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## CITRUS COUNTY VIRUS UPDATE

### INSIDE

View the latest COVID-19 data about Citrus County today on **Page A10**.

### DOH-Citrus vaccine registration system open

DOH-Citrus' preregistration system to schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments for individuals 65 and older and frontline health care workers is now available.

Individuals can now be added to a waiting list for vaccine appointments and be notified when appointments are available in Citrus County by visiting [myvaccine.fl.gov](https://myvaccine.fl.gov) or by calling 866-201-0442; TTY is 833-476-1036.

As part of the statewide preregistration system, each county has a designated number that individuals can call and pre-register with if they do not have internet access. Citrus County's designated number is 833-540-2058.

Vaccine supply remains limited and appointments may not be available for several weeks.

— From staff reports

## BRIEFLY

### County opens grant applications to nonprofits

The Board of County Commissioners is now accepting applications for its nonprofit grant program. The grant program's purpose is to assist Citrus County citizens adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and will provide a grant for food distribution, or/and health care expenses in Citrus County. The nonprofit grant program is specifically for 501(c)(3) organizations excluding member groups. The program currently has \$300,000 in available funds.

A completed online application must be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, including an IRS W-9 form; Form 990 filings for the past three years; and a formal presentation to the BOCC, scheduled for March 16. To receive a copy of the application form, email [cares@citrusbocc.com](mailto:cares@citrusbocc.com).

Deadlines are strictly enforced. For more information, call the Citrus County Office of Management and Budget at 352-527-5207.

— From staff reports

# Congestion still reigns

Stretch of US 19 in Homosassa, Crystal River continues to frustrate motorists

MICHAEL D. BATES  
STAFF WRITER

It was hoped the congestion and traffic backups along U.S. 19 in Homosassa would be pretty much alleviated by now.

However, that is not the case. Last month, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) said all six lanes going north and south on U.S. 19 through

Homosassa — from West Green Acres Street to South Jump Court — would be open by late January.

All six lanes along that 2.1-mile stretch are not open. In fact, lanes are closed and congestion remains.

When asked, FDOT spokeswoman Kris Carson said six lanes are open throughout most of the project area but there remain a few spots where work remains.

But the contractor, D.A.B. Constructors Inc., is working on it.

"The contractor has periodically been using daytime and nighttime lane closures for various work — ensuring at least two lanes in each direction are open during daytime hours," Carson said.

"Some night work requires double lane closures," she added. "(D.A.B.) is maintaining a

minimum of one open lane in each direction during these overnight work activities."

The \$31.8-million project will not completely finish until spring 2021. When done, there will be an additional lane in each direction with paved shoulders, designated bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides of US 19.

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# PAVING THE WAY



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Beverly Howard is the former teacher of Clayton Storey, who was killed by a vehicle that struck him while he was riding a bicycle along U.S. 19 south of Homosassa in December 2014. Through an effort lead by Howard, a multi-use path is now being constructed along the busy highway to safeguard pedestrians and bicyclists.

## Teacher wins battle for new sidewalk to be built along US 19

MICHAEL D. BATES  
STAFF WRITER

On Dec. 30, 2014, Beverly Howard heard the tragic news that one of her former students, a 15-year-old, was killed after the bicycle he was riding along the shoulder of U.S. 19 near West Cypress Boulevard, swerved into the path of an oncoming car.

It was then that Howard started a campaign to get the state to install a sidewalk on the west side of U.S. 19 in Homosassa. There are too many pedestrians and bikers

who imperil their lives on that busy highway either going to shop at the nearby Walmart or on some other errand, she said.

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A wooden marker bearing the name of Clayton Storey is placed along U.S. 19 at the scene of the accident that claimed the young man's life in December 2014.

# Session opening not so festive during pandemic

JIM SAUNDERS  
NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE — Breaking with longstanding tradition because of the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the Florida Senate and House will not gather in one place to kick off the 2021 legislative session and hear Gov. Ron DeSantis' State of the State address.

The House and Senate typically

hold a festive joint session in the House chamber to hear the State of the State address.

But in a memo to senators this week, Senate President Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, said the Senate will stay in its chamber during the March 2 session opening and watch DeSantis' address on a big video screen.

Other precautions also will make the session opening more

staid: Flower arrangements often cover lawmakers' desks on the first day, but Simpson wrote that they will not be allowed in the Senate chamber and should be delivered to senators' offices. Also, the Senate public seating gallery will be closed.

The opening-day details are the latest sign of how the pandemic has changed the operations of the Legislature — and, in particular,

the Senate. Simpson has brought in experts, including from Tampa General Hospital, to provide advice about ways to reduce the chances of the virus spreading in the Capitol.

"As a reminder, these protocols were developed in consultation and coordination with infectious disease experts at Tampa General Hospital, the Florida Department

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WEEK  
IN REVIEW

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file  
Oak Hill Hospital Chief Executive Officer Mickey Smith explains some of the state-of-the-art features in the North Tower intensive care unit in 2013.

GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

The Nature Coast Chapter of the Florida Sewing Sew-Ciety was recently designated a “Handmade Hero” by Joann’s Fabric Stores. For the past 10 years, the members of the chapter have created thousands of garments and other items for Citrus County students who are in need. When the coronavirus pandemic hit, the chapter set to work making thousands of masks for individuals, businesses and organizations in Citrus County. Recently, their newest project is making shower totes filled with toiletries for the residents of an abuse shelter.



HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK

This past week, the Chronicle opinion pages were filled with letters to the editor and Sound Off calls about COVID-19 vaccinations. Here’s what some of the letter writers said:

■ L.B. Kerr: “I am 85 and have COPD and AFib. I’ve decided this (the difficulty of getting an appointment) is a test. If we can maintain our sanity after jumping through hoops, then we might be worthy of wasting vaccines on. And/or we die of old age before they have to ‘shoot’ us with that needle.”

■ George Boettcher Jr.: After being offered an appointment in Miami by the Florida Department of Health, the 83-year-old Inverness resident said no thank you and called the VA clinic in Lecanto where he was given an appointment with a choice of day and time.

“Their drive-thru clinic was well-staffed, helpful and everything was completed within 15 minutes, along with a follow-up shot appointment one month later.

“Thank you, VA Lecanto. No thank you to Gov. DeSantis and the FDH.”

■ Marilyn Vasseliou: She wrote to say she’s all for another letter writer’s suggestion of “smooching for a COVID cure.” The original letter, written by an 85-year-old veteran, said he got his vaccination at the VA clinic, but his wife was unable to get an appointment and posed the question: Would a kiss transmit immunity?

“I just want to say how this letter made me smile,” Vasseliou wrote.

THE MOST POPULAR STORIES FROM THE WEEK THAT WAS

**Many in Citrus County head to Oak Hill Hospital for care**

Last year, about 4,500 Citrus County residents chose Oak Hill Hospital in Hernando County as the facility for their medical care, and more than 100 people from Citrus County also travel to work there.

Why?

“It’s the same as real estate: location, location, location,” said Mickey Smith, CEO of Oak Hill Hospital and a Crystal River resident.

Smith said many from south Citrus County come to Oak Hill rather than the two hospitals in Citrus County.

Oak Hill Hospital is also close enough to larger hospitals that can provide more specialized care if it’s needed, Smith said.

“The other thing that’s happened is that technology has leveled the playing field,” he said, allowing small and medium-size hospitals to offer services once only performed at larger, metropolitan facilities.

“And what’s really been transformative for us is the teaching (and residency) program,” Smith said, offering graduating medical students eight accredited programs.

**CR motorcyclist dies in Inverness**

A 29-year-old Crystal River man died after his motorcycle struck a building in downtown Inverness just before 9 p.m. Feb. 12.

As he traveled northwest on West Main Street, approaching the intersection with Courthouse Square, he failed to negotiate a nearby curve, causing his motorcycle to leave the roadway and strike the Joy Hayes Court Reporting building.

Emergency responders pronounced the man dead at the scene. According to FHP, he was not wearing a helmet.

**Inverness man accused in shooting**

Emergency lights from Citrus County Sheriff’s Office patrol cars in his Inverness neighborhood bothered Michael Joseph Patton to the point he allegedly fired an airsoft rifle at a pair of their drivers.

Patton, 32, was arrested the night of Feb. 11 for shooting a BB gun earlier at the two deputies down the street from his home.

Patton faces two, third-degree felony counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

**Tracking device nabs suspect accused of theft**

Deon Maurice Griffin, 31, of Detroit, Michigan, who came to Florida to party with relatives in Tampa for the Super Bowl, also did a little dealing in stolen property during his visit, according to a Citrus County Sheriff’s Office arrest affidavit.

Sheriff’s deputies arrested Griffin after law enforcement notified local deputies that Griffin rented a skid steer — a heavy piece of steel equipment used to lift wooden pallets loaded with shipped materials — from a Spring Hill Home Depot.

Instead of returning it the same day it was rented, Griffin tried to sell it on Facebook Marketplace.

However, because the stolen equipment had a tracking device, Hernando County deputies were able to locate it on a trailer in the front yard of a Homosassa house where Griffin answered the door at the same time a man showed up to buy the equipment, according to the arrest report.

Griffin was arrested and charged with dealing in stolen property with a bond of \$5,000.

**Inverness native transfers into US Space Force**

After 26 years in the U.S. Air Force, Chief Master Sgt. April Brittain is re-launching her military career as a Guardian of the U.S. Space Force, the country’s galactic service branch.

For four-and-a-half years before her transfer to the Space Force, Brittain was assigned to Air Force Space Command, supporting communications there with her IT experience.

She now advises the commander of the newly activated Space Domain Awareness Delta, which spans across the globe with personnel at 10 locations supporting missions in four countries.

“We’re protecting those American interests,” the Inverness native told the Chronicle, “and just being able to be part of that, I love that; it feels like you’re part of a greater good.”



**Local women arrested in separate animal-cruelty cases**

A pair of local women face separate charges of aggravated animal cruelty after their arrests a day after each other for neglecting their respective dogs.

Beverly Hills 33-year-old Mary Catherine Phillips was booked into the Citrus County jail Feb. 5, after animal control officers removed a dog from her residence. Officers documented the dog was suffering from a limp, a scabbed nose, infected wounds, abscesses in both ears and nails so long they were curling and growing backward.

Catherine Louise Collier, 59, of Homosassa, was jailed Feb. 6. Her dog, Bindi, was emaciated, sick and had a large mass growing and oozing pus on the left side of her face, according to Collier’s arrest report.

A vet had to euthanize Bindi because the mass was keeping the dog from eating, and ruled the canine’s death as an act of neglect.

Both women were released from custody after posting bails on their \$2,000 bonds, court records show, and they are due to be arraigned on their felonies Feb. 22.

“It was one of those stupid things, minding my own business on a golf cart in Homosassa.”


— GRAHAM DUNNEGE, ABOUT THE DAY A CAR HIT HIS GOLF CART AND HE ENDED UP IN CRITICAL CONDITION, INTERRUPTING HIS PLANS TO ELOPE WITH HIS FIANCÉE, JODY HANSEN-WALKER, THE END OF OCTOBER. THE COUPLE WERE MARRIED JAN. 29, 2021, IN A PRIVATE CEREMONY.




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## Around the COUNTY

### Code board sets public meeting

The Citrus County Code Review and Appeals Board will conduct a public meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto.

Agenda items include swearing in new members, electing a president and vice president and any other business concerns.

For information, call 352-527-5310.

### Clerk of Court offers savings

If you have overdue traffic or criminal fees and fines, Clerk of Court Angela Vick is providing a savings opportunity for you the week of Feb. 22-26 during regular business hours at both the Courthouse in Inverness (110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness) and Clerk Customer Service location at the West Citrus Government Center (WCGC), 1540 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River. Special hours will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Courthouse in Inverness.

Staff will be ready to assist customers who want to pay their account in full. You will be able to avoid the collections surcharges of 25% and reinstate suspended driver's licenses.

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To visit the office in person, it is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Payments will be accepted by cash, check, money order or credit/debit card. If using a credit/debit card, note the card processing vendor (nCourt) assesses a surcharge.

For more information about Operation Greenlight Spring Savings, visit [www.citrusclerk.org](http://www.citrusclerk.org).

### Why rent? Check out Habitat

Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County seeks new homeowners.

Why rent when you can own? Citrus County individuals and families could realize the dream of homeownership. Visit [www.habitatcc.org](http://www.habitatcc.org) and take the online orientation to see if you qualify for the program or call 352-563-2744 for more information.

— From staff reports

## Local students excel with special projects

### Citrus County School District announces winners of science, engineering fair

**BUSTER THOMPSON**  
Staff writer

After students presented their experiments at a virtual venue of the 2021 Citrus Regional Science and Engineering Fair, the Citrus County School District announced its winners.

Pupils in grades six through 12 completed their projects earlier this school year for fairs held at each of the county's middle and high schools — private and public. Traditionally, the fair is held in person at the Citrus County Auditorium in Inverness.

“I am so proud of these students for participating in the science fair, going above and beyond their normal academic curriculum,” said Dr. Mary “Beth” Branch, teacher on special assignment for science.

“Both teachers and students worked very hard to navigate the challenges of a virtual platform.” According to the district, Lecanto High and Crystal River Middle were the county's overall school winners.

Lorelei Mohammadbhoy, of Lecanto High School, won the Ronald J. Worthington Award and \$500 for Scientific Excellence for her project, “Microplastics Still Do Not Promote Gender Equality,” recognizing her project as an excellent representation of scientific research.

Lecanto High School student Nicole Moran won the Tim Herndon Plumbing, Innovating the Future Award for her project, “Prosthetics for Poverty Affected, 2.0 Model,” a \$1,000 prize given to a project demonstrating excellence in engineering and hard work.

Visit [tinyurl.com/4bpqoz87](http://tinyurl.com/4bpqoz87) to see a complete list of category winners.

For more than four years, the Science and Engineering Fair has been sponsored by Dr. Robert Brockett and Dr. Rushi Patel, of Citrus Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Center, along with the Citrus County Education Foundation, Duke Energy and the Rotary Clubs of Citrus County.

According to the school district, 20 local students will participate at the end of March in the Virtual State Science and Engineering Fair.

## Armed ‘guardians’ can remain

### Appeals court rejects challenge to assistants carrying guns for safety at schools

**JIM TURNER**  
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Three years after a mass shooting at Parkland's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School led lawmakers to pass a major school-safety bill, an appeals court Thursday rejected a challenge to allowing armed “guardians” on campuses.

A three-judge panel of the 1st District Court of Appeal upheld a Duval County circuit judge's ruling that lawmakers had authorized guardians — who are not law-enforcement officers — to carry guns to bolster school safety.

Attorneys for three Duval County students and the League of Women Voters of Florida argued that allowing guardians to be armed violates a state law that has long prohibited people, except law-enforcement officers, from carrying guns on campuses.

The appeals court, however, detailed changes the Legislature made in the school-safety law that pointed to an intent to create an exception for school guardians from the prohibition on being armed.

For example, Judge M. Kemmerly Thomas wrote in an 11-page main opinion that the “Legislature specifically declared school guardians to be acting in a law enforcement capacity when responding to an active assailant emergency.”

Also, she cited requirements that the Legislature put into law for guardians, including “many hours of firearms training and possessing a permit to carry a concealed firearm. Perhaps the most persuasive of the requirements is that a school guardian must have ongoing weapons inspections by the sheriff.”

Judge Scott Makar joined Thomas and Judge Timothy Osterhaus in the main opinion and wrote a concurring opinion that described a “statutory interpretation conundrum.” But said “a ‘fair reading’ of all the relevant statutes in tandem evinces a legislative purpose in favor of allowing school guardians to have firearms on campus.”

“It would be anomalous and thwart the legislative purpose for



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

**A Citrus County School District Guardian finishes a drill in July 2019 after taking down a suspect in an active-shooter drill at Lecanto High School. A three-judge panel of the 1st District Court of Appeal upheld a Duval County circuit judge's ruling that lawmakers had authorized guardians — who are not law-enforcement officers — to carry guns to bolster school safety.**

their existence, if certified school guardians with concealed weapons permits and such extensive firearms and related training and certifications, were prohibited from possessing a firearm while on campus attempting to maintain order,” Makar wrote. “It would be akin to prohibiting tradespersons, technicians and other skilled members in the workforce from possessing the tools necessary to do their jobs, a result the Legislature could not have intended. The statutory pieces of the puzzle, when patched together, sharpen the focus of legislative intent and

paint a clearer picture: a legislative judgment that school guardians be trained in the use and possession of firearms while performing their duties as first-line protectors of students, teachers and others on school campuses from violent acts.”

Allowing armed school guardians, who can be school employees or security guards, was a highly controversial part of the school-safety law passed after the Marjory Stoneman Douglas shooting that killed 17 students and faculty members.

Opponents argued that only

trained law-enforcement officers should be allowed to carry guns at schools and that allowing armed guardians would not make students safer and could lead to scenarios where gun-related accidents could happen.

Supporters said, however, that the guardian program was needed to ensure that schools would have armed people immediately available to thwart threats in active-shooter cases.

The lawsuit was filed in 2018 after Duval County began using “school safety assistants” under the guardian laws.

## Easter Services

On Sunday, March 21 and 28, the Chronicle will publish the annual Easter Worship Pages! This is a great place to advertise Community Outreach, Church Picnics and Special Easter Worship!

Deadline: Tuesday, March 16, 2021

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Today's  
HOROSCOPES

**Birthday** — Keep your feelings to yourself. Be a good listener, and you will accumulate information that will give you an edge. Knowledge is power that, if used properly, can benefit you.

**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20)** — Personal improvements will put a smile on your face. Give yourself a makeover or upgrade your surroundings.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Research will reveal information that will help initiate a positive lifestyle change. Once you head down a path that feels comfortable, you will excel quickly.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Pay attention to what you do, not to what others are doing. Take a moment to relax and calm down.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** — Look at the cost involved and the logistics of what you want to pursue before you take action.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** — Test your beliefs and question what you are doing with your life. Take a walk down memory lane.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Call in favors. You'll discover who you can count on and who you are better off leaving behind.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Study your plan, make adjustments and take action. The changes you make based on the information you discover will help you keep up with trends.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Your thirst for knowledge will grow. What you discover will spark your imagination, giving rise to a new plan.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Consider the possibilities. Refuse to let someone stifle your plans. Make your intentions clear, and follow the path that offers peace of mind.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — Don't give someone the wrong impression. Be honest about your feelings and plans to avoid future embarrassment. Protect your reputation.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Don't expect to get the help you desire. Getting upset with someone who doesn't pitch in will not help you reach your goals.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — Explore new possibilities, make friends with someone who shares your interests and concerns, and refuse to let anyone stand between you and your happiness. Romance is in the stars.

ENTERTAINMENT

With no crowds,  
Louvre gets rare  
chance to refurbish

PARIS — The 518-year-old Mona Lisa has seen many things in her life on a wall, but rarely this: Almost four months with no Louvre visitors.

As she stares out through bulletproof glass into the silent Salle des Etats, in what was once the world's most-visited museum, her celebrated smile could almost denote relief. A bit further on, the white marble Venus de Milo is for once free of her girdle of picture-snapping visitors.

It's uncertain when the Paris museum will reopen, after being closed on Oct. 30 in line with the French government's virus containment measures. But those lucky enough to get in benefit from a rare private look at collections covering 9,000 years of human history — with plenty of space to breathe.

That's normally sorely lacking in a museum that's blighted by its own success: Before the pandemic, staff walked out complaining they couldn't handle the overcrowding, with up to 30,000-40,000 visitors a day.

The forced closure has also granted museum officials a golden opportunity to carry out long-overdue refurbishments that were simply not possible with nearly 10 million visitors a year.

Unlike the first lockdown, which brought all Louvre activities to a halt, the second has seen some 250 of the museum employees remain fully operational.

An army of curators, restorers and workers are cleaning sculptures, reordering artifacts, checking inventories, reorganizing entrances and conducting



Associated Press

**Workers handle a painting called 'Christ on the Cross Adored by Two Donors' by Spanish painter El Greco, as it returns from an exhibition at the Chicago Institute, in the Louvre museum, in Paris, Tuesday, Feb. 9. The forced closure has also granted museum officials a golden opportunity to carry out long-overdue refurbishments that were simply not possible with nearly 10 million visitors a year.**

restorations, including in the Egyptian Wing and the Grande Galerie, the museum's largest hall that is being fully renovated.

"We're taking advantage of the museum's closure to carry out a number of major works, speed up maintenance operations and start repair works that are difficult to schedule when the museum is operating normally," **Laurent le Guedart**, the Louvre's Architectural Heritage and Gardens Director told AP from inside the Grand Galerie.

As le Guedart spoke, restorers were standing atop scaffolds taking scientific probes of the walls in preparation for a planned restoration, travelling back to the 18th century through layer after layer of paint.

Around the corner the sound of carpenters taking up floorboards was faintly audible. They were putting in the cables for a new security system.

Previously, these jobs could only be done on a Tuesday, the Louvre's only closed day in the week. Now hammers are tapping, machines drilling and brushes scrubbing to a full week schedule, slowed down only slightly by social distancing measures.

In total, ten large-scale projects that were on hold since last March are under way — and progressing fast.

This includes works in the Etruscan and Italian Halls, and the gilded Salon Carre. A major restoration of the ancient Egyptian tomb chapel of Akhetotep from 2400BC is also underway.

"When the museum reopens, everything will be perfect for its visitors — this Sleeping Beauty will have had the time to powder her nose," said **Elisabeth Antoine-Konig**, Artifacts Department Curator.

— From wire reports

Today in  
HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Feb. 21, the 52nd day of 2021. There are 313 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight:**

On Feb. 21, 1965, minister and civil rights activist Malcolm X, 39, was shot to death inside Harlem's Audubon Ballroom in New York by assassins identified as members of the Nation of Islam. (Three men were convicted of murder and imprisoned; all were eventually paroled.)

**On this date:**

In 1862, Nathaniel Gordon became the first and only American slave-trader to be executed under the U.S. Piracy Law of 1820 as he was hanged in New York.

In 1945, during the World War II Battle of Iwo Jima, the escort carrier USS Bismarck Sea was sunk by kamikazes with the loss of 318 men.

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon began his historic visit to China as he and his wife, Pat, arrived in Beijing.

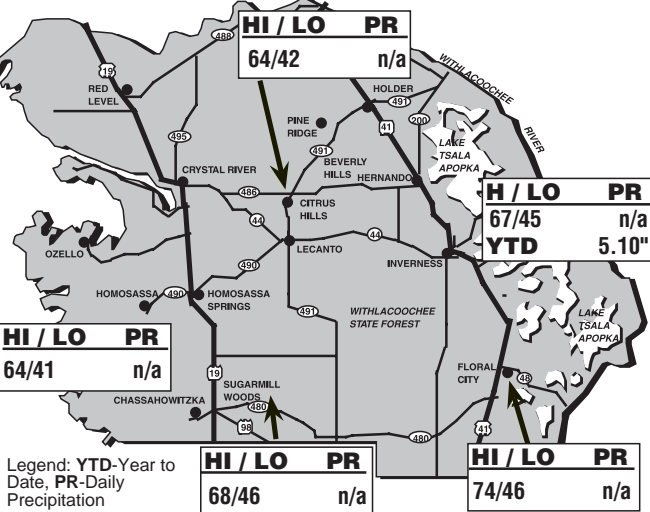
In 2010, a mistaken U.S. missile attack killed 23 civilians in Afghanistan. (Four American officers were later reprimanded.)

In 2018, the Rev. Billy Graham, a confidant of presidents and the most widely heard Christian evangelist in history, died at his North Carolina home; he was 99.

**One year ago:** Health officials said at least 18 Americans who'd returned home from a quarantined cruise ship in Japan were infected with the new coronavirus, bringing the total number of cases in the U.S. to at least 35.

**Today's Birthdays:** Movie director Bob Rafelson is 88. Actor Gary Lockwood is 84. Film/music company executive David Geffen is 78. Actor Tyne Daly is 75. Actor Anthony Daniels is 75. Tricia Nixon Cox is 75. Actor Kelsey Grammer is 66. Actor William Baldwin is 58. Rock musician Tad Kinchla (Blues Traveler) is 48. Actor Jennifer Love Hewitt is 42. Comedian-actor Jordan Peele is 42.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



**THREE DAY OUTLOOK**

**TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING**  
High: 71° Low: 52°  
Mostly sunny and breezy

**MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING**  
High: 76° Low: 50°  
Increasing clouds, breezy, scattered showers move in during the afternoon

**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING**  
High: 68° Low: 41°  
Mostly sunny, less humid

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TEMPERATURE		DEW POINT			
Yesterday	64/41	Yesterday at 3 p.m.	39°		
Record*	88/22	HUMIDITY			
Normal	74/46	Yesterday at 3 p.m.	41%		
PRECIPITATION		POLLEN COUNT**			
Yesterday	0.00"	Today's active pollen:			
Total for the month	3.66"	juniper, oak, grasses			
Total for the year	4.34"	Today's count: 10.2/12			
Normal for the year	5.08"	Monday's count: 9.2			
UV INDEX:		Tuesday's count: 10			
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high		AIR QUALITY			
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE		Yesterday observed	Good		
		Pollutant	Ozone		

SOLUNAR TABLES					Provided by ezfishn.com	
DATE	DAY	MINOR	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)	
02/21	SUNDAY	7:02	7:49	6:23	8:14	
02/22	MONDAY	7:01	8:40	6:24	9:07	

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK				
Feb 27	Mar 5	Mar 13	Mar 21	
				SUNSET TONIGHT ..... 6:23 pm
				SUNRISE TOMORROW ..... 7:01 am
				MOONRISE TODAY ..... 1:03 pm
				MOONSET TODAY ..... 2:32 am

BURN CONDITIONS				
Today's Fire Danger Index is: <b>LOW</b> . 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: <a href="http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Wildland-Fire">www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Wildland-Fire</a>				

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](https://www.citrusbocc.com/departments/water_resources/watering_restrictions.php)

TIDES				
*From mouths of rivers    **At King's Bay    ***At Mason's Creek				
SUNDAY				
City	High	Low	City	High
Chassahowitzka**	12:33 a.m.	0.5 ft	1:11 p.m.	0.2 ft
Crystal River**	11:36 a.m.	1.3 ft	11:17 p.m.	2.0 ft
Withlacoochee**	10:23 a.m.	1.8 ft	8:30 p.m.	2.7 ft
Homosassa***	2:05 p.m.	0.5 ft	11:51 p.m.	1.3 ft

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	68	59	mc	Miami	74	70	pc
Fort Lauderdale	74	68	pc	Ocala	69	54	pc
Fort Myers	77	62	s	Orlando	70	56	pc
Gainesville	68	52	pc	Pensacola	62	54	s
Homestead	75	68	pc	Sarasota	75	60	s
Jacksonville	62	53	pc	Tallahassee	66	54	s
Key West	78	71	pc	Tampa	73	60	s
Lakeland	71	57	s	Vero Beach	71	62	mc
Melbourne	70	63	mc	W. Palm Bch.	72	68	pc

MARINE OUTLOOK

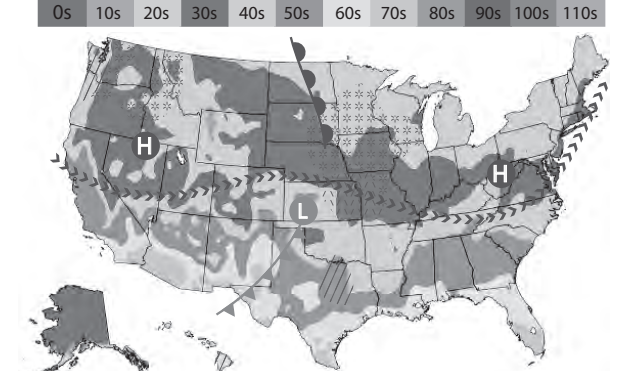
Today: East winds around 20 knots diminishing to 10 to 15 knots late in the afternoon. Seas 2 to 4 feet. Bay and inland waters choppy.

**Gulf water temperature**  
**66°**  
Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS			
Location	SAT	FRI	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	28.78	28.82	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.58	37.59	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	38.66	38.68	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	39.92	39.93	41.37

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

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Sunday

City	SAT			SUN			City	SAT			SUN		
	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fest		H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fest
Albany	28	13	Trace	30	19	s	New Orleans	56	35	0.00	66	54	pc
Albuquerque	65	27	0.00	47	24	s	New York City	35	26	0.00	35	28	s
Asheville	43	21	0.00	46	33	s	Norfolk	41	30	0.00	39	30	s
Atlanta	54	27	0.00	56	44	s	Oklahoma City	43	12	0.00	44	25	mc
Atlantic City	35	28	Trace	36	29	s	Omaha	34	12	0.00	32	23	sn
Austin	62	26	0.00	64	36	mc	Palm Springs	81	45	0.00	74	51	s
Baltimore	34	26	Trace	39	28	s	Philadelphia	34	26	0.00	34	24	s
Billings	36	21	Trace	42	29	pc	Phoenix	79	46	0.00	71	44	s
Birmingham	55	23	0.00	60	45	s	Pittsburgh	23	14	0.02	34	31	pc
Boise	41	30	0.09	40	33	mc	Portland, ME	31	23	0.02	32	20	s
Boston	31	25	0.09	33	20	s	Portland, OR	52	39	0.02	48	44	ra
Buffalo	27	21	0.02	31	26	ss	Providence, RI	35	28	0.00	33	18	s
Burlington, VT	27	15	0.03	28	17	s	Raleigh	45	28	0.00	47	31	s
Charleston, SC	57	33	0.00	54	44	s	Rapid City	37	10	0.00	39	26	s
Charleston, WV	29	13	0.04	46	34	mc	Reno	45	30	0.01	50	28	s
Charlotte	52	26	0.00	49	34	s	Rochester, NY	29	19	0.14	32	25	ss
Chicago	29	4	Trace	33	27	sn	Sacramento	58	39	0.05	65	41	s
Cincinnati	34	4	0.00	41	35	mc	Salt Lake City	45	35	0.03	39	30	mc
Cleveland	25	16	Trace	35	32	pc	San Antonio	61	24	0.00	66	41	mc
Columbia, SC	55	30	0.00	54	39	s	San Diego	66	48	0.00	72	49	s
Columbus, OH	26	16	Trace	37	34	mc	San Francisco	60	50	0.06	63	48	s
Concord, NH	29	23	0.01	31	12	s	Savannah	61	37	0.00	58	48	s
Dallas	56	21	0.00	60	32	mc	Seattle	50	38	0.00	52	48	ra
Denver	55	28	0.00	39	22	s	Spokane	32	30	0.00	41	38	rs
Des Moines	34	12	0.00	32	22	sn	St. Louis	37	9	0.00	42	30	ra
Detroit	32	17	Trace	34	30	mc	St. Ste Marie	30	9	0.02	31	24	mc
El Paso	73	33	0.00	59	34	s	Syracuse	29	20	0.12	30	21	pc
Evansville, IN	36	3	0.00	44	33	mc	Topeka	45	15	0.00	38	27	cl
Harrisburg	32	24	0.00	35	23	s	Washington	34	27	0.00	40	29	s

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

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# Water district board to meet in Brooksville

*Special to the Chronicle*

The Southwest Florida Water Management District's Governing Board will hold its monthly meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at District Headquarters, 2379 Broad St. in Brooksville. The meeting is open to the public; however, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines will be followed to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and facemasks are required in-

side district buildings. To view the Governing Board meeting online, go to [swfwmd.state.fl.us/about/newsroom/videos/live-video](http://swfwmd.state.fl.us/about/newsroom/videos/live-video). The video stream becomes active and the live video feed begins approximately 15 minutes before the scheduled meeting time. If you would like to provide input and watch the meeting remotely, use the Zoom option rather than the traditional livestream. You will need to register

in Zoom and receive information to connect as an attendee by clicking here to register. You will be taken to a page to complete information to help the district ensure you have an opportunity to speak on the correct agenda item. Each registration is unique for each connection. The district recommends using the Chrome browser and downloading the Zoom application for optimal performance. A backup telephone-only

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name and the topic you wish to speak about through the chat option on Zoom or the backup telephone option above. The staff member will create a blue card to be used by the Chair to call on you at the appropriate time during the meeting. The meeting agenda and materials are posted one week before the meeting and can be found online at [WaterMatters.org](http://WaterMatters.org) by clicking on the "Go to District Calendar."



Motorists travel on the morning of Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020, along U.S. 19 through the ongoing construction to widen the busy highway that carries traffic north and southbound through Citrus.

## CONGESTION

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Meanwhile to the north, the widening of U.S. 19 from Jump Court to Fort Island Trail

in Crystal River has accelerated. There are lane closures and periodic traffic backups. Carson said the contractor has shifted traffic to the new northbound roadway in the southern portion of the project, which allows them to work on the next construction phase earlier.

The work includes the reconstruction and widening of northbound and southbound U.S. 19 in the median area from north of Jump Court to Dixieland Street. The project is currently on schedule, she said, and is still estimated to hit the completion date of fall 2022.

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Obituaries

Eugene Kunit

GENE KUNIT

With great dignity, I announce the passing of Eugene Robert Kunit. His spirit will live on in his sons Greg and Michael with whom he shared his vast knowledge and wisdom.

Visionary, artist, poet, warrior, architect, athlete, intellect, teacher, lover of nature and the divine creator's gifts to us all, he leaves behind a life well spent, with no regrets. He spent his entire career as a landscape architect making the world a more



Eugene Kunit

Garden Magazines worldwide such as Better Homes and Gardens, Sunset, Home and Garden and many more.

Gene's beloved mother, Ethel, also a brilliant artist, gave birth to him on March 26, 1943, while his father John, an historian and H.S. principal, was, as the custom of the day, waiting in the expectant fathers room. He was a middle child, between his sister Elene, and brother John.

His family relocated from Queens to Glen Cove Long Island shortly before his High School years. John wanted his sons to play football and have an active athletic program at the High School. The Glen Cove High school won all honors in all athletic abilities once the brothers took to the field and gym. He captained its championship football team, a member of the league championship basketball and baseball teams. He now has a plaque on the Glen Cove Hall of Fame.

Gene gained New York street smarts early on while working in the garment district of New York City. Defeat was not in his vocabulary. He was High School Senior President, and received many academics accolades throughout his high school years. He received a perfect score on the SAT's and was accepted to Cornell University, graduating in the class of 1964 with a degree in Floriculture.

During that time he was "All Ivy" Football, gracing the University with winning season after season in Football. He also won the HeavyWeight Boxing, and wrestling Championship, for Cornell. He belonged to the Sigma Nu fraternity, where his college antics have become lore.

He was approached by The Los Angeles Rams, The San Diego Chargers, St. Louis Cardinals, and many others, but chose the Pittsburgh Steelers. Not a man who liked to be told what to do, his decision was partly based on his respect for The Head Coach of the Steelers at the time, R.K. Buddy Parker, who personally approached Gene. The rapport was immediate. When the coaching staff changed, Gene decided to further his academic education and was immediately accepted to the prestigious Landscape Architectural Program at the University of Michigan.

With a Masters Degree in hand, he headed west to fulfill a dream by landing a position with the top San Francisco Landscape Architectural firm of its time. This choice enabled him to work and thrive in such projects as The Santa Barbara Coastal Planning, project.

He especially enjoyed working in unison with the Chumash, Native Americans. His goal was always to preserve the natural beauty, never disrupting, but skillfully enhancing Mother Nature's Creations.

Gene eventually formed his own Design and Build Company, Gene Kunit & Assoc.

In his mid years he walked through life with

his beloved Life Partner of 29 years, Linda S. DeGuere, and her loving daughter Shayna. He loved and worked from his estate in Sebastopol, California before moving to Citrus County in 2010. Each weekend he would go to the California Coastline and do plein aire paintings, capturing the raw natural coast at its best. Upon retirement, He was able to devote his time to his art in oil, acrylic, and watercolor ... his true passion.

He became an avid golfer, having only begun to play in his retirement years. Being a natural athlete he learned the ever challenging game at a fast pace. He could not wait for his days to play with his best friends of 4.

His legacy will live on in the over 550 Gardens, Estate, Vineyards throughout California. He so graciously provided plans whenever a person requested his designs after seeing his work. He took great pride knowing that his designs and plantings were used all over the world. His designs, and structures were far ahead of his time. He got great joy in traveling throughout the country and spotting one of his gates here, or Gazebos there.

He fought right up to the end. Never complaining, always with the determined goal of overcoming the numerous health challenges he faced throughout the last two years. Gene began his right of passage on Jan 23, 2021. with Linda by his side.

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

Patricia Clark

HERNANDO

Patricia J. Clark of Citrus County, Hernando, FL, passed away in her home on February 11, 2021 and is now living in her new heavenly home.

She was born in Athens,



Patricia Clark

Ohio on November 19, 1934. The daughter of Howard and Rosalie (Coffey) Lawson. She graduated from Scott High School in Coatesville, PA in 1952. Pat was an honorary student, loved music and was a soloist many times during her high school years and sang for different events after.

She is survived by her husband, Dick Clark, and they would have celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary this fall. She is also survived by their five children and spouses, 14 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, two sisters, and many nieces and nephews.

Pat and Dick moved to Florida in 1988. Pat worked as a caregiver for many years and Pat and Dick drove cars for various dealerships in the Inverness area.

At Patricia's request, there will be no public services. Private cremation arrangements are under the direction of Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes and Crematory.

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



Ralph Stolz, 73

HOMOSASSA

STOLZ, Ralph, 73, of Homosassa, FL lost a heroic battle with Alzheimer's on February 13, 2021.

He leaves his wife Betty, sons Kyle and Chad, brother Richard and wife Pam, Granddaughters, Kasandra and Tori. He was predeceased by parents Ralph and Mary Stolz and sisters Helen Cox and Patricia Defreese.

Ralph Served proudly in the Air Force, graduated from Omaha University and extended his career in corporate system sales. A great honor for

him was to join a small team that installed the revolutionary fiberoptic frame relay technology across the country.

A celebration of life is planned at a later date at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. To honor him, the family suggests donating to the Alzheimer's Association or Hospice.

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

Casey Hibbard, 29

Casey Richard Hibbard, 29 passed away on February 12, 2021. He attended and graduated from Citrus County Schools. He worked for APS Paving. His beautiful daughters Jayden Lea and Hadley Mae were the light of his life!

"It's true what they say, when a child is born, a mother's heart is no longer her own.

It runs and skips and giggles and grins, And crawls in her lap, for a kiss on the chin.

But where goes her heart, when that child is gone, it is true what they say, that life goes on. I still breathe in & out and arise every day, and work, and struggle, and yes, even play. Things will get better, I've been told many times, but "different" is the status for those left behind. Time can't heal all wounds nor break all bonds, Can it be true what they say, that life goes on? In the air & wind, I feel your strong embrace, and your kisses from butterflies that land on my face. I see your smile in the beams of the sun. The twinkle of your eyes now shine in Heaven, and I hear your laugh in the lyrics of song. Is it possibly true, that life goes on?"

Casey is survived by his daughters Jayden Lea and Hadley Mae; Mother Christine Hebble; Father & Step-Mother Craig & Karen Hibbard; Sister Victoria Hibbard; Brother Cody Hibbard; Grandparents Richard (Vicky) Hebble; Aunts Michelle (Mark) Rubitski and Danielle (Ramey) Honeycutt; the Mother of his daughters Kathy Erickson and special friend Kelsey Krimmer.

Viewing for the family will be held at Brown Funeral Home on 2-26-21 at 4pm; Visitation at 3pm. The service will be live streamed.

Casey's "brother's from another Mother" Timmy Yearwood & Kyler Dominy would like you to join in a Celebration of Life "Casey style" on Saturday 2-27-21 at Noon — 6199 W. Heritage Dr., Homosassa, FL.

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

Toni Demonbreun, 57

FLORAL CITY

Toni Jayne Demonbreun, 57, of Floral City, passed away February 4, 2021 at Citrus Memorial Hospital in Inverness. Toni was born in Hollywood, FL on February 27, 1963.



Toni Demonbreun

Toni was a Florida girl born & raised! She came to Citrus County in 1972 from Ft. Lauderdale, FL. In 1981 she graduated from Citrus High School in Inverness and was

baptized at the Floral City Baptist Church.

Her personality was brutally honest and she could give people a hard time. Toni ran her family business, Mancini Tile, after her parents passed.

She loved animals and her cats and dogs were her babies. She had her Pitbull, Max, who is 14 years old and her 3 legged cat, who is 9 years old.

She loved to work, and even built a house. She also enjoyed knitting and would knit in her spare time.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 17 years, Darrell Demonbreun; her daughter Kathryn Tobianski; step-daughters: Kimberly Kirkland, Megan Demonbreun; step-sons, Kristopher Kirkland and Tim Demonbreun; two brothers: Howard and Tommy; five: Polly, Tracy, Donna, Shelvie, and Karen; her grandchildren: Kenneth, Sean and Kayla Hoon, Eli Demonbreun, and Faith and Grace Miller. She was loved by many and will be deeply missed.

Arrangements for Toni are private and Cremation with Care is under the direction of the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

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



Gerald Little, 81

INVERNESS

Gerald Wayne Little, 81 of Inverness, FL passed away February 15, 2021 at Crystal Always There ALF in Lecanto, FL.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Viet Nam war.

Private cremation arrangements by Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

Ann Soletto, 85

FLORAL CITY

Ann Delia Soletto, 85, of Floral City, FL passed away on February 15, 2021 at her home surrounded by her loving family and under the care of VITAS healthcare. Calling hours will be held on Sunday, February 21, 2021 from 2-4 PM at the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home of Inverness, FL. A Mass of Christian Burial is scheduled for 9:30 AM on Monday, February 22, 2021 at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, with Father Claudius Mganga officiating.

Following the services, a procession to Florida National Cemetery of Bushnell, FL will take place, where she will be laid to rest alongside her husband. Arrangements are under the direction of the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, FL.

Patricia 'Pat' McKillop, 83

CRYSTAL RIVER

Patricia (Pat) Louise (Hohler) McKillop, 83, of Crystal River, Florida passed away peacefully in her sleep at home on Monday, February 15, 2021.

She was born February 13, 1938 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to the late William and Dorothy (Schuler) Hohler. The family moved to central Florida in the late 1940's.

At the age of 14, she met and began dating Jerry Joseph McKillop. They



Patricia 'Pat' McKillop

married at 17 and shared 66 years together until his death in April of 2018. They are now reunited in Heaven just in time for what would have been their anniversary February 25.

They lived in Cocoa, Ocklawaha, Ocala, St. Petersburg, and finally moved to Crystal River in April 1998.

She meant so much to so many. This poem summarizes her positive impact on everyone who encountered her:

A Life Well Lived —

A Poem for My Mother  
Wife, Mother, Grandma  
Sister, Aunt, Cousin  
Friend  
We are blessed to have had you  
In our lives for so long,  
But not long enough.

Your smile, your laugh  
Could light up the room,  
Warm our heart,  
Fill our soul.

Memories will help  
Fill the void  
Left by your absence.  
Help, but not remedy,  
Because the difference  
YOU made in the  
lives of so many  
Can never be measured.

Your loss has left a hole.  
Without you,  
Can we ever be whole?

Until we meet again,  
In Heaven you dance,  
And see, and feel  
No pain.  
Thank you for all  
the LOVE you gave.  
Our world will never  
be the same.

In addition to her parents and husband Jerry, she was preceded in death by her son John Michael McKillop.

She is survived by son Gary Joseph and wife Susan (Fowler) McKillop in Ocklawaha, and 3 daughters Wendy Lee McKillop of Ponce, Puerto Rico, Deborah Lynn (McKillop) Miller of Crystal River, and Christina Louise (McKillop) Hackey and husband Johnny Ray of Daytona Beach, Florida, brothers Edward Hohler and wife Mary Ann of Apollo Beach, Florida and Robert Hohler and wife Bettie of Apopka, Florida, granddaughters Tanya Vega of Texas, Cassie Blanton of South Carolina, Allison McKillop of Colorado, Tracy Scaraggi of Orlando, Meghan Hackey of Inverness, Kristen (Krissey) Hackey of Daytona, and Katelyn (Katie Bug) Hackey of Portsmouth, Virginia and grandsons Christopher Sipe of Tennessee, Anthony (Tony) Sipe of South Carolina, Nathaniel (Nate) Hackey of Crystal River, and Joshua (Josh) Hackey of Jacksonville, and 17 great-grandchildren.

Patty will be cremated. No formal service arrangements will be made. A celebration of life will occur as soon as it is possible to honor her while remaining safe.

For now, feel free to view her memorial video here <https://video214.com/play/1Wrt71g0Rd5gRKrEblRZ4Wg/s/dark>.

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Bobbie Dean Chenowith, 77

BUSHNELL

Bobbie Dean Chenowith, also known as Robert, 77, of Bushnell, FL passed away on February 18, 2021 at Citrus Memorial Hospital of Inverness.

He was born to the late Martha Gall on March 16, 1943 in Elkhart, Indiana and 56 years ago, married his beloved wife, Judy. Together, they made Sumter County their home 15 years ago when they moved from Indiana.

Bobbie was an Engineer and worked for Miles Lab for over 40 years and bravely served our country as a member of the United States Navy, where he was a Submariner. He was a district and region quarter master of the Bushnell VFW, enjoyed golfing, and fishing.

Those left to cherish Bob's memory are his wife, Judy; his son, Chad; his three adored grandchildren, Cotie, Michaela, and Breanna; and his five cherished great-grandchildren, Tifa, Moxxie, Bryleigh, David "Bucky", and Kendallyn. He was loved dearly and will be deeply missed.

A Celebration of Life will take place on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Florida National Cemetery, where the Marion County Honor Guard will render full military honors in honor of Bob's dedication to his country.

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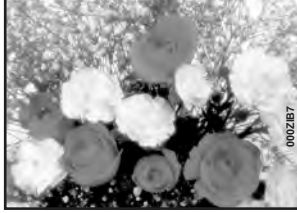
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Around the STATE

**Former mayor arrested on child porn charges**

TAMPA — A former mayor of Brooksville has been arrested on child pornography possession and distribution charges.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida said Kevin Hohn, 65, is a former mayor of Brooksville.

Federal agents discovered more than 100 images of child

pornography on his computer, including some that appeared to have been secretly taken in his home. The criminal complaint says that investigators identified his address as one that distributed child pornography images and a video.

On Friday, investigators conducted a search warrant in Hohn's home and found more than 100 images depicting naked prepubescent and teenage girls. Some of these images appeared to have been se-

cretly shot inside his home.

Before he was a city council member and mayor in 2014, Hohn was an Internal Revenue Service agent who investigated money laundering, public corruption and organized crime cases. A recent biography in a local newspaper says he later was a coach for an after-school golf program.

Hohn faces a minimum of five years and a maximum of 20 years in federal prison if convicted.

**Gov.: Flags to fly at half-staff for Limbaugh**

TALLAHASSEE — In honor of conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh, Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis on Friday announced he would order flags in Florida to be flown at half-staff when Limbaugh's body is laid to rest.

Limbaugh, a Florida resident, died Wednesday after battling lung cancer. DeSantis called him a friend. It's

not clear when the flags will be lowered, since the funeral plans for Limbaugh have not been announced yet.

The governor has previously ordered flags to be at half-staff to honor the deaths of law enforcement officers killed on duty, members of the Navy killed in a mass shooting in Pensacola and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, among others.

— From wire reports

PAVING

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Howard had one problem: where to begin? After all, how do you take on the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)?

She'd never done anything like that before.

Flash forward to January 2021. Work crews have started clearing land on the west side of the road for a sidewalk to extend from U.S. 98 north to Green Acres Street.

Howard not only won her battle but, thanks to her perseverance and learning firsthand what it takes to see road and sidewalk project become reality, she is now actively involved in setting transportation policy as a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee, one of three committees of the Hernando-Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

She's also involved in the Community Transportation Safety Team.

Howard, who lives in Sugar-mill Woods and drives by the accident scene all the time, couldn't contain her emotions when she saw the sidewalk land-clearing begin.

"I'm so happy," said Howard. "It's what we worked for (to) keep people from dying."

That "we" is intentional. Howard said she may have launched the sidewalk project but got a lot of help from local and state transportation officials, county commissioners and community leaders who supported her efforts every step of the way and showed her how to go about making the project a reality.



**Traffic passes the marker with Clayton Storey's name on U.S. 19 south of Homosassa where the 15-year-old was struck and killed while riding his bicycle in December 2014. A multi-use pathway is being constructed to help pedestrians and bicyclists stay off the busy highway.**

She launched the Sidewalks for Safety initiative and a social media campaign that mushroomed with supporters. She started an online and written petition drive to have more ammunition to show the state she wasn't alone. Lecanto Middle School students helped collect signatures.

Howard attended almost every meeting of the MPO, including its

three subcommittees, to push her idea forward.

She also convinced FDOT to erect a sign at the scene of the fatal accident as a testament to Storey.

MPO Executive Director Steve Diez, recognizing Howard's dedication, awarded her last month the Vision Zero Hero award.

"What began as a tragedy ended up as a triumph and a

study in perseverance," Diez said.

"She knew she had to do something," Diez said. "At that time, she did not know exactly what she could do, but she was a quick study."

The FDOT is also building a multi-use trail — wider than a sidewalk — on the east side of U.S. 19, also from U.S. 98 to Green Acres Street, where it will

link up with an existing trail.

"Clayton was my student in the fourth grade," Howard said. "His untimely death is the only reason for the push to get a safe passage on U.S. 19 for those who must walk or ride a bike to get to work or to buy groceries."

"(His) death is important," she added. "It is something horrible that hopefully will result in the saving of my many lives."

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# Space launch honors female mathematician

**MARCIA DUNN**  
*AP Aerospace Writer*

CAPE CANAVERAL — A space station supply ship named after the Black NASA mathematician featured in the movie “Hidden Figures” blasted off Saturday, the 59th anniversary of John Glenn’s historic launch. Northrop Grumman launched the 4-ton shipment for NASA from Wallops Island on Virginia’s eastern shore. The Antares rocket was visible from the

Carolinas to Connecticut, where early afternoon skies were clear. The Cygnus capsule — dubbed the S.S. Katherine Johnson — should reach the space station Monday. Johnson died almost exactly a year ago at age 101. “Mrs. Johnson was selected for her hand-written calculations that helped launch the first Americans into space, as well as her accomplishments in breaking glass ceiling after glass ceiling as a Black woman,”

Frank DeMauro, a Northrop Grumman vice president, said on the eve of liftoff. “A homework assignment for all of you is to go watch that movie after the Cygnus launch.” Johnson’s numbers contributed to the Feb. 20, 1962, flight in which Glenn became the first American to orbit the world. Contributions to the success of Glenn’s flight by Johnson and other Black women were depicted in the 2017 film. This will be the space station’s

second delivery in less than a week. A Russian capsule pulled up Wednesday with apples and oranges, among other things. “Oh, we love fresh food!!!!” tweeted Japanese astronaut Soichi Noguchi. Noguchi and his six U.S. and Russian crewmates can expect more apples once the Cygnus arrives, along with tomatoes, nuts, smoked salmon, Parmesan and cheddar cheeses, caramels and coconut strips. The capsule also holds

120,000 tiny roundworms for a muscle experiment, as well as off-the-shelf computer equipment to increase data processing speed at the space station. Also flying: radiation detectors intended for NASA’s astronaut moon-landing program, and a new system to convert more of the astronauts’ urine into drinking water. It is Northrop Grumman’s 15th station supply run for NASA. SpaceX is NASA’s other shipper.

# What’s safe after vaccination? Don’t shed masks yet

**LAURAN NEERGAARD**  
*AP Medical Writer*

You’re fully vaccinated against the coronavirus — now what? Don’t expect to shed your mask and get back to normal activities right away. That’s going to be a disappointment, if not a shock, to many people. In Miami, 81-year-old Noemi Caraballo got her second dose on Tuesday and is looking forward to seeing friends, resuming fitness classes and running errands after nearly a year of being extremely cautious, even ordering groceries online. “Her line is, ‘I’m tired of talking to the cats and the parrots,’” said her daughter Susan Caraballo. “She wants to do things and talk to people.” But the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention hasn’t yet changed its guidelines: At least for now, people should follow the same rules as everybody else about wearing a mask, keeping a 6-foot distance and avoiding crowds — even after they’ve gotten their second vaccine dose. Vaccines in use so far require two doses, and experts say especially don’t let your guard down after



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**At least for now, U.S. health authorities say after being vaccinated, people should follow the same rules as everybody else about wearing a mask, keeping a 6-foot distance and avoiding crowds even after they’ve gotten their second vaccine dose.**

the first dose. “You’re asking a very logical question,” Dr. Anthony Fauci, the top U.S. infectious disease expert, responded when a 91-year-old California woman recently asked if she and her vaccinated friends could resume their mah-jongg games. In that webcast exchange, Fauci only could point to the CDC’s recommendations, which so far are mum about exceptions for vaccinated people getting together. “Hang on,” he told the woman, saying he expected updates to the guidelines as more people get the coveted shots. What experts also need to learn: The vaccines are highly effective at preventing symptomatic COVID-19, especially severe

illness and death — but no one yet knows how well they block spread of the coronavirus. It’s great if the vaccine means someone who otherwise would have been hospitalized instead just has the sniffles, or even no symptoms. But “the looming question,” Fauci said during a White House coronavirus response briefing last week, is whether a person infected despite vaccination can still, unwittingly, infect someone else. Studies are underway to find out, and hints are starting to emerge. Fauci pointed to recent research from Spain showing the more coronavirus an infected person harbors — what’s called the viral load — the more infectious they are. That’s not surprising, as it’s true with other illnesses. Some preliminary findings from Israel have suggested people infected after the first vaccine dose, when they’re only partially protected, had smaller viral loads than unvaccinated people who got infected. That’s encouraging if the findings hold up. Israel has vaccinated a large fraction of its population and scientists worldwide are watching how the

outbreak responds as those inoculations increase. Also critical is tracking whether the vaccines protect against new, mutated versions of the virus that are spreading rapidly in some countries, added Dr. Walter Orenstein, an infectious disease expert at Emory University. He’s been vaccinated and is scrupulously following the CDC guidelines. There are practical reasons. “It’s hard to tell who got vaccinated and who didn’t if you’re just walking around the grocery store,” noted University of Pennsylvania immunologist E. John Wherry. And experts like Wherry get asked, repeatedly: Yes, there are rules for being in public, but what’s safe for Grandma to do at home, with family or close friends, after she’s vaccinated? Not everyone’s immune system is boosted equally from vaccines — so someone with cancer or the frail elderly may not get as much protection as a robust 70-something. But most people should feel “more confident about going shopping, for example, or going to see your grandkids, or giving your daughter a hug,” Wherry

said. That’s because the chances of a fully vaccinated person getting seriously ill, while not zero, are low. “Friends coming over for dinner, we should still try to follow the guidelines,” Wherry added. “You never know who is compromised, where the vaccine may not work as well.” What if the fully vaccinated are exposed to someone who’s infected? The CDC did recently ease those rules: No quarantine as long as the vaccinated person shows no symptoms and it’s been at least two weeks but not longer than three months since their second dose. Getting on an airplane? Vaccinated or not, the CDC still urges essential travel only. International travel is an even tougher prospect. Expect countries that already have different quarantine and test requirements to come up with varying post-vaccination guidelines — especially since multiple types of vaccines, some better proven than others, are used around the world. There’s also the concern about carrying those worrisome mutations from one country to another.

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# SESSION

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of Emergency Management, the Florida Department of Health, and our own in-house epidemiologist,” Simpson wrote in the three-page memo, which also outlined a series of other preventive steps that will be taken during this year’s 60-day session.

As committees have met leading up to the session, the Senate has barred members of the public and lobbyists from attending meetings in person. People who want to speak on bills have been required to go to the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, a few blocks from the Capitol, and testify through video conferencing.

In the memo, Simpson said that procedure will continue throughout the session as the Senate will remain closed to visitors.

“Senators and professional staff are encouraged to meet with members of the public via phone, teleconferencing, or outdoor (social distance) meetings,” the memo said.

The pandemic also has led to a suspension this year of the Senate page program, which typically includes students running errands and taking part in the legislative process.

The Senate is scheduled to convene in its chamber at 9:30 a.m. March 2, while the House will convene in its chamber at 10 a.m.,

**In this Monday, Aug. 31, 2020, file photo, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis speaks during a news conference at the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine and Heart Institute in Tampa. On Friday, it was announced that members of the Florida Senate and House will not gather in one place to kick off the 2021 legislative session and hear Gov. DeSantis’ State of the State address.**

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according to information posted on legislative websites. DeSantis will speak during an 11 a.m. joint session, albeit with lawmakers watching from opposite ends of the Capitol’s fourth floor.

Simpson, who has had COVID-19, told reporters this week he hopes the restrictions will end before the 2022 legislative session, after the majority of Floridians are vaccinated against the virus.

“I’m hoping that starting in the next committee year, we will get back to a normal state in the Capitol,” he said. “We fully intend to bring the process back to normal as soon as we can, normal meaning where people can come in and visit their Capitol, come in committee rooms and visit with their senators. That’s a very important part of the process. And, unfortunately, this just has to be our turn where we have to do these protocols.”



The House has also put in place a series of preventive measures, though it has not gone quite as far as the Senate. As an example, it is not requiring people to testify remotely from the civic center.

House and Senate members, staff and reporters — who are allowed in committee meetings in both chambers — have been tested for COVID-19 before each committee

week and will continue to be tested during the session.

“COVID protocols, generally, I think have worked very well, largely because the members and the staff have been extremely cooperative of doing all the things that we’ve asked of them, getting the testing, wearing the masks,” House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, said Thursday.

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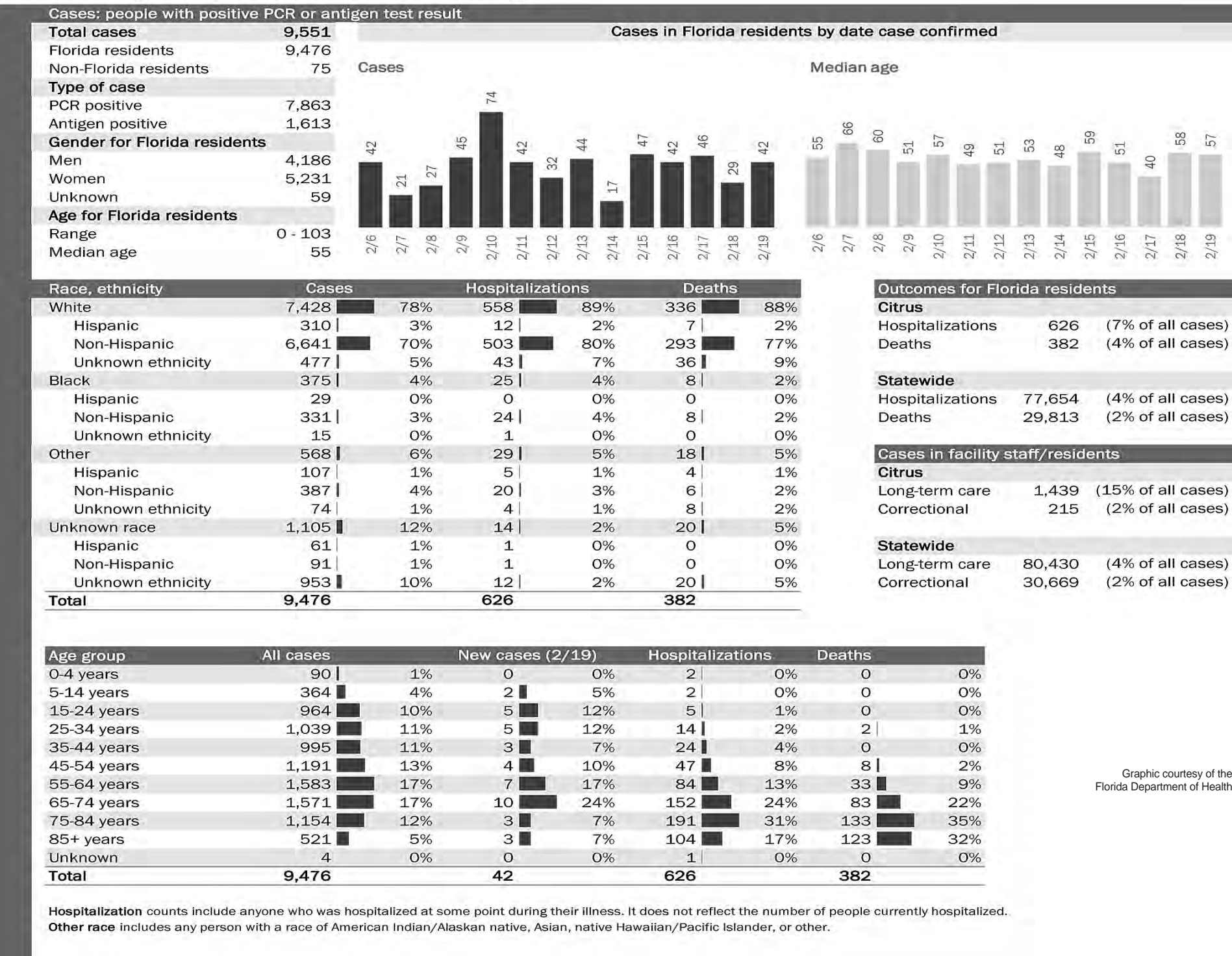
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World BRIEFS



Associated Press  
**A female protester flashes the three-fingered salute in front of police in Mandalay, Myanmar, Saturday, Feb. 20. Security forces in Myanmar ratcheted up their pressure against anti-coup protesters Saturday, using water cannons, tear gas, slingshots and rubber bullets against demonstrators and striking dock workers in Mandalay, the nation's second-largest city.**

**Reports say 2 Myanmar protesters killed by police fire, many others hurt**

MANDALAY, Myanmar — Two anti-coup protesters were shot dead by riot police who fired live rounds Saturday in Mandalay, Myanmar's second-largest city, local media reported.

One of the victims was shot in the head and died at the scene, according to Frontier Myanmar, a news and business magazine based in Yangon, the country's largest city. Another was shot in the chest and died en route to the hospital.

Several other serious injuries were also reported. The shootings occurred near Mandalay's Yadanabon dock, where tear gas and rubber bullets were used on protesters earlier in the day.

The Irrawaddy news website also confirmed the deaths on social media.

Security forces had been increasing their pressure against anti-coup protesters

earlier Saturday, using water cannons, tear gas, slingshots and rubber bullets against demonstrators and striking dock workers in Mandalay.

At least five people were injured by rubber bullets and had to be carried away in ambulances, according to an Associated Press journalist who witnessed the violence.

Some 500 police and soldiers descended on the area near Yadanabon dock after dock workers joined the national civil disobedience movement, refusing to work until the military junta that seized power in a Feb. 1 coup reinstates the democratically elected government.

Protesters and residents were forced to flee the neighborhood amid the violence, as security forces chased after them. There were reports of sounds that resembled gunfire.

**Court rejects Navalny's appeal**

MOSCOW — A Moscow court on Saturday rejected Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny's appeal against his prison sentence, even as the country faced a top European rights court's order to free the Kremlin's most prominent foe.

Speaking before the verdict, Navalny urged Russians to stand up to the Kremlin in a fiery speech mixing references to the Bible and "Harry Potter."

A lower court sentenced Navalny earlier this month to two years and eight months in prison for violating terms of his probation while recuperating in Germany from a nerve agent poisoning that he blames on the Kremlin. Russian authorities have rejected the accusation.

**Doctor: 5 killed in election violence**

MOGADISHU, Somalia — A health worker in Somalia's capital says at least five soldiers were killed and more than a dozen people, mostly civilians, were wounded in violence related to protests over the country's delayed election.

Abdi Bafo, a doctor at the Medina hospital, spoke on Saturday, the day after Somali security forces fired on hundreds of people peacefully demonstrating in Mogadishu over the delayed vote.

Opposition leaders on Saturday vowed to hold more protests. The capital was calm, and streets were open again after being blocked on Friday.

— From wire reports

**Spikes during storm**



Associated Press  
**People line up Feb. 16 to fill their empty propane tanks in Houston. A Democratic senator is calling for federal investigations into possible price gouging of natural gas in the Midwest and other regions following severe winter storms that plunged Texas and other states into a deep freeze that caused power outages in million of homes and businesses.**

*Senator seeks probe of natural gas price hikes*

**MATTHEW DALY**  
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — A Democratic senator is calling for federal investigations into possible price gouging of natural gas in the Midwest and other regions following severe winter storms that plunged Texas and other states into a deep freeze that caused power outages in millions of homes and businesses.

Minnesota Sen. Tina Smith says natural gas spot prices spiked as high as 100 times typical levels, forcing utilities and other natural gas users to incur exorbitant costs, many of which were passed on to customers.

In a letter sent Saturday to federal regulators, Smith said the price spikes will not just harm consumers, but could "threaten the financial stability of some utilities that do not have sufficient cash reserves to cover their short-term costs in this extraordinary event." The letter was sent to the Energy Department, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Commodities Futures Trading Commission. A copy of the letter was obtained by The Associated Press.

The extreme weather spurred residents from Mississippi to Minnesota to crank up electric heaters and pushed demand for electricity beyond the worst-case scenarios planned for by grid operators. At the same time, many gas-fired power plants in Texas and other states were knocked offline because of icy conditions, and some plants appeared to suffer fuel shortages as natural gas demand spiked nationwide.

In Winfield, Kansas, the city manager reported that a unit of natural gas that sold for about \$3 earlier this month sold for more than \$400 on Thursday. City Manager Taggart Wall told KWCH-TV in Wichita that Winfield, which budgets about \$1.5 million a year for natural gas, expects to pay about \$10 million for the past week alone. Residential customers could see bills as high as \$2,500 this month, he said.

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Associated Press

In this Feb. 9 photo provided by the Department of Defense, Hickam 15th Medical Group hosts the first COVID-19 mass vaccination on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

## Thousands of service members saying no to COVID-19 vaccine

**LOLITA C. BALDOR**  
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — By the thousands, U.S. service members are refusing or putting off the COVID-19 vaccine as frustrated commanders scramble to knock down internet rumors and find the right pitch that will persuade troops to get the shot.

Some Army units are seeing as few as one-third agree to the vaccine. Military leaders searching for answers believe they have identified one potential convincer: an imminent deployment. Navy sailors on ships heading out to sea last week, for example, were choosing to take the shot at rates exceeding 80% to 90%.

Air Force Maj. Gen. Jeff Taliaferro, vice director of operations for the Joint Staff, told Congress on Wednesday that “very early data” suggests that just up to two-thirds of the service members offered the vaccine have accepted.

That’s higher than the rate for the general population, which a recent survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation put at roughly 50%. But the significant number of forces declining the vaccine is especially worrisome because troops often live, work and fight closely together in environments where social distancing and wearing masks, at times, are difficult.

The military’s resistance also comes as troops are deploying to administer shots at vaccination centers around the country and as leaders look to American forces to set an example for the nation.

“We’re still struggling with what is the messaging and how do we influence people to opt in for the vaccine,” said Brig. Gen. Edward Bailey, the surgeon for Army Forces Command. He said that in some units just 30% have agreed to take the vaccine, while others are between 50% and 70%. Forces Command oversees major Army units, encompassing about 750,000 Army, Reserve and National Guard soldiers at 15 bases.

At Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where several thousand troops are preparing for future deployments, the vaccine acceptance rate is about 60%, Bailey said. That’s “not as high as we would hope for front-line personnel,” he said.

# Meeting again



Special to the Chronicle

Joanne Hirst, left, and Linda Weeks, right, take a selfie together at Red’s Restaurant in Hernando. The friends recently reunited at the unveiling of the Female Veterans Monument in Inverness, after not seeing each other since 2003.

## Women veteran friends reconnect after nearly 20 years apart

**MARGO WILSON**  
*For the Chronicle*

**T**heir paths, although different, were similar.

They both were from New York. One enlisted in the Army after finishing school, getting a job, surviving a doomed love affair, and then wondering if there wasn’t something more to life. The other joined the Army Reserve and was trained as a medic after a divorce and a child.

They met each other at the 364th General Hospital of the Army Reserve at Albany, New York, more than a decade after each had joined the Army. At the hospital, Linda Weeks, an operating room nurse, was

sponsored by Joanne Hirst, a nurse practitioner. They spent time together in the library, working on perfecting the language of Standard Operating Procedures, describing how nurses were to do each step of their jobs.

On Jan. 30, they met face-to-face for the first time since about 2003, when the Female Veterans Network of Citrus County unveiled its statue commemorating female veterans at the Old Courthouse in Inverness. Hirst is historian with the group. A couple weeks later, Hirst and Weeks reconnected at a local restaurant to reminisce with old photos, funny and sad stories, and an unabashed pride in calling themselves veterans.

Weeks retired as a major from the military in 2007 after nearly 23 years of service; Hirst retired as a lieutenant colonel in 2011 after 36 years of service.

“We’re the best there is the female

veterans the very, very best,” Weeks said.

Weeks joined the Army in 1979, a year after the Women’s Army Corps was disbanded. Now, women were integrated with men in the Army.

“We train and do the same damn things as the men,” Weeks said.

Hirst joined the WACs in 1975 but got more rigorous training later. She recalled sitting in the bleachers during basic training, watching a man shooting a weapon. She had to tear the weapon down, however. Later, she earned sharpshooter badges.

Hirst recalled how when the WACs went to exercise in a parking lot, they wore mint green uniforms, including blouses with Peter Pan collars and skirts that were Velcroed together that fit over Bermuda shorts. They also wore anklets and Keds.

She did point out they had dark

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## Cynthia Henderson honored for monument work



Special to the Chronicle

Recently, on the day of the dedication of a monument to honor all female veterans, Cynthia Henderson was presented with a commendation for all her work in spearheading the effort for the Female Veterans Monument by Phyllis Wilson, CW5, USA (Ret.), president of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation Inc. in Arlington, Virginia. From left are Rebecca Badders, Lt. Cmdr. USN (Ret.); Cynthia Henderson; and Phyllis Wilson.

### WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS

- wVeterans groups are invited to submit photos of successful community events to appear in the Chronicle. Send photos and captions to [community@chronicleonline.com](mailto:community@chronicleonline.com).

## VETERANS NOTES

### VFW Post 10087 plans two nights of Bunco

VFW Post 10087 Harry F. Nesbitt of Beverly Hills will host a Bunco Night starting at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, and Thursday, March 25. Call the post at 352-746-0440 for more information.

### Vietnam veteran to speak at MOAA event

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Citrus County Chapter welcomes veterans and the public to attend a March 11 speaker event starting at 10 a.m. at the American Legion Post 155, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River.

The featured speaker is Army combat medic and Silver Star recipient, Frank Joliff, author of “365 and a Wake-Up: My Year in Vietnam.”

To provide a safe environment for in person attendance, masks will be required and seating will be arranged to meet social distancing requirements.

You may also attend the meeting through ZOOM. Register at under “Upcoming Events” section at: <https://moaaf.org/Chapters/CitrusCounty>.

### VFW Post 4252 flea market assists veterans in need

Members of VFW Post 4252 will host a flea market to benefit veterans in need and their families from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the post at 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway (U.S. 200), Hernando.

Breakfast food will be available for purchase.

Table rental is \$10 inside; \$5 outside. Set up will begin after 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 20. Call the VFW to reserve a space at 352-726-3339.

### COVID-19 vaccines ordered for homebound World War II, Korean War veterans

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Ron DeSantis has directed the Florida Department of Health and Florida Division of Emergency Management to coordinate with the Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs to identify veterans of World War II and the Korean War who are unable to travel to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. The Governor will continue to expand this program furthering greater accessibility to the vaccine for those who have fought hard to protect our great nation.

For more information or to register, visit <https://www.floridavets.org/homeboundveterans> or call the Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs at 850-487-1533, ext. 9.

Veterans’ Claims Examiners from the Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs are connecting veterans and their families with earned services, benefits and support. To contact a teleworking FDVA Veterans’ Claims Examiner, call 727-319-7440 or email [VSO@fdva.state.fl.us](mailto:VSO@fdva.state.fl.us). All services are free to the veteran.

— Florida Department of Veterans Affairs

### VFW Auxiliary 4337 sets auction

VFW Auxiliary 4337 will host a Chinese Auction open to the public Saturday, March 27, starting at noon, with drawings beginning at 2 p.m. featuring a variety of items including donations from local businesses. Post 4337 is at 906 State Road 44 E., Inverness. For information, call Gloria Lane at 786-283-1795.

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

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

- Submit material at *Chronicle* offices in Inverness or Crystal River; by fax at 352-563-3280; or email to [community@chronicleonline.com](mailto:community@chronicleonline.com).



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23 (WMOR) IND	12	12		5		Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Nightwatch (In Stereo) '14' <sup>æ</sup>	Matter of Fact Listening Tour (N)	Soledad O'Brien		Greta Van Susteren			
38 (WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	9	9	Funny	Honoring	FamFeud	FamFeud	NewsChannel 8	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Murdoch Mysteries	Born Ride		Paid Prg.			
40 (WACX) TBN	21		21			In Touch	Mike & Molly '14'	Mike & Molly '14'	Two and Half Men	Batwoman "Gore on Canvas" (N) '14'	Charmed "You Can't Touch This" (N) PG'	NCIS: New Orleans '14' <sup>æ</sup> (DVS)	NCIS: New Orleans '14' <sup>æ</sup> (DVS)						
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(A&E)	54	48	54	25	27	<b>** "Jack Reacher: Never Go Back"</b> (2016) Tom Cruise. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' <sup>æ</sup>		<b>** "Walking Tall"</b> (2004, Action) The Rock. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' <sup>æ</sup>		<b>** "Taken 2"</b> (2012, Action) Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' <sup>æ</sup>		<b>** "Now You See Me"</b> (2013, Comedy-Drama) Jesse Eisenberg. 'PG-13' <sup>æ</sup>							
(ACCN)		99				College Basketball Clemson at Pittsburgh.		Nothing But Net (N)		Nothing But Net		The Walking Dead (N) 'MA' <sup>æ</sup>							
(AMC)	55	64	55			<b>"12 Strong"</b> <b>*** "Now You See Me"</b> (2013) Jesse Eisenberg. Agents track a team of illusionists who are thieves.													
(ANI)	52	35	52	19	31	Lone Star Law (In Stereo) '14'	Lone Star Law (In Stereo) '14'	Lone Star Law: Bigger and Better '14'		Lone Star Law (In Stereo) '14'		Lone Star Law "Rattled" (In Stereo) '14'		Lone Star Law "Saving the Herd" '14'					
(BET)	96	71	96			<b>*** "Detroit"</b> (2017, Crime Drama) John Boyega, Will Poulter, Algee Smith. 'R' <sup>æ</sup>		Boiling Point "L.A. Riots" '14'		Disrupt & Dismantle '14'		<b>*** "Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins"</b> (2008) Martin Lawrence. 'PG-13' <sup>æ</sup>							
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(BRAVO)	254	51	254			Housewives		Housewives-Atlanta		Housewives-Atlanta		Watch Chat		The Real Housewives of Atlanta		Chrisley			
(CC)	27	61	27		33	<b>** "Identity Thief"</b> (2013) 'R' <sup>æ</sup>		<b>** "Dumb &amp; Dumber"</b> (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey. Two witless wonders take a cash-laden briefcase to Aspen. 'PG-13' <sup>æ</sup>				<b>*** "Hot Tub Time Machine"</b> (2010, Comedy) John Cusack. 'R' <sup>æ</sup>							
(CMT)	98	45	98	28	37	<b>*** "Speed"</b> (1994, Action) Keanu Reeves, Dennis Hopper. 'R' <sup>æ</sup>		<b>*** "The Guardian"</b> (2006, Drama) Kevin Costner. A Coast Guard trainer makes a swimming champ his protege. 'PG-13' <sup>æ</sup>						<b>*** "The Italian Job"</b> (2003) 'PG-13' <sup>æ</sup>					
(CNN)	40	29	40	41	46	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	NBA Countdown (N)		CNN Newsroom	Stanley Tucci	Lincoln: Divided We		State-Union					
(ESPN)	33	27	33	21	17	ESPN Documentaries	NBA Countdown (N)			NBA Basketball: Nets at Clippers				SportsCenter W/Van Pelt					
(ESPN2)	37	28	34	43	49	Women's College Gymnastics	30 for 30			World of X Games		2021 Australian Open Tennis Men's Final.							
(FBN)	106	149	106	99	41	Maria Bartiromo	Return: Apollo 13	America vs. China		History of Socialism		Return: Apollo 13		Maria Bartiromo					
(FLIX)		118	170			<b>*** "Crocodile Dundee"</b> (1986) Paul Hogan, Mark Blum. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' <sup>æ</sup>		<b>** "The Great Outdoors"</b> (1988) Dan Aykroyd. 'PG' <sup>æ</sup>		<b>*** "The Blues Brothers"</b> (1980) John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd. (In Stereo) 'R' <sup>æ</sup>				<b>** "Porky's"</b>					
(FNC)	44	37	44		32	Fox Report	Fox News Sunday	Life, Liberty & Levin		The Next Revolution		Greg Gutfeld		Life, Liberty & Levin					
(FOOD)	26	56	26			Guy's Games	Guy's Games	Guy's Games		Worst Cooks		Beat Play		Beat Play		Beat Play			
(FREEFORM)	29	52	29	20	28	<b>*** "The Incredibles"</b> (2004, Children's) Voices of Craig T. Nelson. Animated. A former superhero gets back into action. 'PG'		<b>*** "Incredibles 2"</b> (2018, Children's) Voices of Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter. (In Stereo) 'PG' <sup>æ</sup>		Big East	Women's Soccer: SheBelieves Cup				<b>"Emperor's Grv"</b>				
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(FSNFL)	35	39	35			NBA Basketball Detroit	Pistons at Orlando Magic. (N)			In Magic		<b>*** "Captain America: The Winter Soldier"</b> (2014) Chris Evans. 'PG-13' <sup>æ</sup>							
(FX)	30	60	30		51	<b>** "Venom"</b> (2018) Tom Hardy.	<b>*** "Captain America: The Winter Soldier"</b> (2014) Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' <sup>æ</sup>			PGA Tour Golf The Genesis Invitational, Final Round. <sup>æ</sup>									
(GOLF)	727	67	727			Champion	Golf Central (N) 'G'			PGA Tour Golf The Genesis Invitational, Final Round. <sup>æ</sup>									
(HALL)	59	68	39	45	54	<b>"Love Under the Stars"</b> (2015) NR	<b>"Mix Up in the Mediterranean"</b> (2021, Romance) Jessica Lowndes. 'NR' <sup>æ</sup>			When Calls the Heart 'G' <sup>æ</sup>		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls				
(HBO)	302	201	302	2	2	Axios (N) '14' <sup>æ</sup>	<b>*** "Independence Day"</b> (1996) Will Smith. Earthlings vs. evil aliens in 15-mile-wide ships. 'PG-13' <sup>æ</sup>			Allen v. Farrow (N) 'MA' <sup>æ</sup>		Allen v. Farrow 'MA' <sup>æ</sup>		Last Week 10.		Allen v. Farrow			
(HBO2)	303	202	303			<b>*** "Cowboys &amp; Aliens"</b> (2011) Daniel Craig, Olivia Wilde. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' <sup>æ</sup>		The Lady and the Dale '14' <sup>æ</sup>		<b>** "Walk of Shame"</b> (2014) Elizabeth Banks. (In Stereo) 'R' <sup>æ</sup>		<b>*** "Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!"</b> (2004) 'PG-13' <sup>æ</sup>							
(HGTV)	23	57	23	42	52	Home Town 'G' <sup>æ</sup>	Home Town "A Musician's Retreat" 'G'			Home Town (N) 'G' <sup>æ</sup> (DVS)		Home Town "A Doctor in the House" 'G'		Home Town 'G' <sup>æ</sup>					
(HIST)	51	54	51	32	42	101 Fast Foods that Changed the World	The Food That Built America 'PG' <sup>æ</sup>			The Food That Built America (N) PG'		Modern Marvels (N) (In Stereo) 'PG' <sup>æ</sup>		Modern Marvels (In Stereo) 'PG' <sup>æ</sup>					
(LIFE)	24	38	24		21	Rizzoli & Isles "We Are Family" '14'	Rizzoli & Isles "In Over Your Head" '14'			Rizzoli & Isles "Killer in High Heels" '14'		Rizzoli & Isles '14' <sup>æ</sup>		Rizzoli & Isles 'But I Am a Good Girl' '14'		Rizzoli & Isles '14' <sup>æ</sup>			
(LMN)	119	50	119			<b>"Killer Competition"</b> (2020, Suspense) Jacqueline Sosnowski. 'NR' <sup>æ</sup>		<b>"His Killer Fan"</b> (2021, Suspense) Brooke Butler, Teressa Liane. 'NR' <sup>æ</sup>		<b>"Killer Prom"</b> (2020, Suspense) Yvonne Zima, Mark Lutz, Gabriel Darku. 'NR' <sup>æ</sup>									
(MSNBC)	42	41	42			American Voices	American Voices	Week-Johnson		Week-Johnson		American Voices		Week-Johnson					

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(NBCSN)	448	26	730			NHL Live (N) (In Stereo) Live! <sup>æ</sup>		NHL Hockey New York Rangers at Washington Capitals. From Capital One Arena in Washington, D.C. (N)				NHL Overtime (N) (In Stereo) Live! <sup>æ</sup>		Sailing The PRADA Cup Challenger Selection Series, Finals.																					
(NGED)	109	65	109			Wicked Tuna "Brawlin for Bluefin" '14'		Wicked Tuna '14' <sup>æ</sup>		Wicked Tuna "A recap Season 9. '14'		Wicked Tuna "Keep the Tradition Alive" '14' <sup>æ</sup>		Wicked Tuna "Keep the Tradition Alive" '14' <sup>æ</sup>																					
(NICK)	28	36	28	35	25	Danger 'Are You Afraid	Hustle			*** "Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa"		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends																				
(OWN)	125	24	103			Iyanla. Fix My Life	20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'		20/20 on OWN '14'		20/20 on OWN 'PG'		20/20 on OWN '14'																					
(OXY)	123	44	123			Snapped 'PG' <sup>æ</sup>	Exhumed (Season Finale)	(N) <sup>æ</sup>		Snapped 'PG' <sup>æ</sup>		Killer Motive '14'		One Deadly Mistake																					
(PARMT)	37	43	37	27	36	*** "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (1989) Harrison Ford. 'PG-13' <sup>æ</sup>		*** "Raiders of the Lost Ark" (1981, Adventure) Harrison Ford, Karen Allen. (In Stereo) 'PG' <sup>æ</sup>				*** "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" (1984) 'PG'																							
(SEC)	745	72				Women's College Basketball Arkansas at LSU. (N) (Live)		College Swimming & Diving (N)						College Basketball																					
(SHOW)	340	241	340			Your Honor "Part Ten" 'MA' <sup>æ</sup>	Shameless (In Stereo) 'MA' <sup>æ</sup>	The Circus Ins	The Circus Ins	Shameless (In Stereo) 'MA' <sup>æ</sup>		Supervillain: Tekashi 6ix9ine		Desus & Mero (N)		Supervillain																			
(SUN)	36	31	36			Nissan Super Girl Surf Pro 2020	Chad Hoover	Sport Fishing	Sportsman	Florida Sport	Sport Fishing	Reel Animals 'G'		World of Waves	Facing Waves	Epic Trails	Inside																		
(SYFY)	31	59	31	26	29	*** "Blade 2: Bloodhunt" (2002)		*** "Hancock" (2008, Action) Will Smith, Charlize Theron. 'PG-13' <sup>æ</sup>		*** "Enemy of the State" (1998, Suspense) Will Smith. Rogue agents hunt a lawyer who has an incriminating tape. 'R' <sup>æ</sup>																									
(TBS)	49	23	49	16	19	*** "Back to the Future Part III" (1990)		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	*** "Back to the Future" (1985)																							
(TCM)	169	53	169	30	35	*** "The Remains of the Day" (1993, Drama) Anthony Hopkins. 'PG' <sup>æ</sup>		Cricket! It's the Irwins 'PG' <sup>æ</sup>		Cricket! It's the Irwins 'PG' <sup>æ</sup>		Cricket! It's the Irwins 'PG' <sup>æ</sup>		Cricket! It's the Irwins 'PG' <sup>æ</sup>		Cricket! It's the Irwins 'PG' <sup>æ</sup>																			
(TDC)	53	34	53	24	26	Cricket! It's the Irwins 'PG' <sup>æ</sup>		Cricket! It's the Irwins 'PG' <sup>æ</sup>		Cricket! It's the Irwins 'PG' <sup>æ</sup>		Cricket! It's the Irwins 'PG' <sup>æ</sup>		Cricket! It's the Irwins 'PG' <sup>æ</sup>		Cricket! It's the Irwins 'PG' <sup>æ</sup>																			
(TLC)	50	46	50	29	30	90 Day Fiancé "The Devil's Work" '14'		90 Day Fiancé "Three's a Party" (N) '14'				Sister Wives (N) 'PG'		90 Day Fiancé 'PG'																					
(TMC)	350	261	350			*** "Krisha" *** "Your Sister's Sister" (2011) (2015) 'R' <sup>æ</sup>		*** "First Cow" (2019, Western) John Magaro. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' <sup>æ</sup>				*** "Morris From America" (2016) Craig Robinson. 'R' <sup>æ</sup>		"Green Book"																					
(TNT)	48	33	48	31	34	*** "Ghosts of Mississippi" (1996) Alec Baldwin. 'PG-13' <sup>æ</sup>		*** "Black Panther" (2018) Chadwick Boseman. Black Panther springs into action when an old enemy returns. 'PG-13' <sup>æ</sup>				*** "ATL" (2006, Comedy-Drama) Tip Harris. 'PG-13' <sup>æ</sup>																							
(TOON)	38	58	38	33		Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Burgers	American	American	American	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Rick																		
(TRAV)	9	106	9		44	Mountain Monsters	Mountain Monsters	Mountain Monsters	Mountain Monsters	Mountain Monsters (N) '14' <sup>æ</sup>		Survivornam: Bigfoot "Forest Foe" (N) 'PG'																							
(truTV)	25	55	25	98	55	Jokers	Jokers	Foodies	Foodies	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Foodies	Foodies																		
(TVL)	32	49	32	34	24	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two and a Half Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men																		
(USA)	47	32	47	17	18	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'																			
(WE)	117	69	117			Law & Order "Heart of Darkness" '14'		Law & Order "Magnet" '14' <sup>æ</sup>		Law & Order "Choice of Evils" '14' <sup>æ</sup>		Law & Order "Cost of Capital" '14' <sup>æ</sup>		Law & Order "A contractor's murder. '14'		Law & Order "Thinking Makes It So" '14'																			
(WGN-A)	18	18	18	18	20	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation <sup>æ</sup>																			

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green uniforms, too, as well as boots and fatigues. And she said she still uses almost every day a Coach purse the Army issued to her in 1975. Weeks showed a photo of herself in a form-fitting, Barbie-Doll-like required white nurse uniform. It was not unusual for women to be exploited by male commanders, Hirst

and Weeks said. Hirst and Weeks said they made it a point to stand their ground. But some women with little education were "naive" and not as lucky, they said. There also was a double standard about parents with children, the women said. Military personnel have to have a care plan for what happens to their children while they are in the military. It is assumed that dads will have a wife or someone back home to take care of the kids, and it

doesn't seem the military presses the issue as much with men, the women said. However, the military insists that moms assign legal custody of their children to someone else, in case something happens to the women while they are on duty. If the moms don't line up a guardian, they will be forced to leave the military, Hirst and Weeks said. Nevertheless, the women are pleased they served in the military. Among other things, it taught them to appreciate

having things in order, they said, and for having standard ways to do things. These were useful and important habits they were able to carry over to their civilian careers as nurses, they said. The military also helped them get more education. Hirst has a master's degree and is a nurse practitioner. See **AGAIN/Page A16**  
**Joanne Hirst is shown in fatigues during her time in service.**  
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Trey King & Maria Sweeney

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Linda Weeks at a decontamination station.

Weeks has a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Weeks, who had graduated at 19 as a registered nurse, explained that soldiers can't become officers without a bachelor's degree. She was eligible for the Specialized Assistance Training Program, by which you can go to school for a year if you give two years of service to the military. You also are paid a stipend. Weeks earned her bachelor's degree through the program.

She enlisted in the Army in 1979, did five years of active duty, including in Fulda, Germany, near Würzburg, Germany, where there was an Army hospital. Weeks went into the reserves in 1985 in New York and then went inactive for a bit. After earning her bachelor's degree, she was commissioned as an officer in 1992 and joined the 364th combat supply hospital in Albany, where she met Hirst.

Weeks met her husband in the Army. He was a tank commander. For a while, she drove an ambulance. Her husband died in 2003, and she was left as a single mom with 5-year-old twins

Honduras during the late 1990s, serving up to 1,400 people a day. She was in Germany in 2004-'05, supervising clinics. She finished her Army career at Walter Reed Hospital, helping launch the Wounded Warrior project.

Weeks said the military honor she received of which she is most proud is her Expert Field Medical badge. Wikipedia says that badge, in Fiscal Year 2017, had a pass rate of 18%, "making it one of the most difficult and prestigious Army special skill badges to earn."

Weeks said, among other things, the test involved carrying a 75-pound medical pack for 12 miles in 2-1/2 hours. Those competing men and women were up against troops from all branches of the service, including the Marines and Army Airborne.

She said when a soldier puts on a uniform, "You feel a sense of pride and selflessness. There's a feeling of joining something so much bigger than you. And your comrades are relying on you."

Seasoned veterans Hirst and Weeks met up again on Facebook and that's how Weeks, who lives in Gainesville, found out about the female veterans' monument unveiling in Inverness. Hirst, of

Inverness, wasn't sure that Weeks would make the event.

But she did.

"They said my eyes got as big as saucers when she tapped me on the shoulder," Hirst said. Although the women haven't made formal plans to meet again, "We will," Hirst said. "We're on Facebook. We'll get together."

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DATE: March 10, 2021

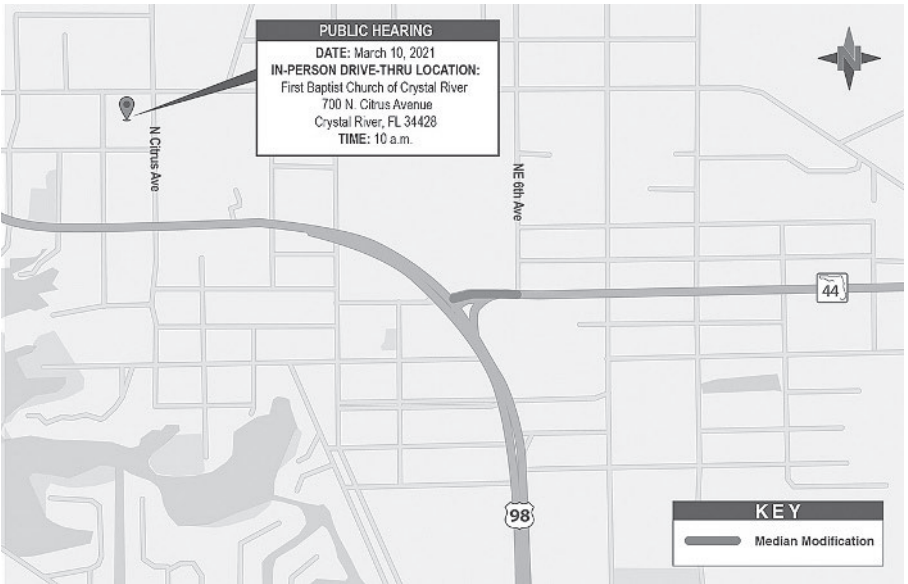
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KEY

Median Modification

**Subject:** Virtual Public Hearing (VPH) for Proposed Median Modifications SR 44 from US 19 to East of NE 10th Avenue Citrus County, Florida Financial Project Number (FPN): 441665-1-52-01

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven, invites you to attend and participate in a Virtual Public Hearing (VPH) for the proposed median modification along SR 44 from US 19 to East of NE 10th Avenue in Citrus County, FPN: 441665-1.

To allow for maximum participation, the public hearing will be held in three formats including virtually over the internet, by phone, or at an in-person drive-thru location. Information presented will be identical at all options.

The Virtual Public Hearing (VPH), phone and in-person drive-thru public hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 10 a.m. The drive thru location will be open from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m., or until the last attendee has viewed the presentation. Regardless of the format, the hearing will start at 10 a.m. and include a presentation. After the presentation has concluded, there will be an opportunity to provide comments that will be included in the official VPH record.

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The drive-thru will open for attendees at 10 a.m. Attendees will be directed into a clearly identified parking lot, receive project literature, and view the project presentation. Attendees will be asked to remain in their vehicle while attending the hearing. You will have the opportunity to provide written or verbal comments. The drive-thru hearing will be held in full compliance with local, state, and federal health and safety guidelines.

This public hearing is conducted to afford affected property and business owners, interested persons and organizations the opportunity to provide comments to FDOT regarding median modifications. The new concrete median is proposed at NE 6th Avenue. (See enclosed exhibit.)

This VPH is held pursuant to Chapters 120, 335.18 and 335.199, Florida Statutes. FDOT will receive verbal/written comments at the public hearing location and online from hearing participants. Written or emailed comments not received during the hearing must be postmarked or emailed by March 20, 2021, to become part of the official virtual public hearing summary.


Written comments may be emailed to [Kara.VanEtten@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Kara.VanEtten@dot.state.fl.us) or mailed to Kara Van Etten, P.E., Project Manager, Florida Department of Transportation, 11201 N. McKinley Dr., MS 7-1300, Tampa, Florida 33612.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons requiring special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act to participate in this VPH, or persons who require translation services (free of charge) are asked to advise the agency at least seven (7) days prior to the VPH by contacting: Alex Henry, District Public Involvement Coordinator, at (813) 975-6405 or (800) 226-7220, or [Alex.Henry@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Alex.Henry@dot.state.fl.us). If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1 (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800) 955-8770 (Voice).

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Terry Rozier

# SPORTS

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# Osaka claims crown

## Stays perfect in Slam finals

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — As Naomi Osaka strode through the Champion's Walk leading to the court for the Australian Open final — headphones on her ears, racket bag strapped to her back — she reached out her left hand to tap a panel marked with her name and the year of her previous title there.

Not a big deal, she explained. Just a bit of superstition. Less than 10 minutes later, she began the match against Jennifer Brady. And less than 1 1/2 hours

later, Osaka won the last point, because that's what she does when the stakes are the greatest on her sport's biggest stages.

Osaka improved to 4-0 in Grand Slam finals by grabbing six consecutive games to pull away in what initially was a tight contest, beating Brady 6-4, 6-3 at Melbourne Park on Saturday.

"You don't go into a final wanting to be the runner-up. For me, I feel like every opportunity that I play a Slam is an opportunity to win a Slam," said the 23-year-old Osaka, who will move up to No. 2 in the WTA rankings. "So I think maybe I put that pressure on myself too much, but honestly, it's working out in my favor right now."

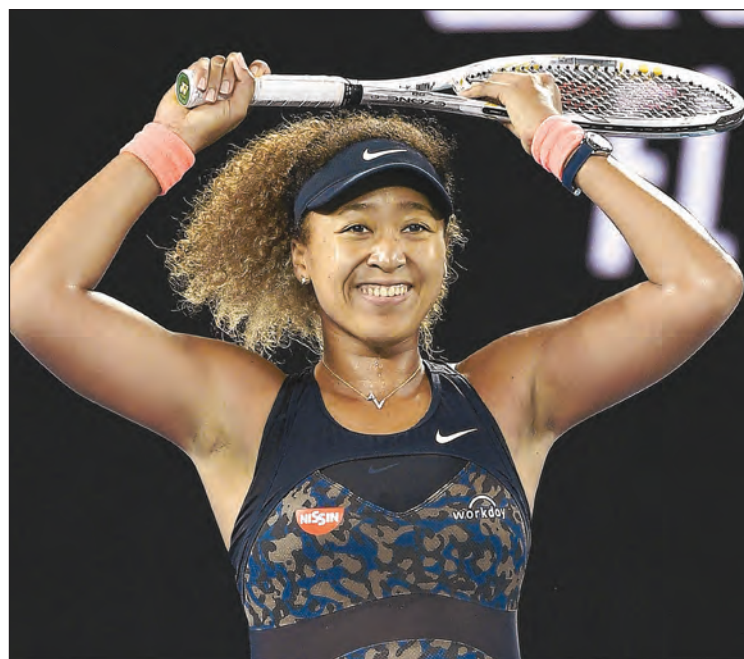
Sure is.

With serves that reached 122 mph and produced six aces, and returns that helped create six breaks, Osaka became the first woman to win her first four major finals since Monica Seles did it 30 years ago.

That is part of Osaka's 12-0 record in quarterfinals, semifinals and finals at the majors.

"She plays so aggressive that she puts so much pressure on you to perform well," said Brady, a 25-year-old from Pennsylvania who played college tennis at UCLA and was participating in a Slam final for the first time. "And that's something that not every tennis player has that ability to do."

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Associated Press

Naomi Osaka celebrates after defeating Jennifer Brady during the women's singles final at the Australian Open tennis championship on Saturday in Melbourne, Australia.

# Champion 'Canes



MATT PFIFFNER/Chronicle

Logan Simpson of Citrus, top, works for a fall against Mason Garcia of The Villages during their semifinal match at 152 pounds Saturday at the District 1A-7 meet at The Villages Charter School. Simpson won both of his matches by fall on his way to the district crown, which also helped the Hurricanes claim the team title.

## Citrus claims district wrestling title; Crystal River finishes fifth

MATT PFIFFNER  
Sports editor

THE VILLAGES — Citrus senior Blake Coleman had the opportunity to achieve one of his two big goals for the season Saturday, and he wasn't going to let the chance slip away.

The Hurricanes and Bishop Moore were locked in a tight team race all day at the District 1A-7 tournament, including three lead changes in the championship matches alone. Citrus trailed the Hornets 164-161 entering the 182-pound championship match, where Coleman faced Jacob Suggs in the fourth and final head-to-head battle in the title matches between the two leading teams.

Coleman wasted little time clinching the team crown for the Hurricanes, as he built a quick 4-0 lead before sending Suggs to his back for the pin in one minute.

"Blake, at the beginning of year, said he had two goals. One for the team and one for him," Citrus coach Joe Estep said. "The one for the team was to win a team title and the one for him is to become a state champion. The fact that he was able to step up, put the team on his back and win when we needed him to against a quality opponent from Bishop

Moore, it says a lot about him.

"Getting 12 out of 12 into the regional tournament is an accomplishment. I'm just extremely happy for the team title, which Citrus hasn't had since 2009."

Citrus finished the day with 171 points, to 164 for the Hornets. Crystal River

finished fifth with 56 points.

Coleman was thrilled it came down to him for the team trophy.

"Coach was telling me we needed to win that match, obviously. They weren't

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Blaine Reed of Crystal River, top, sends Andrew Voltolina of Bishop Moore to his back Saturday during their semifinal match at 106 pounds at the District 1A-7 meet at The Villages Charter School. Reed won by fall and finished second in the tournament.

# Florida downs Georgia

## Gators rides early eruption to win

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — Colin Castleton scored 14 points and Tyree Appleby and Tre Mann each scored 13 and Florida led most of the way in a 70-63 win over Georgia on Saturday.

The win ended Florida's two-game losing streak and marked the first win for the Gators (11-6, 7-5 Southeastern Conference) since Jan. 30. Contests against LSU and Texas A&M were postponed due to COVID-19 protocols.

Florida used an early — and decisive — 13-0 run to build a 20-8 lead and never trailed again. Appleby and Mann scored 12 of Florida's first 20 points. Later, Noah Locke buried a 3-pointer with 5:37 before halftime and Florida bloated its lead to 30-12.

Not until Florida removed its starters did Georgia (13-9, 6-9) draw within a single-digit deficit. Sahvir Wheeler made a pair of free throws with 1:44 to go to reduce the deficit to 66-58.

Castleton made all five of his shot attempts off the bench and Ques Glover was 4-for-5 shooting off the bench. The Gators were 22-for-49 shooting and 20 for 25 from the foul line.

Wheeler led the Bulldogs with 27 points and Tye Fagan scored 14. Georgia missed 40 of its 64-shot attempts, including 16-missed 3s in 20 attempts.

The Bulldogs host LSU Tuesday. Florida heads to Auburn to face the Tigers Tuesday.

## Georgia Tech 89, Miami 60

CORAL GABLES — Michael Devoe scored 29 points, Moses Wright had a double-double and Georgia Tech used a dominant first half to defeat short-handed Miami 89-60.

With Devoe making all six of his shots, including four 3-pointers, the Yellow Jackets took a 48-18 lead at halftime. Georgia Tech went 6 of 12 behind the arc and shot 63% (19 of 30) while holding the Hurricanes to 28.6% shooting (6 of 21) and forcing 12 turnovers.

Jose Alvarado scored 16 points for Georgia Tech (11-8, 7-6 Atlantic Coast Conference) and Wright added 14, making him the fourth active Yellow Jacket to surpass 1,000 for his career, and had 12 rebounds.

Devoe finished with a career-high 7 3s on 11 attempts as the team went 11 of 26 and finished at 57% (36 of 63) from the field.

Elijah Olaniyi led Miami (7-13, 3-12), which used just seven players until the closing minutes,

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# Carolina shuts down Lightning 4-0

*Crosby tallies 2 assists in 1,000th game*

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Rookie Alex Nedeljkovic made 24 saves in his first NHL shutout and the Carolina Hurricanes beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 4-0 on Saturday night.

Vincent Trocheck, Sebastian Aho, ex-Tampa Bay player Cedric Paquette and Andrei Svechnikov scored for the Hurricanes, who have won five of six and own a six-game points streak.

Carolina limited the Lightning's scoring chances.

"We were excellent tonight," Nedeljkovic said. "We didn't give them much of anything. ... From start to finish, we were playing our game and it showed."

It was the first of four consecutive games between the teams, with Saturday's game coming as part of a revised schedule.

Tampa Bay has yet to score in two meetings, including an overtime loss, against the Hurricanes this season. Nedeljkovic stopped 13 shots in the second period.

"They've had our number this year," Lightning captain Steven Stamkos said. "Certainly they bring their best against us this year. We haven't even scored a goal (against them)."

The Hurricanes played an alert style of game and that made coach Rod Brind'Amour particularly pleased. Tampa Bay had only one power-play chance.

"If we had to block a shot, we did," Brind'Amour said.

Nedeljkovic was drafted by Carolina in 2014. He has four career victories, including a 2-1-1 record this year.

"He paid his dues," Brind'Amour said.

Andrei Vasilevskiy made 24 saves as the Lightning lost for the third time in four games.

Tampa Bay, which hadn't played since Monday, had some

sloppy puck handling, and Trocheck jammed the puck across the line despite Vasilevskiy's efforts. Trocheck's 300th career goal gave him a six-game points streak.

Another Tampa Bay breakdown led to Aho's goal as he took a pass from Svechnikov and skated in on Vasilevskiy without resistance.

Paquette's third-period goal was his second of the season and first with the Hurricanes.

"You couldn't write a better script than that, only my fourth game here against my old teammates," Paquette said. "It was nice to finally get one."

Aho assisted on Svechnikov's empty-net goal.

The outcome halted Tampa Bay's nine-game (5-0-4) points streak in Raleigh.

## Penguins 3, Islanders 2

PITTSBURGH — Sidney Crosby had two assists in his 1,000th NHL game and the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the New York Islanders 3-2.

Kris Letang scored twice, including a tiebreaking goal in the third period, to help Pittsburgh win for the fourth time in five games. Mike Matheson also scored, and Tristan Jarry made 33 saves.

Jordan Eberle and Brock Nelson scored for New York. The Islanders have dropped two straight following a season-high eight-game points streak.

Crosby became the 25th active skater to play in 1,000 games. He's also the first player in Penguins history to play 1,000 games with the team.

## Maple Leafs 5, Canadiens 3

TORONTO — Auston Matthews scored twice to increase his NHL-leading goals total to 18 and added two assists in Toronto's victory over Montreal.

Mitch Marner had a goal and two assists, Travis Boyd and Alexander Kerfoot also scored and Frederik Andersen stopped 30 saves. Morgan Rielly added two assists to help the NHL-leading Maple Leafs improve to 14-3-2.

Matthews also had two goals and



Associated Press  
**Tampa Bay Lightning right wing Barclay Goodrow (19) has the puck swallowed by Carolina Hurricanes goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic (39) during the first period of a game, Saturday in Raleigh, N.C.**

two assists Thursday night at home in a 7-3 victory over Ottawa. He's the sixth player in franchise history to have a 16-game points streak, two back of record-holders Darryl Sittler and Ed Olczyk.

Matthews scored both goals against the Canadiens on the power play.

Jesper Kotkaniemi, Paul Byron and Tyler Toffoli scored for Montreal, and Carey Price stopped 22 shots.

**Rangers 4, Capitals 1**

WASHINGTON — Alexis Lafreniere scored his second NHL goal, Artemi Panarin had two assists and New York made the best of a new-look lineup, beating Washington for its second consecutive victory.

**Sharks 5, Blues 4**

ST. LOUIS — Logan Couture scored his second goal of the game

midway through the third period and San Jose held off St. Louis.

**Sabres 3, Devils 2**

NEWARK, N.J. — Sam Reinhart scored two goals and Buffalo beat New Jersey to snap a four-game losing streak.

**Kings 4, Coyotes 2**

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Alex Iafallo scored two goals, Cal Peterson stopped 22 shots and Los Angeles beat Arizona for its fourth straight victory.

**Red Wings 2, Panthers 1**

DETROIT — Mathias Brome scored his first NHL goal late in the second period and Detroit held off Florida.

Patrik Nemeth added his first goal

of the season for the Red Wings, and Jonathan Bernier made 38 saves.

Alex Wennberg scored for Florida.

**Predators 4, Blue Jackets 2**

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Calle Jankrok scored in the first and third periods, Pekka Rinne made 21 saves and Nashville beat Columbus to split the two-game series.

The Predators broke a 2-2 tie with two goals in the first 45 seconds of the third period. Jankrok beat Elvis Merzlikins from the slot 16 seconds in, and Filip Forsberg followed with his team-leading eighth goal off a faceoff.

Colton Sissons also scored for Nashville. Gabriel Carlsson got his first NHL goal, and Boone Jenner also scored for the Blue Jackets.

# Gray scores 16 as FSU tops Pitt 79-72

*Brakefield, Duke stop No. 7 Virginia*

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Florida State is way more than leading scorer M.J. Walker.

Raiquan Gray had 16 points and eight rebounds, and the 16th-ranked Seminoles beat Pittsburgh 79-72 on Saturday for their third straight win.

Florida State (13-3, 9-2 ACC) led for more than 35 minutes, but never by more than 11 points. Malik Osborne had 12 points and a team-high nine rebounds. RayQuan Evans also scored 12 points, and Scottie Barnes had 11.

Pitt (9-9, 5-8) was able to shut down Walker, who finished 0 for 5 with no points, but Florida State's depth was too much for the Panthers. Nine Florida State players scored four points or more. Walker remains seven points away from 1,000 for his career.

"It really represents who we are as a basketball team to keep winning games by committee," Florida State coach Leonard Hamilton said.

Pitt (9-9, 5-8) shot 38.2% from the floor as Florida State used its size advantage and reserves to wear down the Panthers on both ends of the court.

"That's what they do," Pitt coach Jeff Capel said. "Florida State comes at you in waves. They are a very good basketball team. We fought for 40 minutes."

The Panthers were able to close the margin to four points in the game's final minute after a Xavier Johnson jumper. Evans made five free throws down the stretch to help secure the victory.

"They were very well prepared," Hamilton said.



Associated Press  
**Florida State forward Malik Osborne goes up for a shot against Pittsburgh during the first half of a game, Saturday in Pittsburgh.**

"They didn't let us get any separation. At the end of the day, I thought we got the stops we had to when the game was on the line."

ACC leading scorer and rebounder Justin Champagnie had 21 points and 10 boards for the Panthers in his 11th double-double of the season. Johnson

added 15 points.

Starting Florida State guard Wyatt Wilkes was limited by injury and scored six points in 13 minutes.

**Duke 66, No. 7 Virginia 65**

DURHAM, N.C. — Freshman Jaemyn Brakefield scored

the go-ahead basket on a reverse layup with 1:58 left and Duke came up with a final-possession stop and upset No. 7 Virginia 66-65.

Matthew Hurt scored 22 points to lead the Blue Devils (10-8, 8-6 Atlantic Coast Conference). They claimed a much-needed third straight win to improve their

uncertain chances of making the NCAA Tournament.

Brakefield's scoring drive, while drawing a foul on Jay Huff, finally got Duke a slim lead. Freshman DJ Steward had a chance to increase the margin, but missed the front end of a 1-and-1 free-throw opportunity with 9.6 seconds left.

Huff got the rebound and got the ball to Kihei Clark, who bobbled the dribble at the other end to lose time and had to force up an off-balance 3-point attempt over Hurt to beat the clock. The ball was well short, with Huff catching the airball and stuffing it in well past the final horn.

**No. 5 Illinois 94, Minnesota 63**

MINNEAPOLIS — Ayo Dosunmu had 19 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for his second triple-double of the season, Kofi Cockburn scored 22 points in 24 minutes, and Illinois cruised past Minnesota for its seventh consecutive victory.

**No. 1 Gonzaga 106, San Diego 69**

SPOKANE, Wash. — Drew Timme scored 17 of his 21 points in the first half, Jalen Suggs added 17 points and Gonzaga won its 26th straight game, routing San Diego.

Corey Kispert added 16 points to help Gonzaga (22-0, 13-0 West Coast) get its 14th straight victory against San Diego and 49th consecutive win at home.

**No. 8 Alabama 82, Vanderbilt 78**

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Jaden Shackelford scored a season-high 27 points and Alabama beat Vanderbilt to move within a victory of clinching at least a share of its first Southeastern Conference regular-season title in 19 years.

**No. 9 Oklahoma 66, Iowa State 56**

AMES, Iowa — Austin Reaves scored 20 points to

lead Oklahoma past Iowa State.

**No. 10 Villanova 68, UConn 60**

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Collin Gillespie scored 20 points and Jeremiah Robinson-Earl had 17 points and 11 rebounds to help Villanova beat UConn.

**No. 13 West Virginia 84, No. 12 Texas 82**

AUSTIN, Texas — Sean McNeil and West Virginia erased a 19-point deficit in the second half, then withstood a flurry of last-second misses to hold off Texas.

**No. 23 Kansas 67, No. 15 Texas Tech 61**

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Christian Braun hit a corner 3 with 24 seconds left, David McCormack scored 17 points and Kansas beat Texas Tech.

**Arizona 81, No. 17 USC 72**

LOS ANGELES — James Akinjo scored 20 points and Arizona beat Southern California to end the Pac-12-leading Trojans' seven-game winning streak.

**Kentucky 70, No. 19 Tennessee 55**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Isaiah Jackson scored 16 points and Kentucky matched a season high with its third straight victory, beating Tennessee.

**No. 20 Missouri 93, South Carolina 78**

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Dru Smith scored 17 points, Mark Smith had 13 and Missouri beat South Carolina to end a three-game losing streak.

**No. 25 San Diego St. 75, Fresno St. 57**

FRESNO, Calif. — Jordan Schakel scored 14 points — 12 on 3-pointers in the first half — and San Diego State beat Fresno State for its eighth straight victory.



TENNIS

Australian Open

At Melbourne Park  
Melbourne, Australia  
Purse: AUD32,790,000  
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor  
(seedings in parentheses)  
Women's Singles  
Championship  
Naomi Osaka (3), Japan, def. Jennifer Brady (22), United States, 6-4, 6-3.  
Mixed Doubles  
Championship  
Rajeev Ram, United States, and Barbora Krejcikova (6), Czech Republic, def. Matthew Ebden and Sam Stosur, Australia, 6-1, 6-4.

NASCAR

Xfinity Super Start  
Batteries 188 At  
DAYTONA Presented  
by O'Reilly

Saturday  
At Daytona Road Course  
Daytona Beach, United States.  
Lap length: 3.81 miles  
(Start position in parentheses)  
1. (15) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 56 laps, 50 points.  
2. (2) Austin Cindric, Ford, 56, 50.  
3. (5) Daniel Hemric, Toyota, 56, 42.  
4. (39) Brandon Jones, Toyota, 56, 37.  
5. (3) Jeb Burton, Chevrolet, 56, 32.  
6. (4) Harrison Burton, Toyota, 56, 44.  
7. (35) Miguel Paludo, Chevrolet, 56, 30.  
8. (7) Brandon Brown, Chevrolet, 56, 34.  
9. (29) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 56, 35.  
10. (18) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 56, 35.  
11. (1) Brett Moffitt, Chevrolet, 56, 0.  
12. (14) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 56, 25.  
13. (8) Myatt Snider, Chevrolet, 56, 36.  
14. (13) Jesse Little, Chevrolet, 56, 23.  
15. (33) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 56, 22.  
16. (11) Kyle Weatherman, Chevrolet, 56, 24.  
17. (22) Josh Williams, Chevrolet, 56, 20.  
18. (19) Kris Wright, Toyota, 56, 0.  
19. (10) Matt Mills, Chevrolet, 56, 18.  
20. (9) Joe Graf Jr, Chevrolet, 56, 17.  
21. (30) Gray Gaulding, Chevrolet, 56, 16.  
22. (36) Alex Labbe, Chevrolet, 56, 15.  
23. (32) Colby Howard, Chevrolet, 56, 14.  
24. (20) Tommy Joe Martins, Chevrolet, 56, 13.  
25. (38) Cody Ware, Chevrolet, 56, 12.  
26. (25) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 56, 18.  
27. (27) Ryan Sieg, Ford, 56, 10.  
28. (26) Noah Gragson, Chevrolet, 56, 9.  
29. (34) Stephen Leicht, Toyota, 56, 8.  
30. (37) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 56, 7.  
31. (24) Andy Lally, Chevrolet, 55, 12.  
32. (31) Bayley Currey, Chevrolet, 55, 7.  
33. (23) Preston Pardus, Chevrolet, transmis-  
sion, 49, 6.  
34. (17) Timmy Hill, Ford, 46, 3.  
35. (6) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 43, 2.  
36. (28) Jade Buford, Chevrolet, suspension,  
38, 1.  
37. (12) Ryan Vargas, Chevrolet, 33, 1.  
38. (40) David Starr, Ford, transmission, 20, 1.  
39. (16) Riley Herbst, Ford, accident, 15, 9.  
40. (21) Natalie Decker, Chevrolet, accident, 3,  
1.

Race Statistics  
Average Speed of Race Winner: 78.211 mph.  
Time of Race: 2 hours, 35 minutes, 5 sec-  
onds.  
Margin of Victory: 1.726 seconds.  
Caution Flags: 7 for 14 laps.  
Lead Changes: 11 among 9 drivers.  
Lap Leaders: B.Moffitt 0; A.Cindric 1-10; A.  
Allmendinger 11-14; A.Cindric 15-17; H.Burton  
18-20; T.Gibbs 21-32; G.Gaulding 33; D.Hemric  
34-35; A.Cindric 36-51; R.Sieg 52; J.Burton 53-  
54; T.Gibbs 55-56  
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps  
Led): A.Cindric, 3 times for 29 laps; T.Gibbs, 2  
times for 14 laps; A.Allmendinger, 1 time for 4  
laps; H.Burton, 1 time for 3 laps; D.Hemric, 1  
time for 2 laps; J.Burton, 1 time for 2 laps; G.  
Gaulding, 1 time for 1 lap; R.Sieg, 1 time for 1  
lap; B.Moffitt, 1 time for 0 laps.  
Wins: A.Cindric, 1; T.Gibbs, 1.  
Top 16 in Points: 1. A.Cindric, 105; 2. H.Bur-  
ton, 81; 3. D.Hemric, 75; 4. B.Brown, 72; 5.  
M.Snider, 69; 6. J.Burton, 65; 7. J.Clements, 54;  
8. T.Gibbs, 50; 9. J.Haley, 50; 10. B.Jones, 48;  
11. K.Weatherman, 46; 12. J.Graf, 43; 13. J.  
Little, 43; 14. T.Dillon, 40; 15. L.Cassill, 39; 16.  
M.Mills, 39.

NASCAR Driver Rating Formula  
A maximum of 150 points can be attained in  
a race.  
The formula combines the following cate-  
gories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average  
Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average  
Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most  
Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

HOCKEY

NHL standings

East Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Boston	15	10	3	2	22	44	33			
Philadelphia	14	8	3	3	19	48	44			
Washington	16	8	5	3	19	54	57			
Pittsburgh	16	9	6	1	19	51	53			
N.Y. Islanders	17	8	6	3	19	41	41			
N.Y. Rangers	16	6	7	3	15	40	42			
New Jersey	12	6	4	2	14	33	33			
Buffalo	14	5	7	2	12	35	43			
Central Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Carolina	16	12	3	1	25	62	43			
Florida	16	11	3	2	24	56	47			
Chicago	19	9	6	4	22	55	56			
Tampa Bay	15	10	4	1	21	54	36			
Columbus	19	8	7	4	20	55	64			
Dallas	12	5	3	4	14	40	34			
Nashville	17	7	10	0	14	40	57			
Detroit	20	5	12	3	13	39	64			
West Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
St. Louis	18	10	6	2	22	59	56			
Vegas	14	10	3	1	21	43	31			
Colorado	13	8	4	1	17	41	27			
Los Angeles	16	7	6	3	17	51	48			
Arizona	17	7	7	3	17	44	49			
San Jose	16	7	7	2	16	45	58			
Anaheim	17	6	8	3	15	33	45			
Minnesota	13	7	6	0	14	33	35			
North Division										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Toronto	19	14	3	2	30	72	51			
Edmonton	19	11	8	0	22	65	61			
Winnipeg	17	10	6	1	21	57	46			
Montreal	16	9	5	2	20	55	44			
Calgary	17	8	8	1	17	46	47			
Vancouver	21	8	12	1	17	62	74			
Ottawa	19	4	14	1	9	44	78			
Friday's Games										
Carolina 5, Chicago 3										
Florida 7, Detroit 2										
Edmonton 2, Calgary 1										
Winnipeg 2, Vancouver 0										
Saturday's Games										
Buffalo 3, New Jersey 2										
N.Y. Rangers 4, Washington 1										
Detroit 2, Florida 1										
Los Angeles 4, Arizona 2										
Carolina 4, Tampa Bay 0										
Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Islanders 2										
San Jose 5, St. Louis 4										
Nashville 4, Columbus 2										
Toronto 5, Montreal 3										
Vegas vs. Colorado at Edgewood Tahoe Re- sort, late										
Chicago at Carolina, ppd										
Tampa Bay at Dallas, ppd										
Minnesota at Anaheim, late										
Calgary at Edmonton, late										
Today's Games										
New Jersey at Washington, 2 p.m.										
Montreal at Ottawa, 7 p.m.										
Philadelphia vs. Boston at Edgewood Tahoe Resort, 7:30 p.m.										
Winnipeg at Vancouver, 10 p.m.										

Florida LOTTERY

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

<b>PICK 2 (early)</b> <b>5 - 0</b>	<b>PICK 5 (late)</b> <b>3 - 4 - 3 - 7 - 0</b>
<b>PICK 2 (late)</b> <b>3 - 6</b>	<b>FANTASY 5</b> <b>1 - 8 - 10 - 30 - 35</b>
<b>PICK 3 (early)</b> <b>5 - 0 - 0</b>	<b>LOTTO</b> <b>3 - 4 - 11 - 16 - 19 - 33</b>
<b>PICK 3 (late)</b> <b>6 - 1 - 9</b>	<b>POWERBALL</b> <b>4 - 8 - 22 - 32 - 58</b>
<b>PICK 4 (early)</b> <b>9 - 9 - 8 - 3</b>	<b>POWER BALL</b> <b>4</b>
<b>PICK 4 (late)</b> <b>2 - 3 - 5 - 6</b>	<b>CASH 4 LIFE</b> <b>6 - 36 - 49 - 51 - 54</b>
<b>PICK 5 (early)</b> <b>0 - 4 - 9 - 6 - 7</b>	<b>CASH BALL</b> <b>3</b>

Friday's winning numbers and payouts:

<b>Jackpot Triple Play:</b> 10 – 23 – 24 – 31 – 32 – 36	4-of-5 MB No winner
6-of-6 No winner	4-of-5 10 winners\$500
5-of-6 24 winners \$528.50	3-of-5 MB 30 \$200
4-of-6 1,305 \$23.50	3-of-5 963 \$10
3-of-6 22,460 \$1	2-of-5 MB 883 \$10
Combo 10+ No winner	Fantasy 5: 10 – 11 – 25 – 28 – 32
Combo9 3 \$500	5-of-5 No winner
Combo8 105 \$50	4-of-5 261 \$555
Combo7 610 \$20	3-of-5 8,720 \$22
Combo6 3,178 \$10	<b>Cash 4 Life:</b> 6 – 19 – 32 – 35 – 47
Combo5 12,054 \$5	<b>Cash Ball:</b> 4
<b>Mega Millions:</b> 27 – 32 – 47 – 50 – 53	5-of-5 CB No winner
<b>Mega Ball:</b> 4	5-of-5 No winner
5-of-5 MB No winner	Players should verify winning numbers by calling 850-487-7777 or at <a href="http://www.flalottery.com">www.flalottery.com</a> .
5-of-5 No winner	

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS  
AUTO RACING

**3 p.m. (13 FOX)** NASCAR Cup Series O'Reilly Auto Parts 253 At DAYTONA  
**11:30 p.m. (FS1)** NASCAR Cup Series O'Reilly Auto Parts 253 At DAYTONA (Same-day Tape)  
**MEN' COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**8 a.m. (ESPNU)** Auburn at LSU (Taped)  
**11:30 a.m. (NBCSPT)** Rhode Island at George Washington  
**12 p.m. (ESPNU)** Virginia at Duke (Taped)  
**1 p.m. (10 CBS)** Michigan at Ohio State  
**1 p.m. (ESPN)** Cincinnati at Houston  
**3 p.m. (BIG10)** Maryland at Rutgers  
**3:30 p.m. (NBCSPT)** Davidson at St. Bonaventure  
**5 p.m. (FS1)** Penn State at Iowa  
**6 p.m. (ACCN)** Clemson at Pittsburgh  
**7 p.m. (FS1)** Butler at Xavier  
**7 p.m. (BIG10)** Wisconsin at Northwestern  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**11:30 a.m. (FS1)** Purdue at Michigan State  
**12 p.m. (ESPN2)** North Carolina at NC State  
**12 p.m. (FSNFL)** Syracuse at Virginia Tech  
**12 p.m. (SEC)** Tennessee at Georgia  
**2 p.m. (ESPN2)** Ohio State at Michigan  
**2 p.m. (FSNFL)** Georgia Tech at Boston College  
**2 p.m. (SEC)** Florida at Missouri  
**2 p.m. (SUN)** Baylor at Oklahoma  
**3 p.m. (ESPN)** Kentucky at South Carolina  
**4 p.m. (ESPN2)** Oregon State at UCLA  
**4 p.m. (SEC)** Texas A&M at Ole Miss  
**6 p.m. (SEC)** Arkansas at LSU

NBA

**3:30 p.m. (28 ABC)** Boston Celtics at New Orleans Pelicans  
**7 p.m. (FSNFL)** Detroit Pistons at Orlando Magic  
**8 p.m. (ESPN)** Brooklyn Nets at Los Angeles Clippers  
**12 a.m. (SUN)** Philadelphia 76ers at Toronto Raptors (Same-day Tape)  
**2 a.m. (ESPN2)** Brooklyn Nets at Los Angeles Clippers (Same-day Tape)  
**4 a.m. (ESPN)** Boston Celtics at New Orleans Pelicans (Taped)

BOATING

**10:30 p.m. (NBCSPT)** The PRADA Cup Challenger Selection Series, Finals (Same-day Tape)

BOWLING

**12:30 p.m. (13 FOX)** PBA Bowling Players Championship, Finals

EQUESTRIAN

**4 p.m. (SUN)** America's Day at the Races

GOLF

**1 p.m. (GOLF)** PGA Tour The Genesis Invitational, Final Round  
**3 p.m. (10 CBS)** PGA Tour The Genesis Invitational, Final Round

WOMEN'S COLLEGE GYMNASTICS

**7 p.m. (ESPN2)** LSU at Alabama (Taped)

NHL

**12:30 p.m. (NHL)** New York Islanders at Pittsburgh Penguins (Taped)  
**1:30 p.m. (NHL)** Vegas Golden Knights vs Colorado Avalanche (Taped)  
**2 p.m. (8 NBC)** Philadelphia Flyers vs Boston Bruins  
**7 p.m. (NBCSPT)** New Jersey Devils at Washington Capitals  
**10 p.m. (NHL)** Winnipeg Jets at Vancouver Canucks

MEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE

**10 a.m. (ESPNU)** Ohio State at Johns Hopkins (Taped)  
**12 p.m. (ACCN)** Army at Syracuse

WOMEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE

**2 p.m. (ACCN)** Virginia Tech at Duke  
**4 p.m. (ACCN)** High Point at North Carolina

WOMEN'S SOCCER

**3 p.m. (FS1)** SheBelieves Cup: United States vs Brazil

TENNIS

**8 a.m. (ESPN2)** Australian Open Men's Final (Taped)  
**12 p.m. (TENNIS)** Australian Open Men's Singles Championship (Taped)  
**7:30 p.m. (TENNIS)** Adelaide-WTA, Singapore-ATP, Early Rounds

TRACK AND FIELD

**5 p.m. (ESPN)** American Track League

WINTER SPORTS

**6:30 a.m. (NBCSPT)** FIS Alpine Skiing FIS World Alpine Skiing Championships: Men's Slalom (Run 1) (Same-day Tape)  
**7:30 a.m. (NBCSPT)** FIS Alpine Skiing FIS World Alpine Skiing Championships: Men's Slalom (Run 2)  
**12 p.m. (8 NBC)** FIS Alpine Skiing World Championships: Women's Slalom (Taped)  
**1 p.m. (8 NBC)** FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup: Moguls (Taped)

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

**12 p.m. (BIG10)** Minnesota at Nebraska

COLLEGE WRESTLING

**2 p.m. (ESPNU)** Nebraska at Illinois  
**6 p.m. (ESPNU)** Oklahoma at Oklahoma State  
**9 p.m. (BIG10)** Iowa at Wisconsin

SPORTS BRIEFS

Gibbs stuns grandfather,  
wins in first NASCAR race

DAYTONA BEACH — Joe Gibbs celebrated his first NASCAR victory as a grandfather, watching from the pits as 18-year-old Ty Gibbs won his Xfinity Series debut Saturday on the road course at Daytona International Speedway.  
It was the very first NASCAR national series race for Ty Gibbs, who jumped two steps from ARCA to Xfinity for his debut. He plowed through the field on a pair of re-starts to beat reigning Xfinity Series champion Austin Cindric in double overtime.  
Gibbs became the youngest driver to win an Xfinity road course race at 18 years, 4 months, 16 days. Cindric held the record at 20 on the road course at Mid-Ohio in 2019. Joey Logano holds the overall record; he won 21 days after his 18th birthday in his third race — also driving for Gibbs.  
Gibbs became the second-youngest winner in Xfinity Series history.  
Gibbs drove through the grass, used the top lane on the oval and dove inside in the turns in his shocking first win. He'd never raced an Xfinity car before, never done a live pit stop before and COVID-19 restrictions cut practice and qualifying for Saturday's race.

Gators open new ballpark  
with victory over Miami

GAINESVILLE — Unanimous preseason No. 1 Florida opened its season and Florida Ballpark at Alfred A. McKethan Field on Friday with a 7-5 win over No. 21 Miami, marking the Gators' 16th victory in their last 19 games against the Hurricanes.  
On Saturday, Florida held a five-run lead after six innings, but surrendered three runs in the ninth inning and eventually dropped a 13-inning game to Miami, making Sunday afternoon a series-determining tilt.

No. 1 Gator gymnasts win  
over No. 15 Kentucky

GAINESVILLE — The top-ranked Florida Gators stepped up to the challenge for missing teammates, winning Friday

night's women's gymnastics dual meet 197.50-196.875 over No. 15 Kentucky in Exactech Arena at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center.

Gator gymnasts who performed eight routines in the previous Friday's win at No. 2 LSU — Sydney Johnson-Scharpf, Nya Reed, Savannah Schoenherr and Trinity Thomas — were sidelined due to COVID-19 tests and contact tracing. That COVID-19 protocol circle also included Gator coach Jenny Rowland and volunteer coach Jeremy



Genesis Invitational		
Saturday		
At Riviera Country Club		
Pacific Palisades, Calif.		
Purse: \$9.3 million		
Yardage: 7,040; Par: 71		
Third Round Suspended due to darkness		
Sam Burns	64-66—130	-10
Matthew Fitzpatrick	66-71—137	-8
Wyndham Clark	67-69—136	-7
Dustin Johnson	68-67—135	-7
Max Homa	66-70—136	-7
Patrick Cantlay	67-70—137	-6
Matt Jones	67-72-69—208	-5
Talor Gooch	68-71-69—208	-5
Tony Finau	71-67-70—208	-5
Alex Noren	67-70—137	-5
Jason Kokrak	67-68—135	-5
Cameron Smith	69-68—137	-4
Jordan Spieth	68-68—136	-4
Tyler McCumber	67-68—135	-4
Viktor Hovland	71-69-70—210	-3
Patrick Rodgers	71-69-70—210	-3
Branden Grace	71-69-70—210	-3
Andrew Landry	69-69-72—210	-3
James Hahn	74-66-71—211	-2
Xander Schauffele	71-69-71—211	-2
Jon Rahm	70-69-72—211	-2
Francesco Molinari	68-73-70—211	-2
Collin Morikawa	73-69—142	-2
Joaquin Niemann	67-68—135	-2
Brian Harman	72-69-71—212	-1
Nick Taylor	72-69-71—212	-1
Kyle Stanley	70-71-71—212	-1
Adam Hadwin	71-71-70—212	-1
Scott Harrington	71-66—137	-1
Cameron Tringale	69-71-73—213	E
Matthew NeSmith	70-70-73—213	E
Jim Furyk	69-70-74—213	E
C.T. Pan	71-70-72—213	E
Kevin Streelman	72-66-75—213	E
Will Zalatoris	69-69-75—213	E
Kevin Na	70-72—142	E
Marc Leishman	69-73—142	E
J.T. Poston	74-68—142	E
Mackenzie Hughes	69-71-74—214	+1
Lanto Griffin	69-71-74—214	+1
Brendan Steele	71-69-74—214	+1
Tom Hoge	72-69-73—214	+1
Rickie Fowler	70-71-73—214	+1
Russell Henley	69-72-73—214	+1
Tyler Duncan	69-70-75—214	+1
Bo Hoag	73-68-73—214	+1
Sepp Straka	70-71-73—214	+1
J.B. Holmes	70-69-75—214	+1
Danny Lee	72-70—142	+1
Scott Piercy	73-67-75—215	+2
Scottie Scheffler	67-74-74—215	+2
Charley Hoffman	69-72-74—215	+2
Sebastian Munoz	68-71-76—215	+2
Andrew Putnam	71-71-73—215	+2
Brooks Koepka	68-70-77—215	+2
Charl Schwartzel	75-67—142	+2
Nate Lashley	73-68-75—216	+3
Cameron Davis	71-69-77—217	+4
Wesley Bryan	69-70-78—217	+4
Richy Werenski	70-71-76—217	+4
Harold Varner III	70-72—142	+4
Adam Scott	69-73—142	+4
Keegan Bradley	68-74—142	+4
Brian Gay	72-69-77—218	+5
Matthew Wolff	71-70-77—218	+5
Kyoung-Hoon Lee	70-72—142	+8
Sung Kang	71-68-83—222	+9
Leaderboard at time of suspension		
Sam Burns	-10	13
Matthew Fitzpatrick	-8	17
Wyndham Clark	-7	15
Dustin Johnson	-7	13
Max Homa	-7	13
Patrick Cantlay	-6	16
Matt Jones	-5	18
Talor Gooch	-5	18
Tony Finau	-5	18
Alex Noren	-5	15
Jason Kokrak	-5	13

# Burns holds own at Riviera



Sam Burns tees off on the third hole during the third round of the Genesis Invitational golf tournament at Riviera Country Club, on Saturday in the Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles.

*High winds cause delay*

**DOUG FERGUSON**  
*AP golf writer*

LOS ANGELES — The wind stopped Sam Burns right when he was about to get started with a five-shot lead Saturday at the Genesis Invitational. Darkness stopped him right after two straight bogeys narrowed his lead to two.

Thus ended a wild afternoon at Riviera, where the wind was raging so strong that it blew Keegan Bradley's putt off the green at No. 10 and nearly blew Max Homa's shot into the hole at the par-5 first.

A four-hour delay didn't make Riviera any easier.

Burns, the 24-year-old from Louisiana, went 31 consecutive holes without a bogey and kept Dustin Johnson, Jordan Spieth and everyone else at a distance. When the streak ended on No. 8, it

was the start of three inevitable bogeys over six holes.

"It's a hard course with no wind," Burns said.

He was at 10-under par through 13 holes, two shots ahead of Matt Fitzpatrick, who had a most bizarre round by going 10 consecutive holes without a par — six birdies, four bogeys.

Johnson, Homa and Wyndham Clark were at 7 under, with Patrick Cantlay another shot behind. The third round was set to be completed Sunday morning ahead of the final 18 holes.

Tiger Woods showed up right about the time play was halted. Woods is the tournament host who is not playing as he recovers from a fifth back surgery.

The wind was blowing golf balls on the green, and then the PGA Tour said a piece of communications equipment toppled near the 14th tee and they brought everyone in.

Not much changed with the wind when they resumed. Everyone was dropping shots and

hanging on for dear life.

Johnson had three bogeys against three birdies and was only three shots behind. The greens were so firm, the wind whipping so hard, that even from 99 yards away on the 13th hole he landed the ball some 50 feet short and hoped it rolled out enough to give him a chance.

Spieth opened with two birdies, including a 40-footer on the third hole. But he hit two fairway bunkers on the seventh and eighth holes that led to bogey, missed a 3-footer on the 12th and his chip on the 15th was a little firm, and with the wind and slope it rolled out some 40 feet. He dropped six shots behind.

For so much of the day, Burns looked impervious to it all. He opened with a steady dose of pars, including one amazing escape on the par-3 sixth, where his tee shot was close to a boundary fence. He played it into the rough and onto the back of the green, and the ball rolled

# Allmendinger back at Daytona in 1st Cup race since 2018

*Drivers prepped for road course*

**JENNA FRYER**  
*AP auto racing writer*

DAYTONA BEACH — AJ Allmendinger is back, racing for wins this time, and eager to help young Kaulig Racing reach the big show.

Allmendinger will run his first Cup race since the 2018 season finale in Kaulig's first Cup race not at a superspeedway. The team last week made its second Daytona 500 — a critical first step in trying to become a full-time Cup team — and now its dusted off ol' 'Dinger to take another shot Sunday on Daytona's road course.

Allmendinger is a ringer with 15 appearances in the Rolex 24 sports car race in Daytona. Nearly everyone else? The bulk of the Cup field ran it for the very first time last August, when the pandemic pushed Daytona's winding 14-turn, 3.61-mile circuit onto the calendar for the first time.

His familiarity with Daytona made Allmendinger the smart pick for Matt Kaulig to take another step forward. NASCAR added Sunday's road course race to the schedule in December and Kaulig persuaded his "trophy hunter" Allmendinger to help pull the team to the top level.

"I am pumped to be racing in the Cup Series for Kaulig Racing," Allmendinger said.

Allmendinger was weary of the grind when he lost his job at the end of 2018. He had no desire to drive for mediocre teams just to have a seat. He decided to move on with his life.

He planned to do television work and maybe moonlight for team owners he considers friends. Kaulig kept Allmendinger engaged in 2019 by giving him quality cars that could win in five Xfinity races. The program swelled to 11 races last season and the "Trophy Hunter" had three victories in 16 starts.

Allmendinger was helping Kaulig grow a program. The team started in 2016 and this season Allmendinger will run



Cody Ware, left, and A J Allmendinger talk on pit road before the NASCAR Xfinity Series race at Daytona International Speedway, Saturday in Daytona Beach.

full time for the Xfinity championship as one of three Kaulig contenders. He'll also drive select Cup races as part of Kaulig's development.

Having a central role in Kaulig's push to the top has made NASCAR enjoyable again for Allmendinger. He remembered last week when Kaz Grala made his first Daytona 500 start just how special the sport had once been to him.

"I was standing next to Kaz by the car during driver intros and I think veterans sometimes, we lose sight of how big the 500 is," Allmendinger said. "When you are just standing there and you see somebody who has made his first 500, his eyes lit up — it made me feel good."

## TRACK CHANGE

NASCAR this week tweaked the backstretch chicane on the Daytona course after dirt and grass played a pivotal role in the Feb. 9 messy Busch Clash.

Drivers in that exhibition learned the hard way not to cut that chicane because in short-cutting some asphalt they were dragging debris all over

the speedway. Martin Truex Jr. wrecked while leading when he drove through dirt; others complained about windshield visibility.

NASCAR, based on driver suggestions, added rumble strips to the backstretch chicane to prevent drivers from using the grass. The rumble strip to the driver's right is about 36 feet long; the strip to the driver's left is about 30 feet.

NASCAR champion Chase Elliott wasn't convinced the strips were necessary.

"If there's dirt on the track, don't run through the dirt, that's pretty simple," Elliott said. "As long as there's grass there, I'd say there's going to be dirt underneath."

## GOING FOR FIVE

Elliott has won the last four points-paying Cup road races dating to 2019, a streak that includes NASCAR's debut on Daytona's course last August.

He fell short in the Clash after spinning good friend Ryan Blaney in the 13th of the 14 turns as the two raced for the victory. Kyle Busch cruised past Elliott

and Blaney for the win. Blaney had words with his buddy as they stood alongside Blaney's wrecked car.

Elliott was remorseful for ruining Blaney's race, but the Cup champion said he probably wouldn't change how he raced.

"If I'm not trying to win, then what am I doing? And I think that's pretty cut and dry, right?" Elliott said.

Elliott is bound to be just as aggressive Sunday when he looks for a fifth consecutive road course victory. It would be his sixth overall and tie him for third on the career list with — get this — NASCAR greats Bobby Allison, Richard Petty, Ricky Rudd and Rusty Wallace.

Elliott in just five years has filled NASCAR's vacancy for king of the road. Jeff Gordon's record nine wins and Tony Stewart's mark of eight are within reach for the 25-year-old.

## McDOWELL'S MOMENTUM

Daytona 500 winner Michael McDowell has a strong opportunity Sunday to give Front Row Motorsports the best start in

team history.

The team has always concentrated on its road course and superspeedway programs because those circuits give small teams a competitive chance. These are the exact tracks where FRM thought it would do well, and a pandemic scheduling change gave FRM a legitimate two-week chance.

The longshot Daytona 500 win earned McDowell his first play-off berth and FRM now is positioned to build a once unthinkable cushion. McDowell was 10th in NASCAR's debut on Daytona's road course last August.

This road course race was added to NASCAR's schedule in December because COVID-19 restrictions would not allow a stop at Fontana, California. It took maneuvering to make it work and Homestead-Miami Speedway, the original second race of the season, was pushed back one week into Fontana's original dates.

The Daytona road course was wedged into the open slot, creating two weekends of very different racing that very much suits Furniture Row. The team can now take gambles it never would dare before, and now McDowell can seriously attempt another upset. This one would make him just the sixth Daytona 500 winner to also win the next race.

NASCAR goes next to Homestead to begin a stretch of oval racing — typically the time the top teams begin to pull away.

## ODD AND ENDS

Austin Dillon is the points leader for the first time. He finished third behind McDowell and Elliott in the Daytona 500 and ran his first Rolex 24 sports car race in January to experience the road course for the first time. Dillon missed the Cup race in August because he'd received a positive COVID-19 test. ... Elliott is the 9-5 betting favorite, followed by Truex at 3-1. Truex had one of the best cars in the Clash until he crashed from the lead and finished last in 21st. ... Kevin James is the grand marshal in a promotion for a Netflix show about a NASCAR team. "The Crew" features a handful of current Cup drivers and cars owned by Spire Motorsports.



# MLBers who opted out for virus excited for ‘21

*Those returning must shake rust after year off*

**JAKE SEINER**  
*AP baseball writer*

David Price spent much of 2020 in front of his television, watching from afar as his Los Angeles Dodgers chased an elusive World Series championship.

Trepidation about playing baseball through a pandemic trumped his urge to play — but that doesn't mean the 2012 AL Cy Young Award winner never thought about an early return.

"It definitely crossed my mind," Price said Friday from Dodgers spring training in Glendale, Arizona. "But I didn't want to just come back to be back. I wanted to come back to stay."

Sixteen months since his last competitive game, Price is indeed back, just like many of the nearly 20 big leaguers who opted out of the coronavirus-shortened 2020 season — a list including All-Stars like San Francisco's Buster Posey, Milwaukee's Lorenzo Cain, the New York Mets' Marcus Stroman and Washington's Ryan Zimmerman.

Traded from Boston to the Dodgers last February, the 35-year-old Price pitched in spring exhibitions for LA before deciding to go home. Instead of playing, he did what many Americans have done with their unexpected time — he watched a lot of TV.

"On the West Coast, baseball starts at 10 a.m.," he said. "I had baseball on TV all day long, East Coast games and West Coast games."

Coming back after all that wasn't a hard decision.

"I feel like our team and MLB handled it extremely well," Price said. "I know they had a lot of protocols they had to go through. The training staff were bending over backwards to keep guys COVID free."

"We have a lot more information on it now," he added. "All of that played into the decision to play this year. I knew I wanted to play this year."

Nationals right-hander Joe Ross echoed that sentiment. He hasn't pitched since starting Game 5 of the 2019 World Series,



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**Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher David Price throws against the Cincinnati Reds during the first inning of a spring training baseball game March 2, 2020, in Goodyear, Ariz. Price, Buster Posey, Marcus Stroman and more than a dozen other players who opted out of the pandemic-shortened 2020 season get back to work this week. They not only will have to deal with rust but the demands of MLB's coronavirus safety protocols.**

passing on a chance to defend the title because of all the uncertainties at the time about the effectiveness of MLB's protocols.

After early season outbreaks on the Cardinals and Marlins, MLB adjusted its safety guidelines and successfully played through the end of the season. The league has enhanced its protocols this spring, including the introduction of electronic contact tracing wristbands for players to wear around team facilities.

"Everything so far has been going great," Ross said. "It's kind of a normal, quote-unquote, spring training as far as being back on the field and stuff like that."

Teams have concerns about overtaxing pitchers after last year's abbreviated workloads, and those apprehensions are even stronger for pitchers like Ross who didn't pitch at all. It

doesn't help that the 27-year-old has a checkered health history, including Tommy John surgery in 2017.

"We have to be very careful," Washington manager Dave Martinez said. "I know it's been (3 1/2) years since he's had Tommy John, but we want to keep him healthy."

The Mets have similar concerns for Stroman, a 5-foot-7 right-hander who tore a muscle in his left calf last July and opted out a few weeks later. Fiery and confident as always, Stroman thinks he's put in the work necessary to enter the season full bore.

"I never have to get ready because I stay ready," he said. "I'm ready to rock. I'm ready to go out there and throw 200-plus innings like I do every year. My preparations are elite."

An agreement between the league and union promised that

players deemed high-risk for serious COVID-19 symptoms would still be paid in 2020 if they opted out. Those who weren't high-risk were still allowed to skip the season, but they had to forego their salaries.

For some players, the pandemic wasn't the only impetus for staying away.

Posey and his wife adopted twin girls last summer who were born prematurely, and the family had concerns about their well-being for reasons beyond COVID-19 — although that was certainly also a factor. He joked last week that he kept his arm in shape by throwing diapers.

"You have to really make sure you have the right weight of the diaper so, depending on how well they've been feeding, that plays a lot into my accuracy," Posey said with a grin.

White Sox right-hander Michael Kopech cited multiple

reasons for opting out, including concerns about his mental health. The promising 24-year-old disclosed previously that he suffers from anxiety and depression, and he alluded Saturday to changes in his perspective brought on not just by the time away from the ballpark, but also the birth in January of his first child, a son named River.

"I think I learned that I need this game a lot more than I realized," Kopech said. "It's a lot easier said than done to take a step away from something you've done your entire life."

"It's made me regain the motivation to get back out there," he added, "along with some other things that have happened in my life."

A few players referenced a renewed sense of motivation.

"Baseball is my first true love," Price said. "Being away from it for that time was tough."

## Bowling SCORES

**Parkview Lanes**  
12-WEEK LEAGUE: The next session of the Thursday night Holder Hotshots begins with the league meeting at 7 p.m. on March 4. The teams are 3-persons, any mix or all one gender, and the cost is \$14 per week. Call the Center at 352-489-6933 to register, either as a team or as an individual.  
LEAGUE SCORES FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEB. 14:  
**PARKVIEW SENIORS**  
Handicap: Larry Clark 264,748; Joe Dennison 259,749; Kathy Fuller 272; Diane Mauck 262,719; Rosemary Marcucci 713. Scratch: Tony Hyatt 220,615; Joe Dennison 213,611; Rosemarie Marcucci 188,494; Diane Mauck 186,491.  
**MONDAY NIGHT SPECIAL**  
Handicap: Deke Keyser 302,786; Jan Stackpole 296; Chris Carr 758; Bridget Foley 264,697; Stacy Christopher 243,682. Scratch: Deke Keyser 263; Jan Stackpole 253; Wes Foley 676; Ryan Aguilar 674; Bridget Foley 178; Debbie Aguilar 178; Lisa Weston 173,467; Carol Anderson 474.  
**PARKVIEW 7-9-8 NOTAP**  
Handicap: Marvin Johns 354; Rich Balke 343,911; Gary Strausbaugh 947; Patty Krombach 359,1022; Nancy Dijulio 359; Mae Johns 349; Carol McHale 905. Scratch: Gary Strausbaugh 300,842; Marvin Johns 300; Greg Dawidowicz 300; Rich Balke 300; Tony Hyatt 298,861; Marilyn Seymour 300,747; Mae Johns 300; Glenda Johnston 300; Susan Fabbre 262; Yette Hanson 710.  
**SANDY OAKS WINTER**  
Handicap: Richard Barnhill 298,793; Homer Raush 264; Don Powers 698; Pat Young 231; Penny Nardin 230,625; Jill Weigel 621. Scratch: Richard Barnhill 245,661; Homer Raush 235,592; Ruth Frazier 180,475; Pat Young 169,432.

**MARCH MADNESS**  
Handicap: Bill Johnston 271; Randy Moak 261; Curt Kollert 743; Jim Laurain 741; Bunny Higgenbotham 292,755; Apryl Harkins 274,738. Scratch: Tyler Beatty 236,645; Randy Moak 227,591; Bunny Higginbotham 241,602; Glenda Johnston 180,486.  
**LATE STARTERS**  
Handicap: Keith Carthen 268; Tony Hyatt 251; Al Roque 717; Allan Gobbi 716; Trina Paliwoda 256,680; Janet Carthen 242; Mary Ann Soloway 683. Scratch: Tony Hyatt 230,559; Keith Carthen 209; Jeff Wright 516; Trina Paliwoda 166,410; Nancy Vaughan 156,440.  
**WEDNESDAY SCRATCH TRIO**  
Handicap: Shirley Tenity 258,668; Nancy Vaughan 240; Carol Roberts 643. Scratch: Shirley Tenity 209,521; Nancy Vaughan 174; Carol Roberts 442.  
**GOOD TIMES**  
Handicap: Ken Maria 287,714; John Bahrs 212,594; Laurie Anderson 235,626; Laura Bonadonna 231,638. Scratch: Ken Maria 225,528; Jerry Ness 169,477; Laura Bonadonna 181,488; 163,410.  
**HOLDER HOTSHOTS**  
Handicap: Richard Hickey 285; Robbie Yoakum 281,729; Mike Serrano 757; Dawn Rivera 274,760; Brandy Dreading 264; Judy Aamlund 739. Scratch: Robbie Yoakum 256,654; Richard Hickey 234; Mike Serrano 580.  
**PARKVIEW TGIF**  
Handicap: Tony Hyatt 286; Jim Sanders 275,758; Roy Fuller 275; Jim Laurain 752; Lisa Stewart 311; Kathy Weaverling 286; Kathy Fuller 740; Darby Cerce 732. Scratch: Tony Hyatt 264,611;

Jim Sanders 221,596; Lisa Stewart 245,516; Kathie Weaverling 236,566.  
**PARKVIEW YOUTH**  
Handicap: Hayden Thomas 267,719; John Egan 262; Megan Allen 298,823; Kaitlyn Perrine 246; Sophia Dasch 684. Scratch: Justin Rose 213,549; Evan Posey 194,557; Megan Allen 243,658; Destiny Snyder 127,311.  
**BOWLERS OF THE WEEK**  
Adults: Richard Barnhill, 193 pins over his average, and Bunny Higgenbotham, 95 pins over her average. Youth: John Egan, 86 pins over his average, and Megan Allen, 154 pins over her average.  
**Manatee Lanes**  
**TUESDAY ODD BALLS**  
MEN'S HIGH GAME HDCP, 285, Mark Ailiff  
MEN'S HIGH SERIES HDCP, 816, Caleb Herndon  
MEN'S HIGH GAME SCRATCH, 245, Rich Koller  
MEN'S HIGH SERIES SCRATCH, 658, Bob Wood  
WOMEN'S HIGH GAME HDCP, 262, Tim Caudill  
WOMEN'S HIGH SERIES HDCP, 718, Taylor Lynch  
WOMEN'S HIGH GAME SCRATCH, 244, Bam Sholes  
WOMEN'S HIGH SERIES SCRATCH, 572, Danyele Lee  
**TUESDAY YOUTH**  
BOY'S HIGH GAME HDCP, 243, Colton Davis  
BOY'S HIGH SERIES HDCP, 678, Trent Baumes  
BOY'S HIGH GAME SCRATCH, 201, Skyler Beville  
BOY'S HIGH SERIES SCRATCH, 529, Robert Pierson  
GIRL'S HIGH SERIES HDCP, 671, Alyssa Kline  
GIRL'S HIGH GAME SCRATCH, 147, Suzanne Rohn  
GIRL'S HIGH SERIES SCRATCH, 440, Alayna Lee  
**WEDNESDAY MEN'S**  
HIGH HDCP GAME, 289, Bill Spreen

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**Sportsmen's Bowl**  
**Bowlers of the Week**  
Men: Billy Barker 119 pins over average in the Firstnighters league  
Women: Jennifer Williams 76 pins over average in the Tuesday Mixed league  
**His And Hers Mixed**  
Men Scratch: Carl

Hilgert 225-585, Mark Ash 223, Charles Watt 220-602, Stephen Liik 636  
Men Handicap: Carl Hilgert 270-720, Al Sutherland 268-722, Joseph Tarallo 266-734  
Women Scratch: Gale Piazza 214-474, Vicki Jeffers 191-464, Carmen Carrero 186-484  
Women Handicap: Gale Piazza 276-660, Apryl Harkin 260, Vicki Jeffers 253, Helen Turner 688, Joann Frost 658  
**Tuesday Afternoon Mixed**  
Men Scratch: Rich Murdock 180-517, Dick Newhall 177-468, Jeff Wright 170-462  
Men Handicap: Leigh Salmon 223-628, Rich Murdock 213-616, Dick Newhall 212, Bob Biggs 605  
Women Scratch: Nancy Duncan 194-510, Peg Murdock 189, June Micker 183, Jennifer Williams 502, Millie George 467  
Women Handicap: Peg Murdock 246, Nancy Duncan 243-657, Jennifer Williams 243-685, Millie George 641  
**Firstnighters, Men**  
Scratch: Tim Lawrence 270-729, Richard Adams 225, David Caudill 215, Scott Brown 215, Dalton Gruzdas 626, Nicholas Montalvo IV 612  
Handicap: Tim Lawrence 278-753, Billy Barker 278-782, Jason Webb 270, Christopher Himmel 767  
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Men Scratch: Tom Frost 221-596, Charles Watt 212-553, Tyler Beatty 206-598,  
Men Handicap: Tom Frost 253-692, Charles Watt 246-655, Curtis Hammontree 242-681,  
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Men Scratch: Mark Ash 230-568, Cesare Nicoletti 223,

Marv Chapman 211, PJ Ireland 591, Mike Murray 577  
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**Pinbusters, Women**  
Scratch: Arleane Malatt 189-473, Ashley Worrell 180-507, Mary Lindsey 173, Angela Hackerott 454  
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Gage Persons of Citrus, top, earns back points while Anthony Meyer of Bishop Moore bridges during the 113-pound championship match Saturday at the District 1A-7 meet at The Villages Charter School. Persons won by fall for the gold medal.

## 'CANES

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sure point-wise, whether we needed a pin or not. So I just stuck him for the title,” he said. “I’ve been around since right after (my coaches) graduated high school, and we haven’t had any kind of team accomplishments at all since then. So it’s something I’ve been looking forward to since I was a little kid.”

Joining Coleman on the top of the award stand were Gage Persons at 113 and 152-pounder Logan Simpson.

Persons got the finals off to a great start for the Hurricanes with a third-period pin over his Bishop Moore opponent. But then the Hornets won two straight head-to-head matches and two more Hurricanes lost title bouts, for four losses in a row. That’s when Logan Simpson stepped up with a pin for the gold medal at 152 over Dominic Delgado of Leesburg.

“My coach said we needed the six. For me, making it to states is a big deal and I have to do it my junior year. So I knew I had to win that match and also get team points,” Simpson said. “It feels great. We’ve been working for this, just grinding it out.”

Estep said of his junior champion, “Logan is extremely coachable and he wants to be challenged every step of the way and it’s showing.”

Runner-up finishers for the Hurricanes were Charles Smith — who dropped a heartbreaking 8-7 decision — at 120, Jacob Reynolds at 126, Maxal Simpson at 132 and 145-pounder Jesse Pounders.

“Smith was wrestling lights out. The one thing that led to that loss was his mat awareness. He thought he was up by one

point and that comes down on us as coaches,” Estep said. “And then Jake, he got stuck in a bar. He needs to improve in his bottom position. He took it with a grain of salt and said ‘I’ll see him next week.’ A lot of maturity out of him.”

Also advancing to regionals for the Hurricanes are Manuel Martinez at 106, Aaron Reynolds at 138, Jessiah Cobo at 160, 170-pounder Jase West and Colton McNeely at 220.

Crystal River brought nine wrestlers into districts and at least five of them — possibly three more — will compete at regionals next week.

Blaine Reed at 106 and Tim Grey at 220 collected runner-up finishes for the Pirates.

“There’s no seniors, so we have everybody coming back next year. We’re really young and looking forward to next week in Palm Bay,” Crystal River head coach Bruce Stull said. “Really impressed with the young kids. We had a sophomore take second and a freshman take second. I’m pretty happy with the turnout.”

Also earning automatic berths to regionals were Angel Merchant at 120, Josh Holland at 126 and 152-pounder Jayden Jobe.

Fifth-place finishers — who could get wild card berths to regionals if their are byes at their weight classes — were Pirates Kaije Youngstrom at 113, Michael Falla at 132 and Mason Cosgrove at 138.

“We’d like to take some kids to Kissimmee (where state is held) this year. But it’s just going to be good experience for the kids. They seem to be getting more and more comfortable with bigger wrestling,” Stull said. “Winning breeds winning. They get a taste of the winning, they start caring about losing. Some of the kids haven’t won enough yet to get upset with losing.”



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## Don't blink; 'the times they are a changin'



Gerry Mulligan  
**OUT THE WINDOW**

In the blink of an eye, things can change in Citrus County.

Our last year of COVID lockdown has been responsible for significant differences from previous years. It's appropriate to look back for a moment.

■ First, none of our Canadian tourists and snowbirds have come to Citrus County. That equates to hundreds of households and RV spots from previous years. The Canadian border has been closed and our regular visitors are stuck home

freezing their tootsies off.

■ There are at least 1,000 snowbirds from northern parts of the United States who have not come south for the traditional season. We can tell at the newspaper by the number of active traditional subscriber accounts that still have balances yet were not activated this winter season. That certainly impacts the newspaper, but it also hurts the restaurants, retail shops, medical facilities and every other kind of business in Citrus County.

■ New home construction is going crazy. As newly elected property appraiser Cregg Dalton pointed out in a recent column, more than 950 new homes came on to the tax rolls during the year. People are moving from urban areas to more rural settings like Citrus County because the COVID craziness. That is the fastest rate of growth the county has experienced since the early 2000s.

■ The same is true with the real estate market for existing homes.

Citrus County is on fire right now. Homes are being put up for sale and offers come quickly. And again, many of the people are coming from more urban areas seeking to embrace a slower lifestyle.

■ Rental housing units in the county are almost nonexistent. While there are vacation rentals to be found, regular rentals for working people have mostly been gobbled up. That has an impact in a lot of areas including the workforce. If

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## The Florida Legislative process 2021



Associated Press

The state Capitol in Tallahassee.

*This is the first of a five-part series of informational columns about the Florida legislative process and issues. In this series, the League of Women Voters of Citrus County (LWVCC) will explain the process of creating Florida law, outline the League's positions on proposed bills, and provide ways for interested constituents to voice their opinions. Part I focuses on general information.*

*Future columns will address specific bills, highlighting the League of Women Voters of Florida's positions on the topics and the reasons that we support or oppose these bills. Each article will contain information about how constituents can contact legislators to make their voices heard, regardless of opinion.*

### About the Florida legislative session

The Florida Legislature consists of two chambers, the Senate and the House of Representatives. Florida has 40 senators who serve four year terms, and 120 representatives who serve two-year terms. All are limited to eight years in their office.

The Florida Legislature meets once a year for 60 days to address the needs of our state. The 2021 session begins March 2 and ends April 30. However, with a huge state and much business to be discussed, their work begins long before the session. Beginning a few months before the session, representatives and senators can file bills for consideration. As of now, hundreds of

bills have been filed.

When a bill is filed, it is assigned to one or more committees for further review. In committee, the bill is discussed and debated by the legislators. The public and interested constituents whom the bill will impact may offer testimony, email or call committee members. Amendments or changes may be added. The committee can

approve the bill in its original or amended form, or they can defeat the bill. Once a bill is defeated in a committee, it is considered "dead" for the rest of that session.

After successfully passing its assigned committees, the bill is brought before the entire chamber of the House or Senate, where it requires a

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## Keeping tabs on teenagers' mental health is crucial



Courtney Stewart  
**SEEING BEYOND**

Teenagers are tricky. As I understand it, they've been that way since the dawn of time.

There are moments when it feels like their only desire in the world is to cause normally rational adults to do and say the most irrational things imaginable. Of course those times must be balanced by the fact that often teenagers can be surprisingly compassionate and insightful, bringing joy to unsuspecting people in the midst of the chaos of life.

They're tricky — it's the nature of

that season of life.

It always makes me laugh a little when parents snicker as they regale friends and family with stories of the wayward days of their adolescence only to be completely astonished when their own teenagers up the ante.

When I think of the lives teenagers live today, there's no way I'd switch places with them; no way I'd want to be that age at this time. In fact, I'm grateful those years are behind me.


Teenagers today face more pressure to succeed than in any other time in history. Their schedules are jam packed with high level academics and untenable loads of extra-curricular activities. They just move from one thing to another, barely able to catch a breath. The stress to perform and compete in virtually every aspect of their lives is a burden their shoulders aren't necessarily prepared to bear.

But that's not the only additional stressor that teenagers face today.

In many ways we've created a world for them that has truncated mental toughness. It started with the "everyone gets a trophy" mentality when they were just preschoolers and it hasn't really ever gotten better. Many teenagers struggle with underdeveloped coping skills and an inability to effectively handle disappointment or difficult situations that life inevitably brings.

The prevalence of social media

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## BOATER BILLS MOUNT

# County OK of boat launch fees a first step

The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) recently voted to institute a user fee for the county’s four most-used boat ramps, something that has been kicking around for a while. In a separate vote the same day, they established the final fee amounts: \$10 daily pass for both county and non-county residents; or an annual pass for residents at \$25 and non-residents at \$75.

There will be payment kiosks at these ramps: Fort Island Gulf Beach, Fort Island Trail Park, Hernando Beach and the Homosassa ramp at MacRae’s. No other public ramps are included in the user-fee ordinance.

Among Citrus County’s current hot-button issues, this one has stood out, and comments run the range. Some commenters are opposed on general principles, along the lines of “I already pay taxes.” Some say it’s about time this happened, “because I don’t want to have to pay more later for something I don’t use.”

In practical terms, boaters say the county-resident \$25 annual pass is a trivial

expense, compared to the costs of gas for their boats, maintenance, and incidentals they take out on trips.

(One cited the old saw that a boat is “a hole in the water into which you throw money.”) The user fee also means that Citrus will be able to capture income from the many out-of-county folks who tow boats here to launch.

Users have a number of suggestions, though, and the BOCC would be wise to create a ramps advisory board. Although the ordinance specifies that collected fees will be used only to maintain and improve county boat ramps, what does that mean? Users on the advisory board could pinpoint where improvements are most needed, whether at the ramps themselves or in the associated parking areas. There should also be greater transparency regarding income and expenses, plus an overall plan to which the advisory board contributes.

Now that the BOCC voted to create user fees for the county’s busiest four ramps, stay tuned for details on how it will unfold.

### THE ISSUE:

County approves launch fees for the four most-used county boat ramps.

### OUR OPINION:

It’s a good first step, but there’s more to do.

## Paddlecrafts get in the way

(Re the Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021, Sound Off, “Use a paddlecraft, take a safety class”): I’d like to address the gentleman that wants to have safety classes for paddlecraft. I boat on the Chassahowitzka River, which is very shallow, and the paddlecraft have become so numerous, it’s that they’re like cockroaches that swarm. It’s that we are limited to a semi-marked channel and local knowledge that we can only go in certain areas because if we don’t, we have to have our boats above plane so they don’t hit the bottom. And (paddlecrafts) will get in the middle of the channel and sit there, even though we’re trying to wave them. It’s that I think that the dock at the head of the Chassahowitzka River should state that powerboats have right of way in the channel.

## Thanks for helping when my car broke

Today, Feb. 18, my car broke down at the intersection of Deltona Boulevard and Citrus Springs Boulevard. Two gentlemen came and pushed my car off the side of the road for me. One gentleman, Joe, stayed with me and kept me calm until

Scally’s tow truck came along and helped. I just wanted to say thank you, Joe, for your help. I was really, as you know, quite upset. Thank you again, Joe.

## Signal won’t work, a deputy will

I see in the Chronicle today that the city of Inverness has decided to spend our tax money on a light at Eden Drive and Old Floral City Road (re the Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021, front-page story). This will continue to congest the road because the bicycles never stop at the stop signs anyhow; they just drive right on through. What you need to do is put a sheriff’s deputy there and ticket the bicyclists for running the stop signs. The \$33,000 of the city’s money that we paid in taxes is a waste.

## No vaccine, stay away me

I would like to respond to the person who wrote in and said, “I won’t wear a mask or get a vaccine” (in Sound Off on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021). I certainly think that is your right, but I would also hope that you stay away from intelligent people who also do the right thing. Have a good day and stay healthy.



# Shameful that Scott, Rubio saw no evil that day at the Capitol

See how they squirmed. “The first chance I get to vote to end this trial, I will do it,” declared Sen. Marco Rubio before it began, “because I think it’s really bad for America.”

No, the trial was really bad for Rubio and other Republicans who want everyone to stop talking about last month’s siege by violent MAGA rioters at the Capitol.

Those who had the hardest time re-watching the rampage were the many senators who said nothing for weeks as President Crybaby spread his stolen-election lies or even, encouraged him.

The trial was a damning reminder of their own moral failings, and culpability. They didn’t want to be there because it was their unhinged leader who called the rioters to Washington, fired them up, and set them loose.

Some GOP senators looked genuinely somber as House impeachment managers replayed the scenes of chaos that led to five deaths. Others in the chamber pretended to leaf through papers on their laps or, like Rand Paul, casually doodle.

For those with a conscience, the challenge was to mask their shame. For those who felt nothing, the challenge was to mask their unforgivable indifference.

All you need to know about Sen. Rick Scott’s shallowness of character is what he tweeted weeks before the trial:

“The impeachment is nothing more than political theater. The Democrats are confusing the U.S. Capitol, where we should be helping the American people, with another big white building in DC that

specialize in theater and shows ... the Kennedy Center.”

The audio tapes of police officers yelling for help that day wasn’t “political theater.” It was a chilling chronicle of a mob assault.

Likewise, the video of Vice President Mike Pence being rushed to a safe room wasn’t manufactured by Democrats. It was taken by a security camera in hallway.

Scenes of the Trump mob chanting for Pence to be hanged came from the phones of rioters themselves, not Democratic lawmakers. The same is true for the gallows, complete with a noose, erected by Trump’s goons outside the Capitol.

By Scott’s snide definition, visual evidence of any historic crime could be discounted as political theater. (His thoughtless reference to the Kennedy Center was ironic — the graphic murder of the president whom it memorializes was recorded on film, and has been viewed by millions.)

Scott and most other GOP senators had hoped to block the impeachment trial by voting that the Constitution doesn’t allow punishing a president who’s no longer in office. A bumbling performance by Trump’s defense attorneys sank that strategy.

And while the Democrats never had enough votes to convict, they secured an opportunity to publicly present their case, which was powerful.

It’s obvious why Scott, Rubio and the others didn’t want the country to see the Capitol attack reconstructed minute-by-minute, synced to Trump’s own words. The senators know they’re guilty, too,

## LETTERS



## to the Editor

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## Upset with the pipeline decision

I am in total agreement with Robert Hagaman’s letter of Feb. 10. It has upset me that President Biden has chosen to stop the dependable, already in place, pipeline from our friendly neighbor, Canada. It would appear that he has done this to anger and show his dislike for President Trump since any environmental damage has already been done, and those areas affected have since been brought back to beauty.

It is apparent that President Biden would rather we depend on non-friendly foreign countries for our oil, and without caring for the thousands of people he has put out of work. So much for unity.

Mary Grass  
Inverness

## Why wear a mask? I want you to

In reference to the person on Sound Off saying they will neither wear a mask or get the vaccine:

Yes, at this time it is your choice to do neither.

The most effective mask use is when the mask is worn by a person infected with the virus. Being many people spread the virus, when not knowing that they are infected, it is a good reason for us all to wear masks.

A mask may indeed give us some protection from someone spreading the virus, but less than if worn by the infected person. During this pandemic, choosing to be indoors in a public place without a mask is like smoking in a restaurant, or spitting on the floor. Just plain rude.

As for the vaccine, the thinking is, when more people get vaccinated along with those who have been infected, reaches a critical mass, herd immunity may end this pandemic.

Jim Rasmussen  
Homosassa

## Is president above all laws?

I have been listening and watching the news about the issues confronting our country. They certainly need to be addressed and solutions planned for the health and welfare of our citizens.

However, I would like to ask a few questions and seek input on the resolution.

If a sitting president cannot be indicted or charged with a potential wrong doing while in office, how can he also not be charged for wrongdoing when out of office? Does it not appear to put him or her above the same laws that cover all citizens? Does that person have the same right to a fair trial before his or her peers?

I saw it posted last night that currently there are 106 bills being introduced in 28 state legislatures across the country to limit or restrict voters rights. Also reported was that

Republicans have lost seats in several of the last elections. So my question is this: Does not the voters rights bill promote all citizens the right to vote? Why would a state Legislature need to create hardships for voters to voice their choices in an election? Are they afraid they cannot win allowing all citizens to vote?

Sandy Engelman  
Inverness

## Tariffs drive up aluminum prices

Everybody keeps saying what a great president Donald J. Trump was. I’d like to say, I agree.

Two years ago I had a problem with my aluminum roof over my Florida room. It has taken on several leaks and flying ants have moved in. Every time it rains, the ants come in and invade the room. My insurance won’t cover replacement. So I called a company to get a replacement estimate. My quote was \$6,200. I didn’t have the money. I’m on Social Security so it took me two years to save it up. Now that I have the money, this month I called the same company to come back out and reissue a new estimate. I knew the price would be a little higher because of the two years. The same gentleman came out and my new estimate is \$11,500. Almost double. Again I don’t have the money. It’s like starting all over. The contractor blames the higher price on the aluminum cost.

And why did the aluminum prices skyrocket? Trump’s wonderful trade deals and tariffs. So I’d like to say kudos to a wonderful president who understands construction and finance. Thanks to him, by the time I can afford to replace my roof, my Florida room will have rusted away and disintegrated to only a concrete slab.

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# BEYOND

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hasn't helped the situation at all. The illusion of anonymity and the feeling of freedom many teens feel when using the internet has made social media one of the greatest sources of pressure on teens today. It creates unattainable statuses and instantaneous judgement by their peers. We all know kids can be cruel. But that cruelty reaches new heights on social media. Research shows a strong correlation between substantial use of social media and mental health concerns.

Looked at holistically, the life of a teenager today is considerably more stressful than what the previous generation faced. And then we add the pandemic on top of that with interrupted access to comforting social routines, intense feelings of isolation and legitimate fears about a virus that is taking tens of thousands of lives.

Our kids are facing serious risks to their mental health.

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), half of all mental illness develops in kids by the age of 14 and 75% develop before they turn 25.

And those numbers don't reflect 2020 — a year that was unlike any other.

It's always been true but perhaps the severity of it feels different this year: our kids' mental health is incredibly important.

That's why the upcoming Youth Mental Health First Aid Training put on jointly by the Citrus County School District and the Citrus Health Improvement Partnership is so vital and so timely. This free, six-hour course for parents and those who work with children will take place in March and is designed to train caring adults to recognize mental health or substance use issues and equip them with the tools they need to provide first response support to children under their care.

This initiative is yet another sign that the Citrus County School District is striving to meet the needs of our students at their greatest level of difficulty. The district's collaboration with the Citrus Health Improvement Partnership shows Citrus County at its best — working cohesively in the community to foster goodwill strategies that benefit everyone involved.

Learning to recognize mental health problems and understanding the skills required to help those in need, even if it is just pointing them to someone who can help, meets a great need in our community. And the more caring individuals who have a better understanding of mental health issues, the better we will become at reducing stigma. Less stigma means more people get the help that they need. And this makes us a stronger community.

Teenagers are tricky but keeping an eye on their mental health doesn't have to be. For more information on the Youth Mental Health First Aid Training, contact Mindy Melito at melitom@citruschools.org.

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# Learn your iPhone's Emergency SOS feature

Do you know how your iPhone's Emergency SOS feature works?

If I could take a guess, I'd bet the majority of you reading this right now are within arm's reach of your cellphone. And if I were to take another guess, I'd say there is a one in two chance the phone you have is an iPhone. For those of you who have an iPhone, do you know about its Emergency SOS feature? Emergency SOS allows users to immediately



Chris Evan  
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call emergency services after quickly clicking the power button (also known as the sleep or wake button) five times in a row. Depending on your settings, a user could also press and hold the side power button along with a side volume button to achieve the same SOS slider prompt.

After the slider prompt appears, the user swipes to make an emergency phone call to their local 911 center. If there is no voice or sound heard, the 911

operator will automatically dispatch emergency personnel to the coordinates showing from data provided by the cellular carrier. If a user continues to hold down the power button and volume button, instead of dragging the slider, a countdown begins, and an alert sounds. Suppose you hold down the buttons until the countdown ends. In that case, your iPhone automatically calls 911 and a notification to your emergency contact (if you have an emergency contact listed in the Health app).

Despite being a lifesaving tool for those in an emergency, this feature does have its flaws, with the number one flaw being "false" alarms. Some unsuspecting iPhone users accidentally call emergency services because the buttons are being held down while inside a cup holder of a car, from changing the band on their apple watch, or even while tucked into their

pants pocket. Last year our office received nearly 8,000 abandoned calls (these include phone hang-ups, cellular service transfers/dropped calls, and accidental 911 calls). Because we treat every call as "real" and a potential emergency, we dispatch emergency services. When the call is false, it not only takes our personnel from responding to true emergencies but puts additional strain on the 911 system.

If you're worried you may accidentally make an Emergency SOS call (or regularly prompt this feature), you may wish to consider disabling the auto-call option. This setting will always automatically call emergency services after the SOS countdown ends, whether you manually make the call or not. To turn this option off, users can go to settings, tap Emergency SOS, and toggle the switch for "Auto Call" to off. Keep in mind that if you chose to turn off the "Auto Call" option, you cannot secretly or as easily call emergency services. So please make sure this option outweighs the risks.

If you are concerned about potentially making an accidental Emergency SOS call through this "Auto Call" option but do not want to omit this option entirely, make sure your "Countdown Sound" option is "toggled" to the on position under this same setting. If this option is on, an audible warning sound will play while Emergency SOS counts down to call emergency services. This option eliminates the emergency SOS's discreet element, but it is useful to alert users if they accidentally trigger this emergency feature. If a user is in a dangerous situation where audio could be detrimental, this may not be the best option. Instead, send a text message to 911. (NOTE: Citrus County offers Text to 911. Not all counties do.)

Making an accidental emergency call is more common than you think. Please do your part in minimizing these calls to emergency services so we can focus on the real thing!

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# FLORIDA

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majority of votes to pass. Once the bill passes in one chamber, it is sent to the other chamber, where it goes through the same process. A bill can go back and forth between chambers until a consensus is reached. Each bill must be passed by both chambers. A measure could fail or "die" at any point in the process, ending its chances of passage for the current session.

Once both chambers approve a bill, it goes to the governor, who can choose to sign the bill, allow it to become a law without his signature, or veto the bill. If the governor vetoes a bill, the

Legislature can overturn it the next time they meet, by a two-thirds vote of both chambers.

Even though the Florida legislative session has not yet begun, hundreds of bills have been filed. Many are already moving through committees. Some will continue forward while many others will fail in committee. Learn more about the legislative process at [www.flsenate.gov](http://www.flsenate.gov) or [www.myfl.house.gov](http://www.myfl.house.gov).

Senate President Wilton Simpson represents Citrus County, District 10. Contact him at 850-487-5010, or [simpson.wilton.web@flsenate.gov](mailto:simpson.wilton.web@flsenate.gov). Rep. Ralph Massullo represents Citrus County, District 34. Contact him at 850-717-5034, or [Ralph.Massullo@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:Ralph.Massullo@myfloridahouse.gov).

In future columns, LWVCC will

provide information on bills of interest as they move through 2021 legislative session.

## About the League

The League of Women Voters (LWV) is a grassroots, nonpartisan political organization. The League was founded in 1920 and grew out of the women's suffrage movement. LWV works at national, state, and local levels to engage with voters and with government at all levels. LWV groups work in all 50 states and territories, with over 700 local Leagues. The League of Women Voters Florida (LWVFL) was founded in 1939. LWVFL has 29 local Leagues statewide, including Citrus, who support the state League

while working locally to promote engaged citizenship.

LWV and its member leagues develop positions on issues important to citizens, only after careful study and consensus. Since its inception, LWV and its member Leagues have remained nonpartisan, never endorsing or opposing particular political parties or candidates. This allows messages on issues and legislation to remain above partisan politics. It also promotes inclusion for greater citizen involvement. These policies have allowed the League to become a strong, trusted voice for its advocacy and education campaigns.

Learn more about LWVCC and LWVFL at our websites: [www.lwvcitrus.org](http://www.lwvcitrus.org) and [www.lwvfl.org](http://www.lwvfl.org).

# WINDOW

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workers cannot find housing in a specific market, they go somewhere else. That makes it more difficult to find workers for lower paying jobs in restaurants and shops.

■ The lack of rental space also hurts the county education system, according to the woman who should know. Superintendent Sam Himmel says that when teachers are recruited to come work in

the county's public schools, they often must find housing in the Ocala or Spring Hill markets. Well guess what, those counties also have jobs open for school teachers and it doesn't take long for the new teachers to get sick of that drive. Many of our recruited teachers end up taking jobs in those markets because they can't find housing in Citrus.

■ And here is a revealing fact — even though we have so many new residents moving to the county, my annual count of

motorists on Citrus County highways shows that 43.8% of the drivers still fail to use the blinkers in their cars when they change lanes or make a turn. That's up 2% from last year.

What the heck is up with that? Do some cars not come with blinkers? Are drivers too busy texting to use the blinkers? Do you not realize that more than half of the motorists are over the age of 65 and you are risking your own life by not giving an early warning sign of your next move? OK, end of rant. Some things don't change.

■ Florida's economy is built on tourism. The latest numbers report that tourism is down 34% in Florida compared to the same time pre-COVID. Fortunately, Citrus County is doing a lot better than that, even though our tourism numbers are down, they are not down that much.

Some people are afraid of crowding into Orlando tourist attractions, but they're not afraid of the great outdoors. And that's what Citrus County has to offer. The visitors who want to swim with the manatee, bike on our trails, kayak in our rivers

and fish along the Gulf Coast are still coming.

There are no foreign tourists, but the rush has been replaced with Floridians who are trying to do weekend getaways or day trips.

■ The use of Zoom to hold meetings has increased 1 million percent over the previous year. To be exact, no one used Zoom prior to 2020. Now, most businesses and government agencies make use of Zoom on a daily basis for meetings and communication. (For those of you who live in a cave, Zoom is a digital meeting

platform where you see a group of people and all talk over each other at the same time.) When the COVID pandemic is over, this is one of those changes in business that will probably stay with us.

■ We are living through a time of rapid change and we need to recognize what is happening. We also need to use our blinkers so we can be around to see the outcome.

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A vaccine is administered last month at Central Ridge Park.

Chronicle file

Hot Corner: VACCINES

■ I would like to call once again about the vaccine. The (Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021, front-page) headlines in the Chronicle say, “No shortcuts with system.” No one is trying to outwit the system. The system is not working for older seniors. When you register by calling the number in the paper — and I did — you give them all the information and they say, “We will call you when the vaccine is available.” Then you get a call and they ask you questions. “You have to have an email or receive text messages,” she said, “for confirmation.” Without that, you do not get an appointment. It’s not the old people trying to shortcut the system; it’s the system that’s not working for people who do not have email or can’t receive text messages. That’s what’s happening. ... They need to come up with a better alternative.

■ I’d like to complain about the COVID-19 vaccines. You get on Publix and you sit there and you wait and wait and wait and then they run out. Then you get on Winn-Dixie, there’s no vaccines available and it keeps on telling you to select another store. You keep on doing that and there’s nothing available. Then you get onto Walmart — the same thing with Walmart. I have called and registered three times for the health

department and that was from the end of January, beginning of February. Still have not gotten a call back to set up an appointment for my husband and I. Secondly, I decided OK, well, I’ll try one more time. I got online, tried to get an appointment and still waited. So then I finally called and when I called, I had to call twice to set my husband up and myself up and I’m still waiting and waiting. Is Citrus County the forgotten county in Florida? I don’t know what’s wrong with this. I don’t know why we’re not getting the vaccines down here to accommodate these elderly people in our county. Somebody needs to check this out.

■ How do you cancel your appointment with the DOH? I already have received my vaccines and I don’t want to take a spot from somebody else.

■ Just yesterday I went to the Central Ridge District Park to have my first COVID shot. I just want to say kudos to the team that’s working up there. There’s a lot of people that had appointments at the same time and there were long lines, but there were people directing cars to each line, moving them forward, keeping things flowing. It was really nice, you know. At least I had a book to read or a puzzle to do while I was waiting and we were stopped, you know. So it took a little

while, a half hour, to get up to the actual shot, but there was no problem at all. They were doing a really good job and I thought they should know they’re appreciated. Thank you.

■ Congratulations, Winn-Dixie. We went online to schedule some appointments. There was five families using one computer and — unbelievably, so quick — we all got appointments for all these families. So you guys got it right, Winn-Dixie. So take a bow and we applaud you.

■ I joined others in criticizing the way the health department applied the first COVID-19 vaccine, but, in fairness, the second shot was much better organized. I arrived at 10 a.m. and was driving home by 10:35.

■ I’m a resident in Beverly Hills. I called up Winn-Dixie online and I made an appointment Wednesday. Friday, I went to my appointment and I spent a total of 30 minutes for the procedure — 10 minutes to get all the paperwork correct and make sure it’s right, then the 15 minute-wait immediately afterwards of the shot — and I was out of the store, on home and I am enjoying a lovely afternoon with sunshine and knowing I am now halfway protected through the coronavirus and it was simple and easy and very nice. Thank you so much.



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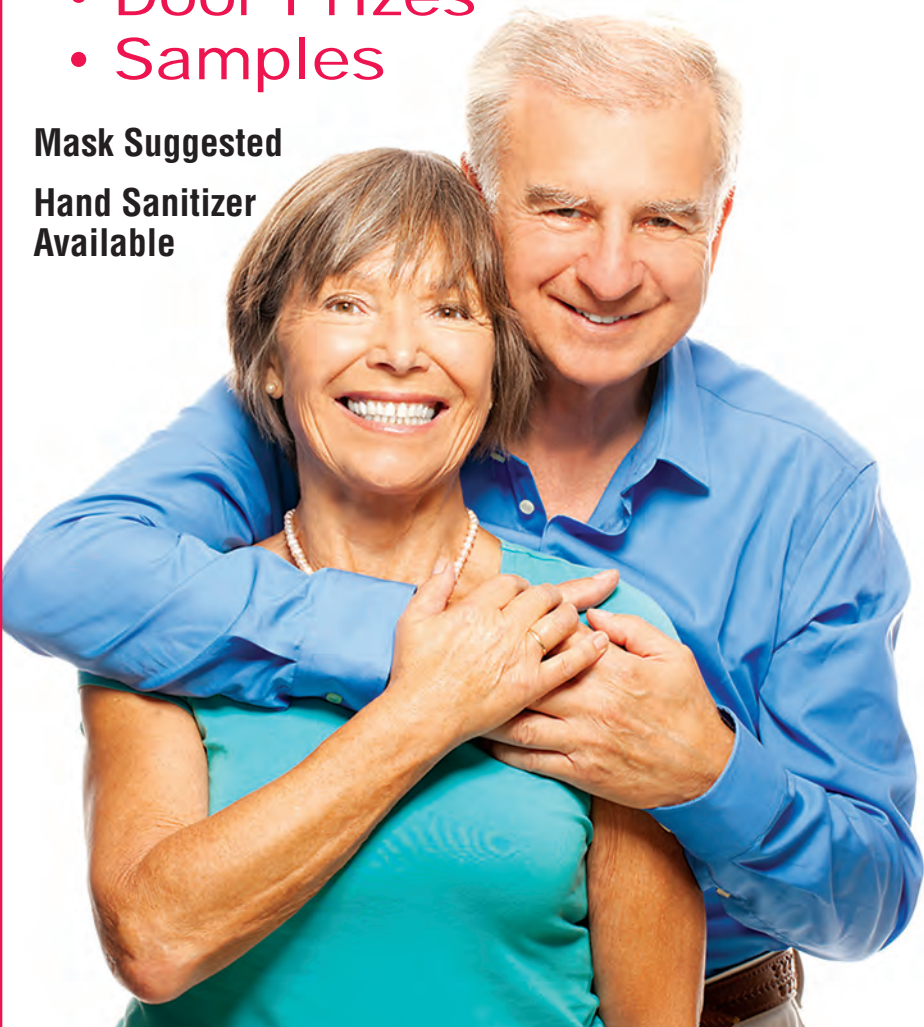
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**NONPROFIT BRIEFS**

## What volunteers need to know

**V**olunteerism is a strong by-product of our American culture. This is especially true in smaller communities like Citrus County.

When a newcomer decides to volunteer, the organization should provide an informal learning opportunity about the nonprofit.

Well-managed nonprofits offer this to all first-time volunteers. This approach creates an understanding of how nonprofits operate and the responsibilities of the officers, directors and volunteer members.

### How nonprofits operate

Start with a written document that provides an easy to understand introduction to what the nonprofit does. This should include a statement of Mission and Purpose, and that the Internal Revenue Service has granted a federal income tax exemption on the organization following federal guidelines.

This basic information sets a tone of importance our government views on the work of a nonprofit.

Nonprofit management volunteers should be provided information found in the bylaws that represents the operating rules of the organization.

A reading of the bylaws will describe management proceedings such as board and committee meetings, planning and the decision-making process, officer responsibilities, voting and reporting to state and federal agencies.

There are more obligations nonprofits should follow.

Meetings should have agendas and minutes to document the proceedings, record keeping and assignments for volunteer responsibility.

It is important that the new volunteers understand nonprofits have reporting responsibilities to the state and IRS to maintain legal standing and protection against losing the federal income exception and state benefits.

A statement about board and officer length of service is important to provide for continuity of the organization, mission and leadership of other dedicated volunteers.

### Importance of communication

Communication, both internal and external, is essential for continued success. Members and volunteers should always know what is going on inside the nonprofit.

Leaders must listen to the volunteers who have the power of critical thinking.

Leadership would be remiss not to communicate to the community about how the nonprofit serves unmet needs.

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# SCORE new skills



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**SCORE Nature Coast FL helps small businesses to expand their knowledge with special online workshops and more.**

## Nature Coast organization to offer several webinars, workshops

### *Special to the Chronicle*

SCORE Nature Coast FL offers free workshops to help small businesses. SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through education and mentorship. We have been doing this for more than 50 years.

Because SCORE is supported by the U.S. Small Business Administration, and thanks to its network of more than 10,000 volunteers, the group is able to deliver services at no charge or at a very low cost.

To register, go to [naturecoastfl.score.org](http://naturecoastfl.score.org) and browse the list of upcoming workshops and webinars. Visitors may also view recorded webinars and events.

■ “SEO Basics for Small Business” webinar 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, presented by Rich Hunzinger, who operates a successful website consulting business. Search Engine Optimization

(SEO) is the process of making your website easier to find by consumers. The process is a lot science and a lot art. In this



**Rich Hunzinger**  
SCORE webinar leader.

Search Engine Optimization Basics workshop, we will discuss some simple things you can do to improve your website’s search ranking for important keywords. We will also look at some free tools

that are available to help increase your online exposure.

■ “Using Social Media Advertising to Reach Your Targeted Customers Using Google and Facebook Ads” webinar 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, presented by Rich Hunzinger. Learn how these different advertising platforms work and how to use them to effectively attract customers. We will walk through the set up of sample ad campaigns and

discuss the various features of each platform.

Other upcoming webinars available via SCORE:

■ “Shoestring Solutions to Common Startup Issues” 1 p.m. Feb. 23. Understand what the most common startup pitfalls are and how to avoid or solve them — without spending a lot of money!

■ “Expand to New Markets with Small Business International Shipping” 1 p.m. Feb. 25, sponsored by FedEx. Find out how to speed up growth by shipping to international customers, with less paperwork and fewer obstacles than you may think.

■ “Reach More E-Commerce Customers with Expert Online Marketing Tips” 1 p.m. March 2. From your website to social channels, following these online marketing tips can help new customers find you and accelerate your growth.

■ “Ask the CPA 2021 — Tax Advice for Your Small Business” 1 p.m. March 11. The hour will

be dedicated to answering your tax-related questions and concerns and offer tax advice you can implement throughout the year.

■ “How to Define Your Vision and Increase the Probability of Success” 1 p.m. March 18. Did you know you can increase the probability of making your vision come true by 50-80%?

■ “Basics of Small Business Bankruptcy” 1 p.m. March 23. This webinar will focus on understanding the basics of small business bankruptcy, and discuss when it can help a business, how it works, consequences and more.

■ “Virtually Creating Your Tri-fecta Tribe — Mentors, Peers & Mentees in Business” 1 p.m. March 30. Now more than ever, it is imperative to the success of your business that you are engaged in and adept at building ethical, authentic and diverse connections.

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## BUSINESS DIGEST

### CORA Physical Therapy now in Hernando, Dunnellon

Hernando CORA Health Services Inc., doing business as CORA Physical Therapy (CORA), a top-10 national operator of outpatient physical therapy services, recently announced the opening of its newest Central Florida clinics in Hernando and Dunnellon. The new clinics mark the 10th clinics in the area, joining others in Ocala and The Villages.

CORA Hernando is at 944 E. Norvell Bryant Highway, in a medical plaza next to Jimmy T’s. The Dunnellon clinic is at 20056 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Unit 2, near many other medical services and next to LabCorp. The clinics opened as CORA Physical Therapy in the former Hometown Rehab locations, offering treatment for general orthopedic and sports injuries, post-COVID recovery programs, pre- and post-operative care, vertigo and balance disorders, chronic pain, and workplace injuries and workers’ comp solutions.

CORA Physical Therapy accepts patients through direct access — no referral required — for people calling or walking into the clinic seeking physical therapy services, as well as through physician referrals. As an option for patients who cannot come into the clinic, CORA also offers telehealth visits and therapy in the home to ensure continuity of treatment. CORA is one of the leading outpatient physical therapy providers in the country, with over 4,000 insurance plans accepted and payment options for patients without insurance.

Call the Hernando office at 352-724-0020 or the Dunnellon location at 352-462-7171.

### Oak Hill Hospital announces new unit director on board

BROOKSVILLE — Oak Hill Hospital announces the appointment of Emelda Forrester as director of Medical-Surgical Nursing Units. Forrester is board certified in Medical-Surgical Nursing, which requires additional training and a certification exam. She is also a board-certified family nurse practitioner.

Forrester comes to Oak Hill Hospital from Mount Sinai Brooklyn, New York, where she served as director of Patient Care Services of a 212-bed hospital. She began her career as a bedside nurse and was promoted to different leadership roles, including charge nurse and nurse manager.

She is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and the American Nurses Association. During her career, she was received the following awards: LIJ – Rising Star Award for Excellence in Patient Experience Scores; Service Excellence; and Service Guild Award.

The hospital is at 11375 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, 1.9 miles east of U.S. 19 on State Road 50. For more information about Oak Hill Hospital, visit [OakHillHospital.com](http://OakHillHospital.com), or Like Us on Facebook.

### Business series to look at service dogs

The College of Central Florida Corporate College is continuing to extend workshop training opportunities to Citrus County in partnership with the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce.

Workshops are offered at \$29 each. Most sessions are scheduled twice each month. We are observing health guidelines to protect you and our instructors. Friday workshops will be held via Zoom; format for Tuesday workshops will be announced in the future. For those classes being delivered via Zoom, after you register you’ll be sent a Zoom invite a few days prior to each workshop.

Service Dogs: The Law and How It Affects Businesses: Friday, March 5, or Tuesday, March 16. Do you know where a service animal can go and under what conditions? Do you know what animals can be considered service animals? Whether you are front line staff, a volunteer, a manager or owner, or even an elected official, you need to know the law.

The goal of this workshop is for businesses and community organizations to understand and operationalize their rights and responsibilities when a service animal is on the premises.

Attend this valuable workshop and learn who

can have a service animal, the responsibilities of the animal handler, when a service animal can be excluded, and what to do when the needs of customers with and without service animals conflict.

Individual workshop fee is \$29.

Register and pay online at <http://quickadmit.cf.edu/modules/shop/index.html?action=section&OfferingID=1958747> or call 352-873-5855. No refunds will be granted five business days prior to each workshop.

### Hospice of Marion County receives fourth accreditation

OCALA — For the fourth time, Hospice of Marion County (HMC) earned The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval for accreditation effective Nov. 14, 2020, after an extensive survey which is customarily valid for up to 36 months. The county’s only not-for-profit hospice earned its first three accreditations in 2011, 2014, and 2017. Additionally, this is the third time HMC has achieved Deemed Status, having previously achieved it in 2014, 2017 and again in 2020.

The Joint Commission also certified for the second time Hospice of Marion County’s community-based Palliative Supportive Care organization also effective Nov. 14, 2020.

This prestigious accreditation is awarded to health care facilities that demonstrate strict compliance with national standards for quality and safety. The award further recognizes Hospice of Marion County’s dedication to continuous compliance with standards set by The Joint Commission, which is the nation’s oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care.

Hospice of Marion County underwent a rigorous weeklong on-site survey last November, which meticulously evaluated the standards of care specific to the needs of patients, including infection prevention and control, leadership and medication management at various sites throughout the county, including home visits and at its three hospice houses.

Visit [www.hospiceofmarion.com](http://www.hospiceofmarion.com) or call 352-873-7400.



# SCORE

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■ “Volunteering in 2021 — How it Can Help Small Businesses Grow in Your Community” 1 p.m. April 8. In recognition of National Volunteer Month, CEO of SCORE Bridget Weston and SCORE Certified Mentor and District Director Ed Coleman share their expertise.

■ “Your Money. Your Business. Your Life. — Funding and Financing

Your Black-Owned Business” 1 p.m. April 13. Learn how to be attractive to lending partners, funding options to consider, develop your business pitch to smartly leverage financing options to grow your business.

■ “What the Most Successful Businesses Are Doing in 2021 — Trends You’ll Want to Jump on Now” 1 p.m. April 20. Join this conversational webinar about continuing patterns, new small business trends, and the biggest changes that will

impact your business this year.

■ “Reach Customers Online with Google” 2 p.m. April 22. This workshop explains how Google Search works and how you can improve your website’s visibility with Search Engine Optimization (SEO).

■ “Connect with Customers and Manage Your Business Remotely” 2 p.m. June 17. Discover Google Workspace tools that can help you work and manage your small business remotely.

# HERZOG

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Advertising executives all understand the benefits of frequency and education about products and services to the public. Keeping the work of the nonprofit available to the public is essential.

It also works to motivate volunteers to join and donors to participate with financial support.

When volunteers see announcements, articles and media mention about their nonprofit, it validates the importance of their contributions.

understands this. If the organization, in the eyes of the volunteers, demonstrates unprofessional behavior, they just might resign and go elsewhere to volunteer.

Nonprofit leadership must always respect volunteers participation.

Psychological rewards are important — “thank you” and proper recognition works.

There is great power in

“thank you” and a plaque or certificate of recognition goes a long way.

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## BUSINESS DIGEST

■ Submit information via email to community@chronicleonline.com, attn: Business Digest.

## BUSINESS BRIEF

### UniVista Insurance is ready to help during the special enrollment period

MIAMI — UniVista Insurance is ready to help the community navigate the different health insurance options available through the Healthcare Marketplace in the new special enrollment period for Obamacare through May 15, providing a new opportunity for those who did not register at

the end of 2020.

In the last year, many families have seen their income shrink to help those families, enrollment is open and available through the provisions of the Affordable Care Act, known as Obamacare.

Once enrolled in the health insurance plan, it will be effective the first day of the month following the enrollment date.

With more than a decade of operations in Florida, UniVista Insurance is an independent, family-owned and operated

insurance agency. The company has 160 locations in South Florida.

— From wire reports

### Volunteers are not paid

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## You've got pie on your face!

It's messy, but great fun! Try your hand at the strawberry pie-eating contests.

Registration begins at 10 a.m., on both Saturday, March 6th & Sunday, March 7th, at the Chamber Information Tent, with the contests beginning at 1 p.m. on Strawberry Row near the shortcake tent.

There will be contests for adults along with special contests for the little ones. Each participant will have one minute to eat a strawberry and whip cream pie without using their hands. The winner of each age group, both days, will receive a Floral City Strawberry Festival Pie Eating Champion 2021 plaque. (And yes, we do provide water and towelettes for post-noshing hand and face clean-up)

There are 2 categories — Ages 12 and under, Ages 13 and up.

There are only 6 openings in each age category, and they fill up quickly!

Many thanks to our Pie Eating Contest Sponsors Sound Decisions and The Screen Monkey, Corp.

### Pie Eating Contest Safety Precautions:

To ensure the safety of all pie-eating contest participants and volunteers, the Chamber will be implementing some new precautions this year.



All participants will be seated at a safe distance apart and strawberry pies will be prepared and served by screened volunteers wearing masks and gloves.

Once seated, we ask participants to stay in place while they are served and through the duration of the contest.

All chairs and table placement will be sanitized and disinfected between contest/age group.



### FESTIVAL SAFETY

We are excited to move forward, safely and responsibly, as we enjoy the beauty of our community and celebrate a true taste of Citrus County! We encourage festival-goers

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## Welcome to the Chamber Family: Cynthia Oswald

The Chamber would like to welcome it's newest addition to the team, Cynthia Oswald.

Recently retired from her position as Public Information Officer for the Board of County Commissioners, Cynthia was looking for a part-time position that offered a continued connection to our community.

With her extensive background, and a history in the Chamber World as the first woman President/CEO for the Livingston County Area Chamber of Commerce in New York, we are excited and blessed to have her as our new Program Support Specialist.

Cynthia will be holding office hours in our Crystal River location on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



Cynthia Oswald

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This week, host Jade White, Chamber Public Relations & Communication Coordinator, talks with Jake Vaughan, owner of JV Southern Real Estate and Conservation Plus, about his decision to open another business and how the two work together.

Also, Eileen Posadny, owner/CEO of Brightberry Marketing, discusses her work in digital media management, how she honed in and fine tuned her niche, and her business experience with the social media platform, TikTok.

Finally, joining Jade, is Dennis Bailey and Karen Ginda, owners of Bailey's Electric and Signs, highlighting the work their company does and their community involvement, including their Presenting Sponsorship of the Florida Manatee Festival!

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Jake Vaughan



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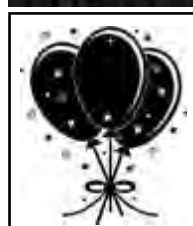
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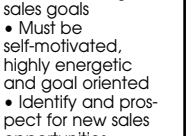
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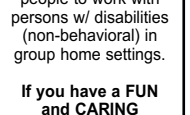
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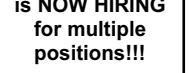


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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**CASE NO.: 2020-DR-1721**

IN THE MATTER OF THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND PROPOSED ADOPTION OF MINOR CHILD:

LEIGHLA MEGGAN CUMBUS d/o/b 02/16/2016,  
Minor Child/Adoptee

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND STEPPARENT ADOPTION

TO: PABLO M. PEREZ PRADO  
ADDRESS: EMPIRE CHURCH ROAD, MASCOTTE, FLORIDA

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Joint petition for Adoption by Step-parent has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on CHARL GENDRON CUMBUS AND DANIEL EARL CUMBUS, whose address is c/o LAW OFFICE CHARLES P. VAUGHN, 120 N. SEMINOLE AVE, INVERNESS, FL 34450, on or before March 2, 2021, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 110 N. APOPKA AVENUE, INVERNESS, FLORIDA 34450 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter.

If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

The minor child is identified as follows:  
Date of Birth Place of Birth  
February 16, 2016 CLERMONT, FLORIDA

Physical Description of Respondent:  
Age: 46  
Race: White  
Hair Color: BROWN  
Eye Color: BROWN  
Approximate height: 5'7"  
Approximate Weight: UNKNOWN

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.  
Dated: 1/22/2021

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
(COUNTY SEAL) /s/ L. Pickett, Deputy Clerk

Published January 31, and February 7, 14 & 21, 2021

Dissolution Of Marriage Notice

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1334-0214 SUCRN  
Larry E. Payton 2020-DR-0793 Dissolution of Marriage  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO.: 2020-DR-0793**

LARRY E. PAYTON  
Petitioner,  
and  
VICKY L. CARTER  
Respondent,

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: Vicky L. Carter  
133 McClellan Street  
Schenectady, NY 12304

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to Larry E. Payton whose address is 106 N. Mill Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450 on or before February 23, 2021, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in petition.

This action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property, and the name of the county in Florida where the property is located: None

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

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WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.  
Dated: 1-4-21

Angela Vick, Clerk of Court and Comptroller  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

(COURT SEAL) By: /s/ Vivian Cancel, Deputy Clerk

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1368-0221 SUCRN  
**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to the following, at last known address:  
**Nicole D. Raymond**  
**10022 E. Bass Cir**  
**Inverness FL**

You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections in Crystal River, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system. If further assistance is needed, contact the Supervisor of Elections at the below listed address or call 352-564-7120.

Maureen "Mo" Baird  
Citrus County Supervisor of Elections  
Physical Address: 1500 N Meadowcrest Blvd, Crystal River, FL 34429  
Mailing Address: PO Box 1870, Lecanto, FL 34460  
Published February 21, 2021

Notices to Creditors/ Administration

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1362-0221 SUCRN  
Soto, Raul Alberto 2020-CP-824 Notice to Creditors  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA** PROBATE DIVISION.  
File Number: 2020-CP- 824

IN RE: ESTATE OF RAUL ALBERTO SOTO,  
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Full Administration)

The administration of the estate of RAUL ALBERTO SOTO, deceased, whose date of death was August 15, 2020, whose social security number was XXX-XX-8327, File Number 2020-CP-824, is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 N. Apopka Ave. Inverness, Florida 34450. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the Decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice has been served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE

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DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE TIME OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) OR MORE YEARS AFTER DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is February 14, 2021.

Person Giving Notice:  
ANGELA J. SOTO  
22 East Imree Lane, Dunnellon, FL 34434

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:  
H. Randolph Klein, Esquire Florida Bar Number: 219487  
KLEIN & KLEIN, LLC.  
40 SE 11th Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34471  
(352) 732-7750 Email: randy@kleinandkleinpa.com

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1372-0221 SUCRN

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: KNIGHTLYS AUTO INC.** gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles at 9140 W Atlas Drive, Homosassa, Florida 34448, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. **KNIGHTLYS AUTO INC.** reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

Date of sale: 3/09/2021, 08:00 am -  
1B7GL22X7YS738129 2000 Dodge

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1367-0221 SUCRN  
**HOMOSASSA SPECIAL WATER DISTRICT**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Homosassa Special Water District will be accepting bids for the following 4" Centrifugal Vacuum Assisted Pump. Bids must be received in the District office located at 7922 W Grover Cleveland Blvd., Homosassa, FL 34446 by 3:00 PM on Monday March 15, 2021.

Bids will be opened at the Regular Board Meeting at 4:00 PM on Monday, March 15, 2021. The following are the specs for the Pump.

**Pump Specifications:**  
Size - 4" x 4" (100 x 100 mm)  
Max Flow - 1,600 gpm (370 m³/h)  
Max Head - 150 feet (50 meters)  
Solids Size - 3" (76 mm)

**Engine Specifications:**  
Engine Type - Deutz D2.9L, 4-Cylinder Diesel, Final Tier 4  
Displacement - 177 cu. in. (2.9 l)  
Fuel Consumption @ 1800 RPM - 1.95 gph (7.38 l/h) (Full Load)  
Continuous HP - 36 HP @ 1800 rpm  
Safety Shut Down Switches - Low oil pressure, high temperature, and v-belt failure  
Instrument Panel - Oil pressure gauge, ampmeter, hourmeter, and tachometer  
Control Panel - Lofa CP750

**Priming System Specifications:**  
Priming System - Mech. driven diaphragm-style vacuum pump  
Air Removal Capability - 50 cfm  
Priming Chamber - Positive sealing air separation PosiValve™ w/SS float ball & linkage  
Discharge Check Valve - Swing style; ductile iron w/nitrile disc  
Run Dry System - Oil-lubricated mech. seal allows pump to run completely dry w/o damage

**Trailer:**  
Axle - 5200# idler axle (no brakes)  
Tires - 15" 2540# load range "D"  
Tongue - A-frame; 5000# jack; 3/8" safety chains; pintle mount  
Fender - Metal 15" fender  
Lights - Rear lights w/side marker lamp; reflectors

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1370-0221 SUCRN  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Invitation to Bid  
ITB 21-049  
**INVERNESS AIRPORT BUSINESS PARK WATER AND WASTEWATER FORCE MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT**

**Solicitation Overview**  
Citrus County, Florida ("County") invites interested parties to submit a Bid to provide complete construction of a 8-inch water main and 4-inch Force main at the Inverness Airport to include 1,604 feet of 8-inch PVC water main and 1,622 feet of 4-inch PVC force main along with fire hydrants, valves and Right of Way (ROW) restoration along S. Airport Road to E. Watson Street in Inverness, Florida.

All work shall be in accordance with the construction plans, special provisions, and contract documents.

**Minimum Requirements**  
Bidder shall meet, at a minimum, one of the following requirements to be determined a responsive and responsible Bidder at the time of Bid Submittal:

- Certified General Contractors License
- Underground Utility Contractor License

**NEW COUNTY VENDOR REGISTRATION:** County has partnered with VendorLink, a web based e-Procurement service. Current bid solicitations and associated addenda, notices of recommended bid award, and current bid awards will be posted at [www.myvendorlink.com](https://www.myvendorlink.com).

Visit <https://www.myvendorlink.com/common/register.aspx> to register. VendorLink is an online Respondent registration system that provides a free at no cost to Respondent, a secure, user-friendly Internet portal and one-stop service center to register with County. This system also allows you to receive automatic email notifications regarding County's upcoming competitive solicitations as opportunities become available. Registration assistance is available by e-mail [support@evendorlink.com](mailto:support@evendorlink.com).

**Pre-Bid Conference: A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference** will be held on March 2, 2021 at 10:00 am. The Conference will be held at the via Teams Meeting. See Solicitation document for detail information on [www.myvendorlink.com](https://www.myvendorlink.com).

**Submission of Bids:** SEALED Bid Submittals are to be submitted on or before March 15, 2021 at 2:00 PM (EST). The County will now receive Bid submittals through the online solicitation management portal, [www.myvendorlink.com](https://www.myvendorlink.com).

**Public Opening** Sealed Responses shall be opened and read aloud publicly on March 15, 2021 at 2:15 PM. Electronic Bids shall be opened via "Microsoft Teams Meeting". See Solicitation document for detail information on [www.myvendorlink.com](https://www.myvendorlink.com).

**\*\*All public Meetings are subject to change or can be cancelled due to the current events.**

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the County Administrator's Office, (352) 527-5210, at least two days before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, dial 7-1-1, 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service.

Si necesita un traductor de español por favor haga arreglos con el Condado dentro de dos días de la notificación de la publicación 352-527-5370

English Translation: (If you need a Spanish Translator please make arrangements with the County by telephone within two days of the publication notice at 352-527-5370)

To obtain a copy of the Solicitation Document for this announcement, please visit the Citrus County Website at [www.citrusbocc.com](https://www.citrusbocc.com) and select "Departments-drop down," "Management & Budget," "Purchasing & Bids," and under Solicitations/Vendors select <https://www.myvendorlink.com/common/register.aspx> to register or Demandstar. Copies can also be obtained by calling the Department of Management & Budget/Purchasing at (352) 527-5457.

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SCOTT CARNAHAN, CHAIRMAN

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1369-0221 SUCRN  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Invitation to Bid  
ITB 21-012  
**INVERNESS AIRPORT FIXED BASE OPERATOR FBO HANGAR DOOR REPLACEMENT**

**Solicitation Overview**  
Citrus County, Florida ("County") invites interested parties to submit a Bid for the Inverness Airport FBO Hangar Door Replacement Project to provide a complete and operational replacement hangar door and operator system for the Fixed Base Operator hangar including removal and disposal of the existing bi-fold door and operator system that includes design and permitting for replacing it with a new, electrically operated, hydraulic door. Including furnishing and installing of all equipment, materials, tools, structural components and modifications, anchorage, concrete work, electrical work, building modifications, field measurements, verification of existing site conditions, testing, and labor.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**  
Bidder shall meet, at a minimum, one of the following requirements to be determined a responsive and responsible Bidder at the time of Bid Submittal:

- Contractor shall have a minimum of 5 (five) years specializing in design, installation of hangar doors of the specified type and similar size to that indicated for this project.

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**Submission of Bids**  
SEALED Bid Submittals are to be submitted on or before March 24, 2021 at 2:00 PM (EST). The County will now receive Bid submittals through the online solicitation management portal, [www.myvendorlink.com](https://www.myvendorlink.com).

**Public Opening** Sealed Responses shall be opened and read aloud publicly on March 24, 2021 at 2:15 PM. Electronic Bids shall be opened via "Microsoft Teams Meeting". See Solicitation document for detail information on [www.myvendorlink.com](https://www.myvendorlink.com).

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1371-0221 SUCRN  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

RFQ NO. 21-050  
**GENERAL CONTRACTOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES CONTINUING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR PRIMARY AND ALTERNATE CONTRACTORS**

Citrus County, Florida ("County") invites interested parties to submit a Proposal to provide qualifications as a pre-qualified and pre-approved Licensed Florida General Contractor for small projects and construction services for projects with a value of \$200,000 or less.

An award shall be made to one (1) Primary Contractor and up to four (4) Alternate Contractors.

For projects with an estimated cost of less than \$35,000, the Primary Contractor shall be assigned the project. If the Primary Contractor is unable to provide the services for an assigned project, the Alternate Contractor will be requested to submit quotations for the project and the Alternate Contractor that offers the lowest price will be assigned the project. If at any time the selected Alternate Contractor is unable to provide the services for an assigned project, the project will be assigned to the next Alternate Contractors.

For projects with an estimated cost greater than \$35,000 but less than \$200,000, the Primary/Alternate Contractors will be requested to submit quotations for the project. The Primary/Alternate Contractor that offers the lowest price will be assigned the project.

Anytime County requires Contractor's Services for a project, County will develop a "conceptual" scope services for the project and share such with Contractor. Contractor shall prepare a final Proposal which shall be identified as a "Work Authorization" for execution by County and Contractor.

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**SEALED Responses are to be submitted on or before March 25, 2021 at 2:00 PM (EST).** The County will now receive proposal submittals through the online solicitation management portal, [www.myvendorlink.com](https://www.myvendorlink.com).

**SEALED Responses shall be opened on March 25, 2021 at 2:15 PM (EST).** Electronic Proposals shall be opened via MICROSOFT TEAMS conference call. See Solicitation document for detail information on [www.myvendorlink.com](https://www.myvendorlink.com).

**Public Tally** Individual Scorsers review of the Proposals will publicly be opened and read aloud on **April 15, 2021, at 10:00am** (subject to Change).

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the County Administrator's Office, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, FL 34461, (352) 527-5210, at least two days before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, dial 7-1-1, 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service.

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To obtain a copy of the Request for Proposal Document for this announcement, please visit the Citrus County Website at [www.myvendorlink.com](https://www.myvendorlink.com) and [www.demandstar.com](https://www.demandstar.com). Copies can also be obtained by calling the Department of Management & Budget/Purchasing at (352) 527-5457.

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Scott Carnahan, Chairman

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\$1,729 Due at signing. After all other offers. 0% Security Deposit. Tax, title, license, and dealer fees extra. Mileage charge of .25/Mile over 32,500 Miles. For well qualified buyers only. See dealer for complete details. Offer expires 3/1/2021.

**Brand New 2021 Chevy Malibu LT**



**\$199** Per Mo. Lease 36mos. **OR 0% APR FOR 72 MONTHS** Plus \$1,000 Cash Allowance

\$2,609 Due at signing. After all other offers. 0% Security Deposit. Tax, title, license, and dealer fees extra. Mileage charge of .25/Mile over 32,500 Miles. For well qualified buyers only. See dealer for complete details. Offer expires 3/1/2021

**0% Financing For 72 Months Plus up to \$3,250 Cash Allowance**

\*With approved credit on select vehicles only.

**Brand New 2021 Chevy Equinox LT**



**\$179** Per Mo. Lease 39mos. **OR 0% APR FOR 72 MONTHS** Plus \$2,650 Cash Allowance

\$2,709 Due at signing. After all other offers. 0% Security Deposit. Tax, title, license, and dealer fees extra. Mileage charge of .25/Mile over 32,500 Miles. For well qualified buyers only. See dealer for complete details. Offer expires 3/1/2021.

**Brand New 2021 Chevy Colorado Crew Cab LT**



**\$239** Per Mo. Lease 36mos. **OR 0% APR FOR 72 MONTHS** Plus \$900 Cash Allowance

\$2,679 Due at signing. After all other offers. 0% Security Deposit. Tax, title, license, and dealer fees extra. Mileage charge of .25/Mile over 32,500 Miles. For well qualified buyers only. See dealer for complete details. Offer expires 3/1/2021



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<b>2020 F-150 XLT Super Crew EcoBoost 4x2</b>  <b>Save Up To \$10,779</b> Off MSRP	<b>2021 F-150 XLT Super Crew EcoBoost 4x2</b>  <b>Save Up To \$6,000</b> Off MSRP	<b>2021 Ranger XLT Super Crew 4x2</b>  <b>Save Up To \$2,500</b> Off MSRP

 <b>2016 LINCOLN MKZ HYBRID</b> Luxury For Less. Hybrid. Reverse Sensing/camera, Sync System, Luxury Soft Touch Seating. NPR1348A <b>\$14,968</b>	 <b>2020 FORD ECOSPORT FWD SE</b> 5,500 Extra Low Miles. Navigation W/8" Screen, Power Moonroof, Convenience Pkg. N0723A <b>\$19,968</b>	 <b>2017 LINCOLN MKC RESERVE</b> Balance Lincoln Warranty. Reserve Equip Grp. Navigation. Pano Roof. NPR1352 <b>\$23,968</b>	 <b>2017 LINCOLN MKC</b> Extra Low 10K Miles. Panoramic Vista Roof. Select Plus Pkg. NPR1366 <b>\$24,968</b>
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JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

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Jane's Garden

How to relocate wildflowers./Page E8



# January home construction falls 6%; signs of rebound seen

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. home construction fell 6% in January but applications for building permits, which typically signal activity ahead, rose sharply.

The decline pushed home and apartment construction down to a seasonally adjusted rate of 1.58 million units last

month, compared with 1.68 million in December, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

Single-family construction starts dropped 12.2% while construction of apartment units rose 16.2%.

Even with the January dip, ultra-low mortgage rates and rising demand from Americans ready for

a bigger house after a year of living in a pandemic will in all likelihood mean a strong year for the housing market in 2021.

Hints of a sustained housing push could be found Thursday in the Commerce numbers.

Applications for building permits, considered a good sign of future activity, spiked 10.4% in January to

an annual rate of 1.88 million units.

And strong sales this year would only extend a banner 2020 when home construction jumped 7% to 1.38 million units. That was the strongest showing since a housing boom in 2006.

"We still expect recovering demand, low mortgage rates and a shortage of

supply to support a healthy rate of new home construction and the risk may be for further upsides surprises," said Nancy Vanden Houten, lead economist at Oxford Economics.

Still, Vanden Houten expects the pace of housing construction will moderate somewhat this year as the desire to build collides

with high lumber prices and well as a shortage of available land and workers.

Construction fell 12.3% in the Midwest and 11.4% in the West. It dropped 2.5% in the South. The only region of the country that saw an increase last month was the Northeast, where construction rose by 2.3%.

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# Candles are a decor favorite this winter

**KIM COOK**

*Associated Press*

If a candle is burning in a dark room, we don't see the darkness, we see the light. Perhaps that's why candles have become such a popular decor element over the course of the pandemic.

Little lights you can place anywhere, candles can make a room feel cozy and welcoming.

## Decorating with candles

New York designer Glenn Gissler says candles have been in his personal and professional styling wheelhouse for years. He's got dozens of votive holders and a stockpile of candle refills, and sets out the diminutive flames for quiet evenings at home these days, and larger gatherings in non-pandemic times.

"I've used candles on every stair tread in my duplex apartment, and in windows to provide illumination where we don't normally see it," he says. "I set the candles as singles, triples and long lines across a fireplace mantle. And for a wedding party some years ago, I ran 300 votives to direct party-goers to where the party was, setting an immediate festive tone."

Gissler has a home in rural Connecticut where he spent the holidays. "I used no lights, only candles," he says. He set them up along the top of mulioned windows, where their reflection added seasonal sparkle.

A little trick he shares: "I love using hurricanes to surround tapered candles on a tabletop; they help keep circulating air from disrupting the calm burning of the candle."

If you've only got a few candles but want to make a statement, Laura Bohn, a Manhattan-based interior designer, has this tip:

"Group what you have in one spot using interesting containers or candlesticks. They'll be a real focal point and instantly add mood."

## Candle holders: Sticks, pillars and vessels

The size and shape of your candle usually determines where you put it. A chunky pillar candle needs a sturdy broad base. Karen Konzuk of Garden Bay, British Columbia, crafts charcoal-hued concrete vessels that look like stone eggs or planetary shards. CB2's new spring line has chunky aluminum and travertine holders, also in earthy hues.

Slender holders showcase a taper's silhouette. Brooklyn's FS Object's brass Spindle holders, for instance, are a lofty 18 inches tall; set with slim ebony candles, they'd bring drama to any surface.

Designer Jonathan Adler pays homage to Paris' Pompidou Center with a playful holder that evokes the center's iconic curvy tubes in clear or multicolored Lucite. Lucite is also the material for his Monte Carlo collection of block holders that look like candy cubes. And as part of his Muse collection, Adler's done a candelabra he calls Eve; a ringlet of white porcelain hands stands ready to grip tapers, like a circle of dancers.

Virginia Valentini and Francesco Breganze of the Italian studio LatoxLato have designed a clever candelabrum; they use a



Novita Italia

**A Vestalia white marble candlestick holder by Novita Italia. Virginia Valentini and Francesco Breganze of the Italian studio LatoxLato have designed a clever candelabrum — they use a water jet to precisely cut small slabs of marble. Closed, the pieces look like a solid slab. But with a few light pushes, a series of candleholders accordeons outward, creating an elegant objet d'art.**

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# Painting kitchen cabinets in seven doable steps

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## Living SPACE

If you're wondering how to paint kitchen cabinets, you've come to the right place. Giving your cabinets a makeover can dramatically change the look and feel of your kitchen, whether you're opting for a clean white paint or a more adventurous dark or colorful hue.

Before you get started, there are some key things you need to know about how to paint kitchen cabinets, as the process is different than learning how to paint a room or how to paint a wall. For one, it almost always takes longer than you think — often twice as long, says Hunter MacFarlane, a project expert with Lowe's based in Mooresville, North Carolina.

Second, if your cabinets are not made from wood or have a very intricate design, you may want to call in a pro. If you're dealing with fairly straightforward wood cabinets, though, there's no reason you can't DIY. Here, two experts share the step-by-step process for painting kitchen cabinets.

### 1. Start small.

The kitchen is a central spot in any home and is probably heavily trafficked. That's why MacFarlane recommends testing out your cabinet-painting skills in a smaller, less noticeable room first. "If you have a small bathroom with a vanity that needs repainting, that's a good place to train yourself," he says. If you start here and feel like you're in over your head, you may need to call in a pro for the kitchen cabinets.

### 2. Prepare the area.

"Preparation is everything in painting," MacFarlane says. Many people want to

jump right in because they're excited to see how it will look (and who can blame them?), but it's imperative to cover every surface, empty all drawers and move everything out of cabinets (and the appliance garage, if you have one) and into another room in the house before getting started.

If you can, move appliances over or out of the way, and cover your countertops, overlapping up the wall if possible, to avoid any splatters there. Novices may also want to tape off the ceiling, and any spots where the cabinets meet the wall, with painter's tape, just to be safe.

3. Remove and clean all cabinet doors, drawers and hardware.

These don't have to be painted in the kitchen. It's better to move everything that you can to another location, such as an attached garage, MacFarlane says. Then wipe them down to remove grease and prepare them for painting. You'll also need to remove the hardware. Soak the hardware in a mix of warm water and Dawn dish soap to remove grime and buildup, then dry and store in labeled plastic bags.

A word of caution when removing cabinet doors and drawers: "You think you know where everything goes until you remove them all and start getting confused," MacFarlane says. Save yourself the headache by lightly labeling where each one goes in pencil; it can be as simple as labeling each piece from 1 to 18, for example, and also writing the number on the corresponding cabinet shell.

4. Decide if you need to sand.

Cabinets can get beat up

over time — particularly lower cabinets. To address nicks and dents, you don't have to sand the whole unit; you can use a feathering technique with sandpaper only on the trouble spots. Don't sand more than you need to: you don't want to create a divot in the wood. If your cabinets have no nicks or dents, you can probably skip sanding—with one caveat.

"If (your cabinets) are stained and have a thick layer of polyurethane, you should sand that off," says Ricky Hernandez Kolody, sales director with Perco Painting in Allen, Texas. If sanding in the kitchen is your only option, make sure to close the register for your HVAC unit before getting started, MacFarlane says — otherwise you may find dust covering your entire house.

### 5. Apply primer.

MacFarlane says he's "old school" in recommending always using a primer on cabinets before painting. It adds another step to the process, but it does a great job of sealing the cabinets and preparing them to receive the final paint, he says. Start inside at the back of the cabinet frame and work your way out.

A good rule of thumb is to never dip your brush more than a half-inch into the paint, MacFarlane says. He advises using an angled brush. Brush strokes are very important when painting cabinets: you should drag your brush a minimum of 12 inches at a time in one smooth, long line, rather than going back and forth, to ensure a smooth finish.

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# Fireweed has reader seeing red



This is Fireweed, or heartleaf nettle. The tiny hairs all over that plant can cause a painful sting when touched.

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**Dear Gardener Gal:** I had a very painful experience in my yard yesterday. I was weeding and suddenly my hand was on fire! It really hurt. I ran cold water on it and put on ointment, but nothing helped. It lasted more than an hour. I went back out later to try and find what I had gotten into, and the only weed I didn't recognize is the one in the picture I've attached. The leaves look familiar, but I don't know what it is. I need a name and a plan to eliminate this plant. There is no way I want my grandbabies or my dog coming in contact with this terrible weed. Thanks in advance. — *Laura*



Leslie Derrenbacker  
**GARDENER GAL**

**Dear Laura:** Been there, done that. You grabbed Fireweed/heartleaf nettle (*Urticaria chamadryoides*). It

See GAL/Page E11

# Reader has questions for John about china plate and bowls

**Dear John:** I bought these dishes at a Narragansett Indian festival in Rhode Island in probably the 1990s. I cannot remember what native tribe Oneida used as their pattern. I loved that Oneida used original beadwork as their design patterns. I cannot find anything online. I would appreciate any background information you can provide. Love your column! — *D.H., internet*



John Sikorski  
**SIKORSKI'S ATTIC**

**Dear D.H.:** Your attractive plate was made by Buffalo China and the bowls are marked Oneida. All the pieces have a horseshoe and locust

stamp on them. The Buffalo Pottery company started in 1901 and they produced china for some of the most recognized institutions, the Masons, famous stars' portrait plates, various hotel chains, railroad lines in various western themes, even the Roycrofters. The company changed its name from Buffalo Pottery to Buffalo China Inc. in the mid-20th century and was acquired by Oneida soon after. Perhaps the horseshoe and locust part of the mark which they all have is the connection between them. I suggest you contact Replacements Ltd; they handle

Buffalo China and Oneida. The phone number is 1-800-REPLACE (1-800-737-5223).

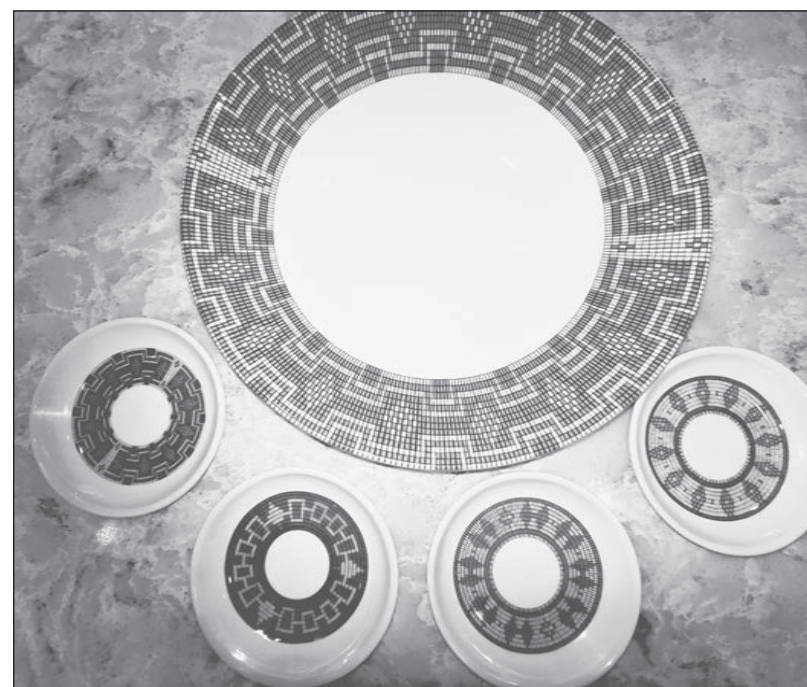
**Dear John:** I am attaching photos of two porcelain pots that belonged to my mother. I asked her years ago what it was, and she said it was a bean pot. I hope you can help solve this mystery. — *L.N., internet*

**Dear L.N.:** I will assume there are no makers marks on your pots. I agree with your mother — they are bean pots. That is all I can say.

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This plate is marked "Buffalo China," and the bowls are marked Oneida. Buffalo China was a well-known company acquired by Oneida in the mid-20th century.

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## LIVING

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6. Apply the first and second coats of paint.

First, choose the right paint finish: a durable semi-gloss or gloss is best for kitchen cabinets because a sheen makes the paint harder, and therefore more resistant to nicks and chips, Hernandez Kolody says. After you apply the first coat, wait at least eight hours — or preferably overnight — before applying a second coat, MacFarlane suggests.

7. Put the kitchen back together.

Let the final coat dry for at least eight hours (or overnight) before putting the cabinets back together. A good way to check if they're ready: Put the first drawer in and push it closed, then open again. If it makes a "tick" sound, that means the paint is sticking and you haven't waited long enough, MacFarlane says.

Feeling well-educated on how to paint your kitchen cabinets? You should: You've got this.

For more information, contact Kathryn Weber through her website, [www.redlotusletter.com](http://www.redlotusletter.com).

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Giving your cabinets a makeover can dramatically change the look and feel of your kitchen.

## ATTIC

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**Dear John:** I enjoy your column in the "The Gainesville Sun" on Saturdays. I have a sewing cabinet that belonged to my grandmother.

I think it may have been her mother's, is that possible? The sides turn out and everything is operational. The cabinet has never been refinished to my knowledge. I would like to have it restored for display in the living room; would that damage any value it may have? I would appreciate your opinion on this. — S.T., internet

**Dear S.T.:** The sewing chest is American made. The time of production was the early 20th century. Sewing chests like yours were very popular and manufactured in large quantities.

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I suggest you have it properly refinished and enjoy its original look. Restoration will enhance its salability should it ever leave the family to be sold.

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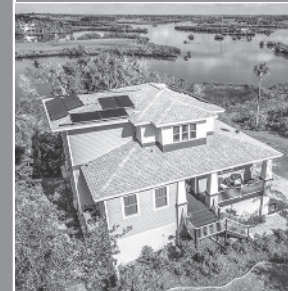
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# Relocating wildflowers

**T**he Sunshine State can get morning frost and perhaps even a longer overnight freeze up until the middle of March. However, it sure looks and feels like spring in Central Florida. Wildflowers brighten roadsides and tempt homeowners to relocate durable plants that can take care of themselves. While collecting plants from the wild is frowned upon, as some may be rare and legally protected, rescuing plants that will be destroyed by development does make sense.

Wildflowers can be easily relocated once gardeners understand how plant species grow. Annual Texas phlox, *Phlox drummondii*, evolved in Texas and has been deliberately seeded by state and municipal roads departments. Homeowners can buy seeds, but February is far too late and warm to scatter seeds when wild phlox is already starting to bloom in February. Phlox seeds have lain on the soil since last year's flowering season. Those that the birds or ants did not eat sprouted in January.

Hundreds sprouted by themselves in a rock path beside my home. I took a kitchen paring knife and dug them up to transplant into small pots of amended sandy soil — three seedlings to a pot. Mild frosts and a few freezes did not affect these hardy wildflowers. I could monitor and water the seedlings, but the unusual amount of rain made supplemental watering unnecessary. After a few weeks in the pots to overcome any transplant shock, the little plants are ready to plant on the roadside or in the mowable greenspace and firebreak surrounding my home. The greenspace is not a lawn, but rather a carpet of mixed wildflowers. The phlox will flower and develop seeds that will scatter in the wind and rain and sprout next winter.

Established annual phlox and other wildflowers already in flower can be carefully dug up, provided the roots are not severed. These can be immediately replanted to rewild a lawn or roadside. Transport the plants with their root-ball and surrounding soil in a plastic bag or flat and keep them moist by misting them with a reused spray bottle of water. Do not let the dug plants dry out or be left in the sun or hot vehicle. Do not take more plants than can be immediately replanted. Water once, immediately after planting. New seeds will develop from pollinated flowers. These seeds will sprout by



Jane Weber

**JANE'S  
GARDEN**



JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

**Sprouted seedling annual phlox were rescued in January. Jane put three or four plants in each small pot to recover from transplant shock. By mid-February, the plants were planted 6 inches apart along the roadside, where they are now flowering. After this phlox set seeds, it dies, as the flowering plants have completed their lifecycle.**

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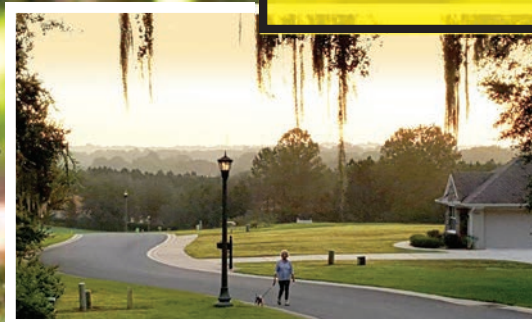
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# JANE

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themselves for next year's flowering season.

Some other self-seeding annual and perennial wildflowers can also be harvested and relocated in a similar manner. In my garden, I find the easiest wildflowers to relocate and grow are, in alphabetical order by scientific name: Greeneyes, *Berlandia subacaulis*; Florida Paintbrush, *Carphephorus corymbosus*; Tickseed, *Coreopsis leavenworthii*; Blanketflower, *Gaillardia puchella*; Beach Sunflower, *Helianthus debilis*; Blazing Star, *Liatris* species; Red Salvia, *Salvia coccinea*; Lyre-leaf Sage, *Salvia lyrata*; Blue-eyed Iris, *Sisyrinchium angustifolia*; Blue Spiderwort, *Tradescantia ohiensis*; Goldenrod, *Solidago* species; Florida violet, *Viola sororia*; and Blue Curls, *Trichostema dichotomumii*. My garden has literally thousands of wildflowers that currently need relocating. Volunteers are welcome to help, learn and can then take some plants home.

Biodiversity is important in any rewilding project. The more species there are in any habitat, the healthier the ecosystem. Our planet and its human dominators cannot survive without biodiversity in plants and animal species. Wildflowers bloom at different times and seasons. All wildflowers provide nectar for butterflies and moths and pollen for other pollinators and insects. Some plants and seeds are eaten by animal browsers (rabbits, bear, deer, etc.) and birds (turkey, quail, wrens, etc.). In turn, predators like foxes, coyotes, birds, lizards, frogs, toads and snakes eat animals and insects that depend on wildflowers.

Since butterfly caterpillars can only eat certain specific host plants, it is important for homeowners who want a butterfly garden to provide the necessary host plants as well as nectar and pollen sources. Search [chronicleonline.com](http://chronicleonline.com) for past Jane's Garden columns about butterfly caterpillar host plants. Homeowners can start helping nature and restoring habitats by rescuing and re-planting a variety of wildflowers. Rewilding is gaining popularity.

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JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

This 2-foot-tall flower spike of Blazing Star growing in a tall pine sandhill ecosystem is likely *Liatris gracilis*, which grows in well-drained sandy soils. There are about 16 species of *Liatris* Blazing Stars native to Florida. The underground, solid storage corms get larger year by year. Jane calls it a deciduous perennial. In winter, the dry inflorescence marks the spot so Jane can rescue plants from her wildflower meadows and homesites about to be developed. For accurate information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/13tgrg6u>.



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# GAL

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really will light you up. Very similar to grabbing a handful of wasps. I'll tell you what to do next time you tangle with it in a bit, but first: "Know thy enemy."

Fireweed is a native, cool season annual. It looks like a tall strawberry plant. The stinging hairs are on every part of the plant except the roots. Its flowers are super tiny, green and there are about a billion of them.

The annual part is both good and bad. It is good because if caught in time, you can greatly reduce the seeds for next year. It's bad because, about the time folks with acreage and livestock notice it and decide to do some control, it is mature, has dropped seeds, and is ready to disappear until next winter. Out of sight, out of mind.

I mentioned acreage and livestock because it is around these that it most often seen. It is unusual to find it in an urban or subdivision setting unless it was agricultural land first. I've asked why it is concentrated where there is manure (animals in general are smart enough not to eat it the plant) and have been told by feed people that it comes in the hay, and by hay people it comes in the feed. You get the picture.

Control is simple, but takes dedication. If you only have a couple of plants, or if it is mixed in with desirable plants, wear gloves and pull it up by the roots with grilling tongs. Immediately put in a bag to be thrown away.

If it shows its ugly face in your lawn or in a untended area, a triclopyr ester herbicide will have the best control and won't harm your lawn or pasture. Follow label instructions carefully. You will probably need to visit a farm store to get the right product. Ask for the



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**Deer have been known to eat azalea buds, even though the buds cause them to throw up.**

one that inhibits seeds from germinating. I have used glyphosate on fireweed in the past, but it kills everything and seems to only work on fireweed if you get it when it is tiny.

Now, I hope you never need this advice, but should you or someone else touch this plant, the only thing that helps with the pain is to remove the stinging hairs. They are practically invisible, so instead of tweezers, grab duct tape. Press the tape everywhere the plant made contact and then pull away. If you haven't broken the hairs off by rubbing, the tape will remove them and will seriously reduce the pain.

Thanks for writing and be careful out there.

**Dear Gardener Gal:** I have azaleas full of buds and beginning to pop. One of my favorite ones seems to have lost lots of buds overnight. They didn't fall off. They are just gone. I wait all year for

the azaleas to bloom; what is going on? — *Debbie*

**Dear Debbie:** Without seeing the ends of the branches, I'm taking a chance, but my guess is "deer pruning." This is a well-known garden phenomenon where large mammals (called deer) survey a garden and use their own judgement and tastebuds to decide which plants need a trim. This freelance garden help is seldom appreciated.

You can try Mylar balloons tied to your bushes. This won't work for long, but the azalea blooming period is fairly short, so it might just be enough.

Fun fact: Azaleas make deer and other ruminants throw up. They eat them anyway, but the image might bring you at least a little bit of pleasure.

"Gardener Gal" Leslie Derrenbacker is a Master Gardener and native Floridian. Send your questions to askgardenergal@gmail.com.

## Long-term loan rates rise; 30-year at 2.81%

*Associated Press*

SILVER SPRING, Md. — U.S. long-term mortgage rates ticked up this week but remain at historic lows as the coronavirus pandemic continues to batter the economy even as more Americans get vaccinated.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac reported Thursday that the average rate on the benchmark 30-year fixed-rate home loan rose to 2.81% from last week's 2.73%. One year ago, the rate was 3.49%.

The average rate on 15-year fixed-rate loans, popular among those seeking to refinance their mortgages, rose to 2.21% from 2.19% last week. A year ago it was 2.99%.

The 5-year adjustable rate mortgage averaged 2.77%, down from last week's 2.79%. It averaged 3.25% one year ago.

While economists expect modest increases in home-loan rates this year, they likely will remain low with the Federal Reserve keeping interest rates near zero until the economy recovers.

Record-low lending rates have helped push buyers into the housing market, but a lack of supply has left many prospective buyers empty handed. The lack of supply was pushing prices up even before the pandemic struck last March.

Although the housing market has been one of the stronger sectors of the U.S. economy since early summer, the overall economy remains at the mercy of the ongoing pandemic.

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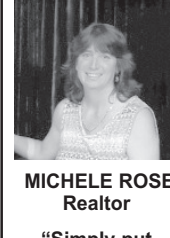
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# CANDLES

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You can get creative by using just about any heat-resistant holder — glasses, jelly jars, wine bottles, “even muffin tins,” says Gissler.

Consider making the candle too by filling one of these vessels with liquid wax. The studio Sibling sells an eco-friendly pouch that can be microwaved or stove-heated, and then poured into a heat-safe container; wicks are included.

## Color play

Mineral hues like marine blue, rust and black are trending this spring for candles; CB2 has a deep mauve taper, too.

Toma Clark Haines, who lives in Venice, Italy, and runs an international antiques-sourcing business, sets her Gustavian-style table with white candlesticks and black candles. “What I like about black candles is that they feel modern. And with all my antiques, they kind of shake things up a bit.”

## Shape shifters

“Sculptural and uniquely shaped candles are increasingly popular,” says Etsy’s trend expert Dayna Isom Johnson. “Over the past several months, we’ve noticed torso-shaped and goddess candles — as well as the molds to make them yourself — emerging as a new trend.”

Etsy reports that shell, bubble and geometric shapes are also selling well.

At the Museum of Modern Art’s design store, you can find HAY’s neat squiggle-shaped candles in several soothing hues. Ester & Erik’s colorful cone-shaped candles don’t

need holders; when they get down to about an inch, they just snuff out.

## Scents set the scene

Not everyone likes or can tolerate a candle with fragrance, but for those who enjoy them, there are loads of options. Vanilla, citrus, pine, sage and rose are on the leader board of popular scents, say Etsy’s trend experts.

Aerangis’ signature collection is anchored by a candle that founder Alicia Tsai calls “In the Beginning,” which was inspired by her grandfather.

“As I child, I spent every afternoon in his greenhouse as he tended his orchids,” she says. “He presented me one to tend as my very own — an aerangis orchid, a delicate, star-shaped flower known to emit its soft and comforting scent in the evenings.”

Seattle-based Good & Well Supply helps support the National Parks Foundation with a collection of vegan candles in reusable tin pots. The candles evoke the scents found in the parks: Grand Canyon, for instance, evinces charred pine, while Acadia evokes sea salt and driftwood.

Stinky Candle offers flavor scents, from blueberry to buttered popcorn to burrito to bread. Or there’s the Clean Puppy candle, with aromas of shampoo and what the company describes as “subtle hints of puppy.”

Homesick’s collection references cities, countries, and favorite hangouts, such as Grandma’s Kitchen (apple, cream, clove) and book club (nutmeg, sandalwood). Celebrate the seasons with Holiday Stroll (sugar plums, blackberries) and American Summer (peach, watermelon). India’s candle melds cumin, curry and cardamom. Canada’s mixes butter, maple and oak moss. Homesick gives you the option to personalize each candle.



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Approved for 127 Bed ALF • (Adult Living Facility)

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- 2/2/1 with den
- Open plan
- Cathedral ceilings
- Great location and minutes from downtown, parks, bike trail
- City water

MLS #798193

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MLS #798107 \$279,000

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This beautiful 3/2 located in River Lakes Manor Subdivision is MOVE-IN-READY, within minutes from the Hernando Chain of Lakes/Withlacoochee River, and a short ride to Hwy. 200 to Ocala and I75.

MLS #798788 \$175,000

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**VACANT LAND****737 E. ALASKA LANE, HERNANDO**

Check out this 1.01-acre cleared lot located in Citrus Hills and is within a short distance from world-class golfing, fishing, boating, snorkeling, within minutes from the Withlacoochee River, Tsala Apopka Chain of Lakes, Three Sisters Springs, Kings Bay, Crystal River, and so much more.

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**11435 E. TRAILS END RD.  
FLORAL CITY**

COUNTRY LIVING - Check out this 3/1.5 2-story log cabin home nestled on 1.09 acres with a front porch for your rock-n-chairs, screened-in back porch, even has its own covered grilling pit, and built-in picnic table on concrete. THIS IS A MUST SEE HOME!

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**343 E. CUMBERLAND CT, HERNANDO**

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Look at these two country style cracker waterfront homes! One is a 2/2/3 carport with wood decking and the other is a 2/1 mother-in-law or rental home. Both are overlooking Lake Bradley.

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.29 acres - 100 ft. frontage on Suncoast Blvd. - Public water. \$125,000

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MLS #798747 \$165,000

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WEBSTER, FLORIDA**

**LOT 21 RIVERVIEW DR.** - \$28,000  
.40-acre lot zoned CLRMH - MLS #798765

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INVERNESS**

Check out this 3/2/2-1 detached carport screened enclosed pool home located in Inverness Highlands South nestled on .50 acre corner lot with vinyl fencing along the back and chain-linked fenced in front. This home is minutes from historic downtown Inverness and the indoor/outdoor amenities it has to offer.

MLS #797821 \$254,900

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Build your dream home on this .52 acre waterfront lot located in Riverhaven Village subdivision. View from the backyard overlooking 260 acres of State Lands with sights and sounds of nature.

MLS #798761

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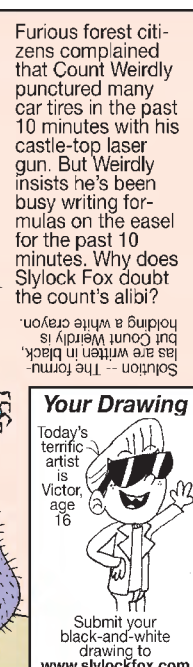
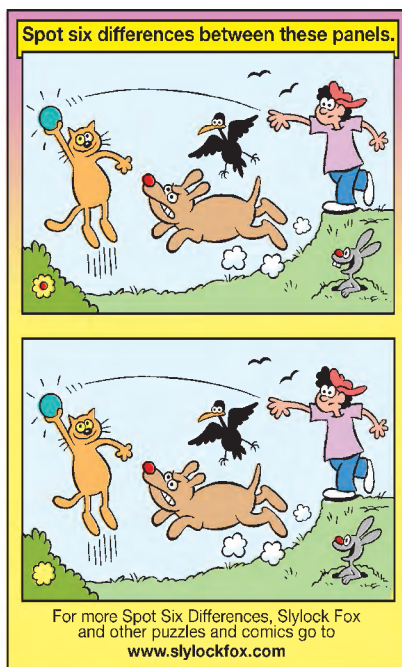
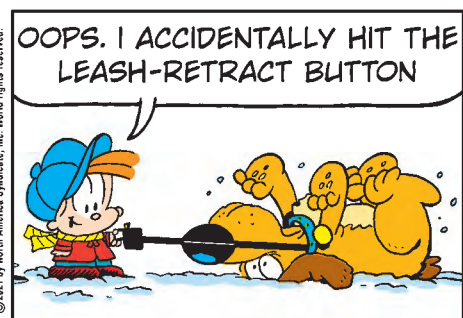
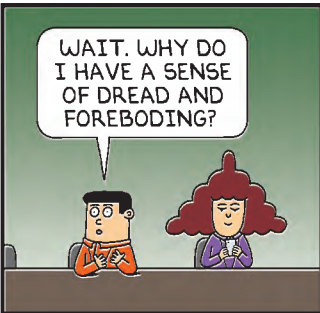
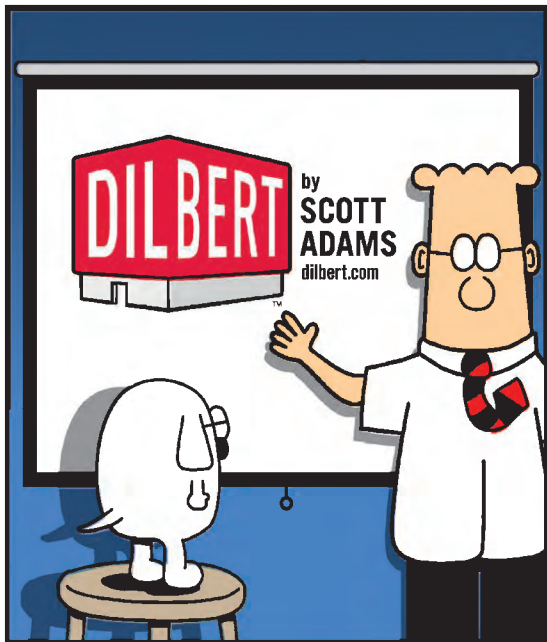
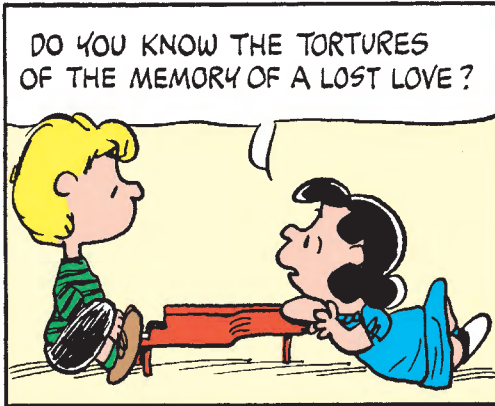
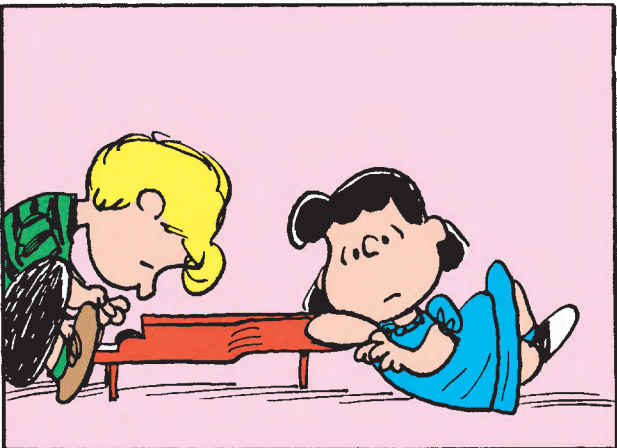
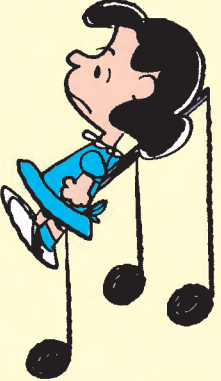
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# COMICS

## PEANUTS

featuring  
"Good ol' Charlie Brown"

by SCHULZ





# Sunday Puzzle Fun

## JUMBLE

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

LUTESS

RMEEKA

TMUNTO

GLHIPT

GIMEPA

NDTATE

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I've never heard anything like them!

It's so clear!

How much do you need to get started?

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AMAR BOSE ASKED INVESTORS TO FUND HIS NEW SPEAKER COMPANY, AND THEY SAID ---

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

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

# SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mephram Group

2				5	6		
			4	9		1	
	9			2			
	8		7				
6		7			5		1
1				2		4	
				3		5	
	2			6	4		
		8	5				3

Level

1

2

3

4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, please visit [sudoku.org.uk](https://sudoku.org.uk)

Solution to Last Weeks puzzle

2	7	1	8	4	9	3	5	6
6	4	9	5	1	3	2	7	8
5	8	3	7	6	2	1	9	4
9	1	7	3	2	6	8	4	5
3	5	2	9	8	4	7	6	1
4	6	8	1	7	5	9	2	3
8	9	6	2	5	1	4	3	7
7	2	5	4	3	8	6	1	9
1	3	4	6	9	7	5	8	2

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# ANDY CAPP

by Smythe

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# Prince Valiant

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

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# JUMBLE

Answer:

TUSSE NUTON MAGPIE  
REMAKE FLIGHT ATTEND

— they said —  
Amar Bose asked investors to fund his new speaker company, and

THAT SOUNDS GREAT



BARNEY GOOGLE and SNUFFY THE BY JOHN ROSE

ENNYTHIN' NEW AT CHURCH, JUGHAID ?

NOPE !! PARSON JEST KEEPS SAYIN' TH' SAME THING EV'RY WEEK !!

"WHAR'S THAT UNCLE OF YORES ?"

SHORE WOULD LIKE T'SEE YA IN CHURCH, SNUFFY !!

SORRY, PARSON--SUNDAY'S MY DAY TO SLEEP LATE !!

WELL, HAVE I GOT GOOD NEWS FER YOU !!

I'VE ADDED AN AFTERNOON SERVICE !!

WHY, THAT'S A BODACIOUS IDEA, PARSON !!

BUT SUNDAY'S ALSO MY DAY T'GO TO BED REEEEL EARLY !!

Mort Walker's beetle bailey

WHAT'S ALL THAT SMOKE ?

ARE WE UNDER ATTACK ?

NO...

WHAT'S THAT ?

"COOKIE'S BLAZING CHILI"

I'M MARKETING MY OWN BRAND

I'LL MAKE MILLIONS!

CAN I TRY IT?

HELP YOURSELF

WHAT DO YOU THINK ?

WE'RE TALKING MILLIONS IN CLASS-ACTION LAWSUITS!

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By BIL KEANE

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JEFF and KEANE

Blessed are the peacemakers...

by Lincoln Peirce

OH HO! WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

SHANNON JUST STUCK A NOTE IN MY LOCKER!

WHAT FOR?

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS, CHAD? SHE LIKES ME!

EVER SINCE MRS. GODFREY CHANGED THE SEATING CHART, SHANNON SITS NEXT TO ME IN HOMEROOM!

CLEARLY, SHE'S BEEN WON OVER BY THE OL' NATE WRIGHT CHARM!

HA HA! WOWZA!

NOW LET'S SEE HOW STEAMY THIS LOVE LETTER IS!

NYUK! NYUK!

Nate - your breath smells like rancid roadkill. Please, use some gum or mints! Shannon

THAT HOT, HUH?

RIP RIP RIP RIP

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# PICKLES

by BRIAN CRANE

ANY MAIL FOR ME?

HMM. LET ME SEE...

NOPE. THERE ARE A COUPLE FOR ME...

...AND A POSTCARD FOR ROSCOE FROM HIS GROOMER. HERE YOU GO, BOY.

WHAT ARE YOU SMILIN' ABOUT?

I DON'T NEED YOUR PITY!

# SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

WHAT'S WRONG, SAL?

IT'S...IT'S JUST WINTER'S GETTING TO ME AGAIN...

I'VE BEEN GETTING NATURAL SUNLIGHT, USING THE LIGHT BOX, EATING RIGHT, EXERCISING REGULARLY...

AND YET STILL MY ENERGY IS KINDA LOW.

AWW, BUT THIS CERTAINLY IS A NICE PICK-ME-UP.

IF YOU WANT, WE CAN KICK IT UP A NOTCH BY HIL AND ME SINGING TO YOU ON THE KARAOKE MACHINE.

I JUST GOT A COLLECTION OF SECOND SINGLES FROM '80s ONE-HIT WONDERS.

PLEASE DON'T.

THANK YOU, MOM. I NEVER EVEN HEARD OF THE BAND "KANGAROO."

ACTUALLY, IT'S "KAJAGOOGOO." THEY HAD OTHER HITS IN THE UK.

PLUS, THE LEAD SINGER SCORED HIS OWN HIT WITH THE TITLE SONG FROM "THE NEVERENDING STORY."

OKAY, I FEEL LIKE WE'RE LOSING THE NARRATIVE THREAD OF THIS ENTIRE CONVERSATION.

I KNOW IT'S ONLY 8" OUTSIDE, MOM, BUT WANNA TRY FOR SOME OF THAT NATURAL SUNLIGHT AGAIN?

# BY MASTROIANNI AND HART

ROAR

SWIPE

ROAR

SWIPE

WAIT!

NOPE. NOT THE ONE. CARRY ON.

# Dennis the Menace SOCIAL SYMPTOMS

by Hank Ketchum

AS A MATTER OF FACT, I HAVE.

BUT SINCE WE'VE BEEN IN QUARANTINE, I FEEL FINE.

ANY MAJOR CHANGES IN YOUR DIET OR LIFESTYLE THAT CAUSED THIS REACTION AND THEN SUDDENLY WENT AWAY?

OH, YES!

RIGHT WHEN THEY SHUT THE SCHOOLS DOWN, HE'S BEEN STUCK AT HOME THIS WHOLE TIME ZOOMING HIS PARENTS CRAZY!

# CURTIS

by RAY BILLINGSLEY

CURTIS IS ON A RAMPAGE!!

SIT DOWN, BARRY, IT'S TIME FOR DINNER

CURTIS, DO YOU WANT GRAVY WITH YOUR MASHED POTATOES?

OK, SO I HAVE MY FIRST Z/T. QUIT STARIN' AT IT!

I DON'T SEE A THING

OF COURSE NOT! MOTHERS ARE BLIND TO ZITS! I'M UGLY!

CURTIS, YOU'RE A FINE YOUNG MAN

NO KIDDIN'? THAT MAKES ME FEEL A LOT BETTER

GOOD! NOW, DO YOU WANT GRAVY WITH YOUR-

THEY'LL SHRED ME ON SOCIAL MEDIA! NO ONE CAN SEE ME WITH THIS GOOSE EGG ON MY FACE!!

WAH WAH WAH

AND IN ONLY TWO YEARS HE'LL BE A TEENAGER



LUANN

by Greg Evans

WHEN I WAS A KID, I TOTALLY CRACKED UP AT THIS JOKE: "A FARMER IS A MAN OUTSTANDING IN HIS FIELD."

BUT IT'S NOT FUNNY ANYMORE. I GUESS THAT'S MATURITY FOR YA

ALL I DO NOW IS QUIETLY CHUCKLE AT SOPHISTICATED HUMOR. NO MORE SIDE-SPLITTING BUT-GUSTERS FOR US, HUH?

YOU MEAN GUT-BUSTERS

WHAT DID I SAY?

"Snrk... BUT-GUSTERS"

HAHAHAHAH OW!

HA HA HA

SNORT HAW HAW HAW

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HAGAR

the horrible

by Dik Browne

HAGAR, ARE YOU GOING TO SPEAK AT THE TOWN MEETING TONIGHT?

I HAVE NOTHING IMPORTANT TO SAY TO THOSE PEOPLE...

AND ANOTHER THING...

YOUR TIME IS UP, SIR! SIT DOWN!

BAM BAM

HAGAR, YOU *INSULTED* EVERYONE AT THIS TOWN MEETING! YOU NEED TO STAND UP AND APOLOGIZE!

I HAVE A RIGHT TO SPEAK MY MIND !!

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU STOOD UP AND APOLOGIZED?

I'D LIKE TO *APOLOGIZE* FOR MY HUSBAND'S REMARKS!

THAT DOESN'T COUNT!

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Wizard of ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

ARE WE READY FOR MY GOLF LESSON?

UM...

\*SIGH THIS IS THE BORING PART

SNAP

WHAT THE...?

FLAP FLAP FLAP

THANK YOU

WHAT THE HECK?

IN-FLIGHT DRINK SERVICE

\*SIGH THIS IS THE BORING PART

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BLONDIE

BY DEAN KUNZ & JOHN MARSHALL

I'M BACK, HONEY!

HONEY, TOOTSIE AND I ARE BACK FROM OUR LUNCHEON AND MOVIE

YAWN! THAT'S GREAT!

YOU'VE BEEN ON THAT SOFA SINCE I LEFT THE HOUSE?

YEAH, I GUESS SO, SWEETHEART

DOESN'T THAT SEEM LIKE A WASTE OF A PERFECTLY GOOD AFTERNOON?

SO I TOLD HER THAT PROBABLY DEPENDS ON HER DEFINITION OF WASTING A PERFECTLY GOOD AFTERNOON

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I SAID TO TOOTSIE!

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Hi and Lois

by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

CHIP?

I'M IN HERE, MOM!

DON'T YOU HAVE HOMEWORK TO DO?

I DID IT ALL ON FRIDAY NIGHT.

YOU DID?

I WANTED TO ENJOY THE REST OF THE WEEKEND.

I ALSO SHOVELED THE FRONT WALK...

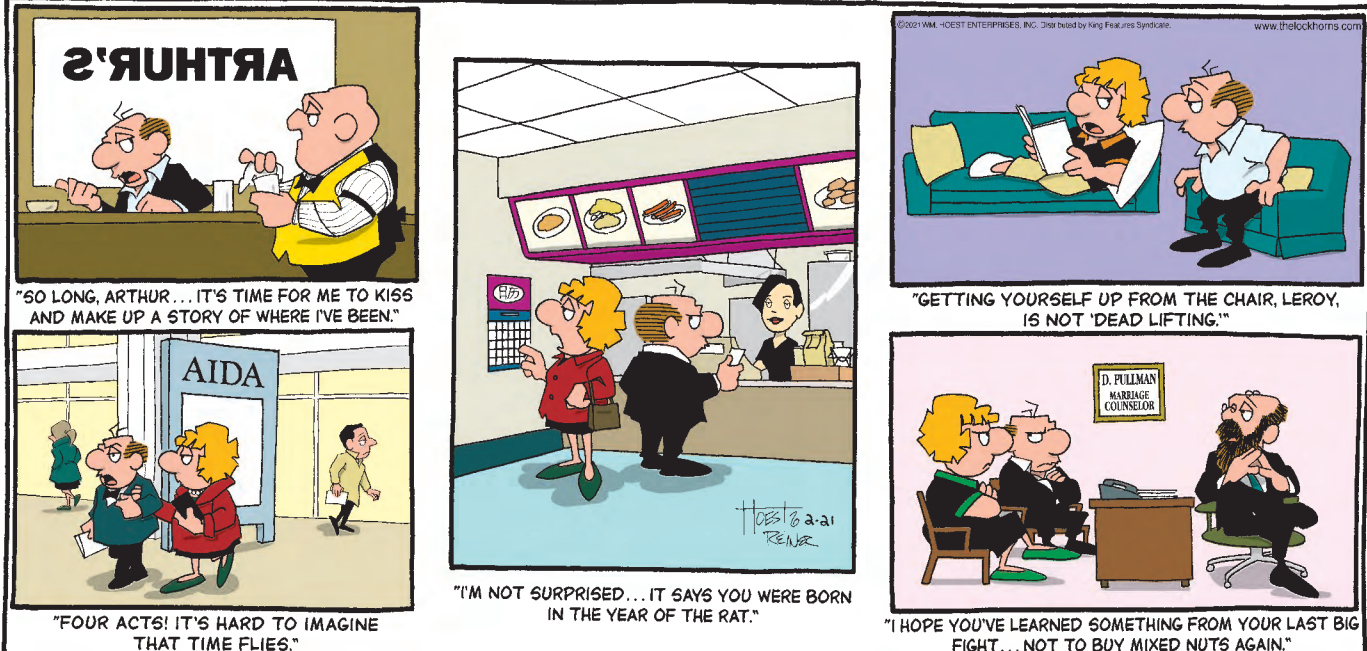
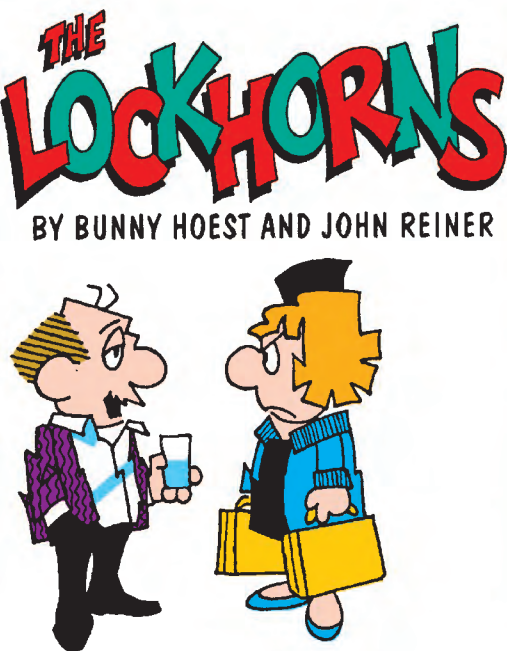
AND TOOK OUT THE GARBAGE.

IF HE STARTS CLEANING HIS ROOM, I'M CALLING A PSYCHIATRIST.

RELAX, IT'S JUST TEMPORARY INSANITY.

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