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Southbound Parkway ramp at U.S. 98 to be closed for three nights

Motorists planning to use the Suncoast Parkway to travel south at night Tuesday, Sept. 14, to Thursday, Sept. 16, will have to make a detour, according to a news release issued Friday, Sept. 10, by the Florida Department of Transportation.

The Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) has scheduled a full closure of the southbound Suncoast Parkway/State Road (S.R.) 589 entrance ramp from U.S. 98. This closure, the release stated, is necessary for paving activities.

To perform this work, traffic will be detoured from 10 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, to Thursday, Sept. 16. Motorists will be directed to U.S. 19, where they'll travel south on U.S. 19 to Cortez Boulevard/S.R. 50 and travel east on S.R. 50 to access southbound Suncoast Parkway.

This work is part of the Suncoast Parkway 2 construction project from U.S. 98 to S.R. 44. The schedule may change due to unforeseen conditions.

— From staff reports

LOTTERY

Due to earlier production deadlines for the Sunday Chronicle, final lottery numbers are not printed. Visit www.flalottery.com for final numbers.

20 years later, one Hernando man recalls living through the 9/11 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center on the longest day of his life

NANCY KENNEDY
STAFF WRITER

As he usually did, Earl Carlos arrived at his job around 7:30 a.m.

He worked as a systems technician for the Port Authority on the 73rd floor of Tower One of the World Trade Center.

It was a beautiful fall day, a Tuesday.

"My job was to bring up the computer systems so they'll be online when the rest of the people got to their jobs," he said.

Carlos and some of the others had gone to the cafeteria about 10 floors down to get something for breakfast to eat at their desks while they waited for the computers to be up for the day.

"My friend was at his desk by the window and he yelled, 'Plane!' but the way he yelled it, it wasn't like normal," Carlos said. "We'd seen helicopters and small Piper Cubs flying down below us before. So, when he did that, in his voice I could tell something was wrong.

"I stood up and looked his way and I could see the plane coming at the window," he said. "I thought, 'That ain't no small plane.'

"Then at the last minute, instead of coming through our window, it went up, and about two, three minutes later I heard a big BOOM! When it hit the building, the building bent over about 45 degrees, and I'm thinking it's going to break off and we're all going down to the ground."

After 20 years, Carlos still recalls in vivid detail the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

■■■

As he felt the building bend and waited for what he was sure would be the end of his 60 years on Earth, the building sprang back.

"That threw me about 10 feet across the room to the wall, and I held onto the wall and yelled out to the rest of the people that we better get out, and we started running," he said.

At that time of the morning, shortly before 9 a.m., there were only about 10 people on his floor.

"Some of them didn't even know what happened," he said. "One lady said, 'Let me go put my sandwich in the refrigerator before I go,' so she could eat it when she got back. We didn't know what had even happened."

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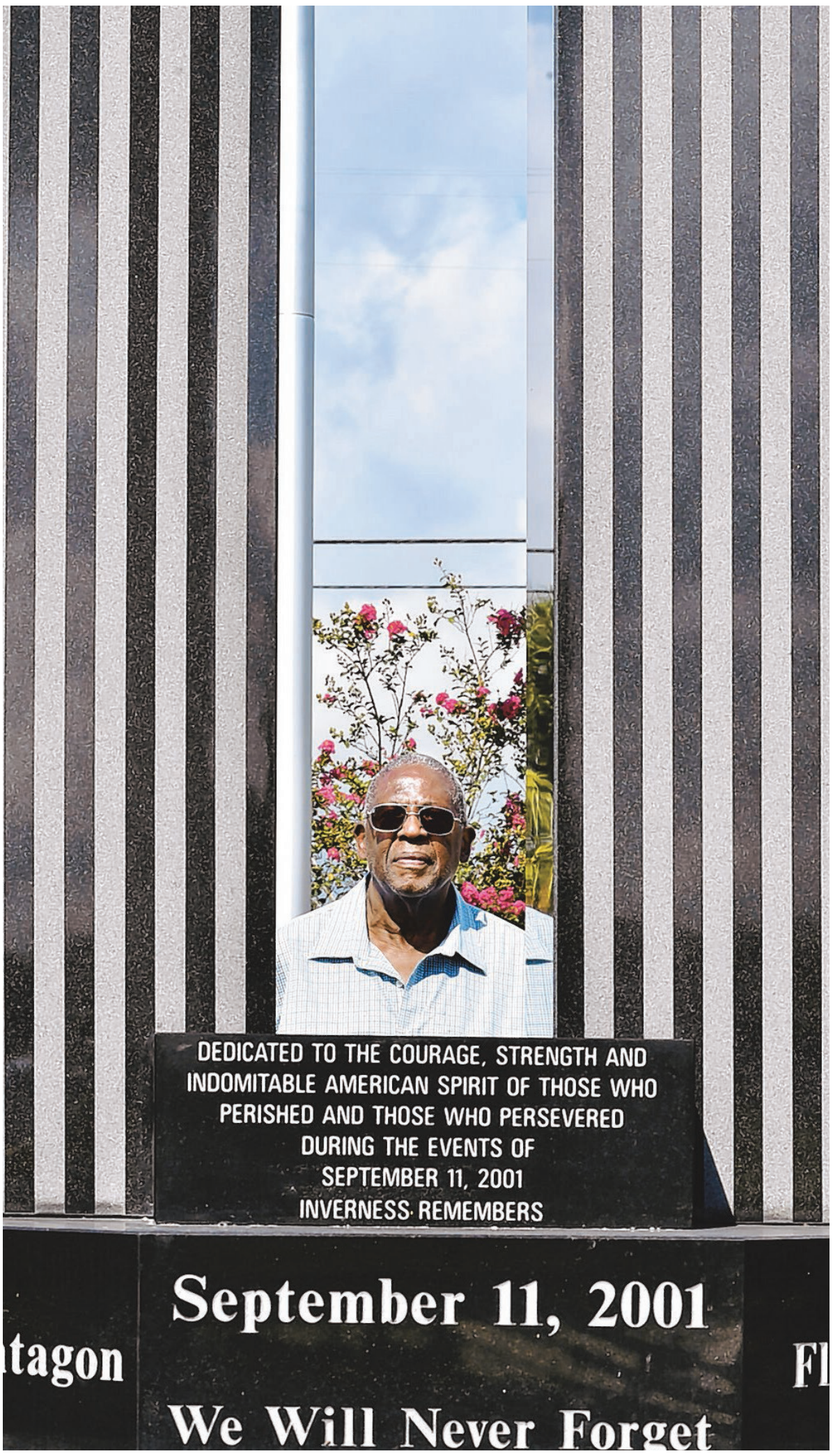

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle
Earl Carlos worked in the 73rd floor of Tower 1 of the World Trade Center and was in the building when the building was struck by a commercial airliner. He stayed with two of his co-workers ensuring their safety as they made an escape to the street. Above, Carlos stands at the 9/11 memorial in Inverness' Liberty Park.

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WEEK IN REVIEW

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

DIGITAL BARBECUE

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

220 Barbecue partner/chef Alan Ingram slices a Boston butt Thursday, Aug 2, to create a pulled-pork sandwich at his newly opened barbecue restaurant in Beverly Hills. A pile of St. Louis-style ribs rests at right.

GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

Amanda Furrer, a 33-year-old runner whose family lives in Citrus Hills, had a dream: to work for Runner's World magazine. Now a product test editor for the magazine, she gets to write articles and model shoes and sports watches and other runner's gear for the magazine's photographers.

"It's either my ankles or my arms," she said.

However, in the fourth issue for 2021, she debuted in the cover photo as the front runner.

"I never thought I'd be on the cover of it," she said.

HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK

Prior to county commissioners voting to increase property taxes for stormwater runoff projects, caused people to sound off on the Chronicle Facebook page. Here's what some said:

■ **Jason Hoover:** "County needs to decrease a lot of the taxes in this county since most taxes we pay don't go to anything anyways."

■ **William Barker:** "Wouldn't bother me one bit if all property taxes were eliminated, and a sales tax takes up the slack."

■ **Sally Spencer Van Osdell:** "They need to use the gas tax for roads! They're also discussing the new storm water fees at this meeting. We don't need another MSBU or MSTU!"

■ **Jennifer Emel Stoltz:** "I would gladly pay $10 to $20 more a year if we could have better roads."

■ **Jack Judge:** "No matter what, property values should drop just for the simple fact we all live in a huge swamp in Citrus County. Hwy 19 is a perfect example of a project that no matter what they did to try to fix it, the flooding always caused major issues. Half the county or more has homes with water either in their yards or very close by — huge swamp."

■ **Karen Klotz Fiorentino:** "Please! This year every single business nickel and diming me to death. Not to mention boat ramp fees next year. I don't get all the freebies from the government) just my paycheck I work for!"

THE MOST POPULAR STORIES FROM THE WEEK THAT WAS

New digital barbecue restaurant opens in Beverly Hills

What's a digital restaurant, you ask?

Located at 4493 County Road 491, in the American Plaza, 220 Barbecue is a cashless, digital restaurant, with no indoor seating, a trend that's sweeping the country and the first to open in Citrus County.

Owner Alan Ingram is so confident his new 220 Barbecue restaurant will be successful in Beverly Hills he has already signed leases to open locations in Crystal River and Lecanto and is negotiating to open soon in Inverness and Homosassa.

Customers order online at 220BBQ.com for carry-out, curbside pickup or delivery. Other options include calling in an order or coming inside and ordering from a kiosk or with one of the team members.

Ingram's name is familiar to restaurant-goers in Dunnellon, where he owned or operated Gruff's Tap & Grille, Sweet Potatoes and Skeets Barbecue.

"When entering a 220 Barbecue you will find that modern franchise feel coupled with a strong sense of family and a whole 'lotta love,'" Ingram said.

For more information about 220 Barbecue, call 352-513-5665 or visit www.220bbq.com.

Roadway dance in downpour leads to CR man's arrest

After driving recklessly, resisting arrest, performing a lewd dance in the pouring rain and challenging a law enforcement officer by saying, "What are you scared of? I got knives, you got a gun!," Richard Wolfe ended up being arrested just before noon Tuesday, Sept. 7. He was charged with resisting an officer without violence, fleeing from law enforcement after being ordered to stop and reckless driving.

At one point, 57-year-old Wolfe was ordered to get onto the ground. A video shows Wolfe go down to his knees with his hands behind his head before he stands up and backs away from the detective and deputy.

After he refused several commands, a Citrus County sheriff's deputy shot Wolfe with a Taser, bringing him to the ground. Wolfe continued to resist attempts to handcuff him, forcing the deputy to use his Taser again.

To watch the video of the incident, see the online version of this story at chronicleonline.com.

Life along the 'crooked road:' Yulee Drive

When 79-year-old Joe Byrd was a boy growing up in Old Homosassa, everyone called Yulee Drive "the crooked road" because of its twists and turns.

"Grover Cleveland was 'chicken ranch road' — that's all that was out there," Byrd said. "It was just an old sand/dirt road."

In those days, there was no Nauti Time Seafood n Wings on the corner of Yulee Drive and Fishbowl Drive or Mango Tango Tropical Grill a little farther down on Yulee Drive. That was all woods and a few homes scattered here and there.

There wasn't even a Fishbowl Drive.

Things have changed, but many things have stayed the same in this historic area of Citrus County.

"There were no canals around here when I was growing up," Byrd said. "They're all man made. Where Publix is (at U.S. 19 and Halls River Road) there used to be a big, beautiful hotel ... and the bridge was a one-way wooden bridge.

"A lot of people I grew up with are still here," he said. "Nowadays, for a small town, Homosassa — and Crystal River — does a lot for Citrus County. The majority of the tourism is here, and it caters to a lot of people.

"But I hope it doesn't change too much," he said. "I hope it stays small."

Florida Supreme Court publicly reprimands judge

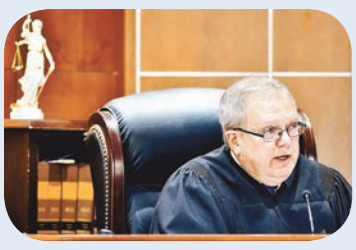
In April 2019, Judge Richard "Ric" Howard tried to convince then-candidate Pam Vergara from running against incumbent George Angeliadis in a 2020 election for circuit judge.

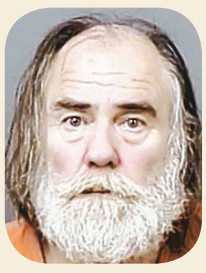
On Thursday, Sept. 2, Florida Supreme Court justices chastised Howard before a virtual Zoom audience.

"This is an unfortunate day for you, for us and for the entire state judiciary," Chief Justice Charles Canady said during Howard's brief public reprimand. "Your misconduct has damaged the public's trust and confidence in our state courts."

"Public reprimands, such as this, are an important way we can ensure the public we take misconduct by a judge very seriously," Canaday said. "We will not hesitate to punish unethical conduct by a judge in a very public way."

Howard has had no prior discipline from the state supreme court as a judge since his appointment in 2000, or from the Florida Bar as a prior attorney, according to the JQC.





Homosassa men arrested for picking saw palmetto berries illegally

When two men were spotted picking berries from palmetto plants in a Sugarmill Woods neighborhood, deputies were dispatched and arrived to find 49-year-old William Dallas Dicks and 58-year-old Robert John Bird loading buckets of berries into a white sedan.

The men were arrested for unlawfully picking the berries. They were later released from jail with a citation to appear in court Sept. 23.

The berries, which people harvest for profit because of their purported health benefits to help treat prostate issues, can be picked legally with a permit and the necessary permission letters attached.

> "Of course I'm going to try and sell drugs, try to hustle ... it's the lifestyle. I'm making money, I'm making good money ... I'm surviving."

— CARLOS HALLOWELL, THE 19-YEAR-OLD CONVICTED OF MURDERING HIS ADOPTED MOTHER IN 2019, IN A RECORDED PHONE CALL TO A FRIEND THREE WEEKS AFTER A JURY CONVICTED HIM.

— compiled by Nancy Kennedy

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County/State BRIEFS

Let's Feed Citrus plans two food giveaways on Sept. 15, 29

Let's Feed Citrus will be at the Crystal River Mall on Wednesdays, Sept. 15 and 29.

To receive food, the public will need to come to the parking lot at 9 a.m. for drive-thru pickup.

Elections office workers will be at libraries this week

In conjunction with the Citrus County Libraries, the Supervisor of Elections Office invites the public to visit them during Constitution Week at the following locations: Lakes Region Library, 1511 Druid Road, Inverness, from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Sept. 14; and the Floral City Library, 8360 E. Orange Ave., Floral City, from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Sept. 16.

Register to vote, make changes to your voter record, or request a vote-by-mail ballot. Information to apply for election worker positions will also be available.

If you are interested in having the elections office staff at your organization or business, contact Supervisor Maureen 'Mo' Baird at vote@votecitrus.gov, or 352-564-7120.

Republican club postpones Sept. 21 meeting

The Homosassa River Republican Club has postponed their meeting scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Sept. 21 at the Marguerita Grill, 10200 W. Halls River Road due to an increase in COVID-19 cases in our area. The club hopes to reschedule for Oct. 19.

For more information, contact Tony Dimino at 352-436-3950.

DeSantis Committee Tops $5.5M n in August

Continuing to pile up money ahead of his re-election bid, Gov. Ron DeSantis' political committee raised nearly $5.52 million in August, according to a newly filed report at the state Division of Elections.

The Friends of Ron DeSantis committee had about $53 million in cash on hand as of Aug. 31 and raised nearly $46 million during the first eight months of the year. DeSantis has not opened a formal campaign account for his 2022 race, but the committee will play a key role in his bid to win a second term.

During August, the committee's largest contributions were $500,000 from the Republican Governors Association and $500,000 from Richard and Elizabeth Uihlein of Lake Forest, Ill. Richard Uihlein is a major national Republican donor. DeSantis' committee in August also spent $692,000, with $398,000 going to Ace Specialties, LLC of Lafayette, La. The report does not provide details.

SCORE postpones Recovery Event

Nature Coast SCORE has made the decision to postpone the Business Recovery Event scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 23, in Inverness. With the increase in COVID-19 cases in our area, in an abundance of caution, the event will be rescheduled for March 2022. Watch for details and a new date to be announced soon.

For more information, phone 352-249-1236 or visit online at https://naturecoastfl.score.org.

— From staff reports

Economist: Home ownership big problem

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

The Citrus County housing market has exploded in the past two years and shows no sign of cooling off.

But a dwindling supply of home inventory and wage stagnation is causing skyrocketing prices, putting home ownership out of reach for many.

Those are the conclusions of Jennifer Warner, economist and director of economic development for Florida Realtors. Warner, was the guest speaker at Friday's Citrus County Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Plantation on Crystal River.

"There's literally nothing out there for (many people)," Warner said to an audience of about 115. "(The) demand is outstripping supply."

New-home construction, she said, is not keeping up with demand.

The median sales price for all property types in Citrus County was $162,000 in the fourth quarter of 2019. That shot up to about $230,000 in the second quarter of 2021 - a 21% increase.

Jennifer Warner
director of economic development, Florida Realtors.

But she said median income has not kept pace and is forcing some to abandon the idea of homeownership and pay exorbitant monthly prices for rentals.

"There's really no relief in sight," Warner said. "We're going to be living with this for awhile."

County lobbyist Gene McGee told the crowd the chamber is addressing the matter by participating in Prosperity Citrus.

The initiative provides a 'helping hand' to low-income residents who don't have the resources (a car, job or home) to better their circumstances.

People who own a home right now, are profiting on the stock market and a home that is rising in value have it pretty good right now, he said.

"But if you don't, you don't," he said. "And that's a real problem."

Remembering in Citrus County

SYDNEY AKENS/For the Chronicle

Vietnam veteran and retired firefighter Jerry Grooms kneels with wife, Toni Grooms, on Saturday, Sept. 11, as they read over the engraved wall of the lives lost on 9/11. Members of the Smoke Divers Firefighters Motorcycle Club hosted a remembrance ride and ceremony to escort the memorial wall to Crystal Harley-Davidson, in Homosassa.

County volunteers, deputies and firefighters hold the scrolls Saturday morning, during the wreath-laying ceremony at the 9/11 Memorial in Liberty Park, downtown Inverness. Residents came from all over the county with their flags to honor those who died Sept. 11, 2001. Touching words and prayers were given during the event by Mayor Bob Plaisted, Sheriff Mike Prendergast, Fire Chief Steve Marfongella and a former Port Authority police officer who responded to the 9/11 disaster 20 years ago, Andy Tarpey.

SYDNEY AKENS/For the Chronicle

Court gives boost to DeSantis in mask mandate fight

JIM SAUNDERS
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Pointing to "serious doubts" about the lawsuit, an appeals court Friday put on hold a circuit judge's ruling that said Gov. Ron DeSantis overstepped his constitutional authority in a July 30 executive order aimed at preventing school mask mandates.

A three-judge panel of the 1st District Court of Appeal reinstated a stay of the ruling by Leon County Circuit Judge John Cooper, clearing the way for the state to try to block school districts from requiring students to wear masks during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The decision was a blow to a group of parents who filed the lawsuit and argued that children would be harmed by DeSantis' executive order. While the panel said it would issue a full written explanation later, the one-paragraph order Friday expressed skepticism about the parents' case.

"Upon our review of the trial court's final judgment and the operative pleadings, we have serious doubts about standing, jurisdiction and other threshold matters," the order said. "These doubts significantly militate against the likelihood of the appellees' (parents') ultimate success in this appeal."

Ron DeSantis
Florida governor.

DeSantis said Wednesday he expected the stay to be reinstated and to ultimately win the lawsuit.

"But what we found is, you know, in the trial courts in Tallahassee, state and federal, we typically lose if there's a political component to it, but then in the appeals court, we almost always win," the governor said.

The order was part of a flurry of legal activity after a Sept. 2 ruling by Cooper against DeSantis, Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran, the Department of Education and the State Board of Education.

The DeSantis administration appealed that ruling, a step that led to an automatic stay while the case was pending at the appeals court.

But the parents' attorneys asked Cooper to vacate the stay, a request that he granted Wednesday. The DeSantis administration quickly returned to the appeals court with an emergency motion to reinstate the stay — which led to Friday's order.

In their motion to reinstate the stay, attorneys for the state argued that they will ultimately prevail in the underlying issues in the lawsuit. They contended, in part, that Cooper violated constitutional separation of powers and delved into policy and political issues about whether schools should be allowed to require masks.

"The adequate level of safety in schools and other public settings is a political question reserved entirely for elected representatives who are publicly accountable," the motion said. "Therefore, in finding irreparable harm (from a stay of his ruling), the trial court should not have substituted its own health policy preferences or risk assessments for those of the governor or, more importantly, the state health officer and surgeon general."

But in a response Thursday night, attorneys for the parents said a potential stay would create "the very real prospect of irreparable harm" and pointed to the highly contagious delta variant of the coronavirus that has caused a spike in COVID-19 cases during the past two months.

"The evidence clearly shows that children have become infected exponentially since the spread of the delta variant this summer," the filing said. "This daily possible exposure to a more contagious COVID strain — the delta variant — in a school setting which allows parents to opt-out their children from wearing masks without any medical reason is an irreparable harm to appellees' (the plaintiffs') children. Appellees' children have the option of either staying at home to avoid COVID, or they must go to school, which schools cannot require masks pursuant to the executive order, and expose themselves to COVID on a daily basis. Either option presents an irreparable harm to appellees' children."

ENTERTAINMENT

Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthday: Take your time, look at every angle, and use charm and intelligence to nudge others to follow your lead. Having the right tone, facts and figures in place will help you make progress this year, leading to a better lifestyle.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you venture down a path that isn't in sync with the people you are close to, you'll face opposition.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Emotional spending will not help you balance your books. Expand your mind and your interests. Educational pursuits are favored.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): Enforce discipline when it comes to your home, family and taking better care of yourself.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): Set your sights on something you want to achieve, and don't look away until you conquer what you set out to do.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take control; get your plans up and running. A moneymaking idea will pay off if you stick to your draft.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): Negotiate with a budget in mind. Be frank about what you want and what you are willing to offer in return.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20): Watch for inconsistency and mixed messages, and use the information you gather to your advantage. Don't buy into someone's pipe dream.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Look over your financial situation and talk to someone who can shed light on investment trends and areas of economic growth.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Listen to popular demands, and find a way to compromise. Be willing to do the legwork.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Think matters through, and you'll come up with a plan that will set your mind at ease and give you something to achieve.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): A couple of changes at home will make your life easier and your relationship with loved ones better. Do something nice for someone you love.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Get the facts before you challenge someone close to you. Keep an open mind, and you'll realize you are as much to blame for something that happens as everyone else involved.

TV's Cartoonito aim: to help tots be 'best humans' possible

Warner Bros. Animation via Associated Press

This image released by Warner Bros. Animation shows characters Little Ellen, left, and Charlie in a scene from the animated series "Little Ellen," part of Cartoonito, a new preschool block launching on HBO Max and Cartoon Network.

LOS ANGELES — It's a good time to be a preschooler with TV privileges.

You can watch classics including "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," always worth your attention. And you're the target audience for shows that take a new approach to helping you grow up while being entertained.

Case in point: Cartoonito, a programming block of animated shows that debuts Monday on Cartoon Network and HBO Max. It was developed with what its producers call "humancentric learning" at is core.

"It really is about leaning into our humanity and helping children be the best humans they can be," said **Laura Brown**, an educational psychologist who worked with Warner Bros. on the framework designed for Cartoonito.

Paying attention to the pint-sized crowd is also good business, said **Tom Ascheim**, Warner Bros. Global president for kids, young adults and classics.

"Our mission is to become a full-service kids and family brand. To do that, we can't leave out the youngest viewers who make up half of the kids' audience," he said. Families with children also tend to be loyal and steady customers.

For an enterprise whose name conjures up images of little cartoons, its goals are big indeed. They include celebrating individuality and originality and fostering creativity, compassion and inclusion.

Among the new fare is "Little Ellen," which follows the adventures of a 7-year-old, risk-taking **Ellen DeGeneres** in her native New Orleans. The stated goal, aka the vegetable part of the meal: Help children learn to manage their emotions and be resilient and optimistic.

"Little Ellen" will be on Cartoonito on HBO Max, along with the season-two debut of "The Not-Too-Late Show with Elmo," projects with bestselling children's book author **Mo Willems**, and new and library seasons of "Sesame Street."

Sesame Workshop, the maker of "Sesame Street," signed a five-year deal with HBO Max in late 2019. The series that launched on public TV is still available on PBS and PBS.org, with new episodes airing on a delayed basis after debuting on HBO Max.

On Cartoon Network, the Cartoonito block will air weekdays from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and in a two-hour segment on weekends starting at 6 a.m. The lineup includes "Mush-Mush & The Mushables," about tiny guardians of the forest, and "Thomas & Friends: All Engines Go."

The approach underlying Cartoonito is based on modern tenets of psychology and education, Brown said, with the latter emphasizing "higher order skills" including collaboration and critical thinking, as opposed to rote learning of information.

Parents and caregivers, please note there's homework for you. With "Little Ellen," for example, a psychologist devised games to be played with children to develop the skills, such as emotion management, depicted in the show.

Key learning scenes are identified by labels, and there are 15-second "bumpers" that run before shows and cue adults on what will be addressed, Brown said.

In the series about Thomas the Tank, that could be problem-solving and teamwork.

Diversity is a key part of Cartoonito. The goal is that the characters and those who create them "look like the real world," not to pursue a social agenda, said **Amy Friedman**, head of kids and family programming for Warner Bros.

— From wire reports

Today in HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Sept. 12, the 255th day of 2021. There are 110 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Sept. 12, 2001, stunned rescue workers continued to search for bodies in the World Trade Center's smoking rubble a day after a terrorist attack that shut down the financial capital, badly damaged the Pentagon and left thousands dead.

On this date:

In 1958, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Cooper v. Aaron, unanimously ruled that Arkansas officials who were resisting public school desegregation orders could not disregard the high court's rulings.

In 1962, in a speech at Rice University in Houston, President John F. Kennedy reaffirmed his support for the manned space program, declaring: "We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard."

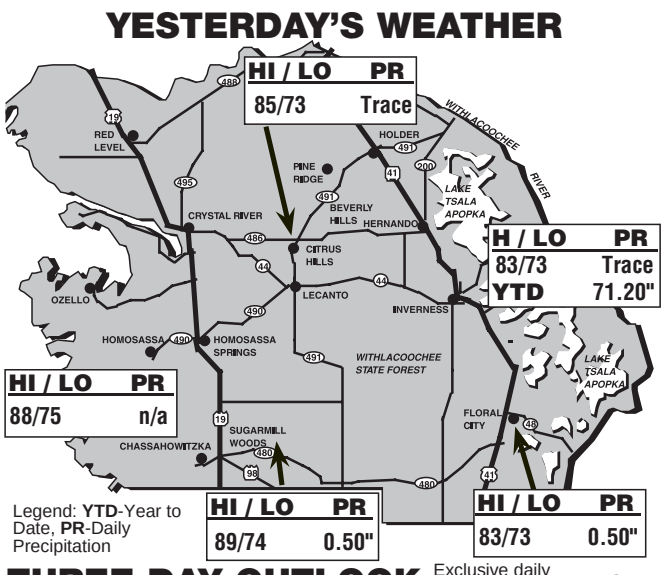
In 2012, the U.S. dispatched an elite group of Marines to Tripoli, Libya, after the mob attack in Benghazi that killed the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans.

Five years ago: Two men disrupted a live broadcast of ABC's "Dancing with the Stars" by rushing onto the stage to protest Olympic swimmer Ryan Lochte's presence on the show.

One year ago: President Donald Trump defied local authorities by holding a rally in tiny Minden, Nevada, after his initial plan to hold one in Reno was stopped out of concern it would have violated coronavirus health guidelines.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Linda Gray is 81. Singer Maria Muldaur is 79. Actor Joe Pantoliano is 70. Original MTV VJ Nina Blackwood is 69. Actor Peter Scolari is 66. Actor Rachel Ward is 64. Actor-comedian Louis C.K. is 54. Golfer Angel Cabrera is 52. Country singer Jennifer Nettles is 47. Singer Ruben Studdard is 43. Basketball Hall of Fame player Yao Ming is 41. Singer-actor Jennifer Hudson is 40.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



Legend: **YTD**-Year to Date, **PR**-Daily Precipitation

THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Exclusive daily forecast by: Bay News 9

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 91° **Low:** 72°
Mostly cloudy, scattered PM storms move west

MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING
High: 91° **Low:** 71°
Partly sunny, scattered PM storms

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING
High: 90° **Low:** 71°
Partly sunny, scattered PM storms

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Data from Crystal River Airport

TEMPERATURE

Yesterday	82/74
Record*	101/50
Normal	91/70
Mean temp.	81
Departure from mean	-3

PRECIPITATION

Yesterday	0.01"
Total for the month	2.87"
Total for the year	29.06"
Normal for the year	41.23"

*Official record values from Tampa International

UV INDEX: 8
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE 30.14

DEW POINT
Yesterday at 3 p.m. 75°

HUMIDITY
Yesterday at 3 p.m. 80%

POLLEN COUNT**
Today's active pollen:
ragweed, chenopods, grasses
Today's count: 6.6/12
Xxday's count: 7.1
Xxday's count: 6.5

AIR QUALITY
Yesterday observed Good
Pollutant PM2.5

SOLUNAR TABLES

Provided by ezfshn.com

DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
09/12	SUNDAY	7:12	5:57	7:37	6:26
09/13	MONDAY	7:13	6:55	7:36	7:25

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

Sep 13 Sep 20 Sep 28 Oct 6

SUNSET TONIGHT	7:37 pm
SUNRISE TOMORROW	7:13 am
MOONRISE TODAY	1:03 pm
MOONSET TODAY	11:44 pm

BURN CONDITIONS

Today's Fire Danger Index is: NONE. There is no burn ban.

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

WATERING RULES

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Addresses with house numbers ending in:

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

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TIDES

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

SUNDAY

City	High		High		Low		Low	
Chassahowitzka*	10:44 a.m.	0.6 ft	11:26 p.m.	0.2 ft	3:26 a.m.	0.2 ft	7:13 p.m.	0.0 ft
Crystal River**	8:46 a.m.	2.3 ft	9:59 p.m.	1.6 ft	2:47 a.m.	0.7 ft	4:05 p.m.	0.0 ft
Withlacoochee*	5:50 a.m.	3.9 ft	7:21 p.m.	3.1 ft	12:52 a.m.	1.4 ft	1:43 p.m.	0.3 ft
Homosassa***	9:03 a.m.	1.5 ft	10:20 p.m.	0.8 ft	3:21 a.m.	0.1 ft	4:22 p.m.	0.1 ft

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	84	76	t	Miami	87	80	t
Fort Lauderdale	88	79	t	Ocala	88	72	t
Fort Myers	92	75	sh	Orlando	88	75	t
Gainesville	88	72	sh	Pensacola	88	75	t
Homestead	89	78	t	Sarasota	92	75	sh
Jacksonville	88	74	mc	Tallahassee	90	71	sh
Key West	90	80	t	Tampa	91	76	sh
Lakeland	90	75	sh	Vero Beach	89	77	t
Melbourne	87	77	t	W. Palm Bch.	86	82	t

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Northeast winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Isolated thunderstorms early in the afternoon. Scattered thunderstorms late in the afternoon.

Gulf water temperature
83°
Taken at Crystal River

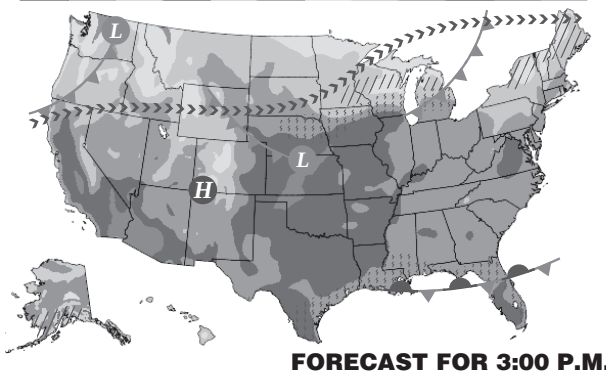
LAKE LEVELS

Location	SAT	FRI	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	34.24	34.25	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	38.35	38.38	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	39.66	39.70	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	41.01	41.07	41.37

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

THE NATION

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



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Sunday

City	SAT H	SAT L	SAT Pcp.	SUN H	SUN L	SUN Fcst
Albany	74	48	0.00	80	61	sh
Albuquerque	93	64	0.00	95	63	s
Asheville	79	51	0.00	85	59	pc
Atlanta	84	59	0.00	88	66	s
Atlantic City	79	52	0.00	82	73	s
Austin	93	65	0.00	94	73	pc
Baltimore	82	54	0.00	89	71	pc
Billings	81	57	Trace	82	54	pc
Birmingham	88	63	0.00	90	67	s
Boise	79	54	0.00	84	50	sm
Boston	79	59	0.00	82	65	s
Buffalo	79	57	0.00	76	61	sh
Burlington, VT	75	52	0.00	77	57	sh
Charleston, SC	84	63	0.00	85	70	s
Charleston, WV	79	51	0.00	91	67	s
Charlotte	84	59	0.00	88	64	s
Chicago	88	66	0.00	86	68	pc
Cincinnati	83	51	0.00	91	68	s
Cleveland	83	63	Trace	86	67	pc
Columbia, SC	85	58	0.00	89	64	s
Columbus, OH	81	54	0.00	90	67	s
Concord, NH	76	44	0.00	79	60	pc
Dallas	91	66	0.00	93	73	s
Denver	94	61	0.00	86	58	pc
Des Moines	91	64	0.00	86	65	mc
Detroit	82	63	0.00	86	62	sh
El Paso	95	66	0.00	94	64	s
Evansville, IN	85	61	0.00	92	67	s
Harrisburg	79	54	0.00	85	68	s
Hartford	79	50	0.00	82	66	pc
Houston	90	62	0.00	90	75	sh
Indianapolis	83	61	0.00	91	68	s
Kansas City	88	72	0.00	92	70	s
Las Vegas	103	77	0.00	104	78	s
Little Rock	90	62	0.00	91	70	s
Los Angeles	88	67	0.00	91	63	s
Louisville	84	61	0.00	90	68	s
Memphis	86	64	0.00	91	72	s
Milwaukee	88	63	0.00	73	61	t
Minneapolis	79	64	0.00	73	54	pc
Mobile	88	63	0.00	87	73	t
Montgomery	85	65	0.00	91	69	pc
Nashville	86	57	0.00	89	66	s
New Orleans	85	63	0.00	87	75	sh
New York City	76	60	0.00	86	72	pc
Norfolk	79	60	0.00	88	68	s
Oklahoma City	93	64	0.00	94	69	s
Omaha	91	66	0.00	83	64	mc
Palm Springs	108	82	0.00	109	83	s
Philadelphia	79	57	0.00	86	71	s
Phoenix	108	85	0.00	108	82	s
Pittsburgh	75	54	0.00	85	67	pc
Portland, ME	75	48	0.00	76	61	pc
Portland, OR	81	54	0.00	76	52	pc
Providence, RI	79	53	0.00	81	67	s
Raleigh	83	55	0.00	89	65	s
Rapid City	82	61	0.00	82	59	hz
Reno	88	57	0.00	87	51	pc
Rochester, NY	79	53	0.00	76	60	sh
Sacramento	93	56	0.00	91	59	s
Salt Lake City	81	62	0.09	86	64	s
San Antonio	95	68	0.00	92	73	pc
San Diego	85	70	0.00	84	66	s
San Francisco	70	57	0.00	70	56	pc
Savannah	85	65	0.00	87	69	s
Seattle	72	57	0.00	66	53	sh
Spokane	73	56	0.29	77	51	mc
St. Louis	88	63	0.00	94	67	s
St. Ste Marie	74	57	0.04	64	49	mc
Syracuse	81	52	0.00	78	62	sh
Topeka	90	64	0.00	93	68	pc
Washington	81	61	0.00	90	70	pc

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

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW
HIGH 112, Furnace Creek, Calif.
LOW 34, Gorham, N.H.

WORLD CITIES

CITY	SAT H/L/SKY	CITY	SAT H/L/SKY
Acapulco	83/72/ra	Lisbon	77/66/mc
Amsterdam	66/55/ra	London	68/57/cl
Athens	83/70/pc	Madrid	84/67/pc
Beijing	75/67/ra	Mexico City	69/57/ra
Berlin	69/61/ra	Montreal	72/65/ra
Bermuda	81/80/mc	Moscow	71/57/mc
Cairo	95/73/s	Paris	75/57/mc
Calgary	60/46/ra	Rio	81/70/ra
Havana	88/80/ra	Rome	88/67/s
Hong Kong	88/84/ra	Sydney	81/62/s
Jerusalem	79/63/s	Tokyo	81/74/ra
		Toronto	75/67/ra
		Warsaw	73/61/ra

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Obituaries

James 'Ed' Ryder, 87

INVERNESS

James E Ryder, "Ed" 87 died peacefully at home August 23, 2021.

Ed born in Newark lived most of his life in Middletown NJ where he met and married the love of his life Elizabeth A Hamilton, "Bettie". Ed and Bettie were happily married for 64 years. Ed was a volunteer fireman in Port Monmouth NJ, and an honorary lifetime member.

James 'Ed' Ryder

He retired from Shell Oil Company and he and Bettie moved to Inverness Fl, where they enjoyed retired life for 23 years. They were active in clubs, the New Jersey Club, and a bowling league. They held season passes to the major amusement parks for years. After the loss of his wife Ed moved back to New Jersey to be closer to his family. He was able to find joy in meeting a wonderful group of friends in his apartment building who kept him active and happy. He will be profoundly missed.

Ed is predeceased by his beloved wife Bettie and leaves behind 4 children. James and Jennifer Ryder, Manchester NH, Steve and Helena Ryder Summit NJ, James and JoAnn Salayi Middletown NJ, William and Michele Ryder Middletown NJ. He had 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Ed and Bettie are being laid to rest together at Mount Olivet cemetery, Red Bank NJ.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Billy Neubert

Billy Clark Neubert

Born in Neubert, Tennessee October 4, 1931 to Herman Fritz Neubert and Johnnie Clark, died September 3, 2021 of Covid-19 in Inverness Florida.

Married Mary Ann Howerton who predeceased him in 2019. He is survived by his sister Evelyn King and his three children Stanley Neubert, Elizabeth LeSueur, and Sophie Neubert.

He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict as a radar repairman at various Navel Air Stations calibrating the radar sights on anti-aircraft guns. It was during this time that he married Mary Ann Howerton. They lived off base and enjoyed their time together in New Bern N.C. and San Diego, CA.

After his military service he worked at the Oak Ridge Nuclear Power Plant as an electrician. From there he was recruited by Consolidated Electrodynamics Corporation and became an analytical instruments engineer. When DuPont acquired CEC he became a customer service representative.

His career with DuPont took him to scientific research facilities across a broad range of disciplines and remote natural landscapes. One of his more memorable was sailing on board The Marine Eagle, a ship out of Woods Hole Oceanic Institute, on a research voyage down the east coast. Another was riding on horseback to a remote weather station in Idaho.

While he always pursued technical livelihoods his real interests were in the natural world. He was a keen observer of wildlife and had a deep respect for nature which he imparted to his family. He enjoyed the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee as well as the Outer Banks of North Carolina. He retired to Florida with his wife Mary Ann to cruise the rivers in his boat and spend more time outdoors. After years of debilitation due to Parkinson's disease he succumbed to Covid-19. Even though vaccinated he was too weakened to resist. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Citrus County Humane Society.

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William Tyner Jr., 79

INVERNESS

Mr. William G. Tyner Jr., age 79 of Inverness, Florida, died Wednesday, September 1, 2021 in Inverness, FL. He was born July 20, 1942 in Inverness, FL, son of William G. Tyner Sr. and Nelle (Hartsfield) Tyner.

William Tyner Jr.

A lifelong resident of Inverness, Bill graduated from Citrus High School in 1960. He served in the US Navy during Vietnam. He worked as a Police Officer for City of Inverness and was the only individual who was hired and retired from the department while it was under the direct control of the city. He loved his job and serving the community.

Billy enjoyed working with firearms, fishing, Florida Gator Football, and watching westerns. He was a Loving, easygoing servant who worked hard and Loved even harder. Most of all, Billy loved his family, friends, his country and God. He would do anything, anytime for anyone who knew him. He was genuine and loved to tell the greatest stories. He also served as a member with the Inverness Volunteer Fire Department and the First United Methodist Church of Inverness.

Mr. Tyner was preceded in death by his parents, and daughter Kami Manliguis. Survivors include his loving wife, Penny Tyner of Inverness, FL, son, Bryan Manliguis of Pahoa, HI, daughters; Robin Knapp of East Rochester, NY, and Jodi Lee (Eric) Thum of Citrus Springs, FL, brother, Ralph (Margie) Tyner of Ocala, FL, sister, Frances Nelson of Tavares, FL, grandchildren; Ashley Taylor Manliguis, Douglas Olynyk, Candace Reece and Katelynn Reece.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com. Arrangements by the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory.

James 'Jonah' Johnson, 22

LECANTO

Mr. James "Jonah" Johnson, age 22 of Lecanto, Florida, died Wednesday, September 1, 2021 in Ocala, FL of Natural Causes.

Jonah was born July 11, 1999 in Clearwater, FL. He attended both Citrus and Lecanto High Schools and graduated from the University of South Florida. He is survived by many loving family members and friends.

James 'Jonah' Johnson

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Jonah's name to the Hernando Church of the Nazarene, 2101 North Florida Avenue, Hernando, FL 34442.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com. Arrangements by the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory.

■ See more local obituaries on Pages **A9** and **A10** of today's Chronicle.

Roland Dairold Rushing, 83

HERNANDO

The Rev. Roland Dairold Rushing, age 83, Hernando, FL passed away August 31, 2021 at the AdventHealth Hospital in Ocala.

Pastor Rushing was born in Coffee County, AL on November 10, 1937 to the late Cecil Walter Rushing and Vida Beatrice (Waldrop) Rushing, and came to Citrus County from Lakeland, FL in 1979. He served as the lead pastor of The First Assembly of God (now called Redemption Point Assembly) in Inverness, for almost 40 years.

Roland Dairold Rushing

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 60 years, Bettye (Carter) Rushing; three daughters: Rhonda Isenhour and husband Philip of Inverness; Renitra Wallace and husband Tim of Inverness; Rolanda Montenegro and husband Gerard of New Braunfels, TX; his brother, Ronald Rushing and wife Lisa, of Thomasville, GA; 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

He was preceded by his three sisters, Chastine McCord, Maxine Cole, Charlotte Latham; and his granddaughter, Jade Knighton.

Pastor Rushing was always zealous in his endeavors, beginning with his first job as a teenager at the Jitney Jungle Supermarket in Elba, AL. He enlisted as a young man with the Alabama National Guard and served in a medical unit from Mobile, AL, during the Berlin Crisis.

When he met Bettye in 1960, he was a bookkeeper with a Mechanical Contracting Company and doing night classes for architectural drawing. Having accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior, he had a passion for singing Gospel songs and was actively involved in his church. In following the call to ministry, Pastor Rushing moved his family to Lakeland, FL, in 1966, to attend Southeastern Bible College (now Southeastern University).

In 1968, the pastor resigned where they were members at K-Ville Assembly of God. The head deacon sought out Dairold to become the pastor. After getting his credentials, he assumed the lead pastor role while continuing his education and graduated in 1970 with a Bachelor of Arts/Ministerial degree.

In 1979, the First Assembly of God in Inverness called Pastor Rushing, requesting he come to preach and consider being a candidate for the lead pastor. After a 100% vote, the Rushings knew this was God's new challenge for them.

During the 39 ½ years of serving at First AG, the church was relocated from Highland Blvd in town to the current location. New buildings began with a Youth Center, a beautiful sanctuary, classrooms and office complex, and a School/Daycare Facility. Many lives were changed, and God was faithful to provide staff and other needs. Pastor Rushing had the philosophy that the church that took care of its pastor and gave to missions would be blessed – He got it right!

There is a Celebration of Life scheduled for Pastor Rushing on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Redemption Point Assembly of God in Inverness with Dr. Terry Raburn and others officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Ridge Cemetery. There will be a visitation and viewing at the church from 12 PM until 2:00 PM when service will begin.

Flowers are appreciated; however, the family suggests an option for contributions to Assemblies of God World Missions, payable to Redemption Point AG, PO Box 578, Inverness, FL, 34451. The Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home in Inverness is assisting the family.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Linda Carter, 70

HERNANDO

Linda Carol Carter of Hernando, FL passed away at the age of 70 on September 3, 2021, while under the loving care of her family and Vitas Hospice in Lecanto.

She was born to the late Gene and Sallie (Howze) Botkin on December 16, 1950 in Bethesda, MD. In 1983 she met chiropractor James Carter who asked for her hand in marriage within 3 months of their first date and they were married 6 months later.

Linda Carter

Linda and Jim shared 27 years of loving marriage and true devotion to one another until Jim's passing on July 3, 2011. In 1984 they made Inverness their home after relocating from Winter Haven. Together they opened Inverness Chiropractic, where Linda worked as the office manager. In 1986 their joy was complete when their only child, Sarah Ashley Carter, was born.

Those left to mourn Linda's passing include her daughter, Sarah Carter of Hernando, FL and her sister, Sandy Oak of Satellite Beach, FL.

Memorial services for Linda are being planned for a later date and will be private with only family in attendance.

Cremation care by the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

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Marilyn Vought, 84

BEVERLY HILLS

On September 6, 2021, Marilyn Jeanne Vought, age 84, of Beverly Hills, Florida, left this world after multiple complications from a fall. Her husband, Ron Vought, and her daughter, Robin Tzivanis, were at her side.

Marilyn Vought

Marilyn's journey through life touched many people who will all remember her for her feisty but loving nature, including her son-in-law James Tzivanis, numerous extended Vought and Tzivanis family members, her half-sister Kathy Congdon and her family, the Pitzeruse and Campbell families, and many other friends she "adopted" into her life.

Marilyn never met a stranger. Every person she encountered was a new adventure for her. As a result, her life was full of people she considered family, related or not, who were all special to her. It's impossible to name them all.

Marilyn's early years were hard. She grew up on a farm, married very young, and had Robin when she was eighteen. Her daughter was the light of her life. Robin learned everything she ever needed to know from her mother, even from Marilyn's mistakes. Robin has always said that her mother was a "force of nature", and someone to emulate but not cross.

In the end, that sixty-five-year-old bond created a strong friendship between them that was filled with laughter and shared secrets. When saying goodbye, Robin said, "Mom, keep listening, because I'm sure I will still be talking".

Marilyn was a hard worker who had several jobs, but driving school bus was the most important one. Marilyn drove for the Palmyra-Macedon school system in upstate New York for twenty-seven years and was driving her third generation of children to school when she was forced to retire due to problems with her knees.

To her dying day, stories about her "kids" brought her to tears, or peals of laughter. She was known as "Mrs. P" to kids in every grade, who knew that if they followed her rules, they would have the strongest ally imaginable.

The stories about her tenure all show exactly who she was: fair, tough, in-charge, funny, and loving.

Her forced retirement, and move to Florida to be near Robin, created a gap in her life that was filled when she became a volunteer for the local police department and earned the Volunteer of the Year award on several occasions.

She "adopted" countless officers, and other volunteers and workers, and became known as "Grandma". She went on ride-alongs, worked in the robbery division, and kept everyone fed with cookies.

This work also led to the next thing she loved: being a "Nana" to a beautiful young baby, who became a beautiful and accomplished young woman. Marilyn always called her "Little One", though her name is Katherine. Katherine, her parents, and Marilyn are family in the truest sense.

When Ron came into Marilyn's life, she finally had the opportunity to have a different kind of existence, including traveling more than she'd ever experienced, and living in financial security with a partner she trusted.

In her typical way, she covered the depth of her feelings with her humor and rough pet names, but the last seventeen years with Ron were the best of her life in many ways.

Marilyn Jeanne Vought touched many lives and no one will ever forget her. She was not the kind of woman you could ever forget.

Friends will be received on Sat., Sept. 25, 2021 from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. in The Riverside Room at Wilder Funeral Home, 4890 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa, FL 34446, where a Celebration Of Life will commence at 2:00 P.M. with Pastor Wainly Barber officiating.

A reception with refreshments will follow in the Riverside Room. Inurnment will be private at a later date at Sylvan Abbey Memorial Park, Clearwater, FL. www.wilderfuneral.com

David Millikan, 92

INVERNESS

David L. Millikan, 92 of Inverness, passed away September 1, 2021 at Citrus Health & Rehab Center in Inverness. David was born on March 16, 1929, in Tiffin, OH, to the late Robert Franklin and Laura (Grosvenor) Millikan.

David Millikan

He was a US Air Force veteran and came to Citrus County 20 years ago from Clarence, NY. He was member of the First Presbyterian Church in Inverness.

During his younger years, David was interested in water skiing and was an Eagle Scout. His interest in flying began in high school when he started flying planes, and continued throughout his life. He graduated from Purdue University with a major in aeronautical engineering and worked at Aerobic Lab in Buffalo, NY. While living in New York, he was a flight instructor and a member of the Aircraft Owners & Pilot Association. He also was a member of the EAA Aircraft Association and built and flew his own star duster and piston planes.

Left to cherish his memory are his children: Michelle Edwards and her husband Troy of Danville, KY, Preston Millikan and his wife Lisa, of California, MD; brother, Joel Millikan and his wife Bonnie; grandchildren: Nichole Goralnik and her husband Alex, Caler Edwards and his wife Madison; great grandchild: Eveleigh Goralnik.

David was just recently preceded in death by his loving wife of 61 years, Constance Millikan on July 28, 2021. He was also preceded in death by his brothers: Allan Millikan, Roger Millikan.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service is scheduled for Friday, September 17, 2021 at 11:00 AM at the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home and will be conducted by Reverend Lou Ellen Hartley of the First Presbyterian Church of Inverness.

Following the chapel service David will be laid to rest with full military honors at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell at 12:30 PM. The procession to the cemetery will depart the funeral home promptly at 11:45 AM. The Chas E Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness.

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Mary Stamberger, 96

HERNANDO

Mary Virginia Stamberger, 96, of Hernando, FL passed away on August 30th, 2021 at her home. She was born to the late Ralph and Alice (Quigley) Hout on December 10th, 1924 in Emporium, Pennsylvania.

She was a hairdresser for many years but her number one and considered most important job was raising her children and taking care of her family. She had a strong devotion to and was an active member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church.

Mary Stamberger

Mary loved God, the Church, her family and friends, puppies and ice cream (but not necessarily in the order.) She was a talented seamstress, knitter, and crocheter, and enjoyed making and donating her crafts to those who could benefit.

During her years in New Jersey she was an avid volunteer in such organizations as SWIM, Inc. (New Jersey) a program for adults with MS. She also taught CCD at her church. Above all, she will be remembered for being a kind, sweet and generous lady who genuinely loved people and who everyone loved back.

Mary was preceded in death, along with her parents, by her beloved husband of 44 years, Merwin, who passed in 1991; her daughter, Suzanne; her son, Jeffrey; and her two sisters, Veronica and Eleanor.

Those left to cherish Mary's memory are her children, Gary A. (Ginny) Stamberger of South Carolina, Judith L. (Robert) Lincoln of Florida, Janice DeMassari of New Jersey, Kimberly (Jerry) Colavito of New Jersey, and JoAnn (Michael) Venditto of New Jersey; her 13 beloved grandchildren, Heather, Danielle, Jennifer, Jeffrey, Russell, Jenna, David Kyle, Jason, Brett, Kimberly, Julia, Michael Jr., and Kelly; and her adored 14 great-grandchildren, Markie, Elizabeth, Emily, Stephanie, Jake, Owen, Hazel, Nicole, Krista, Kyle, Anthony, Willa, Adeline and Bodi. She was loved by many and will be missed dearly.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30 a.m. on September 14th, 2021 at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Beverly Hills, FL. Prior to the services, there will be a visitation at 9:30 a.m. at the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home.

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

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Our Lady Of Grace Catholic Church, Beverly Hills, Florida.

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Gail Gilbertie, 76

BEVERLY HILLS

Gail L. (Bonis) Gilbertie, 76, of Beverly Hills, FL, passed away on August 31st, 2021, at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born to the late Stephen J. and Muriel Grace (Norton) Bonis Jr. on January 6th, 1945, in Norwalk, Connecticut.

Gail Gilbertie

She married her beloved husband John, and together they made Citrus County their home after moving from Fairfield, CT. Gail was a very valued administrative assistant at Marketing Corporation of America, having been employed with the company for over twenty - five years.

Gail will be remembered as an ardent supporter of the local American Legion Post #155 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #10087 Honor Guard to which she accompanied her husband throughout the years. She was an avid book reader, camper and enjoyed decorating her home. Gail always had an uncanny ability to take light from the most difficult of circumstances.

She will be proudly remembered as a pillar of strength through her cherished children and grandchildren. She was a generous, kind, caring and quick-witted soul who wore her heart on her sleeve. Those that knew her will fondly recollect her smile as her presence always radiated warmth and love wherever she went.

Gail was preceded in death, along with her parents, by her siblings, Stephen Bonis III, Gary Bonis, and Judith Varian, and by her brothers-in-law Charles Varian and Robert Letkowski.

Those left to cherish Gail's memory are many. They include her beloved husband of nearly thirty-five years, John J. Gibertie Jr.; her children, Craig Klepadlo (Nora) of Carolina, Puerto Rico, Kristin Beville (Harold) of Sauk Village, IL; her siblings, David Bonis and Ellen Letkowski; her grandchildren Nathaniel, Haleigh, Valerie, Bianca, and Kailyn; her many adored nieces and nephews, her sisters-in-law Judy Bonis and Lorraine (Raymond) Beaudin; and her ever-faithful four legged companion, Bandit.

A special thank you goes out on behalf of Gail's family to HPH Hospice Nurse, Sara who showed the utmost compassion and dedication during Gail's final days of life. She will be thought of fondly.

A Celebration of Life for Gail will be held at a later date. Cremation with Care is under the direction of the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, FL.

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Giles Marino, 56

Giles Alexandre Marino went home to be in the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on September 6, 2021, at the age of 56.

Beloved husband of Heather Marino (Trewin); Cherished son of Jeannine and the late Angelo Marino; Brother to Melvin (Cheryl) and Michael (Marcia) Marino; Loving son-in-law to David & Joan Trewin; Brother-in-law to Brian (Sheila) and Stephen (Jennifer) Trewin. Also will be missed by his uncles, Maurice and Serge Meunier, as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Giles Marino

He had a deep, abiding faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, with a passion for guitars and motorcycles. His infectious laughter and his keen wit will be greatly missed by his family and friends. He was a big brother and mentor to many teenagers in the church youth group over the years, guiding them spiritually and teaching discipline in his Christian rock band.

A Celebration of Life Service is scheduled for 3:00 PM on Saturday, September 18th, 2021 at Calvary Chapel of Inverness. Friends are invited to join Giles' family in visitation, beginning at 2:00 PM until the hour of service.

Following the chapel service, friends are invited to join the family at Calvary Chapel's Holy Grounds Café for live music and refreshments. Arrangements are under the care of the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Compassion International (www.compassion.com).

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Laura Hall, 94

LECANTO

Laura Elizabeth Hall, 94, of Lecanto, FL passed away on September 2nd, 2021 while under the care of Osceola Regional Medical Center in Kissimmee, FL.

She was born to the late Walter and Laura (O'Bryant) Bradbury on September 9th, 1926 in Harlan County, Kentucky.

Laura Hall

She and her late husband, Gaston, made Citrus County their home in 1979 when they moved from Tampa. She was a homemaker for many years and loved her family dearly. She loved to cook, read, and provide for her family.

Elizabeth, in 2015, fully lost her vision but never lost her strong-willed character or her fierce desire for independence.

Elizabeth was preceded in death, along with her parents, by her husband of 42 years, Gaston and by her brothers, Edgar, James, and sister Helen.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Kim R. Hall (Marie) of Lecanto, FL, Gaston Hall (Wendy) of Lecanto, FL, and Karen Elizabeth Arose (Glenn) of Tampa, FL; and her five cherished grandchildren, Floyd Hall, Kimble Hall, Hunter Hall, Laura Arose, and Joey Arose.

Arrangements for Elizabeth are private at this time. Elizabeth will be laid to rest beside her husband, Gaston, at Florida National Cemetery of Bushnell, FL at a later date.

Cremation with Care is under the direction of the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, FL.

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Cheryl Ellison, 63

BEVERLY HILLS

Cheryl Ellison, 63 of Beverly Hills, FL passed away Wednesday September 8, 2021 at Citrus Memorial Hospital in Inverness, FL.

She was born August 19, 1958 in Beaver Falls, PA and came here 34 years ago from Ocklawaha, FL. Mrs. Ellison earned her Bachelors Degree in Christian Education from Geneva College and was a teacher for over 30 years.

Cheryl Ellison

She had taught all grades during her career, positively impacting the lives of her students and fellow teachers. Local schools were the Red Level Christian Academy, River Gardens Christian School and West Coast Christian School.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert Ellison on August 23, 2021. She was also preceded in death by her sister Laura Rowe, her mother Mary Jane Rowe and her grandson Maxwell Ellison.

She is survived by her son Richard Ellison and wife Alicia of Beverly Hills, FL, her daughter Lisa Zuidema and husband James of Spring Hill, FL, her father Thomas Rowe of Beaver Falls, PA, sisters Rhonda Tetemanza (Joe) of Ohio and Brenda Pace (Ed) of Ohio, her nephew Walker Tetemanza and her beloved grandchildren Elizabeth Rose and Wylee Cooper Ellison.

A memorial service presided by Dr. Tim Lantzy will be held on Saturday September 18th at the First Baptist Church of Crystal River with family receiving friends from 10:30 AM until the service time at 11 AM. Strickland Funeral Home and Crematory of Crystal River, FL is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Marguerite Carson, 82

Local businesswoman, Marguerite Carson, owner of Longrider Clothing Company, passed away peacefully in hospice care on Tuesday, September 7. She was 82.

Marguerite Carson

She never retired, working up to weeks before her passing. Throughout her long career, she owned several retail stores in Texas, Kentucky, and Florida. Her most recent endeavor, Longrider Clothing Company in Homosassa, catered to both cowboys and motorcycle riders, ensuring that they enjoyed a "long ride." Marguerite was truly a self-made businesswoman.

Born in London, Kentucky, Marguerite was a champion of her Appalachian heritage. She spent years studying and photographing mostly forgotten graveyards in the region, with an emphasis on gravestone carving and artwork. Her studies led the Smithsonian Institute to invite her to lecture there, which she regarded as one of the highlights of her life.

Marguerite was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Carson. Also preceding her in death were parents Roscoe and Grace Estep, brothers R.C. and James Estep, sisters Pauline Rymell and Mary-Ann Gabbard, and her beloved nephew, James Gabbard.

Surviving family members include her daughter, Pam Anders, nieces Vicki Ledbetter and Kathy Parr, nephew Don Estep, great-nephew Marc Estep, cousin Paulette Sparks, grandchildren Walker Anders and Whitney Anders, and great-grandchildren Annabelle and Amelia.

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Richard 'Dick' Ballagh, 82

CRYSTAL RIVER

Richard Lorne "Dick" Ballagh, 82 of Crystal River, FL formerly of Charleston, SC and Lake Orion, MI passed away Thursday September 9, 2021 under the care of his family and Vitas Hospice in Lecanto, FL.

He was born December 27, 1938 in Rochester, MI and came to Florida in 1996. Mr. Ballagh was a US Air Force Veteran and was self-employed in the maintenance field. Dick had many interests including photography, model airplanes and lawn care.

Richard Ballagh

He enjoyed helping others and even had his own airport shuttle service. He will be greatly missed.

Dick is survived by his wife Priscilla, daughters Sandra Lee White (Billy) of Walterboro, SC and Susan Ann Williams of Round O, SC, his sister Janice Lou Ryan (Jack) of Crystal River, FL, nieces Nancy Eckola (Jim), Julie Dewar (Dave), nephew Michael Bass (Kathy), grandchildren Dustin Joseph White (Danette) of Allendale, MI, Clifford Joseph White (Renae) of Perry, FL, Jacob Michael Williams (Christyna) of Walterboro, SC and Jessie Nicole Williams of Round O, SC, great grandchildren,West Joseph White, Demi Mae White and Jacob Michael Williams, Jr. step-son Frederick Shepard (Amelia) of Pace, FL, one step grandson, three step great granddaughters and one step great- great grandson and his beloved pet Snuggles.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday September 15, 2021 at 11 AM in the Strickland Funeral Home Chapel in Crystal River, FL. Inurnment with military honors will take place at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.

Arrangements are with Strickland Funeral Home and Crematory, Crystal River, FL.

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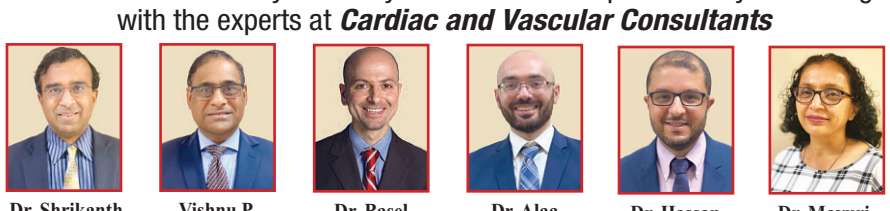

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As world marks 9/11, Taliban flag raised over seat of power

KATHY GANNON
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban raised their iconic white flag over the Afghan presidential palace Saturday, a spokesman said, as the U.S. and the world marked the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The banner, emblazoned with a Quranic verse, was hoisted by Mullah Mohammad Hassan Akhund, the prime minister of the Taliban interim government, in a low-key ceremony, said Ahmadullah Muttaqi, multimedia branch chief of the Taliban's cultural commission.

The flag-raising marked the official start of the work of the new government, he said. The composition of the all-male, all-Taliban government was announced earlier this week and was met with disappointment by the international community which had hoped the Taliban would make good on an earlier promise of an inclusive lineup.

Two decades ago, the Taliban ruled Afghanistan with a heavy hand. Television was banned, and on Sept. 11, 2001, the day of the horrific attacks on America, the news spread from crackling radios across the darkened streets of the Afghan capital of Kabul.

The city rarely had electricity and barely a million people lived in Kabul at the time. It took the U.S.-led coalition just two months to drive the Taliban from the capital and by Dec. 7, 2001, they were defeated, driven from their last holdout in southern Kandahar, their spiritual heartland.

Twenty years later, the Taliban are back in Kabul. America has departed, ending its "forever war" two weeks before the 20th anniversary of 9/11 and two weeks after the Taliban returned to the Afghan capital on Aug. 15.

Some things have changed since the first period of Taliban rule in the 1990s.

This time, the gun-toting fighters don't race through the city streets in their pickups. Instead, they inch through chaotic, clogged traffic in the city of more than 5 million. In Taliban-controlled Kabul in the 1990s, barber shops were banned. Now Taliban fighters get the latest haircuts, even if their beards remain untouched in line with their religious beliefs.

But the Taliban have begun issuing harsh edits that have hit women hardest, such as banning women's sports. They have also used violence to stop women demanding equal rights from protesting.

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UNITED NATIONS — U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres issued a dire warning that the world is moving in the wrong direction and faces "a pivotal moment" where continuing business as usual could lead to a breakdown of global order and a future of perpetual crisis. Changing course could signal a breakthrough to a greener and safer future, he said.

The U.N. chief said the world's nations and people must reverse today's dangerous trends and choose "the breakthrough scenario."

The world is under "enormous stress" on almost every front, he said, and the COVID-19 pandemic was a wake-up call demonstrating the failure of nations to come together and take joint decisions to help all people in the face of a global life-threatening emergency.

Guterres said this "paralysis" extends far beyond COVID-19 to the failures to tackle the climate crisis and "our suicidal war on nature and the collapse of biodiversity," the "unchecked inequality" undermining the cohesion of societies, and technology's advances "without guard rails to protect us from its unforeseen consequences."

In other signs of a more chaotic and insecure world, he pointed to rising poverty, hunger and gender inequality after decades of decline, the extreme risk to human life and the planet from nuclear war and a climate breakdown, and the inequality, discrimination and injustice bringing people into the streets to protest "while conspiracy theories and lies fuel deep divisions within societies."

In a horizon-scanning report presented to the General Assembly and at a press conference Friday, Guterres said his vision for the "breakthrough scenario" to a greener and safer world is driven by "the principle of working together, recognizing that we are bound to each other and that no community or country, however powerful, can solve its challenges alone."

The report -- "Our Common Agenda" -- is a response to last year's declaration by world leaders on the 75th anniversary of the United Nations and the request from the assembly's 193 member nations for the U.N. chief to make recommendations to address the challenges for global governance.

In today's world, Guterres said, "Global decision-making is fixed on immediate gain, ignoring the long-term consequences of decisions -- or indecision."

He said multilateral institutions have proven to be "too weak and fragmented for today's global challenges and risks."

What's needed, Guterres said, is not new multilateral bureaucracies but more effective multilateral institutions including a United Nations "2.0" more relevant to the 21st century.

"And we need multilateralism with teeth," he said.

In the report outlining his vision "to fix" the world, Guterres said immediate action is needed to protect the planet's "most precious" assets from oceans to outer space, to ensure it is livable, and to deliver on the aspirations of people everywhere for peace and good health.

He called for an immediate global vaccination plan implemented by an emergency task force, saying "investing $50 billion in vaccinations now could add an estimated $9 trillion to the global economy in the next four years."

The report proposes that a global Summit of the Future take place in 2023 that would not only look at all these issues but go beyond traditional security threats "to strengthen global governance of digital technology and outer space, and to manage future risks and crises," he said.

It would also consider a New Agenda for Peace including measures to reduce strategic risks from nuclear weapons, cyber warfare and lethal autonomous weapons, which Guterres called one of humanity's most destabilizing inventions.

The secretary-general said a new United Nations Futures Lab will publish regular reports "on megatrends and risks."

He said the COVID-19 pandemic also exposed deficiencies in the global financial system.

To tackle these weaknesses and integrate the global financial system with other global priorities, Guterres proposed holding summits every two years of the 20 leading economies in the G20, the U.N.'s Economic and Social Council, the heads of international financial institutions including the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, and the U.N. secretary-general.

He also called for the correction of "a major blind spot in how we measure progress and prosperity," saying Gross Domestic Product or GDP fails to account for "the incalculable social and environmental damage that may be caused by the pursuit of profit."

"My report calls for new metrics that value the life and well-being of the many over short-term profit for the few," Guterres said.

It also calls for a new Emergency Platform that would be triggered automatically in large-scale crises comprising governments, the U.N. system, international financial institutions, civil society, the private sector and others, he said.

Guterres also proposed "repurposing" the U.N. Trusteeship Council, whose work is largely completed, "to create an intergovernmental body for intergenerational issues" that would be a platform to consider the interests of the entire human family, present and future.

As part of a new focus on the world's young people and future generations, Guterres said he intends to appoint a special envoy for future generations to ensure the interests of those born in the 21st century and establish a new United Nations Youth Office.

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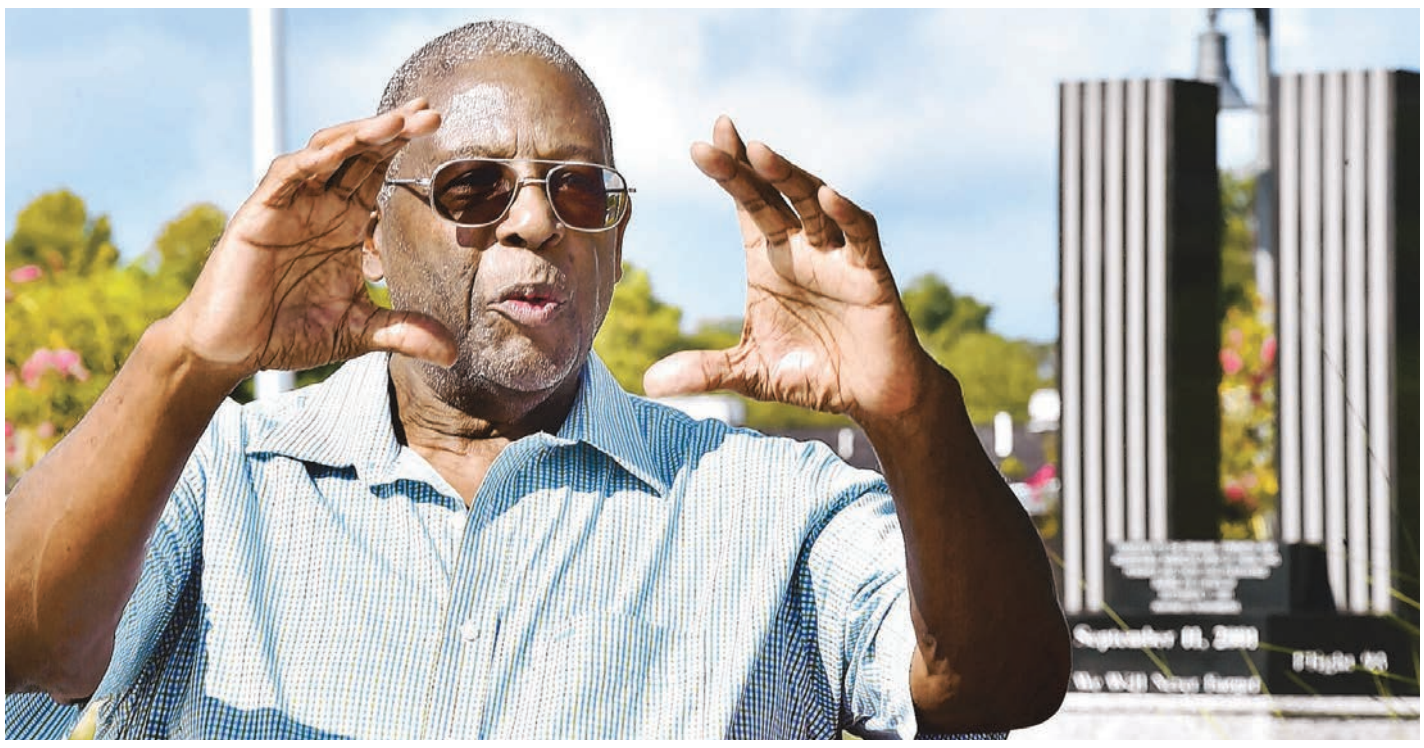

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Earl Carlos recalls the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, when he and others in the Port Authority were impacted by terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City. The Liberty Park 9/11 Memorial stands behind Carlos.

Carlos and two women took the B stairway that went from the roof to the ground floor.

"The stairwell was still lit, and there was no smoke or anything," he said. "Nobody was panicking and people were mostly quiet. The stairwell was so big, it fit 10 people across.

"Then as we were going down, the police and firemen started coming up, and when we got to about the 65th floor the building jerked," he said. "I thought maybe the building was settling or something and kept on going."

At one point, they reached a water cooler and Carlos took off his tie and soaked it in the water and put it over his face because he has asthma.

"When we got down around the 35th floor, we saw water running down the steps, the sprinkler system had broken," he said. "So we walked through the water and got to the mezzanine. When we came in that morning, there were revolving glass doors about 20-feet high and turnstiles. But when we got there, no glass, no doors, no turnstiles.

"I found out later that the fuel from the plane ran down the elevator shaft, and when it hit the bottom and hit the generators, which were hot, there was a big firebomb," he said.

Carlos and the two women who were with him took the escalator from the mezzanine to the ground floor.

"As we got to the bottom, I looked out and saw airplane engines and bodies coming down," he said. "We went back up the escalator and back through the water that was about ankle-deep, like a waterfall from the sprinklers. We came out of the building in back of Trinity Church on Church Street and Broadway."

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They headed toward Beekman Hospital, about two blocks away.

"We started walking and somebody yelled out, 'The building's coming down!' All I could think of, it could fall left, right, north, south. I didn't know where it would fall. So, we started running for the East River," he said.

They ran another block toward the river and looked back to see the huge cloud of debris coming toward them.

"In less than two minutes it was on top of us, and I couldn't even see my hand in front of my face," Carlos said. "So, we felt along the buildings because we couldn't see where we were walking. Cars were blowing their horns, and we kept walking."

When they got to Beekman Hospital, someone opened the door and they were able to see just enough to get inside.

"We weren't injured, but they gave us water and washed our eyes and gave us masks," Carlos said.

After that, the trio decided to go to the house of one of the women on 15th Street in Manhattan, which wasn't too far away.

Carlos lived about 50 miles away in New Jersey, and the other woman lived in Brooklyn.

"When we got to Delancey Street, we saw a crowd looking south toward the World Trade Center, and when we went to look at what they were looking at, we saw the second building coming down," he said.

All that morning as they traveled, Carlos tried to find a way to contact his wife to tell her he was alive, but phone service was spotty at best.

When they arrived at the woman's house, her neighbors told them what they knew from news reports and fed them deli sandwiches.

While Carlos took a shower, someone used a hand vacuum to clean his pants of dust and debris, and someone else found him an extra-large Mickey Mouse T-shirt to wear.

"I finally called my wife and she said they closed the whole city down and to stay where you are — no transit, nothing was moving," he said. "About 2 that afternoon they announced that the trains were starting to run, also a ferry from New York to New Jersey."

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Carlos decided to take the ferry, and so did scores of other people. The lines to get on the ferry were seven to eight people deep and blocks long.

A policeman said to follow him to get on a bus to get another ferry, and just as it was Carlos' turn to get on, the ferry captain said, "That's it. No more."

That's when Carlos saw a man walking on the pier, an Army engineer with a tugboat who said he could take 10 people. By then, it was around 4 p.m.

Carlos was finally able to call his son and told him to meet him at Journal Square where the Port Authority has a bus terminal in New Jersey.

After what may have been the longest day of his life, Earl Carlos made it home by 8 p.m.

"All the neighbors were there, and after all the fuss was over, I walked over to my liquor cabinet and got a bottle of Johnnie Walker Red and a water glass and filled it halfway. I drank that down and said good night to everybody and went to sleep," he said. "I got up the next morning and the first thing I did was go to church and tell God thanks and then I went to my doctor's office to get checked out."

The next day, Sept. 13, he was back to work, this time at a Port Authority building in Hoboken.

The following summer, Carlos and his wife made plans to finally build a house on the property they owned in Citrus County, and after retiring in 2004, they moved here permanently.

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It's been 20 years since 9/11, but the memories are still fresh for Earl Carlos, now 80 years old.

"I think about all the friends I lost," he said. "There were a couple of ladies I worked with, both of them smokers. They had gone outside to smoke and were on their way up in the elevator when the plane hit and it cut the lines. They found them later in the elevator shaft.

"I think about all the Port Authority policemen that were lost," he said. "Everybody always wants to know if it bothers me to talk about it. It doesn't, because it's what happened and I'm thankful I got out."

VETERANS

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VETERANS NOTES

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

COMING UP

POW/MIA Recognition Day

The Blanton-Thompson, American Legion Post 155 of Crystal River invites the public to attend a ceremony in honor of POW/MIA Recognition Day on Friday, Sept. 17. Arrive by 5:45 p.m. as the ceremony will begin promptly at 6 p.m. at the Post, located at 6585 W. Gulf to Lake Highway in Crystal River. All are invited to attend. For more information, call 352-795-6526.

Air Force's 74th birthday

The Arnold Vern Allen American Legion Post 166 will host a celebration for the 74th birthday of the United States Air Force from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18. Air Force Veterans are invited to share their USAF stories, enjoy appetizers and a special cake with their fellow veterans. Post 166 is located at 4520 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.

Veterans In The Classroom

Veterans interested in giving presentations about their military service to Citrus County school children from Nov. 1 through Nov. 10 as part of the Veterans Appreciation Week events, are required to register by Oct. 13.

To register, visit the Citrus County School District website at: www.citrusschools.org/home. Scroll down and click the "Veterans in the Classroom" flag icon. Read about the VITC and complete the registration process.

Golf tournament for vets

The Valued Veterans of the Inverness Moose Lodge is hosting a golf tournament at 8 a.m. Oct. 23 at the Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club Oaks Course, 509 E. Hartford St. in Hernando.

Groups short of four players will be combined. The tournament is open to all men and women.

The cost is $60 per player and includes golf, cart, on-course beverages, prizes and lunch following at the Inverness Moose Lodge, 221 S. Haid Terrace in Lecanto. Eagle Buick will sponsor a vehicle and other prizes for holes in one.

All proceeds go directly to benefit local veterans in need.

To sign up, call Kelly Halsey at 352-586-0780 or pick up a sign-up sheet at the Inverness Moose Lodge.

Blood and membership drives

The Arnold V. Allen American Legion Post 166 will host blood and membership drives in honor of American Legion day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 16 at the post, 4520 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Homosassa.

The Life South Bloodmobile will be on site from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Blood, plasma, and platelets are in great need in the community.

The membership drive will be held inside the post from noon to 5 p.m. All are invited to attend and learn about the American Legion's many programs.

Veterans Appreciation Week

The Veterans Appreciation Week Ad Hoc Coordinating Committee will conduct its monthly meeting for Citrus County's 29th annual Veterans Appreciation Week at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 15 in the conference room of the Citrus County Chronicle, 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd. in Crystal River.

All veteran service organizations and civic groups are encouraged to send representatives to participate in the planning process. All interested individuals are also welcome to attend.

Attendees are asked to wear a face mask and practice social distancing. For more information, call Chris Gregoriou at 352-302-9777.

Air Force Association

OCALA — Red Tail Memorial Chapter 136 of the Air Force Association will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 16 in the conference room of the Ocala Airport terminal, 1770 SW 60th Ave.

The Red Tail Chapter draws its 400-plus members from Citrus, Alachua, Dixie, Levy, Marion, Sumter counties and parts of Lake and Putnam counties.

The AFA promotes a dominant United States Air Force, United States Space Force and strong national defense; it honors airmen and guardians and fosters a strong military heritage.

The meeting is open to the public. Call Howard Burke, 352-861-0886, for more information.

VFW Post 4252 Auxiliary to host flea market Oct. 17

VFW Post 4252 Auxiliary is hosting a flea market at 8 a.m. Oct. 17, 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway in Hernando.

Indoor tables will be provided for $10. Those who wish to set up an outdoor table for $5 must bring their own. No refunds will be issued and all proceeds will go to veterans and family support funds. For more information or to reserve a table, visit 352-726-3339.

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Wreaths Across America's Mobile Education Exhibit:

Photo courtesy of Wreaths Across America

National tour to do several stops in Fla. to honor veterans, supporters

Special to the Chronicle

Wreaths Across America (WAA) has announced its Mobile Education Exhibit (MEE), which has been traveling the country to honor our nations veterans, will make several tour stops in Florida. The WAA MEE will be stopping in Florida starting Oct. 2.

"The goal of the Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Exhibit is to bring community together and teach patriotism while remembering the service and sacrifice of our nation's heroes," said Karen Worcester, executive director, Wreaths Across America.

"However, over the last year, in light of the current health crisis, we feel this exhibit has taken on even more meaning by providing the opportunity for people to safely participate in something that is both educational and inspiring, while supporting and giving back to the communities it visits."

The MEE achieves this goal by bringing the local community, veterans, active-duty military and their families together through interactive exhibits, short films, and shared stories.

The exhibit serves as a mobile museum, educating visitors about the service and sacrifice of our nation's heroes as well as serving as an official "welcome home" station for our nation's Vietnam Veterans.

Citrus County will welcome the MEE on Monday, Oct. 18, when Aaron A. Weaver Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 776 will host it at Liberty Park, 268 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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The public tours for the MEE are free and open to the public with social distancing, sanitation and COVID-19 safety procedures in place to protect the health of all visitors in accordance with the CDCs recommendation for large gatherings stemming from concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

To host the MEE in your community, whether it be for a parade, a school-related or veterans' organization, or a public or private event, visit https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/mee to make a request.

Wreaths Across America is the nonprofit organization best known for placing wreaths on veteran's headstones at Arlington National Cemetery. However, in 2020, the organization placed more than 1.7 million sponsored veterans' wreaths at 2,557 participating locations nationwide.

Throughout the calendar year you can tune in to Wreaths Across America Internet Radio, 24/7, to learn more about the mission and those who support it across the country, as well as the hundreds of local charitable efforts nationwide that are funded through wreath sponsorships.

You can sponsor a veteran's wreath any time for $15 at www.wreathacrossamerica.org.

Quilts of Valor

Special to the Chronicle

Recently, three VFW 8189 members were presented with a quilt of valor. Recipients were Doug Tennant, Dave Cousineau and Ed Carpenter. The Quilts of Valor (QOV) Foundation's mission is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts. The Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 with a dream. Founder Catherine Roberts' son Nat was deployed in Iraq. The first QOV was awarded in November 2003 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center to a young soldier from Minnesota who had lost his leg in Iraq. From left are: Doug Tennant, senior vice commander; Sally Folk, QOV associate; Dave Cousineau, post member; Joan Lane, QOV group leader; and Ed Carpenter, junior vice commander.

- 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 Crystal River at 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd.; or email to community@chronicleonline.com.

SUNDAY EVENING SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

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2 (WESH) NBC	19		19	News	NBC News	Football Night in America (N) '14'			NFL Football Chicago Bears at Los Angeles Rams. (N) (In Stereo Live)						News
3 (WEDU) PBS	3	3		NewsHour Wk	WEDU Arts Plus 'G'	Father Brown "The Wisdom of the Fool" 'PG'		Lucy Worsley's Royal Myths & Secrets '14'		Guilt on Masterpiece (Series Finale) Jake has suspicions. (N) (In Stereo) '14, L' (DVS)				Shakespeare and Hathaway -- Private	
5 (WUFT) PBS	5		5	Call the Midwife '14'		Call the Midwife '14'		Lucy Worsley-Royal		Guilt on Masterpiece Jake has suspicions. (N) '14, L'				Open	
8 (WFLA) NBC	8	8	8	News	NBC Nightly News - Holt	Football Night in America (N) (In Stereo Live) '14'			NFL Football Chicago Bears at Los Angeles Rams. (N) (In Stereo Live)						NewsChannel 8
9 (WFTV) ABC	20	7	20	News at 6pm	ABC World News	America's Funniest Home Videos 'PG' (DVS)		Celebrity Family Feud (N) '14' (DVS)		The Chase (N) (In Stereo) 'PG' (DVS)		To Tell the Truth (N) (In Stereo) 'PG' (DVS)		News Sunday	C. FL Spotlight
10 (WTSP) CBS	10	10	10	NFL Football Miami Dolphins at New England Patriots. (N)			60 Minutes Remembering those who died on 9/11.		Big Brother (N) (In Stereo) 'PG'		The Equalizer "Reckoning" (In Stereo) '14'		NCIS: Los Angeles "Red Rover, Red Rover" '14'		10 Tampa Bay
13 (WTVT) FOX	13	13		NFL Football Green Bay Packers at New Orleans Saints. (N)			The OT (N) 'PG'	The Masked Singer-Peek	Fantasy Island "The Big Five Oh" (N) '14'		Family Guy '14'	FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo)		FOX13 11:00 News (N) (In Stereo)	
20 (WCJB) ABC			11	WCJB TV20	World News	Funniest Home Videos		Celebrity Family Feud (N)		The Chase (N) 'PG'		To Tell the Truth (N) 'PG'		WCJB TV20	Detroit
22 (WCLF) IND	2	2	2	Truths that	Life	Real Life 'G'	Great Awakening, Browne		Love/Child	Graham	Jewish Jes	M. Barclay	Duplantis	Global Food	The Great A
24 (WYKE) FAM	16	16	16	Bible Say?	Nature	YTA Movie of the Week					YTA Movie of the Week			Life of Cards	
28 (WFTS) ABC	11	11		News	World News	Funniest Home Videos		Celebrity Family Feud (N)		The Chase (N) 'PG'		To Tell the Truth (N) 'PG'		News	Joel Osteen
32 (WMOR) IND	12	12		Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Big Bang	Big Bang	Last Man	Last Man	Nightwatch '14'		Dateline '14'		Matter	Greta Van
38 (WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	Funny You	Funny You	Family Feud	Family Feud	NewsChannel 8		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Murdoch Mysteries 'PG'		Born to Ride	Paid Prog.
40 (WACX) TBN	21		21	In Touch		Rejoice in the Lord		Divine	Bill Winston	M. Barclay	Chris Franz	Paid Prog.	Jim Raley	Paula Today	Life
44 (WTOG) CW	4	4	4	The King of Queens 'PG'	The King of Queens 'PG'	Mike & Molly '14'	Mike & Molly '14'	2021 MTV Video Music Awards Celebrating the best music videos. (N) (In Stereo Live) '14, D,L'						NCIS: New Orleans "Predators" '14' (DVS)	
50 (WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (N) (Live)				¿Quién es la máscara? Se revela el ganador de la final. (N) 'PG'					Dr. Cándido	María	Noticiero
51 (WOGX) FOX			13	NFL Football: Packers at Saints			The OT 'PG'	Sneak Peek	Fantasy Island (N) '14'		Family Guy	FOX 51 News		TMZ (N) 'PG'	
66 (WXPX) ION			17	Criminal Minds '14'		Criminal Minds '14'		Criminal Minds '14'		Criminal Minds '14'		Criminal Minds '14'		Criminal Minds '14'	
(A&E)	54	48	54	The First 48 '14'		The First 48 '14'		The First 48 '14'		The First 48 '14'		The First 48 '14'		The First 48 '14'	
(ACCN)		99		College Football		ACC Tradi	ACC Tradi	College Football South Carolina State at Clemson.						College Football	
(AMC)	55	64	55	***Red 2*** (2013)	The Walking Dead 'MA'			The Walking Dead 'MA'		The Walking Dead 'MA'		Talking Dead (N) '14'		True Crime Story '14'	
(ANI)	52	35	52	North Woods Law 'PG'		North Woods Law 'PG'		North Woods Law		North Woods Law (N) '14'		North Woods Law 'PG'		North Woods Law 'PG'	
(BET)	96	71	96	★½ ***"Meet the Blacks"*** (2016) Mike Epps. 'R'				2021 MTV Video Music Awards Celebrating the best music videos. (N) '14, D,L'						Kevin Hart: Laugh	
(BIGTEN)	742	809		Football	B1G Story	B1G Football in 60		The Final Drive		B1G Football in 60 (N)		B1G Football in 60 (N)		The Final Drive	
(BRAVO)	254	51	254	Real	The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City			Housewives/Potomac		The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City '14'				Real Housewives	
(BSFL)	35	39	35	Athletes Un. Softball		World Poker		World Poker		Shogun Fights		World Poker		World Poker	
(CC)	27	61	27	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	2021 MTV Video Music Awards Celebrating the best music videos. (N) (In Stereo) '14, D,L'							
(CMT)	98	45	98	★★★ ***"Easy A"*** (2010) Emma Stone. 'PG-13'				2021 MTV Video Music Awards Celebrating the best music videos. (N) '14, D,L'						2021 MTV Video Music	
(CNN)	40	29	40	CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Special Report (N)				State-Union-Jake Tapper	
(ESPN)	33	27	33	U.S. Open Ten.		Sunday Night Countdown		MLB Baseball New York Yankees at New York Mets. (N) (Live)						SportsCenter (N)	
(ESPN2)	37	28	34	College Football Final		SportsCenter (N)		SportCtr	2021 U.S. Open Tennis Men's Championship. (N Same-day Tape)						F1 Racing
(FBN)	106	149	106	Sunday Morning Futures		Return to Earth: Apollo 13		Kennedy		History of Socialism		Return to Earth: Apollo 13		Sunday Morning Futures	
(FLIX)		118	170	★★★ ***"American Gangster"*** (2007) 'R'				★★★½ ***"Leaving Las Vegas"*** (1995) 'R'				★★ ***"Drive Angry"*** (2011) 'R'			***Art of War***
(FNC)	44	37	44	Fox Report		Sunday Night in America		Life, Liberty & Levin (N)		The Next Revolution With		Sunday Night in America		Life, Liberty & Levin	
(FOOD)	26	56	26	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Battle of the Brothers		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
(FREEFORM)	29	52	29	★★★½ ***"The Incredibles"*** (2004) Voices of Craig T. Nelson. 'PG'						★★★½ ***"Incredibles 2"*** (2018) Voices of Craig T. Nelson. 'PG'					***Game Plan***
(FS1)	732	112	732	Women's College Volleyball			Boxing From Feb. 22, 2020.						High Stakes Duel (N) 'G'		High Stakes
(FX)	30	60	30	★★½ ***"Jumanji"*** (1995) Robin Williams. 'PG'				★★★ ***"Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle"*** (2017) Dwayne Johnson.					***"Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle"***		
(GOLF)	727	67	727	Golf Central	European PGA Tour Golf BMW PGA Championship, Final Round. From Wentworth Golf Club in Surrey, England.										
(HALL)	59	68	39	***"Roadhouse Romance"*** (2021) Lauren Alaina. 'NR'				Chesapeake Shores 'G'		***"The Irresistible Blueberry Farm"*** (2016, Drama) 'NR'				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
(HBO)	302	201	302	Real Time With Bill Maher		★★ ***"Taken 2"*** (2012) Liam Neeson. 'PG-13'				Scenes From a Marriage		Scenes From a Marriage		Last Week	Scenes
(HBO2)	303	202	303	***News***	NYC Epicenters 9/11 Through 2021			★★★½ ***"War Horse"*** (2011) Emily Watson. 'PG-13'					★★½ ***"Hitchcock"*** (2012) 'PG-13'		
(HGTV)	23	57	23	Love It or List It 'PG'		Love It or List It 'PG'		Renovation, Inc: The Lake		Hawaii Life	Hawaii Life	Lakefront	Lakefront	Beach	Beach
(HIST)	51	54	51	American Pickers 'PG'		American Pickers 'PG'		***"Desert One"*** (2019) Jimmy Carter. Premiere. (In Stereo) 'NR'					Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars 'PG'	
(LIFE)	24	38	24	***"Soccer Mom Madam"*** (2021) Jana Kramer. 'NR'				***"Psycho Intern"*** (2021) Emmanuelle Vaugier. 'NR'				***"Revenge Delivered"*** (2021) Olunike Adeliyi. 'NR'			
(LMN)	119	50	119	***"Ruthless Realtor"*** (2020) Christie Burson. 'NR'				***"Designed for Death"*** (2021) Kelcie Stranahan. 'NR'				***"Killer Dream Home"*** (2020) Maiara Walsh. 'NR'			
(MSNBC)	42	41	42	Voices-Alicia Menendez		Voices-Alicia Menendez		The Mehdi Hasan Show		Week-Joshua Johnson		***"Memory Box: Echoes Of 9/11"*** 'NR'			
(NBCSN)	448	26	730	IMSA Weathertech		Motorcycle Racing Lucas Oil Motocross: Hangtown.				American Flat Track		American Flat Track		Mecum Auto Auctions	
(NGEO)	109	65	109	Wicked Tuna		Wicked Tuna		Wicked Tuna		Wicked Tuna		Life Below Zero '14'		Life Below Zero '14'	
(NICK)	28	36	28	Loud House	The Smurfs	Kamp Koral	Side Hustle	2021 MTV Video Music Awards Celebrating the best music videos. (N) '14, D,L'						2021 MTV Video Music	
(NWSNTN)	18	18	18	Last Man	Last Man	NewsNation Prime (N)		NewsNation Prime (N)		Banfield		Banfield		NewsNation Prime	
(OWN)	125	24	103	Family or Fiancé '14'		20/20 on OWN '14'		20/20 on OWN '14'		20/20 on OWN '14'		20/20 on OWN '14'		20/20 on OWN '14'	
(OXY)	123	44	123	Snapped (N) 'PG'		In Ice Cold Blood (N) '14'				Snapped 'PG'		In Ice Cold Blood '14'		Snapped 'PG'	
(PARMT)	37	43	37	★★★½ ***"Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade"***				To Be Announced						To Be Announced	
(SEC)	745	72		Women's College Soccer		TrueSouth	TrueSouth	College Football Mercer at Alabama.						College Football	
(SHOW)	340	241	340	Billions 'MA'		Return of the Taliban		Gossip '14'		Billions "Implosion" 'MA'		American Rust 'MA'		Work- Pro.	Amer Rust
(SUN)	36	31	36	P1 APBA Offshore		Animals	Sport	Sportsman	Sportsman	Add. Fish.	Flats Class	Fishing	Dreamboat	Heliconia	Hoover
(SYFY)	31	59	31	★★½ ***"The Da Vinci Code"*** (2006) Tom Hanks.				★★ ***"Angels & Demons"*** (2009, Action) Tom Hanks, Ayelet Zurer. 'PG-13'						Futurama	Futurama
(TBS)	49	23	49	★★½ ***"Aquaman"*** (2018) Jason Momoa. 'PG-13' (DVS)					Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Love Life	★½ ***"Big Daddy"*** (1999) 'PG-13'		
(TCM)	169	53	169	★★★½ ***"The Prisoner of Second Avenue"*** (1975)				★★★★ ***"Show Boat"*** (1936) Irene Dunne. 'NR'				★★½ ***"Sanders of the River"*** (1936)			***Big Fella***
(TDC)	53	34	53	Alaskan Bush People '14'		Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People "Chaos and Catastrophe" 'PG'				Alaskan Bush People "A New Home" (N) '14'			
(TLC)	50	46	50	90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way "Testing Trust" '14'				90 Day Fiancé: The Other Way "Fight for Love" '14'				I Love a Mama's Boy '14'		90 Day: Other	
(TMC)	350	261	350	★★★ ***"The Thomas Crown Affair"*** (1999) 'R'				★★½ ***"The Bodyguard"*** (1992) Kevin Costner. 'R'				★★★½ ***"Hustlers"*** (2019) Constance Wu. 'R'			
(TNT)	48	33	48	★★★½ ***"Avengers: Endgame"*** (2019) Robert Downey Jr. 'PG-13' (DVS)						Animal Kingdom (N) 'MA'		Animal Kingdom 'MA'		★★★ ***"300"*** (2006) 'R'	
(TOON)	38	58	38	★★★ ***"Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith"*** (2005) Ewan McGregor. 'PG-13'						Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty
(TRAV)	9	106	9	My Haunted House '14'		Osbournes Want- Believe		Osbournes Want- Believe		Osbournes Want- Believe		Osbournes Want- Believe		Osbournes Want- Believe	
(truTV)	25	55	25	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers
(TVL)	32	49	32	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	To Be Announced							
(USA)	47	32	47	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
(WE)	117	69	117	NCIS "Deception" 'PG'		NCIS "Light Sleeper" 'PG'		NCIS "Head Case" 'PG'		NCIS "Family Secret" 'PG'		NCIS "Ravenous" 'PG'		NCIS "Bait" '14'	

Annie gives advice

Dear Annie: I feel the need to provide a different view to the "Grieving Grandmothers" who wrote in saying that their daughters-in-law keep their grandkids and sons away from them.

DEAR ANNIE

First, your son is a grown adult who can make choices for himself, so maybe start taking the blame off the daughter-in-law. Second, maybe reflect on yourself to see if there are reasons your son does not want to attend gatherings with you or have their children around you.

I'm sure my mother-in-law could write in saying all these things about me, but it is not the truth. My husband finds his mother and immediate family unhealthy and toxic. He prefers attending gatherings with my family and doesn't trust his mother to be around our children.

We ended up in marriage counseling because the weight of trying to deal with all of it was affecting our marriage. It was our therapist, not me, who suggested to my husband that he create boundaries with his own mother. My husband always knew the dynamic was unhealthy, but it wasn't until we were married that he felt he had a safe space to distance himself from his immediate family.

While it is easier to blame someone else, it may be worth looking inward to see what we are bringing to the problem. — **Family Scapegoat**

Dear Family Scapegoat: Self-reflection is always a good thing. I'm glad that your husband was able to create boundaries with his mother, but try not to throw the baby out with the bathwater. Just because she is not perfect does not mean you don't have to show her some respect and compassion.

Grandchildren intuitively love their grandparents, and anything that helps them get together, with the oversight of the parents, is a good thing.

Boundaries set by the parents can promote harmony — provided they include entrances and exits for the grandparents.

Today's MOVIES

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Sunday, Sept. 12

"Malignant" (2021) R — 1:15, 4:15, 7:30, 10:30 p.m.

"Shang-Chi and The Legend of The Ten Rings" (2021) PG-13 — 12:30, 1, 3, 3:30, 7:15, 7:45, 9:30, 10:15 p.m.

"Candyman" (2021) R — 12, 4, 6:30, 10:45 p.m.

"Free Guy" (2021) PG-13 — 12:15, 3:15, 6:45, 9:45 p.m.

"Jungle Cruise" (2021) PG-13 — 12:45, 3:45, 7, 10 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 13

"Malignant" (2021) R — 4:15, 7:30 p.m.

"Shang-Chi and The Legend of The Ten Rings" (2021) PG-13 — 3, 3:30, 7:15, 7:45 p.m.

"Candyman" (2021) R — 3:45, 6:30 p.m.

"Free Guy" (2021) PG-13 — 3:15, 6:45 p.m.

"Jungle Cruise" (2021) PG-13 — 4, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 14

"Malignant" (2021) R — 4:15, 7:30 p.m.

"Shang-Chi and The Legend of The Ten Rings" (2021) PG-13 — 3, 3:30, 7:15, 7:45 p.m.

"Candyman" (2021) R — 3:45, 6:30 p.m.

"Free Guy" (2021) PG-13 — 3:15, 6:45 p.m.

"Jungle Cruise" (2021) PG-13 — 4, 7 p.m.

Sunday PUZZLER

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10 Blueprints
15 Make imperfect
18 — corporal
19 Flew alone
21 Send
22 "Requiem — — Heavyweight"
23 Inert gas
24 Breakfast fare
25 Convex molding
26 Stoltz or Idle
27 "— Got a Secret"
28 Regretful
29 Lid
31 Wrinkle
33 Soft mineral
35 Ex — facto
36 Sheer
37 Quite able
38 Ridge among mountains
40 Part of Iberia
41 Walk through water
42 Outcast
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45 Police action
47 The Eternal City
51 Clergyman
52 A pachyderm, for short
53 Authored
55 Flight formation
56 Cravat
57 Chamber
58 Give an account of
60 Standard
62 Kind of British gun
63 Rot
65 Dalai —
66 Almost
67 Grad-to-be (Abbr.)
68 Margarine
69 — vital
71 Slender
73 Abbr. in business
75 Fix fraudulently
76 Related maternally
77 Dernier —
78 Spring
81 Manila hemp
83 Lung part
84 For men only
85 Fleur-de- —
87 Escort for ships
90 Shankar the sitarist
92 Gusto
94 Tobacco kiln
95 A star sign
96 Part of speech
98 Shoestring
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101 Work of a lifetime
103 Japanese city
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108 Rolls
109 Dried plum
110 Puts up
111 Melville's captain
113 Put cargo aboard
114 Near
115 Composition for voices
118 Roman goddess
119 Guy
120 Graceful bird
124 Sum
125 Cousin to a brick
126 Nonsense
127 Clean water gp.
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129 — citato
131 Peers
133 To pieces
135 River in France
136 Peace goddess
137 Kind of bag
138 Turn
139 Dir. letters
140 Lassoes
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142 Minuscule

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15 Ethical
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32 Clear
34 Container
36 "Once — a time ..."
37 Porcine creatures
39 Free-for-all
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43 A going up
44 Snapshot
45 Quantity of paper
46 South Pole region
48 Finished
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59 Beetle
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63 Attack
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76 Eel
79 Cry of sorrow
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84 Satisfy, said of thirst
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87 High rank (Abbr.)
88 Provo neighbor
89 — palm
91 Paved ways (Abbr.)
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96 Island near Bonaire
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102 Slaughterhouse
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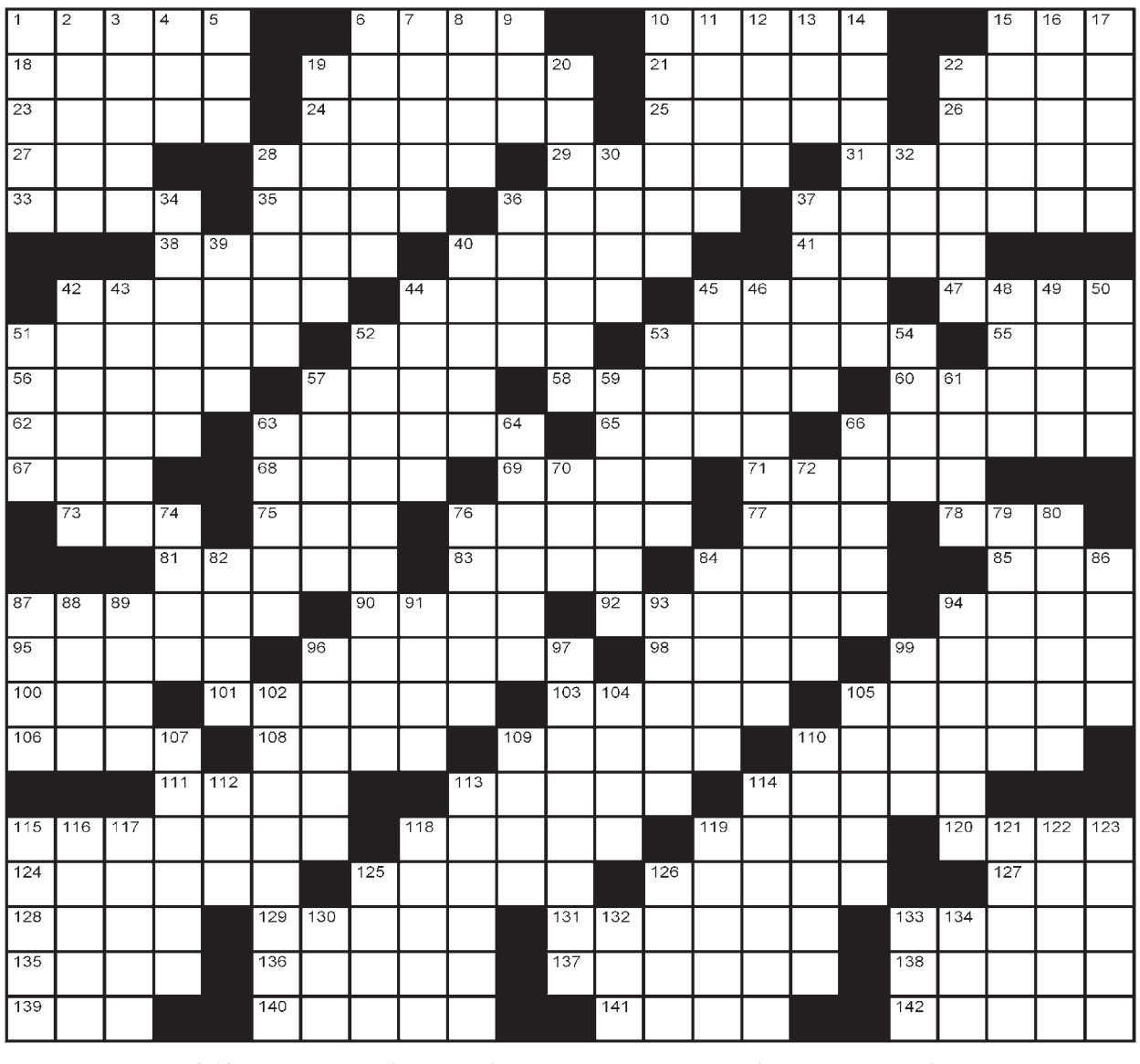

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MOPH Chapter 776

Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776 Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) will conduct its bimonthly meeting at 1 p.m. Sept. 21, at the Citrus County Building Alliance, 1196 S. Lecanto Highway.

In accordance with the national commander's request for all MOPH members to exercise caution and use all means available to protect themselves and their loved ones from the surging Delta variant, attendees are asked to wear face masks and to practice social distancing during the meeting.

All combat wounded veterans, parents, lineal descendants, spouses and siblings of living or deceased Purple Heart recipients are invited to attend the meeting and to become a member.

To learn more, visit citruspurpleheart.org or call 352-382-3847.

Military card party

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

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

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

Rides to VA clinic available for veterans

The Lecanto Clinic has DAV van service from the clinic to Gainesville with pick-up locations in Inverness, Hernando, Holder, Dunnellon and Williston. The clinic has van service to the Village Clinic with the same nonscheduled stops as far north as Dunnellon. Veterans must call the transport line at 352-746-8005 at least four days before their appointment to schedule a ride.

If your hear a recording, leave your name, last four, where you live, the date and time and location of your appointment.

VFW weekly fish fry

The VFW Post 10087 hosts a fish fry from 4:30 to 5:45 every Friday at the post, 2170 W. Vet Lane in Beverly Hills.

The event is open to the public and includes haddock fillet, scalloped potatoes and coleslaw for $8.

Military bikes

- Air Force Bike, Nov. 10 to 15 at Crystal Harley-Davidson
- Navy Bike, Nov. 10 to 15 at Plaza CDJR

Weekly karaoke

VFW Post 10087 will host karaoke from 6 to 9 p.m. every Saturday at the post, 2170 W. Vet Lane in Beverly Hills. For more information, call the post at 352-746-0440.

Monthly breakfasts

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

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

Operation Enduring Freedom veterans

If you know anyone who has served during Operation Enduring Freedom and has ties to Citrus County, call Barbara Mills at 352-422-6236.

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SERVICES FOR VETERANS

WTC scholarships available to vets

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

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

To access the available funds, veterans should contact the financial aid coordinator at WTC. For additional assistance, call Bob Bendle, CCVC scholarship officer, at 352-400-8952.

CCVC expands COVID services

In addition to existing clients at the Citrus County Veterans Coalition (CCVC), the coalition is now accepting any veteran who now be unemployed, due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Also, any veteran, whose financial situation has changed, is also invited to attend the CCVC food pantry for assistance.

A DD-214 certificate or other proof of honorable discharge must be shown to qualify for assistance.

The CCVC pantry is at 1081 N. Paul Drive, Inverness, and is open from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday, and the first and third Thursdays monthly.

For information, call 352-400-8952.

Transit available for appointments

Citrus County Transit provides service to veterans on a weekly basis, excluding holidays. Transportation to VA appointments for both wheel chair and ambulatory patients are available:

- Tuesday to Tampa
- Wednesday to Gainesville
- Thursday to the Villages VA

Other appointments may be available if capacity is available. For reservations and information, contact Janet Gramann at 352-527-7630.

Dog tag sales benefit veterans

Veterans dog tags now being made at the Beverly Hills American Legion Post 237 at 6726 N. Lecanto Highway.

These are the genuine notched and un-notched type tags as were issued. Chains and silencers also in stock.

Custom-made tags for any purpose, veterans, pets, luggage, etc.

Call the post at 352-897-4776 to make an appointment. Proceeds go to Post 237 veterans programs.

VA needs more volunteer drivers

Do you have a few hours during the week to drive a Citrus County veteran to much-needed services? Volunteer drivers are desperately needed to drive veterans to appointments at the Gainesville Veterans' Administration Medical Center (VAMC) and to the Villages Out Patient Clinic (OPC).

Drivers volunteer on an on-call basis, one to three times a week. Volunteers will receive a free physical examination at the Gainesville VAMC, lunch the day they drive and participate in the awards program for miles driven.

There is an application process for potential volunteers and a Veterans' Administration (VA) identification badge will be provided. Fingerprinting and proof of driver's license and vehicle insurance will need to be provided to participate. For information on this volunteer opportunity, call 352-746-8005.

Enrollment open at VA clinic

The Lecanto Veterans Affairs (VA) Community Based Outpatient Clinic is accepting enrollment applications for eligible veterans. Primary Care and Mental Health access is available. Call 352-746-8004 or visit in person at 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto, to apply.

Donate sweats for vets in recovery

DAV Auxiliary Unit 70 in Inverness is coordinating a "Sweats for Vets" drive, collecting new sweatshirts and pants. These will be donated to VA hospitals and hursing homes for recovering veterans and those in rehabilitation. When you go shopping, remember a vet and put a new sweatsuit in your cart — any size or color. Please, do not drop off used clothing.

Donations can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays at the DAV chapter hall at the corner of Independence Highway and North Paul Drive, Inverness near the pink elephant on U.S. 41; or call Sunny Hayes, auxiliary commander, at 352-527-3395; or Ann Fair, senior vice commander, at 352-249-7827 to make other arrangements.

Make appointment at Service Office

Scheduled appointments and walk-in clients at the Citrus County Veterans Service Office will be seen from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Anyone wishing to meet with a service officer between 4 and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday should call to make an appointment, as walk-ins will not be accepted during these hours.

For information, call the Veterans Service Office directly at 352-527-5915.

TOGETHER PAGE SUBMISSIONS

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

Marriages 08/23/2021 - 08/29/2021

Matthew Michael Bressette, Citrus Springs/Tamera Elaine Barker, Citrus Springs

Chelsey Lyn Goff, Hernando/Nathan James Rucker, Hernando

Debra Joy Hoard, Inverness/Mark Wayne Brame, Inverness

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Sunday PUZZLER ANSWERS

Sunday Puzzler is on Page A14

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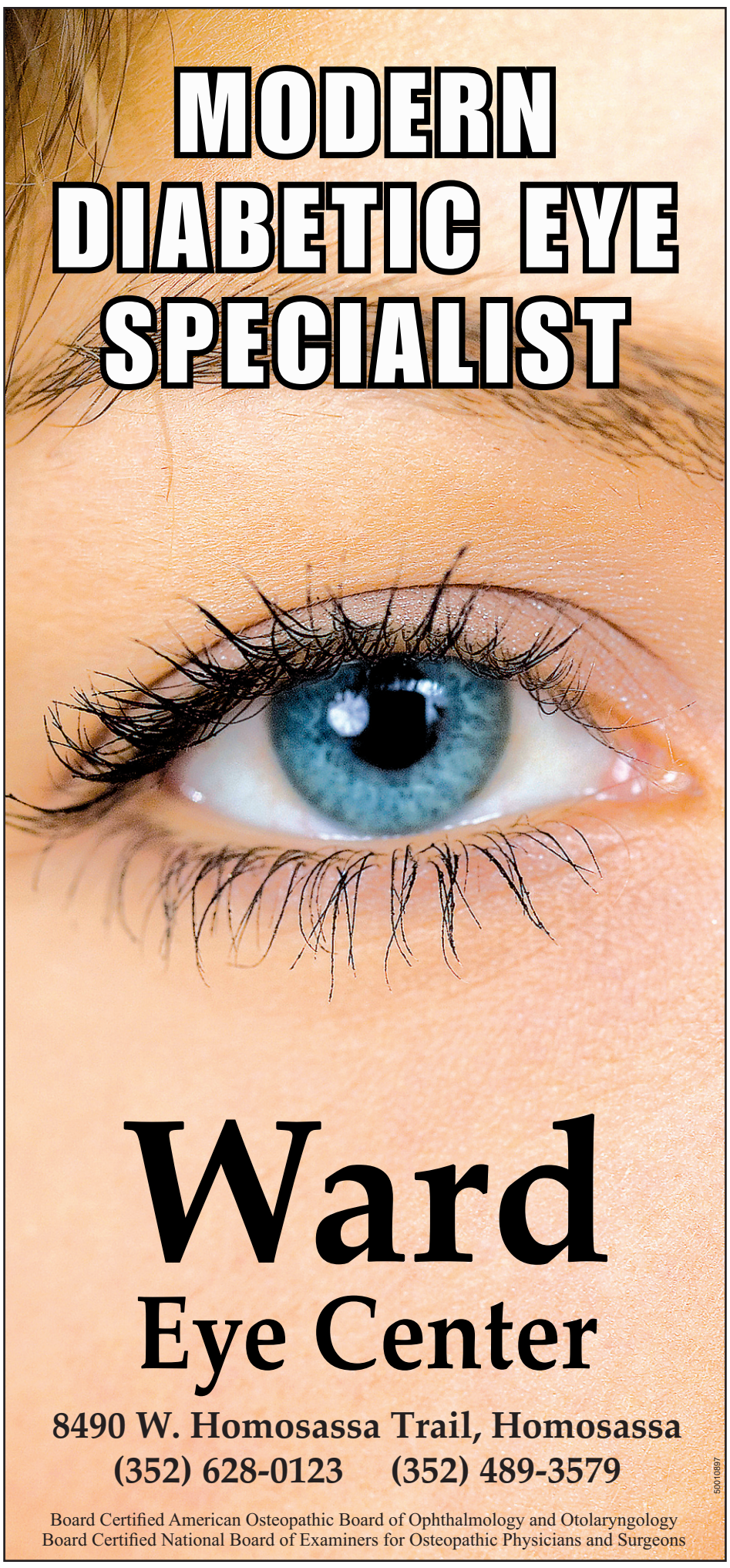
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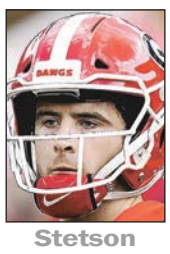
Touchdown passes in the first half, tying a Georgia record, for backup Stetson Bennett, who to stepped in to start on Saturday.



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Qualifier becomes champ

Britain's Raducanu, 18, wins US Open

HOWARD FENDRICH
AP tennis writer

NEW YORK — British teenager Emma Raducanu arrived in New York last month with a ranking of 150th, just one Grand Slam appearance to her name and a flight booked to head out of town after the U.S. Open's preliminary rounds in case she failed to win her way into the main tournament.

And there she was in Arthur Ashe Stadium on Saturday, cradling the silver trophy to complete an unlikely — indeed, unprecedented — and surprisingly dominant journey from qualifier to major champion by beating Canadian teenager Leylah Fernandez 6-4, 6-3 in the final.

"The future of women's tennis, and just the depth of the game right now, is so great," said the 18-year-old Raducanu, who will rise into the WTA's top 25 on Monday. "I think every single player here in the women's draw definitely has a shot of winning any tournament."

The first female qualifier ever to reach a Grand Slam final, let alone win one, proved that emphatically. She captured 10 matches in a row at Flushing Meadows — three in qualifying, seven in the main draw — and is the first woman to win the U.S. Open title without dropping a set since Serena Williams in 2014.

This was the first major final between two teens since Williams, 17, beat Martina Hingis, 18, at the 1999 U.S. Open and the first between two unseeded women in the professional era, which began in 1968.

"I hope to be back here in the finals and this time with a trophy — the right one," Fernandez said as tears welled in her eyes.

Raducanu broke to go up 4-2 in the second set, held for 5-2 and twice was a point from winning the title in the next game. But under pressure from Fernandez, she let both of those opportunities slip away by putting groundstrokes into the net.

"That's just the competitor that she is," Raducanu said about Fernandez, whom she last faced in the second round of the Wimbledon juniors event three years ago.

Slightly different stakes back then.

At 5-3, while serving for the match, Raducanu slid on the court chasing a ball to her backhand side, bloodying her left knee. A trainer came out to put a white bandage on the cut and, during

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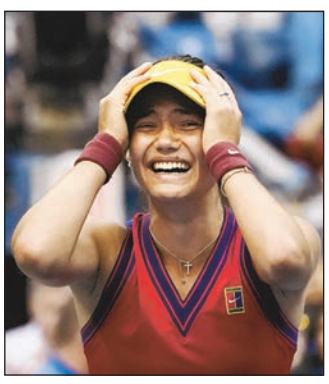

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Emma Raducanu, of Britain, reacts after defeating Leylah Fernandez, of Canada, during the women's singles final of the US Open tennis championships, Saturday in New York.

Lecanto meet draws big field

Citrus paces county teams

BOB ALAN
Correspondent

LECANTO — The Lecanto High School football complex and surrounding area terrain was the sight for the Lecanto Invitational cross country meet on Saturday morning.

This was the third race of the cross country season, 3.1-miles that were a major tune-up for varsity and junior varsity girls and boys, aiming toward qualifying for the state meet in November in Tallahassee.

The Citrus boys had the highest placing among county teams, finishing seventh (268) out of 27 schools that accumulated a team score. Lecanto came in 15th (446). Neither Crystal River nor Seven Rivers Christian had enough runners for a team total.

Lecanto senior Brandon Rydzewski had the best individual showing for the county boys, placing 14th in a time of 17:16.54.

"If you can run a fast pace on this course, you'll run even faster at the next race," Rydzewski said. "I'm working on my consistency. Working on a sub 17."

Thomas Tyler of Citrus placed 16th, the senior running a 17:19.72. Miles Tobin of Seven Rivers was 34th (18:20.02).

In the girls race, Citrus was 10th overall (307) and Lecanto was 13th (348).

Catalina Veldwijk, a

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STEPHEN SHANER/For the Chronicle

Citrus senior Thomas Tyler runs the boys varsity race at the Lecanto Invitational on Saturday morning, at Lecanto High.

Gators rout Bulls

Associated Press

Florida quarterback Anthony Richardson (15) gets past South Florida linebacker Brian Norris (29) on an 80-yard touchdown run during the second half of the game Saturday, in Tampa.

QB debate will continue as No. 13 Florida rolls to a 42-20 victory

FRED GOODALL
AP sports writer

TAMPA — Starter Emory Jones or backup Anthony Richardson.

Florida coach Dan Mullen insists the 13th-ranked Gators (2-0) don't have a quarterback controversy or a reason to change the depth chart after Richardson outplayed Jones for the second straight game in a 42-20 rout of South Florida on Saturday.

"We have two quarterbacks that are pretty talented guys that can make things happen on the field," Mullen said. "But there are a lot of things quarterbacks have to do."

Jones and Richardson shared playing time, with each having his way in the opening half against a USF defense that allowed touchdowns on five consecutive possessions after producing a three-and-out to start the game.

Jones threw a 35-yard TD pass to Xzavier Henderson and scored on a 33-yard run on the way to a 35-3 halftime lead before a crowd of 66,646 at Raymond James Stadium.

The redshirt junior from LaGrange, Georgia, was not nearly as effective the rest of the way, though, tossing a pair of interceptions and turning the ball over

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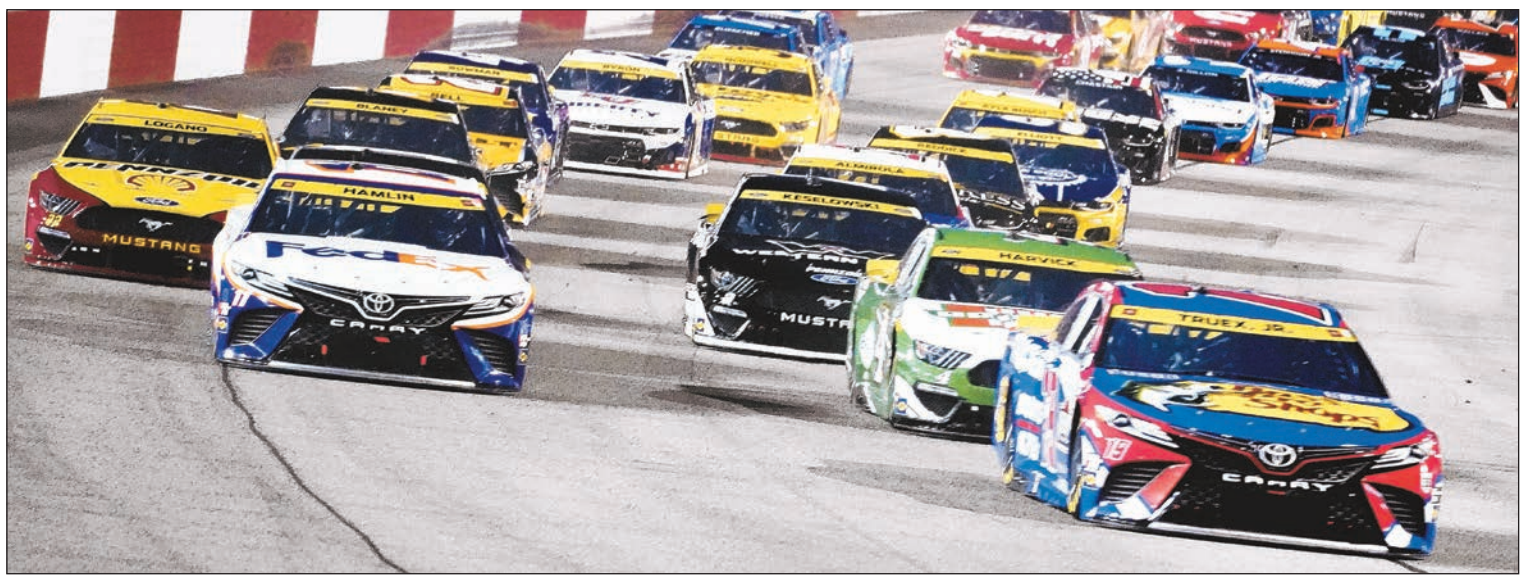
NASCAR Cup Series playoffs continue on in Richmond



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Denny Hamlin (11) and Martin Truex Jr., (19) lead the field at the start of the NASCAR Cup series race on Saturday, in Richmond, Va. Hamlin was racing on his hometown track, Richmond Raceway, for the Cup Series' second playoff race. The race was not completed at press time. For a full recap, see Monday's sports section.

Verdell, No. 12 Oregon stun No. 3 Ohio St.

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — C.J. Verdell watched on TV last week as Minnesota's Mohamed Ibrahim shredded Ohio State's disheveled defense early. The Oregon running back thought he could take advantage in the same fashion.

Verdell, who has struggled with injuries the past two seasons, made it happen. He ran for 161 yards and scored three touchdowns as shorthanded No. 12 Oregon stunned No. 3 Ohio State 35-28 on Saturday.

"We saw the Minnesota running back was having a good game, and we wanted to do the same thing," the 5-foot-8, 211-pound Verdell said.

Verdell and quarterback Anthony Brown exploited holes in Ohio State's defense and handed the Buckeyes their first regular-season loss in nearly three years and the first of third-year coach Ryan Day's tenure.

The Buckeyes' last loss in the regular season came at Purdue in October 2018 under Urban Meyer.

Ohio State (1-1, 1-0 Big Ten) never led the game it was favored to win by 14 1/2 points despite gaudy numbers from freshman quarterback C.J. Stroud. Its front seven struggled to contain Verdell, control the edge and get after Brown in front.

"They quickly adapted and just played with grit and toughness, knowing this was going to be a slugfest," Oregon coach Mario Cristobal said.

The Ducks (2-0, 0-0 Pac-12) were without star defensive end Kayvon Thibodeaux and linebacker Justin Flowe.

"It's hard to express in words the magnitude of coming out here down a couple of guys due to injury, and just playing really, really gutsy football, executing at a high level," Cristobal said. "A tremendous job of preparation and turning it into a reality by our players and coaching staff."

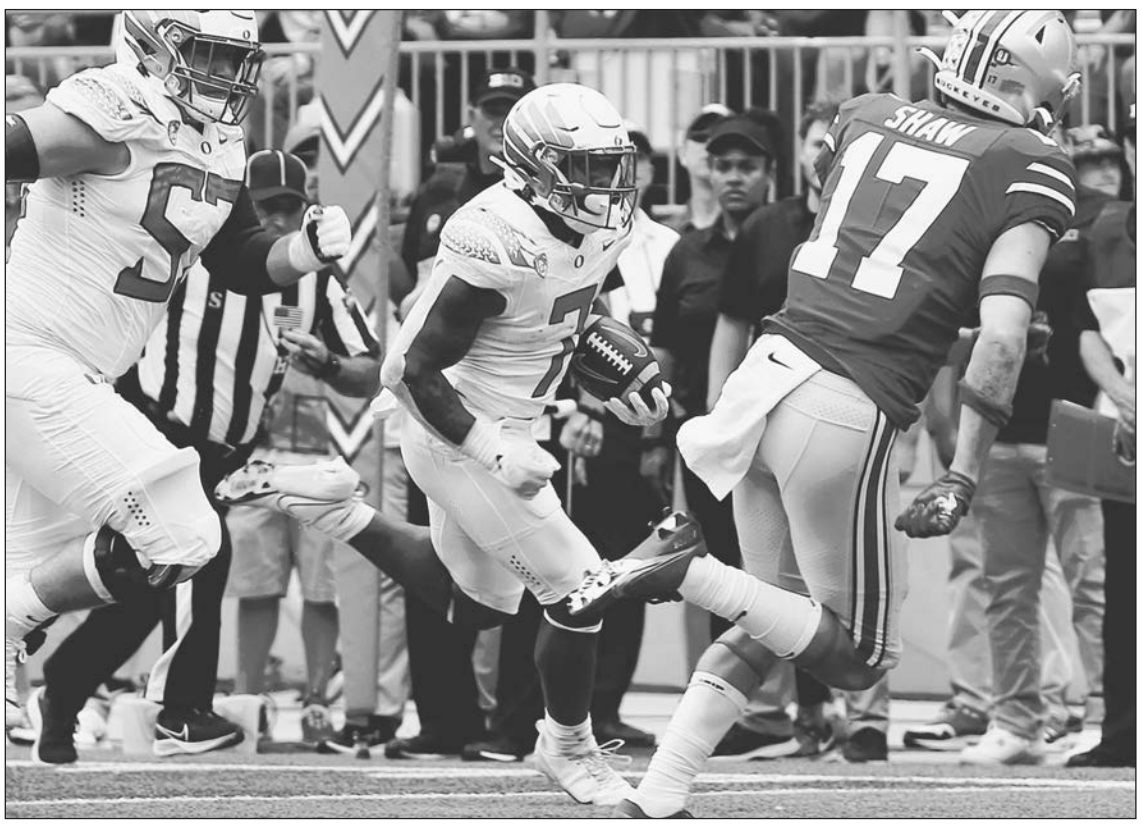
The Buckeyes had a chance to tie it late after pulling within a touchdown with 7:55 to go. But when they got the ball again, Stroud took his first sack of the day and then was intercepted by Verone McKinley III on a desperation sideline pass on third-and-18 at the Oregon 35 with 2:50 left as a crowd of more than 100,000 sat stunned.

Stroud, trying to show he is a worthy heir to Justin Fields, likely will be fine. It's the Ohio State defense that needs work.

Twice in the first half Verdell scurried around the left end — one of them was a pitch pass on fourth-and-1 — and went untouched into the end zone from 14 yards out. Travis Dye exploited the left side again, running from 5 yards out to give the Ducks a 28-14 third-quarter lead.

Three plays into the second half, Verdell blasted through the middle untouched and outran defensive backs for a 77-yard score. He went left again for a 7-yard gain and a first down in the fourth quarter, one play before Brown connected with Moliki Matavao for a 14-yard touchdown to give the Ducks a 35-21 lead with 12:46 left.

"This is not fatal," Day said. "Certainly, it hurts."



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Oregon running back CJ Verdell, center, scores a touchdown against Ohio State during the first half of a game Saturday, in Columbus, Ohio.

No. 1 Alabama 48, Mercer 14

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Bryce Young threw three touchdown passes and Jase McClellan scored three times in Alabama's rout of FCS Mercer.

The Crimson Tide (2-0) started sluggishly on offense in what amounted to a warmup game before the Southeastern Conference opener at No. 13 Florida, but potentially more notably had star linebacker Will Anderson Jr. leave with an apparent right leg injury.

Young completed 19 of 27 passes for 227 yards after coming out slow in just his second game as 'Bama's starter. Freshman JoJo Earle had seven catches for 85 yards and also had a 29-yard punt return.

Mercer (1-1) quarterback Fred Payton did burn Alabama for two big plays to wide-open receivers in the second half, a 60-yard touchdown to Devron Harper and a 22-yarder to Ty James in the third quarter.

No. 2 Georgia 56, UAB 7

ATHENS, Ga. — Stetson Bennett tied a school record with five touchdown passes filling in for injured starter JT Daniels, leading the Bulldogs in the rout.

Bennett completed his first six passes — four of them going all the way to the end zone for the Bulldogs (2-0), who didn't show any signs of a letdown despite the absence of their No. 1 quarterback.

Jermaine Burton slipped behind the secondary to haul in a 73-yard TD from Bennett on Georgia's second offensive play. By the opening minute of the second quarter, Bennett tacked on scoring passes of 12 yards to Kenny McIntosh, 89 yards to Brock Bowers and 61 yards to Arian Smith.

Bennett went 9 of 11 for 279 yards and became the sixth Georgia quarterback to pass for five touchdowns in a game.

UAB was held to 174 yards overall. Tyler Johnston III completed just 6 of 14 for 39 yards with three interceptions. The Blazers (1-1) avoided a shutout when Keondre Swoopes picked off a pass from Beck and returned it 61 yards for a score.

No. 5 Texas A&M 10, Colorado 7

DENVER — Sophomore backup quarterback Zach Calzada threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to Isaiah Spiller with 2:41 remaining and Texas A&M edged Colorado.

Spiller's TD gave the Aggies (2-0) their first lead in a game in which they lost freshman QB Haynes King to a lower right leg injury and eight of their first nine drives were three-and-outs.

Colorado's hopes of an upset over the 17-point favorite Aggies ended when Brendon Lewis' pass to Dimitri Stanley on fourth-and-13 from his 22 covered just 12 yards.

The Aggies (2-0), whose 10-game winning streak is second-longest in the nation to Alabama, ran out the clock on the Buffs (1-1), who managed just one first down after taking a 7-3 halftime lead.

The Buffs lost their best rusher, Jarek Broussard, to an unspecified injury midway through the third quarter.

No. 6 Clemson 49, South Carolina State 3

CLEMSON, S.C. — D.J. Uiagalelei ran for two touchdowns and threw for a third as Clemson cranked up its offense after a sorry showing in a loss to second-ranked Georgia a week earlier.

Uiagalelei and the Tigers (1-1) had touchdowns on all four of their first-quarter possessions and pulled away for their 36th straight win over teams from the Football Championship Subdivision.

Uiagalelei went 14 of 24 for 171 yards with a touchdown and an interception. He also rushed for scores of 4 and 5 yards.

Will Shipley, a freshman, had a team high 80 yards and touchdown runs of 7 and 13 yards. Kobe Pace had 68 yards rushing, including a 1-yard scoring rush.

Dyson Roberts kicked a 27-year field goal for the Tigers (0-2), who were held to 123 yards and four first downs the first two quarters.

No. 9 Iowa beats No. 10 Iowa St to keep Cy-Hawk Trophy

Associated Press

AMES, Iowa — Iowa defensive end Zach Van-Valkenburg and offensive lineman Jack Plumb marched across the end zone with the Cy-Hawk Trophy perched on their shoulders, showing it off to the Hawkeyes fans who had come to Jack Trice Stadium to see the biggest game in the history of the rivalry with Iowa State.

The trophy checks in at about 90 pounds and for all the progress the ninth-ranked Cyclone have made in recent years, they just can't pry it away from the Hawkeyes.

Jack Campbell returned a fumble 6 yards for a touchdown and No. 10 Iowa ran its winning streak against Iowa State to six games with a 27-17 victory Saturday that ruined the most-anticipated home game in Cyclones history.

In the first Cy-Hawk game matching ranked teams in 65 total meetings, the Hawkeyes (2-0) were not about to play the foil for Iowa State's feel-good story.

The Cyclones (1-1) hosted ESPN's "GameDay," and after years of mediocrity — at best — they came into this season ranked in the top 10.

Ames was rocking, but the rivals from across the state sucked the life out of Jack Trice.

Iowa linebacker Jestin Jacobs said the atmosphere was "crazy."

"You really can't describe it until you're in it," Jacobs said. "Just to get that win in hostile territory fills you with emotion."

Iowa turned four takeaways into 20 points, ran its overall winning streak to eight games and its winning streak against ranked teams to five. Iowa has not won that many in a row against ranked opponents since 1960.

"Polls in September, they really don't mean a lot," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "But for us it's all about building a team."

This Iowa team looks like a contender in the Big Ten thanks to its defense.

"You talk about physicality, that's what you do at Iowa," said Campbell, who had eight tackles and half a sack.

The Hawkeyes used the same formula as last week when they had two defensive touchdowns in a rout of Indiana, another upstart program looking to build off 2020's success.

The Cyclones came into this season with sky-high expectations, a loaded and experienced roster and hot-commodity coach. One significant milestone has eluded Iowa State during its program renaissance and four straight winning seasons of under Matt Campbell: A victory against Iowa.

Maybe the Cyclones will have better luck in the Big 12 because the Hawkeyes remain heartbreakers.

"Somewhere along the line I have failed this team to be prepared for this moment," said Campbell, who fell to 0-5 against Iowa. "I think the lack of execution really falls on my shoulders."

With the Cyclones backed up to their goal line, All-American Breece Hall was stripped by Jacobs. Campbell scooped the bouncing ball and took a couple of strides into the end zone to make it 21-10 with 5:08 left in the third quarter.

The Hawkeyes celebrated while Hall was face down on the turf for a few extra seconds, frustrated by a critical mistake. One that has become so common in this series for Iowa State.

Hall was held to 93 total yards and a touchdown on 20 touches.

Matt Hankins had two of Iowa's three interceptions against Brock Purdy, who was benched for Hunter Dekkers early in the fourth quarter.

Associated Press

Iowa defensive back Matt Hankins (8) makes an interception in front of Iowa State wide receiver Xavier Hutchinson (8) during the first half of a game, Saturday in Ames, Iowa.

Hankins' second pick at the end of the third quarter left the Hawkeyes in Iowa State territory and seemed to kill all hope for the Cyclones' sellout crowd of 61,500.

"You could definitely feel it, just the momentum shift," Hankins said. "Definitely feel the energy change."

The hype song "Jump Around" blared inside Jack Trice Stadium heading into the fourth quarter, but it hardly caused a stir in the stands on a hot, mercifully overcast day in Ames.

Caleb Shudak hit a 22-yard field goal to make it 27-10 with 12:53 left in the fourth and that was pretty much it.

The Hawkeyes' offense managed just 173 yards, but it was good enough.

No. 7 Cincinnati 42, Murray State 7

CINCINNATI — Jerome Ford rushed for 113 yards and three touchdowns, Desmond Ridder passed for 243 yards and two TDs, and Cincinnati scored on four of its first five possessions in the second half.

The Bearcats (2-0) were heavy favorites coming in, but the Racers (1-1) outgained them 190-83 in the first half and led 7-0 in the second quarter. The score was tied at halftime.

Racers QB Preston Rice completed his first five passes but was intercepted in the end zone by Ja'Von Hicks on his sixth attempt. He threw two more interceptions in the first half.

Rice scored on a sneak early in the second quarter to put the Racers ahead 7-0. Josh Whyle caught a 2-yeard TD pass on fourth-and-goal to tie the score.

The Bearcats drove 75 yards on 10 plays on the opening possession of the second half. Ford's 13-yard TD run gave them a 14-7 lead. Ford added an 8-yard scoring run later in the third quarter, and Ridder's 23-yard TD pass to Tyler Scott put the game away in the fourth. Scott had four catches for 74 yards.

No. 8 Notre Dame 32, Toledo 29

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Jack Coan hit Michael Mayer for an 18-yard touchdown pass with 1:09 remaining for the third lead change in a wild fourth quarter and Notre Dame held off determined Toledo.

The victory preserved a 25-game home winning streak for Notre Dame (2-0, 1-0 independent) and came after Toledo (1-1, 0-1 MAC) had taken a 29-24 lead on freshman quarterback Dequan Finn's 26-yard bootleg TD run with 1:35 remaining. Finn split playing time with sophomore Carter Bradley, who threw for 213 yards.

Coan shared playing time with true freshman Tyler Buchner. He directed the three-play, 75-yard scoring drive, which took just 26 seconds with the aid of two Toledo penalties.

Despite being sacked six times, intercepted once by Chris McDonald for a touchdown and fumbling the ball away on another drive, Coan threw for 239 yards and two touchdowns, both to Mayer. Buchner rushed for 68 yards on seven carries and was 3-for-3 passing for 68 yards, including a 55-yard TD pass to Chris Tyree.

No. 11 Penn State 44, Ball State 13

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Sean Clifford completed 21 of 29 passes for 230 yards, ran for a touchdown and threw for another as Penn State won its sixth straight game dating to last season.

Running back Noah Cain added a rushing touchdown and wide receiver Jahan Dotson added another, linebacker Jesse Luketa returned an interception 16 yards for a touchdown and Jordan Stout kicked three field goals for the Nittany Lions (2-0).

Backup quarterback Ta-Quan Roberson added a 23-yard touchdown pass to Theo Johnson.

Ball State (1-1) quarterback Drew Plitt completed 25 of 39 passes for 176 yards with two interceptions. He was replaced by John Paddock in the fourth quarter.

No. 19 Virginia Tech 35, Middle Tennessee 14

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Raheem Blackshear rushed for two touchdowns and the Hokies scored on their first three possessions of the second half.

Blackshear had two straight short TD runs in the spurt for the Hokies (2-0), who broke open the game when Jalen Holston scored on a 29-yard run for a 21-7 lead.

Braxton Burmeister threw for 142 yards and a score for Virginia Tech.

Bailey Hockman threw for 207 yards and a score to lead the Blue Raiders (1-1).

No. 25 Auburn 62, Alabama St. 0

AUBURN, Ala. — Demetris Robertson scored three touchdowns and Jarquez Hunter rushed for 147 yards as the Tigers raced past their overmatched FCS foe.

Auburn (2-0) was held to just one offensive touchdown and fewer than 200 yards in the first half before erupting for 35 points in the third quarter against the Hornets (1-1).

Robertson had three catches for 61 yards and two touchdowns and added a 36-yard touchdown run on a sweep in the third. Hunter, a freshman, broke the Auburn record for longest run with a 94-yard touchdown later in the quarter.

The Tigers also blocked a punt and returned a blocked field goal for a TD.

NASCAR

Xfinity Go Bowling 250

Saturday
At Richmond Raceway
Richmond, Va.
Lap length: 0.75 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (3) Noah Gragson, Chevrolet, 250 laps, 50 points.
2. (4) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 250, 35.
3. (27) John H. Nemechek, Toyota, 250, 0.
4. (5) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 250, 33.
5. (20) Riley Herbst, Ford, 250, 35.
6. (12) Daniel Hemric, Toyota, 250, 41.
7. (15) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 250, 47.
8. (17) Brandon Brown, Chevrolet, 250, 29.
9. (2) Harrison Burton, Toyota, 250, 41.
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11. (19) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 250, 26.
12. (38) Sam Mayer, Ford, 250, 29.
13. (11) Ryan Sieg, Ford, 250, 26.
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22. (10) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 250, 15.
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24. (33) Josh Berry, Chevrolet, 250, 13.
25. (9) Myatt Snider, Chevrolet, 250, 12.
26. (7) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 250, 11.
27. (28) Bayley Currey, Chevrolet, 250, 0.
28. (37) David Starr, Ford, 249, 9.
29. (29) JJ Yeley, Chevrolet, 248, 14.
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31. (23) Joe Graf Jr, Chevrolet, 248, 6.
32. (22) Patrick Emerling, Chevrolet, 248, 6.
33. (35) Spencer Boyd, Chevrolet, 248, 0.
34. (40) Akinori Ogata, Chevrolet, 247, 0.
35. (25) Ryan Vargas, Chevrolet, 246, 2.
36. (18) Jade Buford, Chevrolet, 246, 1.
37. (24) Tommy Joe Martins, Chevrolet, accident, 227, 10.
38. (36) Stephen Leicht, Toyota, 220, 1.
39. (31) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, ignition, 179, 1.
40. (39) Cj McLaughlin, Chevrolet, accident, 111, 0.

Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner: 83.363 mph.

Time of Race: 2 hours, 14 minutes, 57 seconds.

Margin of Victory: 0.381 seconds.

Caution Flags: 9 for 58 laps.

Lead Changes: 15 among 8 drivers.

Lap Leaders: A.Cindric 0-45; A.Allmendinger 46-69; T.Martins 70-74; A.Allmendinger 75-78; T.Gibbs 79; A.Cindric 80-84; D.Hemric 85-97; T.Gibbs 98-153; D.Hemric 154-157; N.Gragson 158-165; T.Gibbs 166-175; H.Burton 176-184; S.Mayer 185-191; H.Burton 192-225; A.Allmendinger 226-236; N.Gragson 237-250

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): T.Gibbs, 3 times for 67 laps; A.Cindric, 2 times for 50 laps; H.Burton, 2 times for 43 laps; A.Allmendinger, 3 times for 39 laps; N.Gragson, 2 times for 22 laps; D.Hemric, 2 times for 17 laps; S.Mayer, 1 time for 7 laps; T.Martins, 1 time for 5 laps.

Wins: A.Cindric, 5; A.Allmendinger, 3; T. Gibbs, 3; J.Allgaier, 2; N.Gragson, 2; J.Haley, 1; J.Burton, 1; M.Snider, 1; J.Berry, 1.

Top 16 in Points: 1. A.Allmendinger, 993; 2. A.Cindric, 988; 3. J.Allgaier, 872; 4. D.Hemric, 849; 5. H.Burton, 840; 6. N.Gragson, 822; 7. J.Haley, 819; 8. J.Burton, 775; 9. J.Clements, 598; 10. B.Jones, 591; 11. R.Herbst, 590; 12. M.Snider, 558; 13. M.Annett, 524; 14. R.Sieg, 497; 15. T.Gibbs, 494; 16. B.Brown, 481.

NASCAR Driver Rating Formula

A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.

The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

FOOTBALL

College scores

EAST
Air Force 23, Navy 3
Army 38, W. Kentucky 35
Boston College 45, Umass 28
CCSU 21, Wagner 19
Delaware 27, St. Francis (Pa.) 10
Georgetown 20, Delaware St. 14, OT
Merrimack 35, Holy Cross 21
Monmouth (NJ) 26, Fordham 23
New Hampshire 26, Towson 14
Penn St. 44, Ball St. 13
Purdue 49, Uconn 0
Rutgers 17, Syracuse 7
Stony Brook 24, Colgate 3
Villanova 55, Bucknell 3
West Virginia 66, LIU Brooklyn 0
SOUTH
Alabama 48, Mercer 14
Alcorn St. 13, Northwestern St. 10
Auburn 62, Alabama St. 0
Charleston Southern 38, The Citadel 21
Charlotte 38, Gardner-Webb 10
Chattanooga 20, North Alabama 0
Clemson 49, SC State 3
Davidson 28, Shaw 26
Elon 24, Campbell 23
FAU 38, Georgia Southern 6
Florida 42, South Florida 20
Florida A&M 34, Fort Valley St. 7
Furman 26, Tennessee Tech 0
Georgia 56, UAB 7
Georgia Tech 45, Kennesaw St. 17
James Madison 55, Maine 7
Liberty 21, Troy 13
Louisiana-Lafayette 27, Nicholls 24
Louisville 30, E. Kentucky 3
Miami 25, Appalachian St. 23
Pittsburgh 41, Tennessee 34
Presbyterian 68, Fort Lauderdale Soaring Eagles 3
Richmond 31, Lehigh 3
South Carolina 20, East Carolina 17
Southern Miss. 37, Grambling St. 0
Stetson 49, Ave Maria 16
Tulane 69, Morgan St. 20
Virginia 42, Illinois 14
Virginia Tech 35, Middle Tennessee 14
Wake Forest 41, Norfolk St. 16
William & Mary 24, Lafayette 3
MIDWEST
Butler 49, DePauw 24
Cent. Michigan 45, Robert Morris 0
Cincinnati 42, Murray St. 7
Dayton 17, E. Illinois 10
Duquesne 28, Ohio 26
Iowa 27, Iowa St. 17
Kent St. 60, VMI 10
Michigan St. 42, Youngstown St. 14
Minnesota 31, Miami (Ohio) 26
N. Dakota St. 64, Valparaiso 0
Nebraska 28, Buffalo 3
Northwestern 24, Indiana St. 6
Notre Dame 32, Toledo 29
Oregon 35, Ohio St. 28
South Alabama 22, Bowling Green 19
South Dakota 34, N. Arizona 7
St. Thomas (Minn.) 12, Michigan Tech 9
Temple 45, Akron 24
W. Michigan 28, Illinois St. 0
Wisconsin 34, E. Michigan 7
Wyoming 50, N. Illinois 43
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 40, Texas 21
Houston 44, Rice 7
Oklahoma 76, W. Carolina 0
Oklahoma St. 28, Tulsa 23
TCU 34, California 32
UTSA 54, Lamar 0
FAR WEST
E. Washington 63, Cent. Washington 14
Texas A&M 10, Colorado 7
UC Davis 53, San Diego 7
Washington St. 44, Portland St. 24

Florida LOTTERY

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

PICK 2 (early)	PICK 5 (late)
5 - 8	2 - 6 - 4 - 0 - 9
PICK 2 (late)	FANTASY 5
2 - 6	Unavailable
PICK 3 (early)	LOTTO
7 - 0 - 7	Unavailable
PICK 3 (late)	POWERBALL
9 - 8 - 5	Unavailable
PICK 4 (early)	POWER BALL
4 - 1 - 8 - 9	Unavailable
PICK 4 (late)	CASH 4 LIFE
1 - 6 - 5 - 9	12 - 18 - 31 - 39 - 60
PICK 5 (early)	CASH BALL
6 - 0 - 8 - 4 - 4	1

Friday's winning numbers and payouts:

Jackpot Triple Play: 2 – 5 – 8 – 12 – 34 – 37
6-of-6 No winner
5-of-6 25 winners $448
4-of-6 1,188 $23
3-of-6 20,513 $1
Combo 10+ 2 $10,000
Combo9 6 $500
Combo8 83 $50
Combo7 564 $20
Combo6 2,918 $10
Combo5 10,718 $5
Mega Millions: 20 – 32 – 35 – 47 – 64
Mega Ball: 18
5-of-5 MB No winner
5-of-5 1 winner $1 million
4-of-5 MB 1 winner $10,000
4-of-5 25 winner $500
3-of-5 MB 63 $200
3-of-5 1,676 $10
2-of-5 MB 1,551 $10
Fantasy 5: 1 – 2 – 15 – 27 – 32
5-of-5 No winner
4-of-5 257 $555
3-of-5 7,847 $22.50
Cash 4 Life: 9 – 12 – 15 – 28 – 58
Cash Ball: 1
5-of-5 CB No winner
5-of-5 No winner

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

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS

AUTO RACING
8:55 a.m. (ESPN2) Formula 1 Italian Grand Prix
12 p.m. (FS1) Mopar Express Lane NHRA Nationals, Qualifying (Taped)
2 p.m. (FS1) Mopar Express Lane NHRA Nationals
3:30 p.m. (8 NBC) IndyCar Grand Prix of Portland
4 p.m. (NBCSPT) IMSA Weathertech Hyundai Monterey Sports Car Championship

MLB
12 p.m. (SUN) Tampa Bay Rays at Detroit Tigers
1 p.m. (BSFL) Miami Marlins at Atlanta Braves
2 p.m. (TBS) Boston Red Sox at Chicago White Sox
5 p.m. (MLB) San Diego Padres at Los Angeles Dodgers or Texas Rangers at Oakland Athletics
8 p.m. (ESPN) New York Yankees at New York Mets
4 a.m. (ESPN2) New York Yankees at New York Mets (Same-day Tape)

WNBA
3 p.m. (28 ABC) Washington Mystics at Chicago Sky
7 p.m. (NBA) Indiana Fever at Minnesota Lynx
9 p.m. (NBA) Seattle Storm at Los Angeles Sparks

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
5 a.m. (ACCN) Middle Tennessee State at Virginia Tech (Taped)
9 a.m. (ACCN) Eastern Kentucky at Louisville (Taped)
12 p.m. (ESPNU) Washington at Michigan (Taped)
7 p.m. (ESPNU) Missouri at Kentucky (Taped)
10 p.m. (ESPNU) Texas at Arkansas (Taped)
11 p.m. (SEC) Alabama-Birmingham at Georgia (Taped)
2 a.m. (ESPN2) Pittsburgh at Tennessee (Taped)

NFL
1 p.m. (10 CBS) Pittsburgh Steelers at Buffalo Bills
1 p.m. (13 FOX) Philadelphia Eagles at Atlanta Falcons
4:25 p.m. (10 CBS) Miami Dolphins at New England Patriots
4:25 p.m. (13 FOX) Green Bay Packers at New Orleans Saints
8:20 p.m. (8 NBC) Chicago Bears at Los Angeles Rams

GOLF
7 a.m. (GOLF) European PGA Tour BMW PGA Championship, Final Round
2 p.m. (GOLF) Ryder Cup: European Captain's Picks
3:30 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour Champions Ascension Charity Classic, Final Round

MOTORCYCLE RACING
11 a.m. (FS1) MotoAmerica Superbike: New Jersey Motorsports Park
2:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) MotoGP Grand Prix of Arag"'on (Same-day Tape)
7 p.m. (NBCSPT) Lucas Oil Motocross: Hangtown (Taped)
9 p.m. (NBCSPT) American Flat Track (Taped)
10 p.m. (NBCSPT) American Flat Track (Taped)

SOCCER
11:30 a.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League Leeds United vs Liverpool

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
12 p.m. (BIG10) TCU at Ohio State
2 p.m. (ACCN) South Florida at Miami (Same-day Tape)
3 p.m. (ESPNU) Florida State at Auburn
5 p.m. (SEC) Virginia Tech at South Carolina

TENNIS
1 p.m. (ESPN) U.S. Open Women's Doubles Championship
4 p.m. (ESPN) U.S. Open Men's Championship
8 p.m. (TENNIS) U.S. Open Men's Championship (Taped)
8:30 p.m. (ESPN2) U.S. Open Men's Championship (Same-day Tape)

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
4 p.m. (ESPN2) Teams TBA
5:30 p.m. (FS1) Wisconsin at Marquette

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

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Recalled RHP Dean Kremer from Norfolk (Triple-A East). Recalled RHP Spenser Watkins from Norfolk. Optioned RHP Marcos Diplan to Norfolk.

BOSTON RED SOX — Recalled RHP Connor Seabold from Worcester (Triple-A East). Optioned RHP Brad Peacock to Worcester. Placed INF/OF Danny Santana on the reserve/COVID-19 IL. Selected the contract of SS Jack Lopez from Worcester.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Recalled LHP Francisco Perez from Columbus (Triple-A East). Optioned RF Daniel Johnson to Columbus.

DETROIT TIGERS — Placed LHP Matthew Boyd on the 10-day IL, retroactive to September 9. Selected the contract of LHP Ian Krol from Toledo Triple-A East).

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Recalled RHP Scott Blewett from Omaha (Triple-A East). Placed RHP Joel Payamps on the 10-day IL.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Selected the contract of LHP Jovani Moran from St. Paul (Triple-A East). Optioned LHP Andrew Albers to St. Paul.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Sent CF Jonathan Davis outright to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (Triple-A East).

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed SS Wander Franco on the 10-day IL. Optioned CF Josh Lowe to Durham (Triple-A East). Recalled SS Taylor Walls from Durham. Reinstated RF Randy Arozarena from the paternity list.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Recalled RHP Thomas Hatch from Buffalo (Triple-A East). Sent 3B Cavan Biggio to Buffalo on a rehab assignment. Recalled RHP Anthony Castro from Buffalo. Optioned LHP Tayler Saucedo to Buffalo.

National League

COLORADO ROCKIES— Reinstated RHP Robert Stephenson from the paternity list. Optioned LHP Ben Bowden to Albuquerque (Triple-A West).

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Sent RHP Neftali Feliz outright to Oklahoma City (Triple-A West).

NEW YORK METS — Sent RHP Corey Oswalt to St. Lucie (Low-A Southeast) on a rehab assignment. Sent C Tomas Nido and RHP Jordan Yamamoto to Syracuse (Triple-A East) on rehab assignments.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Citrus Springs Horseshoe Club

Sept. 4 results

Won 3 Games: Betty Delong, Jack Fathman

High Series: Joe Warburton 239, Betty Delong 228

High Game: Joe Warburton 91, Steve Durham 83, Betty Delong 80

The Club pitches on Saturday mornings at 9 a.m, at the old Citrus Springs Community Center at the intersection of N. Citrus Springs Blvd and W. Withlacoochee Trail (Route 39). We are always looking for new members. For more information or if you have questions, call Joe Warburton 352-489-7537.

Crystal River sweeps swim meet over Hernando

The Crystal River swim teams swept a dual meet against Hernando on Friday night, at the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA. The girls won 136-22, while the boys rolled 111-28.

Race winners for the girls included Olivia Szylkowski (200 freestyle, 2:12.84; 100 butterfly, 1:07.30), Molly Maguire (200 IM, 2:45.19), Hayley Harris (50 free, 31.86), Baylie Wells (100 free, 1:00.22; 100 backstroke, 1:11.28) and Haley Henry (500 free, 6:41.06; 100 breaststroke, 1:31.92).

For the boys, first-place finishers were Landon Vincent (200 free, 2:15.31; 500 free, 6:15.67), Garrett Hickman (200 IM, 2:26.11; 100 breast, 1:14.30), Paskal Nedeltchev (100 fly, 1:19.54), Dean Carey (100 free, 55.71) and Justin Rieck (100 back, 1:18.53).

The Pirates also captured all but one relay, with Wells, Maguire, Szylkowski and Henry taking the girls 200 medley (2:12.77), while Rieck, Hickman, Vincent and Carey did the same in the boys race (2:07.08).

Harris, Ella Billups, Sophia Monsalve, Gabriella Witkowich took first in the girls 200-free relay (2:13.31). Jasmine Hurtado, Harris, Henry and Wells won the girls 400-free relay (5:00.13). Thomas Hauter, Rieck, Hickman and Carey took the boys 400 (4:08.24).

Gragson hold off Haley for emotional Xfinity win

RICHMOND, Va. — Noah Gragson held onto the lead after a restart with seven laps to go and held off Justin Haley on Saturday to win his second consecutive NASCAR Xfinity Series race.

Gragson, driving in the race with JR Motorsports owner Dale Earnhardt Jr., ended a 49-race winless streak last weekend at Darlington and added his second victory of the season to carry momentum into the coming playoffs.

Just one race remains before the field is set for the 12-driver postseason.

Haley held on for second, followed by John Hunter Nemechek, Gragson teammate Justin Allgaier and Riley Herbst with just one race left before the 10-race playoffs begin.

— From staff and wire reports

CHAMP

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a delay of more than four minutes, Fernandez — a 19-year-old lefthander from Canada ranked 73rd — spoke to chair umpire Marijana Veljovic.

"I was just praying not for a double-fault, but we got through it," said Raducanu, the youngest women's Grand Slam champion since Maria Sharapova won Wimbledon at 17 in 2004. "I think just staying in the moment, focusing on what I had to do, my process and the mindset just really helps in those tough times."

After action returned, Raducanu saved a pair of break points, then converted on her third chance to close it out with a 108 mph ace. She dropped her racket, landed on her back and covered her face with both hands.

Raducanu, who was born in Toronto and moved to England with her family at age 2, is the first British woman to win a Grand Slam trophy since Virginia Wade at Wimbledon in 1977. Queen Elizabeth II sent a congratulatory note, hailing the victory as a "remarkable achievement at such a young age."

Fernandez, whose birthday was Monday, was asked during a prematch interview in the hallway that leads from the locker room to the court entrance what she expected Saturday's greatest challenge to be.

"Honestly," she responded, "I don't know."

Fair. Neither she nor Raducanu could have truly known.

Both walked out to loud ovations — Fernandez's was slightly more raucous — and wearing their equipment bags with both straps over their shoulders, the way someone might do with a backpack for high school (Raducanu recently completed her exams) or college.

Both displayed the poise and shot-making of veterans at the U.S. Open. The talent and affinity for the big stage both possess is unmistakable.

The final was entertaining, filled with lengthy points and lengthy games.

One of the significant differences came at the start of points, because that is where Fernandez faltered. She put only 58% of her first serves in and finished with five double-faults, helping Raducanu accumulate 18 break points, four of which were converted.

The crowd was so quiet right before and during points that one could hear the right-handed Raducanu's slap of a leg while waiting to receive serves or her whisper of an exhale while swinging her racket.

And folks — thrilled to be back onsite after last year's pandemic ban of all spectators — got so loud after points, celebrating along with the lefthanded Fernandez's physical trainer, who would leap out of his front-row seat when things went his player's way.

LECANTO

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sophomore for the Panthers, came in 13th with a 20:59.47, and Citrus senior Mackenzie Scordato was right behind in 12th (21:08.24).

"I just wanted to have fun and work on controlling my anxiety," Veldwijk said. "It's great running here. It's a true cross country course."

As with the boys, Crystal River and Seven Rivers did not have enough runners for a team score on the girls side.

"My time was 26-plus, but it's my first race ever, and I'll get better," Seven Rivers runner Graceann Schlisner said. "I'm happy I finished."

Staff writer Chris Bernhardt Jr. contributed to this report.

GATORS

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on downs on four straight possessions to begin the second half.

"I thought (Jones) played much better this week than last week. I just thought we got sloppy in the second half," Mullen said.

"I feel like I came out a little slow in the second half, which led to those two interceptions," Jones said. "Just bad decisions by me. I shouldn't have thrown those balls."

Richardson, meanwhile, took an astounding passer rating of 917.2 into the fourth quarter after completing his first two attempts to Jacob Copeland on scoring plays of 75 and 41 yards before halftime.

The 6-foot-4, 236-pound backup from Gainesville, Florida, completed his only pass of the second half for 36 yards to finish 3 of 3 for 152 yards, two TDs and a 745.6 rating that seemingly would be difficult for Mullen to ignore with top-ranked and defending champion Alabama visiting The Swamp next Saturday.

"He does special things. He doesn't always do the right thing, but he does special things," Mullen said. "We have to keep coaching him up."

Mullen said Jones will start, and both quarterbacks will play, against Alabama.

"I thought both of them were pretty efficient in the first half. It's a long season and we have young quarterbacks that I have to continue to grow and develop into being good football players," Mullen said.

"We're trying to win football games," the coach added after his 100th career victory. "My responsibility is to put the team in a position to win and there's a lot that goes into that."

Richardson also outplayed Jones in a season-opening rout of Florida Atlantic, rushing for 160 yards on seven carries to key a 21-point victory. He may have sealed his bid for the starting job Saturday when he broke a tackle, then stiff-armed another defender, on an 80-yard TD run that put the Gators up 42-13 early in the fourth quarter.

Jones finished 14 of 22 for 151 yards, one TD and two interceptions. He's thrown four picks in two games against overmatched opponents after Kyle Trask threw eight all of last season against the all-SEC schedule the Gators played because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Richardson, who rushed for 115 yards on four carries against USF, limped to the sideline after Mullen said the backup's right hamstring tightened on his long TD run.

USF, which dropped its opener 45-0 at North Carolina State, fell to 1-10 under second-year coach Jeff Scott.

Scott was encouraged by the way the Bulls (0-2) played after trailing by 32 at the half.

"I told our guys there's nothing we can do about the first half, but what I expect them to do is go out and play better the second half and we did," Scott said.

"I really think we're going to look back three, four weeks from now," the USF coach continued, "and say the second half of this game is where we kind of started to turn the corner here."

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away
Tampa Bay	89	53	.627	—	—	5-5	W-1	45-26	44-27
Boston	80	63	.559	9½	—	5-5	L-1	44-29	36-34
New York	78	63	.553	10½	—	2-8	L-7	40-31	38-32
Toronto	78	63	.553	10½	—	9-1	W-1	39-30	39-33
Baltimore	46	95	.326	42½	32	5-5	L-1	22-47	24-48

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away
Chicago	81	60	.574	—	—	6-4	W-1	47-24	34-36
Cleveland	69	71	.493	11½	8½	3-7	L-2	36-35	33-36
Detroit	67	76	.469	15	12	5-5	L-1	36-36	31-40
Kansas City	64	78	.451	17½	14½	5-5	L-1	34-35	30-43
Minnesota	63	79	.444	18½	15½	5-5	W-1	33-37	30-42

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away
Houston	82	58	.586	—	—	4-5	W-1	44-26	38-32
Seattle	77	64	.546	5½	1	7-3	W-2	41-29	36-35
Oakland	77	65	.542	6	1½	4-6	L-1	40-33	37-32
Los Angeles	69	72	.489	13½	9	4-5	L-2	37-34	32-38
Texas	52	89	.369	30½	26	6-4	W-1	31-37	21-52

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away
Atlanta	75	65	.536	—	—	5-5	W-2	36-33	39-32
Philadelphia	72	70	.507	4	3	4-6	W-1	40-30	32-40
New York	71	71	.500	5	4	6-4	W-1	42-27	29-44
Miami	59	82	.418	16½	15½	4-6	L-1	38-34	21-48
Washington	58	84	.408	18	17	3-7	L-3	33-39	25-45

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away
Milwaukee	88	55	.615	—	—	7-3	W-4	40-31	48-24
Cincinnati	75	68	.524	13	½	4-6	L-1	38-33	37-35
St. Louis	72	69	.511	15	2½	4-6	W-1	38-33	34-36
Chicago	65	78	.455	23	10½	7-3	L-2	39-35	26-43
Pittsburgh	52	90	.366	35½	23	4-6	W-2	32-39	20-51

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away
San Francisco	92	50	.648	—	—	8-2	W-6	45-23	47-27
Los Angeles	89	53	.627	3	—	6-4	W-1	47-23	42-30
San Diego	74	66	.529	17	—	5-5	L-1	44-31	30-35
Colorado	65	78	.455	27½	10½	4-6	L-1	45-27	20-51
Arizona	45	96	.319	46½	29½	1-9	L-6	28-43	17-53

ROUNDUP/MATCHUPS

Giants 15, Cubs 4: Tommy La Stella and Brandon Belt hit three-run homers and San Francisco pounded Chicago for its sixth straight victory.
Rangers 8, Athletics 6: Jonah Heim hit a two-run home run with two outs in the eighth to cap a five-run rally. Trailing 6-2 after being held down by starter Cole Irvin, the Rangers took advantage of the A's struggling bullpen.
Blue Jays 11, Orioles 10, Game 1: George Springer hit a two-out, two-run homer in the seventh inning to lift Toronto past Baltimore in the first game of a doubleheader.
Cardinals 6, Reds 4: Nolan Arenado hit a two-run homer in the eighth and had three RBIs and Paul DeJong had a solo shot.
Phillies 6, Rockies 1: Zack Wheeler steadied the slumping Phillies with eight strikeouts and Bryce Harper homered.
Pirates 10, Nationals 7: Bryan Reynolds hit his 23rd home run of the season and drove in three runs.
Twins 9, Royals 2: Jorge Polanco hit two of Minnesota's five home runs, Michael Pineda pitched five strong innings in his return to the rotation.

LATE
Boston at Chicago White Sox
L.A. Angels at Houston
N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets,
Toronto at Baltimore, 2nd game
Arizona at Seattle
Miami at Atlanta
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers

TODAY'S GAMES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Tampa Bay (Patiño 4-3) at Detroit (Skubal 8-12), 12:10 p.m.
Toronto (Matz 11-7) at Baltimore (Lowther 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Boston (Pivetta 9-7) at Chicago White Sox (Lynn 10-4), 2:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Bubic 4-6) at Minnesota (Ober 2-2), 2:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Barria 2-3) at Houston (McCullers Jr. 11-4), 2:10 p.m.
Texas (Hearn 5-4) at Oakland (Kaprielian 7-4), 4:07 p.m.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Colorado (Feltner 0-1) at Philadelphia (Nola 7-8), 1:05 p.m.
Washington (Corbin 7-14) at Pittsburgh (Wilson 2-6), 1:05 p.m.
Miami (Cabrera 0-1) at Atlanta (Fried 11-7), 1:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Gray 7-6) at St. Louis (Happ 8-8), 2:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Webb 9-3) at Chicago Cubs (Steele 3-2), 2:20 p.m.
San Diego (Snell 7-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Scherzer 13-4), 4:10 p.m.
INTERLEAGUE
Milwaukee (Lauer 5-5) at Cleveland (Civale 10-3), 1:10 p.m.
Arizona (Gilbert 1-2) at Seattle (Kikuchi 7-8), 4:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (TBD) at N.Y. Mets (Carrasco 1-2), 8:08 p.m.

BOX SCORES

Tampa Bay 7, Detroit 2

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
Lowe 2b	4	0	2	2	Baddoo cf	4	0	0	0
Meadows lf	4	0	0	1	Schoop 1b	4	1	1	0
Cruz dh	5	1	2	0	Grossman lf	4	1	1	1
Choi 1b	5	0	0	0	Cabrera dh	4	0	1	1
Arozarena rf	3	0	0	1	Candelario 3b	4	0	0	0
Wendle 3b	4	2	2	1	Haase c	2	0	0	0
Zunino c	4	1	0	1	Goodrum ss	3	0	0	0
Kiermaier cf	3	2	2	1	W.Castro 2b	3	0	0	0
Walls ss	3	1	2	0	Reyes rf	3	0	0	0
Totals	35	7	10	7	Totals	31	2	3	2

Tampa Bay 030 210 001 —7
Detroit 000 100 001 —2

E—Walls (4), Zunino (4). LOB—Tampa Bay 6, Detroit 3. 2B—Kiermaier (17), Lowe (26), Schoop (27). 3B—Wendle (4), Kiermaier (5). HR—Wendle (10), Grossman (23). SB—Walls (4). SF—Lowe (3), Arozarena (3), Meadows (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
Archer	4	2	1	1	1	2
Enns W,1-0	4	0	0	0	0	6
Armstrong	1	1	1	1	0	2
Detroit						
Mize L,7-8	2	3	3	3	1	2
Garcia	1 2/3	2	2	2	0	1
Krol	1/3	1	0	0	0	0
Hutchison	4	2	1	1	1	2
Carlton	1	2	1	1	0	1

WP—Hutchison.
Umpires—Home, James Hoye; First, Sean Barber; Second, Mark Carlson; Third, Jordan Baker.
T—2:49. A—18,842 (41,083).

Milwaukee 3, Cleveland 0

Milwaukee	ab	r	h	bi	Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi
Wong 2b	4	1	0	0	Straw cf	3	0	0	0
Escobar 3b-1b	4	0	0	0	Zimmer rf	3	0	0	0
Yelich lf	3	1	1	1	Ramírez 3b	3	0	0	0
Narváez c	3	0	1	1	F.Reyes dh	3	0	0	0
Peterson rf-1b	4	0	0	0	Bradley 1b	3	0	0	0
Urías ss	3	0	0	0	Ramirez lf	3	0	0	0
Vogelbach dh	4	1	2	0	Miller 2b	3	0	0	0
Tellez 1b	1	0	1	1	Giménez ss	2	0	0	0
P.Reyes 3b	2	0	0	0	Mercado ph	1	0	0	0
Bradley Jr. rf	1	0	0	0	Hedges c	3	0	0	0
Cain cf	4	0	2	0					
Totals	33	3	7	3	Totals	27	0	0	0

Milwaukee 210 000 000 —3
Cleveland 000 000 000 —0

E—Straw (2), Zimmer (1). LOB—Milwaukee 8, Cleveland 1. 2B—Yelich (18), Tellez (8). SF—Narváez (6).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Milwaukee						
Burnes W,10-4	8	0	0	0	1	14
Hader S,31-32	1	0	0	0	0	2
Cleveland						
Plesac L,10-5	6	4	3	2	2	3
Shaw	1	1	0	0	0	0
Parker	1	1	0	0	2	1
Garza	1	1	0	0	0	1

Umpires—Home, Jeremie Rehak; First, Scott Barry; Second, Dan Iassogna; Third, John Bacon.
T—2:39. A—20,100 (34,788).

San Francisco 15, Chicago Cubs 4

San Francisco	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
La Stella 2b	6	3	3	5	Ortega cf	5	1	1	0
Belt 1b	4	2	2	3	Schwindel 1b	4	1	3	0
Posey c	3	0	1	0	Happ lf-rf	3	1	1	1
Casali c	1	1	0	0	Romine c	1	0	1	0
Wade Jr. rf-lf	5	1	1	1	Contreras c	3	0	2	2
Bryant lf	4	2	2	0	Maples p	0	0	0	0
Dubón ph-cf	1	0	0	0	Chirinos 2b	1	0	0	0
Crawford ss	1	2	1	0	Wisdom 3b	4	0	0	0
Estrada ss	1	0	0	1	Heyward rf	2	0	1	0
Longoria 3b	3	1	2	3	Sampson pr	0	0	0	0
Ystrzemski cf-rf	4	2	1	2	Rodríguez p	0	0	0	0
Gausman p	3	1	0	0	Nance p	0	0	0	0
Duggar ph	0	0	0	0	Rivas lf	1	1	0	0
Baragar p	1	0	0	0	Duffy 2b-ss	4	0	1	0
					Alcántara ss	1	0	0	0
					Alzolay p	0	0	0	0
					Martini ph-lf	3	0	0	0
					Davies p	0	0	0	0
					Bote 2b	3	0	1	0
					Brothers p	0	0	0	0
					Effross p	0	0	0	1
Totals	37	15	13	15	Totals	35	4	11	4

San Francisco 051 060 021—15
Chicago 102 000 001 —4

DP—San Francisco 2, Chicago 2. LOB—San Francisco 8, Chicago 6. 2B—Belt (12), Longoria (13), La Stella (9), Schwindel (9). 3B—Happ (1). HR—Belt (23), La Stella (4). SF—Longoria (2), Effross (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Francisco						
Gausman W,14-5	6	8	3	3	0	9
Baragar S,2-3	3	3	1	1	1	2
Chicago						
Davies L,6-11	2	4	5	5	3	1
Alzolay	2	3	1	1	0	2
Rodríguez	0	2	5	5	3	0
Nance	1	2	1	1	0	2
Maples	2	0	0	0	1	1
Brothers	1/3	0	2	2	4	0
Effross	1 2/3	2	1	1	0	3

Rodríguez pitched to 5 batters in the 5th.
HBP—Effross (Belt).
Umpires—Home, Carlos Torres; First, Lance Barrett; Second, Alfonso Marquez; Third, Ryan Additon.
T—3:47. A—34,723 (41,649).

Texas 8, Oakland 6

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Taveras cf	5	1	1	1	Harrison 2b-3b	4	0	0	1
Kiner-Falefa ss	5	0	1	0	Marte cf	4	1	1	1
García rf	5	1	1	0	Olson 1b	4	1	1	1
Peters lf	5	2	2	2	Chapman 3b	2	0	0	0
Lowe 1b	3	1	0	0	Kemp 2b	2	0	1	0
Solak 2b	4	1	1	1	Gomes c	3	1	0	0
Pozo dh	4	0	3	2	Canha lf	4	1	1	2
J.Martin dh	0	1	0	0	Davis dh	3	1	1	0
Heim c	3	1	2	2	Lowrie ph	1	0	0	0
Culberson 3b	4	0	0	0	Pinder rf	3	1	2	1
					Andrus ss	3	0	1	0
					Brown ph	1	0	1	0
Totals	38	8	11	8	Totals	34	6	9	6

Texas 000 200 051 —8
Oakland 111 300 000 —6

DP—Texas 1, Oakland 0. LOB—Texas 5, Oakland 4. 2B—Heim (12), Solak (16), Pozo (3), Davis (4), Andrus (23), Pinder (12). HR—Peters (10), Heim (9), Taveras (3), Marte (4), Olson (33), Canha (17). SB—Lowe (7). SF—Harrison (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Benjamin	3 1/3	6	6	6	2	4
Cotton	2 2/3	1	0	0	0	0
B.Martin W,4-4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Patton H,9	1	1	0	0	0	1
Barlow S,5-6	1	1	0	0	0	0
Oakland						
Irvin	7	6	2	2	1	8
Romo	2/3	3	4	4	1	0
Chafin L,1-1 BS,3-5	1/3	1	1	1	0	0
Petit	1	1	1	1	0	0

WP—Barlow.
Umpires—Home, Brian Knight; First, Bill Miller; Second, Gabe Morales; Third, Adam Beck.
T—2:46. A—7,945 (46,847).

Toronto 11, Baltimore 10

Game 1

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Springer dh	5	1	2	2	Hays lf	5	2	2	3
Semien 2b	5	0	1	0	Mountcastle dh	5	1	1	1
Guerrero Jr. 1b	4	1	1	1	Mancini 1b	4	2	2	0
Bichette ss	3	1	1	0	Santander rf	4	3	3	2
Hernández rf-lf	4	3	3	0	Urías 2b	3	0	1	0
Dickerson cf	3	1	0	0	Severino c	4	1	3	1
Grichuk rf	0	0	0	0	McKenna cf	3	0	1	2
Gurriel Jr. lf	3	1	2	3	Mullins ph-cf	0	0	0	0
Dyson pr-cf	0	1	0	0	Gutierrez 3b	4	1	1	0
Lamb 3b	2	1	2	3	Martin ss	3	0	0	1
Jansen c	4	1	1	2	Stewart ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	33	11	13	11	Totals	36	10	14	10

Toronto 021 220 4—11
Baltimore 232 300 0—10

E—Guerrero Jr. (7), Severino (3). LOB—Toronto 6, Baltimore 8. 2B—Semien (37), Hernández 2 (26), Lamb (3), Mancini (31), Gutierrez (5), McKenna (4). HR—Gurriel Jr. (17), Guerrero Jr. (43), Jansen (8), Springer (17), Santander (16), Hays 2 (18), Mountcastle (27). SF—Lamb (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Ryu	2 1/3	8	7	7	1	4
Stripling	1 2/3	5	3	3	0	1
Pearson W,1-1	2	1	0	0	2	2
Romano S,17-18	1	0	0	0	0	0
Baltimore						
Kremer	4	7	5	5	1	2
Diplán	2/3	2	2	2	2	0
Tate H,7	1	1	0	0	0	0
T.Wells L,2-2 BS,2-4	1 1/3	3	4	4	1	1

Tate pitched to 3 batters in the 6th.
WP—Pearson, Kremer.
Umpires—Home, Ed Hickox; First, Dave Rackley; Second, Shane Livensparger; Third, Jim Wolf.

St. Louis 6, Cincinnati 4

Cincinnati	ab	r	h	bi	St. Louis	ab	r	h	bi
India 2b	4	1	2	2	Edman 2b	4	0	1	1
Schrock lf	4	1	1	0	Goldschmidt 1b	3	1	1	0
Castellanos rf	3	1	1	2	O'Neill lf	4	1	1	0
Votto 1b	3	0	0	0	Arenado 3b	4	2	2	3
Naquin cf	3	0	0	0	Carlson rf	4	0	2	1
Akiyama cf	0	0	0	0	Molina c	4	0	0	0
Stephenson ph	1	0	0	0	DeJong ss	3	1	2	1
Moustakas 3b	4	0	1	0	Bader cf	3	1	2	0
Barrero ss	3	0	0	0	Mikolas p	0	0	0	0
Cabrera ph	1	0	0	0	Carpenter ph	1	0	0	0
Barnhart c	3	1	1	0	G.Cabrera p	0	0	0	0
Castillo p	2	0	0	0	Nootbaar ph	1	0	0	0
Sims p	0	0	0	0	Reyes p	0	0	0	0
					Gallegos p	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	4	6	4	Totals	31	6	11	6

Cincinnati 004 000 000 —4
St. Louis 002 002 02x —6

E—Castillo (1). DP—Cincinnati 3, St. Louis 1. LOB—Cincinnati 3, St. Louis 3. 2B—Bader (13), Carlson (28), Goldschmidt (28). 3B—Arenado (3). HR—India (20), Castellanos (28), DeJong (17), Arenado (30). S—Castillo (7), Mikolas (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cincinnati						
Castillo	7	8	4	4	1	5
Sims L,5-3	1	3	2	2	0	2
St. Louis						
Mikolas	5	6	4	4	1	1
G.Cabrera	2	0	0	0	0	1
Reyes W,7-8	1	0	0	0	1	1
Gallegos S,7-14	1	0	0	0	0	2

Umpires—Home, Ryan Blakney; First, Edwin Moscoso; Second, Doug Eddings; Third, Tripp Gibson.

Philadelphia 6, Colorado 1

Colorado	ab	r	h	bi	Philadelphia	ab	r	h	bi
Blackmon rf	4	0	1	0	Vierling 1b	3	0	0	0
Rodgers 2b	4	0	0	0	Miller ph-1b	1	1	1	1
Story ss	4	1	1	1	Segura 2b	5	2	2	1
Cron 1b	4	0	1	0	Harper rf	3	2	1	1
McMahon 3b	3	0	2	0	McCutchen lf	3	1	2	0
Daza cf	4	0	1	0	Neris p	0	0	0	0
Hilliard lf	0	0	0	0	Bradley p	0	0	0	0
Tapia lf	2	0	0	0	Realmuto c	3	0	0	0
Kinley p	0	0	0	0	Gregorius ss	3	0	1	1
Fernández p	0	0	0	0	Torreyes 3b	4	0	0	0
Welker ph	1	0	0	0	Herrera cf	4	0	2	2
Nuñez c	3	0	0	0	Wheeler p	3	0	0	0
Freeland p	2	0	1	0	Alvarado p	0	0	0	0
Ruiz ph-lf	1	0	0	0	Moniak lf	1	0	0	0
Totals	32	1	7	1	Totals	33	6	9	6

Colorado 000 001 000 —1
Philadelphia 000 310 20x —6

E—Gregorius (16), Wheeler (2). DP—Colorado 0, Philadelphia 3. LOB—Colorado 8, Philadelphia 8. 2B—McMahon 2 (27), Herrera (21), McCutchen (18). HR—Story (21), Segura (12), Miller (18), Harper (31). SB—Herrera (6).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Colorado						
Freeland L,5-8	6	5	4	4	4	3
Kinley	1	2	2	2	0	2
Fernández	1	2	0	0	1	1
Philadelphia						
Wheeler W,13-9	6 2/3	4	1	1	2	8
Alvarado H,14	1/3	0	0	0	0	0
Neris	1	2	0	0	0	1
Bradley	1	1	0	0	1	0

HBP—Wheeler (Hilliard). WP—Wheeler.
Umpires—Home, Mike Estabrook; First, John Libka; Second, Jansen Visconti; Third, Laz Diaz.
T—3:17. A—23,232 (42,792).

Pittsburgh 10, Washington 7

Washington	ab	r	h	bi	Pittsburgh	ab	r	h	bi
Thomas cf	4	1	1	0	Hayes 3b	4	1	0	0
Escobar ss	5	2	2	1	Tsutsugo rf-1b	2	2	0	0
Soto rf	5	2	4	1	Reynolds cf	3	2	2	3
Bell 1b	4	1	2	0	Moran 1b	4	0	2	3
Harper p	0	0	0	0	Shreve p	0	0	0	0
Hernandez lf	5	0	1	1	Miller p	0	0	0	0
Kieboom 3b	5	0	0	0	Difo ph	1	0	0	0
Ruiz c	2	0	1	3	Stratton p	0	0	0	0
Adams pr-c	1	0	0	0	Gamel lf	5	1	1	1
García 2b	3	0	0	0	Tucker ss-rf	5	0	0	0
Gray p	1	0	0	0	Perez c	3	1	0	0
Stevenson ph	1	0	0	0	Park 2b	1	3	1	0
Baldonado p	0	0	0	0	Crowe p	0	0	0	0
Machado p	0	0	0	0	Alford ph	1	0	0	0
Clay p	0	0	0	0	Banda p	0	0	0	0
Zimmerman 1b	1	1	1	1	K.Keller p	0	0	0	0
					Newman ss	1	0	1	1
Totals	37	7	12	7	Totals	30	10	7	8

Washington 000 320 110 —7
Pittsburgh 002 034 10x—10

E—Ruiz (1), García (8). DP—Washington 0, Pittsburgh 2. LOB—Washington 9, Pittsburgh 8. 2B—Ruiz (1), Thomas (7), Escobar (14), Newman (20). HR—Zimmerman (13), Reynolds (23), Gamel (7). SB—Difo (1). S—Crowe (4), Newman (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Washington						
Gray	5	3	5	5	6	4
Baldonado L,0-1	1/3	0	2	2	2	0
Machado	2/3	1	2	0	2	2
Clay	1	2	1	1	0	0
Harper	1	1	0	0	0	2
Pittsburgh						
Crowe	4	4	3	3	2	6
Banda	1	4	2	2	0	0
K.Keller W,1-1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Shreve	1	2	1	1	2	0
Miller	1	2	1	1	1	0
Stratton S,4-7	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—K.Keller (Ruiz). WP—Banda.
Umpires—Home, Nestor Ceja; First, Todd Tichenor; Second, Chad Whitson; Third, Tony Randazzo.

Minnesota 9, Kansas City 2

Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi	Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
Merrifield 2b	5	0	1	0	Arraez 3b	4	0	0	0
Lopez ss	4	1	2	0	Buxton cf	5	2	2	1
Perez c	3	0	1	0	Polanco 2b	5	2	3	3
Rivero c	0	0	0	0	Donaldson dh	5	1	1	0
Benintendi lf	4	0	2	1	Kepler rf	3	2	2	1
Santana dh	4	0	0	0	Gordon ss	3	1	1	1
Taylor cf	3	0	0	0	Sanó 1b	3	1	0	0
Olivares rf	4	0	0	0	Cave lf	4	0	1	2
Alberto 3b	4	1	2	0	Rortvedt c	4	0	2	1
Dozier 1b	4	0	2	1					
Totals	35	2	10	2	Totals	36	9	12	9

Kansas City 000 100 001 —2
Minnesota 210 120 30x —9

DP—Kansas City 0, Minnesota 1. LOB—Kansas City 8, Minnesota 7. 2B—Dozier 2 (24), Benintendi (22), Alberto (16), Kepler (20). HR—Buxton (13), Polanco 2 (29), Gordon (2), Kepler (17). SB—Gordon (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kansas City						
Singer L,4-10	4 2/3	7	6	6	2	7
Zuber	1	1	0	0	0	1
Davis	1	3	3	3	2	0
Zimmer	1 1/3	1	0	0	0	1
Minnesota						
Pineda W,6-8	5	5	1	1	0	3
Thielbar	1	1	0	0	1	2
Farrell	1	0	0	0	0	0
Coulombe	2	4	1	1	0	1

Zuber pitched to 3 batters in the 6th, Davis pitched to 6 batters in the 7th.
HBP—Pineda (Perez).
Umpires—Home, Greg Gibson; First, Ben May; Second, Rob Drake; Third, Will Little.

This Date in Baseball

1932 — Brooklyn's Johnny Frederick hit his sixth pinch home run of the season, a major league record, in the ninth inning to spark the Dodgers to a 4-3 triumph over the Chicago Cubs at Ebbets Field.

1947 — Ralph Kiner of the Pittsburgh Pirates hit two home runs — his seventh and eighth in four games — for a major league record.

1962 — Tom Cheney of the Washington Senators set a record by fanning 21 Baltimore Orioles in a 16-inning game, which he won 2-1.

1976 — Minnie Minoso singled in three at bats as the designated hitter for the Chicago White Sox. At 53, he became the oldest player to get a hit in a regulation game.

WILD CARD STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Boston	80	63	.559	—
New York	78	63	.553	—
Toronto	78	63	.553	—
Seattle	77	64	.546	1
Oakland	77	65	.542	1½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Los Angeles	89	53	.627	—
San Diego	74	66	.529	—
Cincinnati	75	68	.524	½
St. Louis	72	69	.511	2½
Philadelphia	72	70	.507	3
New York	71	71	.500	4

Brewers combine for no-no

BRIAN DULIK
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Milwaukee ace Corbin Burnes combined with reliever Josh Hader to pitch baseball's record ninth no-hitter this season, breaking a mark set when pitchers began throwing overhand in 1884 as the Brewers beat the Cleveland Indians 3-0 on Saturday night.

Burnes (10-4) struck out 14 with 115 pitches over eight innings, taking a perfect game into the seventh while overpowering the Indians, who were no-hit for a record third time in 2021. All of those came with starter Zach Plesac on the mound.

This time, Cleveland was stymied by Burnes — who has become a Cy Young contender as the Brewers run away with the NL Central — and Hader, one of the game's top closers.

"Anyone would want to keep pitching in that situation, but if there was anyone I would want out there for the ninth, it would be Josh Hader," Burnes said. "There were no nerves with him. It was more like a done deal when he came in."

The right-handed Burnes was in control from the start, striking out 11 of his first 14 hitters and retiring the first 18 in order. After walking Myles Straw to start the seventh, the 26-year-old got through the eighth thanks to a diving catch by center fielder Lorenzo Cain on Owen Miller's liner.

"I was definitely on my horse, ready to go get that one," Cain said. "You need a little bit of everything to go right in a no-hitter."

The Progressive Field crowd booed as Hader came on in the ninth. He overpowered Oscar Mercado, striking him out to start the inning. Then, first baseman Jace Peterson went into foul territory to making a lunging catch for the second out.

Hader ended the no-hitter by getting Straw to flail at a pitch in the dirt for his 31st save. The Brewers stormed the field to share hugs and high-fives with a signature victory in their runaway season.

"To share that with Josh was obviously awesome," Burnes said. "He was the first guy I congratulated."

Juan Nieves pitched the Brewers' previous no-hitter on April 15, 1987, at Baltimore.

Rays get win over Tigers

DAVE HOGG
Associated Press

DETROIT — Joey Wendle tripled and homered, 30-year-old Dietrich Enns won for the first time in the major leagues and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Detroit Tigers 7-2 on Saturday.

"We all wanted to see this moment," Wendle said about Enns. "He hasn't always had the best luck, but he keeps going out there and he was electric tonight. We're thrilled for him."

Kevin Kiermaier doubled and tripled to help the Rays end a two-game losing streak.

"This was a really good performance across the board," Rays manager Kevin Cash said. "Joey crushed two balls — he would have had two homers in a lot of parks. KK picked up some extra bases, we drove guys in and we pitched well."

Detroit's Miguel Cabrera picked up his 2,974th career hit with an RBI single in the fourth.

Enns (1-0) struck out six in four hitless innings of relief, nine years after being drafted by the New York Yankees out of Central Michigan University.

"That beer shower was really special," he said. "It made it even better to do it in Detroit. I didn't go to school far from here, so my parents and some of my college teammates got to see it."

Rays starter Chris Archer gave up one run on two hits before leaving after four innings with left hip discomfort.

"It's something he's dealt with all year," Rays manager Kevin Cash said. "It comes and goes. Tonight, he said after the fourth that it was bothering him. We'll get him worked on by the trainers."

Detroit's Casey Mize (7-8), who is on a pitch limit, allowed three runs in two innings.

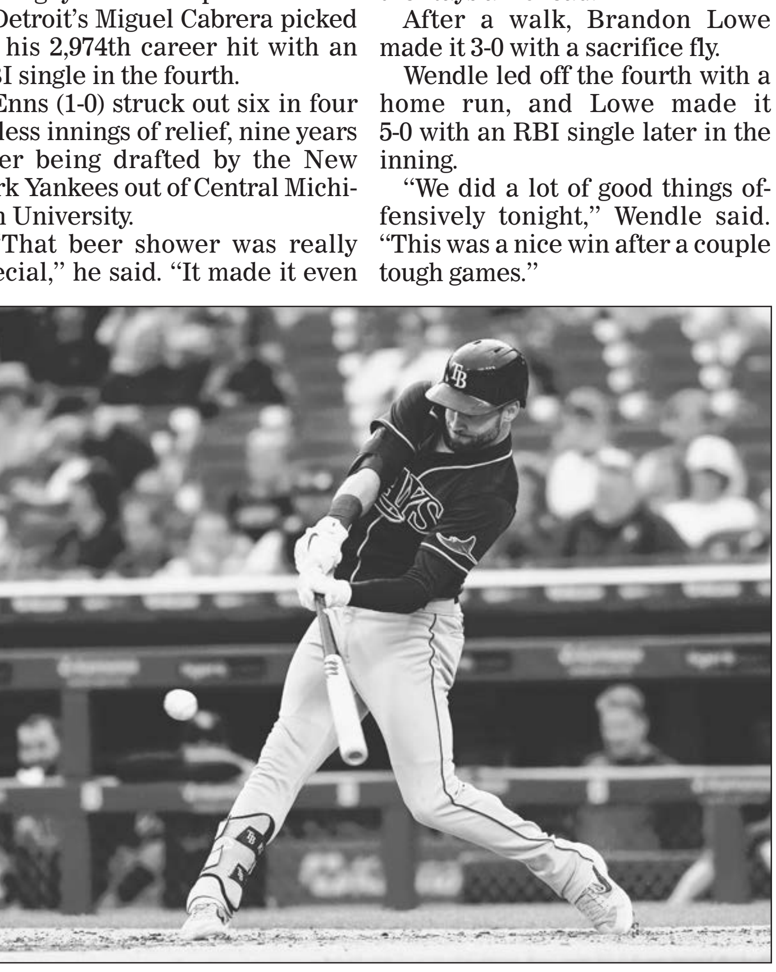
Wendle tripled with one out in the second. Mike Zunino followed with a grounder to third and Wendle beat Jeimer Candelario's throw to the plate.

Kiermaier followed with his second triple in as many games, giving the Rays a 2-0 lead.

After a walk, Brandon Lowe made it 3-0 with a sacrifice fly.

Wendle led off the fourth with a home run, and Lowe made it 5-0 with an RBI single later in the inning.

"We did a lot of good things offensively tonight," Wendle said. "This was a nice win after a couple tough games."



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Tampa Bay Rays center fielder Kevin Kiermaier hits a double against the Detroit Tigers during the fourth inning of a game Saturday, in Detroit.

Laporta tops leaderboard at Wentworth

Associated Press

VIRGINIA WATER, England — Francesco Laporta of Italy shot 3-under 69 to take a one-stroke lead after three rounds of the BMW PGA Championship on Saturday as Bernd Wiesberger moved closer to sealing a place in Europe's Ryder Cup team.

Nineteen players were within five shots of the 264th-ranked Laporta, who was 14 under overall, heading into the final round of the flagship event on the European Tour. The closest was English player Laurie Canter, who shot 70 and was a stroke behind in second place outright.

Ryder Cup qualification is the major subplot of this week's tournament at the tour headquarters at Wentworth, which marks the final chance for players to earn points to gain an automatic place in the European team.

Wiesberger looks almost sure of getting in via the European points list after shooting a second straight round of 67 to climb to a tie for seventh place on 11 under. The Austrian golfer, who has never played in the Ryder Cup, needs to finish only in the top 50 to jump above Rory McIlroy on the list. McIlroy would still be assured of making the team via the world points list.

Alongside Wiesberger on 11 under was Shane Lowry, also looking to be a Ryder Cup debutant.

Lowry, who birdied the par-5 last — for the third time this week — to complete a round of 69, was in a close race with Lee Westwood and potentially Matt Fitzpatrick for the final places on the European points list.

As it stood, Westwood — whose 71 left him on 5 under overall — was just above Lowry as the final qualifier on that list.

"I feel like I had a great chance to make the (Ryder Cup) team in 2016 and threw that away," Lowry said. "Missed a few cuts in a row and felt like I was there after the U.S. Open, but then shied away from it a little bit.

"Whereas the last few months, I've fought as hard as I could and went out every day and tried my best and thankfully it's been good. Who knows whether it will be good enough?"

As an indication of how close it was, Lowry was provisionally in the Ryder Cup team when he played his first 14 holes in 3 under par, out of it when he bogeyed the 15th, and then back in it with a birdie on the 18th.

But as more players finished and pushed Lowry into a three-way tie for seventh, Westwood edged back in front of Lowry by just 2.34 points.

Justin Rose shot 72 and will need to come from five strokes back to get the win he requires to move into the automatic qualification spots.

Otherwise, he is relying on getting one of the three captain's picks from Padraig Harrington on Sunday night. Harrington has already indicated that Ian Poulter, who missed the cut this week, and Sergio Garcia are favored to get two of the captain's picks.

Among those two shots off the lead and in with a great chance of winning were former FedEx Cup winner Billy Horschel (69), who didn't make the U.S. Ryder Cup team, and former Masters champion Adam Scott (70).

Upstaging them all was Laporta, who is bidding to win his first European Tour title a week after securing his card for next season.

"It will be tough, but I like to be under pressure," Laporta said. "This is what we play for."

Tanigawa, Barron share PGA Tour Champions lead in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS — Ken Tanigawa had two front-nine eagles in a 6-under 65 for a share of the second-round lead with Doug Barron in the PGA Tour Champions' inaugural Ascension Charity Classic.

Tanigawa eagled the par-5 second and eighth holes in a front-nine 30 on Norwood Hills' West Course, the tree-lined layout where Ben Hogan won the 1948 PGA Championship for his second major title.

"I can't tell you the last time I had two eagles on nine holes," Tanigawa said. "The par 5s, I hit them in two and really putts that you really shouldn't make that I ended up holing and making. That was a bit of a bonus."

Barron also eagled the eighth and closed with a birdie for a 68 to match Tanigawa at 8-under 134.

The 53-year-old Tanigawa has two senior titles, the last in 2019 in the major Senior PGA Championship. The 52-year-old Barron also has two Champions victories.

Rod Pampling (66) and Alex Cejka (67) were a stroke back, and Jim Furyk (68) was 7 under with Vijay Singh (69), Rocco Mediate (67), Dicky Pride (67) and Wes Short Jr. (69).

BMW PGA Championship

Saturday
At Wentworth Golf Club
Surrey, England
Purse: $8 million
Yardage: 7,267
Par: 72
Third Round

Francesco Laporta, Italy	68-65-69—202	-14
Laurie Canter, England	67-66-70—203	-13
Jamie Donaldson, Wales	69-66-69—204	-12
Adam Scott, Australia	65-69-70—204	-12
Billy Horschel, United States	70-65-69—204	-12
Christiaan Bezuidenhout, South Africa	64-72-68—204	-12
Shane Lowry, Ireland	70-66-69—205	-11
Bernd Wiesberger, Austria	71-67-67—205	-11
Sean Crocker, United States	71-68-66—205	-11
Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Thailand	64-68-74—206	-10
Nicolai Hojgaard, Denmark	70-67-69—206	-10
Joakim Lagergren, Sweden	70-70-66—206	-10
Justin Walters, South Africa	70-70-66—206	-10
Justin Rose, England	67-68-72—207	-9
Thomas Pieters, Belgium	70-66-71—207	-9
Tommy Fleetwood, England	71-68-68—207	-9
Matthias Schwab, Austria	69-69-69—207	-9
Shubhankar Sharma, India	70-69-68—207	-9
Andrew Johnston, England	70-69-68—207	-9
Aaron Rai, England	70-70-67—207	-9
Marcus Armitage, England	70-66-72—208	-8
Masahiro Kawamura, Japan	67-69-72—208	-8
Rafa Cabrera Bello, Spain	71-69-68—208	-8
Martin Kaymer, Germany	70-68-70—208	-8
Fabrizio Zanotti, Paraguay	70-66-73—209	-7
Joachim B. Hansen, Denmark	69-68-72—209	-7
Ross Fisher, England	71-67-71—209	-7
Tapio Pulkkanen, Finland	70-67-72—209	-7
David Drysdale, Scotland	70-70-69—209	-7
Alexander Bjork, Sweden	69-70-70—209	-7
David Law, Scotland	72-69-68—209	-7
Matthew Fitzpatrick, England	72-69-68—209	-7
Sam Horsfield, England	72-65-73—210	-6
Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain	68-69-73—210	-6
Mikko Korhonen, Finland	70-68-72—210	-6
Johannes Veerman, United States	73-66-71—210	-6
Dean Burmester, South Africa	70-70-70—210	-6
Henrik Stenson, Sweden	69-71-70—210	-6
Stephen Gallacher, Scotland	73-67-70—210	-6
Jack Senior, England	70-71-69—210	-6
George Coetzee, South Africa	73-69-68—210	-6
Matthew Southgate, England	70-72-68—210	-6
Kalle Samooja, Finland	70-69-72—211	-5
Wade Ormsby, Austria	73-66-72—211	-5
Lee Westwood, England	70-70-71—211	-5
Paul Waring, England	73-68-70—211	-5
Brandon Stone, South Africa	72-69-70—211	-5
Victor Perez, France	76-66-69—211	-5
Lucas Bjerregaard, Denmark	73-68-70—211	-5
Viktor Hovland, Norway	72-67-73—212	-4
Adrian Otaegui, Spain	72-69-71—212	-4
Alex Noren, Sweden	70-70-72—212	-4
Robert Rock, England	72-70-70—212	-4
Jordan Smith, England	71-71-70—212	-4
Richard Bland, England	74-68-70—212	-4
Francesco Molinari, Italy	69-73-70—212	-4
David Howell, England	71-71-70—212	-4
Pablo Larrazabal, Spain	68-70-75—213	-3
Graeme McDowell, Northern Ireland	71-69-73—213	-3
David Horsey, England	72-68-73—213	-3
Edoardo Molinari, Italy	73-67-73—213	-3
Joost Luiten, Netherlands	68-72-73—213	-3
Oliver Wilson, England	69-73-71—213	-3
Ryan Fox, New Zealand	73-69-71—213	-3
Grant Forrest, Scotland	70-72-71—213	-3
Richie Ramsay, Scotland	71-70-73—214	-2
Danny Willett, England	70-71-73—214	-2
Nacho Elvira, Spain	70-70-75—215	-1
Daniel Gavins, England	70-69-76—215	-1
Joel Stalter, France	72-69-74—215	-1
Julian Suri, United States	69-72-74—215	-1
Alexander Levy, France	75-67-73—215	-1
Ross McGowan, England	70-69-77—216	E
Steven Brown, England	70-72-74—216	E
Robin Roussel, France	70-72-75—217	+1
Antoine Rozner, France	77-65-75—217	+1
Maximilian Kieffer, Germany	72-70-76—218	+2
Jeff Winther, Denmark	69-73-77—219	+3

Ascension Charity Classic

Saturday
At Norwood Hills Country Club
St. Louis, Mo.
Yardage: 6,992; Par: 71
Purse: $2 Million
Second Round

Ken Tanigawa	69-65—134	-8
Doug Barron	66-68—134	-8
Rod Pampling	69-66—135	-7
Alex Cejka	68-67—135	-7
Jim Furyk	67-68—135	-7
Rocco Mediate	69-67—136	-6
Dicky Pride	69-67—136	-6
Wes Short, Jr.	67-69—136	-6
Vijay Singh	67-69—136	-6
Kevin Sutherland	70-67—137	-5
Kenny Perry	69-68—137	-5
David Toms	68-69—137	-5
Jerry Kelly	68-69—137	-5
Jay Haas	68-69—137	-5
Steve Flesch	67-70—137	-5
Bernhard Langer	71-67—138	-4
Paul Stankowski	71-67—138	-4
Billy Mayfair	70-68—138	-4
John Daly	68-70—138	-4
Paul Goydos	66-72—138	-4
Marco Dawson	66-72—138	-4
Jonathan Kaye	73-66—139	-3
Steven Alker	71-68—139	-3
Willie Wood	72-67—139	-3
Tom Byrum	71-68—139	-3
Jesus Rivas	70-69—139	-3
John Senden	70-69—139	-3
Woody Austin	69-70—139	-3
Lee Janzen	68-71—139	-3
Brandt Jobe	72-68—140	-2
Colin Montgomerie	71-69—140	-2
Tom Lehman	71-69—140	-2
Brett Quigley	71-69—140	-2
Stephen Ames	71-69—140	-2
Rich Beem	74-67—141	-1
Scott Parel	71-70—141	-1
Billy Andrade	71-70—141	-1
Kirk Triplett	75-67—142	E
Paul Broadhurst	74-68—142	E
Tom Gillis	74-68—142	E
Corey Pavin	74-68—142	E
Mike Weir	73-69—142	E
Jeff Sluman	73-69—142	E
K.J. Choi	73-69—142	E
Ernie Els	72-70—142	E
Davis Love III	71-71—142	E
Tim Petrovic	71-71—142	E
Chris DiMarco	68-74—142	E
Cliff Kresge	67-75—142	E
Olin Browne	74-69—143	+1
Shane Bertsch	71-72—143	+1
Scott Dunlap	76-68—144	+2
Ken Duke	75-69—144	+2
Retief Goosen	73-71—144	+2
Michael Allen	73-71—144	+2
Darren Clarke	72-72—144	+2
Steve Pate	73-71—144	+2
Bob Estes	72-72—144	+2
Stephen Leaney	72-72—144	+2
Gene Sauers	71-73—144	+2
Glen Day	71-73—144	+2
Gibby Gilbert III	69-75—144	+2
Tim Herron	77-68—145	+3
Kent Jones	73-72—145	+3
Jeff Maggert	72-73—145	+3
Duffy Waldorf	71-74—145	+3
David McKenzie	77-69—146	+4
Jose Maria Olazabal	73-73—146	+4
Jesper Parnevik	77-70—147	+5
Tom Pernice Jr.	72-75—147	+5
Tommy Armour III	71-76—147	+5
Fred Funk	71-77—148	+6
Jay Delsing	71-77—148	+6
Jay Williamson	70-78—148	+6
Mark Calcavecchia	73-76—149	+7
Mark O'Meara	72-77—149	+7
Robert Allenby	76-74—150	+8
Loren Roberts	73-77—150	+8
Larry Mize	78-73—151	+9
Stephen Dodd	75-76—151	+9
David Frost	81-73—154	+12

Bowling SCORES

Parkview Lanes

CONGRATULATIONS: Jeff Koch rolled a perfect game during the Monday Coffee Club on Sept. 3, his fifth honor score at Parkview Lanes. His other games were 214 and 228 for a solid 742 series.

Jeff Koch

FALL LEAGUE OPPORTUNITIES: The Pinbusters mixed league has space for one bowler, and the Women's Trio has space for two bowlers. Several other leagues have space for additional bowlers and/or teams. Call the center at 352-489-6933 for more information or review the Leagues section of our website at ParkviewLanes.net.

LEAGUE SCORES FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPT. 4:

MONDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

Handicap: Nicholas Bruno 328,788; Tony Hyatt 280,794; Carol Anderson 298,729; Shannon Bradford 253; Stacy Christopher 699. Scratch: Nicholas Bruno 261; Tony Hyatt 258,728; Bobby Craft 655; Carol Anderson 235,540; Judy Timmons 184,499.

PARKVIEW 7-9-8 NOTAP

Handicap: Norm Patch 366,1047; K E Conrad 359,975; Carol McHale 366,882; Susan Fabbre 353; Marilyn Seymour 907. Scratch: Milton Smith 300,826; men (5) 300's; Norm Patch 840; Carol McHale 300; Susan Fabbre 300; Jette Hansen 296; Marilyn Seymour 769; Shirley Tenity 710.

WEDNESDAY SCRATCH TRIO

Tony Thompson 268,728; Patrick Pozzi 248; Scott Brown 695; Dorine Fugere 246,650; Stephanie Flory 243,610.

HOLDER HOTSHOTS

Handicap: Joel Bott 281; Tom Marsh 272; Bill Levert 761; Shaun Cater 754; Eileen Keith 251,724; Kaylee Honegger 248,718. Scratch: Robbie Yoakam 254,647; Joel Bott 230; Bill Levert 632; Vicki Jeffers 150,402; Kaylee Honegger 140,694; Dawn Honegger 140.

T.G.I.F.

Handicap: Morris Frank 304; Jim Sanders 282,761; Ken Golubski 748; Dora Golubski 281,751; Glenda Johnston 263,767. Scratch: Jeff Wright 219; Tony Hyatt 214,604; Larry McGarvey 600; Kathie Weaverling 201,510; Dora Golubski 185; Pam Levert 498.

BOWLERS OF THE WEEK

Adults: Tony Thompson, 104 pins over his average, and Glenda Johnston, 107 pins over her average.

Manatee Lanes

TUESDAY ODD BALLS

Men's High Game Hdcp, 268, Ron Larkin

Men's High Series Hdcp, 764, Rich Hakala

Men's High Game Scratch, 296, Ted Lawson

Men's High Series Scratch, 691, Rich Koller

Women's High Game Hdcp, 245, Mary Sutton

Women's High Series Hdcp, 692, Chopper Kjeldgard

Women's High Game Scratch, 201, Kim Mullis

Women's High Series Scratch, 574, Danyelle Lee

WEDNESDAY MATCH PLAY

Men's High Game Hdcp, 318, Bobby Clark

Men's High Series Hdcp, 848, Bob Lawler

THURSDAY POWDER PUFFS

Women's High Game Hdcp, 264, Irene Ciuppa

Women's High Series Hdcp, 775, Linda Sponder

Women's High Game Scratch, 190, Chiki Morrell

Women's High Series Scratch, 604, Susan Dantoni

THURSDAY FLORIDA POWER MIXERS

Men's High Game Scratch, 299, Bird Zachary

Men's High Series Scratch, 729, Matt Ivkovic

Women's High Game Scratch, 232, Hannah Roof

Women's High Series Scratch, 603, Amber Mullis

FRIDAY FUN BUNCH

Men's High Game Hdcp, 256, John Quist

Men's High Series Hdcp, 724, Joey Ellis

Men's High Game Scratch, 253, Preston Koller

Men's High Series Scratch, 628, Rob Ward Jr

Women's High Game Hdcp, 255, Mo Dellolio

Women's High Series Hdcp, 729, Chopper Kjeldgard

Women's High Game Scratch, 213, Mel Holding

Women's High Series Scratch, 611, Joyce Johnson

YOUTH SCORES

Boy's Hdcp Game, 254, Jase Kjeldgard

Boy's Hdcp Series, 692, Skyler Beville

Boy's Scratch Game, 223, Cody Underwood

Boy's Scratch Series, 620, James Cummins

Girl's Hdcp Series, 544, Caydnce

Girl's Scratch Game, 124, Taylor West

Girl's Scratch Series, 401, Alayna Lee

Sportsmen's Bowl

Firstnighters, Men

Scratch: Brian Carney 279-706, Chris Carr 266-677, Nicolas Montalvo IV 251-679

Handicap: Nick Rossi 301, Chris Carr 300-779, Brian Carney 297-760, Nicolas Montalvo IV 763

Wednesday Mixed

Men Scratch: Eric Avery 233-626, Jeremy Taylor 214-544, Mike Contursi 209-601

Women Scratch: Carmen arrero 181-471, Edith Regan 158-447, Pat Avery 150, Kathy Taylor 409

Hits & Misses, Mixed

Men Scratch: Gary Strausbaugh 224-549, Bill Spreen 216-575, Rich Murdock 202, Nick Montalvo Jr 552

Men Handicap: Gary Strausbaugh 255-642, Bill Spreen 243-656, Bob Riechel 235, Mike Dudziak 645, Mike Scholpp 642

Women Scratch: Liz Riechel 167435, Millie George 167-484, Sue Spreen 164, Kathy Pollari 459

Women Handicap: Sue Spreen 243-646, Helen Turner 229, Roberta Morrison 228-627, Millie George 655

Pinbusters, Women

Scratch: Mary Lindsey 161-411, Janice Kictarek 160-452, Robin Beard 154, Judy Krause 409

Handicap: Janice Kictarek 221-635, Helen Smith 214, Judy Johnson 212, Kendra Healey 212-591, Robin Beard 212-579

Mixed Trios Draw League, Fridays 1 p,m. Pay only if you bowl. Prizes paid each week. Number of prize winners is dependent on the number of entries. Handicap is 100% of 210. Entry Fee $10. High Handicap Scores: Rose Warnock 681, Bonnie Kato 654, Wilson Torres 644.

Senior Fun Bowl, Saturdays at 1 p.m. Prizes for high game and series for both men and women, colored pins, mystery frames, mystery game, Bingo, side pots, 50/50. Also money is put aside each week for the Split-Pot which is held twice each year. To win the Split-Pot a bowler must first convert a split in any of the three games bowled. After completion of the three games each bowler who has converted a split must roll three balls. The winner is the one who scores exactly 21 pins. If there are ties the money is split between winners. Refreshments and fun for all each week. Entry Fee $10.

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Shot gun start at 1pm
Location: Southern Woods Golf Club

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Browns-Chiefs a juicy headliner in Week 1

Barry Wilner
AP pro football writer

The Chiefs have been hanging with the NFL elite almost since Andy Reid arrived as coach in 2013. For most of that period, the Browns were putrid.

As the first full weekend of the 2021 schedule gets going, Cleveland just might be the biggest threat to Kansas City making a third straight trip to the Super Bowl.

Yes, those Browns, who until Kevin Stefanski arrived and won top coaching honors last year were never in the conversation for the AFC title.

Now they are, probably deservedly after an 11-5 season, their first playoff appearance since 2002 and first postseason win since 1994. After winning at archrival Pittsburgh, the Browns tested the Chiefs before falling 22-17 in the divisional round.

"I think we are so far past last season," said Stefanski, who knows the Browns have lost five straight to the Chiefs and are 3-10-1 in Kansas City. "We obviously go back and look at the tape and see what we could have done differently, what they did and what they might do this game. In terms of taking last season into this season, I think we are way past that."

To get past Reid, Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs — on Sunday at Arrowhead Stadium and overall — would be yet another major achievement for Cleveland.

"We erased last year," quarterback Baker Mayfield said. "We're trying to start from Game 0 and move on from there."

With the Chiefs seeking to equal the Dolphins, Bills and Patriots — yes, all AFC East teams — as the only clubs to reach three straight Super Bowls, Reid is cautious.

"We're all striving to get to the Super Bowl and win the Super Bowl, everybody in the league," Reid said "But going through the process ... it's important that you take care of what you can control, and that's mastering this game plan and mastering the guys you go against, studying them, and then go play."

Associated Press

Kansas City Chiefs head coach Andy Reid watches from the sidelines during the first half of a game against the Minnesota Vikings Aug. 27, in Kansas City, Mo.

Pittsburgh at Buffalo

The other power in the AFC seems to be the Bills. If they keep protecting Josh Allen the way they have previously against the Steelers, they could be in business Sunday. The Steelers have topped the NFL in sacks each of the last four seasons but have gotten to Allen just twice in two meetings.

Pittsburgh opens on the road for the seventh straight season, having gone 3-2-1 in the past six. The Bills are 3-1 in season openers under coach Sean McDermott.

Green Bay vs. New Orleans at Jacksonville

Sixteen years after Hurricane Katrina forced the Saints to play all their games away from New Orleans, they host the Packers at the Jaguars' home because of damage to the Big Easy from Hurricane Ida.

"I actually think the opposite is going to take place," said coach Sean Payton, referring to the entire team's relocation to a hotel with many family members in tow. "You're actually bringing a team a little closer together and it happens to come right at the start of the season ... I don't think it's something I look at in negative light."

Facing Aaron Rodgers, who won his third NFL MVP award last season, and a potent offense is quite a positive for the Saints, though.

Seattle at Indianapolis

If new QB Carson Wentz is recovered from a variety of setbacks, he'll make his Colts debut. But it's the Indianapolis defense that could decide this game.

Seattle, usually renowned for its hard-hitting defense, has a dangerous passing attack led by Russell Wilson throwing to DK Metcalf and Tyler Lockett. In 2020, Metcalf and Lockett became the second Seahawks receiving tandem to top 1,000 yards in the same season, and both are deep threats.

Los Angeles Chargers at Washington

Last season's top rookies, Chargers quarterback Justin Herbert and Washington edge defender Chase Young, will face off. That's a pretty juicy angle for a game in which Brandon Staley debuts as LA coach and Ryan Fitzpatrick starts at quarterback for his 32nd pro team. Well, his ninth.

The Chargers have 22 players new to the roster, including three free agent signings on the offensive line. Returning standouts edge rusher Joey Bosa and safety Derwin James on keys on defense.

Chicago at Los Angeles Rams

Rams coach Sean McVay certainly seems to be enjoying the addition of veteran Matthew Stafford as his quarterback.

"He has got such a great lens that he sees the game through and I've been able to learn a lot from him, as I know of some of our other coaches and his teammates," McVay said. "So, he has got such a great inventory of things to be able to draw on, and that's a really beneficial thing for our offense and especially for me."

The Bears often have faced Stafford from when he was with Detroit. This could be much less enjoyable for Chicago, which is 11-9 against him.

Baltimore at Las Vegas, Monday

Possibly the most damaging injury of the preseason was the torn-up knee for Ravens running back J.K. Dobbins. Baltimore relies so much on its ground game, so now Gus Edwards and quarterback Lamar Jackson, a resourceful runner, will see more duty.

The Raiders finally get to experience a home crowd just off the Vegas Strip. Time to show something entertaining: They are 19-29 in Jon Gruden's second stint in charge.

New York Jets at Carolina

While there's more to this matchup than former Jets quarterback Sam Darnold facing them, and the rookie who has replaced him, Zach Wilson, getting his NFL indoctrination, those seem the best reasons to pay attention.

Carolina, despite injuries to key players including star RB Christian McCaffrey, showed spirit and spunk in 2020 under first-year coach Matt Rhule. New York displayed none of that in a 2-14 season under Adam Gase, and now Robert Saleh takes over the team with the longest postseason drought, since 2011.

Miami at New England

Whichever of these teams, if either, becomes a challenge to the new king of the AFC East, the Bills, it needs to win this one. With the focus on the two most recent Alabama quarterbacks, New England rookie Mac Jones and Miami's second-year player Tua Tagovailoa, the real key probably lies on the other side of the ball.

Brian Flores was one of the masterminds of the Patriots' D before becoming head coach in Miami, and New England added some key pieces to an already strong unit.

Minnesota at Cincinnati

The vibes out of Minnesota have not exactly been positive this summer. Coach Mike Zimmer made that clear regarding the vaccination topic.

"Maybe if some leaders miss games because of it and we end up losing games because of it, that might" change attitudes about getting vaccinated, he said. "Guys that are leaders of your team and they don't play and you lose the game, that might. Hopefully we don't have to find that out."

Cincinnati needs to find out how fit QB Joe Burrow is following his knee surgery that cost him the second half of the 2020 schedule. He played all of one series in preseason.

San Francisco at Detroit

Let's not forget that less than two years ago, the 49ers were leading the Super Bowl in the fourth quarter. They were the team most impacted by injuries in 2020 and fell to the bottom of the tough NFC West.

Most of those key players, particularly edge rusher Nick Bosa, tight end George Kittle, and QB Jimmy Garoppolo, are back. San Francisco gets to open against a struggling franchise with a new head coach, Dan Campbell, and a new quarterback, Jared Goff. The Niners have won 10 of the last 11 meetings.

Arizona at Tennessee

2020 Offensive Player of the Year Derrick Henry's quest for the NFL rushing record held by Eric Dickerson begins against a defense that added J.J. Watt. Remember, Henry has an extra game this season to chase that mark of 2,105 yards in 1984; he rushed for 2,027.

Arizona could be one of the league's most exciting outfits with Kyler Murray running and throwing to the likes of DeAndre Hopkins, while Watt tries to recapture the form that took him to three Defensive Player of the Year awards.

Denver at New York Giants

There's plenty of enthusiasm in Denver with Von Miller returning from injury to bolster a pretty good defense. The Broncos also have a solid corps of receivers for veteran QB Teddy Bridgewater, and their early schedule has the Giants, Jaguars and Jets. Time to make strides.

New York hopes third-year quarterback Daniel Jones makes major strides, and the Giants brought in a No. 1 wideout in Kenny Golladay. They also get back outstanding running back Saquon Barkley, though his recovery from last season's knee injury has been slow enough that he could miss this match.

Philadelphia at Atlanta

One of two matchups with first-year head coaches, the Eagles' Nick Sirianni and the Falcons' Arthur Smith. Neither had held the top job at any level of their coaching careers.

Philly was destroyed by injuries in finishing last in the weak NFC East and Atlanta couldn't stop anybody in 2020. Sirianni and Smith were offensive coordinators a year ago, in Indianapolis and Tennessee, with both teams making the playoffs.

Jacksonville at Houston

Two other new head men, with entirely different resumes. Urban Meyer, a huge success on the college level despite his wanderlust, is rebuilding the Jaguars, starting with top overall draft pick QB Trevor Lawrence.

David Culley, the only Black man hired for seven opening for head coaches this year, is a career assistant with 43 years of total coaching experience. He takes over perhaps the least-talented roster in the league.

COMMENTARY

CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE

WHAT WE conserve WE preserve

KAROL LENTO/Special to the Chronicle

Karol Lento of Floral City was the first-place winner of the 26th Annual Save Our Waters Week Photo Contest with her magnificent photo that captured the vibrant colors of a brilliant sunset on Lake Hampton in the Tsala Apopka Chain of Lakes.

Focus for Save Our Waters Week: conservation

Dr. Ralph Massullo

GUEST COLUMN

Growing up, we must have been told many times to not waste water. I remember my parents telling me to "get out of the shower, you are taking too long," "turn the water off while you are brushing your teeth" or "quit wasting water" sometimes daily.

My parents were practical people who believed the adage waste not, want not and they had a way of making it difficult for me and my

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Protecting our water resources is community effort

Dr. Madison Trowbridge

GUEST COLUMN

After the past year, we've come to appreciate the recreational opportunities of natural Florida like never before.

Three Sisters Springs is one of those breathtaking jewels people love to visit year-round. When you paddle or swim into this outlet, the crystal-clear water and natural foliage give us a glimpse into "Old Florida."

The springs' constant 72-degree waters year-round make it a popular spot for manatees to migrate, which

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REMEMBERING 9 / 11

Where we were ...

Chronicle

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. It is a keystone moment in our history as well as for many individuals, including the Silent Generation, baby boomers, Generation X, millennials and Generation Z.

The Chronicle asked readers to share their stories of "Where were you?"when terrorists attacked the Twin Towers and the Pentagon as well as the heroic ending of Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

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I was in Westport, Massachusetts, in high school when kids started running down the hallways and teachers started turning on every TV they could find. The school locked down and terrified parents banged on the doors demanding to pick up their children.

I remember hugging my best friend crying as we watched people jump to their deaths off those towers. I cannot explain the immense sorrow I felt in my heart watching it all. I was so very sad and I'll be honest I was angry. Why someone would do such a thing I could not fathom? So heartless, devastating, and cruel. We had one girl in our school who lost a loved one that day who worked there. I remember it ignited such a fire in me to love my fellow Americans and I had great pride in the bravery our country showed that day trying to save lives. People after that were so kind to one another there was this shift in kindness among people.

I remember my mother barreling into our school running down the hallways yelling out my name in panic. She was so frightened schools may be targeted next and wanted us all to be home together. Such an awful day for all Americans that we will never forget.

May God bless all those who were lost, their families, and those who gave up their lives in the fight.

— Amber Sapp

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On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, I was at Fort Knox, Kentucky, one month into Basic Training with the US Army. We didn't have TV in our barracks, so we didn't know what happened until the Drill Sergeants came in and told us, most of us 18 year olds straight out of school. A lot of my battle buddies were from New York, so they instantly wanted to go home to be with family. The Drill Sergeants would talk of us going to war, and as most of us were 18 year old kids, we didn't know how to process or appropriately react. I was angry at what had happened and was glad I was in the military to fulfill my duty.

Fast forward to 2002 and I would be in Kuwait serving in Operation Desert Spring, and the following year I'd get orders with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, to go to Baghdad during the ground war of 2003. I even got to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner with President Bush and 500 other fellow troops. Many searches, patrols and firefights later, I safely came home. Unfortunately, the same couldn't be said for many of my fellow soldiers.

Here I am, 20 years later, still serving with the Department of Defense, but these days as a contractor in a much safer capacity as the Chief of Operations (CHOPS), Command and Control, Communications and Computers Directorate, US Central Command.

— Jeff Berman

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I was in a ninth grade weightlifting class that morning when our teacher yelled at all of us to look at the TV. He was in complete shock. I am not sure us students knew exactly what was going on — maybe it was an accident. In every class we went to throughout the rest of the day, every single teacher was sobbing. One mentioned that her son was a New York City firefighter and later found out that he never made it home. I didn't realize these events would lead me to going through firefighting school after I graduated. Although I made a different career move, that experience is one I will never forget.

— David Reed

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I was in NY/NJ on vacation ... went home for a visit ... I saw the second plane hit the tower.

Was driving down I-80 heading east, listening to WPLJ. They did all kinds of funny stuff on the radio and at first I thought they were joking about planes, and the Twin Towers. Then I saw the plane and the explosion.

I lost a bunch of good friends and Coast Guard Family that day, and it's a day I will never forget. I will never forget the smell and the smoke that came over the river to NJ.

God rest all their souls!

— Molly Romero

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People flee the falling South Tower of the World Trade Center on Tuesday, September 11, 2001.

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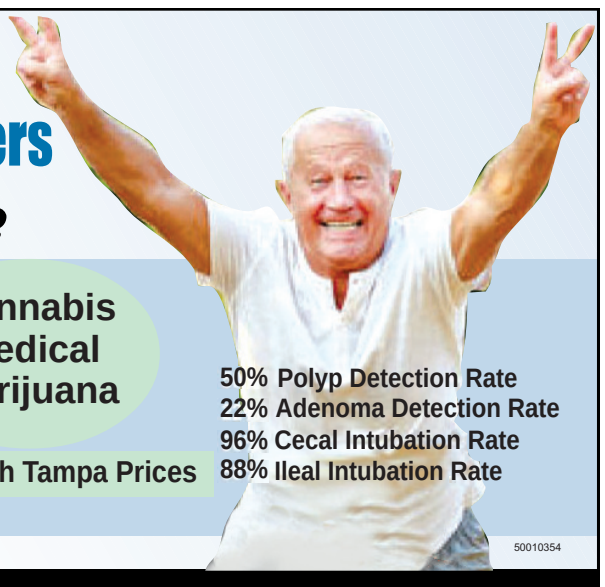

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CITIZENS COME FIRST

Citizens deserve top-level service

Nature Coast EMS staffing levels are "beyond critical," according to Nature Coast chief and CEO Scott Baxter. County Commissioner Scott Carnahan said the commission wants to help Nature Coast, but it's going to need detailed information, adding that Baxter could have taken steps to slow the loss of employees until his financial issues were sorted out with the county.

Now, the Professional Firefighters of Citrus County is urging county commissioners to bring EMS services under the umbrella of Citrus County Fire Rescue.

THE ISSUE:
EMS staffing 'beyond critical.'

OUR OPINION:
County needs to resolve issue.

The fire-based EMS system is not a new concept, according to Thomas Ratchford is president of the Professional Firefighters of Citrus County International Association of Firefighters Local 4562.

That is true.

Most of the counties in the state already incorporate a fire-based EMS system, Ratchford pointed out, including neighboring counties such as Marion, Levy, Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, Alachua, Orange and Polk.

This, Rachford wrote, is due in large part to the many benefits of a fire-based EMS system, including:

■ Increased efficiency.
■ Improved effectiveness
■ Streamlining purchasing.
■ Consolidation/disbursement of supplies.
■ Improved training opportunities.
■ Omit duplication of services.
■ Enhanced services.
■ Reduced costs.
■ Cost avoidances.
■ Standardization.
■ Potential reduced ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating.
■ Improved customer service.

Those are valid and logical reasons our citizens want to hear. We, the citizens of Citrus County, deserve top-level services, especially when it relates to public safety.

The lynchpin to it all, however, is the county commission. Our commissioners have repeatedly told us they understand the situation But when the rubber (money) meets the road (taxes), commissioners repeatedly balk. The county, historically, has shown an unwillingness to make the tough decisions, basing their reasoning on fiscal prudence.

Whether the county continues its partnership with Nature Coast EMS or CCFR, the money to operate EMS services will have to come from somewhere. It's going to cost more to provide a service that is the responsibility of our elected officials.

This, folks, is not a want — it is a critical need.

We need our elected officials to step up and make the right choices, and we need the community to support the decision.

Attitudes need some improvement

I'm calling in reference to the Sound Off, "A 'hello' would be appreciated" (Wednesday, Aug. 25, Page A9). The person is saying that they say hello, you know, to the police officers and they don't say anything back. They just stare at them.

I'm glad finally somebody called in on that. I've noticed that for years. I'm 59 years old and I was raised to respect the police and all that jazz, too.

I've found that through the years, I don't know what's with them. They look at you like, I don't know, you've got a second head or something like that if you try to talk to them or say hi to them. They're just real stern.

And, you know, that's even if they're not really doing anything. They're just, you know, on the side of the road.

So, I agree 100%. I think their attitudes could use some improvement.

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Beware of 'smishing' scams

Are you aware of smishing? Despite its fun-sounding name, "smishing" is not a new social media platform or a gaming app. It's actually a vicious method scam artists use to gain access to your money.

Amy Douglas
SENIORS VS CRIME

"Smishing" scams use text messages as a way to steal information from you. Scammers send a text, claiming that your debit card has been compromised or suspended. It asks that you provide your card information in order for the card to be reactivated. You're directed to either reply to the text message or call the number provided in the message.

Don't do it.

Legitimate financial institutions will never contact you this way, and they especially won't ask you to verify your personal financial information via text. Even if they use "credit union" or name your bank in their message, these messages are originating from a scam artist.

So, what can or should you do if these scammers contact you?

If you receive a suspicious text message, don't provide any information. Contact your bank instead and let them know you've received a "smishing message." Ensure that your accounts are all active and that there hasn't been any suspicious funds withdrawn, or purchases made. When calling your financial institution, be sure you are using the number they provided you and not the number you received on the text message.

What do you do if you responded to the message and provided confidential information?

If the information provided was for a credit card, call the issuer of the card that was compromised.

Be sure you use the number on the back of the card. Let them know what has happened, and that you believe your card information was stolen. In most cases, they will cancel your card and issue you another one.

If the information provided was for a debit card, contact your financial institution. Let them know what has happened. They will likely freeze your account and issue you a new card.

While it can be hard to avoid these texts and calls completely, there are some things you can do to avoid unwanted texts and phone calls:

■ Contact your cellphone company to see what steps you can take to limit these types of spam calls. Some providers routinely block calls from numbers known for spam calls.

■ Check your phone's settings. It is possible you can block any unknown calls, or block calls from numbers that you know are spam calls.

Just remember if you do the former, you might miss a call or two from someone who is not in your contacts list.

■ Some mobile services allow you to forward an unwanted text to 7726 or "SPAM." This enables provides to prevent future unwanted texts from this sender.

Be sure to contact your company first to be sure they offer this service.

Unwanted texts and phone calls are a way of life. But by taking a few proactive steps, and guarding your private financial information, you can keep scammers' hands off your money.

Amy Douglas is the Senior Services Coordinator for the Citrus County Sheriff's Office. Call her at 352-726-4488.

LETTERS to the Editor

Public input sought on preserve

Thanks to the efforts of local and state politicians, business groups and interested individuals, the Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve was created last year, providing protection for more than 700 square miles of coastal habitat. Located between Yankeetown and Anclote, the area has been added to the 41 existing preserves encompassing approximately 2.2 million acres established under the Florida Aquatic Preserve Act of 1975. It circumvents the St. Martins Marsh Aquatic Preserve near Crystal River, and closes the gap between the existing Big Bend Seagrasses Aquatic Preserve to the north and the Pinellas County Aquatic Preserve to the south, thereby extending protection to a 60 mile contiguous stretch of outstanding submerged lands and unspoiled habitat along the Nature Coast for future generations to enjoy.

This area comprises countless acres of fertile salt marsh, mangroves, oyster bars, hard bottom substrates, seagrass meadows and canopied creeks supporting important bird rookeries and nursery areas for a wide variety of marine life and endangered species, including the West Indian manatee. It provides outstanding fishing, paddling, boating and other water related activities so critical to the enjoyment of residents and visitors alike. Nearby communities depend on a healthy, unspoiled coastal ecosystem along the Nature Coast to sustain viable economies.

While dredging, filling and other alterations of physical conditions in the preserve will be limited, all lawful traditional public uses such as fishing and boating will be allowed in the preserve. A board of trustees created by the act will oversee restoration and enhancement activities within the preserve and its tributaries in conjunction with the neighboring counties and state Department of Environmental Protection.

On Sept. 28 from 6 to 8 p.m., the DEP will host a virtual meeting to gather public input which will be used in formulating the preserve's management plan.

Interested stakeholders can register to attend the virtual meeting at the following link: https://ufl.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwocemtrTsqGdUihO7zwZoln3rrn3l1-aP3.

Gary Rankel
Citrus Hills

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Masks next best thing to vaccine

I appreciate the Sept. 8 editorial supporting the Bayfront Health Seven Rivers vaccination mandate. It was refreshing to read that the Chronicle supports a vaccine mandate to protect vulnerable patients.

As I was reading the editorial, I could not help but wonder why the paper believes a vaccine mandate is OK but that a mask mandate intrudes on a person's personal choice and the ability of a parent to decide what is good for their child. While a vaccine is best, wearing masks can also save lives.

Our Republican governor has made mask mandates a political issue as he forges his reputation among conservative Republicans. His decisions on dealing with COVID-19 have been a disaster. While he sells his T-shirts, Florida is burning. Our COVID-19 numbers are some of the highest in the nation so when school districts want to protect their students and staff, DeSantis forbids it. Instead, he says President Biden has failed to end COVID-19 and should follow Florida's lead, even as Florida experiences record-breaking cases, deaths and hospitalizations.

As I read today's editorial, I could not help but substitute the word "students" for "patients" on some of the statements made by your editorial board. The board could have easily said, "While some may view the mandate to wear a mask inconvenient, it is clearly the right thing to do for a school's staff and our community," or could have said," given the risks posed by the unvaccinated, students have the right to expect that every reasonable precaution is taken to protect them from acquiring COVID-19 while in school."

Masks are the next best thing to a vaccine. Masks are a reasonable precaution to protecting our young from COVID-19. That statement is a fact, so why won't the Chronicle editorially support a school's mandate to wear masks and why are our schools not mandating a mask, since it is the best thing for our kids if they are not vaccinated.

The Citrus County school district has been a leader in Florida education, so it should step up and establish a mask mandate for students, faculty and staff to protect our kids.

Leslie J. Anderson
Inverness

BOCC needs to fix EMS problem

What is wrong with the Citrus County Commissioners?

As a retired paramedic with 23 years of service on Whidbey Island, Washington, plus years of volunteer fire department service, I am appalled at what a disservice you are providing to the residents of Citrus County who you're supposed to be serving.

This is 2021 and you don't provide a living wage to these men and women who risk their lives every day, and now added to the mix, COVID. You commissioners should be ashamed of yourselves. Fix it now, fire-based EMS is probably the best and most cost effective way; most firefighters are already EMTs anyway and love their jobs.

When I was a new medic, I, and many new medics, worked private ambulance. They are overworked and underpaid, they don't care about you as an employee, just the almighty buck, plus moral is lousy

Why is EMS the red headed stepchild? I wore my paramedic uniform with intense pride and our community respected and loved us. The EMS system I belonged to was a bond-based system managed by the main hospital on the island; it probably wouldn't work here, but a fire-based system would. The only other option is to fully fund the Nature Coast system, pay them a decent wage and give them decent working conditions and vehicles and don't overwork them.

Don Mitchell
Crystal River

THE CHRONICLE invites you to call "Sound Off" with your opinions about local subjects. You do not need to leave your name, and have less than a minute to record. COMMENTS will be edited for length, libel, personal or political attacks and good taste. Editors will cut libelous material. OPINIONS expressed are purely those of the callers.

It's time to fix the county's EMS problem

Twenty years ago everything changed.

I was in high school at the time. It felt like nothing would ever be the same. That was true to some extent. I think about kids today who watch old movies with people racing to their airport gate with little to no security checks; scenes of friends and family awaiting their loved ones' departures directly off the airplane.

Cortney Stewart

SEEING BEYOND

It seems completely foreign to them. People used to be able to do that?

For many of us who lived through 9/11, the feelings are still raw. We can tell you exactly where we were, what we were doing, who we were with. We remember everything that happened in those few days with vivid detail.

It plays in our memories with a looming sense of haunting, particularly these past few weeks as we watched the military withdrawal from Afghanistan and the quick re-entry of the Taliban.

If anything, as we look back and remember the day that literally changed the world in such tectonically shifting ways, it seems impossible that 20 years has passed. And yet here we are. And as much as things have been forever changed by what happened on 9/11, there are things that have drifted right back to the way it was before; things we would have said had been indelibly marked by this tragedy.

And we didn't even notice.

Citrus County is feeling one of those effects in a significant way right now.

Post 9/11, our emergency responders were heralded as the heroes they are. There was a countrywide reimagining of the inherent risks at hand for people who respond to the emergencies that threaten us. Police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians and paramedics were held in the highest regard.

It's not that the job changed. It's always been dangerous. People who rush into burning buildings, run to the aid of the injured, and protect us from criminals take on an immense risk every day.

But 9/11 reminded us in spades just how selfless these individuals are.

Over the past two decades, that national feeling of pride and respect in our emergency service workers has faded — perhaps not back to pre-9/11 levels but certainly nowhere near where it was in the immediate aftermath of that tragic day.

Things have happened, of course, that have dimmed the national attitude. These workers are not perfect. And we have felt the effects of what happens when the people we depend on make colossally bad choices and operate in systems with inherent bias and structural inadequacies.

But, by and large, the people in these systems are honest, selfless, and hardworking, thinking very little of their own personal safety but putting their community first — often with little gratitude.

Part of the problem is the $9.21 per hour starting pay for Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and the $12.72 per hour starting pay for paramedics. It's just unconscionable.

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The pandemic should have re-sparked that feeling. When we think particularly of emergency medical workers, we should be reminded of the daily risk they take in responding to COVID-19 calls, placing themselves and their families at risk of infection, but continuing to respond because taking care of their community is their job.

The COVID risk is just on top of the intrinsic risk in the job. And yet Citrus County is facing a serious crisis. Nature Coast EMS, Citrus County's medical emergency services provider, is facing a 25% reduction in full-time field staff — and 10 of the 22 that have recently left, have done so in the past couple of weeks.

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President of the Professional Firefighters of Citrus County International Local 4562, Thomas Ratchford, recently wrote an op-ed on behalf of the Citrus local chapter, suggesting that Citrus County EMS be incorporated into Citrus County Fire Rescue, joining the majority of counties in the state where medical services are under the county.

This plan has so much merit it is almost absurd to think that we haven't done this before.

But it isn't just about the respect that our emergency responders deserve. It's also about what we owe ourselves as a society. Thirty minutes to an hour wait times for emergency service response is ghastly. It should never happen. Not in America. Not in 2021.

There are so many problems that we cannot solve. But this isn't one of them.

There is a solution at hand that properly respects those who daily put their lives on the line for the sake of others and at the same time respects the sanctity of human life by offering emergency services in a timely manner.

The time to make the change is now.

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MASSULLO

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siblings when we were not compliant. Looking back, I'm glad they persisted instilling in us the value of water and conserving it.

Water is our world's most precious natural resource and it is especially important to Florida in that we depend on it for our economy as well as our health and wellbeing. In Florida, we are blessed with an average of 50 inches of rainfall annually.

That amount spread over our state's 58,500 square miles equates to 50.5 trillion gallons of rainwater each year. While that may seem like it would be an ample supply for our 21 million-plus citizens and 100 million-plus annual visitors, the Natural Resource Defense Council named Florida one of the 14 states at high risk of a water shortage by 2050.

In recent years, the Florida Legislature and governors Scott and DeSantis have developed significant policy initiatives and invested billions of dollars in protecting, restoring, preserving and conserving Florida's waters.

Many of those dollars have found their way into our communities to restore our rivers, protect our first magnitude springs, reduce the nutrient runoff through septic to sewer conversions, broader use of agricultural best practices, managing stormwater, recycling wastewater and, more recently, planning resiliency for climate change and sea level rise. These efforts are making a significant impact, but we also need to look to ourselves and what we can do personally.

The focus for this year's Save Our Waters Week is conservation, and to be successful in achieving that goal we all need to take a long, hard look at ourselves and how we use water. You might be surprised to know that most of us use about 100 gallons of water a day in our daily routines. Many of us use much more. In fact, often several times that amount.

In Florida, that average translates to roughly 800 billion gallons per year and that doesn't begin to include what is used in our home maintenance, service industries, manufacturing, agriculture, personal animals, recreation, or automobiles. It takes 9 gallons of water just to process one small can of fruit or vegetables. Our water usage has more than doubled in the past 30 years, irrespective of our population increases, and that trend is accelerating.

HARRY HORACE/Special to the Chronicle

Crystal River resident Harry Horace earned second-place honors in the 26th Annual Save Our Waters Week Photo Contest with a Great Blue Heron silhouetted against a liquid gold sunrise at the end of Ozello Trail.

The best way we can help conserve our water is by reducing waste. Believe it or not, most of the water we use on a daily basis goes down the toilet. Many times, toilets are not being used for their intended function and items such as baby wipes, tissues, and other items are being thrown into toilets and flushed instead of being disposed of properly in the trash or recycled.

This not only wastes water, it can damage septic systems that can lead to other issues and pollution. Also, the seals in toilets often tend to not seat properly or wear out, leading to leaks and constant running that wastes gallons of water daily. We need to make a conscious effort in checking our toilets to ensure they are operating properly and use them only as they are intended and not as trash receptacles.

Another major source of water usage is our washing machines. We should try and do laundry when we have a full load so we get the most efficient use out of the water being used each cycle. This may take some planning and a routine schedule, but it will make a big difference in the water we use.

Lastly, there are the showers, tubs and sinks. Without going into any detail about the why we spend so much time with the water running, we just need to all spend less time with the faucets open during those daily practices. It's important to teach our children to do the same. Think about saving whenever you turn on the faucets.

Conservation is never easy. It takes a conscious effort and a little sacrifice on the part of everyone to make a noticeable difference. Human nature tends to lead us towards self-gratification and that often leads to indulging ourselves and being wasteful.

Success rarely happens in one fell swoop, it is more often the culmination of consistent hard work, dedication and self-sacrifice over an extensive period of time that achieves results.

With respect to our water, we need to consider the next generation in how we use the water available to us as well as educating them to consider the generation after them so that through all our efforts to conserve this amazing resource, we'll preserve it for use long into the future.

Let's make our parents proud and our children grateful. Let's preserve Florida's wonderful water for tomorrow by conserving it today!

Dr. Ralph Massullo is a state representative in the Florida Legislature representing District 34. He has degrees in industrial engineering and medicine.

This year, Save Our Waters Week is placing a special emphasis on water conservation with the theme "Fix Leaks, Save Our Waters." The more we conserve, the longer we safely extend available groundwater supplies and delay the need to develop expensive alternative sources.

TROWBRIDGE

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is why it is a designated manatee refuge. The hundreds of manatees that come to the spring during peak winter months draw visitors from around the world.

But our enthusiasm for nature can also lead to its deterioration. During the pandemic, more people searched for outdoor activities. Three Sisters Springs saw attendance increase by nearly 1,000%. Normally, the 1-acre inlet might host a couple dozen visitors at a time. But during peak times of the pandemic, more than 250 people crowded into the springs.

Visitors park kayaks and other paddle craft on banks, eroding shorelines. While walking on the shore, they often trample vegetation. That kills plants that help ensure water quality, stabilize the shoreline and provide habitat and food for a variety of animals. Visitors also climb and jump off trees, damaging the trees.

But there are simple steps we can all take to protect this natural treasure.

The Southwest Florida Water Management District has partnered with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other local agencies to educate visitors about seven tips they should remember to help protect Three Sisters Springs. They are:

■ Keep off the rocks and shoreline.

■ Keep paddle craft away from rocks, trees and other vegetation.

■ Tie off paddle craft in the designated area outside the spring or use a vegetation-friendly anchor.

■ Don't trample vegetation or kick up silt.

■ Don't climb trees.

■ Disposable items and alcohol are prohibited within the springs.

■ Don't throw out litter or leave anything behind.

By following these simple tips, you can help protect the springs and many other natural systems you may visit. You can find more information by visiting WaterMatters.org/ProtectTSS.

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Checking for leaks around your home can save water. For example, did you know a dripping faucet can waste up to 8 gallons of water per day and a leaky toilet can waste about 100 gallons of water per day?

Dripping faucets can be repaired by replacing the washers or tightening the fixture. A variety of repair kits can be found in home improvement stores or online. Most kits contain detailed instructions and a listing of necessary tools; or a plumber can make the repairs.

Toilet leaks can be detected by adding leak detector tablets or a few drops of food coloring to the toilet tank. If the tank is leaking, color will appear in the bowl within 10-15 minutes.

If you think you may have a leak and are not sure of the source, use your water meter to determine if there is a leak. Turn off all faucets and water-using appliances. Remember to wait for the hot water heater and ice cube makers to refill, and for regeneration of water softeners. Check your water meter and record the current reading. Wait 30 minutes, making sure no one uses water during the testing period, then read the meter again. If the reading has changed, you have a leak.

To learn more tips, visit WaterMatters.org/Conservation. Protecting our water resources is a community effort. Let's work together to protect our natural treasures.

Dr. Madison Trowbridge is the springs scientist and the springs team lead for the Southwest Florida Water Management District. She holds a doctorate in cell and molecular biology from the University of South Florida.

9/11

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After riding a bus to work in midtown Manhattan, I was walking on 42nd Street and stopped to watch the first tower burning. While talking with other commuters on the street, we saw the second fire begin. Since my office building in midtown was evacuated, I spent the next few hours in midtown (Bryant Park) watching the smoke downtown until I saw the building collapsing. I continued trying to figure out a way off Manhattan since public transportation had been suspended. It was a terrible day that lives in me forever.

— Cecilia Patella

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On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, I had just gotten up after spending the night with longtime friends John and Dee at their home in Renton, Washington. I had been staying with them over the last week or so. There is a rather involved reason why I ended up being there with them at that time, but that is a whole other story.

I was booked on a flight back to New England later that morning (9/11), so my day had started quite early. As we were sitting down to breakfast, the phone rang and my wife, Marlene, was calling from home back in New England. She suggested we turn on the TV and check out the news.

So all flights were immediately canceled and I very unexpectedly ended up stuck in Seattle for some time (staying with my friends) as the result of the 9/11 attack and didn't get back home to Connecticut until the following week. Need I say that I had a very difficult time getting home. No one knew what to expect and all transport was quickly shut down everywhere.

Several days later after I had rescheduled my original 9/11 flight several more times, it was again canceled on the day I finally did leave for home on yet another flight that gave me a long, round-about track eastward.

I had decided before this new opportunity that I was going to start driving the next morning. I had a rental car reserved and one way or another I was going to get home. John's daughter was the manager of a car rental agency at Sea-Tac International Airport in Seattle and she got me set up with a one-way vehicle.

I figured with my own daughter in Minnesota and old shipmates scattered across Middle America, I could get home eventually under the worst conditions but might need to regroup several times along the way. No one knew what to expect. I couldn't get a train or bus as they were booked full until the end of the month. Seems many folks didn't want to fly but I just refused to let some fanatic terrorist jerk define my lifestyle.

The flag that flies in my front yard is not white!

— Jack Townsend, MCPO (SS), U.S. Navy, retired, Inverness

For many more memories of 9/11, click on this story at www.chronicleonline.com.

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On Sept. 11, 2001, I was shopping in Detroit, Michigan, with a friend. One of the store workers turned up the loud speaker in the store. The radio announcer was saying that one of the Twin Towers had been hit by a plane. My thought was, "stupid pilot, can't you see that big building?" Then the announcer told that it appeared it was no accident. I was in disbelief that something like that would happen here in the U.S.

When we got in the car, I tuned the radio to a news station to hear more. Again, I could not believe what I was hearing. But in turning on the TV when I got home, I watched the video and knew it really happened.

— Nancy Staples, Homosassa

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I was at my business, SportsCards Plus, in Naranja Lakes, Florida, doing a bank deposit and watching the news on TV. I was shocked and dismayed at what was taking place. I couldn't believe it. Sadness and confusion consumed me. I thought this could be the beginning of a war.

— Roger S. Bortell

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As we'd done for years, my wife and I commuted into Washington, D.C., the morning of Sept. 11. She dropped me off at the Department of the Interior before driving to the Embassy of Australia where she worked.

An hour or so later, after it happened, the DOI, along with other federal agencies, released its employees to go home. The EOA, on the other hand, unbeknownst to me, ordered its employees to lock down in place, leaving me standing on our designated street corner waiting for my wife to pick me up.

After a few hours, watching the hordes of people in bumper-to-bumper traffic trying to leave town, and with communication unavailable, I walked up the 2 miles to the EOA. I managed to get the attention of a security official inside who was able to locate my wife, and we finally began our journey home.

As we drove over the bridge into Virginia later that afternoon, we were left with the image of smoke rising from the Pentagon.

We didn't sleep well that night.

— Gary Rankel, Citrus Hills

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It was the ninth day of my Elder hostel trip covering a large part of Turkey by bus. We had been in Istanbul viewing the Haga Sophia, the Blue mosque, boating in the Bosphorus. We were traveling to see as much of the area as possible, so were explored Troy, then Ephesus as well as many unforgettable places of historic and ancient sites.

After many small towns and vast stretches of rural and small towns to interact with local people, we were now in at the underground city and the fascinating Cappadocia area with the houses carved out of stone. As we were on our next long bus trip to Ankara, we had a necessity stop out in the middle of nowhere. Here our guide informed us that there was news of something of a problem in New York, they weren't sure but something about a bomb.

We wouldn't know until we get to our hotel in Ankara where they will try to connect us to British television, we quickly settled into our rooms to hear and see the destruction it was, of course very unsettling, especially for a few people in our group who had family in New York, and one a family member working in tower that had been hit.

There was all the obvious concerns of why, who, how and, selfishly, would we be able to fly home from Istanbul in five days as we were scheduled. Fortunately, we were able continue our trip and were able to leave Istanbul as planned.

— Theo Thibado, Homosassa

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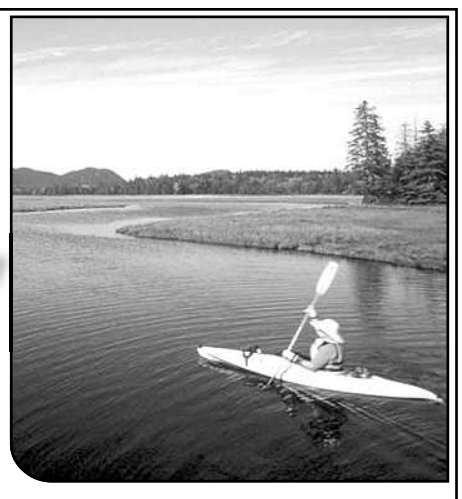

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Tuesday, Sept. 21, tours at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & noon. **KAYAK TOURS.** Paddle quiet canals to Three Sisters Springs and back. Launch from sponsor A Crystal River Kayak Company, 1422 Bldg. B, SE US 19, Crystal River. To register, call (352) 795-2255, Option 1. Capacity: 10 per tour. COST: $10 deposit refunded at end of tour.

Wednesday, Sept. 22, tours at 10-1pm and 2-5pm. Two 3-hour eco-tours of Kings Bay, sponsored by Hunter Springs Kayaks. To register call (352) 228-4715. Deadline to register Sept. 15. Capacity: 10 per tour. FREE.

Thursday, Sept. 23, 5:30 p.m. **LOCAL MIDDLE SCHOOLS ENVIRONMETAL JEOPARDY COMPETITION.** Local middle schools compete in testing their environmental knowledge. Public invited. Conference Center, College of Central Florida, Citrus Campus, 3800 S. Lecanto Hwy, Lecanto. For information, call (352) 613-6850. FREE.

Thursday, Sept. 23, 7:00 p.m. **LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS ENVIRONMENTAL JEOPARDY COMPETITION.** Local high schools compete in testing their environmental knowledge. Public invited. Conference Center, College of Central Florida, Citrus Campus, 3800 S. Lecanto Hwy, Lecanto. For information, call (352) 613-6850. FREE.

Friday, Sept. 24, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **ARCHEO-ECO KAYAK TOUR**. Come paddle and discuss the natural history of the Crystal River with the Florida Public Archaeology Network, St. Martins Marsh Aquatic Preserve, and Florida Park Service staffs. Depart from Crystal River Preserve State Park Visitor Center kayak launch, 3266 N. Sailboat Ave., Crystal River. For information, email Nigel Rudolph at snrudolph@usf.edu. Pre-registration required. Register at https://tinyurl.com/9yerhxwn beginning August 24. Participants have an option to rent or bring their own kayak. Capacity 20. COST: $25 with rental kayak; $20 with own kayak.

Saturday, Sept. 25, 2:00 p.m. **ONE-HOUR SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF CRYSTAL RIVER** Sponsored by Manatee Tour and Dive, 36 NE 4th St. To register call (352) 795-1333. Capacity: 22. FREE.

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ALL THINGS TECH

Internet and other tech information

Is your internet spotty? Are you tired of having to constantly refresh a web page? Or do you have an older but still working laptop that can't access the internet any longer?If you are using a desktop or a laptop, then I have a solution.

My husband's desktop PC is connected directly to our modem/router, but he has a terrible connection, which shouldn't be. It takes him several times to refresh a website page before he can get on the internet. We've had a Spectrum tech out a couple of times to no avail.

My Mac desktop in the back of the house, however, is connected via WiFi and I have absolutely no problems.

I thought about his issue and decided to make his PC wireless. It's an older HP that works fine, but has no wireless capability. I did a search and found the TechKey WiFi 11AC USB Adapter. And then, I searched for reviews. Every review that I found raved about it and how easy it was to install.

I ordered it from Amazon, my favorite online store. It was priced at $19.99. However, there was a $5 coupon that automatically attaches to the order, bringing the price down to $14.99. Tax made my total $15.99.

How could I go wrong? Even if it didn't work, I'm a Prime member, so the return would be at no cost and easy. Speaking of Prime, (if you have it) be sure to check to see if the item you're ordering is a Prime product. Otherwise, when you order from a third party that is not Prime, you could have to pay the return shipping costs.

It came in one day. Since my husband wasn't at his computer this morning, I took the opportunity to install it. To quote Mick Hubert of the Gators ... "Oh my"!

Boy, was that an easy process. If you have Windows 10 as your operating system (OS), the adapter is truly a plug and play.

No drivers were needed to install. And once the PC quickly recognized the adapter, a window popped up with all the network connections available. Of course, not only mine but neighbors, too.

I decided to choose the 5g network and entered my Spectrum username and network security key (password). VOILA! He was now connected to the internet through the new WiFi adapter.

Backup, backup, backup!

If I had more space, I'd say that hundreds of times! The reason I'm on a backup rant is because I just found out that a friend's computer took a deep dive, and all the data was lost.

A simple cloud backup or even a portable 2T hard drive is available from Walmart for as little as $23. Why wouldn't you want to protect your documents and family photos? And you might want to consider doing both; cloud backup and a portable hard drive.

I can hear you saying, "Well, that won't happen to me. I have a brand-new computer." Right. Even a new computer can fail.

I know my friend wishes that they had backed up but it's too late now.

Apple alert

Anyone planning on buying the new Apple iPhone 13 had better prepare to pay more. You've heard about the chip shortage for new cars, well, it's also affected the iPhone 13.

Cult of Mac has reported that a rather significant increase in the cost of Apple's mobile chipsets will affect pricing of the iPhone 13.

The buzz from Cult of Mac says that beginning in January 2022, Apple's primary chip supplier, TSMC, will increase their chips by as much as 20%.

Apple is TSMC's largest customer so it doesn't appear that Apple's chips will increase that much. The increase for Apple should be 3-5%, however, still substantial for a new phone that costs as much as an Apple does.

Rumors have it that Apple will be taking iPhone13 pre-orders on Sept. 17. Make sure you've asked your bank for a credit card limit increase before Sept. 17.

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Fall finance check

Review where you stand now to avoid falling behind

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Fall is the perfect time to review your finances because there's still time to make adjustments before the end of the year. The continuing pandemic and economic uncertainty are making it more complicated, but financial experts recommend taking a close look at your savings and planning for 2022 goals now.

Many government programs, including supplemental unemployment assistance, a pause on federal student loan payments and advance child tax credit payments, are poised to expire in 2022 or earlier.

"People are going back to having to pay for stuff," says Malcolm Ethridge, a certified financial planner and host of the Tech Money Podcast.

Here are some financial to-do's to tackle this fall:

SHORT-TERM SAVINGS

Ethridge suggests preparing for the phaseout of government benefits now: "The folks who received a moratorium on your student loans, use those additional dollars in your pocket to pay off credit card debt so you don't have to pay both simultaneously," he says. "We will find out we aren't as rich as we felt we were in the last year and a half," he adds.

Ethridge also recommends building a cash pile. "We have no idea what next year will look like," he says. Having cash on hand allows you to cope with unexpected expenses as well as to potentially take advantage of investing opportunities.

ANTICIPATE TAX CHANGES

If you've undergone any major changes in the past year that could have an impact on your tax situation, such as moving to a new state, getting married or divorced, or changing jobs, then you might want to consider talking to a tax professional now, before their busy season begins in the new year and they are overwhelmed.

"They work long hours and are focused on processing tax returns in the spring, and that's not a good time for them to deep dive into your situation or give you strategic guidance," says Angela Moore, CFP and founder of Modern Money Education, which offers online personal finance courses for women.

REFLECT ON 2021

"It's a good time to reflect: Did we do what we said we were going to do?" says Christine Centeno, CFP and founder of Simplicity Wealth Management. She recommends looking back at your savings and spending over the past six to 12 months so you can make any necessary adjustments.

Open enrollment, when employees can make selections related to health insurance and other workplace benefits like life insurance, also tends to take place before the end of the year. Centeno suggests carefully combing through your options before making a final choice and considering any needed supplemental insurance, such as disability or life insurance. Also, make sure listed beneficiaries are up to date. "People feel more urgency about getting things in order" because of the pandemic, she says.

RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

"See if you can increase your retirement contributions and maximize them before the year end," Moore says. You can continue to contribute up to $19,500 to your 401(k) through Dec. 31; if you are 50 or older, you can contribute an additional $6,500 for the year. Roth IRA or IRA contributions can continue until the April 15 tax deadline.

If you're in the fortunate position of already having maxed out your retirement contributions for the year, then you will notice your paycheck is bigger because those deductions are no longer taken out.

Ethridge suggests looking into supplemental savings options such as putting money into after-tax savings accounts or college savings for children. Holiday spending also hits at the end of the year, so setting money aside for that is another good idea.

GET READY FOR 2022

Lazetta Rainey Braxton, CFP and co-CEO of 2050 Wealth Partners, says some people are also thinking about job changes right now.

"For a lot of people, they don't want to return to in-person workplaces, so they are looking at new jobs," she says. If that's the case, then you might need to set aside extra cash for a job transition, especially if it could mean a lower salary, she says.

Other big 2022 goals might include finally taking a vacation that was deferred earlier in the pandemic or renovating part of your house that you've been spending so much time in. "The sooner people say what they want and put it on the table, you can set that money aside so you're ready," Braxton says.

Part of that planning also means preparing for continued economic turbulence, warns Frank Pare, CFP and president and managing partner of PF Wealth Management Group.

"If something happens, like the market tanks tomorrow, money should be set aside for your near-term goals so that uncertainty wouldn't impact you," he says. That way, he says, you can still continue with your plans, whether it's to finally retire or take a pandemic-delayed trip.

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Herry's welcomes new manager

Jack Millian has been promoted to manager of Nature Coast's Herry's Thrift & Gift Shoppe in Lecanto.
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Jack Millian, coordinator at Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast's Herry's Thrift & Gift Shoppe in Lecanto since 2019, has been promoted to manager.

In his new role, Millian is now responsible for overall operations at Herry's Thrift & Gift Shoppes in Lecanto and Homosassa Springs.

Bringing a focus on customer care to what he has accomplished at the Lecanto location,

Millian also has been a champion for volunteers, celebrating their achievements and appreciating their contributions.

His experience in retail sales and operations, customer support and satisfaction and team leadership dates back 20 years, encompassing several long-term associations with well-known retailers and training/development providers.

For details about programs or for ways to help, call 352-249-1470 or visit friendsofcitrus.org or Friends of Citrus on Facebook.

4 ways to manage retirement health costs

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Health care in retirement is a big-ticket item. Experts estimate that an average 65-year-old retired couple in 2021 would need about $300,000 in after-tax savings earmarked for health care costs in their post-work life, even with Medicare, according to Fidelity.

The totals are daunting, but you can take steps to keep costs as low as possible with the right planning, good insurance choices and a healthy understanding of your conditions and coverage. Try these strategies — now and in retirement — to help control your health care bills.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AN HSA

A health savings account allows you to put pretax money away for medical expenses. You can invest the funds, and both the principal and earnings are tax-free if you use them for eligible medical costs, today or in the future. This creates a powerful savings tool.

To use an HSA, you must have a high-deductible health plan. If that kind of plan makes sense for you, experts recommend saving money to your HSA and leaving it untouched for as long as possible.

In 2021, you can save up to $3,600 pretax as a single person or up to $7,200 if you have family coverage.

"These accounts are the most tax-efficient plans available," says Sallie Mullins Thompson , a certified public accountant and certified financial planner in New York City. "The main thing you need to do is contribute to it religiously whenever you can."

MAKE A PLAN FOR LONG-TERM CARE

A person turning 65 today has about a 70% chance of needing long-term care at some point, according to the Department of Health and Human Services. One of the best ways to approach this issue is to plan for it: How long do you intend to stay in your home? Where will you go when you can't live there anymore? Who will help you with financial and health care decisions?

"People don't like talking about it because it's uncomfortable thinking about getting old and people taking care of you," says Carolyn McClanahan, a physician-turned-CFP in Jacksonville, Florida. But planning can help you prepare for a change in circumstances.

This could mean buying a traditional long-term care insurance policy, which can cost thousands of dollars per year, according to the American Association for Long-Term Care Insurance.

Or you might consider a hybrid insurance product that combines permanent life insurance with a long-term care rider. (You can use the benefit to pass money down to your heirs or — if you need it — you can tap it for long-term care expenses.)

You could also self-insure by setting money aside annually for long-term care expenses.

The important thing is to consider your options while you're in your 50s or early 60s, before products get too expensive.

GET THE RIGHT MEDICARE PLAN

Choosing the best Medicare policy once you turn 65 means finding one that includes your preferred doctors and your regular medications, helping you avoid high out-of-network and out-of-pocket costs.

You'll also need to consider whether you want access to all doctors who accept Medicare — as with an Original Medicare plan — or whether you want a plan that comes with extra benefits but a more limited provider network, such as a Medicare Advantage plan.

One way to approach Medicare is to find an agent who can help you compare options.

Find someone who's certified to sell as many carriers as possible, meaning they'll be able to present the full array of choices in your area, says Matt Chancey, a CFP in Tampa.

ASK ALL THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

Be an active participant in your health care, no matter what life stage you're in. When your medical provider orders tests, which can drive up your medical costs, make sure you understand why they're being done.

"Say to them, 'What do you hope to learn from this, and is doing this going to change the treatment?'" McClanahan says. "It's important to do that, because a lot of times, doctors order things rotely. It's part of their protocol and they don't stop and think, 'Is it really needed in this case?'"

The same goes for prescriptions. Ask your doctor whether there's something less expensive you could take, or whether there are changes you could make that would help.

"A lot of doctors won't spend the time talking about lifestyle changes, so they throw pills at people," McClanahan says. "You can avoid a lot of medications just by doing the right thing."

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Citrus County Mosquito Control District has tentatively adopted a budget for FY 2021-2022.

A public hearing to make a **FINAL DECISION** on the budget **AND TAXES** will be held on:

Wednesday, September 15, 2021
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BUDGET SUMMARY

Citrus County Mosquito Control District – Fiscal Year– 2021-2022

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITRUS COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT ARE 13.6 PERCENT MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

	LOCAL FUND	STATE FUND	TOTAL
CASH BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	**$2,931,653.55**	**$0.00**	**$2,931,653.55**
ESTIMATED REVENUES;			
TAXES: Millage per $1,000.			
Ad Valorem Taxes .4307	$4,842,976.00	$0.00	$4,842,976.00
Intergovernmental Grant Revenue			
Surplus Proceeds	$20,000.00		$20,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	$10,000.00	$0.00	$10,000.00
Interest Earnings	$15,000.00	$0.00	$15,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**$4,887,976.00**	**$0.00**	**$4,887,976.00**
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES	**$7,819,629.55**	**$0.00**	**$7,819,629.55**
EXPENDITURES / EXPENSES:			
HUMAN SERVICES: MOSQUITO CONTROL			
Personal Services	$1,242,215.00	$0.00	$1,242,215.00
Operating Expenses	$3,432,953.55	$0.00	$3,432,953.55
Capital Outlay	$1,090,000.00	$0.00	$1,090,000.00
Contingency	$634,738.00	$0.00	$634,738.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES / EXPENSES	**$6,399,906.55**	**$0.00**	**$6,399,906.55**
Reserves	**$1,419,723.00**	**$0.00**	**$1,419,723.00**
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES USES AND RESERVES	**$7,819,629.55**	**$0.00**	**$7,819,629.55**

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Mission of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce

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Chamber Connection

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Free Family Fun at Business Expo!

The annual Chamber Business Expo is back this year at the Citrus County Auditorium on September 18th!

Admission is free and we are looking forward to a ton of fun for all ages! Aside from browsing the many local businesses that will be set up and ready to connect with you, all guests will receive a free goodie bag (while supplies last) and have the opportunity to engage in fun entertainment and activities!

What to expect at the Expo:

- Drawings for a free trip into the Chamber Money Machine
- Free Axe Throwing with JAM – Just Amuse Me
- Free craft building with the Citrus Construction Academy Mobile Shop Bus (ages 10+; while supplies last)
- Fun Hawaiian and belly dance demonstrations from Karina's School of Hawaiian Dance
- Fun roller-skating demonstrations from the Citrus Rollers
- Fun jazzercise demonstrations from Citrus Jazzercise
- Free giveaways
- Music by DJ DiOrio
- And more!

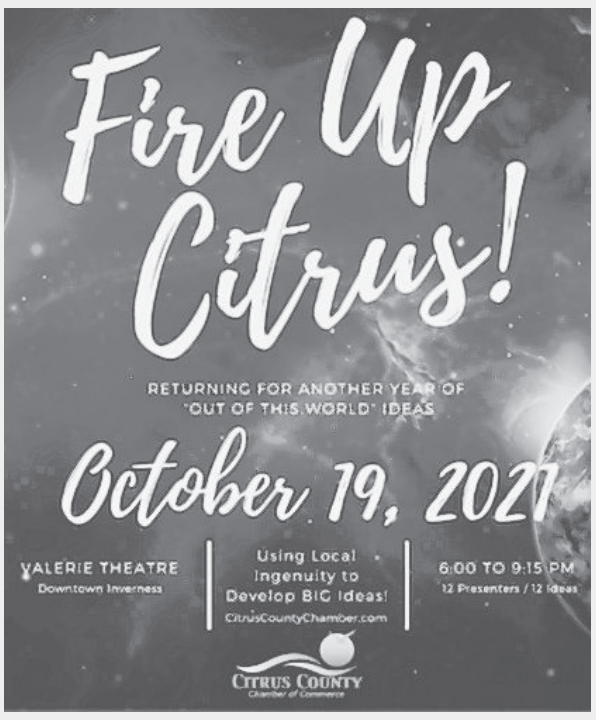
Join us Saturday, September 18th, from 9 a.m. — 1 p.m. at the Citrus County Auditorium.

For more information visit www.citruscountychamber.com/business-expo.

Make a difference at Fire Up Citrus!

There are few opportunities in life where you are handed a platform to speak your truth and share your ideas for a brighter future. Fire Up Citrus! is one of those moments. 12 presenters will have 5 minutes each to present their ideas to grow Citrus County for the better. Our community is growing every day and this presents the opportunity for your voice to be heard in front of community leaders, movers and shakers, looking to make a difference.

But what kind of ideas are welcome at Fire Up Citrus? ALL OF THEM! Ideas of all shapes and sizes are encouraged. Over the years, we've heard ideas for skate parks to educational academies, non-profit startups to affordable housing. No idea is too big or small to make an impact for the future of our community!



Applications are open through October 1st, online at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/fire-up-citrus. You can also access the 2019 presenter video to see what it's all about!

Fire Up Citrus! will be held at the Valerie Theatre in Inverness on October 19th from 6 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.. General admission is $10. Free for presenters.

For more information, contact Ardath Prendergast at 352-795-3149 or ardath@citruscountychamber.com.

'Chamber Report' on WYKE

Josh Wooten

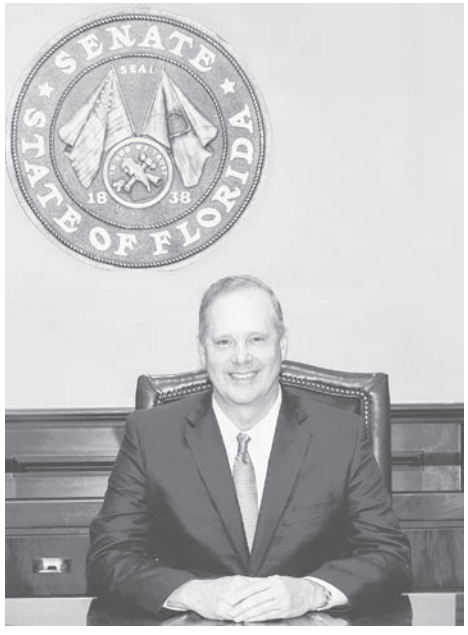
Watch the weekly Chamber Report show on WYKE-TV to stay informed on Chamber events, issues, and member spotlights. Chamber Report is broadcast on Tuesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 5:00 p.m. on Spectrum Channel 16 or through LiveStream (www.livestream.com/watch and search for "WYKE TV 47"). This week, host Jade White, Chamber Public Relations & Communication Coordinator, talks with Josh Wooten, Chamber President/CEO, about the Prosperity Citrus Initiative, The CORE Business Center in Inverness, the Chamber's current Shop Local campaign, and their upcoming events for Business Appreciation Month. Chamber Report is your ticket to the many happenings in Citrus County!

Senate President to speak at October Chamber Luncheon

The Business Appreciation Month Salute to Business Luncheon is excited to welcome Florida Senate President, Wilton Simpson, as our keynote speaker! Senator Simpson will share his thoughts around the 2022 legislative business agenda.

The luncheon will be held on October 15th from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the College of Central Florida — Lecanto Campus.

Thank you to our October luncheon sponsor Duke Energy. $25 to attend, lunch included. To RSVP, visit https://tinyurl.com/2021-October-Luncheon.



A lifelong Florida farmer and entrepreneur, President Wilton Simpson has deep personal and professional roots grounded in agriculture. He founded, owned and operated several businesses including an environmental services company, which specializes in asbestos removal, mold remediation, and general contracting. He also owns a large-scale egg-laying operation that supplies eggs for Florida's families through supermarkets all over the state.

President Simpson ran for public office for the first time in 2012. He was elected to the Senate and has been reelected subsequently. During his time in the Senate, President Simpson has served as Chair of the Committee on Community Affairs, the Committee on Innovation, Industry, and Technology, and the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development. He served as the Senate Majority (Republican) Leader from 2016-2018.

Given his lifelong passion for farming, President Simpson's legislative interests have focused on good stewardship of Florida's environment. He sponsored historic legislation to restore Florida's Everglades, spearheaded a successful state program to restore our natural springs, advocated for the cleanup of Lake Okeechobee, and continues to focus on incentives to move Floridians from septic tanks to sewer systems.

On November 17, 2020, he was unanimously elected to serve a two-year term as Senate President. In addition to his responsibilities as the Senate's presiding officer, President Simpson is proud and honored to represent the people of State Senate District 10, comprised of a portion of Pasco, and all of Hernando and Citrus counties.

Recent Ribbon Cuttings

The Chamber is growing every week. We welcome our new members and thank all of them for joining the Chamber. We encourage the community to support their businesses.

Lilly's Creative Hair Studio **352-573-6744**

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Chamber Events

- 09/23 – September Chamber Mixer – 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Realtor's Association of Citrus County in Lecanto
- 10/15 – Salute to Business Luncheon featuring keynote speaker Senate President Wilton Simpson, sponsored by Duke Energy – 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. To register email Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com.
- 10/19 – Fire Up Citrus! – 6 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.; The Valerie Theatre in Inverness
- 10/28 – BAM BBQ presented by Crystal Harley Davidson – 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.; M&B Dairy in Lecanto. Tickets on sale now at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/bambbq.

Chamber Legacy Partners

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Carnival Corp. to provide access to pre-board testing

Associated Press

MIAMI — Carnival Corporation, the world's largest cruise company, Friday announced a new initiative making pre-board testing more convenient and accessible for its guests.

The effort will facilitate access to pre-cruise COVID-19 viral testing for guests of Carnival Cruise Line, Holland America Line, Princess Cruises and Seabourn at more than 1,500 Quest Diagnostics patient service centers and retail pharmacy testing locations throughout the U.S.

The program helps streamline pre-cruise preparation for guests planning to sail aboard Carnival Cruise Line, Princess Cruises, Holland America Line or Seabourn. Currently, all guests, regardless of vaccination status, must present a negative COVID-19 viral test taken no more than three days before their embarkation, along with additional health and safety requirements.

Beginning Sept. 13, in accordance with CDC directives, all vaccinated guests must present a negative COVID-19 viral test taken no more than two days before their embarkation (for example, if a cruise leaves on a Saturday, guests should schedule their tests for the Thursday before embarking). Details about requirements are available on the Carnival Corporation cruise line brand websites.

The pre-board test (molecular or antigen) is one of the added measures recently implemented by the company's cruise lines, which have been operating with enhanced health and safety protocols designed to change as needed to adapt to the evolving public health environment.

Guests may schedule testing with Quest Diagnostics at more than 1,500 locations, including Quest Diagnostics patient service centers and select Walmart and other retail pharmacy locations throughout the U.S. Appointments are required and may be scheduled online via secure link provided by Carnival Cruise Line, Princess Cruises, Holland America Line or Seabourn. Results are typically available within 48 hours via email or mobile application.

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- ☐ Veterans Appreciation Concert, NCCB, Oct. 30 & 31
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- ☐ Veterans Social, Nov. 5 (AL 155, $8 at the door)
- ☐ Veterans Military Ball, Nov. 6 ($50 pp; call 352-746-1135 for tickets)
- ☐ Veterans Breakfast, Nov. 7 (Hosted by Inverness Elks)
- ☐ Massing of the Colors, Nov. 7 (First Lutheran Church, Inverness)
- ☐ Woman Veterans Luncheon, Nov. 8 (For Reservation, call 352-746-2396)
- ☐ Veterans Day Parade, Nov. 11 (Following parade)
- ☐ Memorial Service, Nov. 11 (Following parade)
- ☐ Veterans Day Luncheon, Nov. 11 (VFW Post 4337 following memorial service; VSO Cdrs & Aux Presidents invited)
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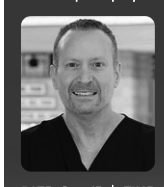

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Florida State Representative Dr. Ralph Massullo
Ralph Massullo was elected into the FL House of Representatives in 2016, representing Citrus County and the North West portion of Hernando County. He was born and raised in West Virginia and founded Suncoast Dermatology and Skin Surgery Center in 1989, where he still practices today. Massullo and his wife Patty have four children and two grandchildren. They are active members of Seven Rivers Presbyterian Church.

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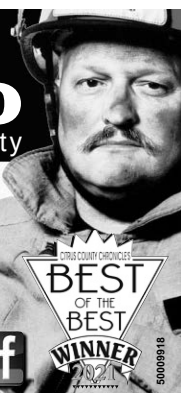

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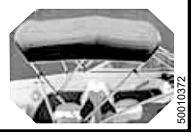

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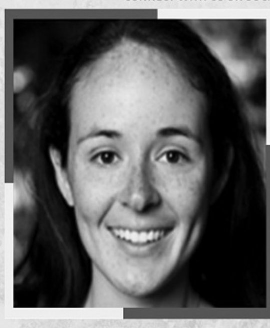

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Household

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13 Mirrolure Fishing Lures - Top Dog, etc. $5 each or 13 for $50 **352-382-4558**

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Sandy's Barbershop
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Pets

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Misc. Notices

1613-0912 SUCRN
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ACTION: ORDERS TO VACATE AND DEMOLISH - VIOLATION OF CITRUS COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 20 ARTICLE V UNSAFE STRUCTURES AND/OR CONDITIONS

CASE NUMBER: 240079

Description of property: Altkey: 2327731; HOLIDAY ACRES UNIT 1 PB 5 PG 65 LOT 1: E 150 FT OF N1/2 OF LOT 41 TOGETHER WITH EASM; Parcel ID: 17E18S140010 0411

CAROL WRIGHT
3360 N. Holiday Dr.
Crystal River, FL 34429

On **September 8, 2021**, orders were issued by the Citrus County Code Compliance Director to vacate and demolish the structure(s) on the property located at: **3360 N. Holiday Dr., Crystal River, FL**. If the property owner(s) fail to comply with this order, the Code Compliance Division will issue a work order to abate the nuisance condition.

Any person(s) having a legal interest in this property may contact the Code Compliance Office within 30 days of this publication. Board of County Commissioners, Dept. of Growth Management, Code Compliance Division, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, FL. 352-527-5350. If you are hearing or speech impaired, use the TDD telephone (352) 341-6580.

Si necesita un traductor de espanol por favor haga arreglos con el Condado dentro de dos dias de la notification de la publicacion 352-527-5370.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, will hold a Public Hearing for Plat Vacation PV-21-01 in the County Commission Chambers, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450, at 1:30 PM, on September 28, 2021, to determine whether or not this Board shall vacate the platted drainage and utility easements on the east side of Lot 2 and the west side of Lot 3, Block 120, Crystal Manor Unit No. 2, as recorded in Plat Book 8, Pages 112 through 134, Public Records of Citrus County, Florida, and disclaim any right of the County and the public in and to said plat vacation and the lands in connection therewith.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at this public hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record shall include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the County Administrator's Office, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, FL 34461, (352) 527-5210, at least two days before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, dial 7-1-1, 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service.

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Board of County Commissioners
Citrus County, Florida

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, will hold a Public Hearing for Plat Vacation PV-21-03 in the County Commission Chambers, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450, at 1:35 PM, on September 28, 2021, to determine whether or not this Board shall vacate the platted 5' utility easements lying on the north side of Lots 61 through 68, and the platted 5' utility easements lying on the south side of Lots 13 through 20, Block 11, Inverness Highlands Unit No. 1, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Pages 93-96, Public Records of Citrus County, Florida, and disclaim any right of the County and the public in and to said plat vacation and the lands in connection therewith.

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Lien Notices

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: **PRECISION TOWING** gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles at: **1726 W Lockport Lane, Dunnellon, Florida 34434**, Phone number: 352-489-1357, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.

PRECISION TOWING reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

September 24, 2021 @ 7:00 AM

VIN #:	VEHICLE
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Meeting Notices

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
HERNANDO/CITRUS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will conduct a public meeting on Thursday, September 23, 2021, beginning at 1:30 p.m., at the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 West Sovereign Path, Room 166, Lecanto, Florida.

Items scheduled on the agenda include, but are not limited to:

- Electric Vehicle Master Plan - Florida Department of Transportation Presentation
- FY 2021-FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment
- FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment
- Approval of Scope of Services - Crystal River/Turkey Oak Bypass Study to Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc.
- Approval of Scope of Services - Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) Citrus Transit to Tindale Oliver and Associates
- Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Appointment
- Hernando County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board (TDLCB) Appointment
- Potential Consideration of MPO Executive Director Candidates
- Signature Authority - Executive Director Vacancy

Approximately one week prior to the meeting the meeting agenda may be viewed online at: www.hernandocounty.us and/or www.hernandocounty.us/hernandocitrusmpo.

The public is encouraged to attend. Any questions concerning this public meeting should be directed to Carlene Riecss, Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization, 1661 Blaise Drive, Brooksville, FL, 34601, telephone (352) 754-4082, extension 28010, or email mpo@hernandocounty.us.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) with regard to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, said person will need a record of the proceeding, and that, for such purpose, said person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based, Section 286.0105 F.S.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Mary Glancy, (352) 527-5363 no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the proceedings. If hearing impaired, please call 1-800-676-3777 for assistance at least 2 days prior to the meeting.

Hernando/Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization

/s/ Carlene Riecss
MPO Transportation Planner

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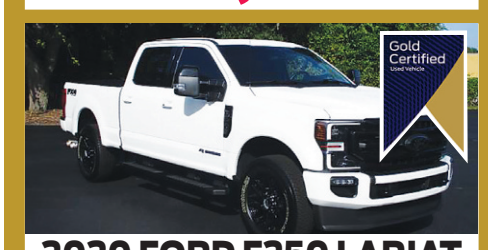

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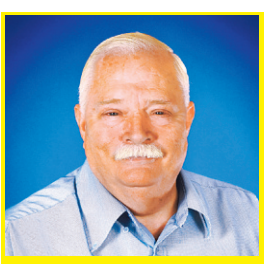

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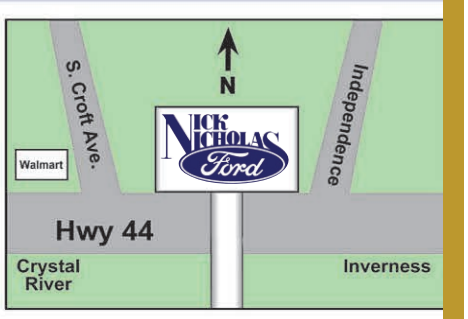
Salesperson Of The Month



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HomeFront

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

One of the nine treehouses at The Mohicans Treehouse Resort and Wedding Venue in Glenmont, Ohio.

Associated Press

Inside this week:

Treehouses

Pandemic fuels new interest./**Page E6**

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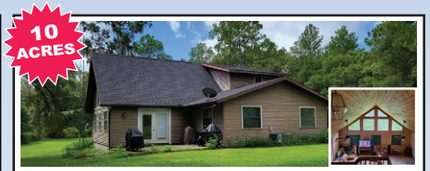

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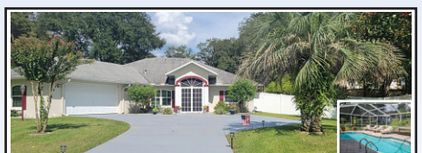

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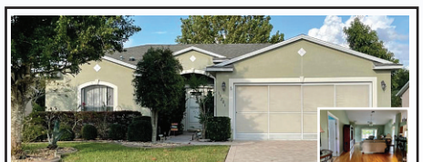

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Eric Hoyer

ARBOR CULTURE

Why would someone need a tree appraised for dollar value? There are many reasons, including damage or loss of a tree or trees due to a lightning strike, vehicular damage, deliberate or inadvertent removal of a tree by a neighbor or tree service, removal of trees due to eminent domain, an IRS casualty loss, establishing an IRS basis, and other reasons. As a tree appraiser, I have been involved in appraising trees for all those reasons.

Casualty losses involve a sudden and unexpected loss of trees and are somewhat narrowly defined by the IRS. The IRS defines a casualty loss as follows: "a casualty loss can result from the damage, destruction or loss of your property from any sudden, unexpected, or unusual event such as a flood, hurricane, tornado, fire, earthquake or even volcanic eruption. A casualty does not include normal wear and tear or progressive deterioration."

The amount of the loss is the lesser of the adjusted basis of your property or the decrease in the fair market value of your property. The IRS defines the basis as "your cost, increased or decreased by certain events such as improvements or depreciation." Generally, a basis is established when you take possession of a property through purchase or inheritance. To determine the value of trees and landscape plants which suffered a casualty loss, a real estate appraiser would need to work with the tree and plant appraiser to determine the loss in fair market value.

Casualty losses for individuals are difficult to claim, as the casualty loss must exceed 10% of your adjusted gross income (AGI) as reported on your recent IRS tax return. This is found on Line 37 of your 1040 form and reflects your income before itemized deductions. Therefore, if your AGI is $50,000, your casualty loss would have to exceed $5,000 to even be able to file a claim for a loss. Business casualty losses are less restrictive and do not require the loss to exceed 10% AGI. A good example of a business casualty loss would be a commercial timber stand destroyed by a wildfire. If the timber stand can be determined to be a business enterprise, a casualty loss can be filed. Another example would be a place of business where the trees were lost due to a hurricane or tornado. A tax specialist should be consulted prior to attempting to file such a claim.

Another situation involving the IRS can be to appraise trees, usually timber, when a property changes hands due to purchase or inheritance. The new owner may want to establish a new basis for his/her trees or timber and keep it separate from the land and/or building value of the property. Most people do not do this when purchasing or inheriting land and it can prove to be a worthwhile endeavor later when the property is resold or damaged due to a casualty as explained above.

A more common situation for homeowners is to file a claim for loss of trees with an insurance company. Most homeowners' insurance policies have some language regarding coverage for the loss of trees due to such things as lightning strikes or damage from a vehicle hitting a tree. Often, there is a limit of $500 per tree; policies vary, and your insurance agent should be consulted in such a situation.

Eminent domain is another situation where trees can be appraised for compensation. A homeowner or a place of business may have some valuable trees which will be removed due to a highway expansion or other improvements. These trees can be appraised and made a part of the real estate appraisal to determine the fair market value of the condemned property.

So how does one go about determining the monetary value of trees? In general, trees are appraised based on their use. Trees in a residential or urban situation would be appraised based on their replacement cost from a nursery. If the trees are small enough to be readily replaced, an appraiser can use prices from local nurseries to determine the replacement value based on size. However, the final appraised value is depreciated from the actual replacement cost based on the condition of the tree being replaced as well as other factors such as proximity to utility lines, limited growing space, predisposition of the tree to insects or diseases, too many trees in one area (super adequacy), etc.

Determining the value of trees larger than replacement size is more complex and is based on a

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Home projects to do now to avoid costly repairs in winter

Living SPACE

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Avert disaster later in the year, and save money on energy bills.

Home improvement projects may not be the first things on your to-do list this fall, but you may want to add a few items to that list (maybe after "book holiday travel" but before "buy new soccer cleats for the kids") to help prepare your home for the chillier months approaching.

Steve Wadlington, president of WIN Home Inspection, shared five home improvement chores homeowners should tackle this fall to help make their homes more efficient and more capable of withstanding whatever the winter throws at them.

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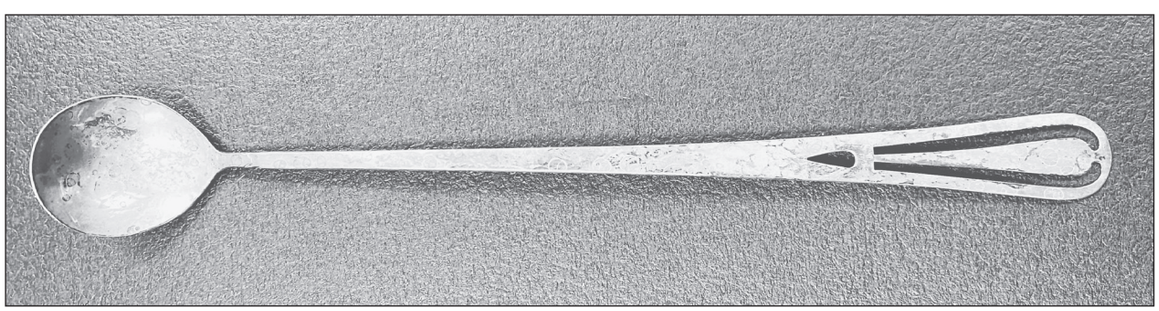
Reader's spoon could attract interest from collectors

John Sikorski
SIKORSKI'S ATTIC

Dear John: My wife and I have been reading your articles in the Chronicle for years. While going through an old trunk that has been stored in the garage, we came across this long-handled spoon. It is obviously old, since the trunk has been around for decades without opening. We have no idea of where it came from. We have shown it to other family members, and no one recognizes it either. So, there are no sentimental family memories or connections. We have included "good clear photographs" as you often ask for, including the information that is stamped into the back of the handle. It has sterling and F. Porter and another symbol you can see in the photo impressed into the back of the handle. What can you tell us about the maker and any value it might have? The spoon measures 11 1/2 inches long. Do you know what it was used for? Thank you for any light you can shed on this curiosity. — *N.P., internet*



Special to the Chronicle

This hand-hammered iced tea spoon is an example of Arts and Crafts design. The maker was Franklin Porter; his works are sought out by collectors.

Dear N.P.: Thank you for the good photographs. You have an Arts and Crafts hand-hammered iced tea spoon made of sterling silver, as marked. The impressed maker's mark F. Porter is for Franklin Porter, 1869-1935. He was born and lived in Danvers, Massachusetts. He studied at the highly respected Rhode Island School of Design and after his technical training at Brown and Sharpe in Providence, Rhode Island. He did not start his business until he turned 55 in 1924. His handmade silver is sought after by collectors. Your iced tea spoon would sell in the $100 to $200 range.

Dear John: We have an old wash tub wringer. It is marked Horse Shoe Brand Clothes Wringer across the bottom board and has No. 300 on the top board. I am pretty sure my grandma actually used it; it came from her laundry room. By the time I came around, she had a new washer and dryer but kept this one in

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Bonus: Taking care of these tasks now can help save you money on winter energy bills!

If you're relatively handy, you can handle many these check-ups yourself; if not, have a trusted home repair pro (ask neighbors for their recommendations) come out and take a look. The process should be quick and easy, and if any repairs are needed, you can start coordinating those ASAP.

1. Check your roof.

The summer's sun exposure — plus general wear and tear since the last time you had your roof checked — can cause roof and siding materials to warp, chip and more. Look for any cracks or other damage; it will be much easier to fix these issues now than in the midst of winter if it starts to leak or is otherwise damaged.

2. Sweep the chimney.

If you plan to use the fireplace this fall and winter, make sure the chimney is clean and in good shape. (And make sure no squirrels or other critters have taken up residence inside!) A blockage in the chimney can cause a fire or other hazards and be an inconvenient mess. Get ahead of any smoke- or ash-related issues by giving the whole set-up a good cleaning.

3. Clean the gutters.

Yes, fall will drop a ton of freshly fallen leaves into your gutters no matter what you do, but getting ahead of that can prevent water damage and other high-cost repairs. Take some time (or, better yet, have a handyman come by) to check your home's gutters for dead leaves and other potential blockages. If there are any, have them cleared them out so water can properly drain.

4. Look at the weatherproofing.

Doors and windows should be sealed against the elements with weather stripping and/or caulking. These protective materials keep nasty weather out and the heat in — cracked, chipping or otherwise damaged seals can cause much higher energy bills as you lose heat to the outdoors. Also check that doors and windows are properly attached to their frames, with no gaps or cracks.

5. Examine your floors.

Summer's heat and moisture (thanks, humidity) can cause signs of wear and tear in floors, especially if you have real hardwood flooring. Scratched, dull or damaged floors can be sanded down and refinished; more substantial damage, such as loose floorboards or deep scratches, may call for replacement boards.

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there too. Can you give me an idea of when it was made? I doubt it has any value, but it reminds me of my grandma, so I will keep it. Thank you for an informative column. — *C.P., internet*

Dear C.P.: There is considerable collector interest in antique and vintage tools used for household chores. The center of interest is the kitchen and all things even remotely connected to the kitchen. Your clothes wringer was made pre-World War I. They are bought and sold in the general vintage and antiques marketplace for reasonable prices.

John Sikorski has been a professional in the antiques business for 30 years. Send questions to Sikorski's Attic, P.O. Box 2513, Ocala, FL 34478 or asksikorski@aol.com.

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"per square inch" value of the cross-sectional area of the trunk. This is known as the Basic Value, which is further depreciated by the condition and other factors as stated above. Very large trees can have considerable value; a large diameter, healthy tree in good condition and a good location may be worth tens of thousands of dollars.

Trees in a rural or forested setting may be appraised from a timber value standpoint. Timber is purchased by weight (tons) and different species and sizes are used for different forest products such as mulch, poles, fence posts, or saw timber. Determining the value of a timber stand involves performing a "cruise" or inventory of the standing timber, determining the volume of the standing timber by each of the various timber products for that region, determining the market value of the timber based on recent comparable timber sales in the area, and then assigning the market values for each product to the timber found on the subject property to determine the total timber value. Such appraisals require a good deal of fieldwork and market analysis to produce an accurate timber value. Sometimes timber appraisals are "free-standing" and used when selling timber on the market; other times, they are provided to a real estate appraiser who "wraps" the timber value into the total value of the real estate.

Should you need your trees or timber appraised, be sure to consult your insurance company or tax specialist first to determine if an appraisal is worthwhile and beneficial.

Should you need your trees or timber appraised, be sure to consult your insurance company or tax specialist first to determine if an appraisal is worthwhile and beneficial. If you hire a tree appraiser, be sure to determine his or her credentials and experience. Tree appraisal is a specialty and many arborists do not have the experience or understanding to do it properly.

Eric H. Hoyer is a certified arborist, a certified forester, a registered consulting arborist and a qualified tree risk assessor with Natural Resource Planning Services Inc. He can be contacted at erich@nrpsforesters.com.

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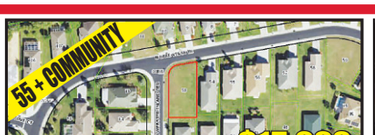

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Treehouses return in style

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Associated Press

Anthropologists believe our ancient human ancestors spent their time in trees, so it should be no surprise we love treehouses today.

Treehouses of all kinds are experiencing a renaissance.

When an acre-size slice of land in Gold Hill, Colorado, came on the market earlier this year, local resident Jessica Brookhart, 41, snapped it up for $80,000.

The draw for her: The house was a treehouse.

It was a place she could hang out with her husband and two young boys.

"I had never been inside it, but had admired it from a distance," she said, admitting it was an emotional purchase.

The man who owned the land had built the treehouse with materials from a recycling center in neighboring Boulder. The structure can fit two adults and two children. There's no bathroom or running water, and a squat potty is outside down on the ground. There's a camping stove for cooking, and water has to be brought up. From the windows, you can see Longs Peak and the Continental Divide.

"Since I was a little girl, I was obsessed with little minihouses, or sheds and treehouses," Brookhart said.

She sometimes rents the treehouse out online, and to her surprise, lots of people want to use it.

"For me, it's this magical place," she said. "I have to block off a bunch of weekends just so we can spend time there too."

Treehouses have proliferated during the pandemic. There are stylish backyard ones built by professionals, and makeshift ones thrown up just to escape the four walls of home. There are listings on sites like Airbnb for treehouses to camp in.

Unlike the rickety treehouses of yore, many of these new ones have been upgraded. Most are still accessed with a ladder, however, requiring you to climb.

As pandemic lockdowns droned on, Nanci and Ethan Butler of Newton, Massachusetts, decided to build a backyard treehouse for their two kids. Ethan, an engineer, found treehouse floor plans online and modified them to accommodate their family.

Building the house was a family affair, and in about three months, the Butlers had a beautiful hideaway with built-in bunk beds and a front deck. They enjoyed some nights camping out in it.

Then, on a serene day about three weeks after it was finished, a big oak in the yard broke in two. Part of it fell directly onto the treehouse, crushing it. Carpenter ants had brought the tree down.

"It was traumatic, I was stunned," Nanci, 45, said. "But we were also so saturated with despair at that point. Nobody cried."

More people have been drawn outdoors and into nature during COVID, and treehouses are part of that pattern, said Jeff Galak, associate professor of marketing at Carnegie Mellon University's Tepper School of Business.

"They are an attempt to do something fun and interesting and away from other people," Galak said.

Part of treehouses' popularity, he said, is parents' desire to create more backyard amenities so kids will go outside.

Nostalgia is another part of it.

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Associated Press

A Pagosa Springs treehouse built by Aaron Smith's Treecraft Design-Built in Fort Collins, Colorado. Smith said interest in treehouses has increased in the past few years.

This undated photo provided by Jessica Brookhart shows a treehouse owned by Brookhart in Gold Hill, Colorado. Brookhart bought it recently and occasionally rents it.

One of the treehouses at The Mohicans Treehouse Resort and Wedding Venue in Glenmont, Ohio. Guests can enjoy luxury amenities in these treehouses all year at this resort.

"Little Red" at The Mohicans Treehouse Resort and Wedding Venue in Glenmont, Ohio. Treehouses at this resort have heat and air conditioning and a full kitchen.

The "Tin Shed" at The Mohicans Treehouse Resort and Wedding Venue in Glenmont, Ohio.

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"Nostalgia is a huge driver for consumers in general," he said. "People are being creative with how they engage with that type of nostalgia."

Business is booming for Aaron Smith, who owns the Fort Collins, Colorado-based treehouse architecture firm Treecraft Design-Build. He started it in 2015, and now employs a second designer and eight carpenters.

"In COVID times, I saw a spike in requests for backyard treehouses just because everyone was at home and the kids needed to get out of the house too," Smith said.

His treehouses have ranged from a basic backyard structure costing around $10,000 to a livable treehouse with indoor plumbing for half a million. He has clients all over the country.

On social media, a variety of treehouse hashtags on TikTok pulls up millions of results. On Pinterest, searches for "treehouse homes" are up sevenfold from the year prior. And treehouse rentals have their own section on Airbnb.

For many people, basic is OK for treehouses. Jim Brook, a 71-year-old grandfather in Breckenridge, Colorado, built his three grandsons a small platform treehouse nestled among some aspen trees a few years ago.

"I love to introduce them to nature and encourage them to play outdoors, so a simple structure with a metal pole 'fireman' exit seemed like it would be fun," Brook said. "At times we have also set a small tarp overhead and a carpet remnant on the plywood platform."

Others like their treehouses with a bit of luxury. The Mohicans Treehouse Resort in Glenmont, Ohio, is packed with amenities for those who want to enjoy the outdoors with the comforts of modern living.

The nine treehouses (and two under construction) at Mohican are indeed built with supporting trees, but they have the feel of a fancy hotel: black walnut or cherry wood floors, 100-year-old barn siding, nice linens and throw pillows, indoor plumbing, air conditioning and heat.

One of the treehouses on the property, Little Red, was featured on the Animal Planet series "Treehouse Masters." Another one, White Oak, has a ground-level entrance, making it wheelchair accessible.

"The goal was to have them available all year round, with all amenities," said Laura Mooney, who owns the resort with her husband, Kevin. "We didn't want guests to have to go to a shower house. They could stay in the treehouse and everything is there."

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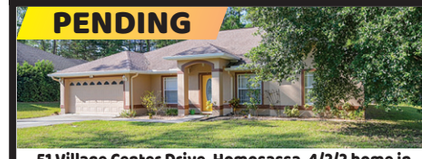
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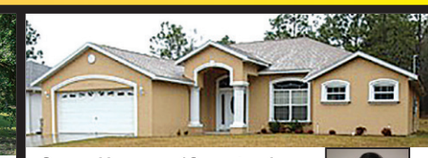
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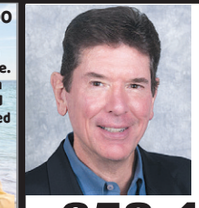
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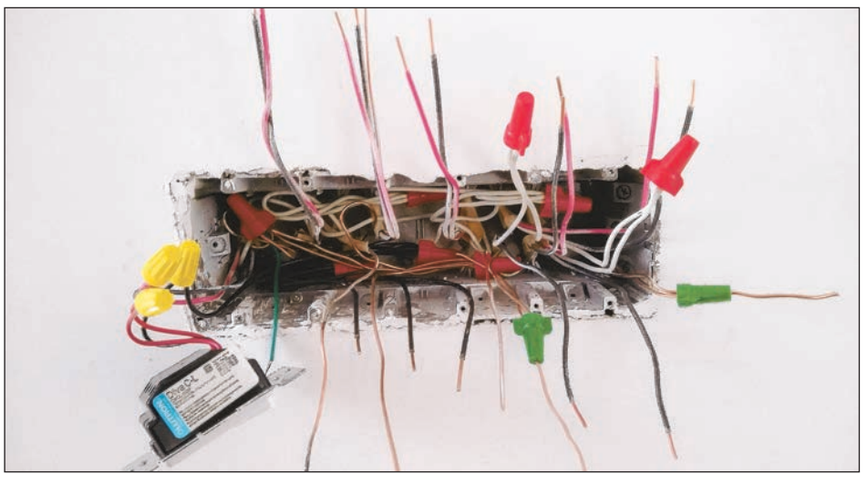

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If you're going to attempt DIY electric wiring, you better be prepared to understand how to connect all these wires correctly. It's not for the faint of heart.

A: Margo's in an interesting predicament. My guess is this is a financial issue where she's trying to trim her overall budget. I can understand that. I can also understand developing a sense of bravado after watching online videos that most likely only tell you part of the story.

I've wired lots of homes, including my daughter's new home in Maine just in the past few months. It's important to realize that the actual aspect of nailing up boxes and installing the cables is not overly physically taxing. The challenge is to do the work so it meets or exceeds the complex National Electrical Code (NEC) authored by the National Fire Protection Association. This book is a collection of hard-earned safety standards that many have given their lives so that you and I can reap the benefits of electric power.

I don't know that I've ever seen a news story where a person has drowned in their home because of a pipe leak, but dig deep into the national news each week and you'll find stories of people and pets dying from fires traced to electrical issues. You need to understand that if you decide to install electrical wire, you're indeed playing with fire.

That said, I don't want to dissuade you from trying. Another key point is that each master electrician out there started day one on the job not knowing which colored wire nut to use when. A homeowner can successfully and safely install electric wiring in a residential project with some sound advice, an assist from an electrician, and a heavy dose of common sense.

I could write for hours and hours about the small nuances involved with residential wiring. First and foremost, let's talk about the size of the conductors, or wires, in the cables. A spool of cable is what you see at the home center, and here in the USA it normally will contain two insulated wires and an uninsulated bare copper ground wire.

The NEC requires certain circuits in the house be fed with wires that can handle a maximum amperage. For example, kitchen countertop circuits need to handle 20 amps. An electric clothes dryer almost always calls for a cable that can handle 30 amps. Your electric stove/oven may need 40 or 50 amps. The NEC allows many normal outlet circuits in a house to be 15 amps.

You can't mix and match wire sizes on circuits. All the wires/cables on a specific circuit protected by a circuit breaker must match the rating of the breaker. Are you confused yet? I think you can see where this is going.

Things you might not even consider come into play. The location of the drilled holes in wall studs and floor joists is critical. The NEC discusses this, and you don't want drywall screws or finish trim nails puncturing your cables. The number of cables that can be stacked on top of one another when nailed to a wood stud is important too!

You need to understand how many conductors, or individual wires, are allowed inside certain boxes. The NEC discusses the cubic-inch volume of boxes and relates it to the number and size of the conductors. Some modern boxes have the maximum count printed on them. Is your head spinning yet? We've still got so much more to discuss!

Wiring for three-way and four-way switches is not hard, but you need to understand how it all works. A few years ago, I recorded two separate videos showing how to wire up each switch, and these are on AsktheBuilder.com. I prefer using a special cable, called a 3 wire, between these switches. This cable contains an extra wire in it that normally has red insulation on it. After watching my videos, you'll understand why this special cable with the extra conductor is so helpful.

You'll need to fully understand the different circuit breakers that are now required by the NEC. I clearly remember years ago when the ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) breaker was first introduced into the code. Not only are you required to use those in certain wet locations, but the NEC also now requires an additional arc-fault circuit interrupter (AFCI) breaker on many other circuits.

Here's my advice. Seriously consider hiring an electrician who will allow you to do lots of the mundane work such as nailing up the boxes, running the cables between them, and even allowing you to connect up many of the switches and outlets after the drywall is up. But allow the electrician to do all the truly complex aspects that only come with years of experience.

Don't forget, there's a very special way that the wires are stripped and looped onto the screws on outlets and switches. Mess this up and you likely will become a grim statistic.

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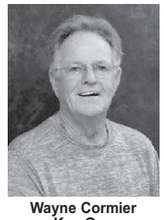

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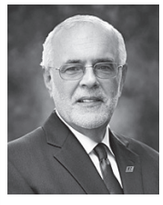

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The rate for a 15-year loan, a popular option for homeowners refinancing their mortgages, ticked up to 2.19% from 2.18% last week.

Concern continues to swirl that the highly contagious delta variant could cause the economic recovery from the pandemic to sputter by reducing employment and dampening consumer spending. The Federal Reserve reported Wednesday that U.S. economic activity "downshifted" in July and August, in part because of a pullback in dining out, travel and tourism stemming from concern over the delta variant.

In a positive sign that the economy is so far outrunning the variant, the government reported Thursday that the number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits fell last week to 310,000, a pandemic low and a sign that the delta variant has yet to bring widespread layoffs. At their current pace, weekly applications for benefits are edging toward their pre-pandemic figure of roughly 225,000.

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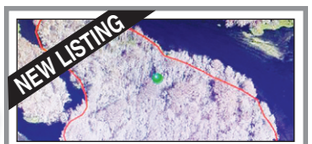

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If you have been looking for your own private island, then look no further. Check out this .95-acre lot located in Sportsman Island and is only accessible by boat. What a great weekend retreat.
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- Cleared and prepped
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.49-acre lot, zoned MDR - MLS #805390 **$25,000**
6490 E. KENT ST, INVERNESS
.44-acre lot, zoned MDR - MLS #805320 **$25,000**

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4881 N. ARID POINT, CRYSTAL RIVER
Looking for acreage? Look at this 19.68 acre property zoned RURMH, just minutes from downtown Crystal River, and enjoy all the indoor/outdoor amenities it has to offer.

MLS #803118 **$129,000**
Call Skyler Hastings 352-422-6096 for additional property information today!

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864 NE 5TH ST., CRYSTAL RIVER
Looking for commercial buildings check out these (2) buildings. The front building has 1,444 sq. ft. with an open concept, and the back building has an office with a reception area.
MLS #805417 **$478,000**
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12038 S. TURNER AVE., FLORAL CITY
Check out this 3/2 manufactured home nestled on 4.87-acres of country living with NO deed restrictions or HOA fees.
MLS #805126 **$170,000**
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NEW LISTING

1266 S. GOLD DUST TER., INVERNESS
Check out this 2/1 manufactured home that has been recently renovated. It has a fenced yard a 12x13 shed, is just minutes from historic downtown Inverness, and enjoy all the indoor/outdoor amenities it has to offer,
MLS #805427 **$79,000**
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NEW LISTING

3658 YATES CREEK RD., PERRY, FL
1.01 acre stilt home. Totally upgraded from top to bottom. One-half mile from the Gulf. Golfcart/ATV family/friendly community. Great for entertaining, fishing & kayaking.
MLS #805451 **$280,000**
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1801 KIMBERLY LANE, INVERNESS
Look at this 4/1.5 home nestled on a.34-acre corner lot, is within minutes from historic downtown Inverness, and all the indoor/outdoor amenities it has to offer.
MLS #805177 **$229,900**
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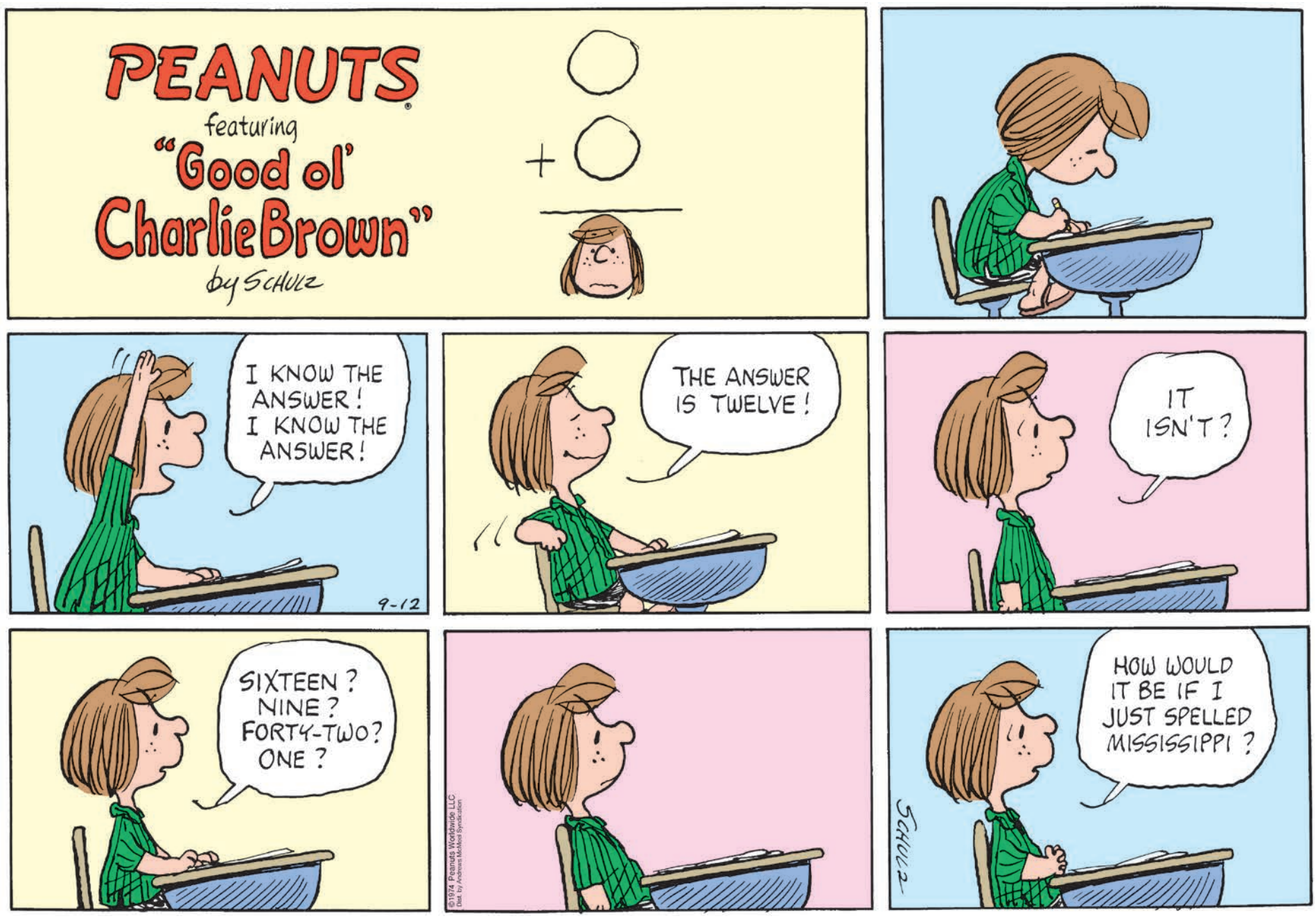

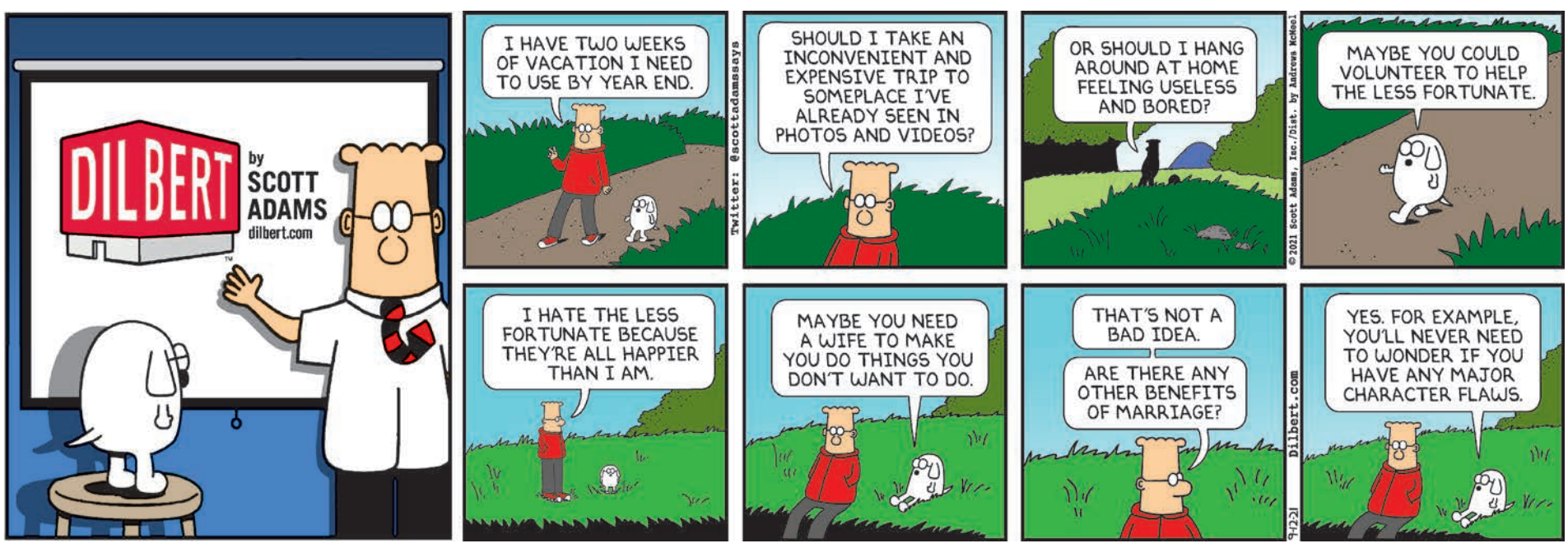

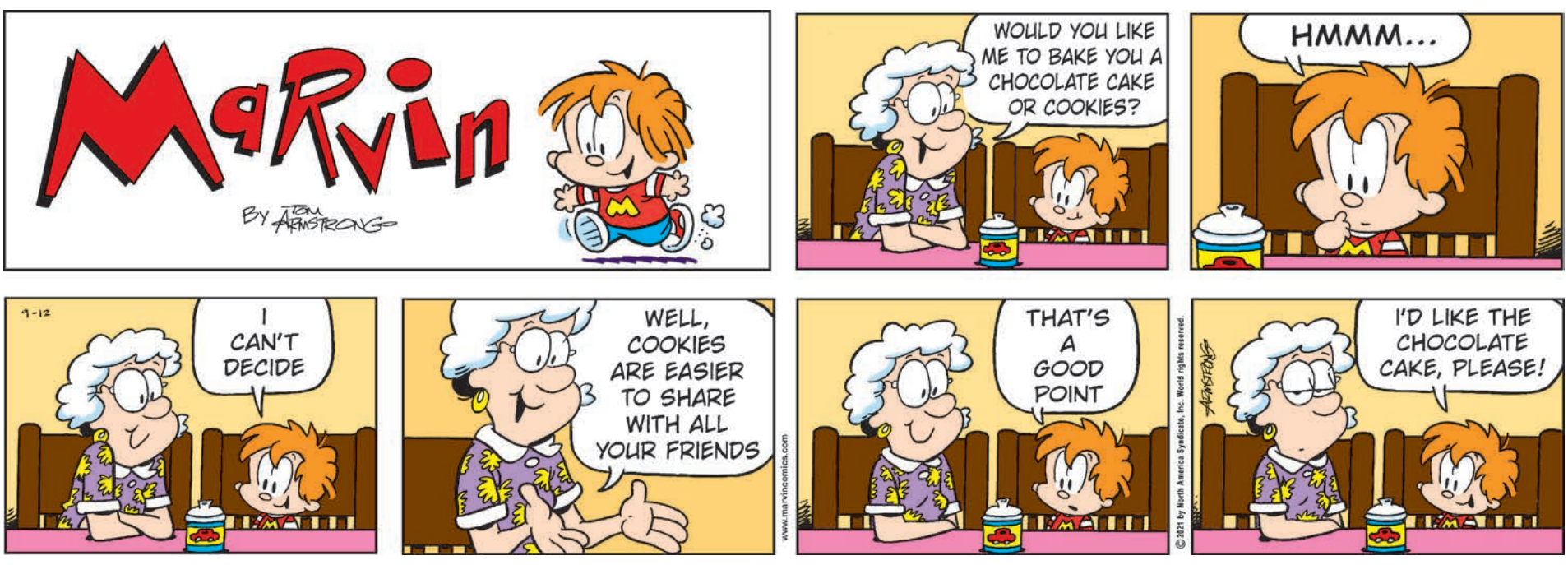

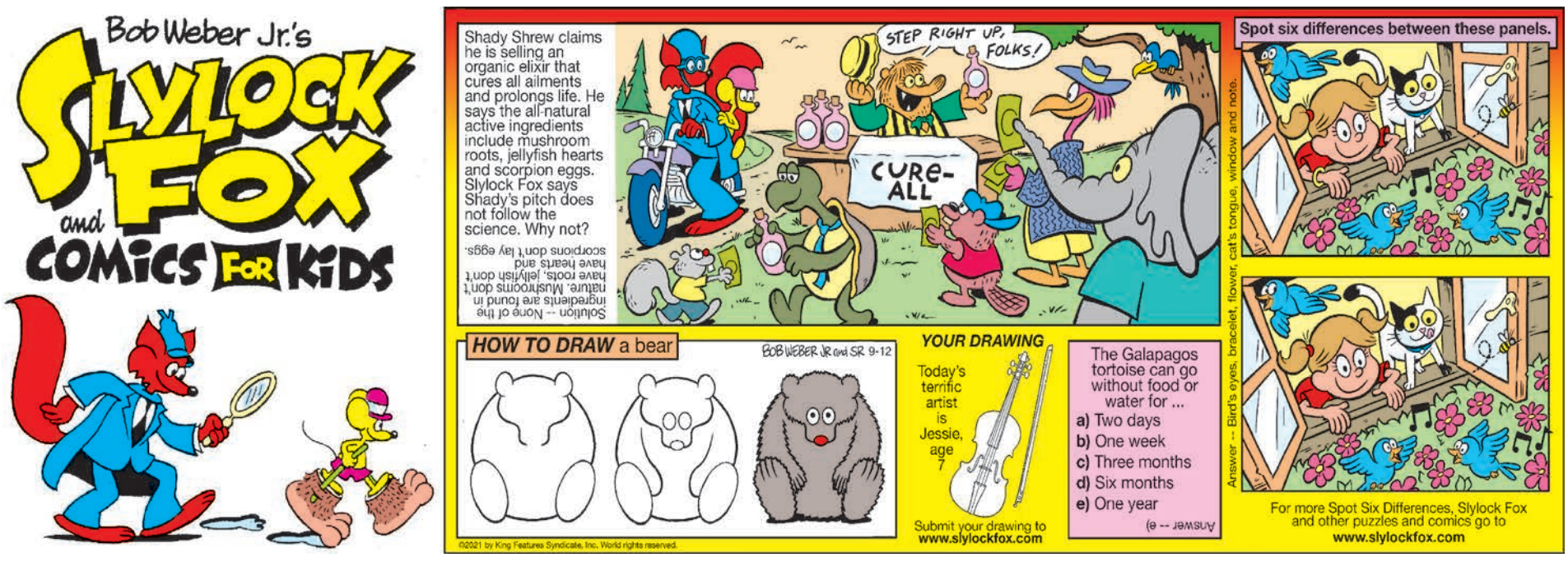

Sunday Puzzle Fun

JUMBLE®

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

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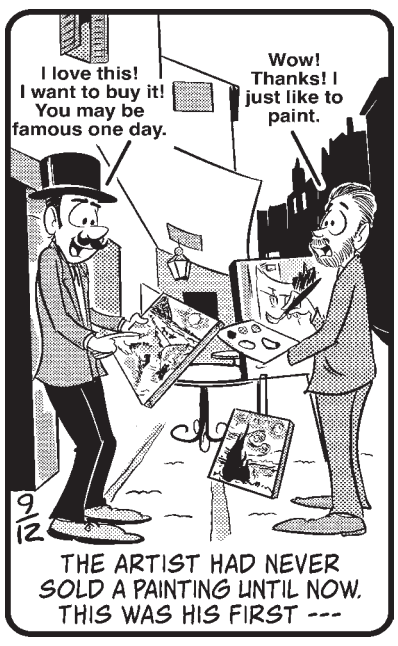
SPOPEO

TGOHUH

CSIETB

SAREUS

KAQWUS



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level 1 2 **3** 4

3				2				8
			7				3	
	5				4		6	
		4	8		6	5		
		5		3		8		
		2	4		9	3		
	1		9				2	
	8				3			
7				4				3

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, please visit ***sudoku.org.uk***

Solution to Last Weeks puzzle

9	1	8	2	3	7	5	6	4
7	4	6	1	5	9	3	8	2
5	2	3	8	4	6	7	9	1
1	7	9	3	6	4	2	5	8
2	3	5	7	9	8	1	4	6
6	8	4	5	2	1	9	7	3
8	5	2	6	7	3	4	1	9
3	9	1	4	8	5	6	2	7
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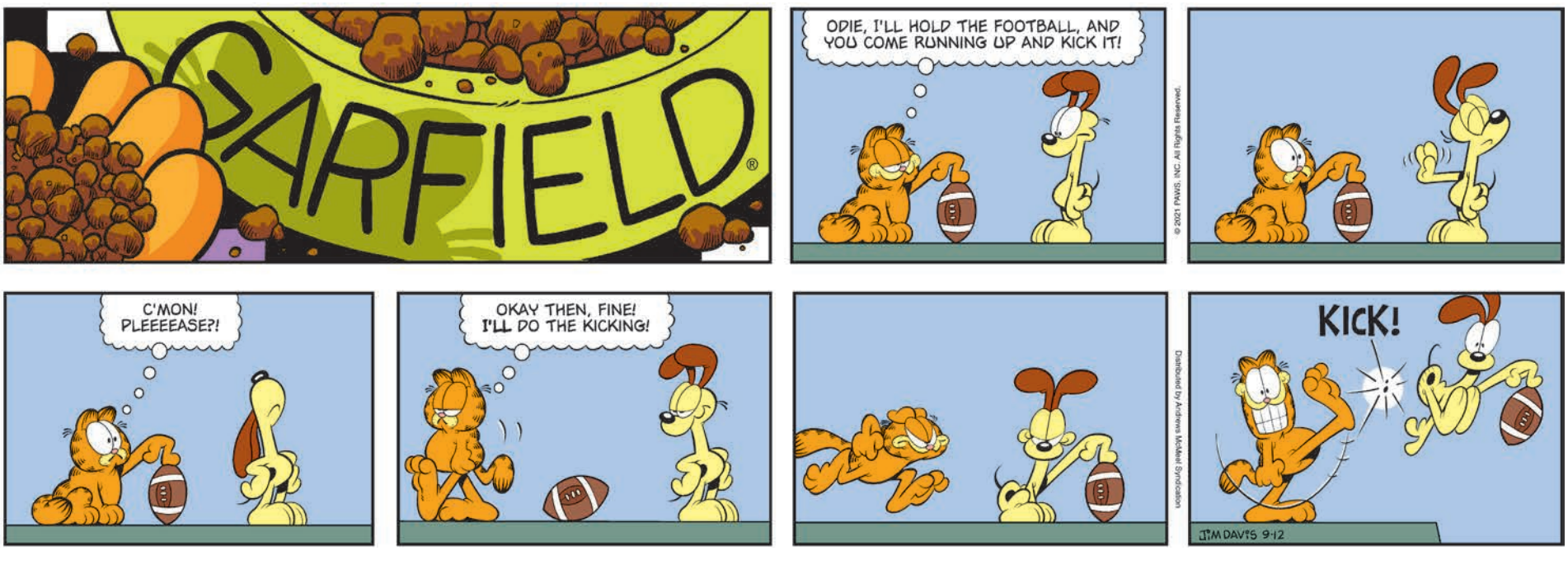

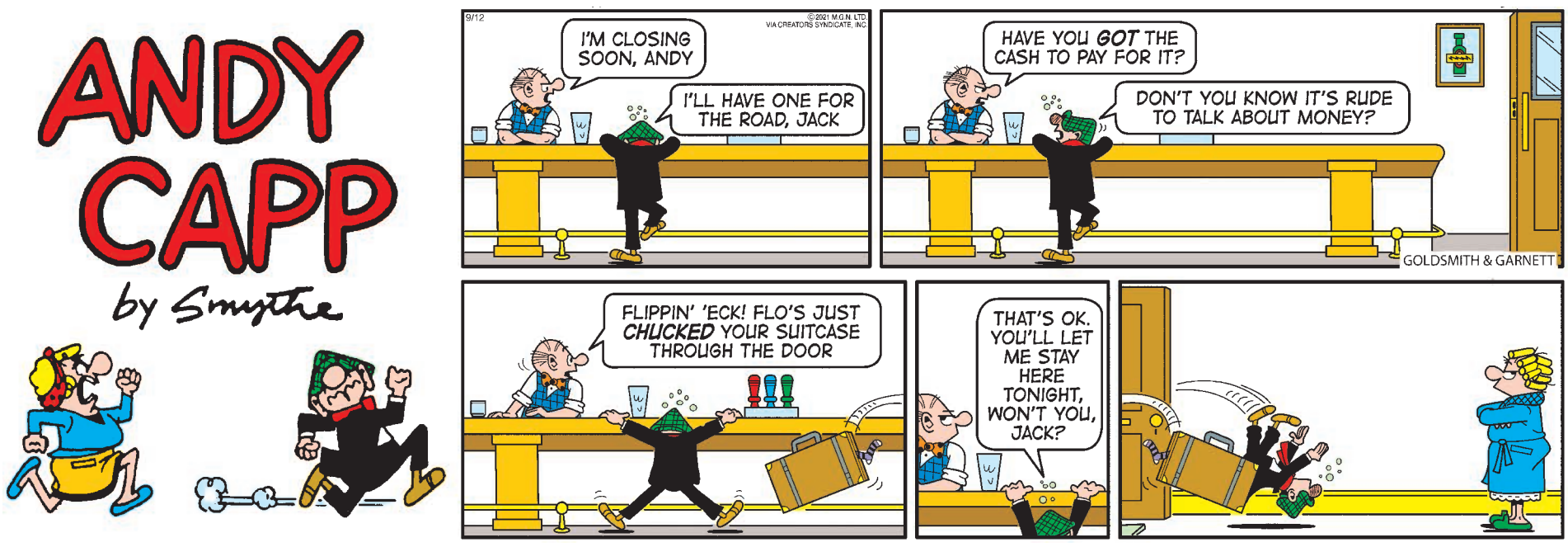

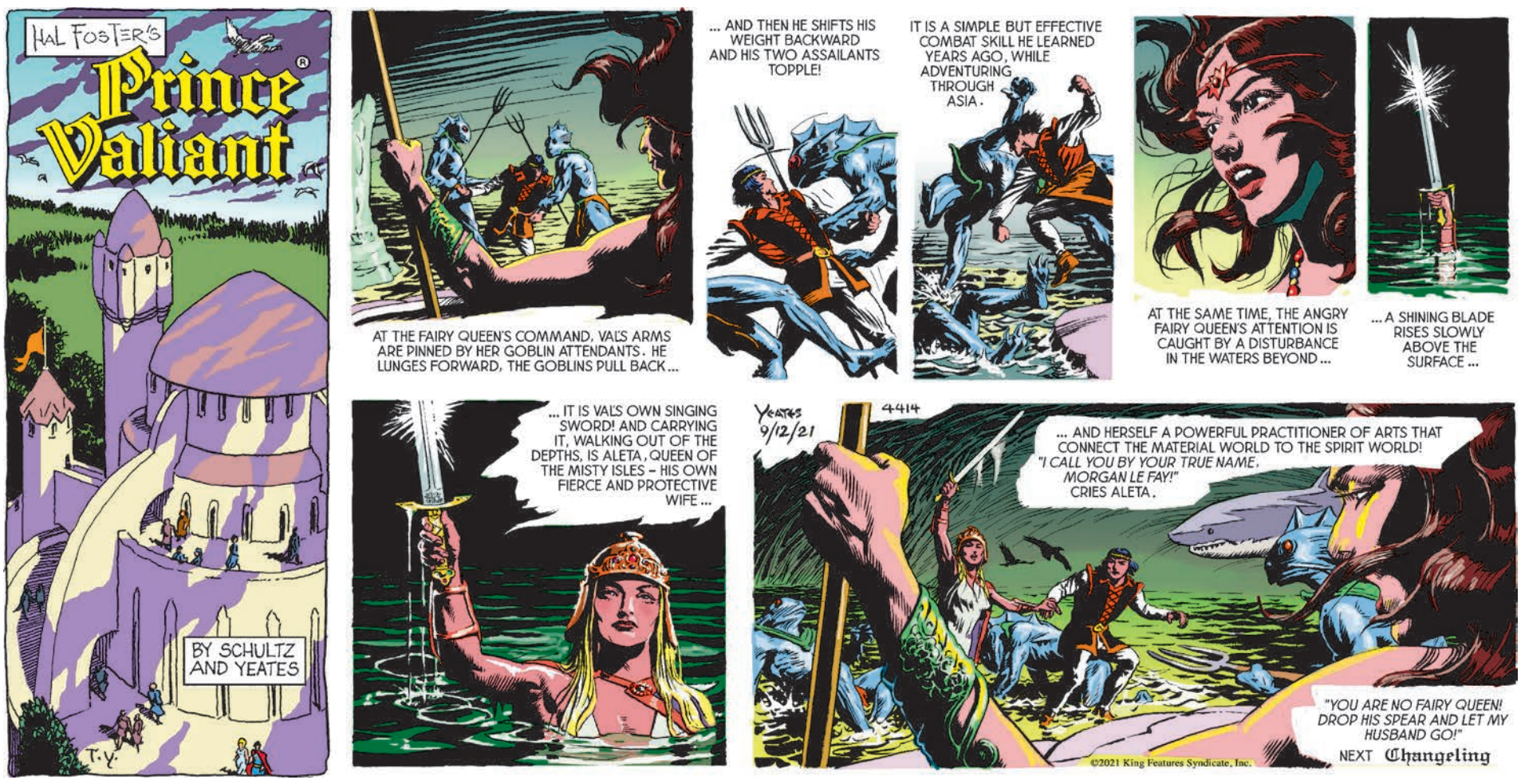

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Answer:

SCROLL THOUGH ASSURE
OPPOSE BISECT SQUAWK

The artist had never sold a painting until now. This was his first —

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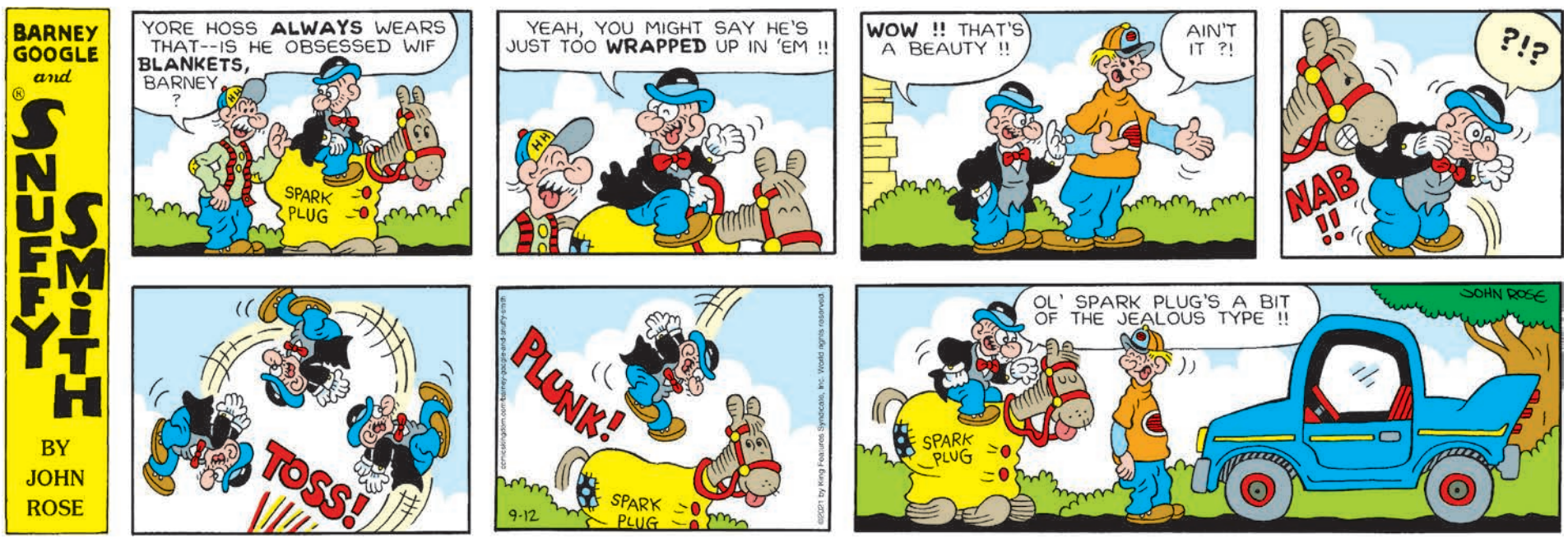
BARNEY GOOGLE and SNUFFY SMITH
BY JOHN ROSE
YORE HOSS ALWAYS WEARS THAT--IS HE OBSESSED WIF BLANKETS, BARNEY?
SPARK PLUG
YEAH, YOU MIGHT SAY HE'S JUST TOO WRAPPED UP IN 'EM !!
WOW !! THAT'S A BEAUTY !!
AIN'T IT ?!
?!?
NAB !!
TOSS!
PLUNK!
SPARK PLUG
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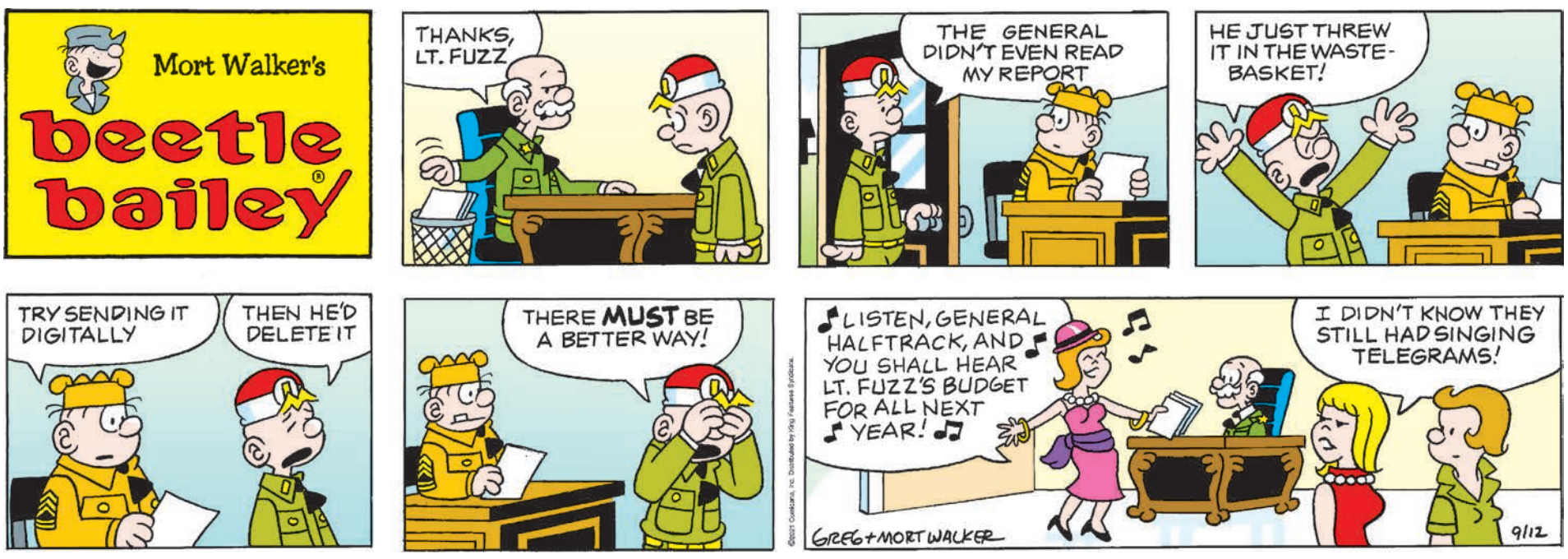
OL' SPARK PLUG'S A BIT OF THE JEALOUS TYPE !!
JOHN ROSE


Mort Walker's
beetle bailey
THANKS, LT. FUZZ
THE GENERAL DIDN'T EVEN READ MY REPORT
HE JUST THREW IT IN THE WASTE-BASKET!
TRY SENDING IT DIGITALLY
THEN HE'D DELETE IT
THERE MUST BE A BETTER WAY!
LISTEN, GENERAL HALFTRACK, AND YOU SHALL HEAR LT. FUZZ'S BUDGET FOR ALL NEXT YEAR!
I DIDN'T KNOW THEY STILL HAD SINGING TELEGRAMS!
GREG+MORT WALKER
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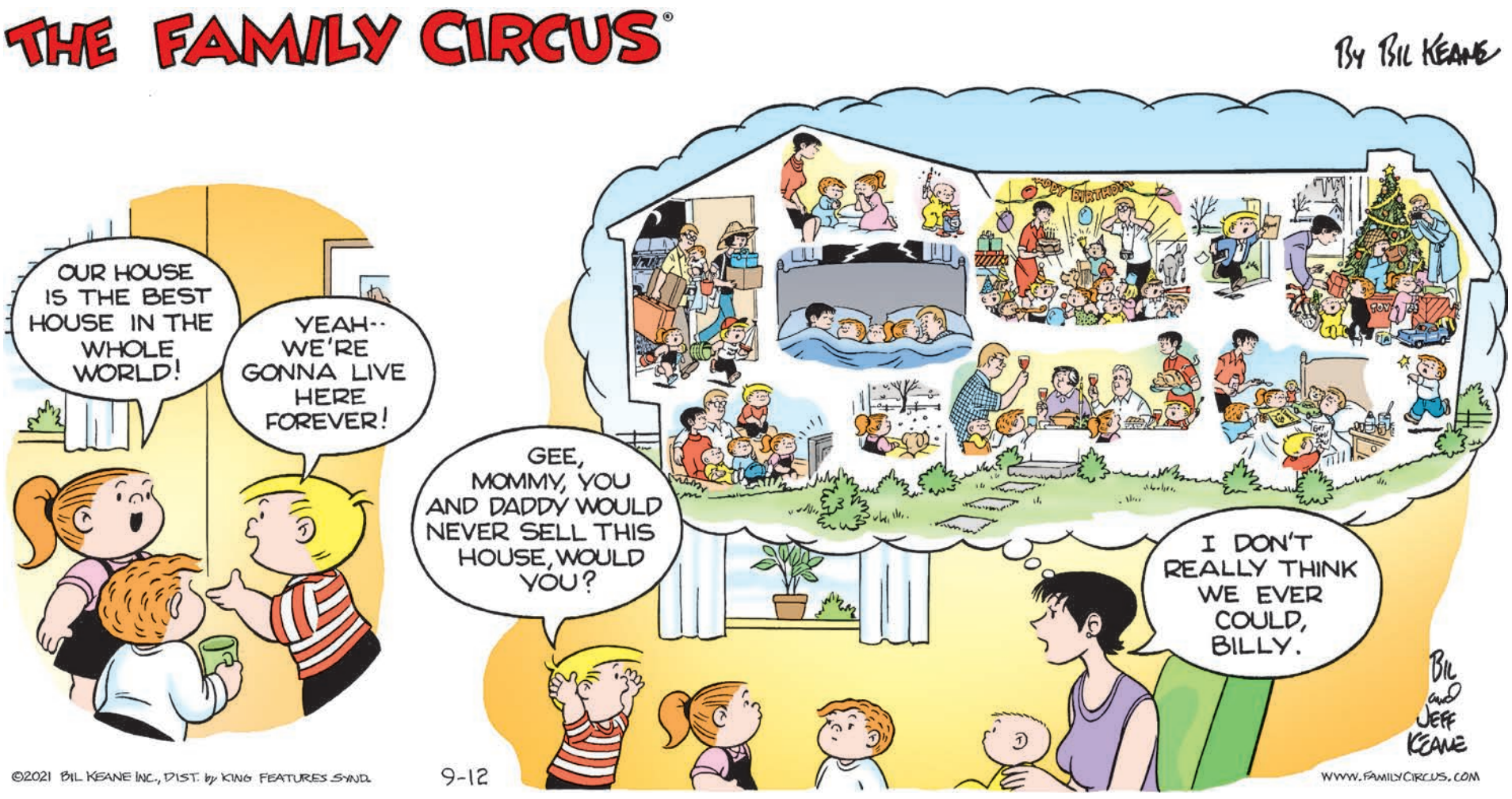
THE FAMILY CIRCUS
By Bil Keane
OUR HOUSE IS THE BEST HOUSE IN THE WHOLE WORLD!
YEAH-- WE'RE GONNA LIVE HERE FOREVER!
GEE, MOMMY, YOU AND DADDY WOULD NEVER SELL THIS HOUSE, WOULD YOU?
I DON'T REALLY THINK WE EVER COULD, BILLY.
BIRTHDAY
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big NATE
by Lincoln Peirce
FRANCIS, YOU'VE GOT TO BE MORE AGGRESSIVE OUT THERE!
I KNOW, BUT...
LET'S CREATE SOME MOTIVATION! WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING IN THE WORLD?
UM... PROBABLY MY CAT.
OKAY, THEN... PRETEND THE BALL IS YOUR CAT! AND THE OTHER TEAM KEEPS STEALING YOUR CAT!
YOUR JOB IS TO GET YOUR CAT BACK!
AH! GOTCHA!
HOLD IT.
I HATE CATS. I'M NOT PRETENDING THE BALL IS A STINKIN' CAT!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO! PRETEND IT'S ANYTHING YOU WANT!
LIKE A REALLY RARE COMIC BOOK?
FINE! WHATEVER! FOR FRANCIS, IT'S A CAT. FOR YOU, IT'S A COMIC BOOK.
OOH! WHAT'S IT FOR ME?
AND ANOTHER HALFTIME SPEECH GOES SPINNING OUT OF CONTROL.
CAN IT BE A DONUT?
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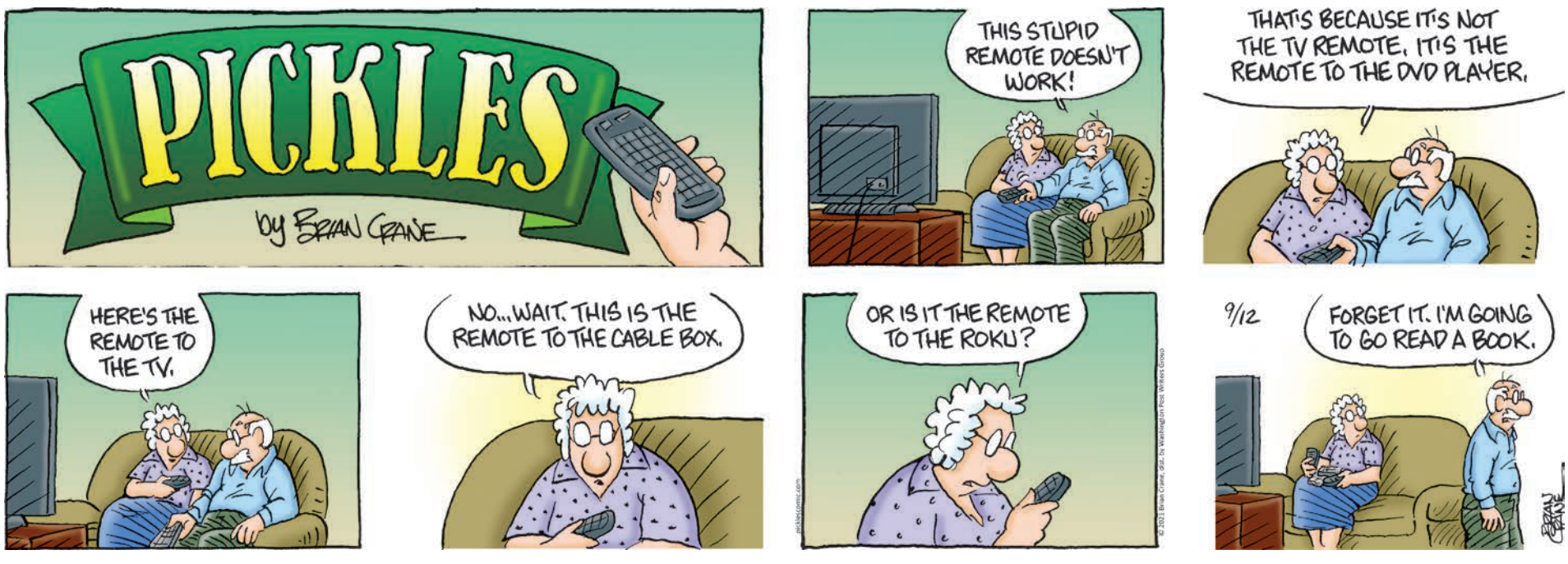
PICKLES
by Brian Crane
THIS STUPID REMOTE DOESN'T WORK!
THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S NOT THE TV REMOTE. IT'S THE REMOTE TO THE DVD PLAYER.
HERE'S THE REMOTE TO THE TV.
NO...WAIT. THIS IS THE REMOTE TO THE CABLE BOX.
OR IS IT THE REMOTE TO THE ROKU?
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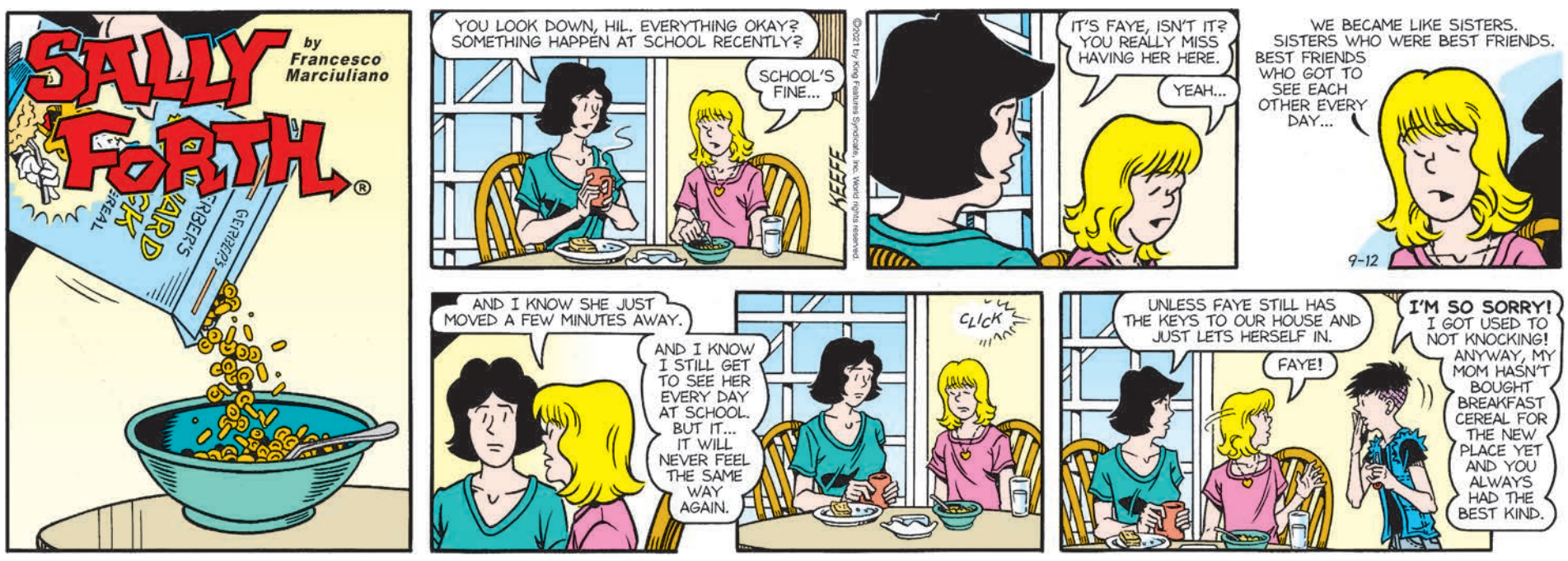
FORGET IT. I'M GOING TO GO READ A BOOK.


SALLY FORTH
by Francesco Marciuliano
YOU LOOK DOWN, HIL. EVERYTHING OKAY? SOMETHING HAPPEN AT SCHOOL RECENTLY?
SCHOOL'S FINE...
IT'S FAYE, ISN'T IT? YOU REALLY MISS HAVING HER HERE.
YEAH...
WE BECAME LIKE SISTERS. SISTERS WHO WERE BEST FRIENDS. BEST FRIENDS WHO GOT TO SEE EACH OTHER EVERY DAY...
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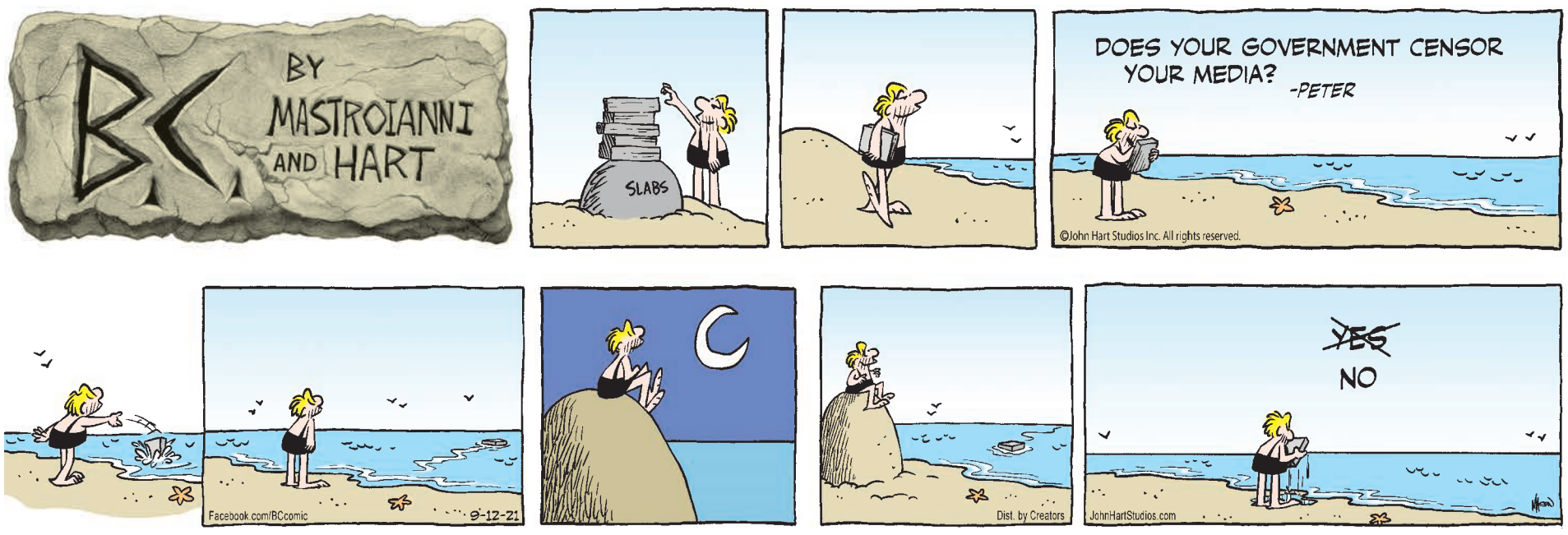
AND I KNOW SHE JUST MOVED A FEW MINUTES AWAY.
AND I KNOW I STILL GET TO SEE HER EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL. BUT IT... IT WILL NEVER FEEL THE SAME WAY AGAIN.
CLICK
UNLESS FAYE STILL HAS THE KEYS TO OUR HOUSE AND JUST LETS HERSELF IN.
FAYE!
I'M SO SORRY! I GOT USED TO NOT KNOCKING! ANYWAY, MY MOM HASN'T BOUGHT BREAKFAST CEREAL FOR THE NEW PLACE YET AND YOU ALWAYS HAD THE BEST KIND.


BC
BY MASTROIANNI AND HART
SLABS
DOES YOUR GOVERNMENT CENSOR YOUR MEDIA?
-PETER
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YES
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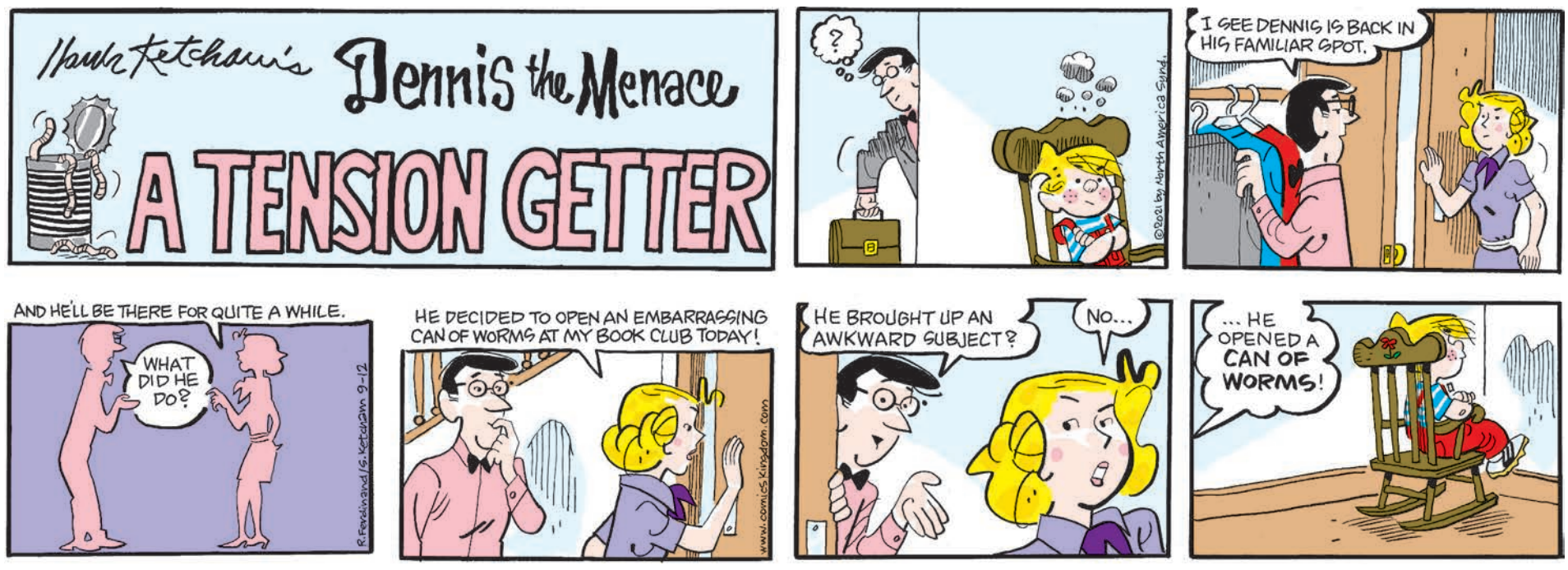
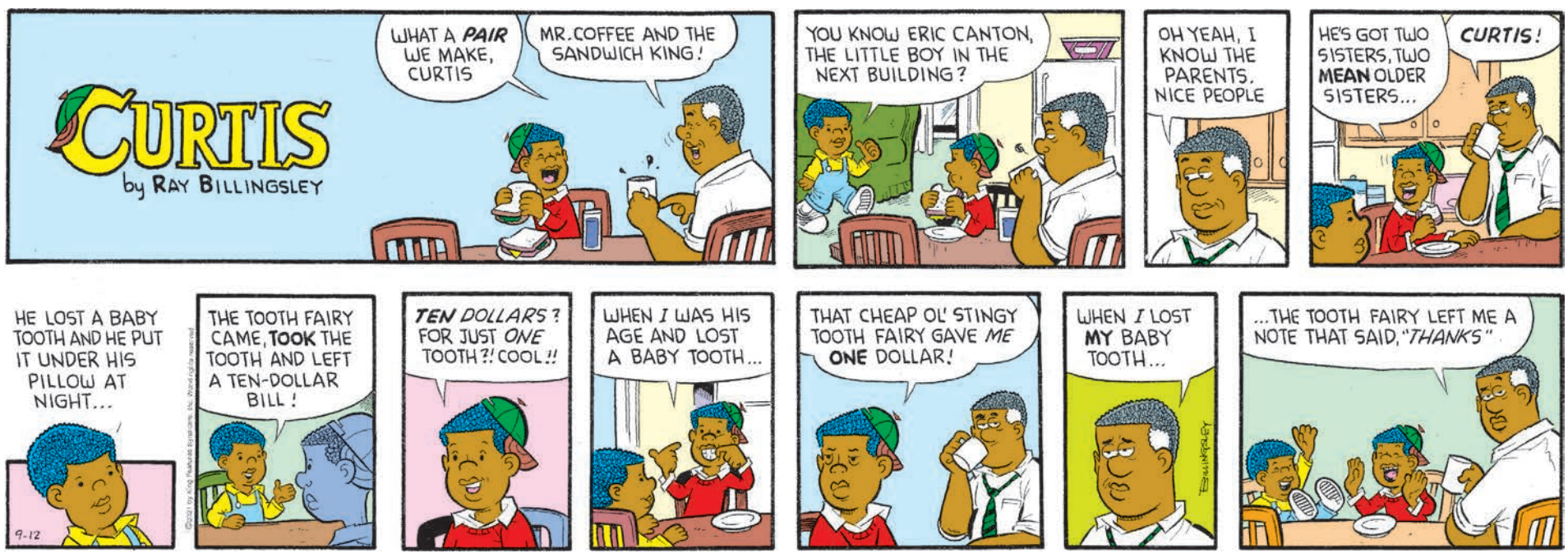

Hank Ketcham's Dennis the Menace
A TENSION GETTER
I SEE DENNIS IS BACK IN HIS FAMILIAR SPOT.
AND HE'LL BE THERE FOR QUITE A WHILE.
WHAT DID HE DO?
HE DECIDED TO OPEN AN EMBARRASSING CAN OF WORMS AT MY BOOK CLUB TODAY!
HE BROUGHT UP AN AWKWARD SUBJECT?
NO...
... HE OPENED A CAN OF WORMS!


CURTIS
by Ray Billingsley
WHAT A PAIR WE MAKE, CURTIS
MR. COFFEE AND THE SANDWICH KING!
YOU KNOW ERIC CANTON, THE LITTLE BOY IN THE NEXT BUILDING?
OH YEAH, I KNOW THE PARENTS. NICE PEOPLE
HE'S GOT TWO SISTERS, TWO MEAN OLDER SISTERS...
CURTIS!
HE LOST A BABY TOOTH AND HE PUT IT UNDER HIS PILLOW AT NIGHT...
THE TOOTH FAIRY CAME, TOOK THE TOOTH AND LEFT A TEN-DOLLAR BILL!
TEN DOLLARS? FOR JUST ONE TOOTH?! COOL!!
WHEN I WAS HIS AGE AND LOST A BABY TOOTH...
THAT CHEAP OL' STINGY TOOTH FAIRY GAVE ME ONE DOLLAR!
WHEN I LOST MY BABY TOOTH...
...THE TOOTH FAIRY LEFT ME A NOTE THAT SAID, "THANKS"
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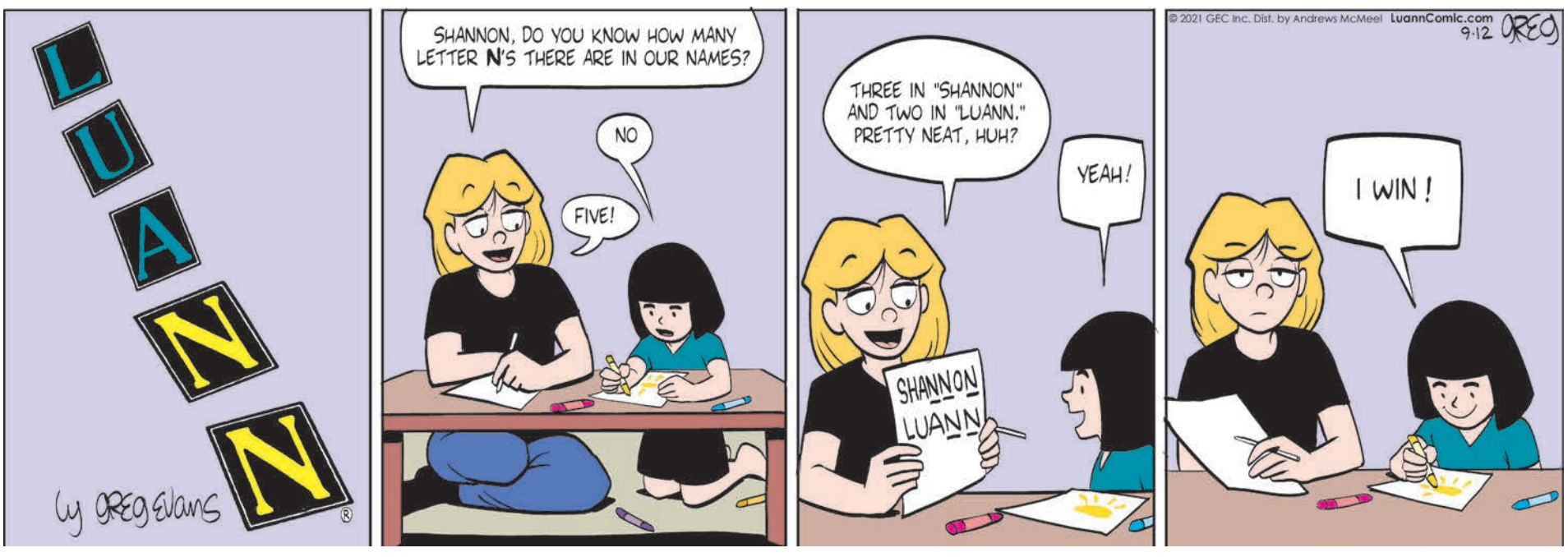
LUANN
by GREG EVANS
SHANNON, DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY LETTER N'S THERE ARE IN OUR NAMES?
NO
FIVE!
THREE IN "SHANNON" AND TWO IN "LUANN." PRETTY NEAT, HUH?
YEAH!
SHANNON LUANN
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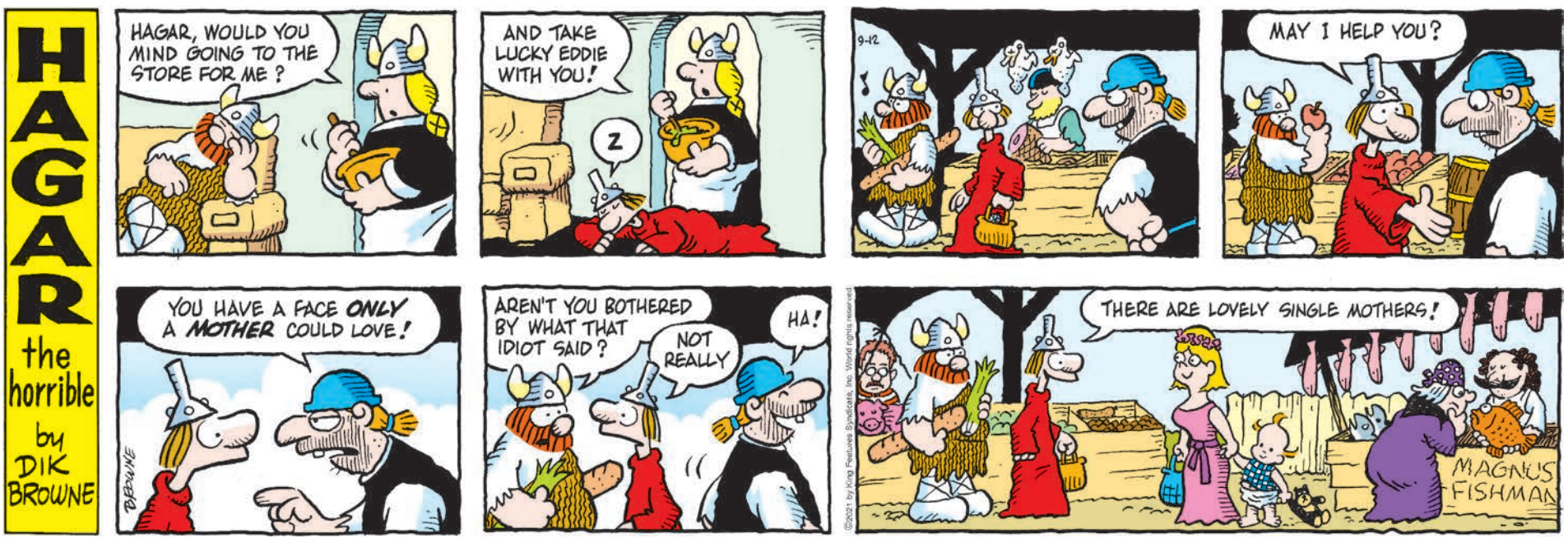
I WIN!


HAGAR the horrible by DIK BROWNE
HAGAR, WOULD YOU MIND GOING TO THE STORE FOR ME?
AND TAKE LUCKY EDDIE WITH YOU!
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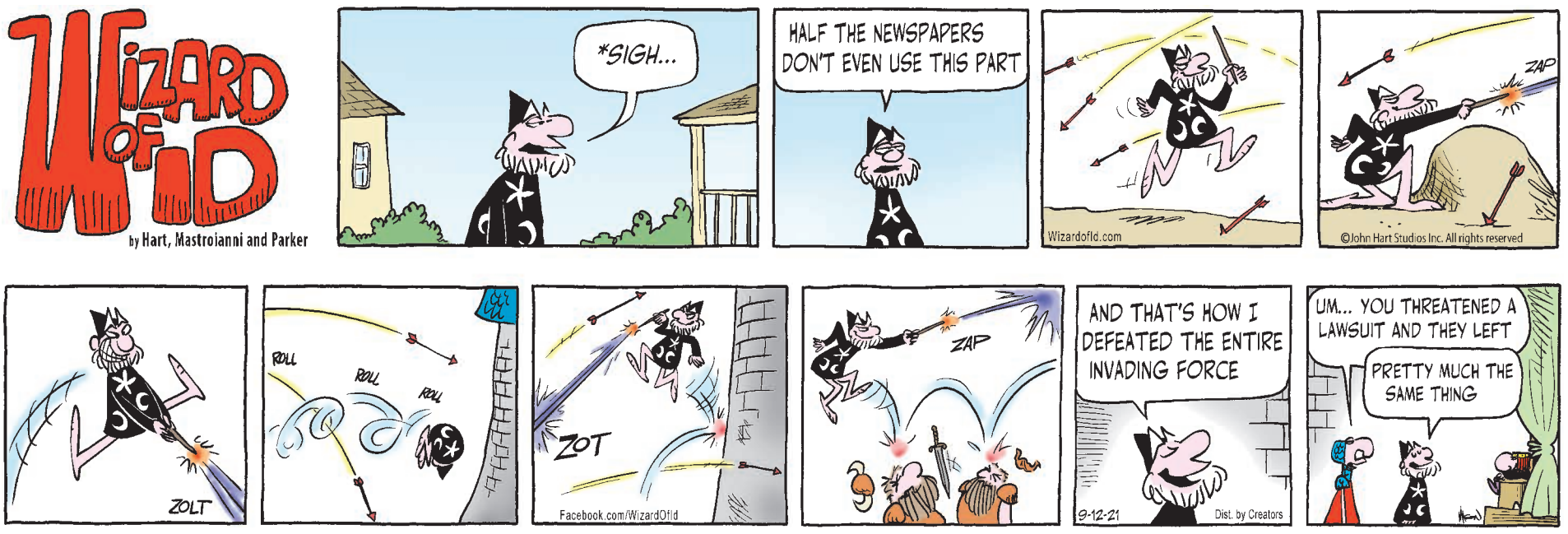
MAY I HELP YOU?
YOU HAVE A FACE ONLY A MOTHER COULD LOVE!
AREN'T YOU BOTHERED BY WHAT THAT IDIOT SAID?
NOT REALLY
HA!
THERE ARE LOVELY SINGLE MOTHERS!
MAGNUS FISHMAN


WIZARD OF ID by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker
*SIGH...
HALF THE NEWSPAPERS DON'T EVEN USE THIS PART
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ZAP
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ROLL
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AND THAT'S HOW I DEFEATED THE ENTIRE INVADING FORCE
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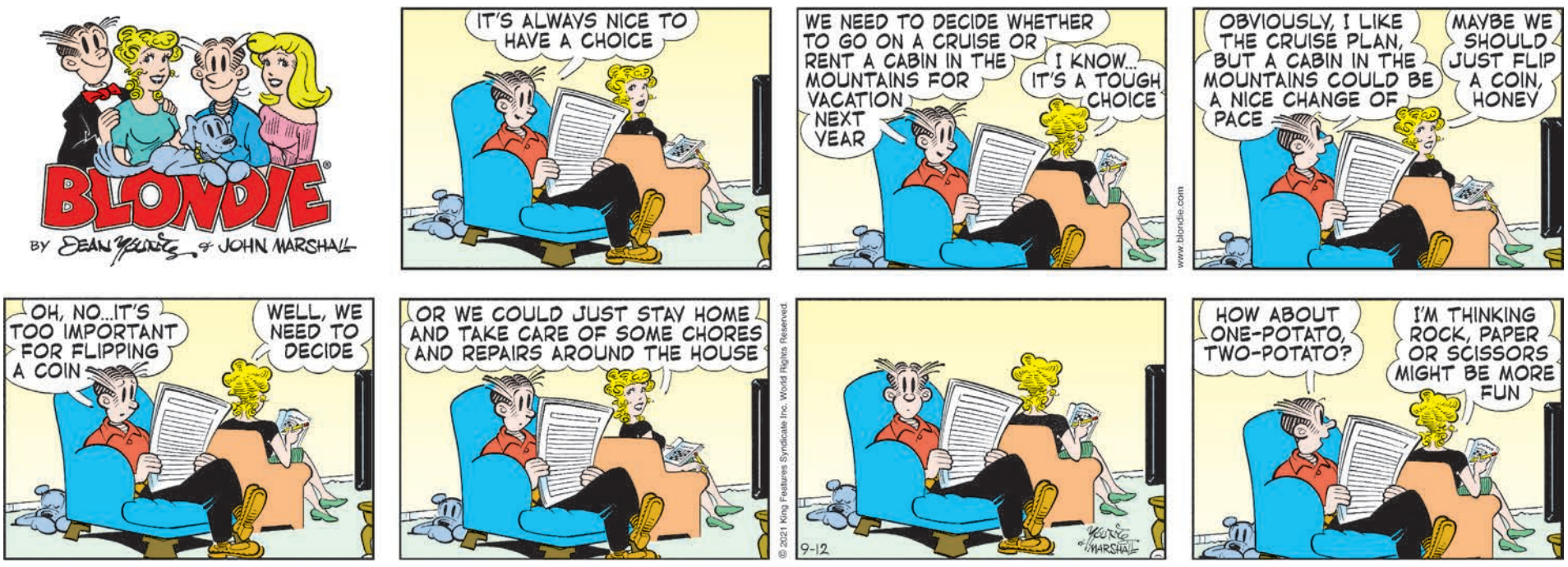
UM... YOU THREATENED A LAWSUIT AND THEY LEFT
PRETTY MUCH THE SAME THING


BLONDIE BY DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL
IT'S ALWAYS NICE TO HAVE A CHOICE
WE NEED TO DECIDE WHETHER TO GO ON A CRUISE OR RENT A CABIN IN THE MOUNTAINS FOR VACATION NEXT YEAR
I KNOW... IT'S A TOUGH CHOICE
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OBVIOUSLY, I LIKE THE CRUISE PLAN, BUT A CABIN IN THE MOUNTAINS COULD BE A NICE CHANGE OF PACE
MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST FLIP A COIN, HONEY
OH, NO...IT'S TOO IMPORTANT FOR FLIPPING A COIN
WELL, WE NEED TO DECIDE
OR WE COULD JUST STAY HOME AND TAKE CARE OF SOME CHORES AND REPAIRS AROUND THE HOUSE
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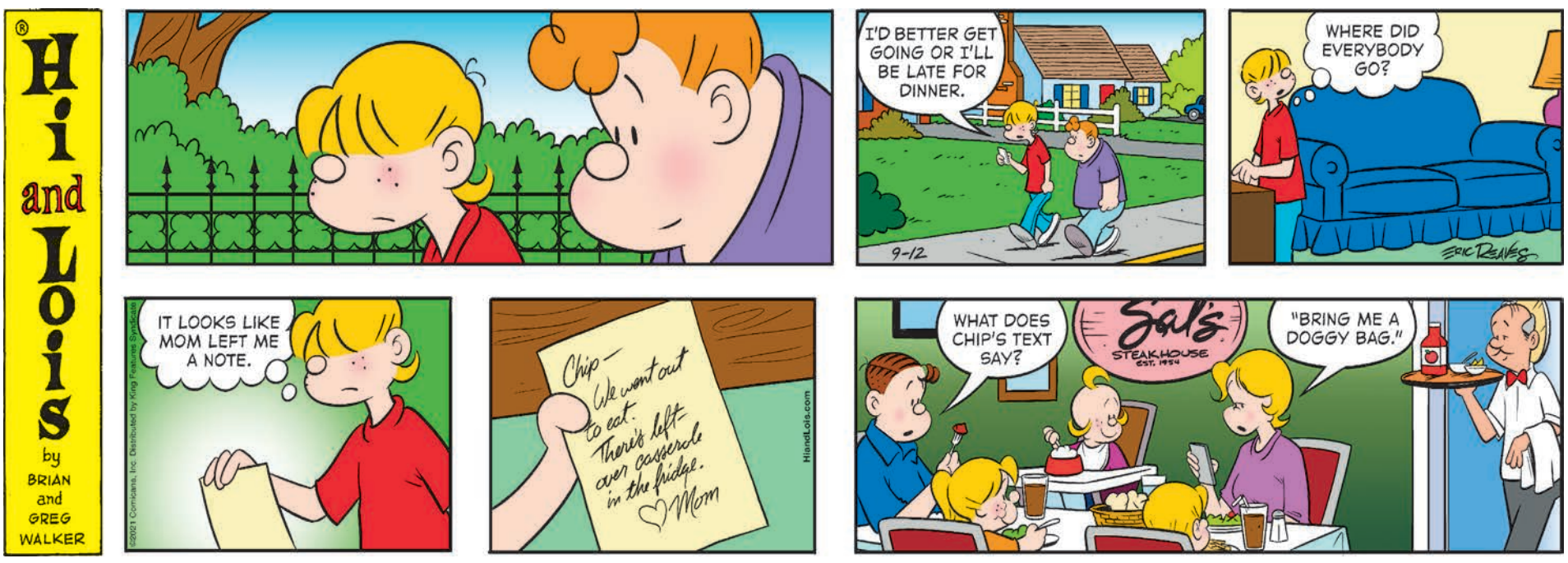
HOW ABOUT ONE-POTATO, TWO-POTATO?
I'M THINKING ROCK, PAPER OR SCISSORS MIGHT BE MORE FUN


Hi and Lois by BRIAN and GREG WALKER
I'D BETTER GET GOING OR I'LL BE LATE FOR DINNER.
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WHERE DID EVERYBODY GO?
IT LOOKS LIKE MOM LEFT ME A NOTE.
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Chip— We went out to eat. There's left-over casserole in the fridge. ♡Mom
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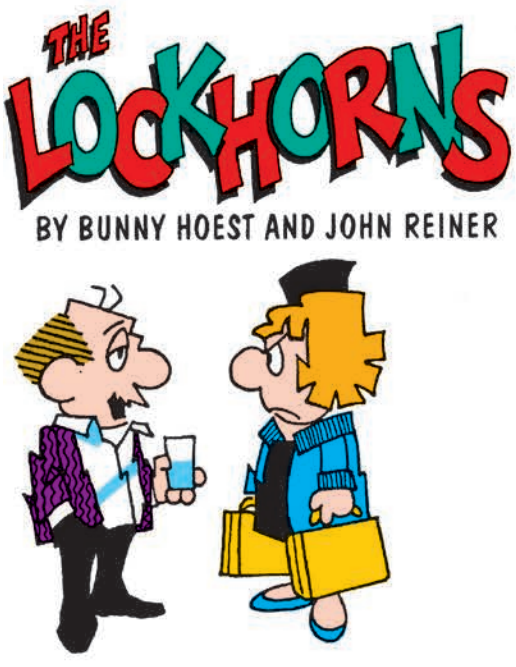
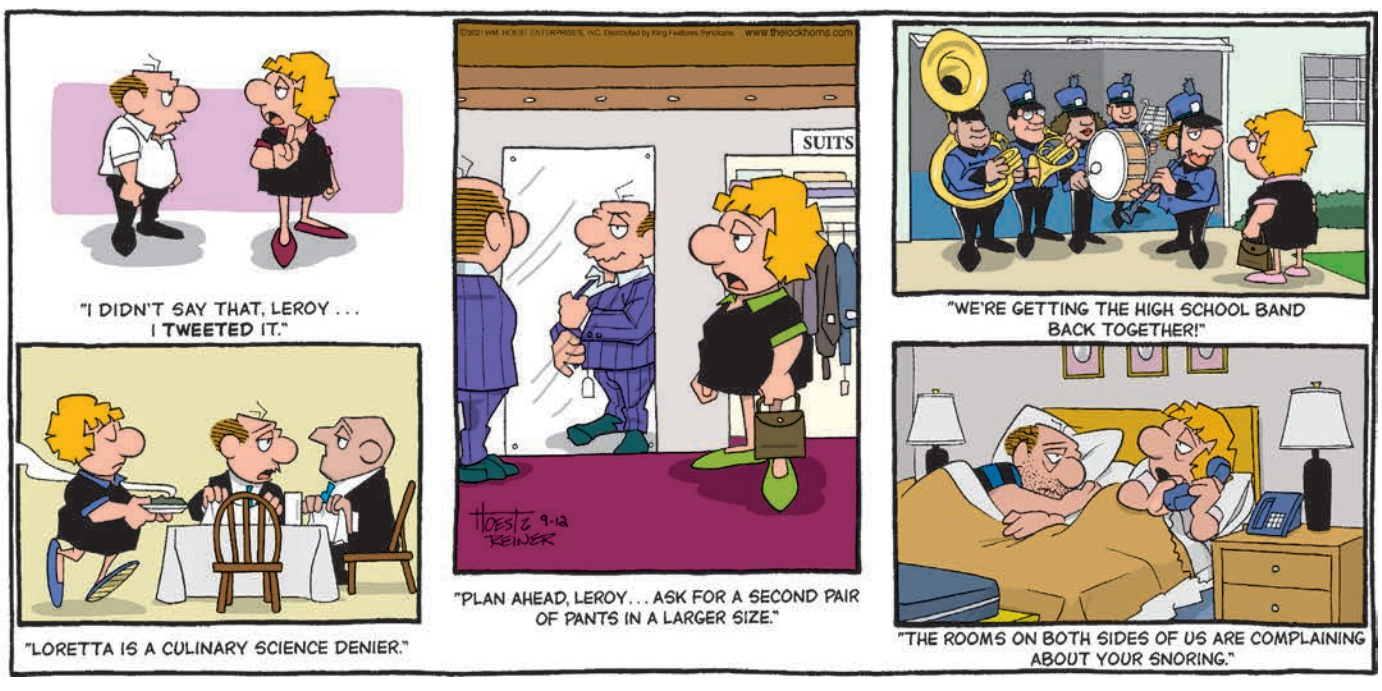
WHAT DOES CHIP'S TEXT SAY?
Sal's STEAKHOUSE EST. 1954
"BRING ME A DOGGY BAG."





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TEN UNUSUAL PHOBIAS

Social isolation, anxiety, paranoia, insomnia, trembling, nausea, clammy hands, hyperventilation—phobias give rise to a host of unpleasant physical and psychological symptoms. You're probably already familiar with conditions such as arachnophobia (fear of spiders), xenophobia (fear of foreigners) and agoraphobia (fear of large, public spaces), but have you ever heard of these ten rather uncommon fears?

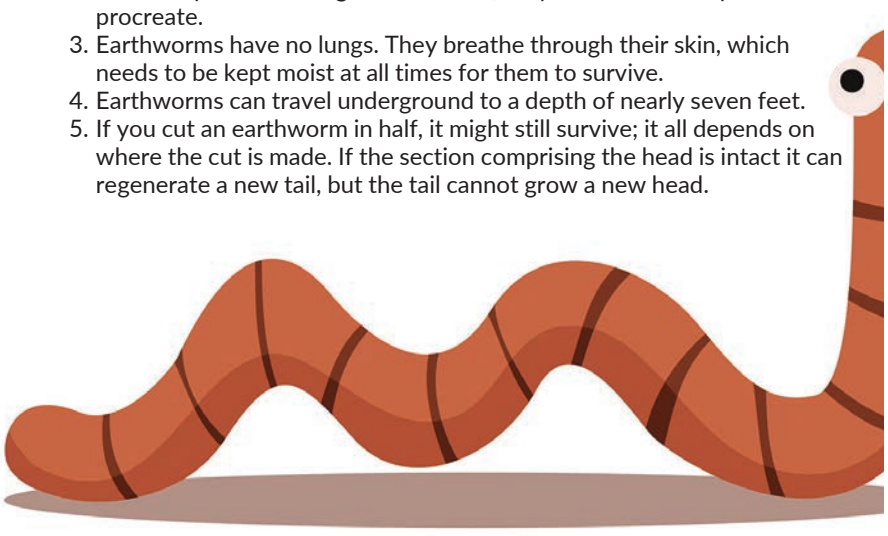
1. Agyrophobia: fear of crossing the street
2. Anuptaphobia: fear of staying single
3. Arachibutyrophobia: fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth
4. Carpophobia: fear of wrists
5. Catoptrophobia: fear of mirrors
6. Coprastasophobia: fear of constipation
7. Coulrophobia: fear of clowns
8. Gymnophobia: fear of nudity
9. Mageirocophobia: fear of cooking
10. Pentheraphobia: fear of your mother-in-law

TREATING PHOBIAS
While many might seem absurd to the average person, phobias develop involuntarily and cause a great deal of emotional distress. If you have a phobia, whatever it may be, consult a professional for help; he or she will be able to offer therapy or prescribe an effective treatment plan to help free you from you fear.

Five interesting facts about EARTHWORMS

Earthworms are fascinating creatures. Yes, it's true! Here are five unusual facts about these garden-dwellers:

1. Earthworms can process their environment thanks to their cerebral ganglion which serves as a brain.
2. Most earthworms are hermaphroditic, meaning they have both male and female reproductive organs. However, they must still find a partner to procreate.
3. Earthworms have no lungs. They breathe through their skin, which needs to be kept moist at all times for them to survive.
4. Earthworms can travel underground to a depth of nearly seven feet.
5. If you cut an earthworm in half, it might still survive; it all depends on where the cut is made. If the section comprising the head is intact it can regenerate a new tail, but the tail cannot grow a new head.



QUICKSAND: dangerous, but not entirely deadly

Quicksand consists of a mixture of fine granular matter — such as sand, silt and clay — and water.

Perhaps influenced by the tales of Indiana Jones and other fictional adventurers, our collective imagination often sees quicksand as a deadly trap in which hopeless pedestrians get stuck to the point of drowning. The good news: it's just a myth.

In real life, if you were to accidently walk into a patch of quicksand, say, at the beach, you would probably end up knee- to waist-deep, at worst. Sounds much less terrifying than being completely engulfed, right?

The reason for this is plain physics: our body isn't as dense as quicksand, so we end up floating in it. This tendency to remain afloat is referred to as buoyancy. So, despite popular belief, quicksand alone is incredibly unlikely to kill a human.

Nevertheless, if your legs are trapped in quicksand, you're in dire straits all the same — especially if you're alone and the tide is rising fast! To free yourself as quickly and efficiently as possible, don't struggle; and, most importantly, don't panic.

Once you've gathered your wits, follow these five steps:

1. Shift all of your weight onto one leg.
2. Slowly wiggle the opposite leg so that water flows down and around it, allowing you to pull your leg free.
3. Fold your free leg as if you were to kneel on one knee.
4. Wiggle the trapped leg and carefully pry it out without making any abrupt movements.
5. Escape to solid ground and take a nice deep breath!

What do you know about AUGMENTED REALITY?

Augmented reality overlays virtual images on people's physical surroundings.

Augmented reality is an up-and-coming trend in tech that was largely introduce general public with the launch of *Pokémon Go* in 2016. Thanks to the game's t gical prowess, Pokémon "hunters" were given the ability to complete tasks tha finding fictional creatures in real-life locations: parks, restaurants, subway stati

Unlike virtual reality, which immerses an individual in a totally different envi from his or her own, augmented reality merges the real with the virtual. In othe high-tech glasses, smartphones and tablets are able to show us intangible e overlaid on our immediate surroundings.

It comes as no surprise that this technology — which also makes use of smar built-in location tracker — is captivating video game developers the world c that's not all! Augmented reality can serve as a practical tool for various other ir and purposes, including job training, marketing research and cultural dissemina example, augmented reality could prove useful in:

- Teaching new employees how to properly execute tasks relevant to their job
- Analyzing and comparing consumer product demand.
- Broadcasting pertinent information to visitors of museums or other tourist attractions.

Enthralled by the immense potential of this futuristic concept, researcl working on prototypes for windshields and contact lenses with augmented real bilities. Who knows; maybe one day we'll all be walking around with nano-co in our eyes!

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