application to aquatic sites is prohibited by state and federal law.

**Q:** Is it OK to use stormwater ponds for recreational purposes such as fishing, swimming, kayaking or stand-up paddle boarding?

**A:** Recreational use of stormwater ponds is potentially hazardous to your health and is not recommended.

Stormwater ponds are designed to capture and retain stormwater runoff, which may contain many different types of pollution, including sediments, oils, greases, trash, nutrients, heavy metals, pesticides, herbicides and pathogens.

**Q:** What can residents do to help prevent pollution and flooding in stormwater ponds?

**A:** Never fill or obstruct stormwater ponds, swales and retention systems, as that will potentially keep the stormwater pond from working as designed.

Never dump excess oils and other chemicals from your home or yard, including grass clippings, into stormwater drains or ponds.

Also, be sure to clean up pet waste so nutrients and bacteria don’t enter stormwater drains.

David Kramer is a professional engineer and is the Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) Bureau Chief of the Regulation Division. A graduate of University of South Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, he has more than 20 years of experience in water resource engineering and has spent his entire career in public service at the District. David also participates in statewide ERP rule development and coordination and is a member of the Florida Engineering Society and the American Society of Civil Engineers.



Today's  
HOROSCOPES

**Birthday:** Make adjustments that will have a big impact. Expand your interests or master a skill that will help buy you freedom or peace of mind. Enjoy the people who put a smile on your face.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23):** Know what you are up against, then forge ahead. Take charge of whatever situation you face and work diligently toward a goal.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22):** Think twice before you take on something you cannot afford. Look for alternative ways to satisfy your needs without giving in to demands or temptation.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21):** Slow down and think. Change may entice you, but going through the proper channels will be necessary.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Think big, but budget wisely. Keep the peace, but do so without arguing. Take the road less traveled and implement changes that make you happy.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19):** Talk to an expert before you invest in something risky. Choose to look inward and to make your health and well-being priorities.

**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20):** An emotional incident will confuse you. Go about your business, take care of your responsibilities and give unstable situations a chance to settle.

**Aries (March 21-April 19):** You can advance if you are willing to make a move. Consider what you need to brush up on.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Confusion will set in regarding money, joint ventures and dealings with institutions, government agencies or medical issues.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20):** Take a chance and explore what interests you, and you will discover something remarkable. It's up to you to do what makes you feel good.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22):** Slow down, view what's happening around you, think outside the box and make decisions that suit your needs.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** Listen, and you'll find out something that can help you better understand someone you love.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Be careful how you treat those close to you. Focus on self-improvement instead of trying to change someone else.

ENTERTAINMENT

Chopin portrait  
bought at flea  
market is from 19th  
century

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — A peeling portrait of **Frederic Chopin** purchased at a flea market in Poland hung modestly in a private house for almost three decades before an expert dated the painting to the 19th century, when the Polish piano composer lived.

Now restored and in a gilded frame, the small painting resides in a bank vault somewhere in eastern Poland while its owners negotiate their next steps, including a public exhibit.

News of the artwork's existence broke this week as Warsaw hosted the 18th Frederic Chopin Piano Competition, an international event known for launching the careers of world-class pianists. The competition runs through Oct. 23.

Nicolaus Copernicus University professor **Dariusz Markowski**, the art expert who examined and restored the portrait last year, says it has significant historic and emotional value, but he refrained from estimating what it might sell for.

The painting measures 11.5 inches by 9 inches. Using advanced methods, Markowski timed its creation to the mid-19th century based on the materials and pigments used, and the extent of the ageing and damage.

But it is not now possible to pinpoint the exact year of its provenance, and it will be difficult to identify who painted it because only the artist's first name, Alfred, is preserved, he said.

"It is evidently Chopin, but I cannot say whether he posed for this portrait or whether it was



Associated Press

**This combination of undated photos provided by Dariusz Markowski, left, and Jaroslaw Golebiowski, right, show a portrait of Polish composer Frederic Chopin before and after restoration. A peeling portrait of Polish piano composer Frederic Chopin purchased at a flea market hung modestly in a private house in Poland for almost three decades before an expert dated the painting to the 19th century. The small painting now resides in a bank vault somewhere in eastern Poland while its owners negotiate their next steps. News of the artwork's existence broke this week as Warsaw hosted the 18th Frederic Chopin Piano Competition. The art expert who examined the portrait says it has significant historic value, but he refrained from estimating what it might sell for.**

painted from another picture," said Markowski, principal of the Torun university's Conservation and Restoration of Modern Art Department.

"We know nothing of its history or who it was painted for," he told The Associated Press. "It was in a very bad state, and I'm really happy that artwork like this can be saved."

Chopin was born in 1810 in a manor house in Zelazowa Wola, a village near Warsaw, to a Polish mother and a French father. He left Poland at 19 to broaden his music education in Vienna and then in Paris, where he settled, composing, giving concerts and teaching piano.

He died in Paris on Oct. 17, 1849 and is buried at the Pere

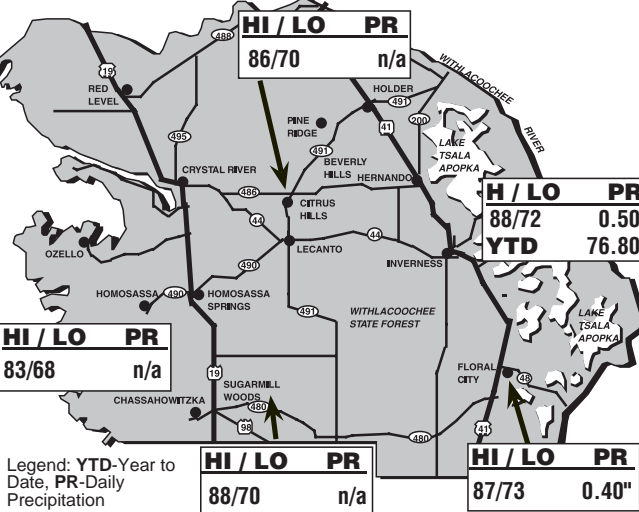
Lachaise cemetery, but his heart is kept at the Holy Cross Church in Warsaw, where observances mark the anniversaries of his birth and death.

An art connoisseur spotted the portrait that Markowski calls "a real curiosity" at a flea market near Lublin in the early 1990s. Decades later, a financial situation prompted the family to seek a professional appraisal, which led them to the university expert.

A member of the family says it's "extraordinary" that the painting survived about 170 years of historic turmoil and ended up in a flea market. He says the family's recent attention to the portrait made him study Chopin's life and music.

— From wire reports

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING	
<b>High:</b> 87°	<b>Low:</b> 64°
Mostly sunny, decent humidity, with a couple PM showers	
MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING	
<b>High:</b> 88°	<b>Low:</b> 65°
Mostly sunny with a couple PM showers	
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING	
<b>High:</b> 89°	<b>Low:</b> 65°
Mostly sunny with a couple PM showers	

ALMANAC				Data from Crystal River Airport
TEMPERATURE		Yesterday	88/70	
Record*			95/47	
Normal			87/63	
Mean temp.			75	
Departure from mean			4	
PRECIPITATION		Yesterday	0.01"	
Total for the month			0.68"	
Total for the year			56.63"	
Normal for the year			45.92"	
As reported from https://citrusmosquito.org				
UV INDEX:			7	
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high				
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE		Yesterday observed	Good	
		Pollutant	PM2.5	

SOLUNAR TABLES					Provided by ezfshn.com
DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
10/10	SUNDAY	7:27	4:48	7:04	5:18
10/11	MONDAY	7:28	5:48	7:03	6:19

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK			
Oct 12	Oct 20	Oct 28	Nov 4
<b>SUNSET TONIGHT</b> .....		7:04 pm	
<b>SUNRISE TOMORROW</b> .....		7:28 am	
<b>MOONRISE TODAY</b> .....		12:02 pm	
<b>MOONSET TODAY</b> .....		10:31 pm	

BURN CONDITIONS			
<b>Today's Fire Danger Index is: MODERATE. There is no burn ban.</b>			
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:			
<b>Addresses with house numbers ending in:</b>			
0 - 1	Monday	6 - 7	Thursday
2 - 3	Tuesday	8 - 9 -or- Common Areas	Friday
4 - 5	Wednesday		

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0 - 1	Monday	6 - 7	Thursday
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4 - 5	Wednesday	Common Areas	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; unincorporated Citrus County at 352-527-7669. For more information, visit: [https://www.citrusbocc.com/departments/water\\_resources/watering\\_restrictions.php](https://www.citrusbocc.com/departments/water_resources/watering_restrictions.php)

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	81	72	t	Miami	86	76	t
Fort Lauderdale	89	74	t	Ocala	83	66	s
Fort Myers	88	70	s	Orlando	85	70	sh
Gainesville	82	66	s	Pensacola	84	71	s
Homestead	89	72	t	Sarasota	88	70	s
Jacksonville	82	69	s	Tallahassee	85	66	s
Key West	85	78	t	Tampa	87	71	s
Lakeland	86	69	s	Vero Beach	85	71	sh
Melbourne	84	72	sh	W. Palm Bch.	87	78	t

MARINE OUTLOOK

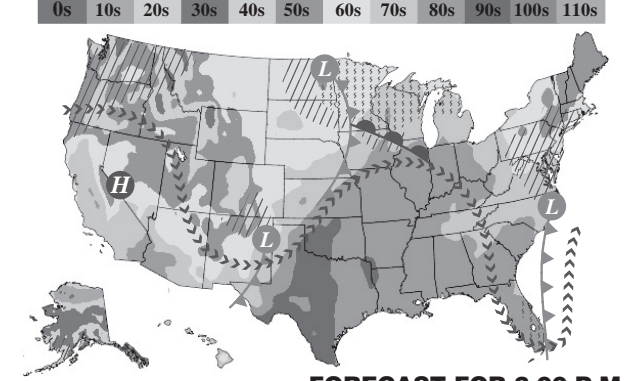
Today: Northeast winds around 10 knots then becoming north in the afternoon. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop.

Gulf water  
temperature  
**83°**  
Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS			
Location	SAT	FRI	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	31.24	31.33	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	38.04	38.04	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	39.31	39.31	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	40.45	40.45	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													
SAT							SUN						
City	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fest	City	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fest
Albany	67	53	0.00	67	54	mc	New Orleans	86	72	Trace	86	73	s
Albuquerque	80	55	0.00	67	39	pc	New York City	67	60	0.00	67	63	ra
Asheville	77	62	0.04	78	57	pc	Norfolk	74	70	0.10	75	67	sh
Atlanta	83	60	Trace	81	61	pc	Oklahoma City	91	69	0.00	85	58	pc
Atlantic City	70	60	Trace	70	66	sh	Omaha	77	64	0.00	71	53	mc
Austin	89	65	0.00	94	69	pc	Palm Springs	85	60	0.00	89	64	s
Baltimore	75	64	0.00	75	62	sh	Philadelphia	72	63	Trace	70	63	sh
Billings	63	48	0.22	67	38	pc	Phoenix	85	73	0.00	84	61	s
Birmingham	82	63	0.00	86	65	pc	Pittsburgh	72	64	0.85	78	59	s
Boise	63	44	0.20	58	36	mc	Portland, ME	58	48	0.00	62	55	cl
Boston	66	61	Trace	65	58	cl	Portland, OR	64	43	0.00	55	44	sh
Buffalo	72	64	0.04	75	62	mc	Providence, RI	65	60	0.00	65	58	ra
Burlington, VT	68	53	0.00	67	53	mc	Raleigh	70	63	2.32	77	63	sh
Charleston, SC	82	69	Trace	80	67	pc	Rapid City	66	54	0.01	67	44	pc
Charleston, WV	79	61	1.43	85	60	s	Reno	61	33	0.00	68	32	s
Charlotte	76	66	Trace	79	61	pc	Rochester, NY	70	60	Trace	74	60	mc
Chicago	82	64	0.02	82	69	mc	Sacramento	75	46	0.00	79	52	s
Cincinnati	81	57	0.00	86	64	pc	Salt Lake City	52	46	0.60	59	42	pc
Cleveland	77	66	0.00	78	63	pc	San Antonio	92	64	0.00	93	71	mc
Columbia, SC	83	69	0.06	81	63	pc	San Diego	72	60	0.00	77	62	s
Columbus, OH	79	63	0.00	84	63	mc	San Francisco	72	55	0.00	74	54	s
Concord, NH	61	43	0.00	64	53	cl	Savannah	82	71	Trace	82	66	pc
Dallas	92	68	0.00	93	65	pc	Seattle	58	42	0.00	56	44	t
Denver	71	51	Trace	65	39	pc	Spokane	59	32	0.00	59	31	sh
Des Moines	79	63	0.00	75	55	mc	St. Louis	88	63	0.00	91	69	s
Detroit	79	63	0.00	78	65	sh	St. Ste Marie	68	63	0.45	70	63	sh
El Paso	92	64	0.00	79	53	s	Syracuse	72	60	0.00	73	58	mc
Evansville, IN	85	63	0.00	90	69	s	Topeka	91	64	Trace	79	55	sh
Harrisburg	72	66	0.00	70	61	ra	Washington	73	64	Trace	76	64	sh
Hartford	66	55	0.00	64	56	ra	<b>YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH &amp; LOW</b>						
Houston	90	64	0.00	90	74	pc	<b>HIGH</b> 100, Jal, N.M.						
Indianapolis	81	60	Trace	86	68	pc	<b>LOW</b> 19, Kallispell, Mont.						
Kansas City	90	68	0.00	90	58	sh	<b>WORLD CITIES</b>						
Las Vegas	79	55	0.00	79	56	s	SAT			Lisbon			
Little Rock	88	62	0.00	87	68	s	CITY H/L/SKY			London			
Los Angeles	71	55	0.00	81	57	s	Acapulco	85/71/ra		Madrid	70/58/mc		
Louisville	84	62	0.00	88	66	pc	Amsterdam	62/45/mc		Mexico City	79/59/ra		
Memphis	86	68	0.00	89	69	pc	Athens	71/66/ra		Montreal	63/54/cl		
Milwaukee	73	61	Trace	77	62	t	Beijing	66/57/mc		Moscow	54/33/pc		
Minneapolis	79	61	0.00	70	53	sh	Berlin	57/42/s		Paris	65/50/pc		
Mobile	88	64	0.00	86	69	s	Bermuda	78/77/ra		Rio	68/65/ra		
Montgomery	84	62	0.00	87	64	s	Cairo	92/69/s		Rome	67/55/ra		
Nashville	86	63	0.00	86	66	s	Calgary	55/42/ra		Sydney	78/61/ra		
<b>KEY TO CONDITIONS: c=cloudy;</b>													
<b>=fog; hz=haze; mc=mostly cloudy;</b>													
<b>pc=partly cloudy; ra=rain; rs=rain/snow; s=sunny; sh=showers;</b>													
<b>m=smoke; sn=snow; ss=snow showers; t=thunderstorms</b>													



## Obituaries

### Joe Reilly

Joe Reilly passed away Saturday, September 11, 2021 after a long and determined fight with COVID. He is survived by Barbara, his wife of 58 years, along with three daughters and three grandchildren.

Joe moved to our area 11 years ago after a highly successful business career in sales and human resource management. He spent most of his professional life in St. Louis, MO and worked as an executive for Fisher Scientific.

After growing through the ranks at Fisher, Joe transitioned to his own firm, Career Profiles, where he helped companies identify and select personnel.

Since arriving in the Inverness/Crystal River area in 2010, Joe was active with the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, volunteered at many civic and community events, and was a frequent contributor to the Chronicle opinion page.

Joe had a passionate zeal for many activities over his life, particularly playing golf, being around horses, and spending time on the water. Those close to him knew him for his sharp and gifted business mind; his creative and inspired ideas, and how he loved to laugh.

Neighbors knew Joe for the meetings in the street during his daily walks with his dog, Roscoe, and his beautiful and bountiful gardens around the house.

Everyone who knew Joe will remember him and miss him.

Sign the guest book at [www.chronicleonline.com](http://www.chronicleonline.com).

### Jean Robinson, 70

HOMOSASSA

Jean Toula Robinson (known by many as J.T.), age 70, of Homosassa, Florida, beloved wife of Rexal Robinson, passed away peacefully on September 5, 2021, in Crystal River, Florida.

Jean was born in Berwyn, Illinois, on August 27, 1951 to the late George Mojmir Toula and Georgianna Pavelka Toula.

Jean grew up in Pottomac, Maryland and graduated from the University of Maryland in 1973. She moved to Florida in 1979, where she raised three wonderful children, Errol, Alexander and



Jean Robinson

Amber Cummings. She also was actively involved with all of her nieces and nephews taking a genuine interest in their lives as the matriarch of the family. Family events were laced with her infectious laughter that made every gathering one of happiness and good cheer.

With an inquisitive and curious nature and having versatile talents, Jean held many jobs from a lab technician, aerobics dance instructor, licensed insurance sales manager and completed her studies to become a licensed acupuncturist. She retired in 2005, moved to Citrus County and became a County School Bus Operator and teacher's aide.

Jean loved being on the water which often took her on adventurous travels that she enjoyed with her daughter and many loved ones. In recent years, she, her husband and brother enjoyed their summers in Kentucky on their farm. Jean loved hosting friends and family in both Florida and Kentucky and always found time in the day to celebrate something.

She was a hard-working, caring mother and grandmother. To say that Jean was loved by so many in her circle of family and

friends, is truly an understatement. Her laugh, her smile, and the comfort she gave her family will be immensely missed.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Carol Toula Barndollar.

She is survived by her husband of 25 years Rexal Robinson; brothers Thomas, Alan and James Toula; three loving children Errol (wife Michelle), devoted son Alexander and dedicated daughter Amber Cummings; two adoring grandchildren Luna and Flynn Cummings; two stepchildren, Laurie and Michael and their children and grandchildren; Collin, Paisleigh, Jonathan, Jordan, Hunter, Harper, Hazel, Cannon, Fischer and Ranger; nieces, nephews and their children; and many close friends.

J.T.'s enthusiasm for life will be honored by spreading her remains in the places she most loved spending her time with family and friends.

Sign the guest book at [www.chronicle.com](http://www.chronicle.com).

### Linda Sword, 76

HERNANDO

Linda Gail Sword of Hernando, FL passed away at her home while surrounded by her loving family on October 5, 2021 at the age of 76.

She was born to the late Raymond L. and Evelyn Naomi (Durrett) Briggs on July 26, 1945 in Nashville, TN. In 1966 she married Leonard Sword with whom she shared 55 years of loving marriage.



Linda Sword

Linda and Leonard made Citrus County their home in 1977 after relocating from Safety Harbor, FL. Prior to retirement, they owned and operated the H&R Block Tax Preparation offices in both Inverness and Crystal River. Linda was a Christian by faith and a member of the Inverness Church of Christ.

In her spare time she enjoyed traveling and always looked forward to the annual trip she would take to North Carolina with her family. Family was so very important to Linda and she loved spending time with them. She also liked gardening, being outdoors and feeding the birds. Linda was truly loved by all who knew her. She will be remembered for her kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity towards others.

In addition to her husband Leonard, those left to mourn Linda's passing include her two daughters: Lesli Amato, Larissa Maloney and her husband Matt; brother, Wayne Briggs; sisters: Faye Collins, Mary Reed, Diana Tew; grandchildren: Stuart Maloney and his wife Rebecca, Savannah Maloney, Angelina Amato; and great grandchild, Reid Mason Maloney. Linda was preceded in death by two brothers: Alfred and Kenneth Vetzal.

Private services will take place at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL at a later date. Cremation care by the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

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### SO YOU KNOW

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### Sandra Hougham, 77

GREENVILLE, S.C.

Sandra Hougham peacefully passed away with her family by her side Tuesday, October 6, 2021 in Greenville, SC after a long struggle with Alzheimer's and dementia. She was 77.

Sandra Phillips Hougham was born January 13th, 1944, was a cherished wife, mother, and grandmother; a veteran of the United States Navy, and a retired dental hygienist.

Sandra's surviving family members include her husband Donald Hougham of 26 years, her two daughters Dawn Hurley of Atlanta, GA and Stephanie Anderson of Greenville, SC, her granddaughter Mendolia Anderson of Greenville, SC, her sisters Judy Phillips of Murrieta, CA and Jolene Engel of St Helena, CA, and her nieces and nephew.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Helen Phillips of Dyer, IN, and her sister Shirley Beasley of Shalimar, FL.

Sandra was a member of the Seven Rivers Church in Lecanto, FL, and member of the Order of Eastern Star, Chapter 84, in Leesburg, FL. Sandra was also a member of the Sugar Mill Golf and Country Club where she was honored for a time as President of the Ladies Golf Association, and she was involved in the Sugar Mill Quilt club.

During her lifetime, she volunteered much of her time helping others in her community by being a part of the Congregational Care Group & Disaster Recovery Team at Seven Rivers Church, supporting hospice patients & their families, sewing quilts for children and elderly with her Quilt Club, being a routine blood donor, and assisting at the Citrus County Sheriff's office.

Her hard work, dedication, kindness and gentle touch will be missed. The family is asking in lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Alzheimer's Association and American Breast Cancer Association.

A memorial service will be held at Seven Rivers Presbyterian Church, 4221 W. Gulf to Lake Hwy, Lecanto, FL 34461 on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 2:30 pm, and a military burial will take place graveside at Fero Memorial Gardens, 5891 N. Lecanto Hwy, Beverly Hills, FL 34465 on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 10am.

Sign the guest book at [www.chronicleonline.com](http://www.chronicleonline.com).

### James Baldwin Jr.

James William Baldwin Jr. passed away on Tuesday September 28th at Bayfront Health Seven Rivers, Crystal River in Citrus County.

James was born on June 10, 1957, in Glens Falls, New York. His parents were James Clinton Baldwin and Laura A. Herne. James' surviving spouse is Carmen Delia Perez, his children Danielle Decker, James A. Baldwin and Khoyen M. Baldwin. His grandchildren are Michelle



James Baldwin

Johnson, Desiree Johnson and Alyssa Johnson. His siblings are Edward Baldwin, Norbert Baldwin, Kevin Baldwin, Lillian Rudinger, Christian Joyner, Allan Joyner, Lisa Szubiel-ski. Siblings that passed Kirk Baldwin, Lori Smith and Scott Joyner.

James worked most of his life as a Construction Manager and always took the time to help his family members. He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing and motorcycle riding. We will miss him dearly! A Celebration of Life is scheduled for November 2021.

Sign the guest book at [www.chronicleonline.com](http://www.chronicleonline.com).

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CARMEN VALLONE

JJ CURRY

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Comedy Night

**OCTOBER 22ND**

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# COOTER FEST

DOWNTOWN INVERNESS

## Kick Off

FRIDAY, OCT 29, 2021

### MOONFLOWER

THE SPIRIT OF SANTANA 6 P.M.

### FREE STREET CONCERT!

JoJo & the Jenerators 8 P.M.

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Two-day fall family festival with DJs, vendors, food trucks and cooters!

**October 30-31, 2021**

Saturday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. • Sunday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Live Music: Hayfire Band, Sophie Noelle, and the Randall Crawford Band

Food Trucks • Vendors • Kids Zone • Turtle Races • Cooterween with DJ Trae on Sunday

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**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 20** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Obituaries

Carol Ackerman, 87  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Carol Welch Ackerman of Phoenix peacefully took her last breath on Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021, in Inverness, Fla., in the company of loving family. She was 87.

Born Carol Clarice Welch on Aug. 31, 1934, in Oak Park, Ill., she was a long-time resident of Phoenix. She worked for KTAR TV Channel 12 when that station was on the air and later for KTVK Channel 3, and was active in the Phoenix Zoo Auxiliary. She was a facilitator in a mental health care practice when she retired.

Up through age 86, she could be seen driving around Phoenix in her 1990 five-speed pickup truck with no power steering, shopping for grocery deals and home improvement items at her favorite stores. She was an avid reader, scouring the city for her favorite authors and donating books she had finished reading to thrift stores and senior centers.

Carol moved to Florida this summer to recover from a fall with the help of her kids and grandkids. Carol was a fighter to the end, working hard to recover from the injury, which united her with family who had the privilege of accompanying her at the end of her life.

Carol was preceded in death by her mother, Carol Lucille Cassidy, father, Norman Howe Welch, and former spouse Hal Ackerman. She is survived by her three children and their spouses, Lynn Williams (Gary), Lisa Schirmer (Kurt), and Craig Ackerman (Crystal). Carol has seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Services are to be determined in Inverness, Fla., and Carol will be buried at sea in the Gulf of Mexico at her request. In lieu of flowers donations to The Diabetes Foundation may be made at <https://diabetesfoundationinc.org/donate> or call (201) 444-0337.

Sign the guest book at [www.chronicleonline.com](http://www.chronicleonline.com).

Mary Ruth Shull, 82  
BEVERLY HILLS

Mrs. Mary Ruth Shull, age 82 of Beverly Hills, Florida, died Tuesday, October 5, 2021 in Lecanto, FL.

Mary Ruth was born June 19, 1939 in Hamilton, OH, daughter of Andrew and Ada (Coyle) Winkler. She was employed with Cincinnati Bell as a Telephone operator, and she later worked as a warehouse store keeper. In 1996 Mary Ruth moved to Beverly Hills, Florida from Monroe, OH. She was known to be fastidious with her home and enjoyed attending country music concerts.

Mary Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, siblings; Daniel, Milton, James, Russell, John and Andrew Winkler; sisters; Wanda Kaye and Jean Brooks and grandchild, Eric Hampton. She is survived by husband, LT Shull of Beverly Hills, FL, son, Rusty E.

Hampton and his wife Terry of Union, KY, daughter, Vicki L. Kays and her husband Frank of Columbia, TN, grandson, Blake Hampton of OK, step-daughter, Brenda S. Truett and her husband Steve of Hamilton, OH, along with two step-grandsons, Evan and Alan.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.HooperFuneralHome.com](http://www.HooperFuneralHome.com). Arrangements are by the Beverly Hills Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory.

Elouise ‘Kelley’ Gardiner  
LECANTO

Elouise “Kelley” Gardiner of Lecanto, FL passed away on Friday August 24, 2021. Born and raised in Tifton, GA, Kelley moved to Dunedin, FL and then made Beverly Hills, FL her home in 1968.

She owned and managed Beverly Hills Hardware for over 30 years before retiring. Kelley and her late husband, Bob, were well known and loved in the community.

Her beloved daughter Mary Elizabeth “Kelley” Melton and son David Bruce Kelley passed away prior to her death.

Survivors include her loving son Todd Gardiner and his wife Stacey of Orlando, FL.

A Memorial Service will be held at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at Fero Funeral Home, 5955 N. Lecanto Hwy, Beverly Hills, FL 34465. Arrangements by Fero Funeral Home 5955 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills, FL 34465.

Sign the guest book at [www.chronicleonline.com](http://www.chronicleonline.com).

Joan Clark, 89  
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

ROCKFORD — Joan Bonnell Clark, 89, formerly of Rockford, died at her home in Rockford, IL, on September 23, 2021.

A beloved daughter, wife, mother, friend and mentor; Joan touched thousands of lives during her time here on earth as a teacher, humanitarian, and spiritual leader. She encouraged everyone around her to follow their dreams and overcome any obstacles in their path. Countless times, she personally intervened on behalf of others and caused tipping points that sent people on their way to achieve their highest goals. Her compassion for fellow imperfect human beings was boundless.

Joan was a writer of poetry and romance novels (under her name or her pen name, Lara Bonnell). She was an excellent swimmer, and she loved to ballroom dance.

Joan was born October 1, 1931 in Highland, NY, to Walter and Viola Bonnell. She attended High School in New Brighton, PA. She went on to earn a B.A. at the University of Illinois, and then a M.S. in Library Science at Northern Illinois University. She raised 3 children from her first marriage to R. Merle Stauffer, and 1 child from her second marriage to Peter J. Surrey. She worked as a teacher for kindergarten, 4th grade, and middle and high school English. After completing her M.S. in Library Science, she worked as a reference librarian and archivist at Rockford University for 20 years.

She also taught creative writing there. She was active in many community groups: Rockford Writers’ Guild, Rockford CROP Hunger Walk, Bread for the World, Rockford Chapter of Prison Fellowship, Protestant Community Services, St. Chad’s Episcopal Church, the Jane Addams Peace Fellowship, and others too numerous to list. She was awarded the Dr. Mildred Berry Award for Education one year at the annual YWCA Leader Luncheon.

After retiring from Rockford University, Joan trained and became an Episcopalian deacon. She moved to Homosassa, FL with her husband Sherman Clark, and then stayed busy serving her church and community. She helped organize a community food bank and worked on starting a private K-12 Christian school in the area. Sherman passed away in November 2002.

In November 2003, she married Peter J. Stanlis of Rockford. She continued her ministry work, and assisted Peter in completing 2 books. They traveled to England, Ireland, Scotland, Japan, Scandinavia, and Alaska. They spent Easter 2011 in Rome. Peter passed away in July 2011.

In July 2016, she married Doyle Wetherington of Kissimmee, FL. Doyle was a retired Baptist minister and shared her strength of faith. They attended the First Baptist Church of Kissimmee and engaged in various outreach ministries. Joan used this time to work on her own writing and completed several books of poetry and romance novels. Doyle passed away in August 2021.

Joan was predeceased by her parents, her siblings Jeanette, Joyce, and Jim, by her son Russell Scott Stauffer II, and by her husbands as mentioned. She is survived by daughters Sherry Hooke (Klamath Falls, OR), Marion Momaly (Rockford, IL), Peggy Fisher (Clinton, IA), four grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Special thanks to St. Croix Hospice and Alden Debes for their exceptional care. Christenson Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Per Joan’s wishes, a public service will be held at Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, 2540 West Norvell Bryant Highway, Lecanto, FL, at a later date.

Memorials may be sent to any of her favorite charities: Amnesty International, Greenpeace, Habitat for Humanity, ASPCA, Bread for the World, Sierra Club, or Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church. [www.rockfordfunerals.com](http://www.rockfordfunerals.com)

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Carl Ellspermann, 72  
CRYSTAL RIVER

Carl Ellspermann, 72, of Crystal River, Florida, beloved husband and best friend of Valorie (Bengtson) Ellspermann for 34 years, passed away peacefully surrounded by the ones he laughed with, lived for, and loved on December 27, 2020.

He was predeceased by his parents, Vincent and Chrysteen Ellspermann and Vince’s second wife, Ruth (Badkey, Johns) Ellspermann.

Carl was born in Evansville, Indiana and his family later moved to Ocala, Florida. He attended the University of Florida and earned his BA and Masters in Business and enjoyed running his accounting business in Ocala for over 40 years. He had many longtime clients, of which many became his close friends. Carl and Valorie later retired to Crystal River, where he enjoyed a contented life spent watching beautiful sunsets and for manatee sightings with their beloved dogs, Ella and Mia.

Carl’s commitment to service was instilled by his late father, Vince, and remained for much of his life. He served in the Army National Guard and was also a long-time member and past President of the Ocala Kiwanis Club. He also served on the Board of Directors for both Monroe Regional Medical Center and M&S Bank. One of Carl’s proudest moments was when he championed the development of Community Health Services of Marion County, which served vulnerable populations, as well as his work to provide support to the homeless.

Carl is survived by his children, Jim and his wife, Catherine, of Orlando, Florida, Vince and his wife, Kris, of Nashua, New Hampshire and his daughter, Angie Ellspermann (Pike) and her husband, Sonny, of Fife, Washington; her grandchildren, Maryanne, Jay, Emma, Scarlett and Victoria; her sister, Jean (Bengtson) Pettit and her husband, Andy, her niece Kathryn (Kadie) Pettit, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, her brother David Bengtson and his wife, Barbara, of Ocala, Florida. Valorie enjoyed a 30-year career as a

wife, Kris, of Nashua, New Hampshire and his daughter, Angie (Pike) and her husband, Sonny, of Fife, Washington; his grandchildren, Maryanne, Jay, Emma, Scarlett and Victoria; as well as his three brothers, Steve, Lenny and David and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A memorial service for Carl and Valorie will be held at 2:00pm on Saturday, October 16 at Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services (910 E Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470). A gathering will take place from 1:00pm until the time of the service. Online condolences may be sent to [hiers-baxley.com](http://hiers-baxley.com).

Valorie Ellspermann, 67  
CRYSTAL RIVER

On February 23, 2021, Valorie (Bengtson) Ellspermann, 67, of Crystal River, Florida, joined her beloved husband and best friend, Carl Ellspermann, in heaven.

Valorie was predeceased by her husband, Carl, her parents, Hank and Lynne (Hollowell) Bengtson of Ocala, Florida, and her brother, Bing Bengtson, of Greenville, South Carolina.

Valorie is survived by her step-children, Jim and his wife, Catherine, of Orlando, Florida, Vince and his wife, Kris, of Nashua, New Hampshire and her daughter, Angie Ellspermann (Pike) and her husband, Sonny, of Fife, Washington; her grandchildren, Maryanne, Jay, Emma, Scarlett and Victoria; her sister, Jean (Bengtson) Pettit and her husband, Andy, her niece Kathryn (Kadie) Pettit, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, her brother David Bengtson and his wife, Barbara, of Ocala, Florida.

Valorie enjoyed a 30-year career as a

Registered Nurse and leader at Ocala’s Munroe Regional Medical Center and was a person who liked to have fun, was witty, feisty, stubborn and strong willed.

Also known as “Bugs” to her grandchildren, Valorie pushed through whatever life put in her path and inspired all who knew and loved her.

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Citrus County School Board

# Fall Communication

A Message from  
Superintendent  
Sandra “Sam”  
Himmel



## Looking Ahead

Fall is in the air! There are many reasons to love this season – cooling temperatures, changing leaves, and upcoming holiday festivities. The changes we traditionally witness during this season remind me how our school community perseveres when faced with challenges and how we welcome change that embraces student growth, diversity, and achievement.

Our Governor recently announced a groundbreaking change that I look forward to implementing in the 2022-23 school year. He proposed new legislation eliminating the end-of-year Florida Statewide Assessment (FSA) and shifting to a progress-monitoring approach called Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST). This positive change will significantly impact teaching, learning, and assessing in our schools. It initiates an accountability system that monitors student progress through a streamlined, student, parent, and teacher-friendly approach. It puts valuable information in our teachers’ hands throughout the school year, which immediately is utilized to modify instruction and individualize students’ needs.

Each Fall is also a time we embrace diversity by celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month. From September 15th to October 15th, we recognize and celebrate the histories, cultures, and contributions of those whose heritage is from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. I encourage our students to take part in the statewide Hispanic Heritage Month Art & Essay Contest. You can find more information by visiting our website at [www.citrusschools.org](http://www.citrusschools.org).

Finally, I would like to conclude with an invitation to our community. Our Citrus County Schools are looking for new people to join our growing family. If you, or someone you know, is interested in being a part of one of the best school districts in Florida, please consider applying for an instructional, bus driver, paraprofessional, or substitute position. To begin the process or get more information, please visit our Employment/Human Resources Department’s website at [www.citrusschools.org](http://www.citrusschools.org). Please join us for our exclusive Citrus Schools Career Fair being held at the CF Conference Center, located at 3800 S. Lecanto Hwy. in Lecanto on Wednesday, October 27th from 8:00 a.m. - Noon, & 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Computers and in-person assistance will be available to get you started with your online application! We would love to see you there!

As always, it is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Superintendent of Schools. Thank you for your continued support of our students and our schools.

**Sandra “Sam” Himmel**  
*Superintendent of Schools*

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## A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT STUDENT SERVICES

Citrus County School’s Health & Wellness team is designed to provide a wide variety of educational resources and services available to students, staff, and the community. The District Student Services Department works with schools to provide instruction that meets the state mandate for mental and emotional health awareness, substance use and abuse, and child trafficking awareness. District and community partners have a shared belief that with increased awareness and education, we can enhance student, staff, and community success.

- Our Student Services team works closely with:**
- Principals, assistant principals, the ESE department, and school counselors to monitor and promote the academic success of all students
  - School Social Workers, as members of the Student Services’ team, who provide support in the areas of positive social skills and mindful emotional well-being.
  - Student Health staff who provide a safe, healthy, and positive learning environment that fosters student achievement.
  - The Program Facilitator for McKinney-Vento to ensure that students and families facing homelessness or displacement are adequately identified to provide maximum support to students and families.



**PARENT UNIVERSITY**

Citrus County Schools, in partnership with community agencies, is proud to introduce PARENT UNIVERSITY. PARENT UNIVERSITY offers a variety of opportunities, including courses, training, and family centered workshops to help ensure their children’s success. Our goal is to inform and empower caregivers while helping schools and our community form stronger bonds that lead to student success and happy, healthy families.

Scan the QR code to register for a PARENT UNIVERSITY course:  
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For more information, please email:  
Mindy Melito, Behavioral Health  
Program Specialist at  
melitom@citrusschools.org

## OCTOBER AWARENESS

### RED RIBBON WEEK

**October 25<sup>th</sup> Through October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Red Ribbon Week is celebrated in schools and communities every year to recognize the importance of living a healthy, drug-free life.



**Red Ribbon Week**  
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## OCTOBER 20 - UNITY DAY

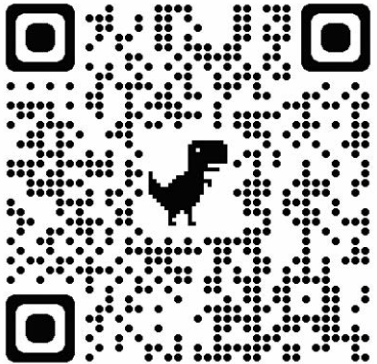
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School Accountability Reports



(Click Side Navigation)

**Financial Reports:**  
Annual Financial Reports, District Fiscal Transparency, Statewide Expenditures Per FTE, and Budget.



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**Summary Financial Efficiency Data & Fiscal Trend Information for the Previous 3 Years -** Florida Statute 1011.035(2) requires school districts to present fiscal data for their district and each public school for three previous years in the form of graphical representations.



**Fiscal Transparency Tool -** Florida Value Added Model (VAM)-- This FLDOE tool allows for financial efficiency comparisons to other similarly situated school districts.



**Know Your Schools Report Cards -** A resource that provides the ability to map and compare Florida public schools and view the Florida Report Cards, which show how the state, district and schools are doing with regard to student achievement and success specified by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). State, District, and School Report Cards include the following data: accountability, population/enrollment, assessments, acceleration, discipline, attendance, graduation, per-pupil expenditures, equitable access to quality educators, goals/interim progress, and national data.



## Help is Here!

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**Not all students learn the same way. That’s why Step Up For Students exists:** to give those Florida schoolchildren who need it most, the learning options that work best for them.

**Step Up For Students** is a nonprofit scholarship funding organization that helps administer five programs for Florida schoolchildren:

**Special Needs Scholarship**  
The **Gardiner Scholarship** helps Florida families customize education for their children with certain special needs who are ages 3 through 22. The scholarship covers 17 diagnoses, including autism spectrum disorder, Down syndrome, intellectual disability, spina bifida and traumatic brain injury. Parents can use scholarship money toward a combination of approved programs and providers that best meet their children’s unique learning needs.

**Income-Based Scholarships**  
Two scholarships are available for lower-income students: the **Florida Tax Credit Scholarship** and **Family Empowerment Scholarship**. Both scholarships give students an option to find the best schools to meet their K-12 learning needs. Please scan the QR Code to view the income guidelines to see if your family could qualify.



**Bullied Student Scholarship**  
The **Hope Scholarship Program** provides relief to students bullied in a public school. It gives them an opportunity to transfer to a K-12 public school with capacity in another district or to request a scholarship for the student to attend an eligible private school. To qualify, the incident must have taken place at a public K-12 educational institution, any school-related or school-sponsored program or activity, including riding on the school bus or waiting at the bus stop.

**Reading Help Scholarship**  
The **Reading Scholarship Accounts program** is an education savings account program for third- through fifth-grade students enrolled in public schools who struggle with reading. Worth \$500 each, these educational savings accounts help parents access programs and providers to help their children improve their reading skills. Students who are classified as English Language Learners, and who are enrolled in a program or receiving services that are specifically designed to meet the instructional needs of English Language Learner students, will receive priority.



**To learn more or apply, visit [www.StepUpForStudents.org](http://www.StepUpForStudents.org)**

**Program funds are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.**

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# ESOL – English Speakers of Other Languages

The Citrus County Schools ESOL team is proud to share our website (located at <https://www.citrusschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=737701&pageId=2937102> ). This site contains information regarding the ESOL services provided in our county and contains the most current resources for ESOL families. On this site, you may also find your child’s school-based ESOL coordinator who is available to answer questions regarding your child’s ESOL experience.

If you have any ESOL-related concerns or questions, please feel free to contact one of our district ESOL program specialists:

**Elementary**  
Megan Furniss  
[furnissm@citrusschools.org](mailto:furnissm@citrusschools.org)  
352-726-1931 x2238

**Secondary**  
Becky Harris  
[Harrisb4@citrusschools.org](mailto:Harrisb4@citrusschools.org)  
352-726-1931 x2247

*Additionally, we are seeking parents interested in serving on our ESOL Parent Leadership Council. This group meets periodically throughout the year, and we would love to have new faces and voices join us. Please contact Megan Furniss or Mary Leonard if you would like to join.*

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Shaunda Burdette  
Executive Director

# Funding Success in the Classroom

The 2020-2021 school year ended with a collective sigh of relief from teachers, parents, and many students! Throughout the summer, CCEF, together with district personnel and our many community partners, worked to plan for 2021-2022, knowing that those plans would need to be fluid. We provided volunteers for the ongoing feeding program, school supplies and other basic needs, along with technology support for online learning. Ensuring the Teacher Store was restocked was a key effort. We are so very grateful for those who supported us financially this past school year which allowed us to continue carrying out our mission!

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit serving 93% of our County's school-aged children, we work tirelessly on our fundraising efforts and community outreach. The mission of our Board of Directors: To support the Citrus County School District by providing resources to enhance the quality of education for present and future generations.

We begin the new school year with optimism and look forward to seeing our programs and events return to in-person gatherings. We're committed to mutually beneficial community partnerships as we strive to support public education the best way possible.



## Our Community Partners

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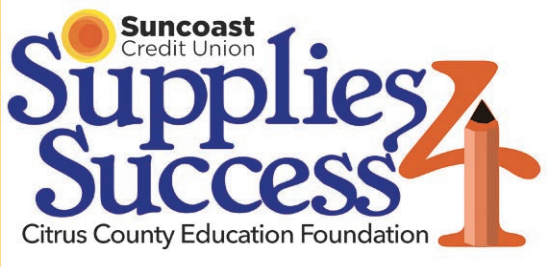
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### Welcome to our new Assistant Director Tiffani King!

In early August, Tiffani transitioned from Secretary of our Executive Board of Directors to this new role, bringing with her a wealth of knowledge and experience from the non-profit world. Tiffani brings noted organizational and marketing skills, along with a contagious smile and attitude.



Maggie Schmidt has recently changed roles as well, moving from board member to Store Manager & Internet Assistance Liaison. Supplies continued to be donated throughout the summer; Maggie lead the effort of receiving pallets, taking inventory, organizing, and preparing for the store opening on August 30th. As part of the annual 'Welcome Back' events for teachers, CCEF was thrilled to present bags of school supplies and other goodies to the 140 new teachers in our district. Thank you to all the supporters of our Teacher Store, big and small, for making this effort possible. Maggie continues to meet with families in need of internet assistance weekly. This initiative has been brought to us by the generosity of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation & the U.S. Family Foundation.



## Community Partner FOCUS

Crystal River's Sodium Fishing Gear and its owners, Casey and Katie Damron, were recognized in May as a winner of the Florida Department of Education Commissioner's Business Recognition program. These owners and their staff have worked tirelessly towards building funds for one of our newest programs, the 5th grade 'Book, Line & Thinkers' fishing field trip.



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| 11/6/2021  | Lake Hernando Dragon Boat Festival                             |
| 11/19/2021 | Foundation Fest – College of Central Florida                   |
| 1/20/2022  | Galaxy of Stars – Teacher of the Year celebration              |
| 4/9/2022   | Suncoast Credit Union Schoolhouse Hustle                       |
| 4/23/2022  | Superintendent's Golf Classic                                  |
| 5/7/2022   | PedIM Healthcare Citrus Kids Triathlon – Whispering Pines Park |



Obituary

**Charlene Luke, 67**  
INVERNESS

Charlene E. Luke, 67 years old of Inverness, FL passed away at home unexpectedly on Monday, October 4th, 2021.

Charlene was born on November 20th, 1953 in Miami, FL to Mr. Charles H. Button and Mrs. Gladys M. Baker who preceded her in death. She graduated from Miami Edison Senior High School Class of 1971. She spent most of her adult life in St. Petersburg, FL before relocating to Inverness and retiring in 2015.

She was married to the love of her life, her “bear” Mr. Michael Luke and was the mother to her two “cubs” Mrs. Jessica (Andrew) Albach and Mr. Jordan (Wendy) Sinick as well as many “fur grandkids” who all survive her. Charlene had many many friends that were very close to her.

She shared a knack for storytelling, photographing nature and wildlife, and antiquing.

Per her wishes, there will not be funeral services. She will be cremated and scattered at some of her favorite places she loved to visit. In place of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital (<http://stjude.org/donate>).

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.hooperfuneralhome.com](http://www.hooperfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory.

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VFW, church still teaming up to give away food



Special to the Chronicle

VFW Post 4337 of Inverness and First Presbyterian Church have had several food giveaways with donated food from We Care Food Truck. On the last Saturday of each month, they give food to an average of 190 people. The next event will from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct 30, at the church parking lot, 206 Washington Ave. in Inverness, as food is available.

For the RECORD

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Arrests from Oct. 6

- **Solomon Jedidiah Cummings**, 47, Floral City, arrested Oct. 6 for violation of injunction. No bond.
- **Harrison Phillip Smith**, 19, Dunnellon, arrested Oct. 6 for resist officer without violence. Bond \$1,000.
- **David Lawrence Davis**, 23, Homosassa, arrested Oct. 6 for four counts of violation of probation, driving while license suspended/revoked (knowingly – first offense) and possession cannabis (less than 20 grams). No bond.
- **Anthony Alex Castillo**, 43, Homosassa, arrested Oct. 6 for driving while license suspended/revoked (knowingly – third offense, plus conviction). Bond \$5,000.
- **David Lewis Cash**, 41

- Homosassa, arrested Oct. 6 for possession of controlled substance. Bond \$2,000.
- **Troy James Shannon**, 33, Beverly Hills, arrested Oct. 6 for felony petit theft (two or more convictions of any theft). Bond \$2,000.
- **Patricia Ann St. Hillaire**, 35, Crystal River, arrested Oct. 6 for violation of probation. No bond.
- **Robert Joseph Ferguson**, 34, Hernando, arrested Oct. 6 for two counts of writ of bodily attachment. Bond \$2,356.
- **William Frances O'Keefe III**, 40, Lecanto, arrested Oct. 6 for driving while license suspended/revoked (habitual traffic offender). Bond \$2,000.
- **David Michael Cole**, 31, Floral City, arrested Oct. 6 for violation of probation. No bond.
- **John Louis La Marca**, 71, Beverly Hills, arrested Oct. 6 for sex

- offender fail to report to sheriff's office to establish residency in state. Bond \$5,000.
- **Jennifer Irene Hernandez**, 41, Ocala, arrested Oct. 6 for violation of probation. No bond.
- **Joshua Franklin Nixon**, 43, Lecanto, arrested Oct. 6 for violation of probation. Bond \$1,000.
- **Kathleen Marie Mejias**, 38, Hernando, arrested Oct. 6 for violate injunction for protection. No bond.
- **Alex Ryan Struble**, 22, Homosassa, arrested Oct. 6 for violation of injunction. No bond.
- **Thomas J. Corvi**, 47, Homosassa, arrested Oct. 6 for resist officer without violence and battery. Bond \$2,000.
- **Matthew Alexander Bialick**, 34, Lecanto, arrested Oct. 6 for domestic battery. No bond.
- **Jose Francisco Rivera**

**Villanueva**, 56, Dunnellon, arrested Oct. 6 for operating vehicle without valid driver's license. Bond \$500.

Burglaries, thefts, vandalism

Here are the reported burglaries, thefts and vandalism (criminal mischiefs) released Friday, Oct. 8, by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office:

- Theft, 11:20 a.m. Oct. 6, off of Rock Crusher Road, Crystal River;
- Theft, 12:45 p.m. Oct. 6, off of Hooty Point, Inverness.

Those with information about these offenses could be eligible for a cash reward by contacting Citrus County Crime Stoppers at 888-269-8477. Tipsters remain anonymous.

Tips can also be reported to the sheriff's office by calling the agency's non-emergency line, 352-249-2790.

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Corvette club makes friends through shared passion



Special to the Chronicle

The Touch of Glass Corvette Club (TOCCC) was established in 2005 to provide Corvette owners an opportunity to enjoy their cars and the fellowship of a shared passion. TOCCC members enjoy their Corvettes and experience a wide variety of functions and events. From a pleasant drive to an out-of-the-way restaurant or a multi-day event at locations throughout Florida and beyond, the members of the TOCCC believe that sharing the experience of owning America's best sports car is an avenue for building lasting friendships. They have every generation of Corvette in the club, ranging from a C1 to the new mid-engine C8. Some members just like to go out to eat and socialize, while others seek out activities like competing on the car show circuit or participating in various performance-based events. They are an active club that holds several events each month, including a meal of the month and a "Wacky Wednesday." They also meet monthly at Anglotti's Pizza in Inverness. Other activities they've held in the past include a trip to Pensacola to see the Blue Angels, a trip to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, a Mediterranean cruise, trips to auto museums, a night at the Citrus County Speedway, a trip to Tampa Bay Downs, Mystery Train Rides, various car shows and the annual poker run and picnic. Each January, they celebrate the club by hosting an annual anniversary party at the Sugarmill Woods Country Club. They recently spent a couple of days touring the collection of unique vehicles at the Revs Institute in Naples. Upcoming activities include the Veterans Day Parade in Inverness, the Toys For Tots kickoff party and a trip to the Tallahassee Auto Museum. For more information or to join, visit [tccorvettes.com](http://tccorvettes.com) or email [info@tccorvettes.com](mailto:info@tccorvettes.com).

Around the COMMUNITY

Take Stock in Children needs more adult volunteer mentors

Take Stock in Children is a school-based mentoring program that assists in creating a brighter future for deserving youth by providing college and vocational scholarships, volunteer mentors, tutoring and long-term support. Take Stock in Children of Citrus County is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit

organization and currently monitors 43 active students enrolled in Citrus County's middle and high schools. The program is still accepting applications for the school year. For new student scholars, the program is looking for caring adults who can help make a difference by mentoring these students, once a week for 30 minutes. Take Stock is not a tutoring program, rather it is a program that provides support, guidance and encouragement for

students as they work their way through middle and high school while preparing for college or vocational school. Please call Pat Lancaster, Student Services Coordinator at 352-344-0855 to learn more about the program, find out when the next volunteer orientation will be and get an application. By becoming a Take Stock mentor, you can help make a difference in the lives of student scholars.

— From staff reports

FUTURE

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If approved, the ordinance amendment would allow for small-scale alcohol manufacturers to establish on properties zoned by the city as either waterfront, general or high-intensity commercial. Currently, city codes permit those businesses in just industrial zoning districts.

Council voted 5-0 during its Sept. 27 meeting to push the new development rules through to the final hearing on Monday. Pingawear LLC, based out of the home of the Shipyard Dog in Crystal River, applied for the city to change its rules. Under the proposal to update Crystal River's codes, craft breweries, wineries and distilleries would not be allowed to break ground automatically. City staff would have to still set and sign off the policies for each

development application to help manage impacts on and off the build site. Facilities would function as a low-intensity manufacturer of beer, wine or spirits. They would also be allowed to act as a warehouse, shipping hub and site for sales, tastings, tours, dining and public exhibitions. Florida laws restrict how much alcohol would be produced each year, and shipping would be limited to commercial distributors, not individual consumers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ **First Baptist Church of Crystal River** — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 700 N. Citrus Ave. Call 352-795-3367.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ **Calvary Church** —



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

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

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

■ **Food and non-food items** are available from 10 a.m. to noon every fourth Saturday at North Oak Baptist Church in Citrus Springs. Remaining in their cars, people can enter at the North Citrus Springs Boulevard entrance. They will be met with a person bringing them a bag of essential non-food items, which could include paper products, detergents, personal items and more.

As cars continue around the drive, the food pantry crew waits with pre-assembled bags of food items. Cars then exit onto Elkcarn Boulevard. There is no charge for these ministries and all are

welcome. Items vary based on availability while supplies last. North Oak Baptist Church is at 9324 N. Elkcarn Blvd. in Citrus Springs. Call 352-489-1688 for more information.

■ **The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Thomas the Apostle Church Food Pantry** is open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The church is located on U.S. 19, approximately 1/2 mile south of the Cardinal Street intersection. The pantry provides bagged canned goods, nonperishable food items and food staples for people facing temporary hardship and living within parish boundaries. To be eligible, clients must present photo ID. Call 352-628-3366.

Emergency help with utility shut-offs, prescriptions and other emergency services are provided. Volunteers are available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

■ **Rivers of Life Restoration Ministry Inc.** operates the Seven Loaves Food and Clothing Pantry at Helping Hands Thrifty Treasures, 9699 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River. The free-to-all Food Pantry is now open from noon to 3 p.m. every Tuesday. Call 863-666-4129 for information.

■ **Our Lady of Fatima** — offers Helping Hands from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday thru Friday, at 604 U.S. 41, Inverness. Food assistance is given every two months; utilities every four months; and clothing and prescriptions every three months for those who qualify. For information, call 352-726-1707.

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

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

■ **El-Shaddai food ministries** "brown bag of food" distribution is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays at Crystal River Church of God, 2180 W.

12th Ave. Although food is distributed once a week, families are only eligible for food once a month. Call 352-628-9087 or 352-302-9925.

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

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

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# Delta variant, worker shortage keep lid on growth

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WASHINGTON — U.S. employers added just 194,000 jobs in September, a second straight tepid gain and evidence that the pandemic has kept its grip on the economy, with many companies struggling to fill millions of open jobs.

Friday's report from the Labor Department also showed that the unemployment rate sank last month from 5.2% to 4.8%. The rate fell in part because more people found jobs but also because about 180,000 fewer people looked for work in September, which meant they weren't counted as unemployed.

September's sluggish job gains fell shy of even the modest 336,000 that the economy had added in August and were the fewest since December, when employers actually cut jobs.

The economy is showing some signs of emerging from the drag of the delta variant of the coronavirus, with confirmed new COVID-19 infections declining, restaurant traffic picking up slightly and consumers willing to spend. But new infections remained high as September began. And employers are still struggling to find workers because many people who lost jobs in the pandemic have yet to start looking again. The persistence of that trend, with job openings at a record high, has confounded many economists.

Most of them had expected September to produce robust job growth as schools reopened, thereby freeing parents, especially working mothers, to return to jobs. Several enhanced unemployment benefit programs had expired Sept. 6, potentially providing incentives for more people to seek work. And at least before delta intensified, many companies had planned to return to working in offices, which would have revitalized still-dormant downtowns.

Instead, as a result of the delta variant, many office buildings remain vacant and fears of the disease rebounded. A Census Bureau survey found that the number of people not working because they had



In this May 21 file photo, a customer walks behind a sign at a Nordstrom store seeking employees in Coral Gables. On Friday, Oct. 8, U.S. employers added just 194,000 jobs in September, a second straight tepid gain and evidence that the pandemic still has a grip on the economy with many companies struggling to fill millions of open jobs.

COVID or were caring for someone with the disease doubled between July and early September. COVID outbreaks have also temporarily closed some schools, making it harder for many mothers to hold down permanent jobs.

At the same time, many economists say that as COVID recedes further and Americans resume traveling, eating out and seeing movies, more people will likely re-enter the workforce, and hiring will strengthen.

"This report is a look in the rear-view mirror," said Daniel Zhao, senior economist at the jobs website Glassdoor, "and

hopefully this means the worst is behind us, and the worst was just a slowdown in the recovery."

For now, people like Sarah Neumeier have chosen to stay on the sidelines. Neumeier, 32, of Natick, Massachusetts, who has 3-year-old twin sons, said she will wait until after the winter holidays to look for work again.

She had turned down a job just as the pandemic intensified in March 2020 because, out of concern for their health, she didn't want to place her children in daycare. Those concerns haven't lifted.

"I was waiting for the vaccine," she

said. "My boys were preemies, and we did everything to keep them healthy. I don't want to jeopardize that now."

The delta variant has discouraged Neumeier in another way: Her work experience is in event planning, a field that was devastated by the pandemic and is unlikely to recover until the delta variant has faded further.

Neumeier has plenty of company. The proportion of Americans who either have a job or are looking for one — known as labor force participation — declined in September from 61.7% to 61.6%, well below the pre-pandemic level of 63.3%, Friday's report said.

The drop in labor force participation occurred entirely among women, suggesting that many working mothers are still caring for children at home. For men, labor participation was unchanged. Some after-school programs weren't yet in place last month to provide all-day care. And child care has become scarcer and costlier in many cases.

Lael Brainard, a member of the Federal Reserve's Board of Governors, noted in a recent speech that COVID outbreaks in late September caused 2,000 schools to close for an average of six days in 39 states.

John Lai, chief executive of Mister Car Wash, with about 350 locations, said he's seeking to hire 500 people in the next three months to add to the company's 6,000 workers. Mister Car Wash, based in Tucson, Arizona, has raised its average hourly-worker pay to \$14.50 an hour since the pandemic began and offers health and retirement benefits. Yet it's struggling to attract applicants.

"It is certainly the most challenging labor market that I have ever experienced in my 20 years in the business," Lai said.

Some of his female employees, he said, have had to quit to care for children. And despite the end of federal supplemental unemployment aid, Lai is seeing little increase in the number of job applicants.

And, he suspects that one factor is lingering fear of becoming sick at work.

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World NEWS

Russia hits new virus death record with surge

MOSCOW — Russia has recorded a new record-high daily death toll from COVID-19, continuing a persistent rise that has brought new records almost daily in October.

The national coronavirus task force reported Saturday that 968 people in Russia died of COVID-19 over the past day — about 100 more daily deaths than were recorded in late September. The task force said more than 29,000 new infections also were confirmed in the past day.

Authorities blame the steep rise on the country's low vaccination rate. Deputy Prime Minister Tatyana Golikova said Friday that 47.8 million Russians, or almost 33% of Russia's nearly 146 million people, had received at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccine, and 42.4 million, or about 29%, were fully vaccinated.

The coronavirus task force reports has reported a total of about 7.8 million cases and 215,453 deaths in the pandemic.

However, the task force records only deaths directly caused by the virus. Reports by Russia's state statistical service Rosstat that tally coronavirus-linked deaths reveal significantly higher mortality numbers.

Rosstat on Friday revealed the latest data showed more than 254,000 deaths of people with COVID-19 in the first eight months of this year.

— From wire reports

Taliban won't cooperate



Malalai, center, from Kunduz province, sits with her children at a camp for internally displaced people as they wait for a bus to return home, in Kabul, Afghanistan, Saturday, Oct. 9.

Ruling party won't work with US to contain Islamic State extremists

KATHY GANNON  
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — The Taliban on Saturday ruled out cooperation with the United States to contain extremist groups in Afghanistan, staking out an uncompromising position on a key issue ahead of the first direct talks between the former foes since America withdrew from the country in August.

Senior Taliban officials and U.S. representatives are to meet Saturday and Sunday in Doha, the

capital of Qatar. Officials from both sides have said issues include reining in extremist groups and the evacuation of foreign citizens and Afghans from the country. The Taliban have signaled flexibility on evacuations.

However, Taliban political spokesman Suhail Shaheen told The Associated Press there would be no cooperation with Washington on containing the increasingly active Islamic State group in Afghanistan.

IS has taken

responsibility for a number of recent attacks, including a suicide bombing Friday that killed 46 minority Shiite Muslims and wounded dozens as they prayed in a mosque in the northern city of Kunduz.

"We are able to tackle Daesh independently," Shaheen said, when asked whether the Taliban would work with the U.S. to contain the Islamic State affiliate. He used an Arabic acronym for IS.

IS has carried out

relentless assaults on the country's Shiites since emerging in eastern Afghanistan in 2014. It is also seen as the terror group that poses the greatest threat to the United States for its potential to stage attacks on American targets.

The weekend meetings in Doha are the first since U.S. forces withdrew from Afghanistan in late August, ending a 20-year military presence as the Taliban overran the country. The

U.S. has made it clear the talks are not a preamble to recognition.

The talks also come on the heels of two days of difficult discussions between Pakistani officials and U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman in Islamabad that focused on Afghanistan. Pakistani officials urged the U.S. to engage with Afghanistan's new rulers and release billions of dollars in international funds to stave off an economic meltdown.

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VETERANS NOTES

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

COMING UP

Navy Seabee Veterans to meet

Island X-23 Crystal River, Navy Seabee Veterans of America, will have their monthly luncheon at 11:30 Oct. 12 at the Riviera Mexican Cantina, 1935 SE U.S. 19 in Crystal River.  
All Seabees and other veterans who served with a Seabee Unit are invited to join. Spouses are also encouraged to attend. For more information, call David Buchanan at 352-564-0378.

Celebrate Navy’s birthday

The Arnold Vern Allen American Legion Post 166 will host a celebration for the 246th birthday of the U.S. Navy from 3 to 6 p.m. Oct. 13 at the post, 4520 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Homosassa.  
All Navy veterans are invited to share their stories, enjoy appetizers and a special cake with their fellow veterans.

Veterans In The Classroom

Veterans interested in giving presentations about their military service to Citrus County school children from Nov. 1 through Nov. 10 as part of the Veterans Appreciation Week events, are required to register by Oct. 13.  
To register, visit the Citrus County School District website at: [www.citrusschools.org/home](http://www.citrusschools.org/home). Scroll down and click the “Veterans in the Classroom” flag icon. Read about the VITC and complete the registration process.

Veterans picnic at Post 10087

VFW District 7 will have a picnic with food, music and games for adults and children at noon Oct. 16 at VFW Post 10087, 2170 W. Vet Lane in Beverly Hills.  
All veterans and their families are invited. There will be a veteran’s administration representative and members of state congressional and senate representatives to answer questions.

Mobile exhibit in our area

Wreaths Across America’s Mobile Education Exhibit (MEE), which has been traveling the country to honor our nations veterans, will make two stops in our area in October.  
The MEE brings the local community, veterans, active-duty military and their families together through interactive exhibits, short films, and shared stories.  
The exhibit serves as a mobile museum, educating visitors about the service and sacrifice of our nation’s heroes as well as serving as an official ‘welcome home’ station for our nation’s Vietnam Veterans.

■ Winding Waters Chapter NSDAR hosts the exhibit from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11, at 13173 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville.  
■ Aaron A. Weaver Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 776 will host the exhibit from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, at Liberty Park, 268 N. Apopka Ave, Inverness.  
Community members will also have the opportunity to purchase a wreath for \$15 to be placed on a grave at Florida National Cemetery on Dec. 18. To request a specific gravesite, bring the full name of the veteran, the site and grave number.  
At Liberty Park, guests will be able to talk to local veterans groups and sign up to vote in the next election.  
For more information, call Sandy Cross at [mom4sba@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mom4sba@tampabay.rr.com).

Post 4252 to host flea market

VFW Post 4252 Auxiliary is hosting a flea market at 8 a.m. Oct. 17, 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway in Hernando.  
Indoor tables will be provided for \$10. Those who wish to set up an outdoor table for \$5 must bring their own.  
No refunds will be issued and all proceeds will go to veterans and family support funds.  
For more information or to reserve a table, visit 352-726-3339.

VFW Post restarts yard sales

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

Post 4337 to have yard sale

The Auxiliary VFW Post 4337 will have an indoor yard sale from 11 to 3 p.m. Oct. 23 at the Eugene Quinn Post, 906 State Road 44 East in Inverness.  
The yard sale includes clothes, jewelry and more. All proceeds go to community members in need.  
The post is a smoke-free environment. For more information, call Gloria Lane at 786-283-1795.

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A new life ahead



Associated Press file

In this Sept. 27, 2021, file photo a female member of the military puts her arms around two female Afghan refugees after they spoke with Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin as he visits an Afghan refugee camp on Joint Base McGuire Dix Lakehurst, N.J. A survey from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds 72% of Americans favor granting refugee status to people who worked with the U.S. or Afghan governments during the war, if they pass security checks.

Poll: Most people in US favor Afghan ally refugees

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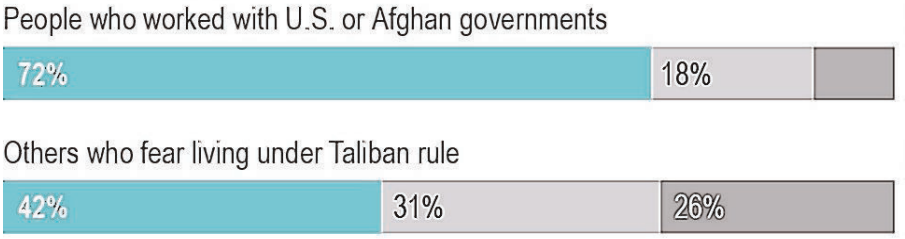
WASHINGTON — Most people in the U.S. want to see Afghans who worked with Americans offered resettlement in the United States, a new poll shows, confirming support across political divides for former military translators and others struggling to escape Taliban rule.  
The survey from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds 72% of Americans say they favor the U.S. granting refugee status to people who worked with the U.S. or Afghan governments during the war in Afghanistan, if they pass security checks.  
For officials of refugee resettlement groups, veterans and others working to get Afghan allies on planes out of Afghanistan, the poll findings bear out what they are seeing on the ground: Large numbers of Americans regard giving the Afghans a refuge from any Taliban retaliation as a duty and a necessary coda of the nearly 20-year war.  
Patrick Raglow, a local Catholic Charities executive director in Oklahoma City preparing for at least 1,800 Afghan refugees in the state, said he is fielding hundreds of community offers of help and support for the Afghan immigrants.  
Oklahoma farmers and ranchers have even volunteered to donate a few acres for the Afghan families to homestead, Raglow said.  
“I see this very much as a continuation of the mission of those brave 13 Americans who gave their lives, protecting and sheltering and bringing to safety

About 7 in 10 Americans favor accepting Afghan allies as refugees

A new AP-NORC poll finds most Americans favor accepting Afghans who worked with the U.S. or Afghan governments as refugees if they pass checks, but fewer say that for others who fear living under Taliban rule.

Would you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose the U.S. accepting \_\_\_\_ as refugees if they pass security checks?

☒ Favor ☐ Neither ☐ Oppose



Results based on interviews with 1,099 U.S. adults conducted Sept. 23–27. The margin of error is ±4.2 percentage points for the full sample.

Source: AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research

these very people,” Raglow said of the resettlement, invoking the U.S. service members killed when a suicide bomber targeted the U.S.-run evacuation at Kabul’s airport on Aug. 26, an attack that also killed 169 Afghans. “It is a way to continue that mission.”  
Matt Zeller, an Afghanistan war veteran and founder of the veterans group No One Left Behind, said he has also seen widespread support for Afghan refugees.

“I don’t think there’s any more unified issue that the American public has had since 9/11,” said Zeller, whose group is part of a civil society effort encompassing veterans, liberal suburbanites and hardcore conservatives, Democratic and Republican lawmakers and others that has mobilized to get more at-risk Afghans out of the Taliban-held country.

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Crystal Harley-Davidson recognized as CCFV sponsor

Citrus County Veterans Foundation Director J.J. Kenney, left, presents a plaque to Amy Moodie of Crystal Harley-Davidson in appreciation of their platinum hole sponsorship of the 17th Annual Citrus County Veterans Golf Tournament at the Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club.

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2 (WESH) NBC	19		19	News	NBC News	Football Night in America (N)	'14 88	NFL Football	Buffalo Bills at Kansas City Chiefs. (N) (In Stereo Live) 88							News		
3 (WEDU) PBS	3	3		NewsHour Wk	WEDU Arts Plus 'G'	Father Brown 'The Curse of the Aesthetic' PG'		Call the Midwife (N) (In Stereo) '14' 88	Granthchester on Masterpiece (N) (In Stereo) '14'	Margaret: The Rebel Princess (In Stereo) '14' 88		Shakespeare and Hathaway -- Private						
5 (WUFT) PBS	5		5	American Masters (In Stereo)	'14' 88			Call the Midwife (N) '14'	Granthchester	Secrets of Scotland Yard	Professor T '14' 88							
8 (WFLA) NBC	8	8	8	News	NBC Nightly News - Holt	Football Night in America (N) (In Stereo Live) '14' 88		NFL Football	Buffalo Bills at Kansas City Chiefs. (N) (In Stereo Live) 88							NewsChannel 8		
9 (WFTV) ABC	20	7	20	News at 6pm	ABC World News	Eyewitness News Celebrates 50 Years of Magic		Celebrity Wheel of Fortune (N) (In Stereo) PG'	Supermarket Sweep (N) PG' 88 (DVS)	The Rookie The team searches for a sniper. '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) 88		The Equalizer "Aftermath" '14' 88	NCIS: Los Angeles 'Subject 17' '14' 88 (DVS)	SEAL Team 'Trust, But Verify: Part 1' '14'		10 Tampa Bay	In Touch					
13 (WTVT) FOX	13	13		NFL Football New York Giants at Dallas Cowboys. (N) (In Stereo Live) 88		The OT (N) PG' 88		The Simpsons (N) (In Stereo) PG' 88	Bob's Burgers 'Family Guy' (N) PG' 88	FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo) 88	FOX13 11:00 News (N) (In Stereo) 88							
20 (WCJB) ABC			11	WCJB TV20	World News	Funniest Home Videos		Celebrity Wheel	Supermarket Sweep PG'	The Rookie (N) '14'		WCJB TV20	Invest.					
22 (WCFL) 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				
23 (WYKE) FAM	16	16	16	Bible Say?	Nature	YTA Movie of the Week									Life of Cards			
23 (WFTS) ABC	11	11		News	World News	Funniest Home Videos		Celebrity Wheel	Supermarket Sweep PG'	The Rookie (N) '14'	News	Joel Osteen						
23 (WMMR) IND	12	12		Goldbergs	Goldbergs	Big Bang	Big Bang	Last Man	Last Man	MacGyver '14' 88	The First 48 PG' 88	Matter	B/k Forum					
23 (WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	S.W.A.T. 'Octane' '14'	Family Feud	Family Feud		NewsChannel 8	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Chicago Fire '14' 88	Born to Ride	Paid Prog.					
40 (WACX) TBN	21		21	In Touch	Rejoice in the Lord	Divine	Bill Winston	M. Barclay	Chris Franz	Paid Prog.	Jim Raley	Paula Today	Life					
43 (WTOG) CW	4	4	4	The King of Queens PG'	The King of Queens PG'	Mike & Molly '14'	Mike & Molly '14'	Legends of the Hidden Temple PG' 88	Killer Camp 'A Smashing Sequel' (In Stereo) '14'	Bull Bull attempts to help his ex-wife. '14' 88		Bull 'Just Tell the Truth' (In Stereo) '14' 88						
60 (WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	Politica ya	FIFA Eliminatorias Copa Mundial 2022 (N)	(Live)									Maria	Noticiero		
61 (WDOX) FOX			13	NFL Football: Giants at Cowboys	The OT PG'	Simpsons	Great North	Burgers	Family Guy	FOX 51 News	TMZ (N) PG' 88							
63 (WXPX) ION			17	Criminal Minds '14' 88	Criminal Minds '14' 88	Criminal Minds '14' 88	Criminal Minds '14' 88	Criminal Minds '14' 88	Criminal Minds '14' 88	Criminal Minds '14' 88	Criminal Minds '14' 88							
[A+E]	54	48	54	The First 48 '14' 88	The First 48 '14' 88	The First 48 '14' 88	The First 48 '14' 88	The First 48 '14' 88	The First 48 '14' 88	The First 48 '14' 88	The First 48 '14' 88							
(ACCN)			99	Women's College Soccer	College Football Teams TBA.									College Football Notre Dame at Virginia Tech.				
(AMC)	55	64	55	*** "Carrie" (2013) Chloë Grace Moretz. 'R'		The Walking Dead 'MA'		The Walking Dead 'MA'	Walking Dead: World	Talking Dead (N) '14'								
(ANI)	52	35	52	Louisiana Law '14'	Louisiana Law '14'	Louisiana Law: Defending	Louisiana Law (N) '14'	Louisiana Law '14'	Louisiana Law '14'	Louisiana Law '14'								
(BET)	96	71	96	*** "Nobody's Fool" (2018) Tiffany Haddish. 'R'		2021 Hip Hop Awards '14' 88									Martin PG'	Martin PG'	Martin PG'	
(BIGTEN)	742	809		B1G Football in 60 (N)	B1G Football in 60 (N)	The Final Drive 88	B1G Football in 60 (N)	B1G Football in 60 (N)	B1G Football in 60 (N)	B1G Football in 60 (N)	The Final Drive 88							
(BRAVO)	254	51	254	Below Deck	Housewives/Potomac	Housewives/Potomac	Housewives/Potomac	The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City	Housewives/Potomac	Real								
(BSFL)	35	39	35	NBA Preseason Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Orlando Magic.	Inside	Shogun Fights	World Poker	World Poker	World Poker	World Poker								
(CC)	27	61	27	*** "The LEGO Movie" (2014) *** "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" (1997) Leonardo DiCaprio. Billy Zane. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship. PG-13' 88														
(CMT)	98	45	98	**** "Titanic" (1997) PG-13' 88	**** "Titanic" (1997) PG-13' 88	**** "Titanic" (1997) PG-13' 88	**** "Titanic" (1997) PG-13' 88	**** "Titanic" (1997) PG-13' 88	**** "Titanic" (1997) PG-13' 88	**** "Titanic" (1997) PG-13' 88								
(CNN)	40	29	40	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	Diana (Premiere) (N) 88	This Is Life	CNN Special Report									
(ESPN)	33	27	33	MLS Soccer	SportCtr	NBA Preseason Basketball: Thunder at Bucks	PBA Preseason Basketball: Suns at Lakers	SportsCenter (N) 88										
(ESPN2)	33	28	34	Golf PGA Jr. 'Football Scoreboard	SportCtr	SEC Storied 'G'	NTI 20	SportsCenter (N) 88										
(FBN)	106	149	106	Sunday Morning Futures	Kudlow 88	American	American	American	American	The Pursuit! The Pursuit! The Pursuit!								
(FLIX)	118	170		**** "Children of Men" (2006) Clive Owen. 'R'	**** "Full Metal Jacket" (1987, Wan) 'R' 88	**** "Platoon" (1986) Tom Berenger. 'R' 88												
(FNC)	44	37	44	Fox Report	Sunday Night in America	Life, Liberty & Levin (N)	The Next Revolution With 'H'	Sunday Night in America	Life, Liberty & Levin									
(FOOD)	26	56	26	Guy's Grocery Games 'G'	Guy's Grocery Games 'G'	Halloween Wars 'G' 88	Halloween Wars (N) 'G'	Outrageous Pumpkins 'G'	Halloween Baking									
(FREEFORM)	29	52	29	*** "Hocus Pocus" (1993) PG'	*** "The Addams Family" (1991) PG-13' 88	*** "Addams Family Values" (1993) Anjelica Huston. PG-13' 88												
(FS1)	732	112	732	NHRA in 30	NHRA in 30	TBA	MLB Baseball AL Division Series: Teams TBA. (N) (Live) 88	To Be Announced	TBA									
(FX)	30	60	30	** "The Hangover Part III" (2013) Bradley Cooper.	*** "Good Boys" (2019) Jacob Tremblay. 'R'	*** "Good Boys" (2019) Jacob Tremblay. 'R'												
(GOLF)	727	67	727	PGA Tour Golf Shriners Children's Open, First Round.	Golf Central (N) 'G' 88	PGA Tour Golf Shriners Children's Open, First Round. 'G' 88												
(HALL)	59	68	39	*** "South Beach Love" (2021) Taylor Cole. 'NR' 88	Chesapeake Shores 'G'	Engineering-World	Big Things Go Wrong	The Cars That	Golden Girls	Golden Girls								
(HBO)	302	201	302	Axios '14'	Insecure	** "Voyagers" (2021) Tye Sheridan. PG-13' 88	Scenes From a Marriage	Nuclear Family 'MA'	Last Week	Scenes								
(HBO2)	303	202	303	Scenes From a Marriage	Scenes From a Marriage	Scenes From a Marriage	*** "The Evil Dead" (1981) 88	** "Cursed" (2005) Christina Ricci.										
(HGTV)	23	57	23	Home Town 'G'	Home Town 'G' 88	Renovation, Inc	Hawaii Life	Hawaii Life	Lakefront	Lakefront	Island	Island						
(HIST)	51	54	51	The Cars That	The Cars That Made America PG, LV 88	Engineering-World	Big Things Go Wrong	The Cars That										
(LIFE)	24	38	24	"Dying to Belong" (2021) Favour Onwuka. 'NR' 88	"List of a Lifetime" (2021, Drama) Kelly Hu. Premiere. 'NR' 88	"Stolen by My Mother: Kamiyah" (2021) Laurie Forrier. 'NR' 88												
(LMN)	119	50	119	"Her Deadly Sugar Daddy" (2020) Lorynn York. 'NR'	"The Secret Lives of College Freshmen" (2021) 'NR'	"Killer Grades" (2021) Laurie Forrier. 'NR' 88												
(MSNBC)	42	41	42	Voices-Alicia Menendez	Voices-Alicia Menendez	The Mehdi Hasan Show	Ayman (N) (Live) 88	Voices-Alicia Menendez	The Mehdi Hasan Show									
(NBCSN)	448	26	730	NASCAR (Mecum Auto Auctions 'Las Vegas' (Taped) 88	Wicked Tuna	Wicked Tuna	Wicked Tuna	Storm Rising (N) 88	Wicked Tuna									
(NGEO)	109	65	109	Wicked Tuna	Wicked Tuna	Wicked Tuna	Wicked Tuna	Storm Rising (N) 88	Wicked Tuna									
(NICK)	28	36	28	Dylan	Dylan	Lay Lay	Lay Lay	*** "Ice Age" (2002) PG' 88	*** "Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian" (2009)									
(NWSNTH)	18	18	18	Last Man	Last Man	Dan Abrams Live 88	NewsNation Prime (N)	NewsNation Prime (N)	Barfield 88									
(OWN)	125	24	103	Love & Marriage	20/20: Homicide	20/20 on OWN '14' 88	20/20 on OWN '14' 88	20/20 on OWN '14' 88	20/20 on OWN '14' 88	20/20: Homicide								
(OXY)	123	44	123	Snapped PG' 88	Snapped PG' 88	Snapped PG' 88	Snapped PG' 88	Snapped PG' 88	Snapped PG' 88	Snapped PG' 88								
(PARMT)	37	43	37	*** "Bridesmaids" (2011) Kristen Wiig. 'R' 88	Kristen Wiig. 'R' 88	** "Sweet Home Alabama" (2002) Reese Witherspoon. PG-13'	*** "Bridesmaids" (2011) 'R' 88											
(SEC)	745	72		Kentucky Men's Basketball Pro Day (N)	TrueSouth	College Football LSU at Kentucky. From Kroger Field in Lexington, Ky.	College Football											
(SHOW)	340	241	340	Billions 'MA' 88	American Rust 'MA' 88	The Circus	The Circus	Buried 'MA' 88	American Rust (N) 'MA'	Work: Pro. Amer Rust								
(SUN)	36	31	36	Lines	Lines	Animals	Sport	Sportsman	Dreamboat	Best Boat	Fishing	PT APBA Offshore	PT Aqual USA 2021					
(SYFY)	31	59	31	"Harry Potter"	*** "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (2002, Children's) Daniel Radcliffe. PG' 88 (DVS)									La Brea "Pilot" '14'				
(TBS)	49	23	49	"Crazy Rich Asians"	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Love Life	*** "Crazy Rich Asians" (2018)							
(TCM)	169	53	169	*** "The Lion in Winter" (1968) Peter O'Toole.	*** "The Bad Seed" (1956) Nancy Kelly. 'NR'	*** "It's Alive!" (1974) John P. Ryan. PG' 88												
(TDC)	53	34	53	Alaskan Bush People '14'	Alaskan Bush: Off Grid	Alaskan Bush People 'The Storm and the Sea' PG'												
(TLC)	50	46	50	90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way (In Stereo) '14'	90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way (N) (In Stereo) PG'	I Love a Mama's Boy PG'	90 Day: Other											
(TMC)	350	261	350	*** "Scent of a Woman" (1992) Al Pacino. 'R'	*** "Erin Brockovich" (2000) Julia Roberts. 'R'	*** "A Cal to Spy" (2019) PG-13' 88												
(TNT)	48	33	48	*** "Suicide Squad" (2016) Will Smith. PG-13'	"Birds of Prey (Fantabulous Emancipation of Harley Quinn)"	** "Justice League" (2017) PG-13'												
(TOON)	38	38	38	*** "Ready Player One" (2018, Science Fiction) Tye Sheridan. PG-13'	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Rick, Morty	Chicken							
(TRAV)	9	106	9	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Caught on Camera (N) '14' 88	Osbourne's Want- Believe	Osbourne's Want- Believe										
(truTV)	25	55	25	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Tacoma FD	Tacoma FD					
(TVL)	32	49	32	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two and a Half Men '14'	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men					
(USA)	47	32	47	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU					
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Zeller and others are frustrated that U.S. airlifts and subsequent private flights — handicapped by the Taliban and by U.S. bureaucracy — have evacuated only a fraction of the thousands of Afghans potentially eligible for special immigrant visas.

In a time of sharp political divide, about three-quarters of both Republicans and Democrats support granting refugee status to Afghans who worked with the U.S. or Afghan governments. Overall, just 9% of Americans say they are opposed.

“We owe it to them,” said Andrew Davis, a 62-year-old Republican and Army veteran in Gal- loway, Ohio. “It’d be dangerous for them to stay there, I think, if they helped us.”

More favor than oppose the U.S. taking in other Afghans if they pass security checks, the survey showed. Still, fewer than half, 42%, support that category of refugees, while 26% are opposed. An additional 31% say they’re neither in favor nor opposed.

More Democrats than Republicans support refugee status for others who fear living in the Taliban-ruled country, 57% to 27%. Twenty percent of Democrats are opposed, while 23% are neither in favor nor opposed. Among Republicans, 38% are opposed and 35% hold neither opinion.

Davis said he supported accepting former Afghan employees of the U.S. or Afghan governments and was open to doing the same for other Afghans who felt in danger from the Taliban. But he stressed the importance of security vetting for all Afghan refugees to screen out any security risks.

“If we can do that ... I do think we should take them in,” he said. “I mean, they’re obviously at threat.”

Bill Cronin, a 74-year-old retiree and Republican in the San Francisco Bay area, said he supported helping Afghan interpreters and others who went out of their way to aid American service members and civilians.

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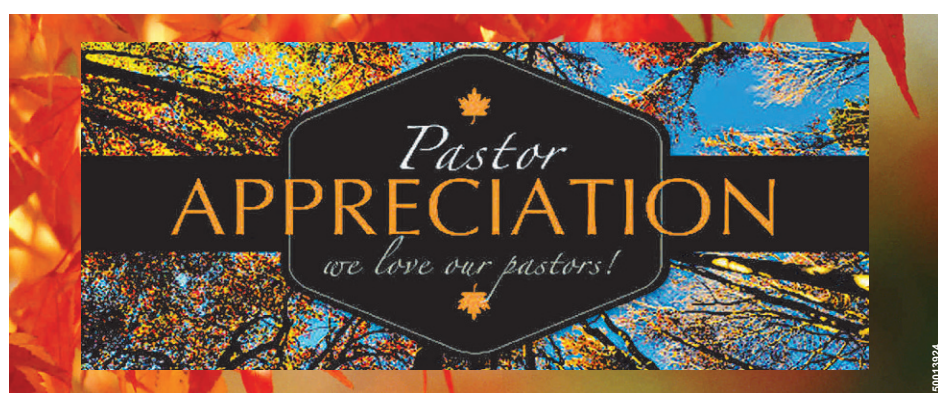
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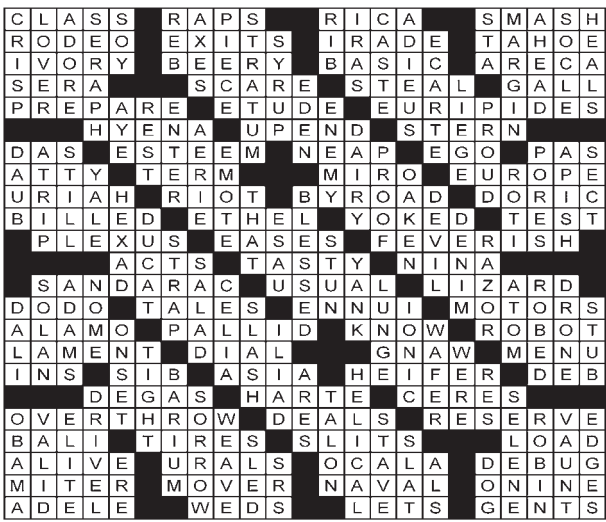
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Sunday PUZZLER ANSWERS

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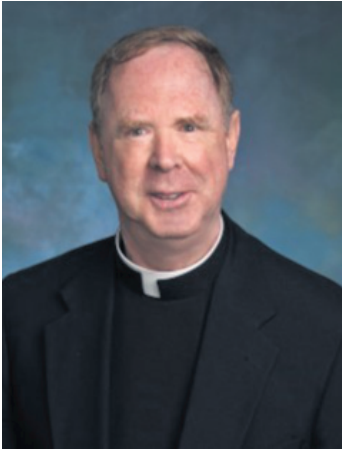
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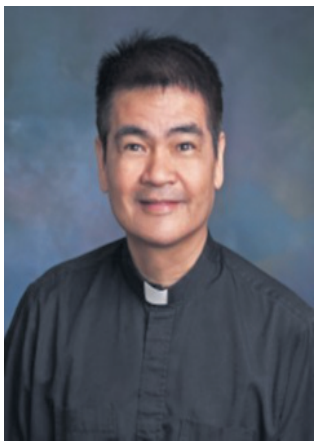
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# Jones' career day fuels Florida win

## No. 20 Gators blank Vanderbilt

MARK LONG  
Ap sports writer

GAINESVILLE — Florida quarterback Emory Jones has unwaveringly supported backup Anthony Richardson all season. He eagerly coached Richardson from the sideline. He enthusiastically cheered for Richardson after every big play. He openly pulled for Richardson's return from a strained right hamstring.

Now, though, it's time for Jones to bask in the spotlight.

Jones had a career-high four touchdowns passes, potentially quieting calls for Richardson to play more, and No. 20 Florida routed woeful Vanderbilt 42-0 Saturday.

"I looked up at the scoreboard one time and they said I threw

four, and I thought it was wrong," Jones said. "I really didn't remember doing it. All the guys around me, they definitely were the biggest part of that. They make it all happen."

It was a feel-good victory for the Gators on homecoming after a gut-wrenching loss at Kentucky essentially knocked coach Dan Mullen's team out of contention in the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division.

Florida (4-2, 2-2 SEC) won its eighth straight in the series and its 30th in the last 31 meetings. The Commodores (2-4, 0-2) dropped their 15th consecutive league game.

Jones was the star of this one. He completed 14 of 22 passes for 273 yards, with TD passes to Dunnellon grad Ja'Quavion Fraziars, Trent Whittemore, Dameon Pierce and Jacob Copeland. Pierce also scored twice more on short runs.

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Associated Press

Florida wide receiver Trent Whittemore (14) catches a pass in the end zone for a 9-yard touchdown in front of Vanderbilt safety Brendon Harris (27) during the first half of a game Saturday, in Gainesville.

# CR rules GC8 pool



MATT PFIFFNER/Chronicle

Grace Burkholder of Lecanto dives into the water to start the 200-medley relay Thursday against Crystal River at the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA in Lecanto. That was also the location of Saturday's Gulf Coast 8 conference meet. The junior won GC8 titles in the 50 freestyle, 100 backstroke and 200-freestyle relay.

## Pirates boys, girls both claim championships in first conference meet

CHRIS BERNHARDT JR.  
Staff writer

LECANTO — It took three years for the Gulf Coast 8 conference championship swim meet to occur, but for Crystal River it proved worth the wait.

Teams from seven GC8 schools (Central High didn't field a team this year) converged on the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA on Saturday, but none could outperform the Pirates.

Scheduling conflicts prevented a conference meet from taking place the first two years of the GC8's existence, so both the Crystal River boys and girls became the conference's inaugural swimming champions.

"It's fantastic. For the boys and the girls to just come together as a team, it's exciting for them, and the first-ever one in the conference," Crystal River coach Chuck Gatton said. "Everybody stepped up for everybody else and it's a great feeling for them. Good motivation."

The most drama came on the girls' side, where the Pirates held just a six-point lead heading in the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Molly Maguire, Gabriella Witkowich, Olivia Szykowski and Baylie Wells combined to take first place with a 4:18.82 clocking, allowing Crystal River to pull away in the team standings with a 123 compared to 109 by Springstead and 99 by Lecanto.

Szykowski had a big day for the Pirates, the sophomore placing first in

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MATT PFIFFNER/Chronicle

Kenneth Witkowich of Crystal River swims the breaststroke leg during the 200-medley relay Thursday in a meet against Lecanto at the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA.

# Sherman a quick study with Bucs

FRED GOODALL  
AP sports writer

TAMPA — Under ideal circumstances, Richard Sherman would be making his debut for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers this week against the Miami Dolphins.

The defending Super Bowl champions signed the three-time All-Pro cornerback to bolster an injury-riddled secondary on Sept. 29, with no intentions of rushing the 33-year-old into the lineup.



Richard Sherman

Five days and three practices later, Sherman not only started but played 58 of 59 snaps in a 19-17 victory at New England.

So much for easing back into the job after missing most of last season with San Francisco because of injuries.

"The plan was to play as long as you could and then get a sub ... and kind of rotate back in," Sherman said, noting the plan was scrapped when cornerback Carlton Davis left early with a quadriceps injury.

"Once they told me I was going to play the whole game, then I started getting into energy-conservation mode throughout the game," Sherman added. "You hate to say you saved some for the swim back, but it was like: 'You don't have a choice at this point because I don't know exactly what I have for the rest of the game.'"

Sherman, who leads active NFL players with 36 interceptions, finished with seven tackles, a fumble recovery and a pass interference penalty.

Coach Bruce Arians lauded the performance, and the former Seahawks and 49ers cornerback's new teammates were impressed, too.

"But I think if you look at his career, I don't know if anybody was really surprised by that," receiver Chris Godwin said. "He's such a cerebral player, and I think that really showed."

Sherman was much more critical of himself, vowing to be better Sunday against the Dolphins (1-3), who have struggled to run the ball and no doubt will test a beleaguered secondary that's allowed the most passing yards in the league through four games.

"To me, you've got a standard that you're used to playing at, and I didn't play up to my standard," Sherman said. "So, regardless of the circumstances, I

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# Travis sparks FSU past UNC again

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Jordan Travis threw three touchdown passes and rushed for two more scores as Florida State upset North Carolina for the second year in row, winning 35-25 on Saturday.

The Seminoles (2-4, 2-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) have won back-to-back games for the first time since 2019.

“It has been a roller coaster this whole season,” Travis said. “The boys came out today and we responded. We went down 10-0 pretty early.”

Travis ran for 121 yards on 14 carries and completed 11 of 13 passes for 145 yards. Two of his touchdown throws went to Ontaria Wilson and another to Malik McClain.

The Tar Heels (3-3, 2-3), who began the season in the Top 10, lost for the first time in four home outings despite two touchdown passes and 108 yards rushing from quarterback Sam Howell.

Howell hit Kamari Morales in the end zone on a 21-yard play on North Carolina’s first possession of the second half to close within 21-17.

Florida State responded with Travis’ 1-yard sneak. The Seminoles scored again on Travis’ 6-yard toss to Wilson.

“We know how we play and how we’re supposed to play,” said Florida State cornerback Jarrian Jones, who had an interception in the end zone in the second quarter. “Going on the road, nobody really gives you a chance, especially us being 1-4. We believe in us.”

North Carolina coach Mack Brown fell to 0-11 vs. his alma mater (including 0-8 while in charge of the Tar Heels).

“We’re not good enough



Florida State running back Jashaun Corbin (0) runs the ball while North Carolina defensive back Kyler McMichael (1) looks for the tackle during the first half of a football game on Saturday, in Chapel Hill, N.C.

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to win unless we play well,” Brown said.

It marked Florida State’s first road win in six tries under second-year coach Mike Norvell.

“To be able to come on the road and do the things we did, it was a challenge,” Norvell said.

Travis, who sparked an upset of a then-unbeaten North Carolina team last October, ran 53 yards for a second-quarter touchdown as the Seminoles took a 14-10 lead. He had 87 yards on the ground in the first half.

“I was able to cut upfield and make a play,” Travis said of the long run. “But once again, I couldn’t do it without the guys blocking in front of me.”

Travis threw 32 yards to Wilson for a touchdown on Florida State’s next

possession to stretch the lead with 53 seconds left in the half.

“The two or three deep balls that he hit were the difference in the ball game,” Brown said of Travis.

North Carolina’s Josh Downs, who hauled in a 33-yard pass for the game’s first touchdown, has caught at least one touchdown pass in every game this season.

North Carolina kicker Grayson Atkins booted a 51-yard field goal to conclude the game’s opening possession, matching his longest as a Tar Heel since transferring from Furman.

**No. 6 Oklahoma 55, No. 21 Texas 48**

DALLAS — Kennedy

Brooks ran for 217 yards and two go-ahead touchdowns in the fourth quarter, including a 33-yard romp with 3 seconds left, as sixth-ranked Oklahoma beat No. 21 Texas 55-48 in the Red River rivalry that will soon move to the Southeastern Conference.

The Sooners (6-0, 3-0 Big 12) appeared to be trying to set up for a game-ending field goal when Brooks instead broke free for a sprint to the end zone to stun the sellout crowd at 92,100-seat Cotton Bowl Stadium.

Oklahoma hadn’t led until Brooks had an 18-yard score with 7:10 left that made it 48-41. His rush was the first play from scrimmage after OU tied the game and kicked off to Xavier Worthy, who had the ball stripped away by Caleb Kelly.

Worthy did have nine catches for 261 yards and two scores, and his 31-yard TD catch tied the game with 1:23 left.

Texas (4-2, 2-1) had a 14-0 lead less than two minutes into the game. The Longhorns, who had won three in a row since a loss to future SEC foe Arkansas in Week 2, had never lost when scoring at least 48 points.

**No. 2 Georgia, 34, No. 18 Auburn 10**

AUBURN, Ala. — Stetson Bennett passed for 231 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Bulldogs past the Tigers for the second straight year.

The nation’s top defense gave up only its second touchdown of the year for the Bulldogs (6-0, 4-0 Southeastern Conference), who were

still without injured starting quarterback JT Daniels. None of that kept Georgia from another comfortable SEC win and a fifth straight in the Deep South’s Oldest Rivalry.

Bennett completed 14 of 21 passes and hit Ladd McConkey in stride for a 60-yard third-quarter score. He also had a 30-yard run.

Bo Nix completed 21 of 38 passes for 217 yards with an interception off a dropped ball for the Tigers (3-2, 1-1), who entered the game averaging 40 points.

**No. 7 Ohio State 66, Maryland 17**

COLUMBUS, Ohio — C.J. Stroud threw five touchdowns passes as Ohio State scored on nine straight possessions.

Stroud was 24 for 33 for 406 yards and threw two touchdown passes each to star wideouts Chris Olave and Garrett Wilson against a depleted Maryland secondary before taking a seat after three quarters.

Freshman TreVeyon Henderson, after managing just 17 yards rushing in the first half, finished with 102 and two touchdowns. He also caught a 26-yard TD pass in the first half for the Buckeyes (5-1, 3-0 Big Ten).

Master Teague also had a touchdown plunge as Ohio State beat Maryland (4-2, 1-2) for the seventh consecutive time.

Taulia Tagovailoa was 28 for 39 for 279 yards and two touchdowns for Maryland but threw two late picks.

**UAB 31, Florida Atlantic 14**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Dylan Hopkins threw a pair of touchdown passes and ran for a third and Grayson Cash returned an interception 100 yards for a score to lead Alabama-Birmingham past Florida Atlantic, 31-14 in a Conference USA battle.

# No. 3 Iowa beats No. 4 Penn St., fans storm field

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IOWA CITY, Iowa — Iowa was in victory formation and the emotion was about to spill over as dusk settled over Kinnick Stadium.

Spencer Petras took the last snap, took a knee and took off, apparently thinking he could get off the field before the students and other fans pouring out of the end zone seats could catch him.

He barely made it to midfield. That’s where he and his teammates were swarmed and the mosh pit formed on the Hawkeyes logo to celebrate No. 3 Iowa’s hard-earned 23-20 victory over fourth-ranked Penn State on Saturday.

“It’s a pretty special place when the lights go on and the sun goes down,” Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said.

Petras threw a 44-yard touchdown pass to Nico Ragaini to complete Iowa’s comeback from a two-touchdown deficit, all accomplished while Penn State’s offense did next to nothing after quarterback Sean Clifford was knocked out of the game.

The Hawkeyes (6-0, 3-0) took control of the Big Ten West with their 12th straight victory and thrust themselves into the College Football Playoff conversation.

“This was like the biggest of the big-time, which was pretty awesome,” Ragaini said. “You don’t get moments like this every day, taking advantage of the opportunity. It was a mentally draining game for sure, and physically draining.”

“On the sideline I was so emotionally drained that I almost teared up out there because we care about each other so much. We all want each other to succeed.”

An hour after the game, Ferentz choked up as he reflected on his players’ locker room celebration.

“It’s fun,” he said, pausing. “That’s what they’re supposed to do.”

Penn State (5-1, 2-1) lost for the first time in 10 games and headed back to Happy Valley with a list of injuries that could make its path through the rest of the season difficult.

“It’s just a bump in the road,” Lions defensive end Arnole

Ebiketie said. “We have to get better.”

The Hawkeyes’ grinding offense isn’t built to play from behind, but it managed to come back in the biggest game at Kinnick Stadium since then-No. 1 Iowa beat then-No. 2 Michigan in 1985.

Iowa won the field-position battle thanks to the work of punter Tory Taylor, who repeatedly pinned Penn State deep in its own end after Clifford went out in the second quarter.

Iowa chipped away with field goals by Caleb Shudak to cut it to 20-16. The winning play came on the first play after the Hawkeyes got the ball at the Penn State 44 with 6:35 left.

Petras rolled to his right and found Ragaini alone on the left side. Linebacker Curtis Jacobs knocked him out of bounds, but not before he got the ball over the goal line. All-America center Tyler Linderbaum was the first man to greet him in the end zone.

Penn State coach James Franklin didn’t disclose the nature of Clifford’s injury. He was hurt with the Lions leading 17-3 when he took a big hit from linebacker Jack Campbell, and he was out of uniform on the sideline in the second half.

After Ta’Quan Roberson took over for Clifford in the middle of the second quarter, Penn State managed just 50 yards on 46 plays the rest of the way.

“We talk about all of the important statistics all of the time, and we didn’t do a good job on any of them,” Franklin said. “We did not win the field position battle, we did not win the turnover battle, we did not win the penalty battle, we didn’t win the explosive play battle.”

Five of Roberson’s series started inside the Penn State 10, and a sixth began at the 11. The sellout crowd of 70,000 had a major impact when the Lions were in their own end, their roars forcing numerous false starts as Roberson’s claps for the snap went unheard by his linemen.

On the Nittany Lions’ last three possessions, they turned over the ball on downs, Matt Hankins came up with Iowa’s fourth interception of the game and they turned it over on downs again.



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Iowa quarterback Spencer Petras (7) celebrates with fans on the field after Iowa beat Penn State 23-20, in a game Saturday, in Iowa City, Iowa.

“We weren’t counting on the interceptions but that was a great job there,” Ferntz said. “We played physical, knocked their quarterback out — hope he’s fine. That’s the team we have.”

**UCF 20, East Carolina 16**

ORLANDO — Mark-Antony Richards’ 1-yard touchdown smash with 23 seconds left to play helped carry Central Florida to a 20-16 win over East Carolina.

Richards’ score ended an 11-play, 64-yard drive that lasted just a little more than three minutes.

**No. 17 Mississippi 52, No. 13 Arkansas 51**

OXFORD, Miss. — Sam Williams and Tavius Robinson pressured Arkansas quarterback KJ Jefferson on a potential game-winning 2-point conversion as No. 17 Mississippi held on for a wild victory.

Arkansas (4-2, 1-2 SEC) scored on a 9-yard touchdown pass from Jefferson to Warren Thompson as time expired to pull within a point and decided to go for the win. Jefferson rolled right and under extended

pressure from Williams and Robinson, overthrew Treyton Burks in the end zone.

Ole Miss (4-1, 1-1) took the lead with 1:07 remaining as Matt Corral threw a 68-yard touchdown pass to Braylon Sanders.

**Boise State 26, No. 10 BYU 17**

PROVO, Utah — Hank Bachmeier threw for 172 yards and Boise State forced four turnovers in pulling the upset.

Cyrus Habibi-Likio ran for a season-high 75 yards and a touchdown, and Andrew Van Buren added a season-high 60 yards and a touchdown. The Broncos (3-3) snapped a two-game losing streak in the series.

Jaren Hall threw for a career-high 302 yards and a touchdown for BYU (5-1).

**No. 11 Michigan State 31, Rutgers 13**

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Jalen Nailor caught touchdown passes of 63, 63 and 65 yards from Payton Thorne as the Spartans used their big-play offense to remain unbeaten.

Kenneth Walker, who came into the game leading all Football Bowl

Subdivision players in rushing, ran for 233 yards, including a school-record 94-yard touchdown.

**No. 19 Wake Forest 40, Syracuse 37, OT**

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — A.T. Perry caught three touchdowns, including a 22-yarder from Sam Hartman in the left corner of the end zone for the win.

A 38-yard field goal by Andre Szmyt gave Syracuse (3-3, 0-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) a 37-34 lead on its first possession in overtime, but the Demon Deacons (6-0, 4-0) scored six plays later.

**No. 24 SMU 31, Navy 24**

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Tanner Mordecai threw for 324 yards and two touchdowns as SMU rallied from a 14-point second-quarter deficit.

Bryan Massey scored on a 95-yard kickoff return to begin the comeback for the unbeaten Mustangs. SMU (6-0, 2-0 American Athletic Conference) had the game tied by halftime and went up 31-24 on a 22-yard TD pass from Mordecai to Jordan Kerley with 8:19 remaining in the final quarter.



NASCAR

Xfinity: Drive for the Cure 250

Saturday  
At Charlotte Motor Speedway Road Course  
Concord, N.C.  
Lap length: 2.28 miles  
(Start position in parentheses)  
1. (14) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 68 laps, 135.5 rating, 49 points.  
2. (1) Austin Cindric, Ford, 68, 124.4, 35.  
3. (3) Daniel Hemric, Toyota, 68, 120.4, 54.  
4. (5) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 68, 112.1, 48.  
5. (6) Brandon Jones, Toyota, 68, 94.2, 42.  
6. (10) Noah Gragson, Chevrolet, 68, 91.2, 46.  
7. (37) Preston Pardus, Chevrolet, 68, 79.3, 30.  
8. (13) Myatt Snider, Chevrolet, 68, 76.0, 37.  
9. (2) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 68, 79.0, 28.  
10. (15) Sam Mayer, Chevrolet, 68, 94.8, 28.  
11. (17) Josh Williams, Chevrolet, 68, 77.5, 26.  
12. (11) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 68, 75.8, 32.  
13. (7) Jeb Burton, Chevrolet, 68, 75.8, 28.  
14. (20) Alex Labbe, Chevrolet, 68, 84.2, 23.  
15. (8) Harrison Burton, Toyota, 68, 78.0, 29.  
16. (19) Jade Buford, Chevrolet, 68, 64.2, 21.  
17. (35) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 68, 65.7, 20.  
18. (40) Austin Hill, Toyota, 68, 77.2, 0.  
19. (23) JJ Yeley, Chevrolet, 68, 56.7, 18.  
20. (32) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 68, 62.0, 17.  
21. (12) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 68, 96.5, 26.  
22. (16) Brandon Brown, Chevrolet, 68, 55.7, 15.  
23. (24) Kyle Weatherman, Chevrolet, 68, 56.5, 14.  
24. (36) Stefan Parsons, Chevrolet, 68, 46.0, 13.  
25. (28) Sage Karam, Chevrolet, 68, 81.8, 12.  
26. (25) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 68, 71.3, 11.  
27. (4) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 68, 66.2, 10.  
28. (30) Joe Graf Jr, Chevrolet, 67, 36.0, 9.  
29. (29) Will Rodgers, Toyota, 67, 68.0, 8.  
30. (26) Matt Mills, Toyota, 67, 35.0, 7.  
31. (33) Spencer Boyd, Ford, 67, 35.0, 0.  
32. (18) Ryan Sieg, Ford, 66, 51.2, 5.  
33. (21) Tommy Joe Martins, Chevrolet, accident, 63, 56.7, 4.  
34. (9) Riley Herbst, Ford, suspension, 61, 77.5, 7.  
35. (34) Loris Hezemans, Ford, electrical, 59, 38.3, 2.  
36. (27) Ryan Vargas, Chevrolet, axle, 47, 53.0, 1.  
37. (22) Brett Moffitt, Chevrolet, accident, 30, 26.2, 1.  
38. (31) Josh Bilicki, Chevrolet, accident, 28, 47.8, 1.  
39. (38) Kris Wright, Chevrolet, suspension, 19, 28.3, 0.  
40. (39) Gray Gaulding, Chevrolet, rear gear, 10, 24.3, 1.

BASEBALL

MLB playoffs

x-if necessary  
DIVISION SERIES  
(Best-of-5)  
American League  
Tampa Bay 1, Boston 1  
Thursday, Oct. 7: Tampa Bay 5, Boston 0  
Friday, Oct. 8: Boston 14, Tampa Bay 6  
Today: Tampa Bay (Rasmussen 4-1) at Boston (Eovaldi 11-9), 4:07 p.m. (MLB)  
x-Monday, Oct. 11: Tampa Bay at Boston, 7:07 p.m. (FS1)  
x-Wednesday, Oct. 13: Boston at Tampa Bay, 5:07 p.m. (FS1)  
Houston 2, Chicago 0  
Thursday, Oct. 7: Houston 6, Chicago 1  
Friday, Oct. 8: Houston 9, Chicago 4  
Today: Houston (Garcia 11-8) at Chicago (Cease 13-7), 8:07 p.m. (FS1)  
x-Monday, Oct. 11: Houston at Chicago, 3:37 p.m. (FS1)  
x-Wednesday, Oct. 13: Chicago at Houston, 9:07 p.m. (FS1)  
National League  
San Francisco 1, Los Angeles 0  
Friday, Oct. 8: San Francisco 4, Los Angeles 0  
Saturday, Oct. 9: Los Angeles (Urias 20-3) at San Francisco (Gausman 14-6), late  
Monday, Oct. 11: San Francisco at Los Angeles, 9:37 p.m. (TBS)  
x-Tuesday, Oct. 12: San Francisco at Los Angeles, 9:07 p.m. (TBS)  
x-Thursday, Oct. 14: Los Angeles at San Francisco, 9:07 p.m. (TBS)  
Milwaukee 1, Atlanta 1  
Friday, Oct. 8: Milwaukee 2, Atlanta 1  
Saturday, Oct. 9: Atlanta 3, Milwaukee 0  
Monday, Oct. 11: Milwaukee at Atlanta (Anderson 9-5), 1:07 p.m. (TBS)  
x-Tuesday, Oct. 12: Milwaukee at Atlanta, 5:07 p.m. (TBS)  
x-Thursday, Oct. 14: Atlanta at Milwaukee, 5:07 p.m. (TBS)

FOOTBALL

College scores

EAST  
Brown 31, Colgate 10  
Columbia 22, CCSU 20  
Dartmouth 24, Yale 17, OT  
Delaware St. 56, Va. Lynchburg 6  
Dukesne 39, Bryant 34  
Elon 33, Maine 23  
Fordham 56, Wagner 7  
Harvard 24, Cornell 10  
Lafayette 27, Bucknell 0  
Marist 34, Stetson 3  
Marshall 20, Old Dominion 13, OT  
Michigan St. 31, Rutgers 13  
Penn 20, Lehigh 0  
Princeton 31, Monmouth (NJ) 28  
Rhode Island 22, Delaware 15  
Robert Morris 31, Charleston Southern 24  
SMU 31, Navy 24  
Sacred Heart 20, Merrimack 10  
St. Francis (Pa.) 55, LIU Brooklyn 10  
Towson 21, Stony Brook 14  
Umass 27, Uconn 13  
Wake Forest 40, Syracuse 37, OT  
SOUTH  
Alabama St. 35, Ark.-Pine Bluff 15  
Alcorn St. 24, Grambling St. 20  
Campbell 42, Gardner-Webb 28  
E. Kentucky 30, Abilene Christian 15  
ETSU 48, The Citadel 21  
Florida 42, Vanderbilt 0  
Florida A&M 30, SC State 7  
Florida St. 35, North Carolina 25  
Furman 42, Wofford 20  
Georgia 34, Auburn 10  
Georgia Tech 31, Duke 27  
Jackson St. 61, Alabama A&M 15  
Jacksonville St. 28, Stephen F. Austin 24  
Kennesaw St. 34, Hampton 15  
Liberty 41, Middle Tennessee 13  
MVSU 20, Bethune-Cookman 14  
Mercer 34, W. Carolina 24  
Mississippi 52, Arkansas 51  
Morehead St. 38, Presbyterian 30  
NC A&T 38, North Alabama 34  
SE Louisiana 58, Nicholls 48  
SE Missouri 30, Austin Peay 14  
Tennessee 45, South Carolina 20  
Tennessee Tech 27, NC Central 16  
Texas Southern 35, Southern U. 31  
Troy 27, Georgia Southern 24  
UAB 31, FAU 14  
UCF 20, East Carolina 16  
UT Martin 48, Murray St. 24  
UTEP 26, Southern Miss. 13  
VMI 37, Chattanooga 34, OT  
Villanova 28, James Madison 27  
Virginia 34, Louisville 33  
William & Mary 31, Albany (NY) 24  
MIDWEST  
Akron 35, Bowling Green 20  
Ball St. 45, W. Michigan 20  
Cent. Michigan 30, Ohio 27  
Dayton 28, Drake 10  
E. Michigan 13, Miami (Ohio) 12  
Indiana St. 37, W. Illinois 27  
Iowa 23, Penn St. 20  
Missouri 48, North Texas 35

Florida LOTTERY

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

PICK 2 (early) 6 - 5  
PICK 2 (late) 4 - 9  
PICK 3 (early) 2 - 1 - 0  
PICK 3 (late) 0 - 1 - 7  
PICK 4 (early) 1 - 7 - 9 - 6  
PICK 4 (late) 6 - 0 - 3 - 2  
PICK 5 (early) 0 - 5 - 3 - 9 - 5  
PICK 5 (late) 1 - 8 - 9 - 5 - 4  
FANTASY 5 Unavailable  
LOTTO Unavailable  
POWERBALL Unavailable  
POWER BALL Unavailable  
CASH 4 LIFE 9 - 12 - 28 - 48 - 57  
CASH BALL 1

Friday's winning numbers and payouts:

Jackpot Triple Play: 7 – 21 – 24 – 28 – 30 – 40  
6-of-6 1 winner \$2 million  
5-of-6 26 winners \$1,397  
4-of-6 1,355 \$65  
3-of-6 23,282 \$2.50  
Combo 10+ 2 \$10,000  
Combo9 11 \$500  
Combo8 92 \$50  
Combo7 604 \$20  
Combo6 3,094 \$10  
Combo5 11,633 \$5  
Mega Millions: 21 – 24 – 36 – 40 – 70  
Mega Ball: 22  
5-of-5 MB No winner  
5-of-5 No winner  
4-of-5 MB No winner  
4-of-5 7 winners \$500  
3-of-5 MB 38 \$200  
3-of-5 1,018 \$10  
2-of-5 MB 777 \$10  
Fantasy 5: 21 – 22 – 23 – 33 – 35  
5-of-5 2 winners \$99,193.33  
4-of-5 297 \$107.50  
3-of-5 8,329 \$10.50  
Cash 4 Life: 16 – 26 – 38 – 42 – 56  
Cash Ball: 2  
5-of-5 CB No winner  
5-of-5 No winner  
Players should verify winning numbers by calling 850-487-7777 or at www.flalottery.com.

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS AUTO RACING

7:55 a.m. (ESPN2) Formula 1 Turkish Grand Prix  
2 p.m. (8 NBC) NASCAR Cup Series Bank of America ROVAL 400  
4:30 p.m. (FS1) Texas NHRA Fall Nationals (Same-day Tape)  
MLB PLAYOFFS  
4 p.m. (MLB) Tampa Bay Rays at Boston Red Sox, ALDS Game 3  
8 p.m. (FS1) Houston Astros at Chicago White Sox, ALDS Game 3

WNBA FINALS

3 p.m. (28 ABC) Chicago Sky at TBA  
NBA PRESEASON BASKETBALL  
6 p.m. (BSFL) San Antonio Spurs at Orlando Magic  
7:30 p.m. (ESPN) Oklahoma City Thunder at Milwaukee Bucks  
10 p.m. (ESPN) Phoenix Suns at Los Angeles Lakers  
4 a.m. (ESPN2) Phoenix Suns at Los Angeles Lakers (Taped)

BICYCLING

12 a.m. (NBCSPT) Paris Tours (Same-day Tape)  
EQUESTRIAN  
1 p.m. (FS1) America's Day at the Races  
4:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) Breeders' Cup Challenge  
COLLEGE FOOTBALL  
8 a.m. (ACCN) Florida State at North Carolina (Taped)  
9 a.m. (SUN) Georgia Tech at Duke (Taped)  
7 p.m. (ACCN) Wake Forest at Syracuse (Taped)  
8 p.m. (SEC) Arkansas at Ole Miss (Taped)  
9 p.m. (ESPNU) TCU at Texas Tech (Taped)  
11:30 p.m. (SEC) South Carolina at Tennessee (Taped)  
2 a.m. (ESPN2) Arkansas at Ole Miss (Taped)

NFL

9:30 a.m. (NFL) New York Jets vs Atlanta Falcons  
1 p.m. (10 CBS) Miami Dolphins at Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
1 p.m. (13 FOX) Green Bay Packers at Cincinnati Bengals  
4:25 p.m. (13 FOX) New York Giants at Dallas Cowboys  
8:20 p.m. (8 NBC) Buffalo Bills at Kansas City Chiefs  
GOLF  
7 a.m. (GOLF) European PGA Tour ACCIONA Open de Espana, Final Round  
12 p.m. (GOLF) LPGA Tour Cognizant Founders Cup, Final Round  
3 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour Champions Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS, Final Round  
4:30 p.m. (ESPN2) PGA Jr. League Championship  
5 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour Shriners Children's Open, First Round

NHL PRESEASON HOCKEY

6 a.m. (NHL) Ottawa Senators at Toronto Maple Leafs (Taped)  
8 a.m. (NHL) Edmonton Oilers at Vancouver Canucks (Taped)  
1 p.m. (NHL) Minnesota Wild at Chicago Blackhawks (Taped)

RUGBY

10 p.m. (NBCSPT) Premiership Rugby Wasps vs Northampton Saints (Same-day Tape)

SOCCER

8:50 a.m. (ESPNU) UEFA Nations League Italy vs Belgium  
11 a.m. (NBCSPT) FA Women's Super League Chelsea vs Leicester City (Same-day Tape)  
2:30 p.m. (ESPN) UEFA Nations League Spain vs France. Final

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

2 p.m. (BIG10) Michigan at Penn State  
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER  
12 p.m. (BSFL) Miami at Florida State  
12 p.m. (BIG10) Michigan at Nebraska  
1 p.m. (ACCN) North Carolina at Boston College  
2 p.m. (ESPNU) Tennessee at South Carolina  
3 p.m. (BSFL) Clemson at Notre Dame  
3 p.m. (SEC) Arkansas at Vanderbilt  
5 p.m. (ACCN) Virginia Tech at Wake Forest  
6 p.m. (ESPNU) Teams TBA (Taped)  
4 a.m. (SUN) Miami at Florida State (Same-day Tape)

TENNIS

2 p.m. (SUN) BNP Paribas Open: ATP 2nd Round, WTA 3rd Round  
2 p.m. (TENNIS) BNP Paribas Open: ATP 2nd Round, WTA 3rd Round

TRACK AND FIELD

8 a.m. (NBCSPT) Chicago Marathon  
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL  
1 p.m. (SEC) Florida at LSU  
4 p.m. (ESPNU) Texas at Kansas

N. Dakota St. 34, N. Iowa 20  
N. Illinois 22, Toledo 20  
Ohio St. 66, Maryland 17  
S. Illinois 42, S. Dakota St. 41, OT  
San Diego 52, Butler 21  
South Dakota 20, North Dakota 13  
St. Thomas (Minn.) 20, Valparaiso 13  
Wisconsin 24, Illinois 0  
Youngstown St. 41, Missouri St. 33  
SOUTHWEST  
Baylor 45, West Virginia 20  
Oklahoma 55, Texas 48

Sam Houston St. 41, Lamar 7  
TCU 52, Texas Tech 31  
FAR WEST  
Air Force 24, Wyoming 14  
Boise St. 26, BYU 17  
Colorado St. 32, San Jose St. 14  
E. Washington 63, N. Colorado 17  
Idaho 42, Portland St. 35  
Idaho St. 27, UC Davis 17  
Montana 31, Dixie St. 14  
Montana St. 45, Cal Poly 7  
Washington St. 31, Oregon St. 24

SPORTS BRIEFS

Citrus Springs Horseshoe Club

Oct. 2 results  
Won 3 Games: Jack Fathman, Steve Durham  
High Series: Jack Fathman 230, Steve Durham 229  
High Game: Jack Fathman 86 & 80, Steve Durham 84, Chris Ogden 81  
The club pitches on Saturday mornings at 9 a.m., at the old Citrus Springs Community Center at the intersection of N. Citrus Springs Blvd and W. Withlacoochee Trail (Route 39). We are always looking for new members. For more information or if you have questions, call Joe Warburton 352-489-7537.

Allmendinger still perfect on The Roval with 3rd win

CONCORD, N.C. — AJ Allmendinger charged into the second round of the Xfinity Series playoffs with an overtime victory Saturday in the elimination race on The Roval at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Allmendinger remained a perfect 3-0 on the hybrid road course/oval added to the NASCAR schedule in 2018. He wasn't in the inaugural race, won by Chase Briscoe.

Allmendinger took the lead for the first time with 20 laps remaining and had the win in sight when Tommy Joe Martins brought out the caution with four laps remaining. It pushed the race into overtime for a two-lap sprint to the finish and Allmendinger got the jump on the restart and cruised to a 3.192-second victory over reigning Xfinity Series champion Austin Cindric.

Allmendinger, the regular-season Xfinity Series champion, collected the

checkered flag and gave it to a young fan in the Charlotte grandstands wearing an Allmendinger shirt. It was Allmendinger's fifth win of the season, tying his career high set in 2006 when Allmendinger raced in Champ Car.

The crowd chanted "AJ! AJ! AJ!" for the popular journeyman who was partially retired in 2018 and now racing for his first NASCAR championship.

Jeb Burton, Myatt Snyder, Jeremy Clements and Riley Herbst were all eliminated from playoff contention as NASCAR cut the Xfinity field from 12 to eight. All four eliminated started the race on The Roval below the elimination outline.

Cindric was the only driver locked into the next round after non-playoff drivers Josh Berry and Brandon Brown won the first two playoff races. With the win, Allmendinger reclaimed the lead in the Xfinity standings.

Lightning defeat Panthers in preseason game 4-2

SUNRISE — Pat Maroon scored two power-play goals 2 minutes apart late in the third period to push Tampa Bay past Florida, 4-2.

Alex Killorn and Brayden Point also scored for the Lightning, and Andrei Vasilevskiy made 45 saves.

Kevin Connauton and Sam Reinhart scored for Florida. Sergei Bobrovsky stopped 25 shots.

Rangers down Islanders in overtime 5-4

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — Filip Chytil got his third goal of the game 2:06 into overtime to lift the New York Rangers past the Islanders, 5-4.

— From staff and wire reports

GATORS

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Richardson played sparingly for the second straight week. His first pass was intercepted. He returned the following series but ended up giving way to Jones until getting back on the field for mop-up duty in the fourth quarter.

"I think all the quarterbacks have a learning curve," Mullen said. "That why there's development that goes into it. I do think Anthony works his tail off, has a great approach in what he's doing, great approach at getting ready at practice.

"I see him improving. The nice thing, we're throwing him in and he's getting some opportunities during the game to go show what he can do, and he's got to continue to improve."

Vanderbilt had several chances to make the game more competitive, but Alabama transfer Joseph Bulovas missed three field goals. He was errant from 39, 41 and 33 yards out. The Commodores also had a touchdown overturned when Chris Pierce failed to maintain possession on a fourth-down catch when he hit the ground in the second quarter.

"We had a great day moving the ball," Vandy receiver Cam Johnson said. "When it comes down to it, it was a matter of shooting ourselves in the foot."

THE TAKEAWAY

Florida: Mullen wasn't pleased with his team's first-half performance. The Gators led 21-0, but it could have been 21-13. He ripped into players at halftime and finally got them going with a fake punt on the fourth play of the third quarter.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Florida is the only two-loss team in

BUCS

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was frustrated when I watched the tape."

With Tua Tagovailoa out at least one more game with fractured ribs, Jacoby Brissett will start at quarterback again for the Dolphins, who are facing Tom Brady for the first time since the former Patriots quarterback left the AFC East and joined the Bucs (3-1).

With opponents once again finding it difficult to run against Tampa Bay, which led the NFL as rushing defense the past two seasons, the Bucs anticipate Miami trying to attack them through the air.

After all, the Dolphins are averaging just 78.31 yards per game on the ground, 28th in the league.

The Bucs are yielding a league-low 2.7 yards per rush.

"It's a good run defense. I understand why some teams don't do it. If you want to run through a brick wall, feel free," Dolphins coach Brian Flores said.

"You want to be balanced, but you want to be smart too," Flores added. "I think everyone has seen that."

TAKEAWAY STREAK

Miami's league-leading streak of 26 consecutive games with at least one takeaway lives on, though only because Indianapolis fumbled a punt. It's, by far, the NFL's longest current takeaway streak; Dallas' run of 11 such games entering this week is currently the second longest in the

league. The Bucs had four turnovers in Week 1 against Dallas and only one since, none in their past two games. They'll try to tie the franchise record of three consecutive no-turnover games this week, done by the Bucs only once before — in Games 13, 14 and 15 last season.

FAMILIAR FACE

Brady has beaten the Dolphins 23 times and thrown for 8,185 yards and 67 touchdowns in 35 regular-season games against Miami. He won six Super Bowl titles while he was with the Patriots, who were 6-6 against the Dolphins the season immediately following the championship years.

RETURNER SWAP

With receiver-returner Jakeem Grant now traded to Chicago — he was sent there Tuesday for a 2023 sixth-round pick — the Dolphins will be using a new returner on punts and kickoffs this week. WR Jaylen Waddle is the obvious front-runner for the job. He averaged 20.1 yards on 47 combined kickoff and punt returns in his college career at Alabama. Grant's departure means the Dolphins now have only two players left who were drafted by Miami in 2017 or earlier; DeVante Parker was selected in 2015 and Xavier Howard in 2016.

A FIRST

The Dolphins play Tampa Bay this week and head to London to face Jacksonville next week. It's the first time in Dolphins history that they've faced their Sunshine State rivals in consecutive weeks.



# Braves beat Brewers, tie NLDS at 1-all

*Fried sharp on mound for Atlanta*

STEVE MEGARGEE  
AP sports writer

MILWAUKEE — Max Fried pitched six sharp innings and Atlanta’s bullpen held on after manager Brian Snitker’s quick hook, sending the Braves over the Milwaukee Brewers 3-0 Saturday to tie their NL Division Series at a game apiece.

The Brewers brought the tying run to the plate in each of the last three innings but couldn’t get a key hit.

Austin Riley homered and Ozzie Albies hit an RBI double for the Braves, who bounced back after losing 2-1 in Game 1.

The best-of-five series heads to Atlanta for Game 3 on Monday.

Fried struck out nine, allowed three hits and didn’t walk anybody. The Brewers didn’t get a runner in scoring position until Willy Adames hit a two-out double in the sixth, and Fried responded by striking out Eduardo Escobar.

The left-hander went 7-0 with a 1.46 ERA over his last 11 regular-season starts. Counting Saturday’s performance, Fried has allowed just one earned run over 29 innings in his last four starts.

This was the second straight exceptional outing by a Braves starter in a series that has been dominated by pitching.

Atlanta’s Charlie Morton held Milwaukee scoreless through six innings Friday, but allowed a two-run homer to Rowdy Tellez in the seventh inning on his 85th and final pitch.

Snitker made sure Fried didn’t get quite that far. Fried had thrown 81 pitches when he was pulled for a pinch-hitter in the top of the seventh.

The move nearly gave Atlanta two extra runs. After pinch-hitter Joc Pederson singled, Jorge Soler hit a deep drive that left fielder Christian Yelich caught in front of the wall.

Then the Brewers made things interesting against Atlanta’s bullpen.

After reliever Luke Jackson struck out the first two batters he faced in the seventh, Luis



Associated Press

Atlanta Braves first baseman Freddie Freeman scores past Milwaukee Brewers catcher Manny Pina during the third inning of Game 2 in a National League Division Series Saturday, in Milwaukee.

Urias singled and Lorenzo Cain walked to bring the potential tying run to the plate. Tyler Matzek replaced Jackson and got out of the jam by striking out pinch-hitter Tyrone Taylor.

Jace Peterson walked and Kolten Wong singled to start the bottom of the eighth, but Matzek worked out of it by retiring Adames, Escobar and Avisail Garcia in order.

Will Smith worked around a leadoff walk to Yelich and a single by Urias in the ninth by getting a flyout and a groundball double play for his first career postseason save.

Four Atlanta pitchers struck out 14 and combined on a six-hitter:

The Braves took a 2-0 lead in the third off Brandon Woodruff and were inches away from getting a third run in that inning.

Soler hit a one-out double down the left-field line and beat the throw home when Freddie Freeman singled to right. Albies drove in Freeman with an RBI double that went off the yellow at the top of the right-field wall.

Albies was left stranded at

second, but the Braves extended the lead to 3-0 three innings later when Riley sent an 0-1 pitch over the center-field wall.

Woodruff struck out seven while allowing three runs, five hits and one walk in six innings. The All-Star right-hander had the worst run support of any major league starting pitcher during the regular season, which explains why he went 9-10 despite owning a sparkling 2.56 ERA.

## OUTDOOR BASEBALL

With no rain in the forecast and temperatures in the 70s, Saturday marked just the third time the roof was open for a playoff game at American Family Field. Of the 16 playoff contests at this stadium since its 2001 opening, the only others to take place outdoors were the first two games of the 2011 NL Championship Series.

## NOT SO BATTY

The Braves are hitting just .175 (11 for 64) in the series. Milwaukee isn’t doing much better

at .183 (11 for 60).

## UP NEXT

The series heads to Atlanta with RHP Ian Anderson (9-5, 3.58 ERA) pitching for the Braves on Monday. The Brewers haven’t announced their Game 3 starter.

## LATE FRIDAY Giants 4, Dodgers 0

SAN FRANCISCO — Logan Webb struck out 10 pitching masterfully in his postseason debut, Buster Posey hit a two-run homer that held up, and the 107-win San Francisco Giants blanked the defending World Series champion Los Angeles Dodgers 4-0 Friday night in the opener of their NL Division Series.

Those two Giants standouts summed up this year perfectly for the NL West champs: A brilliant performance by the young right-hander supported by a veteran catcher who has shined on this big October stage so many times before.

Kris Bryant and Brandon Crawford also homered to back a combined five-hitter by Webb and a pair

of relievers.

## Atlanta 3, Milwaukee 0

Atlanta					Milwaukee				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
Soler rf	5	1	1	0	Wong 2b	4	0	1	0
Heredia cf	0	0	0	0	Adames ss	4	0	1	0
Freeman 1b	3	1	1	1	Escobar 1b	4	0	0	0
Albies 2b	4	0	1	1	Garcia rf	4	0	1	0
Riley 3b	4	1	2	1	Boxberger p	0	0	0	0
Duvall cf-rf	3	0	0	0	Yelich lf	3	0	1	0
Rosario lf	4	0	1	0	Urias 3b	4	0	2	0
d’Arnaud c	4	0	0	0	Cain cf	3	0	0	0
Swanson ss	4	0	0	0	Piña c	2	0	0	0
Fried p	2	0	0	0	Vogelbach ph	0	0	0	0
Pederson ph1	0	1	0	0	Taylor ph	1	0	0	0
Gore pr	0	0	0	0	Malle c	1	0	0	0
Jackson p	0	0	0	0	Woodruff p	1	0	0	0
Matzek p	0	0	0	0	Tellez ph	1	0	0	0
Arcia ph	0	0	0	0	Strickland p	0	0	0	0
Smith p	0	0	0	0	Ashby p	0	0	0	0
					Peterson rf	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	3	7	3	Totals	32	0	6	0

Atlanta					Milwaukee				
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO				
Fried W,1-0	6	3	0	0	9				
Jackson H,1	2/3	1	0	0	1	2			
Matzek H,1	1 1/3	1	0	0	1	3			
Smith S,1-1	1	1	0	0	1	0			

Milwaukee					Totals				
Woodruff L,0-1	6	5	3	3	1	7			
Strickland	1	1	0	0	0	1			
Ashby	1	1	0	0	1	1			
Boxberger	1	0	0	0	1	1			
WP—Woodruff.									
Umpires—Home, Mike Muchlinski; First, Alfonso Marquez; Second, Tony Randazzo; Third, Will Little; Right, Mike Estabrook; Left, Quinn Wolcott.									
T—3:23. A—43,812 (41,900).									

## San Francisco 4, L.A. Dodgers 0

Los Angeles					San Francisco				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
Betts rf	4	0	2	0	La Stella 2b	2	12	0	0
Seager ss	4	0	1	0	Solano ph-2b1	0	0	0	0
T.Turner 2b	4	0	0	0	Flores 1b	4	0	0	0
J.Turner 3b	4	0	0	0	Posey c	4	11	1	1
Smith c	4	0	2	0	Possey c	4	11	2	0
Beatty 1b	3	0	0	0	Wade Jr. rf-H3	0	0	0	0
Bellinger cf	3	0	0	0	Bryant lf	3	13	1	1
Pollock lf	3	0	0	0	Doval p	0	0	0	0
Buehler p	2	0	0	0	Ystrzinski cf-H3	0	0	0	0
Graterol p	0	0	0	0	Longoria 3b	3	0	0	0
Lux ph	1	0	0	0	Webb p	3	0	0	0
Vesia p	0	0	0	0	Rogers p	0	0	0	0
Bickford p	0	0	0	0	Duggar cf	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	0	5	0	Totals	30	47	4	4

Los Angeles					San Francisco				
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO				
Buehler L,0-1	6 1/3	6	3	3	1	5			
Graterol	2/3	0	0	0	0	1			
Vesia	2/3	1	1	1	0	2			
Bickford	1/3	0	0	0	0	0			
San Francisco									
Webb W,1-0	7 2/3	5	0	0	0	10			
Rogers H,1	1/3	0	0	0	0	0			
Doval	1	0	0	0	0	1			
Umpires—Home, Carlos Torres; First, Angel Hernandez; Second, Ted Barrett; Third, Pat Hoberg; Right, Gabe Morales; Left, Doug Eddings.									
T—2:39. A—41,934 (41,915).									

# Harvick out to stop his earliest playoff elimination

*NASCAR visits Roval*

JENNA FRYER  
AP auto racing writer

CONCORD, N.C. — This is it for Kevin Harvick, a winner of nine races just last year and now on the verge of his earliest career playoff knockout. The steadiest guy in the garage is winless this season — he’s on a 38-race losing streak — and needs a big day at Charlotte Motor Speedway to avoid playoff elimination.

Harvick has made it through the second round of the playoffs every year since the elimination format started in 2014, the year he won his only Cup title. Harvick is such a solid bet to be a contender because he’s always in the hunt, always among the leaders, and he’s advanced to the championship round in five of seven seasons.

And yet he heads to the Roval at Charlotte on Sunday ranked ninth in the standings, the first driver below the cutline. The field will be trimmed from 12 to eight after this race, and Harvick lags nine points below the final transfer position.

Harvick, the same guy who slammed his helmet in rage after on-track shenanigans with reigning champion Chase Elliott cost him a win last month, was surreally serene headed into the make-or-break race.

“I’m kind of a creature of habit, do the same things on a weekly basis, and it’s just another race,” Harvick said. “I know that sounds cliché and boring and all the things that come with that, but you just have to go out there

and do what you do, the best you can, and see where it falls.”

It’s been a bad year at Stewart-Haas Racing and Harvick and the No. 4 team are the biggest losers. They dominated all the way up until the third-round finale last season and this year have been fairly mediocre.

His eight top-fives and 21 top-10s are the lowest since 2012, but even in that uncharacteristically off year Harvick still won one race. Harvick’s best shot was at Bristol in the first-round finale but Elliott, angry at Harvick over another on-track incident, intentionally slowed Harvick to help Hendrick Motorsports teammate Kyle Larson catch Harvick and steal the win.

The second round has been OK — Harvick was ninth at Las Vegas, and he was running eighth on Monday when Talladega was called for rain — but that’s not good enough. Harvick, Christopher Bell of Joe Gibbs Racing and Hendrick teammates William Byron and Alex Bowman are all below the cutline going into the Roval, a hybrid track that uses both the road course and oval at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Denny Hamlin is the only driver locked into the third round and Harvick doesn’t need a win to advance. It’s tight right ahead of him and Kyle Busch and Elliott are tied for the final two spots, only nine points ahead of Harvick. Ryan Blaney, in sixth, only has a 15-point cushion.

A top-five for Harvick coupled with a disaster for any of the other three might be enough to get Harvick through to the round of eight.

“I’ve had a lot worse seasons, I know that for



Associated Press

Kevin Harvick waits in his garage Aug. 14 before practice for a NASCAR Cup Series race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, in Indianapolis. Chase Elliott, according to Harvick, doesn’t race very smart. In fact, moving forward in NASCAR’s playoffs, Harvick plans to run all over the reigning Cup champion. Those were the angry words Harvick had for Elliott after the race at Bristol Motor Speedway, Sept. 18, where a feud no one saw coming took center stage.

sure,” said Harvick, a 20-year veteran who turns 46 in December. “I’ve lived through a whole bunch that are way worse than this one.”

The 2001 season is top of Harvick’s mind, his rookie year when he was called up the week after Dale Earnhardt’s fatal crash in the season-opening Daytona 500. Harvick ran both the Cup and then-Busch Series that season, a grueling 68 races that ended with NASCAR’s second-tier championship.

Harvick, a young hot-head and former high school wrestler from Bakersfield, California, replaced Earnhardt and became something of a savior for a Richard Childress Racing team that

could have collapsed. When the adrenaline and emotions finally found the checkered flag, the team fell flat in a miserable 2002 season.

“I personally have been through some pretty tough years and this one has just been a struggle because (we’ve) had to work so hard to get everything that we have,” Harvick said.

“We also have learned a lot about the other side of the fence, as far as having to dig your heels in and do things that you haven’t had to do. Whether you like it or not, the race is coming up next week, and you’re gonna have to participate whether your car is slow or fast and you got to figure out how to make the most out of that.”

## WHAT ABOUT ELLIOTT?

Harvick sure sounded as if he’s at peace with his fate headed into Sunday and if there’s any lingering hard feelings against Elliott a full three weeks after their dustup at Bristol, Harvick hasn’t tipped his hand.

The consensus seemed to be that Harvick, somehow, would find a way to derail Elliott’s bid for a second consecutive title as payback for Bristol. The Roval is as big a stage as any for Harvick to exact his revenge: Elliott is the two-time defending winner.

The Roval is a 2.28-mile, 17-turn circuit that uses

both the Charlotte Motor Speedway road course as well as a portion of its oval. It’s been a challenging circuit since Speedway Motorsports created the course and all three previous runnings have been marred by both comical mistakes and sloppy driving.

Perfect place for Harvick to ruin Elliott’s day, right?

Hamlin, the driver Harvick once messed with headed onto the track for practice just because Hamlin criticized Harvick’s team, doesn’t think anything will happen. Not at the Roval or anywhere else.

“You look back at the (Bristol) incident and I don’t know how you blame anyone for anything. It was a racing thing,” Hamlin said, dismissing the fact that Harvick has never been known as someone to back down.

“Define winning or losing,” Hamlin said. “Some people leave spats better than how they came into them.”

## ODDS AND ENDS

Elliott is the 23/10 favorite to win the Roval, according to FanDuel. ... A third consecutive win at Charlotte would be an eighth road course victory for Elliott, tying him with Tony Stewart for second-most in NASCAR history. Jeff Gordon is the all-time winningest driver on road courses with nine victories. ... In three starts on the Roval, Elliott has not finished lower than sixth. ... Daniel Craig, two days after the opening of his fifth and final James Bond film “No Time to Die” opened in wide release, will be the honorary starter. ... The race marks the 750th career Cup start for Harvick.











# Fall means festivals, Halloween



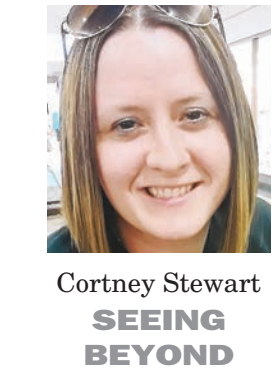
Jeff Bryan  
**THE OTHER GUY**

I thought I smelled a twinge of fall the other day, only to realize it was the person in front of me with a large coffee in hand with pumpkin spice creamer. While I realize a number of folks enjoy pumpkin spice creamer in their coffee, it left me craving pumpkin pie. I made a note to check the bakery at Publix upon my next trip grocery shopping. Fall is my favorite season of the year; it means cooler morning weather, fairly cooler evenings

— both of which are best suited for running. Fall in Florida is much different than Midwest falls, where the leaves change colors and there's a crisp feel in the air. Fall in Florida means festivals are on the immediate horizon, providing plenty of opportunities for folks to venture out and explore all that Citrus County and the surrounding area have to offer, from the Taste of Crystal River, the Chronicle's Diva Night, the Black Diamond Car Show to Cooterfest

Halloween weekend in Inverness. The events keep rolling throughout November and December, too. Halloween, without a doubt, is my children's second favorite holiday (Christmas being their first, because it's Christmas and it means a break from school). If we're keeping score at home, it's one of my favorite holidays, too. I get to do a "safety check" of the Halloween goodies my children collect. That's a rite of passage for parents, as I watched mine many times

throughout my youth ask to see what was in the bag before plucking out their favorite items. "Best to check," they would remind us each year. We finally wised up the jig and learned to pull out goodie bags for our parents before we arrived back home. With Halloween just a few weeks away, we to make a choice regarding the theme. In the past, I have dressed up with the kids, typically See **GUY**/Page C3



Cortney Stewart  
**SEEING BEYOND**

## Time to regulate social media

I'm old enough to remember life before the internet age. In elementary school we had a computer lab full of old school Macs with the black screen and green text. The floppy disks we used were actually floppy and kids would race to the big plastic containers with paper sleeves as we fought over who got to play Oregon Trail and Word Munchers. I've used encyclopedia collections that were separated into thick tomes organized by letters and I've used a card catalogue to find a book in an actual library. I know what the Dewey Decimal system is. I remember the age when you had to make solid plans and canceling or changing up the timing of an event was a near impossibility. How in the world would you let anyone know about a change in plans? I've printed out driving instructions on how to get from Point A to Point B. I was also the kid who passed notes to friends in school, living on the edge of my seat in hopes that the person in between us wouldn't read the note before it got to its intended recipient or worst still that the teacher wouldn't intercept it. I remember film strips in school and overhead projectors.

See **BEYOND**/Page C3

# Growth taking off quickly



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

The Suncoast Parkway terminus at State Road 44 will open in early 2022. While some people scoff at the Suncoast Parkway rapidly changing our world, because currently it doesn't bring much traffic, growth is already happening at a record pace, and the rate will accelerate.

## And the future belongs to those who show up

*"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."*  
— Henry Ford

Saturdays, Oct. 16 and 23, are critical days for Citrus County's next act. With rapid growth upon us, it's time the County codified a strategic plan and vision for what we want to look like in the next five to 50 years. To get this plan underway, we need your help at two town halls in October, to determine what you and fellow residents value in our community; what we need to protect; and, what we need to improve. But wait, hasn't this been done before? It surely has — in the form of the citizen group Citrus 20/20 — originally formed in 1995 with periodic vision checks following until 2018. Some action plans were completed by Citrus 20/20, others with assistance of the community.

Where did Save Our Waters Week come from? Citrus 20/20. Likewise, formation of an environmental education support group and obtaining a grant to purchase the property that now houses the Academy of Environmental Sciences. Countywide recycling events grew from Citrus 20/20, as did development of the Manatee Eco Tourism Association (META). I daresay that the spectacular rebirths of Inverness (Depot District) and Crystal River (Main Street) have more than a few underpinnings in the thinktank that was Citrus 20/20. We have some seriously good stuff happening in our little county we call home. Citrus 20/20's participant list reads like a who's who of leaders encompassing economic development, eco-tourism, growth management, infrastructure, education, arts/culture, natural resources, and social/community needs. I personally hope everyone



Holly Davis  
**GUEST COLUMN**

### SO YOU KNOW

- **WHAT:** Town Hall meeting
- **WHEN:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., choose one of two Saturdays: Oct. 16 or 23.
- **WHERE:** Option for Zoom individually or in-person (using Zoom at the computer labs in the Inverness, Central Ridge and Homosassa libraries)
- **INFO:** For information or to register, visit [citrusbocc.com/townhall](http://citrusbocc.com/townhall).

involved in Citrus 20/20 and the newer group, Citrus 2030, will participate in one of the town halls this month. We want all Citrus County residents to let us know what you value, what you want to see in our future. Some people scoff at the Suncoast Parkway rapidly changing our world, because currently it doesn't bring much traffic. But growth is already happening at a record pace, and the rate will accelerate. Considering the enormous changes spurred nationally by the pandemic, in the form of

increasing telework and migration to more rural areas, the likelihood of continued rapid change here is even greater. Citrus County is an ideal spot for people looking to escape the cities, and we need to avoid being run over by progress. Instead, we must make good decisions now to shape a successful future for a county we can continue to love. So — what do you love about Citrus County? What sets us apart from other places? Do we value our history as commercial fishing villages on the west side, See **DAVIS**/Page C3

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### TAXING CONCERNS

# County needs detailed plan for tax hike

The public outcry for road improvements has been loud the past few years. Citrus County had about 160 roads scheduled for resurfacing this fiscal year, for a total cost of \$4 million. County Commissioner Ruthie Davis Schlabach says that goal won't be met, and if it is, that's only a small fraction of roads that need repair.

Schlabach thinks it's time to revisit increasing the current 6-cent sales tax to 7 cents via a referendum.

It's expected to come up for discussion at a Nov. 9 commission workshop.

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.

No one likes taxes, and just the mention of a new tax drew a lot of letters and Sound Off calls to the Chronicle in opposition of a tax hike.

It's clear, residents don't want a tax increase. But they need it if they want roads resurfaced in a timely manner.

#### THE ISSUE:

County to discuss sales tax hike to pay for road resurfacing.

#### OUR OPINION:

County needs a plan and has to sell it to citizens.

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

In the long run, it doesn't seem like a huge increase for the average resident. But Schlabach is right, the county needs to convince county residents that it's beneficial to them.

Citrus County has not always been successful at convincing residents of the benefits of spending more money for projects the public might see as frivolous or not benefiting them personally. For this referendum to pass, the county is going to have to step up their game. They'll need a detailed plan that outlines where the money is going and they have to prioritize which roads need repairs first. They'll also need a comprehensive marketing plan to get a public buy-in.

The Suncoast Parkway is ready to open, bringing more people to the county. The local roads are just going to get worse, and more people will be driving them. The county needs the tax hike. Let's hope they can put together a convincing plan to assuage the concerns of residents.

— with two-and-a-half baths, in the Inverness Highlands and have garbage pickup. I pay \$595 a year, not a quarter. I tell my friends in New Jersey and they don't believe me. These people are paying \$2,000 a quarter — \$8,000 a year — at similar-sized houses and they don't believe we've got it so cheap. These people are whining down here. It's just ridiculous. If you want food, there's so many food banks, they're begging for you to come to give you free food. So, I wouldn't complain about taxes.

■ I'm calling about the raising taxes for silly things like roads that don't need paving, rainwater — we're already paying Swiftmud — and here this Randy Oliver's making \$170,000 a year and the average salary of Citrus County is \$25,000 a year. Let him make the \$25,000 and see if he wants his taxes to go up and have to pay for silly things like rainwater, which happens once in, what, 300 years? I think this needs to be more looked into. ...

### Hot Corner: TAXES

■ (Re Monday, Oct. 4's Page A7 "Hot Corner: Sales Tax"): While reading the paper this morning about a tax hike to be used to fix roads, I thought about the commissioners who were working to come up with a countywide trash hauler. We have no less than five separate haulers coming down our little street and each of them come two or three times a week. What does this do to our roads? I think if the county could divide up each area and have one hauler ... it would be so nice. We would not have all these people coming down 10-13 times a week. ....

■ I admit I'm known as a complainer. I can whine if I'm too hot or too cold and uncomfortable, but these people keep calling up complaining about the taxes in Citrus County and now they're worrying about the 7% sales tax, which seems to be really common up and down the East Coast. I have a three-bedroom house — I know I'm beating a dead horse here because I've called before

## Masks needed for schoolchildren

I have been an educator for 50 years. For most of my career, I taught in Alachua County (Gainesville), except for one year in Citrus County, one year in St. Johns County and one year in Flagler County. I am very proud that our Superintendent of Schools in Alachua County, Dr. Carlee Simon, instituted a mask mandate when schools opened this year.

I baked her one of my bundt cakes and brought it to Gainesville, along with a note telling her she is a hero! I also called the Superintendent of Schools in Leon County (Tallahassee), where our 9-year-old grandson goes to school, to thank him for instituting a mask mandate, there. Our grandchildren in other states are also wearing masks and socially distancing in school.

We have not seen our children or grandchildren for almost two years, even though everyone who is eligible has been vaccinated. It breaks our hearts every time we FaceTime with them, because we miss them so much. Several of our children are teachers or professors. We are all doing everything we can to listen to Dr. Fauci and other scientists so that we can end this pandemic.

I have lived in Citrus County for six years. The best thing that happened here was meeting my new husband, after we lost several spouses, between us. I loved teaching, here for a year, and found the teachers and administrators to be very dedicated. When Mrs. Himmel was awarded "Superintendent of Schools For The Year" for the state of Florida, I baked her one of my bundt cakes to congratulate her.

Therefore, I am very surprised and disappointed that she and the school board have chosen not to institute a mask mandate to protect our vulnerable children, teachers and support staff here in Citrus County. My husband and I wear our masks whenever we go out. We miss going to plays, restaurants, concerts, our Moose Lodge, karaoke, and other places to socialize.

However, we are choosing to do things that are safe and protect us and others. We get very upset when we see so many people here choosing not to get vaccinated and/or not to wear masks. Our medical heroes are overwhelmed, and cases of children going to the hospital with COVID are rising at an alarming rate. We hope a vaccine for children will be forthcoming soon.

As many people have said,

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Let's all do what we can to end this nightmare.

Linda Coughlin

Beverly Hills

## Pro-choice for masks, vaccines

A few comments on the constant letters demanding mask and vaccine mandates. I've noticed on the mask mandate letters, none cited scientific, peer-reviewed studies. Only saying what the "CDC" recommends.

In fact, I haven't seen the CDC cite a scientific, peer-reviewed study supporting the value to common masks. There are several studies showing the value of N95 masks, but not those commonly worn by non-medical personnel.

There are scientific studies of virus-infected people that concluded ordinary masks do not offer any significant protection, either to the wearer nor the surrounding public. (See the April 2020 New England Journal of Medicine and the CDC's May 2020 Emerging Infectious Disease Journal.)

Comments have been made that the authors of the article recommend mask wearing. However, the authors were not the researchers. They just summarized the findings of the 10 studies, so they were just expressing their opinion, not facts.

Regarding vaccine mandates, whatever happened to the liberal mantra "my body, my choice?" Guess it only applies to selected people. President Biden wants to force all Americans to be vaccinated, whether or not they have natural immunity.

Per CDC data, about

33 million Americans have recovered from COVID and thus have natural immunity. Scientific studies show natural immunity gives a person 27 times better protection from COVID than vaccines, so why mandate shots for them?

Simultaneously, the administration is giving the millions of illegals a vaccine pass. Are illegals immune from catching and spreading COVID? Of course not, yet these people are being dispersed throughout Florida and the rest of the U.S., a possible cause of the reported sudden COVID "hot spots." What blatant hypocrisy.

If illegals needn't be vaccinated, why should any American be vaccinated against their will? But apparently President Biden thinks illegal aliens have more rights than U.S. citizens.

Pete Esslinger

Beverly Hills

## Balance the country's budget

A crisis is upon us and it ain't climate change. We have all heard our debt is \$28 trillion. The media reports the current desire to spend more, the politicians are mute when asked how we can repay this amount. Congress and the president say it is good to spend more and have entitlement programs that allow people to ignore working or enter the country and receive free medical, education, food, housing, etc. What about the interest on this debt? It is part of the debt and has to be paid. Who is going to pay it, future generations?

Right now, I believe, we are borrowing to pay the interest which increases the debt. The CBO states money borrowed from us exceeds \$21 trillion. The public debt will increase by 200% by 2050. This year the federal government will spend \$300 billion on interest. Our federal government spends more on interest than on science, space technology, transportation and education combined. In seven years interest will be the largest item in federal spending. It can be fixed, but not by a Congress raising the debt ceiling in order to spend \$3 trillion to \$5 trillion more.

Will we ever see an attempt to balance the budget? It's doubtful. The leader says, "it won't cost us anything." A side note: In 2020 we had 2.1 million federal employees; in 2021 we have 2.9 million. The average salary is \$90,510.

George Pratt

Hernando

## Unsympathetic commissioners

(Re Wednesday, Sept. 29's front-page story, "Flooding riles up residents," "Locals show up in force at meeting to plead with commissioners for help"): I'm

calling in reference to the meeting that they had about the flooding that's going on right now. Lisa Bower of Dunnellon, she made a statement that "irresponsible development by the county led to the crisis and (it is not taking) responsibility" (Page A9). I think she has validity there and that issue should be addressed further. I'll tell you, if commissioners would have talked to me the way they talked to some of the people here — what I'm reading in the paper — I would have been in jail. Something needs to be done here. All I can say is, if it hits one of you commissioner's places, you all deserve it. Have a good day.

## The strip mall still sits there

A recent caller brought up the Crystal Square strip mall again (Wednesday, Sept. 29's Page A7 Sound Off, "Tear down that

plaza"). Don't forget, Gerry Mulligan said that Joe Meek, he really liked him because he gets stuff done. Well, he hasn't gotten anything done. The owner of that mall is sitting in a big city someplace just laughing his butt off at how stupid the city of Crystal

River is. Then you have the Crystal River Mall. Those owners are rolling in the aisles from laughter after being able to trade that manatee sculpture for their debts.

## How much is it going to cost?

Would the commissioners have the courage to tell us how much it costs us to have this unfinished paving done to the county roads?

## Sign stealers are forgiven

I just want to say that I feel really bad for the person that keeps taking down the signs for the Shepherd's Way "Christian Revival Crusade for Christ" in the Gray Oaks Road area in Homosassa in Leisure Acres. I don't know if you're embarrassed or offended ... but these signs were not in the right-of-way and they were placed on vacant, wooded lots. I'm praying for you and so

are a lot of people. By the way, you are forgiven. May God bless you and may He speak to your heart.

## Don't waste money on plants

(Re Thursday, Sept. 30's Page A3 story, "CR Council in favor of code change," under "Council on Monday also"): Crystal River does not need to waste money on plants in the median. Drivers need to keep their eyes on the traffic. Our city does not need to be like everybody else. Like (Vice Mayor Pat) Fitzpatrick said, "Landscaping comes with maintenance."

## How about some new shows?

They have a commercial on TV that I switch off the minute it comes on. It's very annoying. When the commercial part comes on, the voice changes and gets higher and louder. I thought there was an ordinance about making commercials louder than the program. I pay almost \$200 a month (for cable TV) and I'm so tired, I don't even watch these shows: "Dr. Pimple Popper," "Dr. Mercy," and all the other ones that they show 20,000 times a month. Why don't they put something new on? This is ridiculous...



# Two words for Democrats: minority, Trump

The Democrats are in a real mess. Moderates and liberals are sniping at each other with the same animosity they usually aim at Republicans.

A breaking point came after liberals torpedoed a House vote on a \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill, vowing to block its passage until Congress approves a much larger \$3.5 trillion package of expensive progressive priorities such as free community college and expanded Medicare benefits.

Rep. Stephanie Murphy of Florida, a leading moderate, called it “a sad day for our nation.” Another centrist, Josh Gottheimer of New Jersey, accused liberals of putting “civility and bipartisan governing at risk.”

In June, Politico ran a headline that said, “The left hates Joe Manchin,” the West Virginia Democrat who was holding up that liberal spending package in the Senate.

One lefty even called Manchin “the new Mitch McConnell,” a damning reference to the obdurate Republican leader who has throttled Democratic ambitions for years.

“Everybody’s frustrated,” observed President Biden after a fruitless effort to bring Democrats together. “It’s a part of being in government, being frustrated.”

There are two words, however, that could still propel the Democrats out of their fratricidal stalemate and toward a compromise. The first is “minority.” The second is “Trump.”

No matter how much they distrust or dislike each other, every Democrat in Congress has a core common interest: to preserve their narrow majorities in next year’s elections. The odds are heavily against them; the president’s party almost always loses seats in midterm balloting. But to have any chance at all, Democrats must unify behind a legislative program that enables them to go to voters next year and say: See, we kept our promises. We justified your confidence.

So the question becomes:



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What legislative package would best serve the Democrats politically? It has to accomplish two goals that are, to some extent, in tension: deliver real benefits to working families, while not swinging so far left that supporting it endangers Democrats in tightly contested districts.

Liberals have to accept an unpalatable but undeniable truth: Democrats cannot preserve their majorities without moderates like Manchin in the Senate and Murphy and Gottheimer in the House. The road to victory for Democrats does NOT run through Brooklyn and Berkeley. And unless liberals recognize that reality and help protect their more pragmatic colleagues in swing suburban districts, they will doom their chances of maintaining a majority.

Rep. Henry Cuellar of Texas, another centrist Democrat, told The Washington Post that “his progressive colleagues need to

understand the only reason they have a majority with which to legislate is because of hard-fought victories moderates have scored in the country’s most competitive congressional districts, and so their concerns should not be dismissed.”

“I think that progressives don’t trust moderates, and I keep telling the progressives, ‘Hey, how do we get to a majority?’” Cuellar said. “It’s the moderate swing areas that people like myself have that they need to worry about.”

Then there is the Trump factor. Beyond 2022 looms 2024, and the former president is clearly preparing to run again, traveling to campaign-style rallies and raising tons of money from his devoted base. Of course, it could all be a bluff, a ploy to stroke his ego and stuff his bank account.

And plenty of Republicans, at least in private, worry that he would lose again. His favorable rating stands at a paltry 42% in the RealClearPolitics average of national polls, with his negatives soaring to 52.3%.

“His toxic brand continues to turn off voters in the suburbs, according to strategists in

battleground states,” the Post reports. “Many of the party’s top donors have privately told strategists and party leaders they want a nominee other than Trump.”

And yet, Trump has been badly underestimated before. And every Democrat shares — or should share — the fear expressed by former Trump press secretary Stephanie Grisham. She said of her old boss on ABC: “I am terrified of him running in 2024. I don’t think he is fit for the job. I think that he is erratic. I think that he can be delusional. I think that he is a narcissist and cares about himself first and foremost. And I do not want him to be our president again.”

If Democrats want to hold the majority in Congress while avoiding the nightmare Grisham describes, they have only one option: Bury their antagonisms and fashion a compromise that their candidates can defend in swing states and districts, both next year and in 2024.

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**Cardinal facelift a waste of money**

I’m responding to your (Sunday, Sept. 26, front-page) article, “Cardinal facelift nearly complete.” What a waste of \$135 million. You removed all those trees for what? You’re expecting this big ramp of cars to come off this expressway at Cardinal. It’s not going to happen. I’d love to have someone put a meter there and the Chronicle to print out actually how many cars get off that area in one day. You’re going to say, “Wow,

where’s the rush?” It’s a waste of \$135 million and a waste of our trees. Really pathetic.

**Always enjoyed Fred’s Barbershop**

(Re the Sunday, Sept. 26, Page C2 Sound Off, “Getting a haircut and some gossip”): I moved to Citrus County over 30 years ago and I remember Fred’s Barbershop. It was an enjoyable time I spent



there. I even let people go ahead of me so I could listen to Freddie and his gossip. I enjoyed it and I hope he’s doing well, God bless him.

**Register car in a timely manner**

I know law enforcement is very busy and has other things to do, but when I see out-of-state plates all summer long on cars with a

business with a Florida number on it, it really annoys me. When I came to Florida, I registered my car and paid the tax and everybody else needs to do that, too. Maybe there could be a reward system where neighbors turn in their neighbors who’ve lived here for more than a year and give them a reward to encourage them so that the taxes can be collected.

**Stop stealing our crusade signs**

This is for whoever’s been

stealing and taking down the signs for our church’s crusade, “Got Jesus,” from Gray Oak from (County Road) 491 to Glen. And somebody even ran over one with a truck on (C.R.) 491. That was not very nice. We are praying for you and we will not stop. Your heart will be pricked by the Holy Spirit. God bless you. One more thing about the stolen signs: It’s not the sign or the word “Jesus” that offends you. It’s sin that convicts you. You are forgiven. You are forgiven in the name of Jesus.

## GUY

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as the villain, whether they decked out as superheroes or Star Wars characters.

This year, Emma was leaning toward a super hero. The boys were undecided,

but Emma was pressing as to what character I would be.

If the superhero theme was in, she had the perfect role in mind for her daddy: “Fat Thor,” she proclaimed.

Finally, the hero, not the villain, I shouted.

She giggled.

My youngest son, Jayden, opted to

weigh in. “I don’t think she is saying you’re a hero,” he explained. “I think she’s saying you’re fat.”

Emma giggled more.

“She sees me as hero son,” I retorted.

“The god of Thunder. Let me have my moment.”

My son sighed, followed by a long, “Daddddddddddddddd.”

Then, I sighed.

Now, we’re doing a “Star Wars” theme. Doesn’t Emperor Palpatine shoot lightning from his fingertips?

That’s sort of like Thor, right?

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## DAVIS

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and hunting/fishing/camping on the lakes of the east side and throughout the county?

Do we value our locally owned shops and restaurants? Our eco-tourism? The purity of our waters, and the large amount of green space we enjoy? Do we

want more clean industry to locate here, with higher-paying jobs, to balance our over-reliance on lower-paying service jobs?

These are the types of questions we must ask ourselves, and then hold up every plan and decision we make against the shared and codified vision that comes out of these two town halls.

Visioning is not rocket science. However, just as you ensure

lumber is straight and true before trying to build a plumb structure, creating these touchstones is elemental to creating a vibrant, beautiful Citrus County of tomorrow.

There’s a useful technique promoted by Nobel prize-winning economist Daniel Kahneman for making better strategic decisions. It’s essentially imaginary time-travel, in which your team is split into two groups, one envisioning

unmitigated disaster, and the other roaring success.

In my new life as a county commissioner I practice this, envisioning my tenure causing great harm or great success.

I imagine leaving behind an unbalanced economy, more strip malls with throwaway architecture, snarled traffic, and no walkability. (Disaster!) Then, I imagine clean waters, small-town charm, community-minded values, and

development that encourages higher-paying careers, social interaction, exercise, and the arts. (Success!)

That’s my definition of success, but I’m only one of roughly 150,000 residents.

Getting this vision right needs you. Will you help?

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## BEYOND

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It was the days when “Back to the Future” actually felt like an impossibility.

Those days are no more. The creation of and widespread access to the internet rivals the Industrial Revolution as the most significant event in history in terms of changing how we live our everyday lives. There are few, if any, daily tasks that are not touched by our reliance on this amazing digital infrastructure that very few of us actually understand.

The internet in many ways has been a gift. It has made life easier and more efficient. It has opened up worlds of possibility and discovery. It has connected us to people and places in ways we never could have imagined even 20 years ago.

But like many good things, it’s a double-edged sword.

The incredible number of new

opportunities and advantages the internet affords us has also opened us up to new threats and an assortment of new dangers that we haven’t been prepared to handle. Most of the protections we have enlisted have been reactionary.

And that means damage has already been done.

We see it most in the rise of social media. Kids today can’t imagine a life without it and, if we’re honest, most adults find themselves equally dependent on that digital connection. Social media has offered the world a new platform to advocate for causes and stay connected with others.

But it didn’t take the recent Facebook whistleblower to reveal to us the reality that social media has a dark side — one that is not lacking in either breadth or depth. As a society, when we recognize that a prominent part of our culture holds inherent harm, we tend to do something to mitigate the damage.

That time is long past due for social media.

We’ve regulated entertainment for years. Now it’s time for social media to have some accountability, too.

The responsibility here is three-way. The companies need to be more accountable for their practices and the government needs to introduce some regulatory practices that protect people.

But the responsibility doesn’t stop there. Parents have a responsibility to monitor and control their kids’ accounts. Social media companies use algorithms to determine the kind of content each account receives. It’s been made evidently clear that algorithms are not designed to take the users’ needs or privacy into account. They are used to maximize profit.

Period.

Algorithms don’t have moral compasses. So it begs the question: why do we let them make the decisions about what our kids are consuming on a minute-by-minute basis?

It isn’t just our kids who are affected, though, it’s adults, too.

We are equally susceptible.

As technology and society evolve so should our scrutiny and the level of accountability that we demand — both for the companies we entrust with loads of personal information and for ourselves. We must engage in personal responsibility in order to protect our kids and ourselves.

The internet can do a world of good. But as it progresses the oversight for its methods needs to progress, too — both internally and externally.

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I'll wrap my fish with that paper

On Saturday morning, Sept. 25, I retrieved my daily Chronicle only to find another newspaper included in the box. It was the New York Post. I have never read such a biased rag of a paper before. After asking my neighbor next door if he also received one, he answered, "No." I've been wondering who singled us out to receive this garbage. I say thank you for the thoughtfulness, but no thanks. I'll save it to wrap up the fish.

Hopeful Mulligan continues to write

(Re the Sept. 26, Page C1, Out the Window column titled, "Retirement works fine for the top dog"): My husband must have thought that I had finally gone off my rocker. I was reading my Sunday paper and all of a sudden, I'm yelling, "He's back, he's back!" I was staring at Gerry Mulligan's face.

The way you talked baseball and lunch, and you and Hunter won three times, was hilarious. I laughed all the way through, just picturing it. You truly have a talent of description and humor. I hope you surprise us at least once a month with your articles. Congratulations to you and Hunter.

Take care of Inverness traffic

Inverness wants to build, but they do nothing about our traffic. The other day, I was on my way to Publix. I was the 15th car in line at 7:45 a.m. to make a left-hand turn down to a side street. It took me two traffic lights to make a left turn. They can't handle the traffic in Inverness, but they still want to build. Take care of the traffic first.

How do you tell who's vaccinated?

Can someone please tell me what to look for when I walk into stores and

restaurants and banks to know that whether or not a person is vaccinated or non-vaccinated because I really don't know what to look for? Is it a tattoo? Is it a sign that they wear around their neck? Just curious.

County seems to love consultants

Here we go again with the Citrus County "Consultorama." Back in the '70s or '80s, our BOCC couldn't find a consultant they didn't like. They were all great. The more pages, the greater the cost. So, just pile it on. Just what we need.

I understand students' rage

Students are angry. The state, the county and the school district have

ignored their fears of COVID and mass shootings. I don't condone vandalism, but I can understand their rage.

Don't listen to bad folks

What evil person started TikTok, encouraging our children to destroy our schools instead of to make something beautiful for people to enjoy? Our parents and their parents paid for those schools. Some countries don't even have schools and the children beg to have a school. And now we who have schools are telling our children to destroy them? This is bad and there are bad people out there. Why are we listening to them? Why are our children listening to them? Talk to your children and explain that this is wrong and these people are only trying to hurt you.

Thanks all who help produce paper

We finally got a paper this morning delivered to our house. Thanks to everyone that helped to publish and deliver my paper. We hope it continues.

Bad behavior from drivers

On Monday (Sept. 27), major traffic was diverted

onto Meadowcrest due to a utility pole down. Meadowcrest is a one-lane road with a median and the other side, one lane. To the guy with the glasses, the white cap and the blue T-shirt in the gray SUV: Your trying to make it into a two-lane road and getting through the diversion before other drivers was horrible behavior.

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### Millennial Money:

## The case for being boring when saving

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The idea of gaining wealth in flashy ways isn't new. After all, Charles Ponzi, for whom Ponzi schemes were named, defrauded investors more than 100 years ago with a get-rich-quick scheme built on a foundation of lies.

Today, speculative investments, multilevel marketing companies and other risky efforts to turn a profit still lay seductive traps.

You can always leave your money alone in an interest-bearing account and let time do its thing, but that doesn't exactly make for exciting party conversations, does it? So we open and close accounts. We invest in hot stocks and sell them at the first sign of bad news. We mess with our money because, in our minds, growing wealth is supposed to take effort.

"In almost everything else we do, there's a pay-off to activity: If I want to be a good runner, I should run every day. If I want to be a good painter, I should constantly practice," Morgan Housel, partner at The Collaborative Fund and author of "The Psychology of Money," wrote in an email.

"But if you want to be a good investor, the best thing by far for people to do is not trade, not tinker, just leave it alone — and I think that's just so counterintuitive because it's so unique to investing."

In a world full of financial influencers peddling products and friends bragging about buying NFTs, it's perfectly fine to manage your money in a mostly yawn-inducing way. Here's why.

### BORING GIVES YOU MORE TIME TO LIVE YOUR LIFE

Dealing with your money is a necessary chore, and it's not exactly fun. Thankfully, we live in efficient times. In a few minutes, you can set up automatic money transfers that quietly send your cash into separate accounts serving different purposes. Why keep money management on your to-do list when it can happen on its own quite literally while you sleep?

"Money is a means by which you live your life, not life itself," Meg Bartelt, financial planner and founder of Flow Financial Planning, wrote in an email. "The more complicated, changeable or scary your investments are, the more time you spend working on them or thinking about them, and therefore the less time you have to live life."

### BORING KEEPS YOU FROM MAKING RASH DECISIONS

It's important to take a peek at your investment

accounts periodically, but obsessing over every market move is exhausting and counterproductive. It can lead to making reactive decisions that hurt your wealth in the long run.

Choosing to be boring with your money is an exercise in letting go of the illusion of total control. Yes, there will always be round-the-clock financial news, but not everything happening in the larger economy affects you as an individual.

Turn off news and stock market alerts on your phone so you no longer feel that itch to react.

Instead, mindfully decide when to watch the news and check on your accounts so you can stay informed with less stress.

### WHAT BORING MONEY MANAGEMENT LOOKS LIKE

■ Create a plan you (mostly) stick to: Bartelt finds that, whether her clients avoid their money or obsessively track it, it's because they all feel the same emotion: fear. The antidote is a financial plan based on specific goals and values.

"Having a plan is reassuring," she said. "Once they have the plan, or hell, once they know they're going to have one, people relax."

Base your savings and investing goals on what you intend to spend money on in the short-, medium- and long-term. Leave wiggle room for life changes and other uncertainties, because those are guaranteed to happen.

■ Prepare for emergencies: There's nothing particularly sexy about emergency funds, life insurance and up-to-date wills, but should the unexpected happen, these things can help you stay financially steady.

■ Automate your money: Transfer funds automatically from checking to savings or from checking to a brokerage account. Contributing to a 401(k) through your job is automation, too, since that money comes out of your paycheck directly.

Making regular contributions to different accounts, and increasing them as your budget allows and goals shift, will grow your nest egg.

Once you have your boring financial foundation in place, you can sprinkle on some riskier investments if you want. But remain faithful to your plan.

"You have to actively and continuously ignore the ubiquitous distractions, charlatans, and blowhards in order to stay true to your own values and goals," Bartelt said.

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# Mom's business



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Judy Dunn holds her 4-year-old daughter Raelyn Parker inside her newly opened Little Climbers Play facility in Crystal River. The business offers parents an indoor option for their children to play, with separate areas for children, and toddlers up to children 5 years of age.

## Little Climbers indoor playground opens in Crystal River

NANCY KENNEDY  
Staff writer

What do moms of preschoolers in Citrus County want? When trying to decide what type of business to open, 34-year-old Judy Dunn, herself a mom of a 1-year-old and an almost-5-year-old, knew the answer.

"Moms want air conditioning and a safe place where their kids can play the way they want to," she said, "whether it's role playing and pretending or physical stuff, like sliding and climbing, or smaller, manipulatives like blocks."

Moms want a place where their kids can socialize with other kids without being overwhelmed with too many others, and they want a place where they can talk to other moms or just relax with their own thoughts or electronic devices.

Moms also want WiFi — and coffee.

Dads and grandparents want those things too.

In September, Dunn opened Little Climbers Play indoor playground for kids age 5 and younger, at 521 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, next to the Plantation on Crystal River.

As Dunn explained, it's not a day care where you drop your kids off, but an indoor play venue where your child(ren) can play alone or with other kids, and parents or grandparents stay with them.

It's like a day at the park, but without the humidity and fire ants.

"There's really nothing local like this, so we were excited when I heard about this on Facebook," said Caitlin Shank, who brought her son, 2-year-old Lawson, to Little Climbers on a recent Tuesday morning.

Shank said she usually has to travel to Ocala or someplace else to find an indoor playground.

That was also Dunn's situation, so she knew there was definitely a market for her idea here in Citrus County among not only stay-at-home moms, but also grandparents with visiting grandkids, or even tourists on a rainy day looking for something to do with little ones.

"My thing was, I have two little ones and how do I



A boutique for moms and young children is offered in the loft of Little Climbers Play in Crystal River.

entertain a crawler and a rambunctious 4-year-old at the same time?" Dunn said. "If we go to Ocala, that's at least a 45-minute drive, so it's not always convenient to make it a weekly routine."

"The parks are too hot, and there's nowhere to put the baby down without her crawling all over the mulch and the dirt," she said.

Prior to the pandemic, Dunn had worked as a retail manager for furniture stores and then as a bank manager.

"When COVID first started, I was pregnant and high-risk, so I decided to stay home — plus, my daughter's daycare closed anyway," she said.

Dunn used that time to think about what she wanted to do.

"My first idea was a consignment store ... and then I thought about maybe just doing birthday parties because there's nowhere around here to have them. But that's not an everyday thing. I wanted to offer something that's everyday."

In addition to an indoor playground, Little Climbers is also a birthday party and event venue, plus Dunn offers weekly scheduled events like craft classes, story time followed by an educational activity and Friday morning open play group.

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## LIVE UNITED 365 Small Business Circle



Special to the Chronicle

St. Johns Tavern is a two-year member of the LIVE UNITED 365 Small Business Circle of the United Way of Citrus County. Chase Palmes, owner of St. John's Tavern, is pictured with United Way CEO Meghan Pitzer. To learn more about the program, call the United Way at 352-795-5483.

## BUSINESS DIGEST

### Learn about history of Mosquito Control

Do you remember running behind the Mosquito Control fog truck as a kid? A lot has changed since the Citrus County Mosquito Control District was established in 1953.

The Old Courthouse Heritage Museum's next Coffee and Conversations event will be at 7 p.m. Nov. 4, 1 Court-house Square in Inverness.

Tarolyn Plumley from the Citrus County Mosquito Control District will talk about the history of mosquito control in the county and current day practices. Plumley is an

entomologist and public education specialist with the district.

Explore the rich history behind mosquito controls in Florida and see original photos from the early days. Plumley will also discuss our current day practices and how to help in your very own backyard.

This program is free and open to the public. Guests may attend the talk in person or join the livestream from home. To register, visit [cccourthouse.org/shop](http://cccourthouse.org/shop) or call 352-341-6428.

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# MOM’S

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“For Halloween we’re having a family Halloween party with five craft stations and some carnival-style games, a costume dance party and they’ll leave with trick or treat bags with some goodies in them,” she said. “We’re limiting this to about 25 kids, so they have to get an advance ticket for that.”

Also, Dunn has a boutique area with clothing and gift items and wooden toys, items that aren’t typically found locally.

Little Climbers is located in the former Clementine Boutique, which sold baby clothes, a serendipitous surprise as Dunn discovered when she looked at the empty rental space — nearly turn-key ready, complete with colorful, giant polka dots in the larger “jump and climb” play area and a farm mural on the walls in



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle  
**Little Climbers Play is in Plantation Point in Crystal River off Fort Island Trail, about 1/2 mile west of U.S. 19.**

the smaller “soft” play area.

“It’s 3,000 square feet and the rent was a little more than I hoped to pay, but I didn’t have all the up-front costs to remodel, so it works out,” Dunn said.

Plus, it’s near where she lives.

“It’s not in a busy plaza or on the main road, but that’s not an issue because this type of business doesn’t depend on foot traffic,” she said. “Moms plan to come here; they have their diaper bags and their snacks.”

Walk-ins are welcome,

although reservations are requested for parties and events.

She said she hopes in five years she will have one or two other locations open, maybe Inverness or Dunnellon.

For now, her immediate goal is getting the word out through social media and word of mouth.

“Being a mom can be lonely sometimes, and this is a good way to be with other moms,” she said. “The first week we were open, I had a play group of five moms with a combined six little boys, and they had a great time.”

The hours are: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost is \$10 for a one-time visit, with multiple-kids discount. Also available: \$80 for a 10-visit pass.

Check the Little Climbers Facebook page for events and discounts.

Call 352-794-6122 or email Dunn at [littleclimbersplay@gmail.com](mailto:littleclimbersplay@gmail.com).

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## Limited seats available at Fire Up Citrus!

Watch the excitement and spark your own imagination as presenters ignite the evening with ideas for the future of Citrus County! Tickets are only \$10 for this limited seating event where we will get to watch our neighbors and friends present their inspired ideas on how we can inspire our community to rise to the next level. But be advised, these are NOT YOUR DADDY'S Power-Point presentations. This high energy, fast paced event keeps presenters to a firm 5-minutes flat with their creativity and pas-

### DON'T MISS THE ACTION!

Many ideas have grown and blossomed from past Fire Up Citrus events. Don't you want to be a part of the future?

- The Citrus Construction Academy (Harold Walker)
- Veterans Village (Dr. Desai)
- JAM – Just Amuse Me (Dave Perry)
- The \$5K professional pilot training pathway (Andy Chan)
- The new USFWS exhibit (Mike Engles)
- Loaner life jackets – Cayla's Coats (Jessica Barnes)
- Artist-painted bike racks (Michele Wirt – Citrus County Cultural Arts)
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sion taking center stage!

Reserve your seats before they're gone!

Online at [www.Eventbrite.com](http://www.Eventbrite.com), just search for Fire Up Citrus.

## Member News



■ Crystal River Main Street and The City of Crystal River will host The Taste of Crystal River on October 16th in the downtown square. Tickets start at \$50 and include tastings from local restaurants, one drink, and live entertainment featuring Underground Retro. Online at [www.Eventbrite.com](http://www.Eventbrite.com).

■ The Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County will host their annual Steak & Steak dinner on October 14th benefitting our local clubs and programs aimed at building brighter futures for our children. Tickets start at \$50, online at [www.BGCCitrus.org](http://www.BGCCitrus.org).

■ Citrus County Blessings is hosting their annual Blessings Ball on October 22nd at the Inverness Depot. This fundraising event helps feed over 1,600 children in our community. General admission tickets are \$35. Online at [www.CitrusCountyBlessings.org](http://www.CitrusCountyBlessings.org).

■ The Citrus County Chronicle's DIVA NIGHT returns on October 21st at the Plantation on Crystal River. The ultimate girls' night out includes fashion, jewelry, cocktails, and

music, all for a good cause. Advanced general admission starts at just \$15. Online at [www.ChronicleOnline.com](http://www.ChronicleOnline.com).

■ Crystal River Watersports Spooktacular MERMAID RETREAT is an event like no other! This is a weekend-long event filled with Pampering and Play for Mermaids and Mermaids at Heart! Tail up for Day Dives in Local Springs and a Night Glow Dive on Rainbow River!!! And what Under-Water Halloween would be Complete without a Mermaid's Masquerade?! Package also includes Photo Shoot, Accommodations, and Additional Optional Certifications (including Basic, Ocean, and Modeling). More info online at [www.CrystalRiverWatersports.com](http://www.CrystalRiverWatersports.com).

■ Foster2Adoption is hosting a month long "Flocking" fundraiser all October where you can flock a friend with flamingos for only \$20! All proceeds to benefit the Foster2Adoption mission to help families in Citrus County. Call 352-586-5927 for more information!

## Cooter Comedy Night at the Valerie Theatre!

Join the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Inverness as we host one of the kickoff events of the 2021 Cooter Festival. Put all your cares away and come on out for a night of laughs with three of Florida's best comedians at the first ever Cooter Comedy Night. Tickets are only \$15, online at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

## Chamber Events

**10/15** – Salute to Business Luncheon featuring keynote speaker Senate President Wilton Simpson, sponsored by Duke Energy – 11:30am – 1pm. To register email [Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com](mailto:Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com).

**10/19** – Fire Up Citrus! – 6PM – 9:15PM; The Valerie Theatre in Inverness

**10/22** – Cooter Comedy Night – 7:30PM – 9:30PM – The Valerie Theatre in Inverness

**10/28** – BAM BBQ presented by Crystal Harley Davidson – 6PM – 10PM; M&B Dairy in Lecanto. Tickets on sale now at [www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/bambbq](http://www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/bambbq).

**10/29** – Cooter Kickoff Party – Free party in the street in downtown Inverness! – 6PM – 10PM

## Senate President Simpson to Speak to Citrus Businesses

Senate President Wilton Simpson will be speaking to our local businesses at the Citrus County Chamber's Salute to Business Luncheon on October 15th from 11am - 1pm. Held at the College of Central Florida's Citrus Campus, this luncheon is open to ALL CITRUS COUNTY BUSINESSES! Reservations are only \$30/pp and available online at [www.CitrusCountyChamber.com](http://www.CitrusCountyChamber.com). Catering by Oscar Penn's. Limited



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The Salute to Business Luncheon, sponsored by Duke Energy, is a part of the annual Business Appreciation Month events hosted by the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce. See the full lineup of events on [www.CitrusCountyChamber.com](http://www.CitrusCountyChamber.com).

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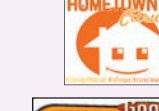
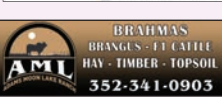
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This week, host Jade White, Chamber Public Relations & Communication Coordinator, talks with Save Crystal River board member, Tina Champaign, and Executive Director Dr. Michelle Sivlich about their upcoming Rockstar Charity event. Also joining Jade is Christina Reed, Executive Director of Citrus County Blessings, to talk about their annual Blessings Ball!

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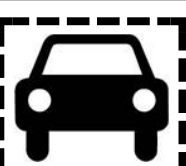
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Maureen "Mo" Baird  
Citrus County Supervisor of Elections  
Physical Address: 1500 N Meadowcrest Blvd, Crystal River, FL 34429  
Mailing Address: PO Box 1870, Lecanto, FL 34460  
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**1644-1010 SUCRN**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, will hold a Public Hearing for Street Vacation SV-21-02 in the County Commission Chambers, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450, at 1:35 p.m., on October 26, 2021, to determine the advisability of vacating, abandoning, discontinuing and closing the existing street, alleyway, road, highway or other place used for travel, the portion of West International Court lying west of US-19, between Blocks B and C, US-19 No. 3 Addition, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 123, public records of Citrus County, Florida

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at this public hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record shall include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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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**1645-1010 SUCRN**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, will hold a Public Hearing for Plat Vacation PV-21-04 in the County Commission Chambers, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450, at 1:30 PM, on October 26, 2021, to determine whether or not this Board shall vacate the 7.5-foot utility and drainage easement lying on the east side of Lot 3 and the west side of Lot 4, Block 61, Crystal Manor Unit 3, as recorded in Plat Book 8, Pages 112-134, Public Records of Citrus County, Florida, and disclaim any right of the County and the public in and to said plat vacation and the lands in connection therewith.

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**1648-1010 SUCRN**  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the vehicle(s) below under Florida Statutes 713.78. The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the premises where said vehicle(s) have been stored and which is located at Adam's Towing & Recovery, LLC, 4212 W Hwy 44 Lecanto, FL 34461, the following:

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**Meeting Notices** **Meeting Notices** **Meeting Notices**

**1638-1010 SUCRN**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the CITRUS COUNTY AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 14, 2021 in Room 166 of the Lecanto Government Center, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, FL 34461.

Any person desiring further information regarding this meeting may contact the Engineering Division, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 241, Lecanto, FL 34461, or call (352) 527-5446.

SCOTT CARNAHAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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**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 286.0105, Florida Statutes)

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the Engineering Division, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 241, Lecanto, FL 34461, or call (352) 527-5446, at least two days before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, use the TDD telephone (352) 527-5312.

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**1639-1010 SUCRN**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Citrus County Code Compliance will conduct its monthly Special Master Hearing on **Wednesday, October 20, 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.

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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  
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**Bid Notices** **Bid Notices** **Bid Notices**

**1642-1010 SUCRN**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**REQUEST FOR QUOTE QTE 22-006**  
**Elevator Safety Maintenance & Repair Services**

Citrus County, Florida ("County") invites interested parties to submit quotations to provide Elevator Safety, Inspection, Maintenance & Repair in compliance with all Florida Statutes and Regulations that govern elevator safety, maintenance and use.

Written quotations are to be submitted on or before 2:00 pm on November 10, 2021.

**COUNTY VENDOR REGISTRATION:** County has partnered with VendorLink, a web-based e-Procurement service. Current bid solicitations and associated addenda, notices of recommended bid award, and current bid awards will be posted at [www.myvendorlink.com](http://www.myvendorlink.com).

Visit <https://www.myvendorlink.com/common/register.aspx> to register. VendorLink is an online Bidder registration system that provides a free at no cost to Bidder, 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. Registration assistance is available by e-mail [support@evendorlink.com](mailto:support@evendorlink.com).

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**1643-1010 SUCRN**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB 22-015**  
**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 **October 26, 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 **October 26, 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.

To obtain a copy of the Invitation to Bid Document for this announcement, please visit VendorLink at <https://www.myvendorlink.com/common/register.aspx>- register and once registered, you will be able to obtain the documents or go to DemandStar at <https://www.demandstar.com/beta/buyers/bids>. Copies can also be obtained by calling the Department of Management & Budget/Purchasing at (352) 527-5457.

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**Fictitious Name Notices** **Fictitious Name Notices** **Fictitious Name Notices**

**1641-1010 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:

**WORK IT OUT FITNESS**

located at 1801 NW US HWY 19, Crystal River, FL 34429 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 Crystal River, FL, this 6th day of October, 2021.

/s/ Christina Weeks, Authorized Agent  
Buckweeks, LLC

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**1647-1010 SUCRN**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Name**

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**P.E.R.C.H.**

located at 3210 W Woodthrush St, Lecanto, FL, 34461 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 Crystal River, FL, this 7th day of October, 2021.

/s/ Terese Jones  
Director  
Arcadia Bird Sanctutary, Inc.

Owner  
**Published October 10, 2021**



**How to Avoid a Fake Check Scam**

• **INSIST ON CASH**

• **Don't accept a check for more than the selling price. You can bet it's a scam.**

• **Inform the Buyer that you'll wait two weeks before sending any merchandise.**

• **Never use money from a check to send gift cards, money orders, or wire money to strangers or someone you just met. Many scammers demand that you send money through money transfer services like Western Union or MoneyGram, or buy gift cards and send them the PIN numbers. Once you wire money, or give someone the gift card PINs, it is like giving someone cash. It's almost impossible to get it back.**

• **Toss offers that ask you to pay for a prize. If it's free, you shouldn't have to pay to get it.**

**Self Storage Notices**

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**1630-1010 SUCRN**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Hernando Storage intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the Hernando Storage, Storage Facility Act Statutes. The owner will sell at public sale on **October 26th, 2021 at 5 PM** at Hernando Storage, 1274 East Norvell Bryant Highway, Hernando, FL 34442. Website for auction is [www.lockerfox.com](http://www.lockerfox.com). Property will be sold for cash only. Unit must be cleaned out within 48 hrs. of purchase.

Beverly Boatright Unit 2100 Unit contents seem to be assorted bags, boxes, totes, books, pictures, ceramics, porcelain dolls, a storage bench, flat screen tv, stereo, among other various items.

Candy M Ray Unit 1075 Unit Contents seem to be Assorted bags, boxes, mattress, box spring, dresser, bookcase, cabinet, dining table, tools, fishing rods/reels, tackle, ladders, lamp, fan, assorted clothing along with other various items.

**Published October 10 & 17, 2021**

**Misc. Notices**

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**1623-1010 SUCRN**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
CASE NO: 21-DR-945

DAVID LANIER, Petitioner,  
and  
ZEUS IVAN HERNANDEZ, Respondent

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR ADOPTION**

To: Zeus Ivan Hernandez  
612 Lisbon Avenue  
Panama City Beach, FL 32413

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED**, that an action for Adoption has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to, on the Petitioner(s) David Lanier, whose attorney address is 6046 E. Rush Street, Inverness, Florida 34452 on or before October 19, 2021 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450 before service on the Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for 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 pleadings.  
Dated: September 13, 2021

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Samantha Leap  
Deputy Clerk

**Published September 19 & 26 and October 3 & 10, 2021**

**1640-1010 SUCRN**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to the following, at last known address:  
**Sam Abood** **Gregg F Anderson**





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## 2020 FORD EDGE TITANIUM

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11,600 Miles.  
NPR1463

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STX FX4 SUPERCREW**  
3,700 Miles. Ford Warranty. Level,  
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**\$47,991**



**2018 FORD  
EDGE SPORT**  
1-Owner Local Carfax.  
6,568 Miles.  
NIT343M

**\$35,968**



**2020 CHRYSLER  
300 TOURING**  
13,500 Miles. Chrysler Warranty.  
Sport Appearance Package.  
NP7616

**\$29,968**



**2020 FORD  
EXPEDITION XLT**  
4 Wheel Drive. HD Trailer Tow Pkg.  
Ford Co-Pilot 360.  
NPR1462

**\$61,971**



**2019 FORD  
EXPEDITION  
MAX SLT**  
24,700 Miles.  
NPR1456

**\$51,961**



**2020 FORD  
EXPLORER  
LIMITED**  
13,200 Miles.  
NPR1458

**\$44,675**



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SANTA FE FWD SPORT**  
Sport 2.4 Model. Clean Carfax.  
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## 2019 LINCOLN MKC

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Premier Model. Leather. Quads. Navigation. Moonroof.  
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## 2019 FORD F150 XLT

Sport Appearance Pkg.  
Special Edition Pkg.  
20,000 Miles. NPR1474

**\$47,968**



## 2017 FORD F150 XLT SUPERCREW

Long Wheel Base. 1-Owner Carfax. 3.5  
Ecoboost. Max Trailer Tow Pkg. NIT327A

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# HomeFront

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*Gaillardia pulchella* is commonly referred to as blanketflower. This species is a nonnative annual to biennial wildflower that likely originated in Texas or Northern Mexico. After seeds shed, the plant dries and dies off. New seedlings sprout in late summer and in early spring. Native Lanceleaf Blanketflower, *Gaillardia aestivalis*, ranges from Central Florida north to the Carolinas.

JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle



Inside this week:

Jane's Garden

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**TEXT 132147 TO 35620 FOR ELECTRONIC BROCHURE**

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**HARRY ECK/KAREN STUKES**

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**TEXT 636089 TO 35620 FOR ELECTRONIC BROCHURE**

This unspoiled home site is just down the road from Fort Cooper State Park, which has miles of hiking trails and bird watching. You can also get on the bike path which goes for over 46 miles, w/the famous Inverness Depot District stop 11 minutes away by bike. If you're looking for a place to launch your boat, the Eden Park Boat Ramp is a little more than half a mile away. Build your dream home in the area whose motto is "Small town Done Right!"

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MLS# 806107

**LYNN HARRIS**

352-269-8499



**ENJOY BEING IN A BEAUTIFUL IDEALLY LOCATED GATED COMMUNITY**

**TEXT 638123 TO 35620 FOR ELECTRONIC BROCHURE**

This exciting Building Site will be the perfect location for your new "work of art" home. Sited on the 12th hole of the award-winning Quarry Course. Breathtaking golf and beautiful views. Natural woodland settings and rolling terrain. Full Golf Membership in Black Diamond Club, Inc is required to enjoy the Club House with fine dining and social events, amenities, and golf courses. Full Golf & Social Memberships are available for \$17,500.00 but not required with the sale of this property. One of the few Estate lots left and as such, can either be built on or remain vacant, unlike many Black Diamond lots.

MLS# 798074

**JAMES DAVIS**

352-746-3990



**THIS 3 - BEDROOM 2 - BATHROOM HOUSE IN INVERNESS HIGHLAND SOUTH IS MOVE IN READY**

**TEXT 864395 TO 35620 FOR ELECTRONIC BROCHURE**

Freshly painted, new carpets in the bedrooms and a great location. Roof is 2015 & A/C is 2012. This house would be an excellent starter home or a great buy for an investor. Near historical downtown Inverness, restaurants, medical facilities, and the rails to trails. Come on by and see this gem.

MLS# 804332 \$189,900

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**TEXT 636090 TO 35620 FOR ELECTRONIC BROCHURE**

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MLS# 806259 \$205,000

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**WELL-KNOWN COMMUNITY OF PINE RIDGE**

**TEXT 622244 TO 35620 FOR ELECTRONIC BROCHURE**

This quaint home w/a heated pool is at the end of a cul-de-sac in the well-known community of Pine Ridge. Only a few blocks from the entrance, the home is set far enough back at the end of a quiet street on more than an acre so as to be away from the mainstream, yet it's so easy to get to the stores and restaurants on the highway in minutes. Priced to sell, w/plenty of opportunity for updates and personal touches, this home could be a cozy homestead or a convenient getaway to enjoy all that Citrus County has to offer.

MLS# 805856 \$260,000

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**NEWLY REMODELED DOUBLE WIDE ON JUST UNDER A 1/2 ACRE W/NO DEED RESTRICTIONS**

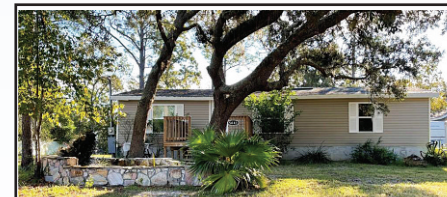
**TEXT 1041135 TO 35620 FOR ELECTRONIC BROCHURE**

3/2 Split floor plan w/open living area that includes a breakfast bar located between the dining room and kitchen which allows for additional seating and extra counter space. All bedrooms have ceiling fans and large closets. In addition, this home features an attached carport, covered entry to the screened in lanai and fenced in back yard. This home is located just minutes from shopping, restaurants, and the Homosassa River. At this price and newly updated it will not be on the market long. Call today for your showing.

MLS# 806147 \$135,000

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**NEWLY REMODELED 3/2 DOUBLE WIDE ON 1/2 ACRE OF LAND**

**TEXT 1041136 TO 35620 FOR ELECTRONIC BROCHURE**

Property is fully fenced w/large back porch and storage shed. Everything in this home is brand new from the flooring to the double pane windows and rear slider, appliances, counter tops, cabinets and so much more. This home is located just minutes from shopping, restaurants, and the Homosassa River. At this price and newly updated it will not be on the market long. Call today for your showing.

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# Style-savvy housewarming gift ideas



Material Kitchen

Material Kitchen's reBoard cutting boards are made of recycled plastic and sugarcane, and are offered in a rainbow of beautiful hues. Kitchen tools like this may seem like a utilitarian gift, but if you can find them in interesting hues like this, and made sustainably, the gift becomes something a little more special.



Minted

A pin board from Minted. If the gift recipients have moved to Chicago, NY, San Francisco or Texas, Minted's designers have created cool toile papers for each, that are offered in framed pin boards — perfect for kitchens or home offices.

**KIM COOK**  
*Associated Press*

Bread and salt. Wine. A broom or sack of flour. Honey, pineapples, even bluebirds — a symbol of happiness — have been bestowed on people moving into new homes over the centuries.

Fall is a busy time for re-locating, and many people have recently done so because of pandemic-related changes in work, school and home life.

So if you're looking for some modern housewarming presents to go with (or instead of) the traditional ones, we've got some suggestions from interior designers for both new renters and new owners.

## At the front door

Baylee Floyd, an Orlando, Florida-based designer with the online platform Decorist, suggests giving your friends a welcome mat. "A front door mat is always a great gift — I get custom, monogrammed mats made to help them really make their place feel like home," she says.

Etsy.com and others offer customizable mats, or you can shop Grandin Road, Frontgate and Birch Lane for initialed coco mat designs.

Elysia Home's Letterfolk doormat comes with a bag of 75 hexagonal penny tiles, so the new renters or owners can create their own welcoming message.

Leia T. Ward, founder of LTW Design in New Canaan, Connecticut, likes the idea of giving a little connectivity.

"An Alexa or an Echo (may) seem random," she says, "but it's great for those extra spaces that homeowners typically don't tend to buy smart speakers for, like a patio,

garage, home office or bathroom."

Or how about a house key locator?

"A GPS finder for their keychain is a great housewarming gift," Ward says. "It seems random and unimportant until that one time they actually need it."

If they've already got the finder, you might update the keychain itself by getting one that's monogrammed. Mark & Graham offers leather tasseled ones in Kelly green, black, red or blush.

If the newly moved are going for a boho décor vibe, consider Natural Life's hand-painted wood flower hooks, which could go next to the door, on a porch wall or really anywhere.

## For the walls

Seattle designer Elizabeth Herrera suggests a customized house portrait.

"Upload a special photo to [www.minted.com](http://www.minted.com), and

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**NEW LISTING**

**SOLID HOMOSASSA HOME!** With just a little work, this well-constructed 2/2/2 home has lots of potential! Good sized BR, incl. Master Suite w/walk in closet & en suite BA. Bonus room for office or craft room. Shed w/elec. Public water w/well for irrigation. Septic recently pumped & inspected. Great location, convenient to retail & all the Nature Coast has to offer. Don't miss this one! **MLS#806341-\$159,000**

**HOME WITH LAND!** This well-kept 3/2 DW is on a beautiful +/-2.42 AC property on a quiet paved road in Homosassa. No flood zone, HOA or restrictions. Well & septic, so no monthly water/sewer bills either! Split floor plan w/large master BR with walk-in closet & separate bath. Zoned for Lecanto schools. There's 2 detached sheds and plenty of room for your boat, R.V., gardening & a pool! **MLS#804491-\$180,000**

**MOVE IN READY!!!!** This home comes furnished & ready for you! 2BR/1.5BA with detached garage. Newer paint & flooring throughout. Spacious Florida Room & lots of windows throughout home for natural light. KIT features a newer oven, eat in kitchen and pantry space. Built-ins & closets throughout home help optimize storage space. This property has a lot of potential to offer! **MLS#798708 - \$72,000**

**CRYSTAL MANOR!** Build your dream home on this +/-1.09 AC lot in this peaceful homes-only subdivision in Crystal River. Over an acre, so "Super Septic" shouldn't be an issue. Near the barge canal boat ramp, Lake Rousseau & the Withlacoochee River, yet convenient to the comforts of town in Citrus & Levy Counties. Zoned for Crystal River Schools. **MLS#800615-\$23,000**



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# Nothing wrong with using a brick foundation for home

Ask the **BUILDER**

**TIM CARTER**  
Tribune Content Agency



This brick foundation was built in 1891 and has survived 130 harsh New Hampshire winters.

TIM CARTER/Tribune Content Agency

A few weeks ago a visitor to my AsktheBuilder.com wanted to know about brick foundations. Karen has an ambitious desire to build a small 900-square-foot house by herself. She is well aware of her physical limitations and asked me if it was possible for her to construct the foundation using standard brick. She had tried to lift an 8x8x16-inch concrete block and discovered those were too heavy. She feels she could handle brick. Karen asked me what she needs to know to build a strong brick foundation.

From time to time you'll hear me say, "You don't know what you don't know." When you apply this to your life experience about all things building, it's easy to fall into a trap where you feel there are just one or two ways to do something.

Take house foundations for example. You may live in a part of the country where the building contractors use concrete or precast concrete block. If you don't travel

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# Fake antique could ironically become collectible someday

**Dear John:** Is there anything you can tell me about this Wells Fargo Buckle? It has been in my father's possession since the death of his parents; my father is 89 years old. Thanks! — S., *Inverness*

**Dear S.:** I appreciate the good clear photographs of the backside of your Wells Fargo belt buckle.

In the 1960s and 1970s belt buckles marked Wells Fargo and other widely recognized American corporate icons started showing



John Sikorski  
**SIKORSKI'S ATTIC**

up in the antiques marketplace. With names like Wells Fargo, Coca-Cola, Western Union and more, they appeared to be genuine. They were well-made with great detail and the backside had specific information about the makers and many had names like Tiffany and Company as the manufacturer.

Shortly, they became very collectible and were selling for hundreds of dollars.

As some folks started questioning their authenticity, a timely book was

published that in great detail lent authenticity to the belt buckles. The bright red hardcover book was titled "Tiffany and Gaylord Express and Exhibition Belt Plates." The copyright was 1950. With the book's publication, collector interest and prices continued to rise.

But the story does not end well. The buckles are all fakes, as well as the book. There is a good website dedicated to exposing these fake buckles. The

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**This belt buckle is a fake antique made after 1960.**

**Nevertheless, the story behind these fakes is an interesting one.**

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**Douglas Lindsey** surpassed \$4.6 million; **Rod Kenner** surpassed



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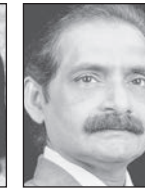
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**Viggiano** surpassed \$2.1 million; and **Mark Siegel** surpassed \$2 million. **Cathy McDonald** surpassed \$1.9 million; **Nancy Jenks** surpassed \$1.9 million; **Kelly Hanick** surpassed \$1.8 million; **Jan Tuel** surpassed \$1.6 million;



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surpassed \$1.2 million; **Tony Moudis** surpassed \$1.1 million; and **Maggie Diemer** surpassed \$1 million. We would also extend a very warm welcome to and **Angelo Arcadipane** (352-424-4039), who just joined the team.



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# Autumn changes and colors in Florida



JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

Red Maple is a deciduous native canopy tree that sheds its leaves in late autumn. Leaves turn a burgundy red and are eaten by some insects. In Central Florida plant hardiness zone 9a, it begins to flower in late December or January. Pairs of winged seeds, called samaras, are ripe in time for the spring bird migration in March.



Native, deciduous Sycamore, *Platanus occidentalis*, is a deciduous shade tree that can reach 75 to 150 feet tall. It provides cooling summer shade but allows in winter sun when it is leafless. The trunk is smooth, with blotchy exfoliating bark that reveals multi-colored layers. Leaves turn pale yellow to tan before falling. Leaves are easy to mulch with a lawn mower to return nutrients to the soil to feed roots and sequester carbon.

There are noticeable signs as summer transitions to autumn in Central Florida. Predawn temperatures are in the 60s and the sky is often clear. Colorful orange sunrises silhouette canopy trees. Morning dew evaporates into sublime banks of ground fog that settle over pastures and blanket low places between the sandhills. Barely visible in the morning mist, cattle moo low tones to their calves and companions. Coyotes yip at a higher pitch.



Jane Weber  
**JANE'S GARDEN**

Light radiating from windows attracts insects preyed upon by screech owls and the last of the summer bats. Morning commuters, visors down, sunglasses on, barely notice leaves changing color. Dew on the fall flowers glistens in the early sunlight. Spiderwebs sparkle as dewdrops catch the light. Autumn mornings are perfect for strolling, cycling the trails, birding and observing nature.

Starting in October, two species of deciduous cypress trees — Pond Cypress, *Taxodium ascendens*, and Bald Cypress, *T. distichum* — turn coppery-brown and shed their leaves. Sycamore, *Platanus occidentalis*, a fast-growing native shade tree, has huge leaves that turn gold, yellow and then brown. Winged Elm, *Ulmus alata* and stately American Elm, *U. americana*, carpet the ground with crisp brown fallen leaves. Red Maple, *Acer rubra*, leaves turn

burgundy red before falling. Locally, by the end of the year, mature maples erupt in masses of small burgundy flowers.

A socially acceptable and environmentally friendly practice is to

blow leaf litter onto the lawn or mowed greenspace and mulch it in place with a lawn mower. Leaf mulching recycles the nutrients to feed the lawn and tree roots, adds organic matter to sandy

soils and sequesters carbon. Gone are the days of contributing to air pollution and adding smoke and carbon dioxide to Earth's atmosphere.

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# Easy swaps to give your house an instant upgrade

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Sometimes the simplest decorating swaps can yield the biggest returns. These one-hit-wonder changes will invigorate your spaces with minimal effort on your part. But be forewarned: One swap may make you want to do another ... and another. But that's what makes decorating fun, right?

**Swap standard-issue pillows for something with personality.** Ditch the pillows that came with your sofa and layer in a contrasting color or pattern. But don't toss the old pillows into the donation bin just yet. Oftentimes these pillows have reusable forms and will fit inside new covers. Or if you're handy with a sewing machine, stitch new covers to size and you'll save the expense of new pillow forms.

**Swap a cluttered, utilitarian nightstand for something prettier.** Bring some luxury to your life by simply giving your nightstand a

little love. Clear out the unnecessary clutter (we mean that pile of receipts and five random pens) and add a few pretty accessories that make your bedroom feel more like a retreat and less like a dumping ground. Designate a drawer for the basics, such as chargers.

**Swap a plain lampshade for a patterned cousin.** Most lampshades are plain white, which can stick out like a sore thumb in a room where color or muted neutrals reign. Do your whole room a favor and replace these offending lampshades with something that blends in better.

**Swap a coffee table for an ottoman.** This swap is particularly effective if your coffee table is part of a matched set with your end tables. An upholstered ottoman softens a furniture arrangement and provides another opportunity to add pattern and color. Add a large tray to the top as a stable spot for drinks and accessories.

**Swap silver for gold.**

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The gold trend is here to stay, so what are you waiting for? Start small and work in a few gold accessories to a specific spot. If you want to start riding the next trend, go with copper or rose gold.

**Swap solid curtains for patterned counterparts.** Ditch plain window treatments for something a little livelier. Keep the new curtains within the same color family as your old ones, and use the existing patterns in your room to determine the scale of the new window treatments. For example, if you have small- and large-scale patterns in your room, opt for curtains in a medium-scale pattern.

**Swap bulky furniture for airy pieces.** Heavy, solid-frame accent furniture (such as end tables and ottomans) can weigh down a space. Replacing this dead

weight with less-bulky pieces will make a space feel lighter and more refined.

**Swap a builder-grade mirror for a version that matches your style.** You know those bathroom mirrors we're talking about. Those blah, frameless rectangles that came standard issue in any house built in the last 30 or so years. So rather than be like every other bathroom in your home's vintage, stand out with a nonstandard mirror. Try a different shape or a model with an interesting trim detail. Or better yet, both.

**Swap in a throw to cover the foot of your bed.** You can have the prettiest pillows in the world, but if the end of your bed is bare, you may be missing out on the full effect. Drape the end of the bed with a pretty throw

that coordinates with your bedding and pillows, and you'll take the look to the next level.

**Swap out your 15-year-old shower curtain for something more current.** The marketplace is awash with plenty of fresh shower curtains at a range of prices, so there's no need to hang on to yours from the last century. A new shower curtain will give your bathroom a refreshed look without the cost of a remodel.

**Swap a one-note color scheme for an unexpected duo (or trio!).** If your one pop of color feels like it's missing something, add another pop. Keep proportion in mind as you infuse color. Pair a smaller pop with a larger bang and you'll be on your way to success.

**Swap basic hardware for a custom combination.** Who says all hardware needs to be the same? Forge your own path with a mixed-and-matched set

of knobs, pulls and bars.

**Swap a plain ceiling for a colorful alternative.** The ceiling is sometimes called the fifth wall, so why not give it a treatment deserving of a wall? In a room with white walls, a color-coated ceiling is an unexpected element that will command all the right attention.

**Swap completely hard-working for an infusion of style.** Kitchens are called on to do a lot, but that doesn't mean they need to be completely utilitarian. Start by identifying one spot that can be more style-driven than function-focused and incorporate a few just-for-fun pieces, such as pretty vintage dishes.

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A waterfront home is shown for sale, Thursday, Oct. 7 in Surfside, Fla.

## US average loan rates decline; 30 year at 2.99%

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Average long-term mortgage rates declined this week, with the benchmark 30-year loan slipping back below 3%.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac reported Thursday that the average rate for a 30-year mortgage eased to 2.99% from 3.01% last week. The rate stood at 2.87% this time last year. It peaked this year at 3.18% in April.

The rate for a 15-year loan, a popular option for homeowners refinancing their mortgages, fell to 2.23% from 2.28% last week.

The Federal Reserve recently signaled its belief that the economy has recovered sufficiently from the pandemic recession for it to soon begin dialing back the emergency aid it provided after the spread of coronavirus.

The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits fell last week, another sign that the U.S. job market and economy continue their steady recovery from last year's coronavirus recession. Jobless claims fell by 38,000, to 326,000, the first drop in four weeks, the Labor Department reported Thursday.

## BRICK

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at all or do research about foundation types, you might come to the conclusion there are just two ways to build a foundation.

But travel to other parts of the United States or the world, and you'll quickly discover that there are quite a few other ways to build foundations that last generations. Each time I go into town to get groceries, I pass at least five old houses that have stacked stone foundations with no mortar between the stones! The builder just chinked the gaps between stones with smaller stones. Most of these houses were built in the mid-1800s and they look to me as good as the day they were built.

In Ashland, New Hampshire, the restored railroad train station, built around the 1860s, sits on top of a distinctive brick foundation. The foundation dates from 1891, when the station was moved about 100 feet.

The train depot foundation is in fantastic shape to this day with no signs whatsoever of structural cracks or failure. It could use a little tuck-pointing, but that's a minor repair. Karen's dream is going to come true!

It's important to realize not all bricks are the same. Different varieties can have different hardness depending on the length of time the bricks are in the kiln and what the firing temperature is. You can make bricks so hard and durable that they're suitable for paving in streets. Just visit Athens, Ohio to see their wonderful brick streets that have survived heavy trucks and brutal winters for decades.

Karen should use a nice strong brick. I told her to go to the Brick Industry Association (BIA) website and download "Specifications for and Classification of Brick," one of the series of Technical Notes on Brick Construction that the BIA publishes. This simple-to-read-and-understand free document shares the best brick to use in a structural situation such as her foundation. She should use a brick that's rated for severe weathering.

I then shared with Karen that she should look at the entire list of free Technical Notes PDFs offered by the BIA. They contain a wealth of information about how to install brick of all types.

You should do the same if you're planning on building a brick-veneer home. A vast majority of brick-veneer homes here in the USA, based on my

observations, are not built correctly. Homeowners routinely complain of water leaks. The BIA knows how to capture and control water that gets through brick and mortar.

One of the things I recommended to Karen was the use of steel in her brick walls. You can buy affordable pieces of reinforcing steel that add enormous strength to brick walls. This fabric comes in different widths and is made using two parallel pieces of thin wire that's just about an inch less in width than the brick wall.

In between the two pieces of wire is more wire that looks like a continuous strip of the capital letter W with the tips of the letters touching one another.

This steel is only about 1/16 inch thick and you lay it directly on top of a course of brick. You then put the mortar for the next row on the wire just as you would a course without the steel. The BIA Technical Notes talk about the spacing, but I told Karen

to do it every 8 inches for extra strength.

The thickness of the brick foundation walls is important. If the foundation walls are over 6 feet, personally I'd have the walls 12 inches thick. You only get one chance to get this right. If the walls are long, every 12 feet I'd put in a brick buttress that's 8 inches thick and is 2 feet long. Cathedral builders in Europe hundreds of years ago discovered the benefits of buttresses. They're easy to install and they add enormous strength to the walls, preventing them from failing.

The last piece of advice I gave Karen was to build a short experimental wall so she gets comfortable laying brick. It's not that hard to do. It just requires the three Ds: diligence, determination and discipline. You can do it too! I'd love for you to send me photos of any brick wall you decide to build.

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## ATTIC

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website is [www.bogusbuckles.com](http://www.bogusbuckles.com), it is an interesting story to read. Your belt buckle is one of these fakes and was made after 1960. Of course, that was 60 years ago, and perhaps with such a story behind them they are likely to become collectible in the future.

Currently they are bought and sold in the secondary marketplace

in the \$25 to \$50 range.

**Dear John:** My father remembers this lantern as a boy. With his passing, I inherited it. The top will work as a standalone lantern or on top of its base that acts like another oil reservoir. I find no marking. Any ideas as to age or maker? I estimate it to be around 87 years old. Thanks for the help. — C. S., internet

**Dear C.S.:** The oil lamp you have was likely made before World War I. The photograph is out of focus and not clear. If you look

closely with a magnifier at the wick adjustment knob, you may find the maker's name or possibly the words Made in USA. I think it is pressed glass, but I cannot see the pattern clearly.

Oil lamps are a specific category of collecting. Potential dollar value based on the poor photograph is below \$50.

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](mailto:asksikorski@aol.com).

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# GIFTS

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they'll create a letterpress or standard printed drawing," she says. You can choose frame style, mat and size when you order.

If the recipients have moved to Chicago, New York City, San Francisco or Texas, Minted's designers have created cool toile papers for each of those cities, offered in framed pin boards perfect for kitchens or home offices.

Chatbooks, which lets you connect your Instagram or camera roll to create photo books, prints or cards, has a wall-tile option too. Have the images printed on square canvas frames with moveable adhesive backing; perfect for renters.

Whispart on Etsy will create a personalized heart or house-shaped map of the new digs; add as many details as you want, then download and frame.

City dwellers might love a soft plush pillow in the shape of a tropical leaf or succulent, from Green Philosophy Co; they've partnered with nonprofit Trees for the Future, so pillow and throw sales support planting initiatives worldwide.

Another eco-friendly idea: The Polished Jar offers reusable bottles for personal and house products like soaps, lotions, etc. Choose plastic or glass, and you can further customize with a snazzy metallic or matte black pump, plus a waterproof label. Available singly, or in bundles that include a stylish tray.

Bring some pleasing fragrance into the new home with Otherland's Manor House Weekend soy-based candle collection. The fall version has notes of smoky maple, cardamom, toasted nuts, pear and apple.

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candle, a blend of jasmine, cedarwood, lime and sandalwood, can be customized with a personal message on the jar label.

If you know your recipients well enough to buy them a gift that revisits them every month, a subscription box might be good. There are lots of options, and they can take the guesswork out of decorating.

"I love to give friends with new homes a monthly holiday décor subscription box," says Floyd. "Because it's either their first

home and they don't have many decorations, or they just don't have the time to decorate for the holidays having just moved in."

Boise, Idaho, designer Mikayla Keating had a suggestion for flower and plant lovers in either houses or apartments.

"Fresh flowers always make a new home feel inviting and put together," she says. At Bloomsy Box, a bouquet is sourced from fair trade farms, wrapped in eco-friendly paper and shipped each month. Subscription options include

pet-safe bouquets and mixed arrangements, as well as one inspired by the New York Botanical Garden; a portion of its sales helps support the Garden's work on plant science and conservation.

For folks wanting easy, low-maintenance plants, The Sill has several subscription options.

Are the new residents art lovers, but have none?

"A great way for your friends to decorate their home is with an art subscription," says Keating. "This is ideal when you're

unsure of their style, or if they have a hard time choosing artwork themselves."

A gift card lets them sign up at Art Crate, fill out the style quiz, and an in-house curator will help them choose a fine art print by an indie artist; they choose the size and format, and they can cancel whenever they decide their walls are happy.

Tabletop items, wall art and throw pillows are among the possible goodies in one of the seasonally curated boxes

from Decocrated.

Knife blocks and cheeseboards are classic housewarming gifts. If you want to take it up a notch, consider Crate & Barrel's monogrammed serving board made of mango wood, marble, and inlaid brass for the initial. The retailer also has Schmidt Brothers Cutlery's tabletop and wall-mount knife holders, crafted of warmly hued acacia wood.

Or consider Material Kitchen's reBoards, cutting boards made of recycled plastic and sugarcane, and offered in a rainbow of beautiful hues.

KitchenAid's Artisan Series limited edition Light and Shadow stand mixer has the "wow" factor; the base is a creamy milkshake hue, and the bowl is matte black, textured with a studded design that'll have your recipients wanting to feature it front and center on the kitchen counter.

That milky hue is also offered on a slim yet powerful semi-automatic espresso machine, blender, and coffee grinder from KitchenAid.

Mark & Graham's got several chic serving trays, pitchers and throw blankets that can be personalized in a variety of fonts.

New Jersey-based gift shop Wildwood House offers finely carved maple, cherry or walnut bottle stoppers made in Maine by Captain John Coppola, who was taught wood turning by the shop's co-owner's dad. Here too are eye-catching woven baskets, great as catch-alls in any room. Purchases help support the baskets' artisans in North Ghana's Bolgatanga farming region.

Or consider some chic backyard picnic supplies, like a personalized rattan tote, wine and cheese backpack, steel or copper growler, acrylic glasses and linen napkins, all with monograms available.



# JANE

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In autumn, Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissinquinifolia*) leaves turn brilliant red. Red trumpet flowers still adorn native, evergreen Coral Honey-suckle vines climbing in tree branches. Autumn wildflowers abound to attract the last of the butterflies to sip nectar. As the days get shorter and cooler, nights lengthen. Insects can no longer be as active in cold temperatures. Butterflies may overwinter in reproductive diapause — there are no host plant leaves for their caterpillars to eat. Some butterfly species migrate further south. Florida is renowned for the massive fall migration of Cloudless Sulphur butterflies arriving from the north.

Beach or Dune Sunflowers, *Helianthus debilis*; Red Salvia, *Salvia coccinea*; and Blanketflower, *Gaillardia puchella*, should continue to flower until killed by a freeze. Seedlings will sprout in spring for new flowers next summer. Gay spikes of purple Liatris species and Florida Paintbrush, *Carphephorus corymbosus*, bloom in autumn along roadsides and in gardens.

Seeds on fluffy parachutes scatter in the breeze weeks after flowers fade. Liatris has spiky basal leaves that die off for winter, but the dead flower stalk marks the spot where the underground corm will grow a new plant next spring.

Perennial, evergreen, native Florida paintbrush has a single flower stalk on each plant. The flat-topped panicles of purple flowers attract pollinating insects and species of small butterflies.

Tall spikes of pollen-laden goldenrod are a critical pollen source for native bees and wasps. The

Sun rises through the rising mist in Payne's Prairie Preserve State Park in Gainesville. Tall pine and saw palmetto habitat is important for a host of wildlife, including mammals, birds, pollinators, butterflies, insects, frogs, turtles, snakes and more. From the observation tower, visitors may see bison (buffalo) and wild horses in the open prairie.

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heavy pollen falls to the ground rather than becoming airborne. Goldenrod pollen is not normally an allergen, but blooms at the same time as ragweed and dogfennel, which do cause allergies and are the basis of the fall pollen count.

Homeowners can and should leave natural canopy trees, reduce mowed areas and replant native plants displaced by rampant development and human encroachment. Everyone can plant native shrubs, palms, perennials, wildflowers, etc. under canopy trees as privacy screens and wildlife buffer zones. There is a place to add ornamental, nonnative exotic plants that are sterile and do not invade the environment, naturalized greenspaces and connective corridors. Native wildlife — birds, butterflies, bees, insects, lizards, mammals, pollinators, spiders, tree frogs, and more — need intact habitats to survive.

By mid-October, Florida's four-month summer rainy season is over. Brief morning frosts will occur occasionally from November up until March in plant hardiness zone 9a in Central Florida. Our humid subtropical climate with hot wet summers and cooler dry winters is just about perfect.

Jane Weber is a professional gardener and consultant. Semi-retired, she grows thousands of native plants. Contact her at [jweber12385@gmail.com](mailto:jweber12385@gmail.com) or phone 352-249-6899.



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THE SUNDAY CHRONICLE

October 10, 2021

# COMICS

## PEANUTS

featuring  
"Good ol' Charlie Brown"  
by SCHULZ

CHARLIE BROWNN...

AGAIN? I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

I'LL HOLD THE BALL, CHARLIE BROWN, AND YOU COME RUNNING UP AND KICK IT..

NOPE, I REFUSE! YOU'LL PULL THE BALL AWAY, AND I'LL COME CRASHING DOWN AND KILL MYSELF!

BUT YOU CAN'T BACK OUT NOW... THE PROGRAMS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PRINTED...

PROGRAMS?

"AT ONE O'CLOCK LUCILLE VAN PELT WILL HOLD THE FOOTBALL AND CHARLES BROWN WILL RUN UP AND KICK IT"

SHE'S RIGHT...IF THE PROGRAMS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PRINTED, IT'S TOO LATE TO BACK OUT...

THIS YEAR I'M GONNA KICK THAT BALL CLEAR OUT OF THE UNIVERSE!

AAUGH!

WHAM!

IN EVERY PROGRAM, CHARLIE BROWN, THERE ARE ALWAYS A FEW LAST MINUTE CHANGES!

## DILBERT

by SCOTT ADAMS  
dilbert.com

YOUR DATA SHOWS YOUR PROTOTYPE DID NOT INCREASE SPEED OVER THE EXISTING SYSTEM.

NO, THE DATA PROVES THE PROTOTYPE IS FASTER THAN THE OLD SYSTEM.

I'M LOOKING AT THE DATA RIGHT NOW, AND IT CLEARLY SHOWS FAILURE.

IT LOOKS THAT WAY TO YOU BECAUSE YOU PREDICTED IT WOULD FAIL. YOU'RE SEEING WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE.

MAYBE IT ONLY LOOKS TO YOU AS IF IT WORKED BECAUSE YOU PREDICTED IT WOULD WORK.

SO... WE'RE BOTH LOOKING AT EXACTLY THE SAME DATA AND REACHING OPPOSITE CONCLUSIONS?

IF I THOUGHT DATA WOULD INFLUENCE MY DECISIONS, I WOULDN'T LET YOU GATHER IT.

GIVE ME A MINUTE TO REASSESS MY ENTIRE EXISTENCE.

## MARVIN and BITSY

by Tom ARMSTRONG

BITSY, MOM JUST TOLD ME THE MOST TERRIFYING STORY

IT'S ABOUT THIS HORRIFYING INSECT

AND NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO TO IT, IT DOESN'T DIE AND JUST KEEPS COMING

WOW, THAT DOES SOUND BAD!

WHAT'S THE STORY CALLED?

THE ITSY-BITSY SPIDER

## Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

Slylock Fox and Max Mouse are compiling a photographic record of fish in this coral reef. How many different species of fish can you find in this scene?

HOW TO DRAW a monkey

YOUR DRAWING

Spot six differences between these panels.

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# Sunday Puzzle Fun

## JUMBLE

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

PIRIAM

KRAYCN

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As long as he's on base, we have to stand here.

He's not going to get to us for a while.

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THE TROOPS STOOD AT ATTENTION WITH GEORGE S. PATTON IN THE ---

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

## SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mephams Group

		8	9		3		
				7	9		
						2	7
5			7				8
		1			4	6	
4				9			3
6	9					4	
		4	2		8		
				4	2		

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Level

1

2

3

4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, please visit [sudoku.org.uk](http://sudoku.org.uk)

Solution to Last Weeks puzzle

6	7	9	8	4	3	1	5	2
8	2	3	5	9	1	4	6	7
5	1	4	6	7	2	9	8	3
3	5	2	1	6	8	7	4	9
7	6	1	4	5	9	3	2	8
4	9	8	2	3	7	6	1	5
9	8	5	3	1	4	2	7	6
1	3	6	7	2	5	8	9	4
2	4	7	9	8	6	5	3	1



Garfield

OH, GARRRRFIELD! WOULD YOU LIKE A TREAT?

ONE THAT DOESN'T HAVE A PILL IN IT, OF COURSE! THAT WOULD BE SILLY!

WHO COULD IMAGINE SUCH A THING?!

I BELIEVE I'LL HAVE THIS ONE INSTEAD

HEH, HEH, HEH

HEH, HEH, HEH

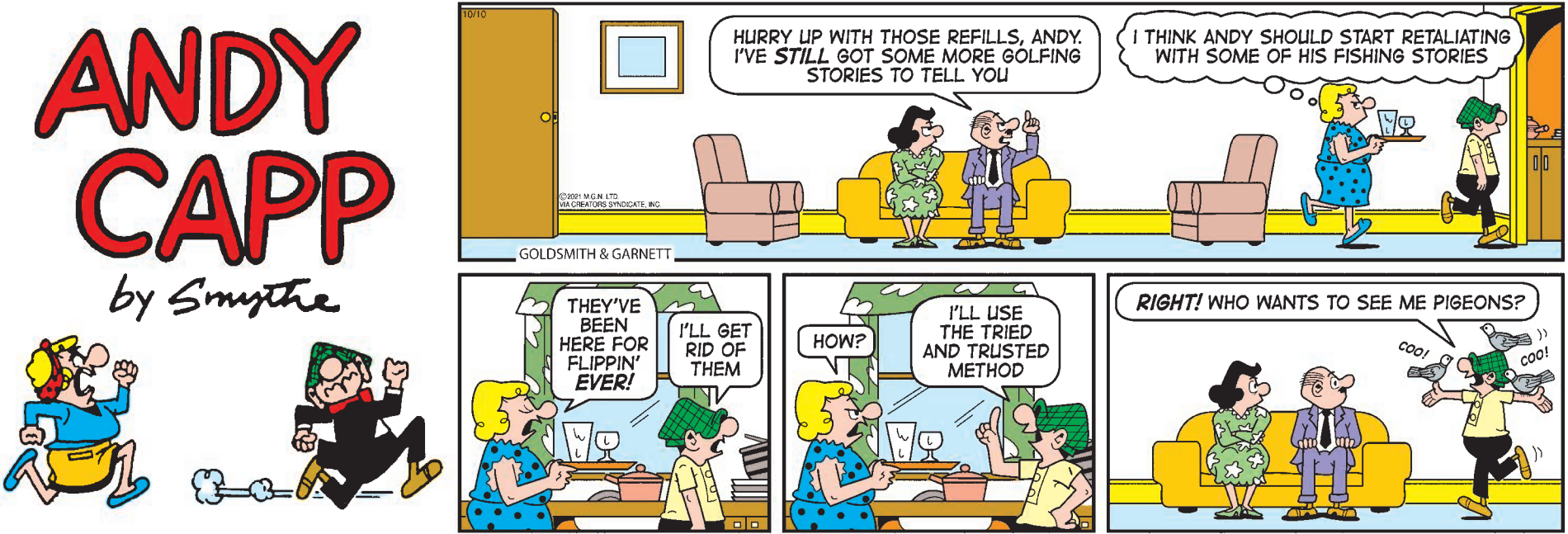
I THINK I'VE JUST BEEN HAD

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JIM DAVIS 10-10

## ANDY CAPP

by Smythe



HURRY UP WITH THOSE REFILLS, ANDY. I'VE STILL GOT SOME MORE GOLFING STORIES TO TELL YOU

I THINK ANDY SHOULD START RETALIATING WITH SOME OF HIS FISHING STORIES

THEY'VE BEEN HERE FOR FLIPPIN' EVER!

I'LL GET RID OF THEM

HOW?

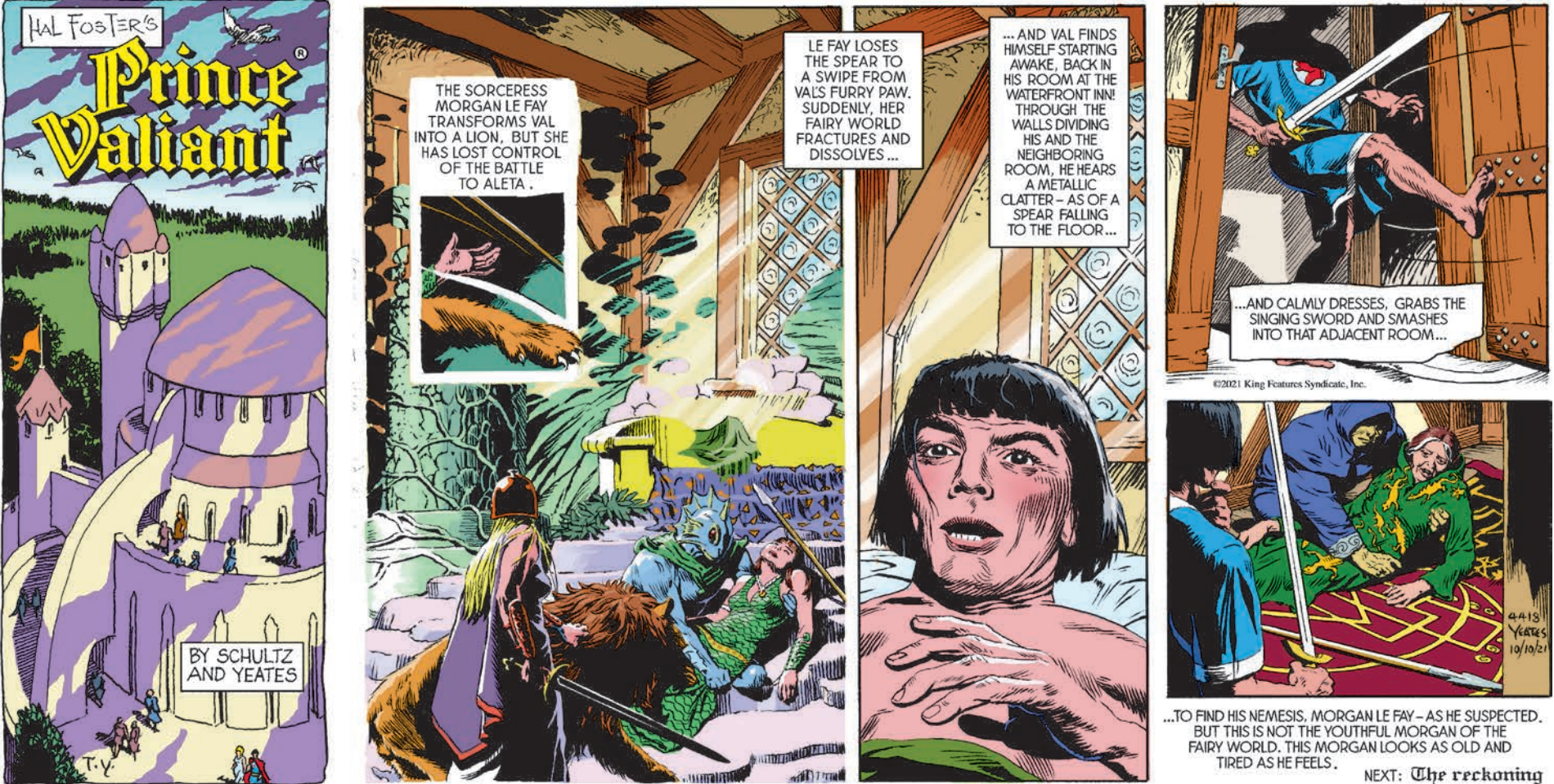
I'LL USE THE TRIED AND TRUSTED METHOD

RIGHT! WHO WANTS TO SEE ME PIGEONS?

COO!

COO!

GOLDSMITH & GARNETT



HAL FOSTER'S Prince Valiant

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

THE SORCESS MORGAN LE FAY TRANSFORMS VAL INTO A LION, BUT SHE HAS LOST CONTROL OF THE BATTLE TO ALETA.

LE FAY LOSES THE SPEAR TO A SWIPE FROM VAL'S FURRY PAW. SUDDENLY, HER FAIRY WORLD FRACTURES AND DISSOLVES ...

... AND VAL FINDS HIMSELF STARTING AWAKE, BACK IN HIS ROOM AT THE WATERFRONT INN! THROUGH THE WALLS DIVIDING HIS AND THE NEIGHBORING ROOM, HE HEARS A METALLIC CLATTER - AS OF A SPEAR FALLING TO THE FLOOR...

...AND CALMLY DRESSES, GRABS THE SINGING SWORD AND SMASHES INTO THAT ADJACENT ROOM...

...TO FIND HIS NEMESIS, MORGAN LE FAY - AS HE SUSPECTED. BUT THIS IS NOT THE YOUTHFUL MORGAN OF THE FAIRY WORLD. THIS MORGAN LOOKS AS OLD AND TIRED AS HE FEELS.

NEXT: The reckoning

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JUMBLE

Answer:

IMPAIR UNEVEN CRANKY TUNNEL GLITCH

The troops stood at attention with George S. Patton in the ---

GENERAL VICINITY



BARNEY GOOGLE and SNEEZY WITH BY JOHN ROSE

JUGHAID, WHAT ARE YOU DOIN'?!  
STOMP STOMP !!

TRYIN' TO MAKE CORN FLAKES, BUT IT AIN'T GOIN' SO GOOD !!

WELL, LET'S SEE...I HAD GRITS FER BREAKFAST...

FRIED CORN WIF LONCH !!

CORN ON TH' COB WIF SUPPER...

AN' NOW I'M SNACKIN' ON POPCORN !!

BY GOLLY, YO'RE RIGHT, JUGHAID --I AM KINDA CORNY !!

Mort Walker's beetle bailey

DO I LOOK OKAY FOR MY MEETING? I WORE MY BEST UNIFORM, ATE A GOOD BREAKFAST AND BRUSHED MY TEETH!

SO, WHAT DOES EVERYONE THINK OF MY PLAN?

OKAY, I GUESS

IT MIGHT WORK...

I'M NOT SURE

I'LL GIVE IT A MAYBE

ABSOLUTELY BRILLIANT, SIR!

EVERY GREAT LEADER NEEDS A "YES MAN"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS®

By Bil Keane

THEY'RE ALL IN BED AND SHOULD BE ASLEEP FOR THE NIGHT. WE'LL BE HOME ABOUT ELEVEN.

YOUR PARENTS WON'T BE HOME FOR THREE HOURS- GO RIGHT TO SLEEP.

WE WILL, MRS. ENGELHARDT.

G'NIGHT, MRS. ENGELHARDT.

NIGHT NIGHT.

WHAT DID YOU BRING US?

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blonde Nate by Lincoln Peirce

PATIENCE... PATIENCE...

HI. TRICK OR-? KID, IT'S NOT HALLOWEEN!

TRICK OR TREAT.

I KNOW, BUT I'M TRYING TO AVOID A REPEAT OF LAST YEAR'S FIASCO.

AS YOU MAY RECALL, MY FRIENDS AND I RANG YOUR BELL AT 7:03 PM...

...AND YOU SAID, "SORRY, KIDS, I'VE JUST RUN OUT OF CANDY!"

SO I'M TAKING NO CHANCES THIS YEAR. I'M HERE EARLY.

THREE WEEKS EARLY!

I HAVEN'T EVEN BOUGHT HALLOWEEN CANDY YET!

OKAY, NOT A PROBLEM.

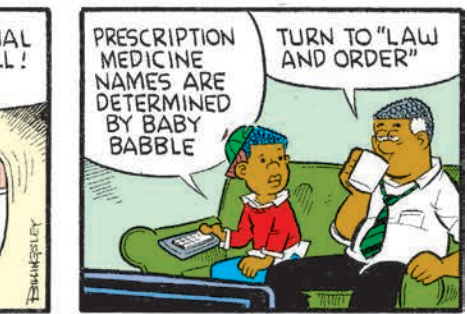
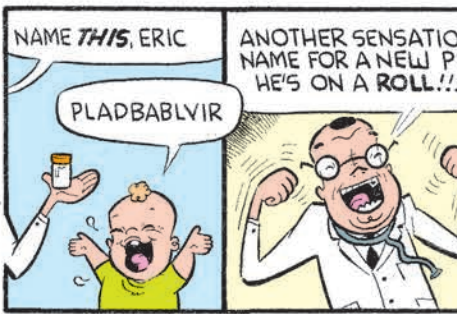
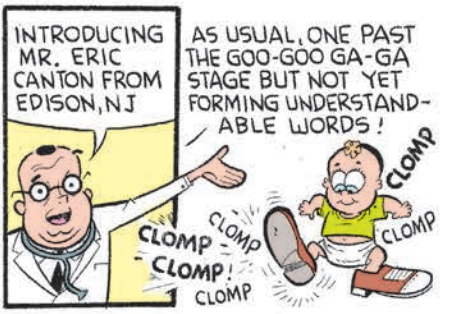
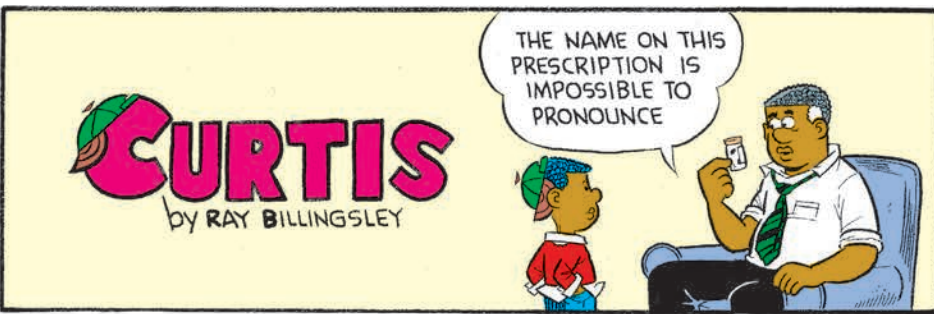
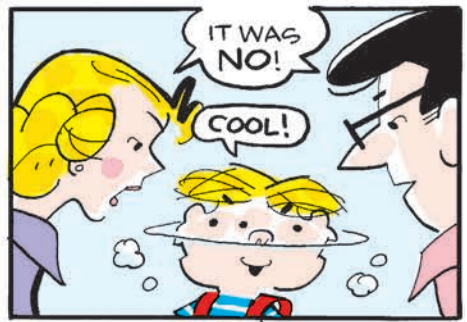
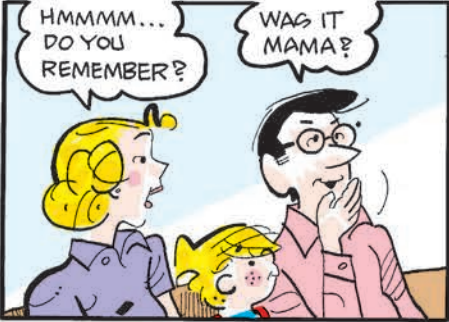
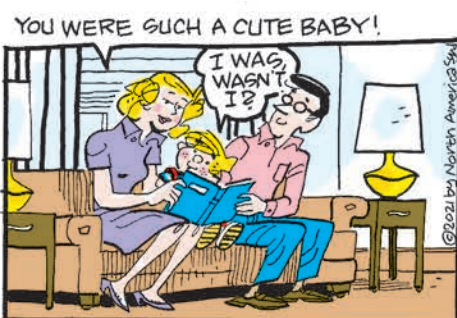
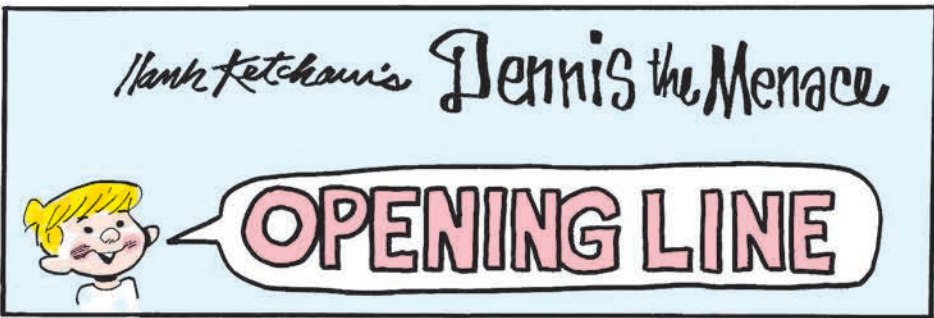
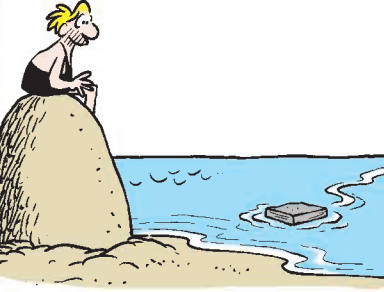
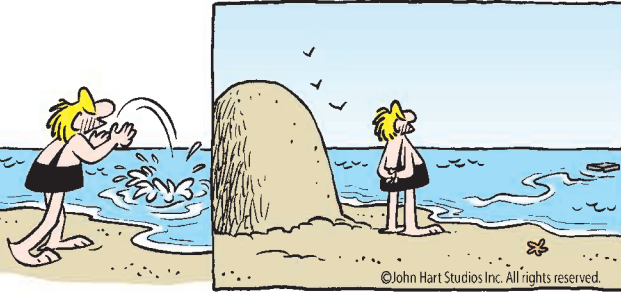
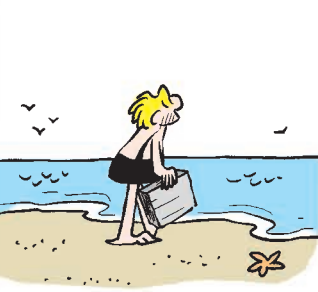
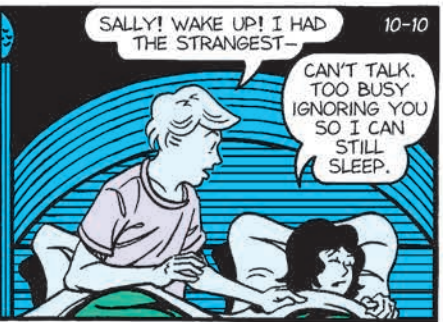
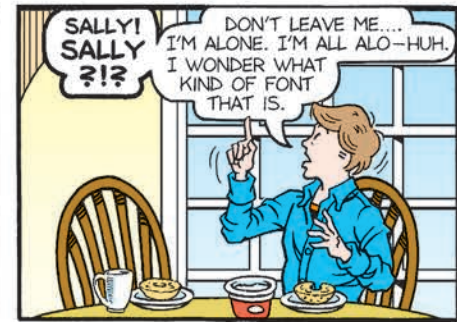
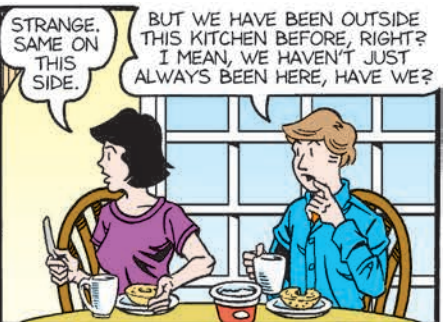
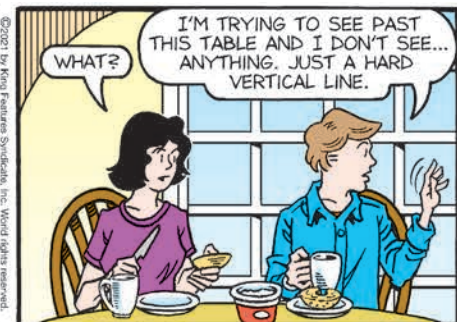
JUST GIVE ME A COUPLE BUCKS, I'LL GO BUY MYSELF AN ALMOND JOY, AND WE'LL CALL IT GOOD.

SLAM!

SOME PEOPLE JUST CAN'T SEE THE BIG PICTURE.

SO I'VE HEARD.







Luann

by Greg Evans

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HAGAR

the horrible

by DIK BROWNE

SAIL HO!

WHERE?

TWO POINTS ABOARD TH' LARBOARD SPINNAKER CATHEAD!

SPEAK ENGLISH!

HAGAR, OUR OCEAN CROSSING IS TAKING WAY LONGER THAN EXPECTED!

SINCE WE SET SAIL, MUCH OF THE CREW HAVE REACHED RETIREMENT AGE!

THEY'VE PUT DOWN THEIR OARS!

DON'T WORRY! THEY'LL SOON GET BORED AND BEG TO WORK AGAIN!

I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT!

IN THE MEANTIME, CAN I JOIN THEIR SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT?

Wizard of ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

WE'RE BEAUTIFUL EVEN IN DEATH

RAKE RAKE

RAKE

GLUSH

FINE. I'LL CLOSE THE POOL

RAKE RAKE

RAKE

BLONDIE

by DEAN KUNZ & JOHN MARSHALL

YOU SURE ARE IN A CHIPPER MOOD TODAY

YOU'RE PRACTICALLY GLOWING YOURSELF, HONEY

HOW WAS EVERYTHING AT THE OFFICE TODAY, DEAR?

DELIGHTFUL! HOW WERE THINGS AT THE SHOP TODAY?

CATERING WAS A REAL BED OF ROSES! I LAUGHED ALL DAY LONG!

THAT'S GREAT! I'M TICKLED TO HEAR IT!

YUM! THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A FABULOUS DINNER AFTER A PERFECT DAY AT WORK, IS THERE?

OH, I COULDN'T AGREE MORE, HONEY

SO THERE WERE NO HASSLES IN YOUR WORLD, THEN?

HARDLY A THING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT...MY DAY WAS MOSTLY SMOOTH AS GLASS

I GUESS WE JUST LEAD CHARMED LIVES, DON'T WE?

CHUCKLE! I GUESS SO, DARLING

OKAY, I CAN'T HOLD IT ANY LONGER! YOU GO FIRST!!

WHAT A NIGHTMARE! RIGHT OFF THE BAT, EVERYTHING STARTED GOING CRAZY!!

Hi and Lois

by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

DOT AND I ARE TAKING A SHORT WALK.

GREAT!

WHEN DID YOU AND MOM FIRST MEET?

WHEN WE WERE TEENAGERS.

WE TOOK LONG WALKS TOGETHER.

ONE DAY I PLEDGED MY ETERNAL LOVE TO HER.

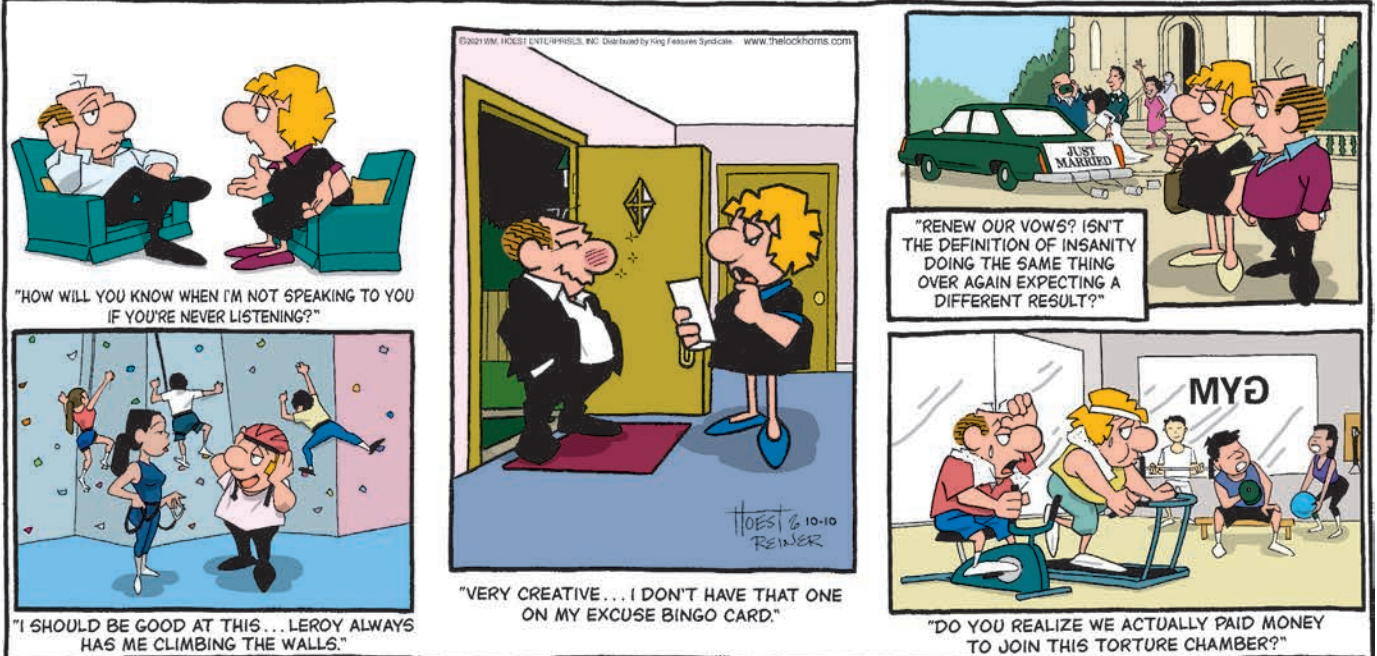
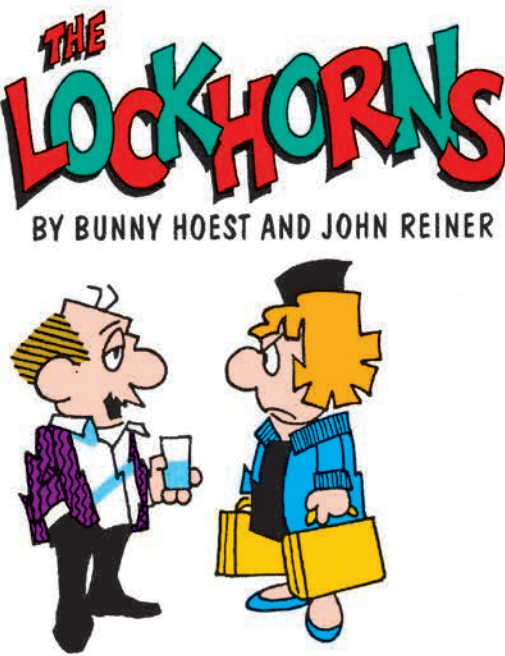
AND IMMORTALIZED IT WITH MY PENKNIFE.

I'M GOING TO RECREATE IT AS A SURPRISE FOR OUR ANNIVERSARY.

MOM! DAD IS GOING TO KILL OUR TREE!

WHAT?







# Paws & claws

## Why are dogs attracted to those who fear them?

Have you ever noticed that people with cynophobia, an irrational fear of dogs, often attract canines in spite of their condition? The reason for this is simple: signs of fear expressed in the presence of a dog (staring the animal down, coming to an abrupt halt, sweating, yelling, running away, etc.) are actually stimulating for the animal in question and usually prompt a vocal response. Wish you had known that before, right?



## How to pick the right leash

Almost every pet supply store carries a large selection of dog leashes. Here are a few tips to help you make the right choice for your pet-walking needs.

**LENGTH**  
If you walk your dog in the city or by the side of the road, opt for a short leash. By keeping your dog close at hand, you can better manage dangerous or unexpected situations. Additionally, short leashes are especially appropriate if your dog is young and in training.

On the other hand, a longer leash is perfect for walks in the countryside or the woods, as it provides greater flexibility for your pooch to explore the grounds at will.

**TYPE**  
While dog leashes are meant to secure and ensure the safety of your dog, each different type comes with its own pros and cons. For example:

- Lasso leashes can strangle a dog that suddenly takes off running.



Never let your dog bite or play with its leash — it's an accessory your pup needs to learn to respect.

- Retractable leashes should be avoided in the city.
- Metal leashes are strong but particularly heavy.
- Leather leashes are durable but require regular maintenance.
- Nylon leashes are light but could slice the palms of your hands if your dog pulls too hard.

**SIZE**  
It's important to choose your leash in relation to your dog's size. A Chihuahua and a St. Bernard, for example, have very different dimensions. Consequently, thick leather leashes and chain leashes should be strictly reserved for larger dog breeds.

## Which personality type matches your cat?

Every cat exhibits its own unique personality. Can you identify which of the following 10 profiles best fits your loveable feline?

- 1. The housekeeper:** rather independent, this type of cat spends the majority of its day making sure everything in the home is in order.
- 2. The loyal friend:** discrete and somewhat fierce, this kitty doesn't let just anybody near — except if it's you of course!
- 3. The devoted helper:** always ready to lend a helping hand (or paw), your devoted assistant is by your side when it comes time to work, study or tidy up.
- 4. The secret agent:** quiet and still, this sly cat spies on you while you brush your teeth or read the morning paper.
- 5. The attention-seeker:** incredibly affectionate, this type of feline requires a great deal of attention and follows you wherever you go in hopes of receiving some scratches or cuddles.
- 6. The pack leader:** a natural born leader, this imposing type of cat dictates the rules of the land with unwavering confidence.
- 7. The free spirit:** intrepid and bursting with energy, this type of kitty has but one desire: to have fun!



- 8. The team player:** calm and inviting, the team player appreciates community living and co-exists well with others.
- 9. The balancing act:** perfectly content in solitude, this easygoing cat also appreciates every moment spent in your good company.
- 10. The houseguest:** admittedly lazy, the houseguest spends most of the day relaxing in the most comfortable and serene areas of the home.

## A glass bowl is no place for a goldfish

Every parent has, at one point or another, thought about buying a goldfish and keeping it in a small glass bowl, whether to embellish their decor or to please their children. However, aquarium specialists are increasingly condemning this common practice. Contrary to popular belief, goldfish are not meant to live in a glass bowl.

**A HARMFUL LIVING ENVIRONMENT**  
There are many reasons why a glass bowl is an unhealthy living environment for goldfish:

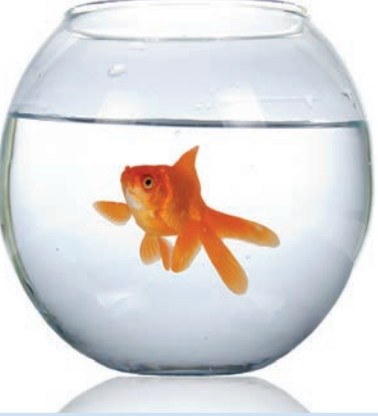
- Unfiltered water spoils faster and receives very little oxygen.
- The glass bowl's transparent, rounded surface creates reflections at every angle, causing the goldfish to be permanently disoriented.
- The bowl's limited size hinders the natural growth of the fish. Consequently, its internal organs — most notably its swim bladder — become deformed.

Experts are unanimous: a one gallon bowl is much too narrow for a goldfish. This type of fish, which can live up to 20 years in the right conditions, needs a lot more space to flourish. What's more, not many people know that the small fish sold in pet shops can actually grow to be a foot long (or more!)

if free to live in a large aquarium or a manmade pond.

Thus, goldfish living in a glass bowl will rarely survive more than a couple of months. Despite their owner's attentive care (quality food, clean water, etc.), goldfish will inevitably develop various health problems before their inevitable premature death.

Have you recently bought a glass bowl for your newly acquired goldfish thinking you were doing the right thing? Well, no harm done, because now you know the truth! If you don't have alternative means to care for your little friend, try to find someone with a large enough aquarium (at least 12 gallons of water for every occupant) or a manmade pond who would be willing to adopt your fish.



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