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## SO YOU KNOW

From the desk of the Chronicle publisher:  
Today's edition of the Citrus County Chronicle is smaller than usual due to server issues. We appreciate the understanding as we work to get back to full capacity.

**Trina Murphy**  
Citrus County Chronicle publisher

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Let's Feed Citrus food giveaway

Beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, the public can receive food at the Citrus County fairgrounds at 3600 S. Florida Ave., Inverness — drive-thru only.  
From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, the public can receive boxes of assorted food items at the New Church Without Walls at 300 S. Kensington Ave., Lecanto, next to the Holiday Inn Express.  
This week's giveaway includes lots of bleach.

### Homosassa River Alliance to meet

The Homosassa River Alliance will hold its October meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 14, at the Old Homosassa Civic Club. The guest speaker will be County Commissioner Ron Kitchen. The public is invited.

### Celebrate the US Navy's 246th 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.

### Steak dinner to benefit Boys & Girls Club

Attend the 19th annual "Steak & Steak Dinner Fundraiser" at 6 p.m. Oct. 14 at the Citrus County Auditorium, 3610 S. Florida Ave. in Inverness.  
The fundraiser benefits the Boys & Girls Club of Citrus County and includes a night of food, live music and drinks.  
General admission is \$50. For more information, call 352-621-9225 or email tanderson@bgccitrus.org.  
For more information about the Boys & Girls Club, visit bgccitrus.org.

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# COVID cases drop locally

**FRED HIERS**  
Staff writer

New cases of coronavirus in Citrus County fell to levels not seen since this past summer and before the Delta variant of the virus swept through the southeastern United States.  
There were 154 new cases of the virus between Oct. 1 and Oct. 7. That was the lowest number of cases since early July,

according to the Florida Department of Health. It also stands in stark comparison since the middle of August when the county saw 1,311 new cases in a single week.  
The last week of September saw 284 new cases.  
The percent of people who got tested and are positive has also plummeted.  
Of all those Citrus County residents tested

since the pandemic began in March 2020, about a quarter have tested positive. During the first week in October, that percent dropped to only 5.3%.  
Since the virus first appeared, the county has seen 20,166 people infected as of Oct. 7.  
The delta variant first appeared in the United States March 2021 and quickly became the dominant form of the virus, hitting especially hard

the southeast.  
Citrus County's recent sharp drop in cases also reflects the decline seen throughout Florida.  
As of Oct. 10, there were an average of 3,403 new coronavirus cases in Florida. That was a 54% drop from two weeks before that date, according to the New York Times, which collects and tabulates COVID-19 data.  
The state recorded an average of 195 daily

deaths due to the virus. That was a 42% drop from the previous two weeks, according to the New York Times.  
Nationwide, infection rates are also falling.  
The daily average number of new cases as of Oct. 10 was 96,549. That was a 14-day decline of 19%. The total number of people infected in the United States was 44.3 million.  
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## Liquid Lagoon demolished



Workers demolish the former Liquid Lagoon bar and restaurant along U.S. 19 in Crystal River on Monday, Oct. 11, to make way for a new car dealership. According to City Manager Ken Frink, the future site will be associated with Jenkins Kia. City Council members voted in May and April to approve a rezoning for the 2.6-acre lot, paving the way for the auto-sales business.

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

# FDOT: Hole on US 19 fixed by midweek



Workers continue to repair damage to U.S. 19 south of Homosassa Monday morning, Oct. 11, following a sinkhole that has required a portion of the northbound lanes to be closed for the repairs. Work is expected to be complete soon.

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

**BUSTER THOMPSON**  
Staff writer

Roadway repair crews with the state are expecting to seal a large hole that opened up on U.S. 19 in Homosassa before the week is up.  
Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) spokeswoman Kris Carson on Monday, Oct. 11, said normal traffic flow for the impacted stretch of highway near South Oakridge Drive is expected to resume by midweek.  
Northbound motorists of U.S. 19 have had to travel on southbound lanes in the area ever since the hole caved in

Oct. 4 at an estimated size of 30 feet by 30 feet and 20 feet deep.  
Workers put roughly 100 cubic yards of sand into the pothole to stabilize it before they pressure-injected grout underground late last week to fill in voids and compact loose soils.  
Carson said the sand will be removed and replaced with roughly six feet of new soil, up to the grade where lime rock can be placed sometime Monday with asphalt paving to follow.  
Contact Chronicle reporter Buster Thompson at 352-564-2916, bthompson@chronicleonline.com or visit tinyurl.com/yxn2ahso to see more of his stories.

# Still no contractor hired to finish widening project

**MICHAEL D. BATES**  
Staff writer

Drivers will have to be patient a bit longer while driving down U.S. 19 through Homosassa and Crystal River.  
The surety company in charge of finding a contractor to finish the widening project left undone by the bankrupt D.A.B. Constructors is still interviewing potential applicants. How long that will take is anyone's guess. It's nearing three months since D.A.B. folded.  
The widening project is broken into two separate projects: the portion from West Green Acres to West Jump Court through Homosassa and West Jump Court to West Fort



Construction delays along U.S. 19 have created issues for motorists for years in the Homosassa area. Even more delays are expected before a new contractor will be named to take over work left behind when D.A.B. Constructors closed their doors earlier this summer. The closure has temporarily left the road-widening project in limbo.

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Island Trail.  
Two separate projects and two separate contractors. That means work on one segment may not automatically coincide with the other portion.  
Here's where we stand as of Monday, Oct. 11.  
● West Green Acres to

West Jump Court:  
■ The surety is evaluating prices from two potential contractors.  
■ The interim maintenance contractor completed sodding at certain spots  
■ FDOT is sampling and tracking turbidity readings at one of the ponds. Heavy rains from last month caused some of the limerock, silt and other debris to find its way into the basins that emptied into the Halls River.  
All the test results are meeting water quality requirements, according to FDOT spokeswoman Kris Carson.  
● West Jump Court to West Fort Island Trail:  
■ The deadline for receiving contractor bids was Sept. 23. The surety is still evaluating those bids.  
■ Several water quality issues have been addressed, including installing a desilting treatment tank at one of the ponds.  
■ The interim maintenance contractor continues to regrade temporary median crossovers and access driveways to remove potholes.  
■ To make it safer for motorists, a contractor will be brought in to refresh some of the white pavement markings in areas where they have become faded or are not easily seen.  
Contact Chronicle reporter Michael D. Bates at 352-563-3205 or mbates@chronicleonline.com. To see more of his stories, visit tinyurl.com/y6kb23vv.

# CASES

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An average of 2,000 people die in the United States each day due to the virus or its complications, according to the New York Times. That's a 2% decline from the previous two weeks. A total of 713,806 people in the United States have died because of the virus.

The number of people in Citrus County who are vaccinated ticked up to 60%, a one percentage point increase after remaining at 59% for three weeks. The Florida average is 71%, according to the FDOH.

Many health experts attribute the decline to vaccinations and masks.

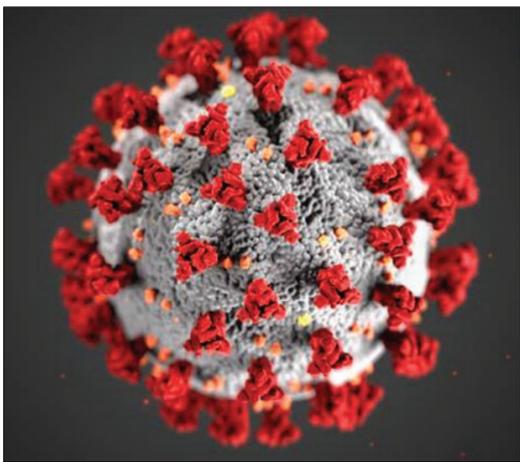
But they also warn that the coming cooler weather and holiday season when people spend more time together indoors will bring with it an increase in infections.

"I think right now, it looks like we're in for a relatively tough fall with sustained transmission of COVID in our communities," said Dr. Barbara Taylor during a recent televised NBC interview. Taylor is an assistant dean and associate professor of infectious diseases at the University of Texas Health Science Center.

Though the infection rates are falling, they are still high, she said. So public health officials say that the pandemic remains a potent threat.

With 68 million eligible Americans not vaccinated, it leaves the country vulnerable to new infection surges.

According to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study tracking over 600,000 COVID-19 cases from April through mid-July, the federal agency found that those who were unvaccinated were 4.5 times more likely than the fully vaccinated to get infected, over 10 times more likely to be hospitalized and 11 times more likely to die.



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

"We're not out of danger," Ali Mokdad, a University of Washington epidemiologist who is a former CDC scientist, said in an interview this week. "This virus is too opportunistic and has taught us one lesson after another."

As infections decline, he said he worries about people dropping their use of masks and traveling more, just as they had after earlier decreases in new cases.

He said he worries that could help fuel a fresh surge this December and coming January.

Some health experts also warn that the virus has acted in waves in the past, infecting many and then subsiding before a new variant comes on the scene or people stop using masks and meeting in large indoor groups.

The fall in infections has also impacted hospital admissions.

During the seven days leading to Oct. 7, there were 34 admissions due to COVID-19 symptoms in Citrus, according to the CDC. That was a 32% decline from the previous seven days.

According to the federal agency, just under 13% of county's occupied hospital beds are being used by COVID-19 patients during the week ending Oct. 7. That was a near 6% decline from the previous week.

The same federal agency reported that 29% of all occupied ICU beds

were being utilized by COVID-19 patients. That was also a 6% decline from the previous week.

Looking at hospital admissions over a two-week period in Citrus County, hospitalizations due to COVID-19 have dropped 34% over the previous 14 days, according to the New York Times.

The death rate due to COVID-19 during the seven days ending Oct. 8 in Citrus County was also down, reflecting a downward trend in cases during the past few weeks.

The CDC reported with 25 deaths during the week ending Oct. 8. That was a near 34% decrease over the previous seven days, according to the CDC. Death rates tend to lag a few weeks behind infections and eventually decline when infections drop or rise weeks after infections increase.

In comparison, the county typically sees about 25 deaths for an entire year due to the seasonal flu.

Since the pandemic began, 733 people in Citrus County have died from the virus, according to the New York Times. That number does not reflect the latest additional deaths. The Florida DOH website in June stopped reporting on its website COVID-19 deaths by county.

Contact Chronicle reporter Fred Hiers at fred.hiers@chronicleonline.com or 352-397-5914.

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**Around the COUNTY**

**Navy Seabee Veterans to meet for lunch today**

Island X-23 Crystal River, Navy Seabee Veterans of America, will have their monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. today, 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.

**Christian Women's Club to meet in CR**

The Crystal River Christian Women's Club will meet at 1 p.m. today, Oct. 12, at the Lion's Club, 109 NE Crystal Street.

Enjoy a meal, guest speaker and fellowship. The cost is \$13.

Seats are limited. To RSVP, call 352-419-8453.

**Learn about Florida's film history**

"Cinema in the Sunshine: The History of the Film Industry Locally and Throughout Florida" is on display from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Oct. 13 at the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum, 1 Courthouse Square in Inverness.

Many will know that in the summer of 1961, Elvis filmed "Follow That Dream" in the historic Citrus County courthouse. But how many knew that Florida's film industry began in the early 1900s and rivaled that of Hollywood?

Before World War I, Jacksonville had more than thirty studios and 1,000 actors and extras. However, unfavorable state and local policies soon discouraged the booming industry and off to California the studios went.

This exhibition interprets that early history of the film industry in Florida, including the who's who of Florida films.

For more information, call 352-341-6428.

**Lakeside festival to benefit Footprints On My Heart**

Footprints On My Heart is holding its third annual Lakeside Family Festival from noon to 6 p.m. Oct. 16 at Lake Hernando.

Kids can enjoy the bounce house and the obstacle course with a special appearance by Batman of Spring Hill. Adults can shop at unique vendors and enter to win great prizes in raffle baskets.

Come hungry and enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, boiled peanuts and cotton candy.

This is a fundraising event for Footprints On My Heart, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit which supports families who suffer from a miscarriage, stillbirth, neonatal or infant loss.

For more information, visit [tinyurl.com/278w7zrw](http://tinyurl.com/278w7zrw).

— From staff reports

**Insanity defense considered**

*For ex-Marine in family slaying*

**CURT ANDERSON**  
*AP legal affairs writer*

ST PETERSBURG — An insanity defense is being considered for an ex-Marine accused of killing four members of a Florida family under the delusion they were part of a child sex trafficking ring.

A lawyer for Bryan Riley told a judge Monday more time is needed to gather details of Riley's past and hire mental health experts before a decision is made on his defense.

"We are looking at a defense of insanity as an option," Assistant Public Defender Jane McNeill said at a hearing at which she asked for a year's delay in the case. "There is so much work that must be done before we can make such a determination."

Riley, 33, could face the death penalty if convicted in the Sept. 5 shooting rampage at a home in Lakeland, in which four people died including an infant in his mother's arms. Riley faces 22 charges including murder, arson, kidnapping, burglary and animal cruelty for killing the family dog. An 11-year-old girl survived despite

several gunshot wounds.

Investigators say Riley told them he believed the family — whom he encountered randomly — was involved in child sex trafficking and that he had been told by God to rescue a purported child victim named "Amber." There was no child by that name at the home but Riley had seen the girl before the shooting outside in the yard.



Bryan Riley

Prosecutors asked Polk County Circuit Judge Jalal Harb for no more than 45 days in extra time for the defense. Under Florida law, notice of an insanity defense must be provided within 15 days of arraignment unless a judge grants an extension — and Riley's arraignment is Tuesday.

"The defense will have plenty of time to do what they need to do," said Assistant State Attorney Lauren Perry. "A case put on by the state of Florida rarely gets better with time."

Harb did not immediately rule and said Riley's arraignment, when he would formally enter a plea, will go forward Tuesday.

"There is a lot to digest," the judge said.

If Riley's lawyers opt for an

insanity defense, they would need to show Riley was so seriously afflicted by a mental defect at the time of the slayings that he did not know what he was doing or could not tell right from wrong. That's different from being found competent to stand trial, said former federal prosecutor David S. Weinstein.

"It's not impossible. It's difficult, but not impossible," said Weinstein, a Miami defense lawyer not connected to the Riley case.

If jurors found Riley not guilty by reason of insanity, the judge would then decide whether he should be committed to a mental hospital, provided other forms of treatment or simply released.

Riley appeared via video link at the hearing, wearing an orange jail jumpsuit and a mask. He did not speak.

Officials say Riley, who served with the Marines in Iran and Afghanistan, had three weapons with him and fired at least 100 shots in the main home and a smaller one in back where Catherine Delgado, 62, was the first to be killed.

The victims are Justice Gleason, 40; his 33-year-old girlfriend, Theresa Lanham; their baby boy, Jody, who was born in May; and Delgado, who was Lanham's mother and owned the property. Gleason's daughter survived.

**Jury selection begins in Loyd trial**



JOE BURBANK/Orlando Sentinel

Defendant Markeith Loyd addresses circuit judge Leticia Marques on the second day of jury selection in his trial in Orange circuit court Monday in Orlando. Prospective jurors were not present in the courtroom during his remarks. Loyd is accused of fatally shooting Orlando police Lt. Debra Clayton in 2017. Defense counsel Kate O'Shea looks on.

*Florida man accused of killing police officer in 2017*

ORLANDO — Jury selection has begun for the trial of a Florida man accused of killing a police officer after he fatally shot his pregnant ex-girlfriend.

Markeith Loyd, 46, is charged with first-degree murder in the 2017 shooting death of Orlando police Lt. Debra Clayton.

Loyd has already been convicted and sentenced to life in prison for the killing of his former girlfriend, Sade Dixon.

Loyd again could face the death penalty if convicted in Clayton's slaying. He has pleaded not guilty.

The Orlando Sentinel reported that jury selection began Friday with an

initial pool of 240 people. Circuit Judge Leticia Marques said once selected jurors will be sequestered at a local hotel to avoid their seeing or reading news about the case.

"When jurors get information from outside the courtroom, you are violating everyone's right to a

fair and open examination of the evidence," Marques told potential jurors.

Prosecutors say Loyd fatally shot Clayton Jan. 9, 2017, at a Walmart while she tried to arrest him for killing Dixon a few weeks earlier.

The trial is expected to last up to three weeks.

**Animals removed from 'deplorable' home**

*Associated Press*

MIDDLEBURG — Crews rescued about 100 dogs, rabbits and other animals from a north Florida home with "deplorable conditions" on Monday, officials said.

Clay County Sheriff Michelle Cook said a search warrant was served early Monday at the home in Middleburg. An investigation began several weeks ago after paramedics were called to the home for a medical emergency for someone living there.

Inside the home, officials found animals in

cages, and the stench of animal waste, the sheriff said. The home was also filled with fleas. Livestock, including rabbits, pigs and chickens, were also found

on the property.

"They observed conditions that rose to the level that required additional investigation," the sheriff said.

Video posted on social media by the sheriff's office shows investigators wearing biohazard suits as they removed animals from the property.

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**Obituary**

**Jeanette Finck, 74**  
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The Service of Remembrance for Mrs. Jeanette D. Finck, age 74, of Inverness, Florida, will be held 1:00 PM, Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes. The family will receive friends from 12:00 PM until 1:00 PM, Wednesday at the Chapel. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.HooperFuneralHome.com](http://www.HooperFuneralHome.com).



Jeanette Finck

She was born October 13, 1946 in Tampa, FL, daughter of Joe and Angelina (Alfieri) Didio. She died October 5, 2021 in Inverness, FL. Jeanette attended school at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, after graduating she met her first husband from which two children were born from that union.

After her divorce she met and remarried Thomas Finck who stayed by her side until her passing. Jeanette's family described her as a beautiful, caring, loving and gentle hearted woman; who was thoughtful and welcoming to all. She was also a devoted wife, mother and Nana and Catholic Christian. Jeanette loved cooking, playing bingo and cards with family and friends and her doggies.

Mrs. Finck was preceded in death by her parents and is survived by her husband, Thomas H. Finck of Inverness, FL, son, Derek Debuhr and daughter Renee Ruiz both of Tampa, FL, brother, Steve Didio, sister, Joanne Duquette, 4 grandchildren, Celena, Alisha, Tony, Michael and 8 great grandchildren, Nalawna, Jermaine, Jr., Arianna, Alessandria, Jelena, Jayvon, Annaleecia and Avriella.

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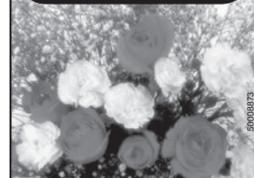
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## Today's HOROSCOPES

**Birthdays:** Take time to evaluate what's going on around you before you make any moves this year. You have options, and with preparation, you can reach what you desire. The world is your oyster; all you need to do is stop procrastinating.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23):** Keep your emotions in check and your anger under control. Setting a path to victory means balance, integrity and staying focused on what's important.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22):** Reach out to a friend or relative, and you'll be offered insight into something unique. Be secretive about the changes you want to make.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21):** Sort through personal matters and goals, and discuss your thoughts with someone you want to include in your future.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Be a good listener, and you'll gain perspective. Criticizing someone will not create a friendly atmosphere.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19):** Hang on to your cash. A joint venture will result in emotional disagreements. Keep an open mind, but don't be afraid to do your own thing.

**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20):** The connections you make will help you bring about change. Heading in a different direction will lift your spirits and prompt you to approach life with renewed faith and enthusiasm. Tidy up loose ends.

**Aries (March 21-April 19):** Avoid letting anyone distract you or make decisions for you. Look at the pros and cons, and make a decision based on what you want to achieve long-term. A disciplined approach will be key.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Bring on the changes you've been eager to make. Stop procrastinating and start doing what makes you happy. Keep your life simple. A change will provide a valuable learning experience.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20):** Refuse to let anyone dominate you or push you into something that doesn't feel right. Speak up and carry on with what works best for you. Love is favored.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22):** Be careful what you say and do regarding relationships, shared expenses and the changes you want to make.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** Keep your emotions under control when dealing with friends and relatives. Be a good listener, and you'll gain the confidence of others.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Reach out to someone doing something that interests you and get the lowdown on the steps you need to take to join in.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## New this week: Coldplay, 'Succession' and 'Halloween Kills'

■ **Jamie Lee Curtis** returns to her best-known role, Laurie Strode, in "Halloween Kills," in which a mob is inspired to track down Michael Myers to avenge an injured Laurie. **David Gordon Green**, who directed the 2018 "Halloween," is behind the camera again in this installment that co-stars **Anthony Michael Hall** and **Judy Greer**. If you're looking for some fresh scares this October, "Halloween Kills" will be available in theaters and streaming on Peacock free for premium subscribers starting Oct. 15.

■ Or if October thrills aren't your thing, the terrific **Rita Moreno** documentary, "Rita Moreno: Just a Girl Who Decided to Go for It," comes to Netflix on Tuesday. The 89-year-old talks candidly about what it was like trying to carve out a career as a Puerto Rican in the 1950s and '60s when she was regularly cast as any ethnic minority that the film needed, including Native American, Polynesian or Egyptian. She also goes into the fact that she didn't exactly benefit from an Oscar career boost after her historic win for playing Anita in "West Side Story."

■ Coldplay look to the heavens with their 12-track collection, "Music of the Spheres" dropping Friday. The **Max Martin**-produced album has waves of synth and airy melodies and what every successful album needs to have these days — namely, a collaboration with BTS (the tune "My Universe," which has already topped the Billboard Hot 100 songs chart.) There are little interludes — one is called "Alien



Roadside Attractions/HBO Max/Universal Pictures

This combination of photos shows promotional art for "Rita Moreno: Just a Girl Who Decided to Go for It," a documentary premiering on Netflix on Oct. 12, left, "Succession," a series premiering its third season on Oct. 17, and "Halloween Kills," a film streaming Oct. 15 on Peacock.

Choir" — and more radio-friendly offerings, like "Let Somebody Go" with **Selena Gomez**. The album ends with the 10-minute-plus "Coloratura," a multi-suite voyage into the cosmos.

■ **Norah Jones** has an early Christmas present for us: her first ever holiday album. "I Dream of Christmas" will be released Friday on Blue Note Records, a mixture of standards like "Blue Christmas" and new songs by Jones, like the first single "Christmas Calling (Jolly Jones)." Jones says she was inspired by listening to **James Brown's** "Funky Christmas" and **Elvis'** "Christmas Album" during lockdown for a sense of comfort.

■ **Guitar legend Carlos Santana** is back and he's brought some stary musical friends on "Blessings and Miracles," out Friday. **Metallica's Kirk Hammett**, **Stevie Nicks**, **G-Eazy**, **Chris Stapleton** and the late **Chick Corea** lend their musicianship. And, yes, **Rob Thomas** is back, too. He and Santana, you'll recall, made 1999's multiple Grammy-winning smash "Smooth" and the duo return with the similar-sounding "Move."

■ The "Chucky" empire of

films, comics and more expands to TV, as malevolent doll wreaks new havoc with teenager **Jake (Zackary Arthur)** as his wingman. After buying Chucky at a yard sale, Jake sees his peaceful town beset by gory killings — and the high schooler isn't doing all that well himself. The series, debuting 10 p.m. Tuesday on the USA and Syfy channels, is produced by **Don Mancini**, who created the film franchise that launched with "Child's Play" in 1988.

■ The pandemic knocked "Succession" off its production schedule but not its game. Two years after its sophomore season concluded, the HBO drama returns 9 p.m. Sunday with the wealthy, dysfunctional Roy family up to more power-grab sheenigans. As season three opens, media baron and patriarch **Logan Roy (Brian Cox)** is in need of staunch allies after son **Kendall (Jeremy Strong)** abruptly pinned a corporate scandal on him. The stellar cast is joined by newcomers **Alexander Skarsgård**, **Sanaa Lathan**, **Linda Emond**, **Jihae**, **Adrien Brody**, **Hope Davis** and **Dasha Nekrasova**.

—From wire reports

## Today in HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 12, the 285th day of 2021. There are 80 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight:** On Oct. 12, 2000, 17 sailors were killed in a suicide bomb attack on the destroyer USS Cole in Yemen.

**On this date:** In 1792, the first recorded U.S. celebration of Columbus Day was held to mark the tricentennial of Christopher Columbus' landing.

In 1984, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher escaped an attempt on her life when an Irish Republican Army bomb exploded at a hotel in Brighton, England, killing five people.

In 1997, singer John Denver was killed in the crash of his privately built aircraft in Monterey Bay, California; he was 53.

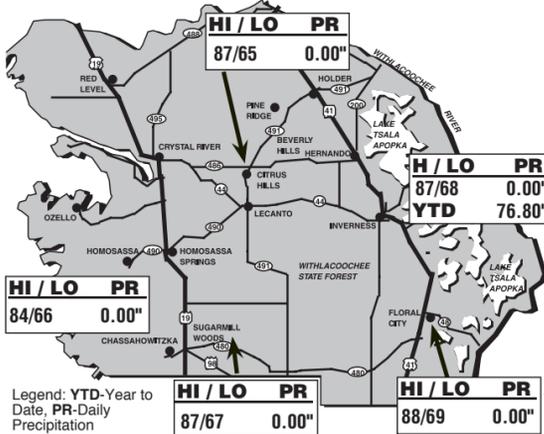
**Ten years ago:** Eight people were killed in a shooting at a hair salon in Seal Beach, California. (Scott Dekraai, whose ex-wife, Michelle Fournier, was among the victims, pleaded guilty to murder in 2014 and is serving life in prison.)

**Five years ago:** Wells Fargo announced that its embattled CEO, John Stumpf, was stepping down as the nation's second-largest bank found itself roiled by a scandal over its sales practices.

**One year ago:** Facebook said it would ban posts that deny or distort the Holocaust.

**Today's Birthdays:** Broadcast journalist **Chris Wallace** is 74. Actor-singer **Susan Anton** is 71. Pop/rock singer/songwriter **Jane Siberry** is 66. Actor **Hiroyuki Sanada** is 61. Actor **Carlos Bernard** is 59. R&B singer **Claude McKnight (Take 6)** is 59. Rock singer **Bob Schneider** is 56. Actor **Hugh Jackman** is 53. Actor **Adam Rich** is 53. Actor **Kirk Cameron** is 51. Olympic gold medal skier **Bode Miller** is 44. Rock singer **Jordan Pundik (New Found Glory)** is 42. Actor **Brian J. Smith** is 40. Actor **Tyler Blackburn** is 35. Actor **Marcus T. Paulk** is 35. Actor **Ito Aghayere** is 34.

## YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



## THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Exclusive daily forecast by: **9**

**TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING**  
High: 87° Low: 68°  
Partly cloudy, nice.

**WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING**  
High: 88° Low: 69°  
Partly sunny, a shower.

**THURSDAY & FRIDAY MORNING**  
High: 87° Low: 70°  
Partly sunny, a isolated PM shower.

### ALMANAC

Data from Crystal River Airport

TEMPERATURE	DEW POINT
Yesterday 91/66	Yesterday at 3 p.m. 69°
Record* 94/47	
Normal 86/63	
Mean temp. 75	Yesterday at 3 p.m. 81%
Departure from mean 4	
PRECIPITATION	POLLEN COUNT**
Yesterday 0.00"	Today's active pollen:
Total for the month 0.68"	Ragweed, elm, chenopods
Total for the year 56.63"	Today's count: 6.5/12
Normal for the year 46.12"	Wednesday's count: 7.0
As reported from https://citrusmosquito.org	Thursday's count: 6.1
UV INDEX:	AIR QUALITY
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high	Yesterday observed Good
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	29.91

### SOLAR TABLES

Provided by ezisn.com

DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
10/12	TUESDAY	7:28	6:50	7:02	7:21
10/13	WEDNESDAY	7:29	7:50	7:01	8:19

### CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT 7:02 pm  
SUNRISE TOMORROW 7:29 am  
MOONRISE TODAY 2:11 pm  
MOONSET TODAY Next Day

### BURN CONDITIONS

Today's Fire Danger Index is: **MODERATE. There is no burn ban.**

For more information call Florida Division of Forestry at (352) 797-4140. For more information on wildfire conditions, please visit the Division of Forestry's Web site: www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Wildland-Fire

### WATERING RULES

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

Addresses with house numbers ending in:

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

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

### TIDES

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

City	High	Low
Chassahowitzka**	11:18 a.m.	0.7 ft
Crystal River**	9:08 a.m.	2.3 ft
Withalacochee**	6:01 a.m.	3.8 ft
Homosassa***	9:22 a.m.	1.6 ft

## FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	84	74	pc	Miami	85	78	t
Fort Lauderdale	87	76	t	Ocala	87	69	s
Fort Myers	88	72	s	Orlando	89	72	s
Gainesville	86	68	pc	Pensacola	84	70	s
Homestead	88	74	t	Sarasota	90	72	s
Jacksonville	84	70	pc	Tallahassee	86	68	s
Key West	89	76	pc	Tampa	91	72	s
Lakeland	90	71	s	Vero Beach	87	73	s
Melbourne	86	75	s	W. Palm Bch.	83	79	t

## MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Northeast winds around 10 knots then becoming north in the afternoon. Seas 2 feet or less. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Tonight: North winds around 10 knots then becoming east in the late evening and overnight.

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

## LAKE LEVELS

Location	MON	SUN	Full
Withalacochee at Holder	31.09	31.15	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	38.02	38.03	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	39.30	39.30	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	40.43	40.44	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. Tuesday

City	MON	TUE	City	MON	TUE
Albany	73	52	New Orleans	86	73
Albuquerque	73	39	New York City	71	62
Asheville	75	61	Norfolk	71	68
Atlanta	79	59	Oklahoma City	77	53
Atlanta City	67	63	Omaha	76	51
Austin	84	62	Palm Springs	84	62
Baltimore	70	64	Philadelphia	72	63
Billings	52	32	Phoenix	88	61
Birmingham	84	66	Pittsburgh	79	59
Boise	56	39	Portland, ME	68	52
Boston	70	62	Portland, OR	61	39
Buffalo	81	62	Providence, RI	75	61
Burlington, VT	73	55	Raleigh	72	64
Charleston, SC	76	64	Rapid City	64	42
Charleston, WV	82	55	Reno	54	33
Charlotte	72	61	Rochester, NY	77	59
Chicago	81	68	Sacramento	70	54
Cincinnati	81	60	Salt Lake City	62	47
Cleveland	81	64	San Antonio	90	66
Columbia, SC	75	64	San Diego	70	61
Columbus, OH	84	64	San Francisco	64	54
Concord, NH	70	52	Savannah	81	67
Dallas	83	62	Seattle	54	39
Denver	66	39	Spokane	56	27
Des Moines	63	53	St. Louis	77	66
Detroit	82	66	St. Ste Marie	77	64
El Paso	85	51	Syracuse	79	55
Evansville, IN	84	68	Topeka	74	55
Harrisburg	72	62	Washington	70	64
Hartford	72	57			
Houston	86	71			
Indianapolis	81	66			
Kansas City	65	55			
Las Vegas	78	54			
Little Rock	80	71			
Los Angeles	73	57			
Louisville	83	66			
Memphis	82	72			
Milwaukee	76	67			
Minneapolis	72	48			
Mobile	85	66			
Montgomery	82	64			
Nashville	84	64			

### WORLD CITIES

CITY	MON	Lisbon	79/64/s
Acapulco	86/74/ra	London	60/48/mc
Amsterdam	55/52/ra	Madrid	73/59/pc
Athens	69/65/ra	Mexico City	79/61/pc
Beijing	67/46/s	Montreal	70/58/cl
Berlin	55/46/ra	Moscow	54/42/cl
Bermuda	81/79/ra	Paris	61/48/pc
Cairo	91/71/ra	Rio	75/66/ra
Calgary	48/25/s	Rome	68/51/pc
Havana	84/76/ra	Sydney	57/56/ra
Hong Kong	78/74/cl	Tokyo	76/68/ra
Jerusalem	80/69/ra	Toronto	73/63/ra
		Warsaw	54/43/ra

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

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■ Create a profile, list how you want to be contacted in case of a weather emergency (text, mobile phone, home phone, email), then include the address(es) you want alerts for. You can choose what types of emergencies you want to hear about, and set a quiet period for no contact.

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*Around the* **COUNTY**

**League of Women Voters to meet**

The League of Women Voters of Citrus County will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 12 via Zoom.

Supervisor of Elections, Maureen "Mo" Baird, will be the guest speaker. Baird was elected to office in August 2020 and was sworn in on January 5, 2021.

Baird has served at the Citrus County Supervisor of Elections office full time since 1985. During her tenure, she has served in all aspects of elections.

She is a member of the Florida Supervisor of Elections and the National Elections Center, where she maintains her certification as an election registration

administrator.

Baird also maintains her certification as a master Florida certified election professional with the Florida Supervisor of Elections. She will give a presentation which will be followed by a question and answer session.

The public is invited. Attendees must register by Oct. 10. Visit [lwwcitrus.org](http://lwwcitrus.org), and click the "Contact Us" button or menu icon and complete the contact form.

For more information, call 614-563-4282 or email [lwwcc2013@gmail.com](mailto:lwwcc2013@gmail.com).

**Navy Seabee Veterans to meet**

Island X-23 Crystal River, Navy Seabee Veterans of America, will have their

monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on 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.

**Christian Women's Club to meet**

The Crystal River Christian Women's Club will meet at 1 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Lion's Club, 109 NE Crystal Street.

Enjoy a meal, guest speaker and fellowship. The cost is \$13.

Seats are limited. To RSVP, call 352-419-8453.

— From staff reports

*For the* **RECORD**

**Citrus County Sheriff's Office**

**Arrests**

■ **Ainslie Nicole Barrett**, 31 Floral City, arrested Oct. 7 for writ of bodily attachment, possession of controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. Bond \$3,878.

■ **Michael Edward Blair**, 47, Crystal River, arrested Oct. 7 for violation of probation. Bond \$5,000.

■ **Alan David Lemay**, 60, Inverness, arrested Oct. 7 for grand theft (\$750 or more but less than \$5,000) and traffic or endeavor to traffic in stolen property. Bond \$12,000.

■ **Raul Lazaro Morejon Jr.**, 39, Inverness, arrested Oct. 7 for violation of condition of pre-trial release. No bond.

■ **Earl Wayne Hammaker**, 45, Homosassa, arrested Oct. 7 for violation of parole. No bond.

■ **Clinton Albert Springer**, 51, Belleview, arrested Oct. 7 for violation of probation. No bond.

■ **Scott Oliver Davis**, 22, Homosassa, arrested Oct. 7 for two counts of violation of probation. No bond.

■ **Aaron David Brooks Jr.**, 19, Dunnellon, arrested Oct. 7 for fraud/illegal use of credit card. Bond \$5,000.

■ **Beth Ann Smith**, 37, Inglis, arrested Oct. 7 for violation of probation. No bond.

■ **Jesus Norberto Rodriguez**, 50, Deltona, arrested Oct. 7 for driving while license suspended/revoked (knowingly — first offense). Bond \$500.

■ **Matthew Scott Covey**, 55, Inverness, arrested Oct. 8 for domestic battery. No bond.

■ **Lacey Diane Hoyt**, 30, Floral City, arrested Oct. 8 for grand theft (\$100 or more but less than \$750 from dwelling) and traffic or endeavor to traffic in stolen property. No bond.

■ **Henry Eugene Spearing Jr.**, 35, Homosassa, arrested Oct. 8 for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill. Bond \$2,000.

■ **Matthew Martin Richardson**, 33, Hernando, arrested Oct. 8 for violation of probation. No bond.

■ **Bryan David McCrosky**, 53, Inverness, arrested Oct. 8 for violation of conditions of pre-trial release. No bond.

■ **John Joseph Landolfi**, 37, Beverly Hills, arrested Oct. 8 for two counts of violation of probation. No bond.

■ **Joseph Craig Sherouse**, 22, Dunnellon, arrested Oct. 8 for falsely identify or give false name to LEO, resist officer without violence and trespass in structure or conveyance — occupied. Bond \$3,000.

■ **Charles Wayne Rathel Jr.**, 55, Inverness, arrested Oct. 9 for possession of controlled substance and

possession cannabis (less than 20 grams). Bond \$3,000.

■ **Gabriel Bencosme**, 23, Inverness, arrested Oct. 9 for violation of injunction. No bond.

■ **Samuel John Pulkkinen**, 37, Dunnellon, arrested Oct. 9 for violation of injunction. No bond.

**Burglaries, thefts and vandalisms**

Here are the reported burglaries, thefts and vandalisms (criminal mischiefs) released Monday, Oct. 11, by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office:

■ Theft, 11:55 a.m. Oct. 8, off of East Avenue, Inverness.

■ Residential burglary, 5:44 p.m. Oct. 8, off of Suncoast Boulevard, Crystal River.

■ Criminal mischief, 8:47 a.m. Oct. 9, off of Lakeview Drive, Inverness.

■ Vehicle burglary, 11:34 a.m. Oct. 9, off of West Periwinkle Lane, Homosassa.

■ Vehicle burglary, 9:51 a.m. Oct. 10, off of Brentwood Circle, Lecanto.

■ Theft, 12:09 p.m. Oct. 10, off of Shoreacres Point, Floral City.

■ Vehicle burglary, 5:58 p.m. Oct. 10, off of Silver Hill Lane, Lecanto.

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.

**Homosassa man accused of pointing rifle at motorist**

**BUSTER THOMPSON**  
Staff writer

Authorities jailed a Homosassa man for allegedly aiming a rifle at another motorist during a fit of road rage in southern Citrus County.

Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested 35-year-old Henery Eugene Spearing Jr. the afternoon of Friday, Oct. 8, under a charge of aggravated assault using a deadly weapon without the intent to kill.

Spearing's initial bond was set at \$2,000.

According to Spearing's arrest report, obtained Monday, a man told deputies he was driving west on Stage Coach Trail, approaching the intersection

with Lecanto Highway, when he noticed a silver Chevrolet truck tailgating him.

He said the truck would not pass him after going through two passing zones, and he pumped his brakes to try and gain some distance between it.

Afterward, the truck went into the eastbound lane and traveled up alongside the man's vehicle.

Its driver and sole occupant, who fit Spearing's description, rolled down the passenger window and pointed a small-caliber rifle at the man, according to his statements to deputies.

Deputies met with Spearing at a traffic stop along Lecanto Highway, where they did a consensual search of his truck,

finding a .22-caliber hunting rifle, a .357 magnum and a pair of shotguns.

According to his arrest report, Spearing told deputies in a Mirandized statement he passed the man's vehicle because it was traveling slower than the speed limit.

Once Spearing made his pass, he said, the man merged his vehicle toward Spearing's to cause a collision before driving ahead. Spearing said he rolled his window down to yell at the man.

Although the two men gave them conflicting statements, deputies decided to take Spearing into custody for assault because the man gave an accurate description of a firearm Spearing had ready access to, according to the arrest report.

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# State gets another bump in tax dollars in August

**JIM SAUNDERS**  
The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — As Florida lawmakers prepare to draw up a new budget, they continue to get a boost from residents and tourists spending money.

A report released Monday showed that Florida collected \$327.9 million more in general revenue in August than had been projected. Much of the bump, \$248.2 million, came from higher-than-expected sales-tax collections.

“August collections reflect activity that largely occurred in July, which continued to benefit from the most recent round of stimulus checks to households, redirected spending from the hard-hit service sector and some consumers’ ability to draw down atypically large savings that built up during the pandemic,” said the report from the Legislature’s Office of Economic & Demographic Research. General revenue is the

most closely watched part of the state budget, as it plays a critical role in funding schools, health care and prisons. It comes into the state’s coffers from myriad sources, such as sales taxes, documentary stamp taxes on real-estate transactions and corporate income taxes.

Economists from the governor’s office and the Legislature meet periodically to update general-revenue estimates, which are then used by lawmakers in making budget decisions. With Monday’s report, Florida has topped forecast numbers for 13 straight months, coming out of the economic destruction caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in spring 2020.

In the latest estimates, the state was expected to bring in slightly more than \$2.7 billion in general revenue in August. It collected about \$3.028 billion, according to the report.

The largest chunk of general revenue collected during the month, nearly

\$2.44 billion, came from sales taxes. The next largest amount was \$154.6 million in documentary-stamp taxes, \$23.6 million above estimates.

The state also collected \$67.8 million in corporate income taxes, \$16.8 million above estimates, according to the report.

Lawmakers have started holding early meetings to work on budget issues in advance of the 2022 session, which begins in January. During the session, the House and Senate will negotiate a budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, which will start in July.

The Senate Appropriations Committee on

Thursday is slated to receive a presentation from Amy Baker, coordinator of the Office of Economic & Demographic Research, about what is known as a long-range financial “outlook” that includes projections of revenues and expenses.

While the state is bringing in more money than expected, it also faces rising costs. As an example, enrollment in the Medicaid program has increased by more than 1 million people to a total of about 4.9 million during the pandemic.

That puts additional pressure on the program, which is jointly funded by the state and federal governments.

# Felons’ rights leader gets rights restored

The News Service of Florida

action by the board came after Gov. Ron DeSantis twice rejected Meade’s requests for a full pardon.

Desmond Meade, a former drug dealer who has garnered international accolades after leading the drive to pass a 2018 constitutional amendment to restore voting rights for felons, has had his civil rights restored by the Florida Board of Executive Clemency.

The move stemmed from changes made by the clemency board earlier this year. The restoration of civil rights for Meade, who recently was awarded a MacArthur Fellowship “genius” grant, means that the Orlando voting-rights advocate can register to vote, serve on juries and run for public office. The

Meade, who received a law degree from Florida International University but was unable to practice law in Florida because of his decades-old felony convictions, called the restoration of his civil rights “another chapter in the journey, another example of perseverance” in a Twitter video posted over the weekend. “It’s not a pardon, but it’s definitely a step,” said Meade, executive director of the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition. “I can apply to The Florida Bar now. I can get a house. I can run for office if I want to run for office.”



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SOCIAL DECENCY

# TikTok challenges and common decency

TikTok is a very popular social media sharing network where users can post short videos of themselves doing funny, goofy or entertaining acts such as dancing with shoes that light up to the music, or lip synching with a popular song while doing something like grooming a dog.

Many of the videos are of school-age boys and girls doing something that is funny to other adolescents. Most of these are harmless examples of young people acting silly and having fun doing it, but there is also a decidedly dark side to some of the "challenges" on the website.

According to a list that's been circulating online, the current challenge is to "smack a staff member." Challenges for subsequent months range from "mess up school signs" and "flip off the front office" to "kiss your friend's girlfriend at school" and "jab a breast."

Some of the previous "devious licks" include removing and stealing materials such as soap dispensers or mirrors from schools. This led to acts of vandalism that can no way be described as pranks. And some of the current and future challenges involve what are generally thought of as assaults, such as smacking a staff member or jabbing a breast.

And some of the challenges can be dangerous, such as

stacking milk crates and trying to stand on them, or "scalp popping" where people

**THE ISSUE:**

Social media site challenges encourage adolescent "pranks."

**OUR OPINION:**

Physical assaults and theft are not pranks.

twist some of their hair and then pull on it with great force to create a popping sound. The sound is caused by soft tissue connected to your scalp popping off your skull.

When challenges such as these show up on the website, they often seem to be without consequence, whereas in the real world, there often are consequences. Jabbing a breast or smacking a teacher is a type of assault that can lead to arrest and prosecution, taking school property such as mirror or soap dispenser is a criminal act and can lead to both legal and financial consequences, and climbing on a stack of milk crates or popping connective tissue on your head can lead to serious injuries.

But to adolescent brains, who are still developing, the consequences are not always obvious, and the challenges seem like harmless fun. This fact represents a challenge to parents, school officials and law enforcement. Young people need to be reminded that just because they see something online does not mean it is either legal or safe, and parents, school officials and law enforcement need to reinforce this message by taking firm action when young people's "pranks" violate norms of safety, decency or law.

# Importance of ReadingPals

A Citrus County classroom preceded my United Way career.

I taught elementary school for 11 years before ending that career and starting a new one at United Way.

But I never lost my interest in young children and watching them succeed. That's why I'm such a big supporter of the United Way of Citrus County's ReadingPals program.

ReadingPals, funded with a grant from Publix Charities and the Children's Movement of Florida, matches adults up with preschool and kindergarten children for one-hour-a-week with a goal to increase their early literacy skills.

These are kids who, despite their young age, are already showing signs of struggling with early learning skills. Reading one-on-one with a child gives him or her a much better ability to succeed.

We partner with the Citrus County School District to make sure we're getting to the children who need that special personalized attention.

The grant program is measured for success. Reports show that the

children who participate in ReadingPals have greater learning gains than those who don't.

Reading to children fires their imagination and stirs their interest. On the other hand, children who struggle with reading become easily discouraged, withdrawn from others and reluctant to participate.

ReadingPals helps prepare these young minds for school years, helping to ensure they don't fall behind.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, ReadingPals matched up over 200 volunteers with about 250 pre-K and kindergarten children in Citrus County. This school year, it's about 60 to 70 children — but we can add more children with more volunteers.

The school district conducts background screenings for volunteers and they are assigned schools and children. Our ReadingPals coordinator, Tiffany Johnson, will give all the training needed.

Who volunteers? In Citrus County, we are blessed with thousands of retirees who miss their grandchildren and see ReadingPals as one way to use their grandparent "skills" on

preschool or kindergarten children.

Our volunteers are super dedicated and the driving reason why Citrus County ReadingPals continues being one of the top five programs in Florida.

No special skills are needed. United Way provides the curriculum and supplies.

ReadingPals goes beyond the one-one-one reading. The grant pays for books — 25 new books for each child who participates to take home and keep.

And, let's face it, reading with children is just plain fun. No matter what kind of day I'm having, who's making me happy and who isn't, the traffic on the roads or the weather — it all disappears during that one hour I'm reading with my student. To watch a child's interest, timid at first, grow with each passing hour of reading time, well, it's hard to describe.

This is one of those feel-good volunteer calls. Doesn't cost anyone a dime. No heavy lifting. But that hour is priceless to a Citrus County child.

The community's children need our help. Please give Tiffany Johnson a call at our office, 352-795-5483, to join the effort to help prepare our children for the future they deserve.

Meghan Pitzer is CEO of United Way of Citrus County.



Meghan Pitzer

GUEST COLUMN

# Domestic violence is real, deadly

This column is part of a series by League of Women Voters of Citrus County (LWVCC) about issues important to Florida voters. The purpose is to increase citizen understanding and engagement. League of Women Voters (LWV) develops positions on issues only after careful study and consensus. LWV remains nonpartisan, never endorsing or opposing political parties or candidates.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. A recent high profile case has brought increased attention to domestic violence and its devastating impact on victims, their families and our communities. Unfortunately, domestic violence is an everyday occurrence for many Americans.

Domestic violence is a pattern of physical, sexual, verbal, emotional and economic abuse, generally between intimate partners. The frequency and severity of domestic violence can vary dramatically. It's all about controlling the victim.

Women are twice as likely as men to experience domestic violence. One in four American women have been targeted, with minority women disproportionately impacted. That means most of us know a victim. Because domestic violence is often not visible, it's easy to miss. Too many incidents go unreported and may continue in patterns. Children, too, often witness the violence, suffering trauma, injuries and even death.

When a gun is involved, domestic violence becomes even more deadly. Domestic abusers frequently use guns to threaten and control their victims. These threats often escalate to murder. Women are five times more likely to be killed in a domestic violence episode when their partners have a gun. Over half

of women killed by an intimate partner are killed with a gun.

Federal law prohibits convicted domestic abusers from buying or having guns, yet loopholes in federal and state laws allow abusive partners and stalkers access to guns, often with deadly results.

It doesn't have to be that way! In March, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). This important bill would extend protections to include abuse by dating partners and would continue to fund community-based interventions. Sadly, the bill still awaits action in the U.S. Senate.

Passing a law to disarm domestic abusers would also be a life-saving step in Florida. But over the years, such proposals haven't gained enough traction to pass.

Recently, HB 83 was filed for the 2022 state legislative session, which begins in January. This bill would strengthen the prohibition on sale or transfer of guns to persons convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence offenses. It would also require local policies and procedures for removing guns from convicted abusers.

Federal and state background checks on every gun sale, including those at gun shows and online, would also prevent dangerous convicted

abusers from getting guns. The League of Women Voters supports the Second Amendment rights of responsible gun owners, but also supports sensible legislation to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous individuals.

Whether inflicted with guns, threats, words, or in other forms, domestic violence is real, and it's deadly. Someone you know has already been impacted. Victims and witnesses are forever traumatized. Many victims and survivors need ongoing assistance.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic abuse, remember that help is available. If in immediate danger, call 911.

For comprehensive, professional local services, contact Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association (CASA). CASA helps victims and survivors of domestic violence by providing shelter, safety, intervention, and education, along with educating the community. CASA's 24/7 Hotline is 352-344-8111.

The League of Women Voters promotes social and economic justice and the health and safety of all Americans. Our homes should be our refuge. Every woman, man and child deserves a home that is safe from all forms of abuse. We support every effort to protect and support the victims and survivors of domestic abuse. Find us at www.lwvccitrus.org or www.lwvfl.org.

Rosemary Nilles is a retired educator and legislative action chair of the League of Women Voters of Citrus County.



Rosemary Nilles

GUEST COLUMN

## Sprinklers might have helped

Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club once again loses all its golf carts to a fire — second major fire in seven years (Saturday, Oct. 9's front-page story, "CH golf cart unit burns down for second time," "85 carts destroyed in fire"). A multimillion-dollar organization and you would have thought they learned their lesson last time. Sprinklers save lives and property. I guess they could not afford a fire-alarm system, either.

## Pay your debt, get rights restored

Real quickly, Saturday, Oct. 9, in the Chronicle on the Opinion Page, there's a (Sound Off), "Thanks for help in restoring

rights." I agree with the person. If you committed something, a crime, and you did your time and you paid your debt to society, your rights should be restored. What I object to is like when President Ford restored the rights for the people that ran for the border. They turned their back on the country and yet they come back and they want to have the same rights as every other American. I still say to this day, that should have been a no-no.

## Now you have to drive to Spring Hill

Someone asked a question in reference to Golden Corral on (State Road) 44 (in Saturday,

Oct. 9's Sound Off, "Is the restaurant gone for good?": Yes, the property was sold. It did not go out of business. There's one in Spring Hill, south of Cortez Boulevard.

## That bond is too low

This is regarding the Homosassa man charged with animal cruelty and assault in the Oct. 7 paper (Page A3). How in the name of humanity was this (man) let go with only a \$3,000 bond, charged without intent to kill and animal cruelty? What if the Spectrum victim had fallen to his death or been disabled the rest of his life? This is the type of criminal that actually (could become) a serial killer,

abusing animals and terrifying service people. Someone should take (him) by the arms and legs and throw him into a wall. The poor, innocent and terrified dog — would like to know what happened to him? Please follow up.

## You'd think they'd know

In regards to the front page of the Chronicle this morning, "How to find out if your road was resurfaced" (Saturday, Oct. 9): I think if you lived on that road, you would know whether it was resurfaced, but it's like they say, "You can't fix stupid."

## Homes are too small for Sugarmill

This is regarding "Making a mockery of the HOA" (Saturday, Oct. 9's Page A6 Sound Off). I've

lived in Sugarmill Woods since 1980. When I came in here, your house had to be either beige or white, trimmed in brown or color equal. I think these homes that they're building here are too small. They degrade Sugarmill, as far as I am concerned. Homes should be a certain size. The lots are a certain size. They're going to get people in here moving into these small homes and they're going to be making a disaster of it and you're going to have your hands full.

## The trains should run again

Wouldn't it be nice if all these old train stations could open and the trains could run again? It would ease traffic and add to the quaint areas in Florida.



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## Around the NATION & WORLD

### Indigenous Peoples Day

#### California coronavirus death count tops 70,000 as cases fall

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California's coronavirus death toll reached another once-unfathomable milestone — 70,000 people — on Monday as the state emerges from the latest infection surge with the lowest rate of new cases among all states.

Last year at this time, cases in the state started ticking up and by January California was in the throes of the worst spike of the pandemic and was the nation's epicenter for the virus. Daily deaths approached 700.

The latest surge started in summer and was driven by the delta variant that primarily targeted the unvaccinated. At its worst during this spike, California's average daily death count was in the low 100s.

Data collected by Johns Hopkins University showed the state with 70,132 deaths by midday Monday. It's the most in the nation, surpassing Texas by about 3,000 and Florida by 13,000, although California's per capita fatality rate of 177 per 100,000 people ranks in the bottom third for the U.S.

"There's very little if anything ever to compare that to," Dr. Mark Ghaly, California's health secretary, said of the level of deaths.

"Take a moment of silence and reflection on what that's meant for Californians," he said. "Families that have lost more than one family member, key breadwinners, people who couldn't protect themselves."

#### More than 130 countries reach deal on corporate minimum tax

FRANKFURT, Germany — More than 130 countries have agreed on sweeping changes to how big global companies are taxed, including a 15% minimum corporate rate designed to deter multinationals from stashing profits in low-tax countries.

The deal announced Friday is an attempt to address the ways



Tatanka Gibson of the Haliwa-Saponi/Nansemond Tribal Nations leads attendees in song and dance during a gathering marking Indigenous Peoples Day at Penn Treaty Park in Philadelphia, Monday, Oct. 11, 2021.

globalization and digitalization have changed the world economy. It would allow countries to tax some of the earnings of companies located elsewhere that make money through online retailing, web advertising and other activities.

U.S. President Joe Biden has been one of the driving forces behind the agreement as governments around the world seek to boost revenue following the COVID-19 pandemic.

The agreement among 136 countries representing 90% of the global economy was announced by the Paris-based Organization for Cooperation and Economic Development, which hosted the talks that led to it. The OECD said that the minimum tax would reap some \$150 billion for governments.

"Today's agreement represents a once-in-a-generation accomplishment for economic diplomacy," U.S.

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said in a statement. She said it would end a "race to the bottom" in which countries outbid each other with lower tax rates.

"Rather than competing on our ability to offer low corporate rates," she said, "America will now compete on the skills of our workers and our capacity to innovate, which is a race we can win."

#### Merck asks US FDA to authorize promising anti-COVID pill

WASHINGTON — Drugmaker Merck asked U.S. regulators Monday to authorize its pill for treating COVID-19 in what would add an entirely new and easy-to-use weapon to the world's arsenal against the pandemic.

If cleared by the Food and Drug

Administration — a decision that could come in a matter of weeks — it would be the first pill shown to treat the illness. All other FDA-backed treatments against COVID-19 require an IV or injection.

An antiviral pill that people could take at home to reduce their symptoms and speed recovery could prove groundbreaking, easing the crushing caseload on U.S. hospitals and helping to curb outbreaks in poorer countries with weak health care systems. It would also bolster the two-pronged approach to the pandemic: treatment, by way of medication, and prevention, primarily through vaccinations.

The FDA will scrutinize company data on the safety and effectiveness of the drug, molnupiravir, before rendering a decision.

Merck and its partner Ridgeback Biotherapeutic said they specifically

asked the agency to grant emergency use for adults with mild-to-moderate COVID-19 who are at risk for severe disease or hospitalization. That is roughly the way COVID-19 infusion drugs are used.

"The value here is that it's a pill so you don't have to deal with the infusion centers and all the factors around that," said Dr. Nicholas Kartsonis, a senior vice president with Merck's infectious disease unit. "I think it's a very powerful tool to add to the toolbox."

#### Southwest cancels hundreds more flights, denies sickout

DALLAS — Southwest Airlines canceled several hundred more flights Monday following a weekend of major disruptions that it blamed on bad weather and air traffic control issues. The company and the pilots union said the cancellations were not in response to the airline's decision to mandate vaccinations.

Southwest canceled more than 360 flights — 10% of its schedule for the day — on Monday, and more than 1,000 others were delayed, according to the FlightAware tracking service.

Shares of Southwest Airlines Co. briefly fell more than 4% before a partial recovery; they were down 3% by afternoon.

The third straight day of large-scale cancellations left thousands of passengers stranded and upset.

The widespread disruptions began shortly after the union for Southwest's 9,000 pilots asked a federal court on Friday to block the airline's order that all employees get vaccinated against COVID-19. The union said it doesn't oppose vaccination, but it argued in its filing that Southwest must negotiate before taking such a step.

Pilots are not conducting a sickout or slowdown to protest the vaccine mandate, according to the union, which said it "has not authorized, and will not condone, any job action."

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As a postgraduate Orthopedic diplomate-trained primary care physician, I believe that everyone of adult age should be radiographed for signs of trauma post motor

vehicle accident-MVA. I look for subtle changes that the emergency room physician is not looking for. They may say that the study is "normal" with no evidence of fracture or pathology, but mild loss of disc space that is common post MVA is not mentioned, nor is a mild to moderate loss of the forward curve in the neck and low back. I was rear-ended at 19-20 years of age. I worked for a hospital as a lab tech, and I reported to their Emergency Department that I had been injured. I had not called the police — it was prior to cellphones and the other party laughed at me and took off.

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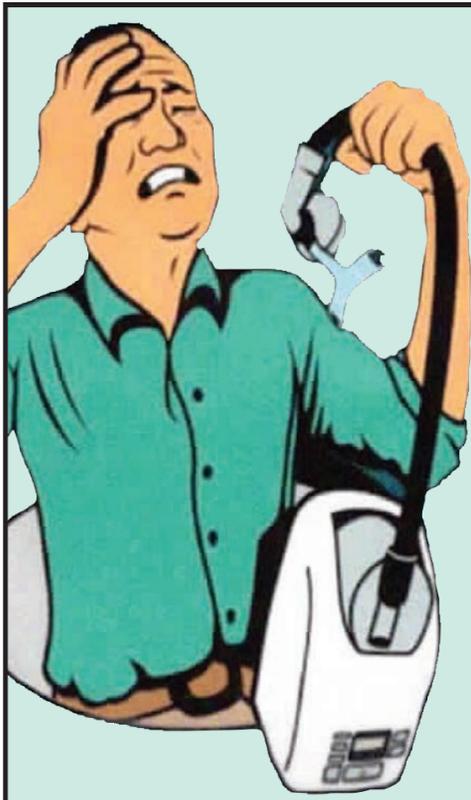
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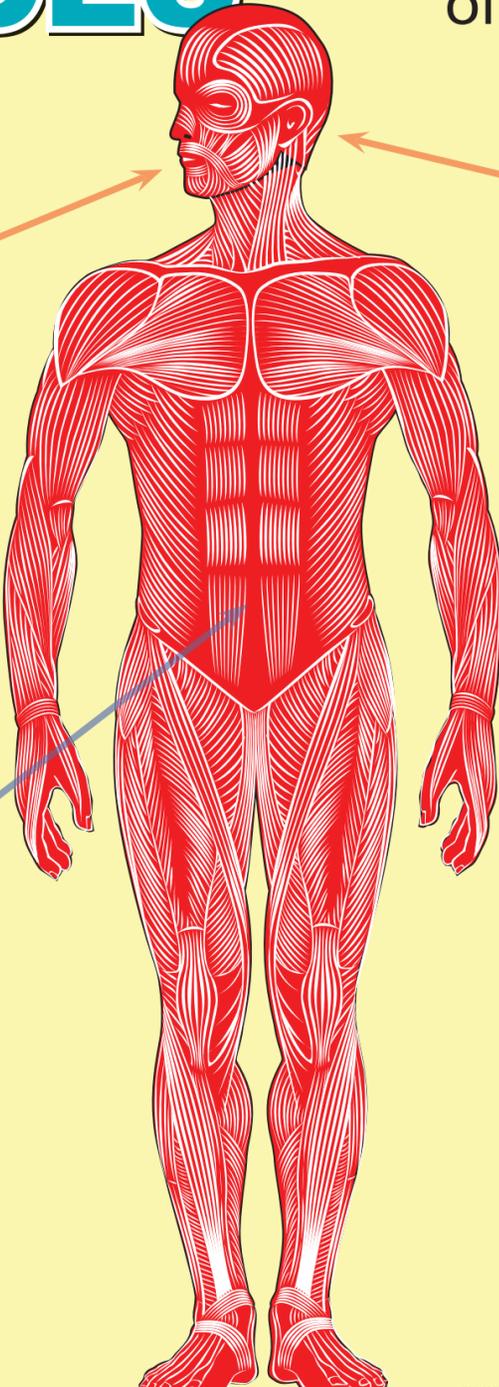
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Dr. Sunil Gandhi  
**CANCER & BLOOD DISEASE**

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among men. Approximately a quarter million men in the United States are diagnosed with prostate cancer each year. Most prostate cancers (89%) are found when the disease is in only the prostate and nearby organs. The five-year survival rate for them is nearly 100%. For people diagnosed with prostate cancer that has spread to other parts of the body, the five-year survival rate is 30%.

Since prostate cancer growth is driven by male sex hormones called androgens (the commonest is testosterone), lowering the levels of these hormones can help slow the growth of the cancer. This is usually accomplished by an injection given every few months by medicine like Lupron.

My patient was started on such a drug. We usually also add another oral drug to the injections to improve survival. In his case, his cancer is extremely fast growing as measured by the Gleason score. His Gleason score was very high at 9 out of a total of 10. Unfortunately, he did not respond to these drugs well.

His cancer was progressing. Ideally, he should get some chemotherapy. At the same time, he is 87 and wants to avoid chemotherapy as much as possible. This makes sense.

I advised him about research. In the Florida Cancer Specialists Lecanto office, we do lots of research in different cancers. FCS offers patients access to more clinical trials than any private oncology practice in Florida. Our patients have access to groundbreaking therapies, in a community setting, and they may participate in national clinical research studies of drugs and treatment protocols. In the past five years, the most new cancer drugs approved for use in the U.S. were studied in clinical trials with FCS participation prior to approval.

My patient is started on a new drug called ARV-110. This drug has a novel mechanism of action. It degrades androgen receptors on cancer cells and so androgen (testosterone) cannot bind to the cancer cells and, thus, growth of cancer cells is stopped, leading to eventual death of cancer cells. This is a hormone therapy, but not yet available in the USA without clinical trial, as it is not yet FDA approved. My patient is started on this drug. He is tolerating it well and he has not had any significant toxicities.

This kind of advanced research helps cancer patients locally in our own county.

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## How to handle stress



Dr. Ken Savage  
**KEEPING YOU WELL**

Social activities have taken the back seat since the onslaught of this deadly virus. For those that have been able to get back to their church or other community centers and clubs please continue to do so in a careful manner. The best way to protect yourself and those around you is to get immunized.

Mask wearing is still a fashionable way to help prevent the spread of disease. That is unless you take your mask off to cough or sneeze which I have witnessed! Obviously the wrong thing to do.

That's why we wear the masks to begin with. That is the purpose, which is to reduce the spread of respiratory droplets. Anyways, I digress. Things are much more stressful lately.

Here are some natural ways to prevent feelings of boredom, loneliness, and poor mood:

■ Mindfulness or meditation are simple, easy, and may be a quick fix. Just sitting still and focusing on your breathing could constitute a form of meditation. Sound generators such as running water, crickets or wind can destress the mind, improve sleep and increase inner peace. Listening to relaxing music and



alleviate clouding thoughts. There are several resources including apps such as Mindspace and Calm or locally at community centers or the gym.

■ Again, just be vigilant if you are in a local center. With that said, there are exercise classes which could be very helpful including yoga, tai-chi, stretching class, stationary biking or other exercise. You also have Peloton or other online programs available.

■ Getting outdoors is one of my favorite things to do. One may consider an outdoor exercise such as walking, biking, hiking, swimming, kayaking or gardening. Sports such as tennis, golf and racquetball, among others are nice. Then there is camping, fishing, boating and bird watching. After all, we live in the Nature Coast.

If you are physically limited or worried about pulling a hammy there are plenty of low-impact

hobbies to enjoy. I think of arts and crafts, cards and puzzles. There are several local clubs for hobbies such as for model trains, coin collecting, music, and art, among others.

■ I know many very nice people who congregate to different religious denominations. Don't be afraid to reach out in faith to a community church or other religious center. There are also local social clubs like Moose and Elk, and then of course there is the Rotary Club.

■ Can shopping be healthy? Within budget of course. Wives, go easy on husbands please.

■ How about video games? Gaming can be a great mental release but people can be at risk of overuse with OCD symptoms, so use in moderation. Same thing goes with movies and TV shows. Speaking of TV, watching the news is a common source of unwanted stress these days, so be sure to

moderate that too. ■ One may always consider counselling with a psychologist, licensed social worker or licensed mental health counselor. You may consider talking with a psychiatrist or other doctor you can talk with, such as your primary care doctor.

This is especially true if you may have a substance use problem or are having severe irritability, anxiety, depressive thoughts/feelings or manic symptoms. If your mental health is not an emergency, you may dial 211 before considering 911.

Your mental health is extremely important. I am confident this article is helpful to those in need of a new idea or resource. I wish you great health!

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## Therapeutic music helps the heart

Mended Hearts called me the other day to ask if I could talk at their upcoming Zoom meeting.

Mended Hearts offers support for people who have had heart surgery. This triggered my idea for my column this month: How therapeutic music helps the heart.

I'm going to throw a ten dollar word at you: entrainment. I'd never heard of this word before training as a therapeutic musician. But now that word is central to much of the music I play in medical facilities. And it is certainly central to controlling and stabilizing the heart.

Probably the best synonym for entrainment is synchronization. Music has

the power to make the body synchronize its actions to the tempo and beat being played.

If you can tolerate a few more \$10 words, I'll explain how this happens: The vagus nerve travels to most of the organs in the body cavity. After it leaves the brain, heading south, it swings by the ears. Here, the musical impulse is picked up by the vagus and transmitted to the organs throughout the body. The vagus nerve effects so many functions of the body it should be given the Nobel Prize in Medicine. But alas, it just chugs along, silently making our bodies work smoothly.

I can remember the name of it because I think of vagrant — one who wanders

around. Indeed, "vagus" in Latin means wandering. And that is what the vagus nerve does, wandering from the brain to the larynx and throat, lungs, heart, digestive tract and more.

The heart is the perfect organ to show the impact of music with a steady beat. The vagus nerve delivers this steady beat to the heart, and like an obedient child, the heart falls in line with it. You want to reduce the heartbeat? Slow the tempo of the music. Do you need to speed up the heartbeat? Simply play faster.

The trick for stabilizing a heartbeat or controlling it, is to play very steady music. Atrial fibrillation (A fib) is when the heart is beating irregularly. We don't want to induce this by playing synchopated or what I call top-sy-turvy, humpty dumpty music. Keep it steady ... steady ... steady and the

heart will respond.

That is not to say that there isn't a place for synchopated music. Just don't play it to heart patients. But for other patients who have healthy hearts, irregular tempos are great for anxiety and many other issues.

I wish I had a recent story to tell you about the effectiveness of music in helping the heart, but I don't. As we all know, the hospitals have been struggling to stay on top of the influx of COVID patients.

They have limited visiting of patients by family and friends, and most in-room visits by volunteers have come to a halt.

*Adele Jacobson heads the nonprofit organization Music in Medicine. For more information about the group and its mission, email musicbedside@gmail.com. The website is musicinmedicinecitrus.org.*

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Career postseason home runs for Atlanta's Joc Pederson after his three-run blast resulted in a 3-0 win Monday over Milwaukee.



Joc Pederson

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# Lightning bid for three-peat begins tonight

## What to know about the 2021-22 NHL season

LARRY LAGE, JOHN WAWROW AND STEPHEN WHYNO  
AP hockey writers

There is more high-level hockey on tap over the next nine months than ever before.

Thanks to the addition of the Seattle Kraken as the NHL's 32nd franchise and the return to a full schedule, 1,312 regular-season games are set to be played before the start of the playoffs next spring. Add 30 games in Beijing as the league's players return to the Olympics and the road to the Stanley Cup is a marathon.

The season gets under way Tuesday night when the back-to-back champion Tampa Bay Lightning raise another banner and host the Pittsburgh Penguins, the last team to win

the Cup twice in a row in 2016 and 2017. The Kraken also play their first regular-season game — at Vegas, four years after the Golden Knights were the league's last expansion team.

AP hockey writers Larry Lage, John Wawrow and Stephen Whyno get you ready for the season with a rundown of what to know.

### WHAT'S NEW

Unleashing the Kraken brings the NHL to the Pacific Northwest with a team that's selling merchandise at a rapid pace and should contend right away like Vegas did. Seattle would have to reach the Stanley Cup Final to match the Golden Knights.

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**Seattle's Vince Dunn (29) celebrates his goal against Vancouver during an NHL preseason game Oct. 5 in Vancouver, British Columbia. The Kraken play their first regular season game tonight against Vegas.**

DARRYL DYCK/The Canadian Press



# Rays rally falls short



Associated Press

Boston center fielder Enrique Hernandez, second from left, celebrates Monday with teammates after beating the Tampa Bay Rays 6-5 on a sacrifice fly by Hernandez during the ninth inning during Game 4 of an American League Division Series in Boston.

## Come back from 5-0 down, lose to Red Sox 6-5 in Game 4 of ALDS

KYLE HIGHTOWER  
AP sports writer

BOSTON — Kiké Hernández delivered Boston's second-straight walk-off win, scoring pinch-runner Danny Santana with a sacrifice fly in the ninth inning to send the Red Sox to the AL Championship

Series with a 6-5 win over the Tampa Bay Rays on Monday night.

After winning Game 3 of their AL Division Series on Sunday with Christian Vázquez's two-run, game-ending homer in the ninth, Boston took Game 4 for its first set of consecutive walk-off postseason wins since 2004 ALCS Games 4 and 5, both

courtesy of David Ortiz against the Yankees.

Rafael Devers had a three-run home run off rookie Shane Bieber to ignite a five-run third inning that put Boston in front 5-0. Tampa Bay battled back and tied it in the eighth.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### AP source: Gruden out as Raiders coach

Jon Gruden is out as coach of the Las Vegas Raiders after emails he sent before being hired in 2018 contained racist, homophobic and misogynistic comments.

A person familiar with the decision said Gruden is stepping down after The New York Times reported that Gruden frequently used misogynistic and homophobic language directed at Commissioner Roger Goodell and others in the NFL.

It was a rapid downfall for Gruden, who is in the fourth year of a 10-year, \$100 million contract he signed with the Raiders in 2018.

### Miami says King needs surgery

CORAL GABLES — Miami quarterback D'Eriq King needs surgery to repair his right shoulder and will miss the remainder of the season, a major blow to the reeling Hurricanes and their hopes of contending in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Tyler Van Dyke has started each of Miami's last two games and is in line to start again Saturday when the Hurricanes (2-3, 0-1 ACC) visit North Carolina (3-3, 2-3).

### Kenyans sweep Boston Marathon

BOSTON — The pandemic-delayed Boston Marathon returned Monday after a 30-month absence for a smaller, socially distanced race that ended in a very familiar way.

Benson Kipruto and Diana Kipyogei completed a Kenyan sweep — the eighth since 2000 at the world's oldest and most prestigious 26.2-mile, which moved from its traditional spring date for the first time in its 125-year history.

— From wire reports

# Buccaneers begin short week of prep for Eagles

FRED GOODALL  
AP sports writer

TAMPA — So much for the prospect of complacency creeping into the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who are off to a 4-1 start and not showing any signs of being satisfied with the way they've performed this season.

Yes, the Tom Brady-led offense was virtually unstoppable, while the defense limited an opponent to 17 points for the second straight week, in a 28-point rout of the Miami Dolphins. Coach Bruce Arians and his players say the defending Super Bowl champions are capable of being so much better.

"I feel like we're constantly improving," receiver Mike Evans said Monday.

"We still have a lot to improve on," linebacker Jason Pierre-Paul, who returned to lineup against Miami after missing two games with shoulder and hand injuries, echoed.

"I think us as a defense, people don't respect us like they should," Pierre-Paul said. "In order for them to do that, we have to go out there and prove we are nothing to mess with. I don't think we have proved that yet."

### WHAT'S WORKING

Brady has thrown for 15 touchdowns vs. two interceptions through five games. He continues to find ways to spread the ball among a talented group of playmakers. Mike Evans, Chris Godwin and Antonio Brown are all on track to finish with 1,000 yards and double-digit touchdowns receiving. The trio of receivers combined for 20 catches and 307 yards against Miami, with Evans and Brown each topping 100 yards with two TDs apiece.

"We are just excited about our opportunity. Each one of our guys could be the reason we win," Brown said of the depth at his position. "We are all unselfish, and we know the greater cause is winning. Our

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Associated Press

Tampa Bay running back Leonard Fournette (7) drags Miami Dolphins free safety Jevon Holland (8) into the endzone to score Sunday during the second half in Tampa.

# Pederson's blast lifts Braves

## Blank Brewers 3-0 for 2-1 NLDS lead

**CHARLES ODUM**  
AP sports writer

ATLANTA — Joc Pederson credits his postseason success to “not making any moment bigger than it needs to be.”

With another jolt, Pederson put the Atlanta Braves on the verge of advancing in the playoffs.

Pederson kept enhancing his “Joctober” nickname with a three-run, pinch-hit homer and the Braves shut down Milwaukee once again, beating the Brewers 3-0 on Monday to take a 2-1 edge in the NL Division Series.

“It was pretty special,” Pederson said of the fifth-inning drive. “To come up big in a moment like that was pretty cool.”

In a matchup dominated by pitching, Ian Anderson and the Braves bullpen combined on a five-hitter and won by a 3-0 score for the second straight game.

Boosted by shortstop Dansby Swanson's athletic defense, Atlanta can try to reach its second straight NL Championship Series when it hosts Game 4 on Tuesday.

Pederson's homer was his second of the series, both as a pinch-hitter against Adrian Houser. Pederson singled as a pinch-hitter in his only other at-bat in this series, and has driven in four of Atlanta's seven runs.

Pederson has hit 11 postseason home runs overall and helped the Los Angeles Dodgers win the World Series last year with his longballs. He then signed as a free agent with the Chicago Cubs in the winter and was traded to Atlanta in July.

“He's been in the big moment, the big stage, and he's performed and guys appreciate that,” Braves manager Brian Snitker said.

Since winning the opening game of the series, the NL Central champion Brewers have not scored in 19 consecutive innings. They were 0 for 8 with runners in scoring position in this loss.

Asked about the poorly timed offensive slump, manager Craig Counsell said, “We're in it. I thought we swung the bats better today. ... We've got to catch a break, frankly.”

Anderson was dominant for the



Associated Press

**Atlanta's Joc Pederson follows through on his three-run homer Monday against the Milwaukee Brewers during the fifth inning of Game 3 of a National League Division Series in Atlanta. The Braves won 3-0 for a 2-1 series lead.**

NL East champion Braves, allowing three hits over five innings with no walks and six strikeouts. Will Smith, the fourth Braves reliever, pitched a perfect ninth for his second save of the series.

Milwaukee starter Freddy Peralta pitched four scoreless innings and was pulled for a pinch-hitter when the Brewers threatened in the fifth.

Houser gave up singles to Travis d'Arnaud and Swanson to open the

fifth. Pederson, hitting for Anderson, pulled a high, inside fastball deep into the right-field seats for a 3-0 lead.

“It didn't look like a bad pitch to me, but give him credit,” Counsell said.

Asked how he pulled the high pitch for the homer, Pederson shrugged and said, “I guess I'm a pretty good player, I don't know. I knocked it out of the yard.”

## RAYS

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The wild-card Red Sox will await the winner of the other ALDS matchup between the Houston

Astros and Chicago White Sox.

Boston improved to 15-3 in potential clinching postseason games and have won each of their last eight. It brings an abrupt end to the season for the Rays, who'd

been eyeing back-to-back trips to the World Series after winning 100 games during the regular season and rolling to the AL East title.

Vázquez led off the ninth with a single through the hole to left

field and moved to second a sacrifice bunt by Christian Arroyo. Travis Shaw then hit a bouncing ground ball to third that went for an infield single when Yandy Díaz bounced his throw to first baseman Ji-Man Choi.

## NHL

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The two teams that get to the final will again go the traditional way through the Eastern or Western Conference, after the 56-game 2021 season was played entirely within four divisions until the semifinals. Cross-border play is back, too, and every team is scheduled to play the other 31 at least twice — once at home and on the road.

Those games will air on ESPN's networks, ABC and TNT in the U.S. in the first season of a new TV deal. Puck movement will be tracked with microchips for the first time, opening the door for a Zamboni load of new data and gambling opportunities.

Barring a turn for the worse by the pandemic, the league will take a three-week break in February for players to participate in the Olympics for the first time since 2014.

### ON THE HOT SEAT

Three teams changed coaches last season, including Montreal, which went to the final after replacing

Claude Julien with Dominique Ducharme. More than a few coaches should be looking over their shoulders this year, but whose seat is hottest?

**Lage:** Philadelphia Flyers coach Alain Vigneault took a step back as his team finished sixth in the division last season in his second year. He faces pressure, leading a franchise that hasn't made the playoffs in five of the last nine years and whose last Cup Final run came in 2010.

**Wawrow:** Flyers GM Chuck Fletcher did his part in retooling the roster following Philadelphia's second-half meltdown last season. It's on Vigneault to make it work. Jeremy Colliton in Chicago has an 86-83-24 record since replacing Joel Quenneville.

**Whyno:** Colliton will need to take the next step with the Blackhawks shifting into contender mode, or he could be in trouble. Darryl Sutter just got Calgary's head job after replacing Geoff Ward last season, but the heat is on if the Flames struggle early and former Canadiens coach Kirk Muller is on staff if things go haywire.

### AWARD PICKS

#### Hart Trophy (MVP)

**Lage:** Edmonton Oilers center Connor McDavid, who won the award last year for the second time in five years and finished third or fifth the other three seasons.

**Wawrow:** Colorado's Nathan MacKinnon, who has finished second twice and third once in the voting. It's time the NHL's most complete player gets top billing.

**Whyno:** MacKinnon is a man on a mission. He'll play a Hart-caliber season, but he wants the Cup.

#### Vezina Trophy (Top Goaltender)

**Lage:** Tampa Bay Lightning goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy does not get the credit he deserves because he plays for the best team in the league.

**Wawrow:** Let's go with a long-shot with Calgary's Jacob Markstrom. The Flames are playing in a Pacific Division that might be the NHL's weakest in featuring six of eight teams that failed to make the playoffs last year.

**Whyno:** Nothing against reigning Vezina winner Marc-Andre Fleury, but Vasilevskiy is the best goalie on

the planet.

**Norris Trophy (Top Defenseman)**  
**Lage:** Vegas defenseman Shea Theodore, a rising star who is due for the honor playing for a Stanley Cup contender.

**Wawrow:** Unsure what more Tampa Bay's Victor Hedman had to do last year to earn his second Norris. Hedman is too good to not be a contender again this year.

**Whyno:** Cale Makar stacks the trophy case for the Avalanche. He just has to stay healthy.

#### Calder Trophy (Top Rookie)

**Lage:** Detroit defenseman Moritz Seider, drafted No. 6 overall in 2019, gives a rebuilding team desperately needed help on the blue line.

**Wawrow:** Montreal's undersized Cole Caufield proved during the Cup Final run he can produce on a big stage. There's no reason to expect him to take a step back.

**Whyno:** Going off the board here with Washington's Hendrix Lapierre, who surprisingly sticks in the NHL at 19 and puts on a show.

### WHO MAKES THE PLAYOFFS?

#### Eastern Conference

**Lage:** Tampa Bay, Carolina, N.Y. Islanders, Boston, Florida, Washington, Toronto, N.Y. Rangers

**Wawrow:** Florida, N.Y. Islanders, Tampa Bay, Carolina, Toronto, N.Y. Rangers, Washington, Montreal

**Whyno:** Tampa Bay, N.Y. Islanders, Boston, Washington, Florida, Toronto, Carolina, Philadelphia

#### Western Conference

**Lage:** Colorado, Vegas, Dallas, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Calgary, Minnesota, Chicago

**Wawrow:** Colorado, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Vegas, Minnesota, Calgary, St. Louis, Los Angeles

**Whyno:** Colorado, Vegas, Winnipeg, Seattle, St. Louis, Edmonton, Dallas, Minnesota

### WHO WINS THE CUP?

**Lage:** Tampa Bay over Colorado. Lightning are first NHL team to three-peat since the Islanders dynasty in the early 1980s.

**Wawrow:** Islanders over Winnipeg. The Cup returns to Long Island for the first time since 1983.

**Whyno:** Colorado over Islanders. MacKinnon earns Olympic gold in Beijing and makes sure the Cup is lifted a mile high in Denver.

## Florida LOTTERY

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

<b>PICK 2 (early)</b> 0 - 6	<b>PICK 5 (late)</b> 3 - 8 - 3 - 7 - 2
<b>PICK 2 (late)</b> 2 - 7	<b>FANTASY 5</b> 1 - 8 - 9 - 33 - 35
<b>PICK 3 (early)</b> 6 - 1 - 6	<b>CASH 4 LIFE</b> 1 - 8 - 17 - 38 - 47
<b>PICK 3 (late)</b> 9 - 0 - 9	<b>CASH BALL</b> 3
<b>PICK 4 (early)</b> 7 - 1 - 1 - 2	<b>POWERBALL</b> 11 - 20 - 33 - 39 - 65
<b>PICK 4 (late)</b> 4 - 2 - 6 - 2	<b>POWER BALL</b> 24
<b>PICK 5 (early)</b> 0 - 8 - 5 - 4 - 1	

Sunday's winning numbers and payouts:

Fantasy 5: 6-11-21-24-32	5-of-5 CB	No winner
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4-of-5 203 \$131.50		
3-of-5 7,484 \$10		
Cash 4 Life: 22-23-40-46-55		Players should verify winning numbers by calling 850-487-7777 or at www.flalottery.com.
Cash Ball: 4		

## On the AIRWAVES

### TODAY'S SPORTS MLB PLAYOFFS

5 p.m. (TBS) Milwaukee Brewers at Atlanta Braves, Game 4  
9 p.m. (TBS) San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers, Game 4

### NBA PRESEASON

7 p.m. (NBA) Toronto Raptors at Washington Wizards  
10:30 p.m. (TNT) Golden State Warriors at Los Angeles Lakers

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

12 p.m. (ESPNU) Florida State at North Carolina (Taped)  
7:30 p.m. (ESPN2) Appalachian State at Louisiana  
9 p.m. (ESPNU) UCLA at Arizona (Taped)

### NHL

7:30 p.m. (ESPN) Pittsburgh Penguins at Tampa Bay Lightning  
10:15 p.m. (ESPN) Seattle Kraken at Vegas Golden Knights  
2 a.m. (ESPN2) Pittsburgh Penguins at Tampa Bay Lightning (Taped)

### SOCCER

2:30 p.m. (ESPN2) FIFA World Cup 2022 Qualifying: Denmark vs Austria

7 p.m. (ACCN) College: Davidson at Virginia Tech  
7 p.m. (BTN) Ohio State at Indiana

### TENNIS

2 p.m. (BSFL, TENNIS) ATP/WTA BNP Paribas Open

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

## Prep CALENDAR

### TODAY'S PREP SPORTS BOYS GOLF

3:30 p.m. Citrus at Crystal River  
3:30 p.m. Lecanto at The Villages

### GIRLS GOLF

3:30 p.m. Lecanto at Nature Coast  
4 p.m. Seven Rivers at Redeemer

### CROSS COUNTRY

4:30 p.m. GC8 Conference Meet at McKethan Lake  
VOLLEYBALL

7 p.m. Crystal River at Nature Coast  
7 p.m. Citrus at Lecanto

### SWIMMING

5 p.m. Lecanto vs. Citrus at YMCA

## BUCCANEERS

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business is winning, and we are just here to inspire each other and win the ballgame.”

### WHAT NEEDS HELP

After six offensive possessions ending inside New England's 30-yard line produced one touchdown in a 19-17 victory over the Patriots two weeks ago, the Bucs were much more productive (4 of 6, 67%) against Miami.

“Last week's red zone was kind of an anomaly,” Arians said. “This week, we executed much better down there.”

### STOCK UP

The running game is improving steadily, with Leonard Fournette also becoming more involved in the passing attack. After gaining 138 yards (91 rushing, 47 receiving) yards from scrimmage at New England, Fournette averaged 5.6 yards per carry against Dolphins and finished with 67 rushing and 43 receiving on four catches.

“He's playing outstanding. He's always had great hands. He's taken it on himself to concentrate better in the passing game and see how much of a threat he can be,” Arians said. “Pass protection same thing. He's become an all-around really, really solid back.”

### STOCK DOWN

When you amass 558 yards and limit an opponent to 17 points, there's not much for a coach to criticize following a 28-point blowout. But despite ranking near the top of the league in passing offense and scoring, Arians has not been happy with the way the defending champs have played coming out of halftime this season. The Bucs were held scoreless in the third quarter Sunday before turning a seven-point lead into a rout with three fourth-quarter TDs.

### KEY NUMBER

The Bucs rushed for 121 yards against the Dolphins, including a 13-yard scamper by Brady on the next-to-last play of the first half. The run set up a 60-yard field-goal attempt by Bradley Pinion, who missed the kick wide left.

“Do I look faster? I mean I feel fast, do I look as fast as I feel?” Brady joked.

### NEXT STEPS

There was little time to celebrate beating Miami with only three days to prepare to play the Eagles.

“It's a challenge, but they have the same challenge, too,” Brady said.

### Lightning sign coach Jon Cooper to extension

TAMPA — The Tampa Bay Lightning have signed Jon Cooper to a three-year extension through the 2024-25 season, rewarding their coach after the team won consecutive Stanley Cup titles.

Cooper has been behind bench with the Lightning since March 2013, and the team has made five appearances in the Eastern Conference Final. It has played in the Stanley Cup Final three times over the past seven seasons.

Cooper, the longest tenured coach in the NHL, has a 383-197-53 record in just over eight seasons with Tampa Bay.

The Lightning won the 2020 Stanley Cup title in five games over the Dallas Stars. They repeated during the shortened 2021 season, defeating the Montreal Canadiens in five games.

— From wire reports



**Peanuts**



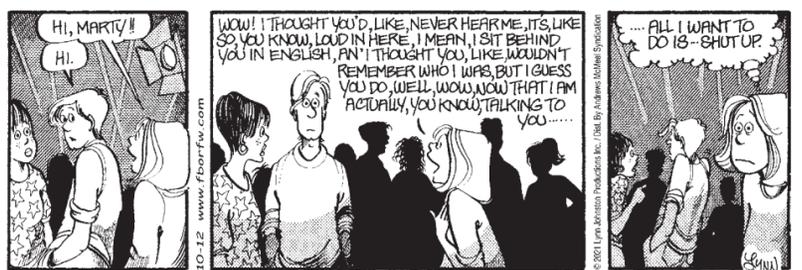
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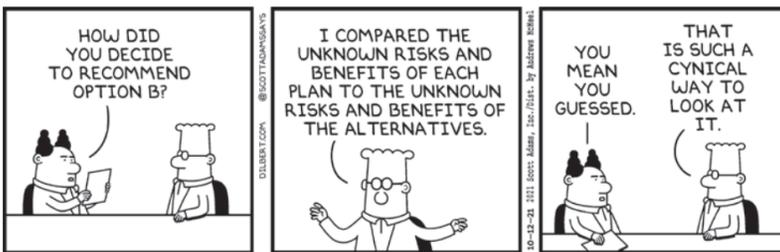
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**The Grizzwells**



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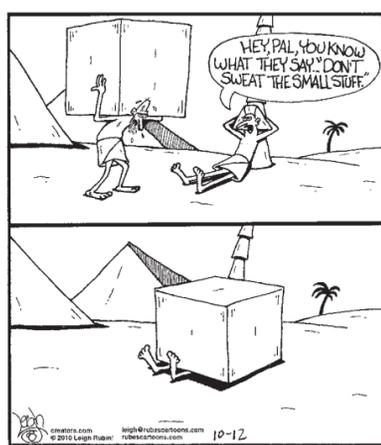


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**Dennis the Menace**

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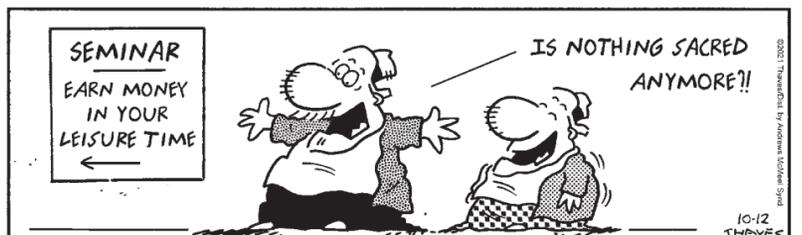
**Betty**



**Big Nate**



**Frank & Ernest**



**Arlo and Janis**



**SO YOU KNOW**  
Due to continuing difficulties with today's edition, the Celebrity Cipher is presented today in a slightly different format.

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

**Today's MOVIES**

Times provided by Regal Cinemas and are subject to change; call ahead.  
Citrus Cinemas 6 Inverness; 844-462-7342 Code 187  
Tuesday, Oct. 12  
"No Time to Die" (2021) PG-13 — 11, 11:30 a.m., 12, 2, 2:40, 3, 6, 6:30, 7, 8:30, 9, 9:30 p.m.  
"The Addams Family 2" (2021) PG — 12:15, 2:45, 5:45, 10:15 p.m.  
"Venom: Let There Be Carnage" (2021) PG-13 — 11:15, 11:45 a.m., 3:15, 3:50, 6:15, 6:40, 10, 10:35 p.m.  
Wednesday, Oct. 13  
"No Time to Die" (2021) PG-13 — 11, 11:30 a.m., 12, 2, 2:40, 3, 6, 6:30, 7, 8:30, 9, 9:30 p.m.  
"The Addams Family 2" (2021) PG — 12:15, 2:45, 5:45, 10:15 p.m.  
"Venom: Let There Be Carnage" (2021) PG-13 — 11:15, 11:45 a.m., 3:15, 3:50, 6:15, 6:40, 10, 10:35 p.m.  
Thursday, Oct. 14  
"Halloween Kills" (2021) R — 7, 10:15 p.m.  
"The Last Duel" (2021) R — 6:15, 9:50 p.m.  
"No Time to Die" (2021) PG-13 — 11, 11:30 a.m., 12, 2, 2:40, 3, 6, 6:30, 7, 8:30, 9:30 p.m.  
"The Addams Family 2" (2021) PG — 12:15, 2:45, 5:45, 10:20 p.m.  
"Venom: Let There Be Carnage" (2021) PG-13 — 11:15, 11:45 a.m., 3:15, 3:50, 6:40, 10 p.m.  
Valerie Theatre, Inverness; 352-341-7850  
"Hocus Pocus" (1993) PG — 7 p.m. Oct. 16  
"Scooby-Doo" (2002) PG — 3 p.m. Oct. 17

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— PAUP IXDMGX  
Previous Solution: "Fame isn't art, but the person you become when you're famous — your alter ego — that's art." — Rapper Cardi B  
TODAY'S CLUE: K equals M  
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