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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Jobs Zoom workshops to resume

OCALA – CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion will resume live employability workshops beginning Monday, Jan. 11, with Job Specific Résumé Development, followed Jan. 15 by Interview Strategies That Get You Noticed.

The workshops are free and take place via Zoom. Workshop descriptions and online registration links are available at careersourceclm.com/calendar/.

Live workshops take place each Monday and Friday, except when otherwise specified (such as holiday closures).

All workshop attendees are invited to team up with career coaches who can provide additional assistance and job referrals. For information, call 800-434-5627 or visit careersourceclm.com.

### New site for drive-thru only food giveaway

Beginning at 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, the public can receive boxes of assorted food items at Nature Coast Church, 5113 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.

Monetary donations are needed to continue feeding Citrus County residents. Donations may be made through the New Church Without Walls (www.newchurchwithoutwalls.com), Community Food Bank of Citrus County (www.communityfoodbankofcitruscounty.org) or We Care (www.wecarefoodpantry.org).

### Interchange management meeting set

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt a new Future Land Use Map category in relation to the Suncoast Parkway Interchange Management Area at West Cardinal Street, along with supporting text, goals, objectives and policies, at 5:20 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, at the Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100, 110 N. Apopka Ave.

For information or suggestions if you cannot attend, contact the Land Development Division, 3600 West Sovereign Path, Suite 140, Lecanto, or call 352-527-5239.

All citizens entering the meeting will be screened. If you are sick, stay home.

— From staff reports

# DOH makes more vaccine available

JEFF BRYAN/Chronicle

**Barbara Wood, senior licensed practical nurse with DOH-Citrus, prepares a syringe with a Moderna vaccination Saturday, Jan. 9, at Central Ridge Park. DOH-Citrus distributed 1,180 doses to area residents 65 and older.**

JEFF BRYAN
STAFF WRITER

Much like Thursday, the lines for the Department of Health in Citrus County's second drive-thru distribution began forming throughout the late evening hours Friday, Jan. 8, and into the early morning hours of Saturday, Jan. 9, as area residents sought the first of their two doses to combat the novel coronavirus.

Unlike Thursday when DOH-Citrus distributed 800 doses of the Moderna vaccination, which require a second dose in 28 days, the agency distributed 1,180 shots, according to Audrey Stasko, DOH-Citrus spokeswoman.

By 9:55 a.m., the agency had accounted for all vaccinations to be given, turning away those who didn't make the cutoff despite waiting hours in line along County Road 491. Health department officials wrapped up shortly before 3 p.m, Stasko said.

Stasko confirmed Saturday, those who received their first shot of Moderna from DOH-Citrus, will receive their second shot from the agency, which will receive additional deliveries of the vaccine.

Details about how DOH-Citrus will administer the second dosage are being ironed out, Stasko said.

"We will notify recipients either by phone, the website or through local media outlets," she said.

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*Chronicle 2020* **NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR**

# FEEDING CITRUS COUNTY

## Community Food Bank honored for drive, dedication, success

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

**Community Food Bank of Citrus County employee Charles Camden securely wraps boxes stuffed with food items Friday morning, Nov. 13, 2020, as the boxes are prepared to be loaded on a waiting truck for delivery. The Community Food Bank of Citrus County is the Citrus County Chronicle's inaugural Nonprofit Organization of the Year.**

NANCY KENNEDY
STAFF WRITER

Every year has its glitches and bumps, especially for nonprofit organizations that depend on donations and volunteers.

At the start of 2020, the Community Food Bank of Citrus County had a core crew of about 30 volunteers, plus groups that would come in from businesses or clubs to help receive, sort and give out food to the 56 agencies and food pantries that directly help feed hungry people in Citrus County — an average of two million pounds a year to feed 17,000 people.

In February, the community gathered together at Crystal Harley-Davidson in Homosassa for the third annual Citrus Empty Bowls CFBCC fundraising event, people milling around eating delicious soups from local restaurants.

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# *Postscript:* Annie May Hensley

## Epitome of a genteel Southern lady

NANCY KENNEDY
STAFF WRITER

With a cast iron skillet and a scoop of lard, Annie May Hensley could turn ordinary pieces of chicken into crispy fried bites of heaven on earth.

"Mmm, mmm — we ate Mama's fried chicken almost every Sunday after church," said Rocky Hensley.

Fried chicken and a gift for hospitality, a gentle nature, a spirit of hard work and self-sufficiency and a life lived by the Golden Rule, Annie May Hensley, who died Dec. 29, 2020, at age 94, was the epitome of a genteel Southern lady.

Born in Archer, Florida, Annie May, one of three sisters, moved to Citrus County with her family when she was about 6.

She graduated from Citrus High School in 1945.

As a certified observer for the Aircraft Warning Service program of the U.S. Army during World War II, she kept watch for enemy aircraft from the Historic Courthouse clock tower in Inverness.

Her claim to fame: In 1961, she appeared as an extra in the courtroom scene of "Follow That Dream" with Elvis Presley — and one time off the set Elvis gave her a piece of gum.

"She couldn't have had a better life," Rocky Hensley said.

Annie May was all about family.

"I was an only child — my dad left when I was 3 and my mom raised me by herself, and her whole life revolved around raising me," Rocky Hensley said. "My grandmother and grandfather also lived in Inverness, and they helped raise me, too."

To support herself and her son, Annie May worked for the county for 31 years, retiring from the property appraiser's office in 1988.

She lived in a rented house in the area of Grace Street and Osceola Avenue in Inverness until Citrus Memorial Hospital bought the property in that area, including her home.

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Special to the Chronicle

**Longtime Inverness resident Annie May Hensley was the epitome of a genteel Southern lady. She died Dec. 29, 2020 at age 94. She is seen here with daughter-in-law, Melanie, and her son, Rocky.**

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# WEEK IN REVIEW

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

### FINALLY, SOME RELIEF

JEFF BRYAN/Chronicle

**Gary Boulware snaps a photo of his wife, Diane, receiving the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine from DOH-Citrus' Valerie Altman, a nurse practitioner, Thursday, Jan. 7, at Central Ridge Park. The couple, who just moved into their home this week, both served in the military and had no reservations about the vaccine. "In the military, you're a pin cushion," they said.**

## GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

One chainsaw plus one old oak tree equals art. Gil Watson, who hosts carving classes and teaches art design at his Homosassa studio, recently turned an old oak tree at the Homosassa home of Ken and Kim Rodgers into a 20-foot carved sculpture of "Captain Morgan" — with seagulls perched on his head.

"I must be honest — I just wanted that doggone tree cut down," Ken Rodgers said.

However, Mrs. Rodgers didn't want to destroy it. Now they have art in their yard.

## HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK

Donald Dozier's garage is causing a stir in Sugarmill Woods over whether or not it is considered attached to his home — and people on Facebook had their own opinions:

■ Alli Will: "Good for him! Build your garage and put whatever you want in it. Really, somebody called it an eyesore?! Looks like it will be done nicely and looks pretty close to being attached."

■ Danyelle Cochran Lee: "Leave the man alone and let him do what he wants to the home HE IS PAYING FOR! There are worse things! Ridiculous!"

■ Tim O'Meara: "Your life is going incredibly well when this is what you choose to complain about. Some poor guy setting up a garage."

■ Jeffery Ide: "The breezeway has two doorways that a door could go into at any time. I don't see how this is an eyesore. ... I see plenty of HOA developments that have attached garages with a breezeway. In some cases that's the only way you can attach it."

■ Spence Deb: "HOAs. Love 'em or hate 'em."

## THE MOST POPULAR STORIES FROM THE WEEK THAT WAS

### Sugarmill neighbors take notice of garage

Donald Dozier's garage is causing quite the stir with his Sugarmill Woods neighbors because of his $49,000 18-by-38 foot garage.

Why? Sugarmill deed restrictions do not allow for detached garages, but Dozier says his IS attached — by a breezeway.

Although deed restrictions are normally private matters between owners of deed-restricted property and the associations that govern them, residents instead are also blaming Citrus County government for issuing Dozier the wrong permit.

The county has determined the garage was attached because of a breezeway that connects the building with the house — though there are no doors in the breezeway connecting the house to the garage.

Dozier said he's done everything above board.

According to code, a garage is considered an accessory structure to the main building, a house.

Those who are complaining say the garage and the breezeway go against the code. Plus, some think it's an eyesore.

### Four Citrus County Publix pharmacies to administer COVID-19 vaccine

Publix announced that four of its store pharmacies in Citrus County will begin administering the COVID-19 vaccine to customers 65 and older by online appointment.

Gov. Ron DeSantis said in a recent news conference in Ocala that 22 Publix pharmacies in Marion, Citrus and Hernando counties will have about 15,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine and that the program can be expanded as more becomes available.

It is expected that each pharmacy will be able to handle up to about 120 vaccinations a day, according to Publix, which is partnering with the Florida Department of Health to administer the vaccine.

"Understand, there will be more demand than they will be able to accommodate at first," DeSantis said. "It doesn't mean you're not going to get in; this is kind of the first inning, if you don't get in this time, try the next day, then the next day. As we get more vaccine, there will be more opportunities to be able to get it. We're not going to quit on this."

### All six lanes through Homosassa to open at end of January

At long last — all six north and south lanes of the 2.1-mile stretch from West Green Acres Street to South Jump Court on U.S. 19 through Homosassa are expected to be open by late January, according to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The widening project, which began in November 2016, was supposed to wrap up in the spring of 2019.

Even though the lanes may open, the $31.8-million project will not completely finish until spring 2021.

When done, there will be an additional lane in each direction with paved shoulders, designated bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides of US 19.

There will also be a multi-use path on the east side (next to the northbound lanes) of U.S. 19. The majority of that path will be 10 feet wide — from Green Acres Street to Homosassa Springs State Park (midway between Yulee Drive and Grover Cleveland Boulevard) — and from Ivy Place to Stonebrook Drive/Jump Court.

"I'm just more than happy this is finally about to be over with," said Bob Kane, manager of Kane's Ace Hardware in Homosassa, whose store is in the epicenter of the widening.

### DOH prepares for onslaught of people wanting COVID-19 vaccinations

This week, the Department of Health in Citrus County started administering COVID-19 vaccinations.

Last week, the DOH received 2,000 vaccinations and inoculated first responders with the plan of offering the remainder, over 1,000 vaccinations, to people 65 and older in a first come, first served drive-through event Thursday, Jan. 7, at Central Ridge District park in Beverly Hills.

Prior to that, the DOH was inundated with calls and emails about the how and when the vaccinations will be doled out, said Audrey Stasko, the DOH spokeswoman in Citrus County.

Many county residents contacted the Chronicle and the DOH complaining that too many people will come and many will be angry when they get turned away.

"It's going to be chaos," Floral City resident Larry Gawell said.

Too many senior citizens will come in hopes of getting vaccinations and have to wait hours in line, ill-prepared for the crowd of other drivers wanting the same, he said.

### Blazes keep Citrus County Fire Rescue busy over weekend

Three separate fires over the New Year's weekend kept Citrus County Fire Rescue crews busy:

A residential structure fire at 5:58 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, on East McCartney Loop in Inverness; a shed fire at 11:37 a.m. Jan. 1 on West Brandywine Street in Lecanto and a residential structure fire at 3:39 a.m. Jan. 1 on South York Way in Homosassa.

No injuries were reported as a result of any of the fires.

"A 3-year-old child could look at this and see it's not attached."

— SUE HALE, SUGARMILL WOODS RESIDENT WHO SAYS A NEIGHBOR'S NEWLY BUILT GARAGE VIOLATES THE "NO UNATTACHED" GARAGE RESTRICTIONS.

*— compiled by Nancy Kennedy*

Welcome to our team,

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## Around the COUNTY

### Grants available to businesses affected by COVID expenses

Local businesses starting Monday can apply for two different grants to help them financially due to COVID-19 expenses.

The Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) micro grant will have a minimum award of $250 up to a maximum $2,500. It will pay up to $2,500 for business's PPE expenses incurred between March 1 and Dec. 15, 2020.

The Small Business Retrofit/Adaption grant will have a maximum award of $10,000 per business.

This is to pay for business's adaptation and modification COVID-related expenses incurred between March 1 and Dec. 15, 2020.

A small business may be eligible for both grants.

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce recently proposed a plan to county commissioners to offer these grants and commissioners approved and adopted them.

Both grants will be offered through the county on a reimbursement basis and will require the business owner to submit an application online through SurveyMonkey.

For more details about the grant rules and to apply online, visit www.CitrusBOCC.com. Applications will be accepted until funds are exhausted.

The application process will be open at 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 11.

*— Michael D. Bates*

### Health Department has temporary job openings

The Florida Department of Health in Citrus County plans to hire additional temporary COVID-19 positions to assist with its response efforts.

Applicants must possess a basic skill set and a willingness to work long hours and learn on the fly. Available positions range from senior clerk to biological scientist, with RN, LPN and other titles. All COVID-19 team members assist at the Citrus Springs testing site (soon to be assisting with the COVID-19 vaccination efforts), as well as contact tracing and case investigations. These are temporary positions guaranteed through June 30, 2021.

Interested applicants should email Janora.Wade@FLHealth.gov or Anne.Murphy@FLHealth.gov to receive a State of Florida application.

### Annual MLK Unity Walk in Inverness set for Jan. 18

In honor of Civil Rights leader the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the New Church Without Walls invites the public to take part in the annual MLK Unity Walk in Inverness, beginning at 8:45 a.m. Monday, Jan. 18, at the Valerie Theatre, 207 Courthouse Square, Inverness.

The short walk will continue on North Apopka Avenue to the Depot for a program and refreshments.

— From staff reports

# Deputies arrest 10 in bust

JEFF BRYAN
*Staff writer*

Mark Charles Weatherly

Amy Susan Lyons

Jamey Laramee

Faith Marie Bergman

Louis Michael Lauro

Shonda Lee Sergent

Ashlee Rose Felsentreger

Richard Clarence Miller

Shirley Rena Hughes

Ormond Kenneth Revels

Ten people, many of whom had previously been convicted of felony charges, face a number of drug-related charges after a raid Thursday, Jan. 7, in Homosassa, according to a Citrus County Sheriff's Office news release.

The Citrus County Sheriff's Office SWAT team, along with the support of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office SWAT team, executed a search warrant Thursday, Jan. 7, at 6451 W. Park Drive in Homosassa, according the release issued late Friday, Jan. 8.

Detectives from CCSO's Tactical Impact Unit and Community Crimes Unit were aware of a nuisance residence in the community and developed an investigative strategy to gather evidence that led to the issuance and execution of a narcotics search warrant, the release stated.

Upon arriving at the residence, deputies discovered 14 people living on the property in various sheds, campers and RVs, all of which were utilizing power from the main structure that was already in complete disrepair.

After securing the residence and individuals on scene, the release stated, detectives located various narcotics to include large trafficking amounts of methamphetamine (35.5 grams), black tar heroin, narcotic pills, cannabis wax, and cannabis. A 9mm pistol and $1,729 in cash were also seized during the search warrant.

The following subjects were arrested and charged:

■ Mark Charles Weatherly, 20: Trafficking in methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance (heroin), possession of a controlled substance (buprenorphine), possession of a controlled substance (cannabis wax), possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a handcuff key, resisting arrest without violence and possession of paraphernalia. Weatherly also had an outstanding warrant for failure to appear for possession of paraphernalia. The sheriff's office noted he is a three-time convicted felon.

■ Amy Susan Lyons, 49: Possession of paraphernalia.

■ Jamey Laramee, 44: Possession of paraphernalia; he is a two-time convicted felon.

■ Faith Marie Bergman, 42: Possession of a controlled substance, possession of cannabis under 20 grams, and possession of paraphernalia. She has three prior felony convictions.

■ Louis Michael Lauro, 47: Possession of a controlled substance, possession of cannabis under 20 grams, possession of paraphernalia, and own/lease/rent a drug dwelling. She has four prior felony convictions.

■ Shonda Lea Sergent, 33: Possession of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia and possession of cannabis under 20 grams. She has two prior felony convictions.

■ Ashlee Rose Felsentreger, 26: Possession of paraphernalia.

■ Richard Clarence Miller, 26: Possession of paraphernalia; four prior felony convictions.

■ Shirley Rena Hughes, 28: Possession of paraphernalia; one prior felony conviction.

■ Ormond Kenneth Revels, 49: Possession of a controlled substance and possession of paraphernalia. He has 14 prior felony convictions.

"Thank you to our diligent professionals for getting these drugs off our streets," Sheriff Mike Prendergast wrote in the release. "They are the men and women in green that work tirelessly to protect the residents of our great county. We will continue to fight illicit drug activity in our community at every given opportunity. Thanks to great partnerships, like the one we have with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, drug dealers are not safe anywhere in Florida."

After the arrests of those involved, County Code Compliance responded to the residence to complete a thorough examination of the property's condition. County representatives advised they would begin the legal process to demolish the structures on the property and rid Citrus County completely of the nuisance dwelling.

## Around the COUNTY

### UF offers local ServSafe certification course Jan. 29

The University of Florida/IFAS Extension Citrus County is providing training to help food managers and staff keep food served to Florida's consumers safer. The ServSafe Manager's exam is given at the end of the training, which provides a National Certification that is good for five years.

The next class will be at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at the UF/IFAS Extension Citrus County office, 3650 W Sovereign Path, Suite 1, Lecanto. The Extension building is the first building on the right. Certification is required in Florida for food managers of all establishments licensed by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and selected licenses of the Department of Health. Pre-registration of two weeks is required, due by Jan. 15.

Participants should bring a valid picture identification and lunch.

To register online, visit tinyurl.com/z6dp7jf.

Cost for the course and exam is $110. The purchase of the ServSafe Manager Manual is highly recommended and is available in English or Spanish. It is suggested that participants study the ServSafe Manager 7th edition textbook prior to the class. Call 352-527-5700.

— From staff reports

# VACCINE

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Those seeking their first round of vaccines Saturday did so as temperatures dipped into the 40s early in the morning, keeping warm by staying inside their vehicles, sleeping when they could, watching shows on their phones or tablets or reading.

Henry Bormann sat patiently inside his truck, with the heater on, thankful he was one of the first vehicles at the front of the line Saturday; a stark comparison to Thursday, he said, when he was the first vehicle turned away after DOH-Citrus had accounted for all of its doses to be distributed then.

"Disappointed, because you want to get the shot," he said about Thursday, "but it was good and here I am (today), so it worked out."

With the Citrus County Sheriff's Office guiding and directing the flow of traffic into Central Ridge Park, more motorists were able to park inside the county-owned facility as it made use of the open fields under the power lines, said Ernesto "Tito" Rubio, DOH administrator.

"The cooperation between government agencies just surpasses everyone else," he said about coordination between DOH-Citrus, the sheriff's office and the county.

With the sheriff's office leading the way, Rubio said, getting cars into the park was "tweaked a little bit."

"We learned a lot about how to get the cars inside of the park to keep County Road 491 clear," he said. "That's a big boon today."

The DOH began giving out the shots about 9 a.m. Saturday in a first-come, first-served basis at the county park at 6905 N. County Road 491.

Each Moderna vial contains 10 doses. Once a vial is punctured with a needle it must be used within six hours, Freta Dunn, DOH's immunization program manager, told the Chronicle on Thursday during its initial vaccine distribution.

Once a vial is taken out of the freezer and is not punctured, it must be used within 28 days.

Much like Thursday, hundreds of people were turned away because there weren't enough vaccines.

"Our mission is to get vaccines in people's arms," Rubio said. "We understand not everyone can come this way and we're working to get vaccines to those people."

JEFF BRYAN/Chronicle

**Scores of vehicles mass in a field Saturday, Jan. 9, at Central Ridge Park as residents 65 and older wait for DOH-Citrus to begin offering the first round of the COVID vaccine. The agency provided 1,180 doses to area residents.**

## Today's HOROSCOPES

**Birthday —** Take good care of your financial well-being. Refuse to let anyone handle your affairs for you. Past acquaintances will surface and try to lead you astray. Make a healthy lifestyle your goa.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) —** Don't share your intentions anyone. Change is heading your way, and preparing for success will give you the edge.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) —** Think before you act. Don't jeopardize your position, status or reputation. Think for yourself to avoid sticky situations.

**Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) —** Mixed emotions can lead to poor judgment and regret. Listen to what others have to say, but don't be gullible.

**Aries (March 21-April 19) —** You can create an opportunity within the framework of something you are already doing. Expand your mind.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20) —** Be careful what you say and do. Consider the consequences of making a snap decision.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20) —** Expand your mind. Search for opportunities that will allow you to use your skills, knowledge and experience. Look at the fine print, go over details.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22) —** Make personal progress, health and fitness priorities. Refuse to let emotional situations ruin your day.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) —** Avoid interacting with people who don't share your beliefs or opinions. You're better off avoiding a futile argument. Concentrate on saving money.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) —** Keep an open mind, but don't trust someone to tell you the whole truth. Put more thought into making lifestyle adjustments.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) —** Make changes at home conducive to the lifestyle you want to live. Move things around, clear a space for a project you wish to pursue.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) —** Choose your words wisely. An unexpected change will leave you in a precarious position. Look for the positive.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) —** Personal and physical improvements are favored. Make an effort to get in shape, improve your diet and look your best. The compliments and attention you get will boost your ego.

# ENTERTAINMENT

Associated Press

**In this video frame grab provided by Michael Cohen, Cohen, left, interviews actor Ben Stiller for his podcast "Mea Culpa" in New York. Cohen says his new podcast "Mea Culpa" is changing the minds of listeners who supported President Donald Trump. The president's former lawyer and fixer is producing the podcast from his Manhattan apartment even as he serves the remainder of his prison sentence on home confinement.**

## Cohen seeks to dismantle Trump legacy, one podcast at a time

NEW YORK — The rehabilitation of **Michael Cohen** has reached a surreal new stage: Quizzing the actor **Ben Stiller** about his approach to impersonating him on "Saturday Night Live."

Since September, **President Donald Trump**'s former lawyer and fixer has been producing a podcast from the Park Avenue apartment where he is serving the remainder of his prison sentence for lying to Congress, evading taxes and facilitating campaign finance crimes.

The show, "Mea Culpa," has been downloaded nearly 3 million times and is available in 37 countries, Cohen said. Before Stiller, featured in an episode released Friday, guests have included **Rosie O'Donnell**, the magician and former "Celebrity Apprentice" star **Penn Jillette**, political journalists, and current and former operatives from both parties, including **James Carville** and **Anthony Scaramucci**.

The topic of every show so far? Blistering criticism of the president's every move.

Cohen, who once famously claimed he would take a bullet for Trump, said he has made it part of his penance to dismantle Trump's legacy and "return this nation to a place of sanity," though he categorizes his show as "a news commentary program" instead of an "anti-Trump program."

He said he plans to continue his podcast throughout the Biden administration.

"We cannot fool ourselves into believing that Trump will just disappear," he told The Associated Press. "Accordingly, he will continue to remain a topic of discussion."

The launch of the podcast followed Cohen's publication over the summer of a tell-all memoir about his conversion from Trump acolyte to avowed enemy.

In his interview with Stiller, Cohen likened Trump's signature scowl to the visage of Derek Zoolander, Stiller's pouty male model persona. Stiller, for his part, said he recognized in Cohen the "dichotomy" of fear and a killer instinct.

"I felt like there was a humanity in there that I was trying to connect with," Stiller said, adding he didn't want his SNL impression "to be this scathing, mean thing."

Cohen, on the other hand, seems to be going for the jugular, while satisfying his own addiction to the limelight.

He rails breathlessly in every show against the "idiot in chief." In one recent episode of "Mea Culpa," he complained that the presidential pardon process had "devolved into a corrupt and transactional circus, with Trump as its ringmaster."

Trump cutting short his recent Florida vacation and returning to Washington to double down on his challenge to the election results "sent my blood pressure through the roof!" Cohen told listeners in his Long Island cadence.

— From wire reports

## Today in HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Jan. 10, the 10th day of 2021. There are 355 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight:**

On Jan. 10, 1776, Thomas Paine anonymously published his influential pamphlet, "Common Sense," which argued for American independence from British rule.

**On this date:**

In 1861, Florida became the third state to secede from the Union.

In 1863, the London Underground had its beginnings as the Metropolitan, the world's first underground passenger railway, opened to the public with service between Paddington and Farringdon Street.

In 1920, the League of Nations was established as the Treaty of Versailles went into effect.

In 1967, Massachusetts Republican Edward W. Brooke, the first Black person elected to the U.S. Senate by popular vote, took his seat.

IIn 2002, Marines began flying hundreds of al-Qaida prisoners in Afghanistan to a U.S. base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

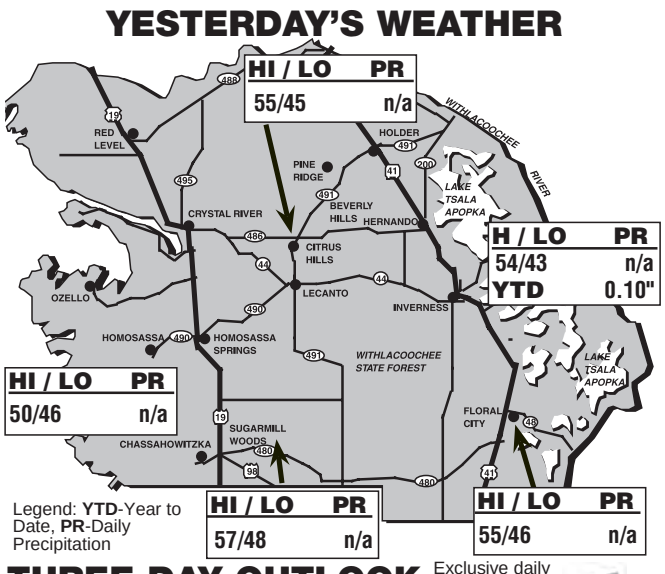
**Ten years ago:** The nation got its first look at Jared Loughner, the accused assailant of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, as a federal judge in Phoenix ordered the 22-year-old suspect held without bail.

**Five years ago:** French President Francois Hollande and other dignitaries held a special ceremony to honor those killed in Islamic extremist attacks around Paris in 2015.

**One year ago:** The Trump administration announced a new wave of sanctions on Iran following the missile strikes earlier in the week from Iran against U.S. bases in Iraq.

**Today's Birthdays:** Singer Rod Stewart is 76. Boxing Hall of Famer and entrepreneur George Foreman is 72. Singer Pat Benatar is 68. Actor Evan Handler is 60. Rapper Chris Smith (Kris Kross) is 42. Presidential adviser and son-in-law Jared Kushner is 40.

## YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

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## THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Exclusive daily forecast by: Bay News 9

**TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING**
**High:** 61° **Low:** 39°
Partly cloudy, warmer, light winds

**MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNING**
**High:** 70° **Low:** 50°
High clouds move across, light winds

**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING**
**High:** 67° **Low:** 44°
Mostly cloudy, possible shower

## ALMANAC

Data from Crystal River Airport

**TEMPERATURE**

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| Record* | 83/18 |
| Normal | 70/42 |
| Mean temp. | 56 |
| Departure from mean | -7 |

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|---|---|
| Yesterday | 0.00" |
| Total for the month | 0.06" |
| Total for the year | 0.06" |
| Normal for the year | 0.83" |

*Official record values from Tampa International

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

**BAROMETRIC PRESSURE** 30.13

**DEW POINT**
Yesterday at 3 p.m. 38°

**HUMIDITY**
Yesterday at 3 p.m. 57%

**POLLEN COUNT****
Today's active pollen:
juniper and elm
**Today's count: 8.9/12**
**Monday's count: 7.2**
**Tuesday's count: 7.8**

**AIR QUALITY**
Yesterday observed Good
Pollutant Ozone

## SOLUNAR TABLES

Provided by ezfshn.com

| DATE | DAY | MINOR (MORNING) | MAJOR (MORNING) | MINOR (AFTERNOON) | MAJOR (AFTERNOON) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 01/10 | SUNDAY | 7:23 | 10:10 | 5:50 | 10:40 |
| 01/11 | MONDAY | 7:23 | 11:10 | 5:51 | 11:41 |

## CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

Jan 13 Jan 20 Jan 28 Feb 4

| | |
|---|---|
| SUNSET TONIGHT | 5:50 pm |
| SUNRISE TOMORROW | 7:23 am |
| MOONRISE TODAY | 4:49 am |
| MOONSET TODAY | 3:27 pm |

## BURN CONDITIONS

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

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

## WATERING RULES

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

**Addresses with house numbers ending in:**

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

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

## TIDES

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

**SUNDAY**

| City | High | | | | Low | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chassahowitzka* | 3:19 a.m. | 0.7 ft | None | n/a | 11:42 a.m. | 0.0 ft | None | n/a |
| Crystal River** | 1:05 a.m. | 2.3 ft | 3:12 p.m. | 1.4 ft | 8:45 a.m. | -0.1 ft | 8:10 p.m. | 0.9 ft |
| Withlacoochee* | 12:49 p.m. | 2.4 ft | 11:15 p.m. | 3.3 ft | 6:46 a.m. | -0.9 ft | 6:23 p.m. | 1.3 ft |
| Homosassa*** | 1:28 a.m. | 1.5 ft | 3:58 p.m. | 0.5 ft | 11:13 a.m. | -0.1 ft | 7:42 p.m. | 0.3 ft |

## FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

| City | H | L | F'cast | City | H | L | F'cast |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Daytona Bch. | 61 | 47 | pc | Miami | 69 | 63 | pc |
| Fort Lauderdale | 69 | 60 | pc | Ocala | 61 | 43 | s |
| Fort Myers | 64 | 52 | pc | Orlando | 63 | 48 | s |
| Gainesville | 59 | 42 | s | Pensacola | 51 | 42 | mc |
| Homestead | 69 | 59 | s | Sarasota | 63 | 50 | pc |
| Jacksonville | 57 | 47 | pc | Tallahassee | 55 | 41 | pc |
| Key West | 66 | 62 | pc | Tampa | 63 | 49 | pc |
| Lakeland | 63 | 48 | s | Vero Beach | 65 | 51 | pc |
| Melbourne | 65 | 50 | s | W. Palm Bch. | 68 | 63 | pc |

## MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: North winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 to 3 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Tonight: Northeast winds around 10 knots then becoming east in the late evening and overnight. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop.

**Gulf water temperature**
**58°**
Taken at Crystal River

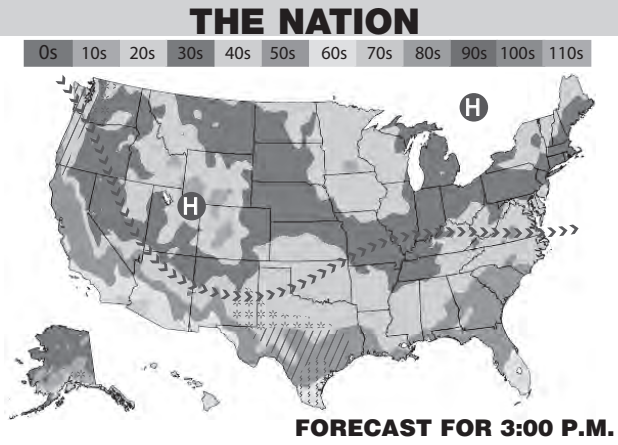
## LAKE LEVELS

| Location | SAT | FRI | Full |
|---|---|---|---|
| Withlacoochee at Holder | 28.53 | 28.62 | 34.64 |
| Tsala Apopka-Hernando | 37.59 | 37.61 | 38.66 |
| Tsala Apopka-Inverness | 38.80 | 38.82 | 39.73 |
| Tsala Apopka-Floral City | 40.02 | 40.03 | 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 | 28 | 12 | 0.00 | 33 | 19 | pc |
| Albuquerque | 41 | 28 | 0.00 | 40 | 16 | pc |
| Asheville | 36 | 30 | 0.00 | 48 | 26 | s |
| Atlanta | 38 | 35 | 0.00 | 50 | 34 | pc |
| Atlantic City | 41 | 25 | 0.00 | 44 | 30 | s |
| Austin | 54 | 32 | 0.00 | 39 | 33 | ra |
| Baltimore | 46 | 28 | 0.00 | 45 | 28 | s |
| Billings | 34 | 28 | 0.00 | 44 | 27 | pc |
| Birmingham | 37 | 35 | 0.00 | 47 | 35 | pc |
| Boise | 41 | 30 | 0.03 | 40 | 25 | mc |
| Boston | 36 | 24 | 0.00 | 38 | 25 | s |
| Buffalo | 39 | 19 | 0.00 | 32 | 27 | mc |
| Burlington, VT | 28 | 12 | 0.00 | 28 | 18 | pc |
| Charleston, SC | 53 | 38 | Trace | 56 | 42 | s |
| Charleston, WV | 34 | 28 | Trace | 45 | 28 | s |
| Charlotte | 50 | 30 | Trace | 49 | 31 | s |
| Chicago | 39 | 30 | 0.00 | 33 | 24 | cl |
| Cincinnati | 36 | 25 | 0.00 | 41 | 25 | s |
| Cleveland | 37 | 28 | 0.00 | 36 | 27 | mc |
| Columbia, SC | 52 | 36 | 0.01 | 53 | 32 | s |
| Columbus, OH | 40 | 26 | Trace | 39 | 25 | s |
| Concord, NH | 34 | 15 | 0.00 | 37 | 11 | s |
| Dallas | 49 | 28 | 0.00 | 36 | 32 | rs |
| Denver | 30 | 24 | 0.04 | 38 | 17 | pc |
| Des Moines | 25 | 21 | Trace | 29 | 21 | mc |
| Detroit | 43 | 24 | 0.00 | 36 | 24 | mc |
| El Paso | 63 | 32 | 0.00 | 47 | 26 | pc |
| Evansville, IN | 36 | 30 | 0.00 | 37 | 25 | mc |
| Harrisburg | 46 | 27 | 0.00 | 40 | 26 | s |
| Hartford | 36 | 21 | 0.00 | 39 | 21 | s |
| Houston | 57 | 35 | 0.00 | 43 | 36 | sh |
| Indianapolis | 31 | 24 | 0.00 | 34 | 23 | mc |
| Kansas City | 36 | 28 | 0.00 | 36 | 24 | mc |
| Las Vegas | 61 | 46 | Trace | 57 | 36 | pc |
| Little Rock | 45 | 34 | 0.00 | 39 | 30 | cl |
| Los Angeles | 74 | 49 | 0.00 | 71 | 48 | s |
| Louisville | 32 | 30 | 0.00 | 40 | 26 | mc |
| Memphis | 37 | 35 | 0.00 | 38 | 31 | cl |
| Milwaukee | 36 | 26 | 0.00 | 30 | 21 | mc |
| Minneapolis | 18 | 12 | Trace | 27 | 22 | cl |
| Mobile | 52 | 35 | 0.00 | 49 | 38 | mc |
| Montgomery | 40 | 37 | 0.00 | 48 | 36 | pc |
| Nashville | 36 | 33 | 0.00 | 42 | 28 | pc |
| New Orleans | 52 | 41 | 0.00 | 49 | 41 | cl |
| New York City | 37 | 24 | 0.00 | 42 | 30 | s |
| Norfolk | 45 | 34 | 0.00 | 48 | 30 | s |
| Oklahoma City | 43 | 23 | 0.00 | 39 | 29 | cl |
| Omaha | 29 | 25 | 0.00 | 33 | 23 | cl |
| Palm Springs | 75 | 46 | Trace | 71 | 47 | s |
| Philadelphia | 45 | 25 | 0.00 | 43 | 26 | s |
| Phoenix | 68 | 41 | 0.00 | 65 | 39 | s |
| Pittsburgh | 38 | 21 | 0.00 | 38 | 26 | mc |
| Portland, ME | 34 | 21 | 0.00 | 37 | 23 | s |
| Portland, OR | 48 | 36 | 0.00 | 49 | 42 | sh |
| Providence, RI | 37 | 25 | 0.00 | 40 | 24 | s |
| Raleigh | 50 | 28 | 0.06 | 51 | 28 | s |
| Rapid City | 30 | 27 | Trace | 44 | 26 | pc |
| Reno | 45 | 19 | 0.00 | 49 | 26 | pc |
| Rochester, NY | 37 | 17 | 0.00 | 32 | 27 | mc |
| Sacramento | 57 | 33 | 0.00 | 57 | 36 | pc |
| Salt Lake City | 38 | 24 | 0.00 | 36 | 19 | pc |
| San Antonio | 53 | 30 | 0.00 | 42 | 33 | t |
| San Diego | 68 | 42 | 0.00 | 71 | 46 | s |
| San Francisco | 61 | 42 | 0.00 | 60 | 46 | pc |
| Savannah | 48 | 43 | 0.00 | 57 | 43 | s |
| Seattle | 45 | 34 | Trace | 50 | 45 | ra |
| Spokane | 41 | 36 | 0.00 | 40 | 33 | mc |
| St. Louis | 34 | 30 | 0.00 | 33 | 25 | cl |
| St. Ste Marie | 36 | 16 | Trace | 35 | 26 | cl |
| Syracuse | 36 | 14 | 0.00 | 31 | 23 | cl |
| Topeka | 36 | 23 | 0.00 | 37 | 23 | mc |
| Washington | 48 | 32 | 0.00 | 46 | 28 | s |

**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** 77, Thousand Oaks, Calif.
**LOW** -15, Bondurant, Wyo.

## WORLD CITIES

| CITY | SAT H/L/SKY | CITY | SAT H/L/SKY |
|---|---|---|---|
| Acapulco | 94/67/mc | Lisbon | 49/38/pc |
| Amsterdam | 40/34/mc | London | 37/31/pc |
| Athens | 68/59/mc | Madrid | 32/25/sn |
| Beijing | 28/18/s | Mexico City | 66/52/ra |
| Berlin | 35/32/mc | Montreal | 23/14/s |
| Bermuda | 67/63/ra | Moscow | 20/10/sn |
| Cairo | 77/57/s | Paris | 39/32/s |
| Calgary | 35/15/mc | Rio | 86/78/cl |
| Havana | 68/63/pc | Rome | 47/45/ra |
| Hong Kong | 54/51/cl | Sydney | 75/62/s |
| Jerusalem | 63/50/s | Tokyo | 42/32/s |
| | | Toronto | 31/22/mc |
| | | Warsaw | 32/30/sn |

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# NONPROFIT

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Social distancing wasn't even in the lexicon back then.

In mid-March, the food bank sent out a news release saying: "We've all been taken by surprise by the coronavirus (COVID-19). Many people who have been laid off or furloughed are now finding it difficult to make ends meet. The Community Food Bank of Citrus County (CFBCC) is committed to keeping the more than 50 local food agencies ... that we serve fully stocked and ready to serve those in need throughout our community."

**Barbara Sprague**
executive director, CFBCC.

By the end of 2020, the CFBCC doubled the amount of food they procured and distributed — 4 million pounds — to feed upwards of 60,000 people. And they did it with fewer volunteers.

Plus, they distributed 100,000 cloth face masks provided by Citrus County EOC and Project America Strong to their partnering agencies throughout the community.

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

**Community Food Bank of Citrus County employee Michael McFetridge works alongside Barbara Sprague, the food bank's executive director, Friday, Nov. 13, 2020. The food bank serves thousands of families and individuals across Citrus County. "We have a wonderful community that supports us wholeheartedly, and we were able to do everything that we could to bring in about 4 million pounds of food to feed the community," said Barbara Sprague, CFBCC executive director.**

In addition, the already-busy folks at the CFBCC agreed to be the staging area for the county Emergency Operations Center whenever they received food from agencies such as FEMA.

"Not only do they have the capability and the capacity to do that, but they also have the willingness to help our citizens out," said Chris Evans, EOC director. "It's a key, essential part of our community to keep people fed and keep them healthy."

Their mission goes beyond ending hunger, said CFBCC board member Johnny Cash.

"We're also nourishing hope," he said. "Ending hunger and nourishing hope have become the words we live by."

For these and other reasons, the Community Food Bank of Citrus County is the Citrus County Chronicle's inaugural Nonprofit Organization of the Year.

"We have a wonderful community that supports us wholeheartedly, and we were able to do everything that we could to bring in about 4 million pounds of food to feed the community," said Barbara Sprague, CFBCC executive director. "Plus, we've done very well as far as fundraising, even though a lot of our events got annotated. We even got some new donors who saw the need of so many people who were affected by the pandemic, people who had never asked for assistance before.

"And luckily, many of those people have bounced back," she said.

This year, CFBCC received funding from:

■ Enterprise Holdings Foundation — $2,500.

■ Wawa in Lecanto — $2,500.

■ Sam's Club in Brooksville — $2,000.

In May, Suncoast Credit Union donated $50,000 and encouraged the community to match their donation.

Thanks to an anonymous $50,000 donor and other individuals who stepped up to the plate to make contributions, the match challenge raised a total of $182,786.

The original $50,000 from Suncoast Credit Union provided 400,000 meals. The matching contributions provided an additional 1,062,288 meals, a total of 1,462,288 meals to local families in need.

In September, Publix Super Market Charities gave a $15,000 grant to CFBCC, which provided 120,000 meals.

Sprague said they're set to go into 2021 — as set as they can be in this age of uncertainty.

"It's been a long, hard year — we've been non-non-non-stop, but clearly, we love what we do," she said. "We've been streamlining and reorganizing our building so we can do as much as we can with what we have, and luckily we've all been staying healthy.

"But we're looking forward to the day when our volunteers who have been staying home because of the coronavirus can come back and hopefully some new people will step up and help us, because there's a lot of work to be done."

For more information about CFBCC, visit www.communityfoodbankofcitruscounty.org.

## WHAT THEY SAID:

■ "The team at the Food Bank works hard every year to help keep our community fed. In this day and age there is no reason for anyone to go hungry but unfortunately they often do. This year has been scattered with various ups and downs for everyone, either directly or indirectly. The food bank has had its own obstacles to overcome both related and not related to feeding those most in need. They have met each challenge head on and provided almost triple their normal food distributions going out to local food pantries to be handed out to the community. They serve over 50 agencies in and near Citrus County, supporting food kitchens, shelters, the backpack program and more. Would these other organizations survive without the Food Bank? Maybe, but Barbara and her small staff along with volunteers definitely make things much easier and cost effective. It takes a village and I would hate to see what our community would look like without the Community Food Bank of Citrus County and their support and devotion to our Citrus County family!" — *Betsy Wooters*

■ "They have contributed greatly to provide food for the hungry. More than 4 million pounds were distributed to those in need in 2020 alone." — *Sunny Wiard*

■ "Its distribution has been three times the normal amount and consists of approximately 4 million pounds. We are very fortunate to have such an amazing organization in this county." — *Trudy Alexander*

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# Obituaries

## William 'Bill' Rieger, 72

HERNANDO

William "Bill" Rieger, 72 years of age, passed away on December 22, 2020 at Citrus Memorial Hospital in Inverness, Fla.

Bill was born Dec. 2, 1948, in Uniontown, Pennsylvania to the late Charles Rieger and Catherine Smith Rieger.

Bill enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served our Nation during the Vietnam War. After the war, he continued his pursuit of service to others by joining the Cleveland Police Department, retiring with over 25 years of service as a highly respected and decorated officer.

William 'Bill' Rieger

Shortly after returning home from the war, Bill met the love of his life, Mary. Together they had two children, Catherine and William A. Rieger and celebrated 46 years together before leaving too soon.

In retirement, Bill and Mary moved to Hernando, FL., and spent their time with family, motorcycling and lovingly doting on his children and grandchildren. He was a proud patriot, veteran, devoted brother, husband, father, grandfather, and friend. His entire life was dedicated to protecting and serving the people of our country. Bill's love for long road trips and pizza, his uncanny wit, sarcastic humor, big smile, and generous kind heart will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Bill leaves to cherish his loving memory to his adoring wife, Mary Rieger; his children, Catherine Jenkins and William Rieger; and his five grandchildren, Jordann, Lexi, Garrett, Brenton and Breely; sisters, Shirley Patterson and Betty Mandrick.

A celebration to honor the life of Bill will be held in July 2021 and he will be placed in Cape Canaveral National Cemetery, Florida, amongst his brothers and sisters in arms who have also worn the cloth of our Nation.

*Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.*

## Heather Bishop, 48

INVERNESS

Heather Marie Bishop, age 48, Inverness, FL passed away January 3, 2021 at home under the loving care of her family.

Heather was born in Brooksville, FL on March 13, 1972 and resided in Citrus County since then. She graduated from Citrus High School (Class of 1990) and the University of Central Florida where she attained her Bachelor's Degree in Education.

Heather Bishop

She was an exceptional educator that truly loved her profession, having taught the children at Floral City Elementary School for 25 years.

Her memory will be cherished by her husband of 24 years, Jonny Bishop; her 2 sons, Brennen J. and Connor J. Bishop, both of Inverness; her mother, Althea Kjos and Roy Green Floral City; brother, Jason O. (Tracy) Kjos and their children, Kyler and Kaley of Inverness; sister, Nicolle E. (Andrew) Tompkins and their daughter, Madison of Inverness; maternal grandparents, Bob & Betty Metz, Floral City; her aunt, Cheryl Scruggs and her children, Ashley and Justin, Floral City; brother in law, Larry Bishop and wife, Gloria of Inverness, brother in law, Mark Bishop of Pageland South Carolina and his children, Mike and Makayla, mother and father in law, Norma and Larry Bishop of Monroe, North Carolina.

Heather's family will receive friends on Saturday, January 16th from 2:00 – 4:00 PM at the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the "Heather Bishop Memorial Scholarship Fund." Please make donations payable to "Citrus High School-Heather Bishop Memorial Scholarship Fund." For those wishing to mail their donation, the address for Citrus High School is 600 W. Highland Blvd. Inverness, Fl. 34450.

There will be a Celebration of Life for family members at a later date followed by burial in Hills of Rest Cemetery, Floral City.

*Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.*

## Ann Affe, 75

On December 19th, 2020 Ann M. Affe passed away peacefully in her home at the age of 75 under the loving care of her two daughters Regina M. Garbatini Duran, Terri A. Lattanzio and the comfort of her fiancé Vito Porta.

Ann was born on August 30th, 1945 in Waterbury Connecticut to the late Armand V. Garbatini and Josephine L. Milano Garbatini of Thomaston Connecticut.

Ann Affe

Ann was a graduate of Thomaston high school in the class of 1963. She was very active in dance, tennis, bowling leagues, and softball. In 1982 she married the love of her life, Ralph G. Affe, and moved to Beverly Hills Florida in 1986 where they lived out their lives together.

Ann and Ralph quickly became active members of the Beverly Hills Community. They joined many clubs, programs, and activities such as the Church, Elks Club, Beverly Hills Women's Club, Beverly Hills Fishing Club, bowling leagues, golf, line dancing and many others.

The couple loved traveling and went on many cruises all over the world until the passing of her loving husband on December 13th, 2014.

On November 18th, 2016 Ann was attending a social dance at the Beverly Hills Woman's Club when she met her fiancé, Vito. They enjoyed their time together engaging in many activities such as cruises, playing cards, dancing, and bowling.

Ann was an animal lover and contributed to various rescue groups. You would find her feeding the many stray cats in her community daily. She adored her dog Barney which she took for walks and her cat Georgie.

Ann was a licensed barber along with her late husband and established a barbershop called Hair Quarters located in Waterbury Connecticut before moving to Florida. In Florida she worked as a licensed Dietary Manager at Citrus Memorial Hospital then a Medical Receptionist at Citrus County Medical Offices up to retirement.

She left behind her daughters, Regina M. Garbatini Duran of Wallingford Connecticut, Terri A. Latanzio and son-in-law Tim Finnimore of Oakville Connecticut, her late son Steven M. Lattanzio of Watertown Connecticut, her brother Armand Garbatini of Naugatuck Connecticut, four grandchildren, a soon to be great grandchild, one niece, and two nephews.

She developed many friendships over the years which were dear to her heart. She will be missed.

Funeral arrangements by the National Cremation and Burial Society 13011 U.S. Highway 19 North, Hudson Fl. 34667. A memorial service will be held at Florida National Cemetery, 6502 SW 102nd Ave, Bushnell, Fl 33513 at a later date.

*Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.*

## Edna Michalski, 82

INVERNESS

Edna J. Michalski , age 82 of Inverness, Florida, died Sunday, December 27, 2020 in Lecanto, FL.

She was born February 15, 1938 in Johnson City, TN, daughter of Wilder and Stella (Shipley) King. She is proceeded in death by her husband Henry "Buddy" Michalski, son Michael Michalski, daughter Tracey Ann Michalski and granddaughter Amanda Kathleen Michalski. Edna is survived by 3 daughters; Jennifer (Joseph) Lydon and their children Shannon and Joey, Elizabeth (Jeff) Dykes and her son Michael and Sarah (Randy) Sizemore and their children Jeremy and Brianna, sister-in-law Kathy Johnson and brother-in-law Freddy Michalski.

Edna Michalski

Edna was well loved and will be missed by her children, grandchildren great grand children and multiple nieces and nephews and many friends. Her strength, beauty, love and caring ways will stay with us always.

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## Desiderio 'Desi' Segundo, 87

After looking up many times and extending his arms to the Father, Dr. Desiderio "Desi" Segundo Jr., 87, died at home early on the feast of the Epiphany, January 6, 2021. His wife of 42 years, Eleanor (Ely), was at his side.

A funeral Mass is scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, January 11 at Our Lady of Grace Church in Beverly Hills, Fla. Rev. Monsignor Cesar Petilla will preside. Visitation will follow the Mass from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Fero Funeral Home in Beverly Hills.

Desiderio 'Desi' Segundo

Desi was the son of Desiderio Sr. and Vicenta (Castillo) Segundo and raised in Laoag, Ilocos Norte on Luzon, the Philippines. He attended Far Eastern University in Manila where he earned his medical doctor degree.

He came to Milwaukee in 1963 and then practiced in Alberta and Newfoundland, Canada, while awaiting results of his U.S. residency application. He subsequently moved to the Detroit area where he practiced as an anesthesiologist at Pontiac General Hospital until retiring in 2000.

The Segundos lived in Rochester Hills, Mich. for 23 years before moving to a new home in Pine Ridge Estates, Beverly Hills, Fla. in 2000.

Desi loved music and was a member of the choir at Our Lady of Grace Church for many years. He faithfully played the violin at all funerals and Sunday Masses through Gaudete Sunday this Advent (December 13, 2020). With Ely, he had helped bring a lively Catholic charismatic movement from Michigan to Our Lady of Grace Church where it blended with an existing charismatic community.

Desi was intensely proud of his American citizenship. He was a child when the Japanese invaded the Philippines during World War II, and he told of being moved "from foxhole to foxhole" by guerilla family members to escape capture by the Japanese.

Desi is survived by his wife, Ely; son Desi III; sister Ethel Sievert; cousin Henidine Lowes; and many other cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial offerings may be sent to Our Lady of Grace Church, 6 Roosevelt Blvd, Beverly Hills, FL 34465.

Arrangements are under the care of Fero Funeral Home with Crematory in Beverly Hills, Fla.

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## Kristi Hardgrove, 57

CRYSTAL RIVER

Kristi Lee Hardgrove of Crystal River, FL passed away while under the loving care of her family and Vitas Hospice in Lecanto on January 2, 2021 at the age of 57.

Kristi was born to Sally Ann (Everett) and the late Edward Rudolph Metzger on October 28, 1963 in Bath, ME. She made Crystal River her home 5 years ago after relocating from Connecticut.

Kristi Hardgrove

Kristi was a Certified Nursing Assistant and worked in healthcare. She was an extremely loving and caring individual and was a dedicated and kind caregiver to many of those who had no one to care for them in their later years.

She truly loved others and was very generous with her time and her actions. Even though she was in failing health, over the Thanksgiving holiday, Kristi cooked a prepared a full Thanksgiving feast and proceeded to contact her neighbors and personally share plates of food with those who needed it.

That was just the kind of caring and loving person she was. Her generosity was one of her outstanding traits. When she wasn't taking care of others, in her spare time she enjoyed crocheting and knitting. Prior to moving to Florida, Kristi loved spending time on the Connecticut River with her family.

Those left to mourn Kristi's passing include her sons: Sean Hardgrove and his wife Heidi of Higganum, CT, Joshua Hardgrove and his wife Jamie of Agawam, MA, Ryan Hardgrove and his significant other, Jamie Talbot of Higganum, CT; mother, Sally Metzger of Hernando, FL; brother, Dan Metzger of Maryland; grandchildren: Paisley, Michael, Sadie, Harper, Noah, Skylar, Vayda and Braxtyn.

Kristi was preceded in death by her father, Edward Metzger in 2012, and her sister, Kerri Metzger in 2001.

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

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## Mary Dombek, 88

LECANTO

Mary Elizabeth Dombek, 88, of Lecanto, Florida passed away at Diamond Ridge Health & Rehabilitation Center on Saturday, January 2, 2021.

She was born September 12, 1932 the daughter of the late Joseph and Ella(Lorei) Allgeier. Mary was a native of Erie, Pennsylvania before moving to Miami, FL.

There she met the love of her life, Donald Dombek, and raised six children. After retirement Mary and Don moved to Gainesville, Fl and later moved to Ocala. Their final years were spent in Citrus County.

Mary was a loving wife to Donald Dombek for 60 years. They had been members of Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Ocala and then became members at Our Lady of Grace in Beverly Hills after their move. Mary was always active in her children's lives and in the Church.

While in Ocala, she had been a member of the CCW, headed the Respite program, was a regular at adoration and had been a Eucharistic Minister. Mary prayed the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily and was very devoted to her faith.

She loved to make things and grow plants.She grew many beautiful flowering plants, and was happy to spend her time sewing, doing needle point, and in her final days coloring. The wall of her room at Diamond Ridge was decorated with her beautiful coloring pages and she enjoyed gifting people with her work.

Mary is survived by her children Kenneth (Saichol) of Seattle, WA, Mary Arnold (Andrew) of Beverly Hills, FL, Ronald (Crystal) of Fredricksburg, VA, Robert of Mt. Airy, MD, Stephen (Nori) of Aiea. HI and Darlene Landy (Patrick) of Boynton Beach, FL; her grandchildren Christopher, Joseph Arnold and Emily; her brother Edward (Carol) Allgeier; and a niece and four nephews and their families.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her loving husband, Donald.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00am on Monday, January 18, 2021 at Our Lady of Grace in Beverly Hills, FL. Burial will be at Florida National Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 17 from 2:00pm-3:30pm at Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services (9695 SW 110th Street, Ocala, FL 34480) with the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Online condolences may be sent to hiers-baxley.com.

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## Linda Mathews, 71

Linda S. Mathews went home to Jesus on December 5th 2020, much too soon, at age 71.

She was born to C.C. (Dick) Sims and Annie Francis (Frankie) Neel Sims on March 2nd, 1949 in Chattahoochee, Florida. She owned her own business offering paralegal services under the name of Florida Non-Lawyer Services for many years in Crystal River, Florida before retiring.

Linda Mathews

She is survived by her sister, Wanda S. Hagwell, her brother, William Richard (Ricky) Sims, and her 2 children, Dee Dee Main and John Michael Mathews. She has 3 grandchildren, Dakota (Cody) Glasco, Aiden Hunter Main, and Logan Michael Main.

She lived a vibrant, happy life looking after her great nephew, Tristan Velleca, and her grandchildren. She was taken from us much too soon and will be dearly missed.

Currently, due to Covid, services will be delayed until further notice.

Strickland Funeral Home and Crematory, Crystal River, assisted family with the arrangements.

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## Walter Long, 76

DUNNELLON

Walter Daniel Long, 76 of Dunnellon, passed away at home under the loving care of his family on January 2, 2021.

Walter was born in the Bronx, NY, on January 9, 1944, to the late Jack and Helen (Ryan) Long. Walter came to Citrus County in 1972 from Queens, NY. He was the owner of Fair Rate Movers and a graduate of La Salle Academy in New York City.

Walter Long

Devoted husband of Carol (Burns) Long for 53 years and loving father of Colleen (Long) Rowley of New Jersey, Vincent (Julann) Long of Tallahassee, Laurene Long of Inverness and Ryan Long of Dunnellon. Proud grandfather of Kristeen, Katie, Kalyn, Kellen, Jack, JJ and Riley, and great grandfather of five. Brother of Eugene (and the late Patricia) Long of Lecanto and Veronica (Bob) Barker of Beverly Hills, and preceded in death by brothers: Vincent Long and John Long and sisters: Doloris Long, Jacquelene Riley and Geraldine Lennon. Further survived by beloved nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Walter will be fondly remembered by his family and friends as a tirelessly hard working and honest man, a loving husband and father, a doting grandfather, a cherished uncle, a loyal friend and a devout Catholic.

Memorial services for Walter will be conducted on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 3:00 PM, from the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

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# Obituaries

## Kathryn Gronauer, 98

SPRING HILL

Kathryn M. Gronauer, 98, of Spring Hill, FL passed away on January 1, 2021 at Oak Hill Hospital in Brooksville, FL.

She was born to the late August and Ina (Haworth) Woerner on May 2, 1922 in Indianapolis, Indiana. She was a Secretary for The American Red Cross for many years and made Citrus County her home in 1999 after moving from Ft. Myers, FL.

Kathryn Gronauer

She enjoyed 74 beautiful years of marriage to Donald R. Gronauer before his passing on July 18, 2015.

Kathryn was an avid golfer and it was one of her most loved hobbies.

Along with her beloved husband, Donald and her parents, she is preceded in death by her sister. Those left to cherish her memory are her two children, John Gronauer (Emily Harris) of Brooksville, FL and Janice Goodwin (late Gerald) of Dunedin, FL; her four grandsons; and her six great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life for Kathryn is on Tuesday, January 19, at 2:30 PM, at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. A procession to the cemetery from the funeral home will depart at 1:45 PM, friends and family are welcome to gather at the funeral home prior to the procession leaving. Kathryn will be laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery alongside her husband, Donald.

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

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## Mildred 'Mickey' Stone, 96

INVERNESS

Mildred "Mickey" Stone, 96, of Inverness went home to be with her Lord on January 5, 2020, under the loving care of her family.

She was born August 10, 1924 in Avon, PA, daughter of the late John and Lizzie (Snyder) Zweir. She graduated from Lebanon High School, took up nursing, and in 1946 married Levi Stone and began a new life in Bushnell, FL, where his sister lived.

Mildred 'Mickey' Stone

During that time Mickey was a nurse in Leesburg, before moving to Inverness in 1949.

Levi and Mickey loved to fish in the Gulf and then enjoy fried fish and hush puppies. She also worked in the school lunchroom and put her cooking skills to work baking cakes. She baked cakes for family, friends and whomever needed a special cake. She baked cakes for many years for the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home to give away at Christmas.

Mickey taught Sunday school and was the pianist for many years at the Assembly of God Church in Inverness. In January 1968, when the new nursing home, Inverness Health Care (now named Avante), opened, she worked the 11 – 7 shift for the next 18 years.

She and Levi began their summer travels in 1986 and ended up in Sequim, Washington. They enjoyed the sunsets, the snow capped mountains and their many friends including the Judge from Yakama County.

On September 11, 2001, they returned home and due to Levi's sickness, they never returned. Mickey was the oldest member of Victory Baptist Church in Inverness, where she was very active and will be sadly missed by all.

In addition to her parents, Mickey was preceded in death by her husband Levi, of 61 years; two sisters: Catherine Kirkessner and Helen Opp; her niece Patricia Stann and her granddaughter, Debbie Jermmott. Left to cherish her memory are her children: Rebecca "Becky" Worrell of Inverness, Jane Gromling and her husband Donald, of Inverness, and her son L. Frank Stone and his wife Dinah of Floral City. She leaves her granddaughters: Ashley Worrell and Britney Stimson and her husband TJ; her grandsons: Edward and Jim Gromling and Bobby Demaris and his wife Ashley; seven great grandchildren, including, Davis Alan.

Mickey will be laid to rest with Levi, at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell. Graveside services are private.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the Path of Citrus County or to the Mission in Citrus Homeless Shelter, 2488 Pennsylvania Ave., Crystal River, FL 34428.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home in Inverness.

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## Gail Stafford, 59

CITRUS SPRINGS

Gail Ann Stafford, 59, of Citrus Springs, FL passed away on January 5, 2021 in Lecanto, FL.

She was born to the late Robert William and Patricia Gail (Keller) Thompson on April 10, 1961 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. She made Citrus County her home in June 2011 after moving from Pompano Beach, and shortly after, she married her beloved husband, Robert on August 25, 2011.

Gail Stafford

She enjoyed attending Christ Community Church of Lecanto, FL. Gail loved to cook and play and watch outdoor sports.

Along with her parents, Gail is preceded in death by her sister, Kathleen Ramey. Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Robert; her brother, Paul Michael, Jacksonville, FL; and Robin Stroh of Cooper City, FL.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for Friday, January 15. 2021 at 11 AM at the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home of Inverness, FL with Pastor Brian Sullivan of Christ Community Church of Lecanto, FL officiating. A visitation of family and friends will begin at 10 AM until the hour of service.

Gail will be laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery immediately following the services. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Moffitt Cancer Center of Tampa, FL at https://moffitt.org/give.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness, FL.

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## Sonja Keesling, 82

CITRUS SPRINGS

Sonja M. Keesling, 82, of Citrus Springs, Florida, passed away on Tues., Jan. 5, 2021 at Rosecastle of Citrus, Lecanto, Florida.

A native of Battle Creek, Michigan, she was born Aug. 14, 1938 to William and Dorothy (Bullis) Raymer. Mrs. Keesling moved to Citrus County in 1988 from Michigan with her late husband of 34 years, SMSGT Jesse C. Keesling, Sr., USAF (Retired).

Sonja Keesling

In addition to her parents and husband Jesse, she was preceded in death by her son Christopher Lee Moan and her brother, Clive Raymer. Sonja is survived by her son Jason Keesling (wife Melissa), Citrus Springs, Florida and daughter Vickey Liesner (John Quertinmont), Crystal River, Florida; daughter-in-law Cherry Moan of Michigan; 19 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren.

Friends will be received on Tues., Jan. 12, 2021 from 11:30 to 12:30 P.M. at Wilder Funeral Home, Homosassa, Florida. Graveside service will take place at 1:30 P.M. at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida. www.wilderfuneral.com.

## David Garcia, 84

INVERNESS

David Garcia of Inverness, FL passed away while under the loving care of his family and Vitas Hospice in Lecanto on January 1, 2021 at the age of 84.

He was born to the late Ben and Olivama Garcia of Pueblo, CO on October 14, 1936. In October of 2000 David married his loving wife Jeanne with whom he shared 20 years of loving marriage. He and Jeanne made Inverness their home in 2005 after relocating from Colorado and attended the Redemption Point Assembly of God in Inverness.

David Garcia

David was a welder by profession but also used his skills as a welder to create beautiful pieces of art out of steel. He spent many days working in his home workshop creating remarkable original works of art and became a talented woodworker in his later years.

In addition to his loving wife Jeanne, those left to mourn David's passing include his sons: David Garcia of Inverness, FL, Bob Garcia and his wife Cheryl of Simi Valley, CA, Mark Garcia of Pueblo, CO, Jim Garcia of Santa Fe, NM; daughter, Kathy Garcia of Colorado Springs, CO; sister, Rosie Arestegui of Hawthorne, CA; 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. David was preceded in death by his loving wife of 28 years and mother of his surviving 5 children, Mary F. Garcia. He was also preceded in death by 3 sisters: Suzie, Tabby and Angie and niece, Barbara Arestegui.

A Funeral Service of Remembrance is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2021 with visitation beginning at 10:00 AM followed by a chapel service at 11:00 AM at the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home and will be conducted by Pastor Kennie Berger of Redemption Point Assembly of God.

Following the chapel service, David will be laid to rest at Hills of Rest Cemetery in Floral City, FL. Arrangements are under the care of the Chas E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

Isaiah 41:10: "Fear not, for I am with you. Be not dismayed, for I am your God, I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." This is David's Life's Verse.

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## Vincent Marchese, 90

FLORAL CITY

Reverend Vincent George Marchese of Floral City, FL, passed away while under the loving care of his family and VITAS Hospice, Lecanto, on January 3, 2021 at the age of 90.

David Garcia

Up until a few days before his passing, he had lived a healthy and independent life. Vincent was born in Brooklyn, NY, to the late Vincent James Marchese and Minnie Gertrude (Gilleo) Durbin. He has been married to his loving wife, Ruth (Olsen) Marchese, for more than 50 years.

Vincent and Ruth made Citrus County their home 22 years ago after relocating from Babylon, NY. Vincent was an ordained Assemblies of God minister for the majority of his life and last pastored Babylon Assembly of God church. Locally, he and his wife were members of First Church of God in Inverness. Vincent also provided ministerial services to Sanctuary Mission, Bushnell, an organization providing assistance to those who have been released from incarceration and are rebuilding their lives.

In his spare time, he most enjoyed fishing and bowling.

In addition to his wife Ruth, those left to mourn Vincent's passing include his son, David Marchese and his wife Ruth of Cary, NC; daughters: Miriam Trimmer and her husband Michael of Chino, CA, Amy Fox of Chino, CA; grandchildren: Will, Michael & Samantha, Mark & Angelica, Emma, Christiana; great grandchildren: Archer and Theodore.

Vincent was preceded in death by his first wife, Beatrice Grace (Dove), who died at the age of 39 in 1969. His two brothers have also passed: Francis and William.

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# COVID-19: summary for Citrus County

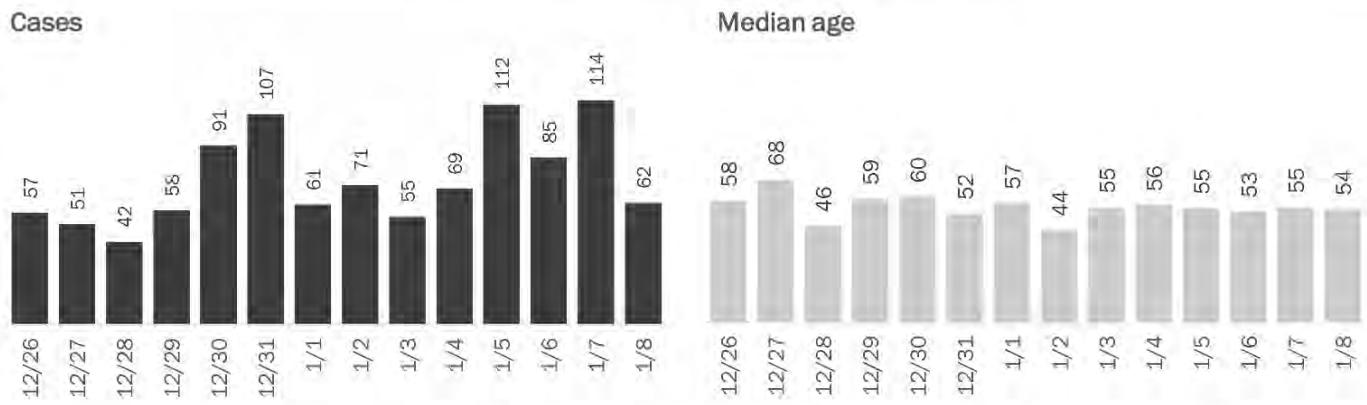
**Data through Jan 8, 2021 verified as of Jan 9, 2021 at 09:25 AM**

Data in this report are provisional and subject to change.

## Cases: people with positive PCR or antigen test result

| | |
|---|---|
| **Total cases** | **7,401** |
| Florida residents | 7,351 |
| Non-Florida residents | 50 |
| **Type of case** | |
| PCR positive | 6,445 |
| Antigen positive | 906 |
| **Gender for Florida residents** | |
| Men | 3,246 |
| Women | 4,066 |
| Unknown | 39 |
| **Age for Florida residents** | |
| Range | 0 - 103 |
| Median age | 55 |

**Cases in Florida residents by date case confirmed**




| Race, ethnicity | Cases | | Hospitalizations | | Deaths | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| White | 5,884 | 80% | 481 | 89% | 256 | 89% |
| Hispanic | 237 | 3% | 11 | 2% | 6 | 2% |
| Non-Hispanic | 5,281 | 72% | 432 | 80% | 226 | 79% |
| Unknown ethnicity | 366 | 5% | 38 | 7% | 24 | 8% |
| Black | 311 | 4% | 23 | 4% | 6 | 2% |
| Hispanic | 24 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Non-Hispanic | 275 | 4% | 22 | 4% | 6 | 2% |
| Unknown ethnicity | 12 | 0% | 1 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 480 | 7% | 26 | 5% | 14 | 5% |
| Hispanic | 88 | 1% | 4 | 1% | 3 | 1% |
| Non-Hispanic | 329 | 4% | 19 | 4% | 5 | 2% |
| Unknown ethnicity | 63 | 1% | 3 | 1% | 6 | 2% |
| Unknown race | 676 | 9% | 11 | 2% | 11 | 4% |
| Hispanic | 45 | 1% | 1 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Non-Hispanic | 75 | 1% | 1 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Unknown ethnicity | 556 | 8% | 9 | 2% | 11 | 4% |
| **Total** | **7,351** | | **541** | | **287** | |

| Outcomes for Florida residents | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Citrus** | | |
| Hospitalizations | 541 | (7% of all cases) |
| Deaths | 287 | (4% of all cases) |
| **Statewide** | | |
| Hospitalizations | 65,401 | (5% of all cases) |
| Deaths | 22,804 | (2% of all cases) |

| Cases in facility staff/residents | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Citrus** | | |
| Long-term care | 1,196 | (16% of all cases) |
| Correctional | 212 | (3% of all cases) |
| **Statewide** | | |
| Long-term care | 68,298 | (5% of all cases) |
| Correctional | 27,783 | (2% of all cases) |

| Age group | All cases | | New cases (1/08) | | Hospitalizations | | Deaths | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0-4 years | 67 | 1% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 5-14 years | 261 | 4% | 4 | 6% | 1 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| 15-24 years | 743 | 10% | 5 | 8% | 4 | 1% | 0 | 0% |
| 25-34 years | 813 | 11% | 5 | 8% | 13 | 2% | 2 | 1% |
| 35-44 years | 746 | 10% | 8 | 13% | 21 | 4% | 0 | 0% |
| 45-54 years | 970 | 13% | 10 | 16% | 45 | 8% | 6 | 2% |
| 55-64 years | 1,227 | 17% | 6 | 10% | 75 | 14% | 22 | 8% |
| 65-74 years | 1,210 | 16% | 12 | 19% | 128 | 24% | 57 | 20% |
| 75-84 years | 888 | 12% | 9 | 15% | 163 | 30% | 103 | 36% |
| 85+ years | 423 | 6% | 3 | 5% | 90 | 17% | 97 | 34% |
| Unknown | 3 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| **Total** | **7,351** | | **62** | | **541** | | **287** | |

Graphic courtesy of the Florida Department of Health/Citrus County

**Hospitalization** counts include anyone who was hospitalized at some point during their illness. It does not reflect the number of people currently hospitalized.
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# HENSLEY

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"The house was owned by a family in New Jersey, and they loved Mama," Hensley said. "All those years she lived there I think they only charged her $75 (monthly) rent."

Martha Hinkle, an Inverness native and former neighbor of Annie May, recalled how, as a child, she and her friends would be outside playing and Annie May, always with an apron on, would offer them something to drink or a snack.

**Annie May Hensley**
1945 Citrus High School graduate.

"She was a very kind lady," Hinkle said. "Miss Annie May fed everyone. We knew her mom, too, because she was the lunchroom lady at the school, and she fed us too.

"She was giving, and always had a positive attitude. She was a true friend to so many and will be greatly missed."

To Melanie Hensley, Annie May was the ideal mother-in-law.

"You hear horror stories about mothers-in-law and daughters-in-law, but we never had that at all," she said. "She loved me as her daughter for 43 years, and it was a great relationship — no squabbles at all, which was wonderful."

As a grandmother, Annie May doted on her grandchildren.

"Grandmas are here to spoil grandkids and she always made sure to do just that," said Hillary Hammerle. "Once when I was in elementary school, I stayed home from school 'sick' and we would always go to Fat Boys BBQ for lunch.

"Also, I remember driving home from lunch and she ran a stop sign. Sure enough, there was an officer watching. She got pulled over and I was sure to tell the officer she was speeding! She never forgot that," she said.

"She also taught me that no matter what people did or said, to be kind — kill them with kindness. I like to think I am like her in that way," Hammerle said.

Hammerle also recalled how her grandma loved to brush her hair.

"If we got ready at her house in the morning before school, she would beg to brush my hair," she said. "I would give anything to let her brush my hair one more time."

Annie May Hensley rarely, if ever, complained. She did not gossip, was patient, gentle and kind.

She had a heart of gold and would help anyone in need. She was probably one the longest members of First Presbyterian Church of Inverness — and she made some of the best peanut butter fudge you ever ate.

If she had something you needed, it became yours.

"My memories of Grandma: walking me — crying of course — down the hallway to kindergarten everyday and visiting the school clinic frequently because I knew she'd come pick me up," said her granddaughter, Kristen Todd.

"We would watch the 'Price is Right' and her 'programs' — soap operas. She would cook anything I wanted, but it was usually grits and eggs or potato soup.

"After school she would take my sister and I to TCBY for ice cream. As an adult, her advice was always, 'Well, Kristen, you just do what you need to do!' spoken in her Southern accent and sweet voice," Todd said.

"My own children — Makayla, Kinnley, and Jackson — would always leave her house with a parting gift, a book, a notepad, a trinket, or a loaf of her delicious banana bread.

"I will miss being able to just stop by and visit, her sweet tea, and her famous fried chicken," she said. "But most of all, I'll just miss her."

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**Annie May Hensley's claim to fame: In 1961, she appeared as an extra in the courtroom scene of "Follow That Dream" with Elvis Presley — and one time off the set Elvis gave her a piece of gum.**

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# 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

#### Veteran author to sign books, perform at Valerie

Local author and Silver Star recipient Frank Joliff will sign his book "365 and a Wake Up," a novel about Joliff's tour of duty with the ninth infantry in Vietnam during the TET offensive, beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Valerie Theatre in Inverness.

Joliff will also be performing magic and comedy. Come enjoy this free evening at the Valerie.

For information, call 352-341-7850 or visit www.valerietheatre.org.

#### Stamp Show set at VFW Post 4252

The Citrus Area Stamp Club will host its annual Stamp Show from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at VFW Post 4252 at 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway (State Road 200) in Hernando. All collectors are invited to attend. Stamps, covers, supplies, picture postcards and some coins will be available to buy and sell. Get free appraisals.

Citrus Area Stamp Club meets the first and third Tuesdays monthly at VFW Post 4252 at 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway (State Road 200) in Hernando. Doors open at 11 a.m. with the meeting starting at 12:30 p.m.

For more information on the show or club, contact Sheldon Rogg, club president, at 727-364-6897 or email h.rogg@verizon.net or visit the website at www.floridastamp shows.com.

#### Female veterans plan monument dedication

After three years of fundraising and months of waiting, the Female Veterans Network (FVN) is excited to announce the completion of the monument dedicated to all female military, past, present and future.

A dedication ceremony is planned at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, on the grounds of the Old Historic County Courthouse in Inverness.

The public is welcome. Masks and social distancing are strongly encouraged.

For more information on FVN, contact Cynthia Henderson, president/founder, at 352-628-6481 or Jo Monty at 952-239-1027.

Visit www.femaleveteransnetwork.org.

# 2021 – More support for our veterans

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**An array of national initiatives to assist veterans have been passed to make life more comfortable for those who have served the United States.**

## *National bill passages assist active, retired US military members*

John Stewart
VETERANS VOICES

This year we'll see dramatic and very important changes in support of our veterans and their families after passage of some Congressional actions subsequently approved and signed by our President. These include the 4,500-page National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) which specifies the annual budget and expenditures of the U.S. Department of Defense and the Congressional Bill H.R. 7105, titled "The Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020," named for former Republican leaders of the House and Senate veterans' affairs committees.

The NDAA includes a 3% military pay raise, a halt to proposed military medical cuts, military treatment facility (MTF) reorganization, and the addition of three conditions to the list of ailments presumed connected to Agent Orange exposure for Vietnam War veterans suffering from bladder cancer, hypothyroidism and Parkinson's-like symptoms. The provision would add these diseases to the VA presumptive list, which lowers the amount of proof veterans must provide in order to receive VA benefits.

The creation of the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) in 1972 allows a military retiree or retirement-eligible service member to ensure a continuous lifetime annuity for their dependents by paying monthly premiums for a maximum of 30 years. Another benefit titled Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) that could be received by a widow sadly offsets the money received from SBP, dollar-for-dollar. This offset is sometimes referred to as a "widow's tax" and has been a terrible action causing severe hardships for many spouses. As example, DIC is a monthly benefit paid to eligible survivors of service members who:

- Died while on active duty, active duty for training or inactive duty training.
- Died as a result of a service-connected injury or disease.
- Did not die as a result of a service-connected injury or disease, but were totally disabled by a service-connected disability for at least 10 years before death.
- Were released from active duty for at least five years before death,

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# VFW presents certificates of patriotism

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**Pictured from left are: Auxiliary President Roger Ingall, Auxiliary Youth and Scholarship Chairman Joel Steele III, Cpl. Michael Radford, Lance Cpl. Kelly Cook, Pvt. Hunter Begin, Gunnery Sgt. Tyler Cook, Pvt. Jason Workman, Lance Cpl. Serenady Vertrees, Pfc. Lake Dyer, Cpl. Dakoda Boyce, Pvt. Tyler Holmes, Cpl. Deangla Robinson, Auxiliary Jr. Vice President Brenda Williams, Auxiliary Patriotic Instructor Mariann Cornwell, Auxiliary Guard Bill Peters, Auxiliary Sr. Vice President JoAnne Peters and Auxiliary Secretary Renee Tennant. Not pictured is Auxiliary member Kathy Ingall.**

## *Nature Coast Young Marine members honored*

*Special to the Chronicle*

VFW Auxiliary 8189 recently presented certificates of patriotism to members of the Nature Coast Young Marines.

The awards were presented to show appreciation to the Young Marines for their assistance during a recent American flag retirement ceremony where over 1,600 flags were retired.

In addition, each Young Marine was given a R.A.P. coin which are given to youths who show exceptional patriotism.

The VFW Auxiliary is always looking for new members to help support veterans, youths and the community. To see if you qualify to join, visit www.vfwauxiliary.org

The Young Marines are open to those age 8 through the completion of high school. The only membership requirement is that the youth be in good standing at school.

## *Veterans* GROUPS

*This listing contains only basic information regarding each group. For more information about scheduled activities, meetings, meals and more for a specific post or group, call or email the contact listed. Posts and groups may email changes or corrections to community@chronicleonline.com.*

### American Legion

- Blanton-Thompson American Legion Post 155, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River. Call 352-795-6526, email blantonthompsonPost155@gmail.com, or visit www.flPost155.org.
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 155. Call 352-795-6526.
- American Legion Riders Post 155, 6 p.m. the second Wednesday monthly the auxiliary room of the post. Call Roger Boucher at 352-794-0352.
- American Legion Wall-Rives Post 58 and Auxiliary, 10730 U.S. 41, Dunnellon. Call 352-489-4453, or email wallrives58@gmail.com.
- American Legion, Beverly Hills Memorial Post 237, 6726 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills. Visit www.Post237.org or call 352-897-4776.
- Allen-Rawls American Legion Post 77 and Auxiliary Unit 77, 4375 Little Al Point, off Arbor Street in Inverness.
- Sons of the American Legion meets at 6 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly.
- Legion meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly. Call Commander Andy Connole at 352-341-0394.
- Auxillary meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly. Call president Laura Beetow at 352-637-7232 about weekly events.
- Riders Post 77 meet at 8 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly, or immediately following Legion meeting.
- Arnold Vern Allen American Legion Post 166 meets monthly. Call 352-765-3949 or email americanlpost166@gmail.com. American Legion Post 166 is located at 4520 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.
- The Sons of the Legion meets the second Saturday at 11 a.m.

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- Submit information for the Veterans page at least two weeks before the event.
- Early submission of timely material is appreciated, but multiple publications cannot be guaranteed.
- Notes tend to run one week prior to the date of an event. Publication on a specific day is not guaranteed.
- Submit material at *Chronicle* offices in Inverness or Crystal River; by fax at 352-563-3280; or email to community@chronicleonline.com.

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or for at least one year before death.

■ Were a former prisoner of war and died after Sept. 30, 1999.

But SBP and DIC are completely different programs, paid by separate federal agencies, and the dollar-for-dollar reduction is unfair. Thankfully, the NDAA completely eliminates the Widow's Tax, though in phases. In 2021, one-third of the SBP will be restored. In 2022, two-thirds will be restored. On Jan. 1, 2023, the SBP will be completely restored and surviving spouses will receive their SBP and DIC payments in full. In addition, the SBP child-only option, which was a work-around created after 9/11 for surviving spouses of active-duty deaths to receive the full SPB until their children turned 18 (or 23, if in college), is also repealed. The surviving spouses who elected to use that benefit, can restore their eligibility regardless of their children's ages. And, since income does not matter for DIC benefits, receipt of Social Security benefits will not affect DIC eligibility. If entitled to DIC benefits, the spouse should draw it and Social Security. DIC eligibility may include some surviving children, certain helpless adult children and surviving children. I know this can be confusing and there are other parameters in spouse eligibility but information can be found by calling 800-827-1000 or by going to the website https://tinyurl.com/y6em2js9.

H.R. 7105 is also a lengthy read, about 340 pages, and addresses numerous veterans related support areas including:

Easing the federal grant process for organizations that aid homeless veterans. The organizations need money to help veterans get into housing and to renovate shelters to account for social distancing during the current pandemic situation. Plus, America's 162 state-run veterans' homes are now required to regularly report to the VA about their coronavirus cases and deaths before Feb. 4 and VA is now required to publicly post the number of coronavirus cases and deaths at those homes.

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>
> **John Stewart**
> Citrus veterans advocate, Chronicle columnist.

Under this bill, when a Medal of Honor awardee dies, that veteran's pension will continue and be paid to the surviving spouse if not receiving Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC). The current Medal of Honor pension is $1,388.68 a month, revised annually based on inflation.

This bill provides aid for veterans attending school by increasing legal protections for GI Bill benefits and ordering more scrutiny on schools with a history of taking advantage of beneficiaries, a problem being seen more and more as unscrupulous businesses attempt to rip off veteran students. In fact, the bill requires VA to determine whether schools undergoing legal or punitive actions by the government should be eliminated from receiving any GI Bill funds.

Creating a dedicated Office of Women's Health at the Department of Veterans Affairs that provides $20 million to retrofit VA hospitals with women's health spaces, this bill makes permanent a program to provide child care at VA facilities, mandates every VA hospital to hire a dedicated women's health provider, requires VA to create an anti-harassment and anti-sexual assault policy, and to designate someone at each facility to receive reports of harassment. Also, included are other items related to this very subject including requiring teams who specialize in military sexual trauma to process benefit claims allowing veterans who must be examined during the claims process to choose the sex of the medical provider examining them.

Supporting Native American veterans by prohibiting the VA from charging them copayments and creating an advisory committee to the VA secretary about the unique challenges facing tribal veterans is a provision of this bill. And, within one year of this law becoming effective, all Native Americans will be exempt from any VA copay for health care or medication, regardless of whether the individual has a service-connected disability.

Beginning in 2023, the VA will be getting into the life insurance business as directed by this bill. VA will offer all disabled veterans under age 81 a whole-life policy. The program will be similar to Veterans Group Life Insurance (VGLI); however, under that program veterans must sign up for VGLI within 16 months after leaving the service. The new insurance program will have no such time limit. This is going to significantly help our senior citizen veterans and their families who do not have VGLI. Policies will be limited to a $40,000 payout for most veterans when the program begins.

Currently, only Guard and Reserve members who have or had at least 90 days of active service are eligible for home loans while those without active-duty service are ineligible for the loan. Under this bill, they will now be eligible to receive a VA home loan beginning in 2021 if they have at least 90 days of service and 30 of those days have been consecutive.

There are also several changes in this bill for the support of deceased veterans and their families. Currently, the VA will pay only to transport a deceased veteran's remains to a national veterans cemetery. Within two years of the bill becoming law, VA will pay costs to transport a deceased veteran's remains to state and tribal veterans cemeteries and the VA will begin furnishing urns for storing the cremated remains of deceased veterans. Families will have the option of receiving a free headstone or burial urn, but not both. Currently, most veterans are eligible to receive a free headstone upon their death, but not an urn. Also, veterans who receive the free VA-issued headstone and are buried in either a state or private cemetery will be able to have their spouse's name engraved on the headstone at no cost. Currently, families must pay to have the spouse's name engraved on a VA-issued headstone. This will be effective for deaths going back to Oct. 1, 2019.

Finally, Congress approved a 3% military pay raise effective Jan. 1, 2021. The raise matches the administration's request and nearly matches the FY 2020 raise of 3.1%, which was the largest pay increase for servicemembers in 10 years. Congress also increased Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay from $250 to $275 month for duty in a

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| 2 WESH NBC | 19 | | 19 | | | News | News | Mr. Mayor | Football | NFL Football Cleveland Browns at Pittsburgh Steelers. (N) | | | | | | | News |
| 3 WEDU PBS | 3 | 3 | | 14 | 6 | NewsHour Wk | WEDU Arts Plus | Luminaries | Masterpiece: 50 Fabulous Years! (In Stereo) 'G' | | | All Creatures Great and Small | | Unseen Alistair Cooke | | Death in Paradise (In Stereo) 'PG' | |
| 5 WUFT PBS | 5 | | 5 | | | *"Northanger Abbey"* (2007) 'NR' | | | Masterpiece 50 Fabulous | | | All Creatures Great | | Unseen Alistair | | Professor T '14' | |
| 8 WFLA NBC | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | News | Nightly News | Mr. Mayor 'PG' | Football Night | NFL Football Cleveland Browns at Pittsburgh Steelers. (N) (In Stereo Live) | | | | | | | NewsChannel 8 |
| 9 WFTV ABC | 20 | 7 | 20 | | | News | World News | America's Funniest Home Videos 'PG' | | Celebrity Wheel of Fortune 'PG' | | Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N) 'PG' | | The Rookie "In Justice" (N) '14' | | News Sunday | Spo Night on 9 |
| 10 WTSP CBS | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | NFL Football Chicago Bears at New Orleans Saints. (N) (In Stereo Live) | | | | 60 Minutes (N) (In Stereo) | | NCIS: Los Angeles "Love Kills" (N) '14' | | NCIS: New Orleans (N) '14' (DVS) | | 10 Tampa Bay | In Touch |
| 13 WTVT FOX | 13 | 13 | | 13 | 13 | To Be Announced | News | The Simpsons | Bob's Burgers | The Simpsons | Family Guy '14' | Bob's Burgers | Family Guy '14' | FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo) | | FOX13 11:00 News (N) (In Stereo) | |
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| 24 WYKE FAM | 16 | 16 | 16 | | 15 | Bible Say? | Nature Coast | YTA Movie of the Week | | | | | YTA Movie of the Week | | | Vegas Unveiled | |
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| 33 WTTA MNT | 6 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 9 | Funny | Funny | FamFeud | FamFeud | NewsChannel 8 | | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | Murdoch Mysteries | | Born Ride | Paid Prg. |
| 40 WACX TBN | 21 | | 21 | | | In Touch | | Rejoice in the Lord | | Divine | Bill W. | Barclay | Chris | Jentezen | Jim Raley | Paula | Paid Prg. |
| 44 WTOG CW | 4 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 12 | Mike & Molly '14' | Mike & Molly '14' | Two and Half Men | Two and Half Men | Critics Choice Super Awards Honoring popular TV and movie genres. (N) '14, D,L,V' | | | | NCIS: New Orleans "Monster" '14' | | NCIS: New Orleans '14' (DVS) | |
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| 51 WOGX FOX | | | 13 | 7 | 7 | Big Bang | Big Bang | Simpsons | Burgers | Simpsons | Fam. Guy | Burgers | Fam. Guy | FOX 51 News | | TMZ (N) 'PG' | |
| 66 WXPX ION | | 17 | | | | Hawaii Five-0 'PG' | Hawaii Five-0 '14' | | | Hawaii Five-0 '14' | | Hawaii Five-0 '14' | | Hawaii Five-0 'PG' | | Hawaii Five-0 '14' | |
| A&E | 54 | 48 | 54 | 25 | 27 | ★★½ *"The Wolverine"* (2013, Action) Hugh Jackman. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' | | | | ★★ *"White House Down"* (2013) Channing Tatum. Paramilitary soldiers take over the White House. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' | | | | | | Wild | Wild |
| ACCN | | 99 | | | | College Baseball | | College Softball | | | | ESPN Films | | | College Softball | | |
| AMC | 55 | 64 | 55 | | | ★★★ *"Space Cowboys"* (2000, Adventure) Clint Eastwood. 'PG-13' | | | | ★★★ *"Twister"* (1996) Helen Hunt. Storm chasers race to test a new tornado-monitoring device. 'PG-13' | | | | | ★★★ *"The Rock"* (1996, Action) Sean Connery. 'R' | | |
| ANI | 52 | 35 | 52 | 19 | 31 | Lone Star Law (In Stereo) '14' | | Lone Star Law (In Stereo) '14' | | Lone Star Law: Bigger and Better '14' | | Lone Star Law (N) (In Stereo) '14' | | Lone Star Law "Family Lies" '14' | | Lone Star Law "Thrill of the Hunt" '14' | |
| BET | 96 | 71 | 96 | | | ★★ *"Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns"* (2008) Tyler Perry. 'PG-13' | | | | ★★ *"Boo! A Madea Halloween"* (2016, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Cassi Davis, Patrice Lovely. 'PG-13' | | | | | Martin 'PG' | Martin 'PG' | Martin 'PG' |
| BIGTEN | 742 | 809 | | | | Big Ten Foot | Purdue Football Classic | | Big Ten Foot | BTN Football in 60 | | 100,000 Cameras | Ohio State Football Classic | | Big Ten Foot | Iowa Football Classic | |
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| CC | 27 | 61 | 27 | | 33 | *"Identity Thief"* 'R' | ★★ *"Get Hard"* (2015, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Kevin Hart, Craig T. Nelson. 'R' | | | | ★½ *"Identity Thief"* (2013, Comedy) Jason Bateman. A victim of identity theft fights back. 'R' | | | | | South Park 'MA' | South Park 'MA' |
| CMT | 98 | 45 | 98 | 28 | 37 | ★★½ *"The Guardian"* (2006, Drama) Kevin Costner. A Coast Guard trainer makes a swimming champ his protege. 'PG-13' | | | | | | ★★★ *"The Lincoln Lawyer"* (2011) Matthew McConaughey. A lawyer defends a playboy accused of attempted murder. 'R' | | | | | |
| CNN | 40 | 29 | 40 | 41 | 46 | CNN Newsroom | | Situation Room | | Situation Room | | Situation Room | | Pandemic | | State of the Union | |
| ESPN | 33 | 27 | 33 | 21 | 17 | ESPN Documentaries | | Championship Drive (N) (Live) | | | | Championship Drive | | | | SportsCenter (N) | |
| ESPN2 | 37 | 28 | 34 | 43 | 49 | College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live) | | | | 2020 Spikeball | | 2020 Spikeball | | Games | Games | Games | Games |
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| FLIX | | 118 | 170 | | | ★★ *"The Raven"* (2012, Suspense) John Cusack, Luke Evans. (In Stereo) 'R' | | | | ★★★ *"Conan the Barbarian"* (1982) Arnold Schwarzenegger. (In Stereo) 'R' | | | | ★★ *"Conan the Destroyer"* (1984) Arnold Schwarzenegger. (In Stereo) 'PG' | | | |
| FNC | 44 | 37 | 44 | | 32 | Fox Report | | Fox News Sunday | | Life, Liberty & Levin | | The Next Revolution | | Greg Gutfeld | | Life, Liberty & Levin | |
| FOOD | 26 | 56 | 26 | | | Guy's Games | | Guy's Games | | Guy's Games | | Worst Cooks in America (N) 'G' | | | | Beat Flay | Beat Flay |
| FREEFORM | 29 | 52 | 29 | 20 | 28 | ★★★ *"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1"* (2014) Jennifer Lawrence. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' | | | | | ★★★ *"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2"* (2015, Science Fiction) Jennifer Lawrence. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' | | | | | | *"Prince-Persia"* |
| FS1 | 732 | 112 | 732 | | | Bowling | | PBC Collection | | Mexico Primera División Soccer | | | | World Poker | | World Poker | |
| FSNFL | 35 | 39 | 35 | | | Strongman | | World Poker | | World Poker | | Shogun Fights | | World Poker | | World Poker | |
| FX | 30 | 60 | 30 | | 51 | ★★½ *"Jurassic World"* (2015) | | ★★½ *"Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom"* (2018) Chris Pratt. Owen and Claire try to save the dinosaurs from a volcano. 'PG-13' | | | | | | ★★½ *"Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom"* (2018) Chris Pratt. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' | | | |
| GOLF | 727 | 67 | 727 | | | PGA Tour Golf Sentry Tournament of Champions, Final Round. (N) (Live) 'G' | | | | | | | | Golf Central (N) 'G' | | PGA Golf | |
| HALL | 59 | 68 | 39 | 45 | 54 | *"Love on the Slopes"* (2018) 'NR' | | *"A New Year's Resolution"* (2021) Aimee Teagarden, Michael Rady. 'NR' | | | | *"Winter in Vail"* (2020) Lacey Chabert. A woman inherits her uncle's chalet. 'NR' | | | | Golden Girls | Golden Girls |
| HBO | 302 | 201 | 302 | 2 | 2 | *"Hot Fuzz"* 'R' | ★★★ *"The King of Staten Island"* (2020) Pete Davidson. An aimless slacker lives with his single mother. 'R' | | | | | Tiger (Series Premiere) (N) (In Stereo) (Part 1 of 2) 'MA' | | | Tiger (In Stereo) (Part 1 of 2) 'MA' | | |
| HBO2 | 303 | 202 | 303 | | | ★★½ *"The High Note"* (2020) 'PG-13' | | ★★ *"The Change-Up"* (2011, Comedy) Ryan Reynolds. (In Stereo) 'R' | | | | ★★★ *"Billy Elliot"* (2000, Drama) Julie Walters. Premiere. (In Stereo) 'R' | | | | *"Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows"* | |
| HGTV | 23 | 57 | 23 | 42 | 52 | Home Town 'G' | | Home Town 'G' | | Home Town "Color Psychology" (N) 'G' | | Home Town "A Second Chance" 'G' | | Home Town "A New Beginning" 'G' | | Home Town "Fire and Water" 'G' | |
| HIST | 51 | 54 | 51 | 32 | 42 | Rise of Empires: Ottoman 'MA' | | Rise of Empires: Ottoman 'MA' | | Rise of Empires: Ottoman 'MA' | | Rise of Empires: Ottoman 'MA' | | Rise of Empires: Ottoman 'MA' | | Rise of Empires: Ottoman 'MA' | |
| LIFE | 24 | 38 | 24 | | 21 | *"The Nanny Is Watching"* (2018, Suspense) Talya Carroll, Adam Huber. 'NR' | | | | *"The Nanny Murders"* (2021, Suspense) Mia Topalian. Premiere. 'NR' | | | | *"The Captive Nanny"* (2020, Suspense) Austin Highsmith, Karynn Moore. 'NR' | | | |
| LMN | 119 | 50 | 119 | | | *"Fiancé Killer"* (2018, Suspense) Felisha Cooper, Kari Wuhrer, Adam Huss. 'NR' | | | | *"The Wrong Fiancé"* (2021, Drama) Jessica Morris, Jason-Shane Scott. 'NR' | | | | *"The Wrong Wedding Planner"* (2020, Suspense) Vivica A. Fox. 'NR' | | | |
| MSNBC | 42 | 41 | 42 | | | American Voices | | American Voices | | Week-Johnson | | Week-Johnson | | American Voices | | Week-Johnson | |

## SUNDAY EVENING JANUARY 10, 2021

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| | C | S | D/I | F | H | 6:00 | 6:30 | 7:00 | 7:30 | 8:00 | 8:30 | 9:00 | 9:30 | 10:00 | 10:30 | 11:00 | 11:30 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NBCSN | 448 | 26 | 730 | | | Dakar Rally | Dakar Rally | Mecum Auto Auctions "Houston" | | | | | | | | | |
| NGEO | 109 | 65 | 109 | | | Trafficked With Mariana van Zeller '14' | | Trafficked With Mariana van Zeller '14' | | Trafficked With Mariana van Zeller '14' | | Narco Wars: Inside the Cartel (N) | | Trafficked With Mariana van Zeller '14' | | Trafficked | Narco Wars '14' |
| NICK | 28 | 36 | 28 | 35 | 25 | NFL Wild Card Game (N) | | | Sheldon | Sheldon | Sheldon | Friends | Friends | Friends '14' | | Friends | Friends |
| OWN | 125 | 24 | 103 | | | Iyanla, Fix My Life | | 20/20 on OWN '14' | | 20/20 on OWN '14' | | 20/20 on OWN '14' | | 20/20 on OWN '14' | | 20/20 on OWN 'PG' | |
| OXY | 123 | 44 | 123 | | | Snapped (N) 'PG' | | Florida Man Murders A car bomb explodes. | | | | Killer Siblings '14' | | Snapped 'PG' | | Florida Man Murders | |
| PARMT | 37 | 43 | 37 | 27 | 36 | ★½ *"Grown Ups"* (2010, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' | | | | | ★ *"Grown Ups 2"* (2013) Adam Sandler. Lenny Feder and his family relocate back to his hometown. 'PG-13' | | | | | ★★ *"We're the Millers"* (2013) 'R' | |
| SEC | 745 | 72 | | | | Women's College Basketball Ole Miss at Mississippi State. (N) (Live) | | | | SEC Now (N) | | | | SEC Now | | | |
| SHOW | 340 | 241 | 340 | | | Shameless (In Stereo) 'MA' | | Shameless (In Stereo) 'MA' | | The Circus Ins | The Circus Ins | Shameless "NIMBY" (N) 'MA' | | Your Honor "Part Six" (N) 'MA' | | Your Honor "Part Six" 'MA' | |
| SUN | 36 | 31 | 36 | | | Inside the HEAT | HEAT Pregame | NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Boston Celtics. From TD Garden in Boston. (N) (Live) | | | | | HEAT Postgame | Inside the HEAT | Inside the HEAT | Inside the HEAT | Inside the HEAT |
| SYFY | 31 | 59 | 31 | 26 | 29 | ★★★ *"John Wick: Chapter 2"* (2017, Action) Keanu Reeves, Common, Laurence Fishburne. 'R' (DVS) | | | | | ★★★½ *"Speed"* (1994) Keanu Reeves. A transit bus is wired to explode if it drops below 50 mph. 'R' | | | | | Futurama '14' | Futurama '14' |
| TBS | 49 | 23 | 49 | 16 | 19 | *"Star Wars: R"* | | ★★★½ *"Star Wars: The Force Awakens"* (2015) 'PG-13' | | | | | | ★★★½ *"Star Wars: The Last Jedi"* | | | |
| TCM | 169 | 53 | 169 | 30 | 35 | ★★★½ *"Cabaret"* (1972, Musical) Liza Minnelli, Joel Grey, Michael York. 'PG' | | | | ★★★½ *"The Remains of the Day"* (1993, Drama) Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson. 'PG' | | | | | ★★★ *"84 Charing Cross Road"* (1987) Anne Bancroft. | | |
| TDC | 53 | 34 | 53 | 24 | 26 | Alaska: The Last Frontier Exposed Otto dynamites a reservoir. (N) 'PG' | | | | Alaska: The Last Frontier A large bull moose stalks the homestead. (N) 'PG' | | | | Cal Fire "A Devil Comin' at You" '14' | | Homestead Rescue "Fire & Ice" 'PG' | |
| TLC | 50 | 46 | 50 | 29 | 30 | 90 Day Fiancé "Who's the Boss?" 'PG' | | | | 90 Day Fiancé "The Real You" (N) '14' | | | | Unexpected (N) '14' | | 90 Day Fiancé '14' | |
| TMC | 350 | 261 | 350 | | | ★★★ *"Patriot Games"* (1992, Suspense) Harrison Ford. (In Stereo) 'R' | | | | ★★½ *"Armageddon"* (1998) Bruce Willis. A hero tries to save Earth from an asteroid. 'PG-13' | | | | | ★★★½ *"Apollo 13"* (1995) Tom Hanks. 'PG' | | |
| TNT | 48 | 33 | 48 | 31 | 34 | ★★★½ *"Wonder Woman"* (2017, Action) Gal Gadot. 'PG-13' (DVS) | | | | ★★½ *"Captain Marvel"* (2019) Brie Larson. Captain Marvel gets caught in the middle of an alien war. | | | | | ★★½ *"A Knight's Tale"* (2001) Heath Ledger. 'PG-13' | | |
| TOON | 38 | 58 | 38 | 33 | | Gumball | Gumball | Gumball | Gumball | Burgers | American | American | American | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Rick |
| TRAV | 9 | 106 | 9 | | 44 | Mountain Monsters | | Expedition Bigfoot | | Expedition Bigfoot | | Expedition Bigfoot | | Mountain Monsters | | Mountain Monsters | |
| truTV | 25 | 55 | 25 | 98 | 55 | Jokers | Jokers | Jokers | Jokers | Jokers | Jokers | Jokers | Jokers | Jokers | Jokers | Go-Big Show '14' | |
| TVL | 32 | 49 | 32 | 34 | 24 | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men |
| USA | 47 | 32 | 47 | 17 | 18 | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14' | | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14' | | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14' | | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14' | | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14' | | Paley Center Presents Law & Order | |
| WE | 117 | 69 | 117 | | | Law & Order "Open Season" '14' | | Law & Order "Asterisk" '14' | | Law & Order "The Wheel" '14' | | Law & Order "Mother's Day" '14' | | Law & Order Gambling operation. '14' | | Law & Order "Under God" '14' | |
| WGN-A | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 20 | Last Man | Last Man | Last Man | Last Man | NewsNation (N) | | NewsNation (N) | | NewsNation (N) | | NewsNation | |

# Annie gives advice

**Dear Annie:** My sister is 75 years old. She is a hoarder. She has lived at home her whole life and started accumulating junk soon after my dad died 10 years ago. If something comes into the house, it isn't going out, as it is with most hoarders. So you can imagine what an appalling situation it has become.

DEAR ANNIE

My sister took care of my mom, who was in a wheelchair until she died two years ago at age 93. I spent thousands of dollars between the time when my mom became ill and when she died, driving a 50-mile round trip every day for six years to help my sister take care of her. And I continued to do so every other weekend after our mom died, bringing my grandsons to visit so my sister wouldn't feel lonely.

Recently, I took a tumble at the dog park and fractured my kneecap. I asked my sister whether I could borrow one of Mom's wheelchairs for a while. She told me to go look for one at Goodwill.

I figured that her mounds of precious junk must be more important to her than my many years of loyalty, and I don't want to ever visit her again. And she can't visit me because she can't bear the thought of getting rid of her broken-down Buick to buy a new one.

Do you think she would get help with her problem if I stopped seeing her, or would she just be happy alone with her stuff? — ***Snuffed Out by Stuff***

**Dear Snuffed Out by Stuff:** Hoarding is a form of obsessive-compulsive disorder. The disorder does not operate in the realm of logic. You can't reason with it. And you shouldn't take it personally — because as much as it might seem to you that your sister is choosing her stuff over you, she's not really choosing anything at this point. She's simply acting on compulsions.

If you want to stop visiting her for the sake of your own well-being, I applaud the boundary-setting. But it sounds as though you want to stop visiting her because you hope it would spur her to get help. If that's the case, you want to control the uncontrollable, and you'd most likely end up even more frustrated. Instead of basing decisions on how they might or might not impact her hoarding behavior, base your decisions on what's healthy for you.

Visit the hoarding section of the International OCD Foundation's website (https://hoarding.iocdf.org) for information on what causes people to hoard and how you might be able to help.

*Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.*

## Today's MOVIES

Times provided by Regal Cinemas and are subject to change; call ahead.

### LOCAL THEATER INFORMATION

Regal Cinema on State Road 44 in Inverness and Regal Cinema in Crystal River are closed until further notice.

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**COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE.**

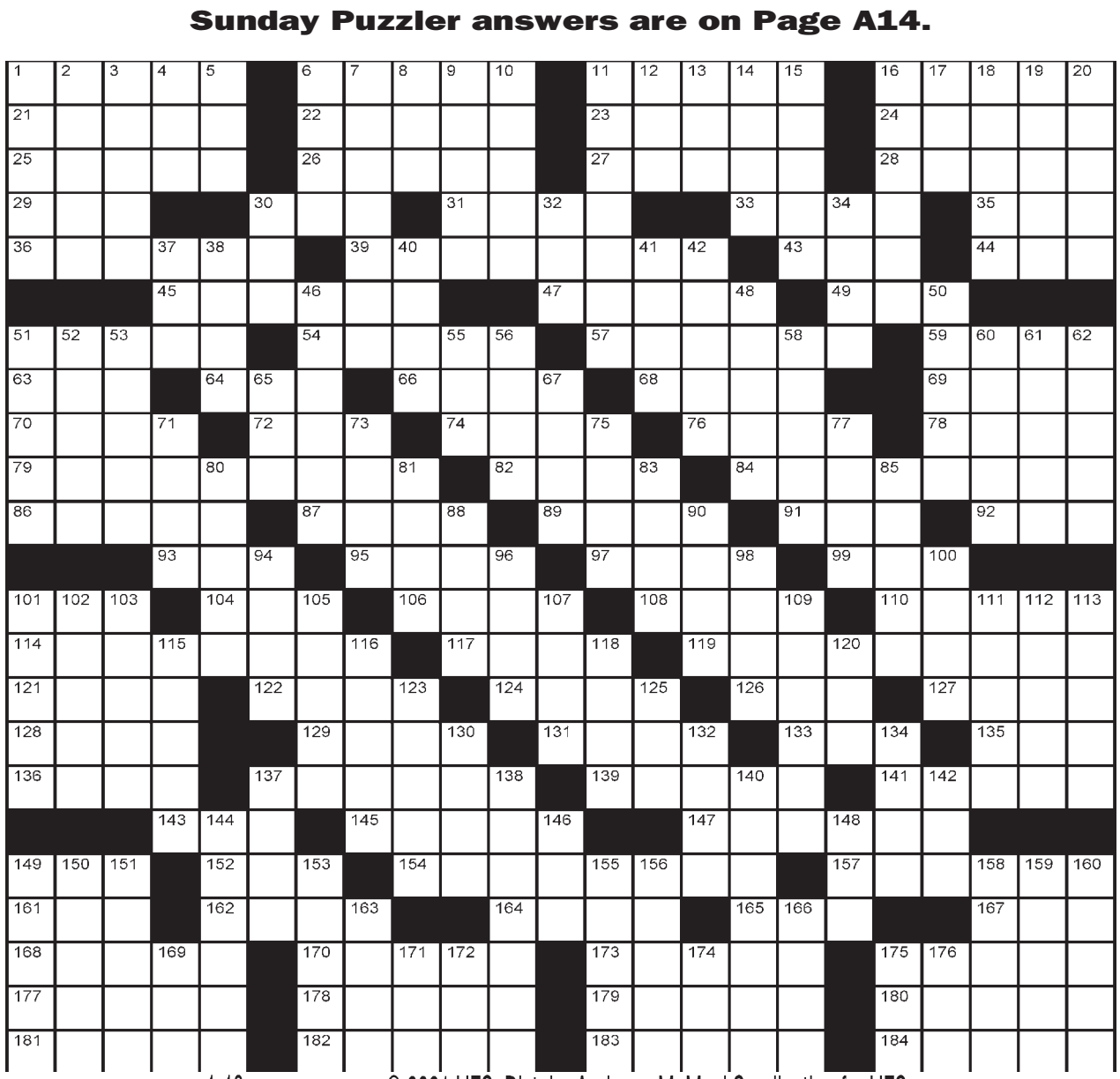
**"Cape Fear"** (NR) Jan. 10, 3 p.m.
**"Mr. Smith Goes To Washington"** (NR) Jan. 11, 1 p.m.
**"The Emperor's New Groove"** (G) Jan. 12, 4:30 p.m.
**"Honeyland"** Jan. 13, 1 p.m.
**"The Dukes"** — Live Performance Jan. 14, 7 p.m.

## Sunday PUZZLER

**ACROSS**
1 Lots and lots
6 Remnant
11 Port in Israel
16 Hazard
21 Orbiting object
22 City in Belgium
23 Charged particle
24 Avoid
25 Beatles' "— Road"
26 Freshwater mammal
27 Handle skillfully
28 Music maker
29 Text-message abbr.
30 Pasture
31 Fed. investigative org.
33 Co. division
35 Writer — Deighton
36 Delight
39 Unseat a king
43 — Lanka
44 Twelvemonths (Abbr.)
45 Spending plan
47 Cat- —-— -tails
49 Stop — — dime
51 Rose oil
54 "— — Lucy"
57 Trick into wrongdoing
59 Under the weather
63 Deface
64 Building annex
66 Unmixed, as liquor
68 Bedouin
69 Test-question answer
70 Under covers
72 Unmatched
74 Horse's gait
76 River in France
78 Jot
79 Pajamas
82 Substantive
84 Type of LAN technology
86 Passover meal
87 Club charge
89 Tangle
91 Dry, as wine
92 Upperclassmen (Abbr.)
93 Unruly group
95 Hive occupants
97 Cuckoopint genus
99 Math. branch
101 Wood for bats
104 Mover's truck
106 Rogers or Flintstone
108 Territory
110 Came to be
114 Easily angered
117 Bric-a- —
119 Like a zealot
121 Pro —
122 Fiddling despot
124 Ice mass
126 Jones' partner
127 Art movement
128 — of March
129 Naval rank (Abbr.)
131 Quechua
133 Ribbed fabric
135 Back muscle, for short
136 Remove, in printing
137 Trusted counselor
139 Child or Roberts
141 Winged
143 Letter after pi
145 Sea duck
147 Turkey's capital
149 "I — — Camera"
152 Long, long time
154 Do a publishing job
157 Like geese feet
161 Pole
162 Soon
164 Son of Jacob
165 Predatory bird
167 — Baba
168 More impolite
170 Florida city
173 Silly
175 Singer — Cruz
177 Unreactive
178 Early mainframe
179 Escapade
180 Fiery crime
181 Homeless animal
182 "Divine Comedy" poet
183 The ones here
184 Chatter

**DOWN**
1 Overcharge for tickets
2 Programming language
3 Walk
4 Poor grade
5 Piggery
6 — gin
7 Fortified place
8 On a pension (Abbr.)
9 Emissary
10 City in Australia
11 Mandible
12 Black cuckoo
13 Old cry of disgust
14 Pleat
15 Range in South America
16 Jelly ingredient
17 Holiday time
18 Car race
19 Goldbrick
20 Trotsky and namesakes
30 Directed
32 Marquee notice (Abbr.)
34 Support
37 Arab garment
38 Certain
40 Kind of school jacket
41 Ship of 1492
42 Way in
46 Gold-covered
48 Wipe out
50 Moving about
51 Collect
52 Kind of salt
53 Brought to bay
55 Experienced one, for short
56 Merit
58 Aids and —
60 Presses
61 More attractive
62 English poet
65 Moo
67 Stole
71 Judge
73 Paint carelessly
75 Fish in a can
77 Flightless bird
80 Demonstrate
81 Hazard to ships
83 Ibsen character
85 Brilliance
88 Eastern European
90 Greensward
94 Storage structure
96 Helot
98 Fermented honey drink
100 Grating
101 Bitter
102 Disembodied spirit
103 Inn
105 Family member
107 "The Persistence of Memory" artist
109 Hooded coat
111 City in Florida
112 Onetime Egyptian president
113 Gladden
115 Kind of pointer
116 Hoisting device
118 Part of speech (Abbr.)
120 Solemn fear
123 Of the eyes
125 Old French coin
130 Fuss (Hyph.)
132 Jai —
134 Reduce
137 "— Over Miami""
138 Substitute
140 Chants
142 Workplace, for short
144 Substantial
146 Cereal grass
148 Pointed tool
149 Molding edge
150 — Rushmore
151 Snake
153 Well-known
155 Throw out
156 Shore or Washington
158 Light wood
159 George or T.S.
160 Keaton or Kruger
163 Zola title
166 Used to be
169 Age
171 Smallest amt.
172 Tap
174 Simian creature
175 Beanie
176 Be mistaken

**Sunday Puzzler answers are on Page A14.**



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## Barber shop awards vet with haircuts for life

Special to the Chronicle

**George Edwards, right, owner of Classic Cutz Barbershop in the Crystal Terrace plaza in Crystal River, awarded veteran John D. Kuta with free haircuts for life as part of a Veterans Day promotion.**

### WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS

■ Veterans groups are invited to submit photos to appear in the Veterans section of the Chronicle. Submit photos and captions to community@chronicleonline.com. The Chronicle reserves the right to edit submissions.

# GROUPS

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● Post 166 meets the second Saturday at 10 a.m.

● The Auxiliary meets the second Monday at 10:30 a.m.

● The Legion Riders meet the first Saturday at 10 a.m.

■ Herbert Surber American Legion Post 225, 6535 S. Withlapopka Drive, Floral City. Call 352-860-1629.

■ Beverly Hills Memorial American Legion Post 237, 6726 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills. Call 352-897-4776, visit www.post237.org or email postamericanlegion237@gmail.com.

● Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 237 meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly. Cmdr. John Roby.

● American Legion Riders, Chapter 237 meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly. Director John Roby.

● American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 237 meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday monthly. President Elva Erb.

● American Legion Post regular meeting is at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday monthly. Cmdr. Ray Roby.

### Veterans of Foreign Wars

■ H.F. Nesbitt VFW Post 10087, County Road 491, directly behind Cadence Bank, Beverly Hills. Call 352-746-0440.

■ Edward W. Penno VFW Post 4864, 10199 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs, 352-465-4864.

■ Leroy Rooks Jr. VFW Post 4252 and Auxiliary, 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway, State Road 200, Hernando. Call 352-726-3339, email vfw4252@yahoo.com and Google VFW 4252, Hernando.

■ Dumas-Hartson VFW Post 8189, 8856 W. Veterans Drive, west of U.S. 19 between Crystal River and Homosassa. Call 352-795-5012.

■ Joe Nic Barco Memorial VFW Post 7122, 8191 S. Florida Ave., Floral City. Call 352-637-0100.

■ Eugene Quinn VFW Post 4337 and Auxiliaries, 906 State Road 44 E., Inverness. Call Cmdr. Joe Acosta at 352-344-3495, or visit www.vfw4337.org.

■ VFW Citrus Springs Post 4864 opens at noon each day. For information about menus, activities or membership, call 352-465-4864.

■ VFW Post 7122 is at 8191 S. Florida Ave., Floral City, phone 352-637-0100 for daily activities and menus.

■ VFW Post 10137 in Bushnell is 2 miles north of Florida National Cemetery on Sumter County Road 476-B, 352-793-8511. Post and auxiliary meetings are the third Thursday monthly: house committee 4 p.m., joint meeting 4:30, general meeting 5. Stop by and pick up a calendar with a complete list of all of our activities.

### Other groups

■ Citrus County Veterans

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# SUPPORT

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foreign area designated as an imminent danger area or high-risk duties.

So, we are seeing some important improvements in veterans and their families support by our country and the VA. As many of you know by now, improving support to us is a pet peeve of mine. When you don a uniform, take an oath to defend our great country and in doing so offer your life for freedom, we deserve honor and support in return. As do our families who have sacrificed so much during our service in uniform. But there is still much more to do. I won't go into details but this article was generated after a 5-hour experience today, a very bad experience I might add, while dealing with what I frequently refer to as the "system" communications issues between civilian and VA medical care and veterans. Unfortunately, there are a number of procedures and practices still needing improvement between each of them. However, actions by the NDAA, the referenced bill and other ongoing programs may lead to improvement.

I have had many veterans ask me when we would be receiving the coronavirus vaccine and I am sorry to say I have no definitive answer. I was informed by a VA representative recently that the Pfizer serum cannot be given at the Lecanto Clinic due to cold storage requirements but I've yet to see any information about other vaccines being administered at their location. I did receive a message from another state's VA system at my previous residence indicating that my age bracket and health condition places me 16th in priority of receiving a vaccine. I'm 75 with cancer, severe heart problems and other medical conditions and am certainly glad I am not 29 and healthy. Actually, I do.

Please follow my occasional articles here in the Chronicle which I do for you and as therapeutic help for an Agent Orange related memory health issue I struggle with daily. And, before I do forget it, thanks to the Chronicle for continuing to allow us to have veterans information in their publication and on their website.

God Bless America, our veterans in harms way and their wonderful families awaiting return of heroes.

*John Stewart is a retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeant, disabled Vietnam War veteran and has been a veterans advocate for nearly three decades. In 2016 he was inducted into the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame for his volunteer service.*

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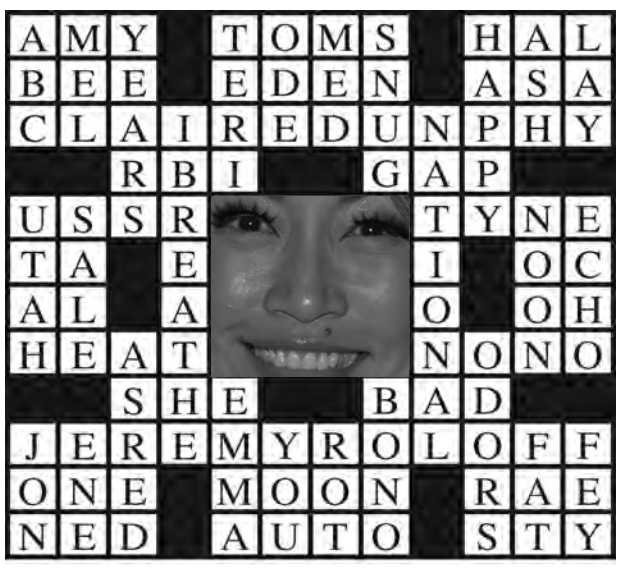

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Scrimmage yards from Rams RB Cam Akers on Saturday, second most by a rookie in his playoff debut in NFL history.

Cam Akers

■ Hardaway, Burke lead short-handed Mavs past Magic 112-98./**B2**

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# Bills: 1st playoff win since 1995

## *Colts' comeback attempt fall short*

JOHN WAWROW
*AP sports writer*

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Quarterback Josh Allen and safety Micah Hyde teamed up to make the Buffalo Bills' losing past history.

Now do you Bill-ieve?

In a season in which the Bills busted numerous slumps, Allen became Buffalo's first starter in a quarter century to win a playoff game. And Hyde ensured the Bills wouldn't endure another second-half collapse as happened last year in a wild-card loss to Houston, or last-second touchdown.

With Buffalo the AFC East champions for the first time since 1995 and hosting their first playoff game since '96, Allen threw two touchdown passes and scored another rushing in leading the Bills to a 27-24 win over the Indianapolis Colts in a wild-card game Saturday.

Hyde batted down Philip Rivers' desperation pass as time ran out in helping Buffalo snap an 0-6 postseason skid by winning its first playoff game since a 37-22 win over Miami on Dec. 30, 1995.

The past was very much present in Allen's mind when reflecting on how Buffalo squandered a 16-0 third-quarter lead in a 22-19 overtime loss to Houston in his first career playoff appearance.

"Obviously we started off a little slow and we were able to get into a rhythm late. Made enough plays to win," Allen said. "It's new territory for myself, but it just gives us a chance to play next week."

The end of the game was so stunning, in which the Bills nearly squandered a 24-10 fourth-quarter lead, safety Jordan Poyer was still having difficulty trying to put the result in perspective.

"I haven't had time to celebrate and take it in, but this is awesome for the Bills organization, the city, to be able to play a

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Associated Press

**Buffalo Bills receiver Stefon Diggs (14) catches a pass for a touchdown in front of Indianapolis Colts defensive back T.J. Carrie (38) during the second half of an NFL wild-card playoff game on Saturday in Orchard Park, N.Y.**

# Bucs beat Washington

Associated Press

**Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady (12) throws a touchdown pass to wide receiver Antonio Brown during the first half of an NFL wild-card playoff football game against the Washington Football Team, Saturday in Landover, Md. The Bucs won 31-23. For a full recap, see Monday's sports section.**

Associated Press

**Los Angeles Rams outside linebacker Leonard Floyd (54) knocks the ball away as Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson tries to pass during the first half of an NFL wild-card playoff game, Saturday in Seattle.**

# Rams get better of Seahawks

## *Overcome injuries, topple Seattle 30-20*

TIM BOOTH
*AP sports writer*

SEATTLE — A lot of Cam Akers churning yards on the ground and mostly a great Rams defense has Los Angeles moving on in the NFC playoffs at the expense of division-foe Seattle.

Akers rushed for 131 yards and a touchdown, Darious Williams returned Russell Wilson's interception 42 yards for a score, and the Rams beat the Seahawks 30-20 in the NFC wild-card playoff game Saturday.

"A lot of guys stepped up and answered the bell in a big way," Rams coach Sean McVay said. "Darious Williams showing up, I thought that was a huge momentum shift for us."

The best defense in the league during the regular season carried its dominance into the playoffs — even while missing unanimous All-Pro tackle Aaron Donald for much of the second half. No team was better at limiting yards or points than the Rams (11-6) and they continued to torment Wilson and the Seahawks (12-5).

Seattle's quarterback was under siege from the defensive front and a secondary that minus one play never let DK Metcalf or Tyler Lockett break loose. Donald, before leaving with a rib injury, and Jalen Ramsey were superb. But so were other role players such as Troy Reeder, Jordan Fuller and Leonard Floyd.

Floyd had two of the Rams' five sacks. Two of the others belonged to Donald. The Rams allowed just 278 total yards and 11 first downs.

It added up to sending the Rams into next week's divisional playoff round, likely at top-seeded Green Bay unless Chicago upsets New Orleans.

Williams' interception was his third of the season against Wilson after picking him off twice in Los Angeles in November. He jumped a wide receiver screen intended for Metcalf and returned it untouched to give the Rams a 13-3 lead midway

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# Hardaway, Burke lead Mavs past Magic

## *Ball youngest in NBA with triple-double*

*Associated Press*

DALLAS — Tim Hardaway Jr. scored a season-high 36 points, Trey Burke did the same with 29 and Luka Doncic had another triple-double as the short-handed Dallas Mavericks beat the Orlando Magic 112-98 on Saturday night.

Hardaway and Burke took on expanded roles to help Dallas get over .500 for the first time this season with starters Josh Richardson and Dorian Finney-Smith and backup point guard Jalen Brunson sidelined by COVID-19 protocols.

The three Mavericks didn't return with the team from Denver following a 124-117 overtime win Thursday, and coach Rick Carlisle wouldn't discuss how long they would be out. One of the three, who hasn't been identified, tested positive for the virus.

Hardaway and Burke made it a rather quiet second triple-double of the season for Doncic, combining to 15 of 21 from 3-point range while the star point guard had 20 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists.

Burke, who missed the Denver trip because of an illness that Carlisle said wasn't coronavirus-related, was 7 of 8 from long range to help the Mavericks finish 20 of 40 against an Orlando team tied for the fewest 3s allowed per game coming in.

Nikola Vucevic had 30 points and 15 rebounds, and Aaron Gordon scored 16 points a night after missing a 42-point loss in Houston with a sore left hamstring as the Magic lost their ninth straight game in Dallas and fell to 2-4 since a 4-0 start.

Doncic capped a roller-coaster third quarter by beating the buzzer with a long 3-pointer for an 85-75 lead. The Mavericks led by six at halftime, then trailed by six in the third after a 15-1 Orlando run started by the only 3 from Gordon. Dallas answered with an 18-2 run, with Hardaway scoring 12.

Associated Press

**Orlando Magic forward Aaron Gordon (00) shoots a 3-point basket as Dallas Mavericks guard Luka Doncic (77) defends during the first half of a game, Saturday in Dallas.**

### Hornets 113, Hawks 105

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — LaMelo Ball became the youngest player in NBA history to record a triple-double with 22 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists, and the Charlotte Hornets beat the Atlanta Hawks 113-105 for their third straight win.

The 19-year-old Ball replaced Markelle Fultz as the youngest NBA player to record a triple-double by 177 days.

Ball, the third overall pick in the NBA draft, was 9 of 13 from the field as the Hornets handed the struggling Hawks their fourth straight loss. He became only the fifth rookie in NBA history to record a triple-double and the first Hornets player ever to reach that plateau coming off the bench.

Terry Rozier scored 23 points for the Hornets.

### Nuggets 115, 76ers 103

PHILADELPHIA — Nikola Jokic had 15 points and 12 assists to lead Denver past Philadelphia, beating a 76ers team that had only seven available players because of injuries and COVID-19 protocols.

The Sixers tipped without four regular starters — All-Stars Ben Simmons (sore left knee) and Joel Embiid (back) due to injury, and Seth Curry and Tobias Harris over virus concerns. Coach Doc Rivers said he didn't think the game should be played.

Curry learned of his positive coronavirus test while the team played Thursday in Brooklyn, and the additional testing, contact tracing and COVID-19 health and safety protocols led to a slew of unavailable players.

The team met the minimum eight active players by including injured forward Mike Scott, who was not actually able to play.

Tyrese Maxey led the Sixers with 39 points in 44 minutes on 18-of-33 shooting in his first career start, and Isaiah Joe had 13 points.

### Bucks 100, Cavaliers 90

MILWAUKEE — Khris Middleton scored 27 points and Milwaukee withstood the absence of two-time reigning MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo to beat Cleveland.

Antetokounmpo sat out with back spasms after taking a hard fall one night earlier in a loss to the Utah Jazz.

Bobby Portis replaced Antetokounmpo in Milwaukee's starting lineup and scored 17 points as the Bucks (6-4) closed a five-game home stretch in which they went 4-1. After Jrue Holiday made the game's first basket, Portis scored the Bucks' next 10 points.

The Bucks overcame a huge performance from Cleveland's Andre Drummond, who had 26 points and 24 rebounds. Drummond was the first Cavalier to have at least 20 points and 20 rebounds in the same game since Anderson Varejao did it against Boston on Jan. 31, 2012.

### Heat 128, Wizards 124

WASHINGTON — Tyler Herro scored a career-high 31 points and Jimmy Butler nearly had a triple-double with 26 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists as Miami beat short-handed Washington.

Washington played without the NBA's leading scorer, Bradley Beal, who was a late scratch when he was placed in the NBA's health and safety protocol.

Miami has alternated wins and losses through its first eight games. The Wizards lost their third straight and are winless in five home games.

They were also without their other starting guard, Russell Westbrook, out with a left quad injury. Westbrook, who had triple-doubles in his first four games with the Wizards, was intending to play the second half of a back-to-back for the first time after sitting out the first two.

### Spurs 125, Timberwolves 122, OT

MINNEAPOLIS — DeMar DeRozan scored 38 points, helping San Antonio beat Minnesota in Karl-Anthony Towns' return to the Timberwolves.

DeRozan, who went 13 for 23 from the floor and 12 of 13 from the line, had 13 points after the third quarter and keyed San Antonio's third straight victory with his relentless drives to the basket. Dejounte Murray (22 points) and Patty Mills (21 points) knocked down plenty of timely 3-pointers.

Towns, who missed the last six games with a partial dislocation of his left wrist, had 25 points and 13 rebounds in 37 minutes as Minnesota's losing streak hit seven games.

Malik Beasley scored 29 points on 7-for-11 shooting from 3-point range, his last make pulling the Timberwolves within three points with 37 seconds left.

### Suns 125, Pacers 117

INDIANAPOLIS — Mikal Bridges scored a career-high 34 points and Devin Booker added 25, leading Phoenix over Indiana.

Phoenix pulled into a tie with the defending champion Los Angles Lakers for the best record in the Western Conference at 7-3 after earning its first road win over the Pacers since 2016.

All-Star forward Domantas Sabonis had 28 points and matched his career high with 22 rebounds for the Pacers, who had a two-game winning streak snapped.

Phoenix used a late first-half run to take a 56-53 halftime lead, then opened the second half by scoring the first five points.

# Brooks' return ignites Kentucky in win over Florida

## *Last-second 3 lifts No. 4 Texas over No. 14 WVU*

*Associated Press*

GAINESVILLE — In his first game of the season, Keion Brooks Jr. scored 12 points on 6-for-8 shooting and Kentucky more closely resembled its No. 10 preseason ranking by throttling Florida 76-58 on Saturday.

Brooks is the only returning scholarship player who played last season, and only until last week was he medically cleared to return to competition after missing the first nine games of the season with a left leg injury.

Although he'd been conditioning and participating with the team in non-contact drills, Thursday was his first full practice since the injury.

Though topping 70 points for the third straight game, the Wildcats exerted high energy on the defensive end and held Florida to 37.5% shooting (21 for 56) and scored 25 points off 16 Gators turnovers.

The Wildcats (4-6, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) used a 16-4 run to start the second half after leading 35-29 at the break.

Brandon Boston Jr. and Davion Mintz each scored 13 for Kentucky and Olivier Sarr 10.

Anthony Duruji scored 15 for Florida (5-3, 2-2) and Tyree Appleby 10.

Kentucky has won three straight and will ready itself to play Alabama (9-3, 4-0) in an early-conference matchup for the top spot in the SEC on Tuesday.

### No. 4 Texas 72, No. 14 West Virginia 70

MORGANTOWN, W.Va — Andrew Jones hit a 3-pointer with 1.8 seconds left to lift No. 4 Texas to a 72-70 victory over No. 14 West Virginia.

Jones took a pass from Courtney Ramey and hit an uncontested shot from the right corner after West Virginia's Emmitt Matthews missed two free throws with 11 seconds left.

Ramey scored 19 points for Texas (10-1, 4-0 Big 12), which trailed for most of the game and had to come from nine points down in the second half. Jones finished with 16 points, Matt Coleman had 13 and freshman Greg Brown had 12 points and 14 rebounds.

Texas scored the final seven points of the game and avenged last year's 38-point loss at West Virginia, which the fifth-worst loss in program history and the worst under coach Shaka Smart.

Taz Sherman scored 17 points, Sean McNeil added 14 points and Derek Culver had his seventh double-double of the season, with 14 points and 16 rebounds, for the Mountaineers (9-4, 2-3).

### No. 1 Gonzaga 116, Portland 88

PORTLAND, Ore. — Joel Ayayi posted the first triple-double in Gonzaga history and the Bulldogs routed Portland for their 16th straight win.

Ayayi had 12 points, 14 assists and 13 rebounds, and Drew Timme had 26 points for the Bulldogs (12-0, 3-0 West Coast Conference), who were riding the nation's longest active winning streak.

Ahmed Ali had 19 points for the Pilots (6-5, 0-2), who have lost 13 straight against Gonzaga.

### No. 2 Baylor 67, TCU 49

FORT WORTH, Texas — Jared Butler scored a season-high 28 points and Baylor stayed undefeated with another another double-digit win even after trailing at halftime for the first time this season.

MaCio Teague added 12 points and Davion Mitchell had 10 for the Bears (11-0, 4-0 Big 12).

Mike Miles had 15 of his 17 points by halftime for the Horned Frogs (9-4, 2-3), who led at halftime only because of the freshman's highlight buzzer-beating 3-pointer from about 65 feet that made it 28-27.

### No. 6 Kansas 63, Oklahoma 59

LAWRENCE, Kan. — David McCormack hit the clinching short hook shot with 12.8 seconds to go, giving the Kansas big man 17 points against short-handed Oklahoma.

Ochai Agbaji added 14 points and Jalen Wilson had nine points and 11 rebounds, helping Kansas (11-2, 4-1 Big 12) avoid back-to-back losses in Allen Fieldhouse for the first time since the first season under Roy Williams in 1988-89.

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**Texas guard Courtney Ramey (3) shoots past West Virginia guard Sean McNeil (22) during the first half of a game Saturday, in Morgantown, W.Va.**

The Sooners (6-4, 2-3), playing without Brady Manek and Jalen Hill because of COVID-19 protocols, took a 57-56 lead when Austin Reaves hit a jumper from the free-throw line with 2 1/2 minutes to go. But McCormack scored over Oklahoma's Kur Kuath to give Kansas the lead back, and Wilson's 3-pointer made it 61-57 with 1:26 to go.

### No. 7 Creighton 97, St. John's 79

OMAHA, Neb. — Denzel Mahoney scored a season-high 24 points to lead six players in double figures with star Marcus Zegarowski out of the lineup, and Creighton pulled away early in a victory over St. John's.

The Bluejays (10-2, 6-1) won their sixth straight Big East game in the same season for the first time since joining the conference in 2013. The Red Storm (6-6, 1-5) dropped to 0-4 on the road.

### No. 9 Tennessee 68, Texas A&M 54

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Santiago Vescov scored a career-high 23 points, including six 3-pointers, and Tennessee beat Texas A&M.

Vescovi's hot hand began early for the Vols (9-1, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) as he hit his first four shots from behind the arc. His barrage was a part of a 17-4 Tennessee run that pushed the Volunteers' lead to 14 midway through the opening half.

Senior Savion Flagg was the Aggies' saving grace at the end of the first, connecting on three consecutive 3-pointers to pull the Aggies (6-4, 1-3) within six. Flagg entered Saturday's contests on a 3-for-21 clip from the field over the previous three games.

### No. 11 Houston 71, Tulane 50

HOUSTON — Marcus Sasser scored 20 of his career-high 28 points in the first half to lead Houston past Tulane.

Sasser shot 7 of 9, including 6 of 7 on 3-pointers, in the first half as the Cougars (10-1, 5-1 American Athletic Conference) built a 12-point halftime lead. Sasser finished with a career-high eight 3-pointers. Quentin Grimes scored 14 points.

Jordan Walker scored 13 points and Jaylen Forbes had 11 for Tulane (6-3, 1-3). The Green Wave shot 29%, including 6 of 19 on 3-pointers.

### Ohio State 79, No. 15 Rutgers 68

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Duane Washington Jr. scored 17 points and Ohio State closed the first half with a big run to beat Rutgers.

The Buckeyes (9-3, 3-3 Big Ten) used a 22-4 burst to take a 42-30 lead at halftime in sending Rutgers (7-4, 3-4) to its third straight loss.

### No. 18 Texas Tech 91, Iowa State 64

AMES, Iowa — Kyler Edwards scored 16 of his 19 points in the first half as Texas Tech built a huge lead and breezed past Iowa State.

The Red Raiders (10-3, 3-2 Big 12) used a pair of 12-0 runs to make it 54-28 with just over a minute left before the break.

Solomon Young and Rasir Bolton led the Cyclones (2-7, 0-5) with 15 points each.

### No. 21 Duke 79, Wake Forest 68

DURHAM, N.C. — Matthew Hurt scored a career-high 26 points to help Duke beat Wake Forest in Hall of Fame coach Mike Krzyzewski's return from a one-game absence due to COVID-19 protocols.

Freshman DJ Steward added 21 points for the Blue Devils (5-2, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), who shot 51% and controlled the boards to extend their home-court dominance in the long-running in-state series.

### No. 22 Virginia 61, Boston College 49

BOSTON — Jay Huff matched his career-high with 18 points, adding eight rebounds to lead Virginia over Boston College.

Sam Hauser scored 17 with 10 boards to help the Cavaliers (6-2, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) win their third straight since a Dec. 26 loss to top-ranked Gonzaga.

DeMarr Langford Jr. scored 14 and CJ Felder had nine points and nine rebounds for BC, which managed a season-low points. The Eagles (2-9, 0-5) have lost eight of their last nine matchups against Virginia.

### Miami 65, North Carolina St. 59

RALEIGH, N.C. — Isaiah Wong scored 24 points and Earl Timberlake had six of his career-high 13 in the last 68 seconds as Miami finally won a close game, defeating North Carolina State 64-59.

## FOOTBALL

### Buffalo 27, Indianapolis 24

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Indianapolis | 3 | 7 | 0 | 14 | — | 24 |
| Buffalo | 7 | 7 | 3 | 10 | — | 27 |

**First Quarter**

Ind—FG Blankenship 30, 5:29.

Buf—Knox 3 pass from Allen (Bass kick), 1:49.

**Second Quarter**

Ind—Taylor 1 run (Blankenship kick), 8:07.

Buf—Allen 5 run (Bass kick), :14.

**Third Quarter**

Buf—FG Bass 46, 11:05.

**Fourth Quarter**

Buf—Diggs 35 pass from Allen (Bass kick), 14:10.

Ind—Pascal 9 pass from Rivers (run failed), 11:32.

Buf—FG Bass 54, 8:08.

Ind—Doyle 27 pass from Rivers (Doyle pass from Rivers), 6:13.

A—6,772.

| | Ind | Buf |
|---|---|---|
| First downs | 27 | 22 |
| Total Net Yards | 472 | 397 |
| Rushes-yards | 30-163 | 21-96 |
| Passing | 309 | 301 |
| Punt Returns | 1-14 | 0-0 |
| Kickoff Returns | 3-72 | 4-69 |
| Interceptions Ret. | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 27-46-0 | 26-35-0 |
| Sacked-Yards Lost | 0-0 | 2-23 |
| Punts | 2-36.5 | 4-47.0 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Penalties-Yards | 2-10 | 2-7 |
| Time of Possession | 34:17 | 25:43 |

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

RUSHING—Indianapolis, Taylor 21-78, Hines 6-75, Pittman 1-11, Brissett 1-0, Rivers 1-(minus 1). Buffalo, Allen 11-54, Singletary 3-21, Moss 7-21.

PASSING—Indianapolis, Rivers 27-46-0-309. Buffalo, Allen 26-35-0-324.

RECEIVING—Indianapolis, Doyle 7-70, Pittman 5-90, Alie-Cox 4-32, Pascal 3-37, Burton 3-34, Hilton 2-32, Taylor 2-6, Hines 1-8. Buffalo, Beasley 7-57, Diggs 6-128, Davis 4-85, Moss 4-26, Singletary 3-23, Knox 2-5.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Indianapolis, Blankenship 33.

### L.A. Rams 30, Seattle 20

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| L.A. Rams | 3 | 17 | 0 | 10 | — | 30 |
| Seattle | 0 | 10 | 3 | 7 | — | 20 |

**First Quarter**

LAR—FG Gay 40, 3:52.

**Second Quarter**

Sea—FG Myers 50, 10:29.

LAR—FG Gay 39, 7:51.

LAR—Williams 42 interception return (Gay kick), 6:40.

Sea—Metcalf 51 pass from Wilson (Myers kick), 3:43.

LAR—Akers 5 run (Gay kick), 1:57.

**Third Quarter**

Sea—FG Myers 52, 13:45.

**Fourth Quarter**

LAR—FG Gay 36, 11:33.

LAR—Woods 15 pass from Goff (Gay kick), 4:46.

Sea—Metcalf 12 pass from Wilson (Myers kick), 2:28.

A—0.

| | LAR | Sea |
|---|---|---|
| First downs | 16 | 11 |
| Total Net Yards | 333 | 278 |
| Rushes-yards | 43-164 | 25-136 |
| Passing | 169 | 142 |
| Punt Returns | 1-9 | 3-26 |
| Kickoff Returns | 2-62 | 3-109 |
| Interceptions Ret. | 1-42 | 0-0 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 12-25-0 | 11-27-1 |
| Sacked-Yards Lost | 3-15 | 5-32 |
| Punts | 7-45.3 | 8-55.8 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| Penalties-Yards | 2-15 | 9-60 |
| Time of Possession | 33:39 | 26:21 |

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

RUSHING—L.A. Rams, Akers 28-131, Brown 9-30, Goff 4-4, Wolford 1-2, Woods 1-(minus 3). Seattle, Carson 16-77, Wilson 4-50, Hyde 4-5, Dav.Moore 1-4.

PASSING—L.A. Rams, Goff 9-19-0-155, Wolford 3-6-0-29. Seattle, Wilson 11-27-1-174.

RECEIVING—L.A. Rams, Kupp 4-78, Woods 4-48, Akers 2-45, Brown 1-9, Higbee 1-4. Seattle, Metcalf 5-96, Lockett 2-43, Swain 1-28, Carson 1-5, Dissly 1-1, Dav.Moore 1-1.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

### NFL Playoffs

**Wild-card Playoffs**
**Saturday, Jan. 9**

Buffalo 27, Indianapolis 24

Los Angeles Rams 30, Seattle 20

Tampa Bay at Washington, late

**Today**

Baltimore at Tennessee, 1:05 p.m.

Chicago at New Orleans, 4:40 p.m.

Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 8:15 p.m.

**Divisional Playoffs**
**Saturday, Jan. 16**
**and Sunday, Jan. 17**

lowest seed remaining at Green Bay

lowest seed remaining at Kansas City

TBD vs. TBD

TBD vs. TBD

**Conference Championships**
**Sunday, Jan. 24**

**AFC**

TBD

**NFC**

TBD

**Super Bowl**
**Sunday, Feb. 7**
**At Tampa, Fla.**

TBD, 6:30 p.m.

## BASKETBALL

### NBA standings

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia | 7 | 3 | .700 | — |
| Boston | 7 | 3 | .700 | — |
| New York | 5 | 4 | .556 | 1½ |
| Brooklyn | 5 | 5 | .500 | 2 |
| Toronto | 2 | 6 | .250 | 4 |

**Southeast Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Orlando | 6 | 4 | .600 | — |
| Charlotte | 5 | 5 | .500 | 1 |
| Miami | 4 | 4 | .500 | 1 |
| Atlanta | 4 | 5 | .444 | 1½ |
| Washington | 2 | 8 | .200 | 4 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Indiana | 6 | 3 | .667 | — |
| Milwaukee | 6 | 4 | .600 | ½ |
| Cleveland | 5 | 5 | .500 | 1½ |
| Chicago | 4 | 6 | .400 | 2½ |
| Detroit | 2 | 7 | .222 | 4 |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Southwest Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dallas | 5 | 4 | .556 | — |
| San Antonio | 5 | 4 | .556 | — |
| New Orleans | 4 | 5 | .444 | 1 |
| Houston | 3 | 4 | .429 | 1 |
| Memphis | 3 | 6 | .333 | 2 |

**Northwest Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Utah | 5 | 4 | .556 | — |
| Portland | 4 | 4 | .500 | ½ |
| Oklahoma City | 4 | 4 | .500 | ½ |
| Denver | 4 | 5 | .444 | 1 |
| Minnesota | 2 | 7 | .222 | 3 |

**Pacific Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Phoenix | 7 | 3 | .700 | — |
| L.A. Lakers | 7 | 3 | .700 | — |
| L.A. Clippers | 6 | 4 | .600 | 1 |
| Golden State | 5 | 4 | .556 | 1½ |
| Sacramento | 4 | 5 | .444 | 2½ |

**Friday's Games**

Detroit 110, Phoenix 105, OT

Oklahoma City 101, New York 89

Boston 116, Washington 107

Charlotte 118, New Orleans 110

Houston 132, Orlando 90

Utah 131, Milwaukee 118

Memphis 115, Brooklyn 110

Toronto 144, Sacramento 123

Golden State 115, L.A. Clippers 105

L.A. Lakers 117, Chicago 115

**Saturday's Games**

Denver 115, Philadelphia 103

Phoenix 125, Indiana 117

Charlotte 113, Atlanta 105

Miami 128, Washington 124

Milwaukee 100, Cleveland 90

San Antonio 125, Minnesota 122, OT

Dallas 112, Orlando 98

Portland at Sacramento, late

**Today's Games**

Utah at Detroit, 3 p.m.

Chicago at L.A. Clippers, 4 p.m.

Denver at New York, 6 p.m.

Oklahoma City at Brooklyn, 6 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Houston, 7 p.m.

Miami at Boston, 7 p.m.

San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Toronto at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.

**Monday's Games**

Memphis at Cleveland, 7 p.m.

Milwaukee at Orlando, 7 p.m.

New York at Charlotte, 7 p.m.

Phoenix at Washington, 7 p.m.

Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

New Orleans at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Indiana at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Toronto at Portland, 10 p.m.

**Tuesday's Games**

Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Denver at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.

Utah at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Boston at Chicago, 8 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8 p.m.

San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Indiana at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

## TRANSACTIONS

**BASEBALL**

**Major League Baseball**

**American League**

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with RHP A.J Cole on a minor league contract.

**National League**

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Acquired RHP Carson Ragsdale from Philadelphia in exchange for RHP Sam Coonrod.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with OF Kyle Schwarber.

**HOCKEY**

**National Hockey League**

CALGARY FLAMES — Assigned LW Justin Kirkland to Stockton (AHL). Agreed to terms with RW Brett Ritchie.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Signed G Cam Johnson to a one-year, two-way contract.

DETROIT RED WINGS — Claimed D Christian Djoos off waivers.

EDMONTON OILERS — Waived LW Joseph Gambardella, RW Adam Cracknell and C Seth Griffith. Assigned G Stuart Skinner, D Markus Niemelainen and C Cooper Marody to Bakersfield (AHL).

## Florida LOTTERY

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

**PICK 2 (early)**
5 - 5

**PICK 2 (late)**
4 - 6

**PICK 3 (early)**
4 - 9 - 8

**PICK 3 (late)**
3 - 4 - 3

**PICK 4 (early)**
4 - 4 - 6 - 3

**PICK 4 (late)**
2 - 3 - 0 - 0

**PICK 5 (early)**
9 - 8 - 0 - 3 - 2

**PICK 5 (late)**
9 - 1 - 0 - 6 - 2

**FANTASY 5**
6 - 20 - 23 - 24 - 28

**LOTTO**
5 - 14 - 34 - 35 - 36 - 44

**POWERBALL**
14 - 26 - 38 - 45 - 46

**POWER BALL**
13

**CASH 4 LIFE**
19 - 27 - 46 - 49 - 50

**CASH BALL**
1

*Friday's winning numbers and payouts:*

**Jackpot Triple Play:** 11 – 12 – 24 – 31 – 33 – 34

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 6-of-6 | 1 winner | $950,000 |
| 5-of-6 | 30 winners | $502 |
| 4-of-6 | 1,606 | $22.50 |
| 3-of-6 | 26,240 | $1 |
| Combo 10+ | 1 | $10,000 |
| Combo9 | 9 | $500 |
| Combo8 | 108 | $50 |
| Combo7 | 736 | $20 |
| Combo6 | 3,547 | $10 |
| Combo5 | 13,504 | $5 |

**Mega Millions:** xx – xx – xx – xx – xx

**Mega Ball:** xx

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5-of-5 MB | x winners | $x |
| 5-of-5 | x winners | $x |
| 4-of-5 MB | x winners | $x |
| 4-of-5 | x winners | $x |
| 3-of-5 MB | x | $x |
| 3-of-5 | x | $x |
| 2-of-5 MB | x | $x |

**Fantasy 5:** 6 – 13 – 14 – 18 – 22

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5-of-5 | No winner | |
| 4-of-5 | 313 | $555 |
| 3-of-5 | 9,945 | $19 |

**Cash 4 Life:** 3 – 9 – 22 – 44 – 47

**Cash Ball:** 2

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5-of-5 CB | No winner | |
| 5-of-5 | No winner | |

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

## On the AIRWAVES

**TODAY'S SPORTS**

**AUTO RACING**

**6:30 p.m. (NBCSPT)** Dakar Rally Stage 7 (Same-day Tape)

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

**11 a.m. (13 FOX)** Providence at Xavier

**4:30 p.m. (ESPN2)** Cincinnati at Wichita State

**6 p.m. (ACCN)** Notre Dame at Virginia Tech

**6:30 p.m. (ESPN2)** Loyola-Chicago at Drake

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

**12 p.m. (ACCN)** Louisville at Florida State

**12 p.m. (SEC)** Florida at Georgia

**1 p.m. (SUN)** Miami at North Carolina

**2 p.m. (ACCN)** Virginia Tech at Georgia Tech

**2 p.m. (ESPNU)** Rutgers at Ohio State

**2 p.m. (SEC)** Alabama at Vanderbilt

**4 p.m. (ACCN)** Boston College at Wake Forest

**4 p.m. (SEC)** Texas A&M at Arkansas

**5 p.m. (ESPN)** South Carolina at Kentucky

**6 p.m. (SEC)** Ole Miss at Mississippi State

**1 a.m. (SEC)** Tennessee at LSU (Same-day Tape)

**3 a.m. (SEC)** Missouri at Auburn (Same-day Tape)

**NBA**

**3 p.m. (NBA)** Utah Jazz at Detroit Pistons

**7 p.m. (NBA) (SUN)** Miami Heat at Boston Celtics

**NFL PLAYOFFS**

**1:05 p.m. (28 ABC) (ESPN)** Baltimore Ravens at Tennessee Titans

**4:30 p.m. (10 CBS)** Chicago Bears at New Orleans Saints

**8:15 p.m. (8 NBC)** Cleveland Browns at Pittsburgh Steelers

**8:30 p.m. (NFL)** Baltimore Ravens at Tennessee Titans (Same-day Tape)

**12:30 a.m. (NFL)** Chicago Bears at New Orleans Saints (Same-day Tape)

**3 a.m. (NFL)** Cleveland Browns at Pittsburgh Steelers (Same-day Tape)

**GOLF**

**4 p.m. (8 NBC)** PGA Tour Sentry Tournament of Champions, Final Round

**6 p.m. (GOLF)** PGA Tour Sentry Tournament of Champions, Final Round

**COLLEGE HOCKEY**

**5 p.m. (NHL)** Arizona State at Notre Dame

**RUGBY**

**10 a.m. (NBCSPT)** Premiership Harlequins vs London Irish

**SOCCER**

**7 a.m. (NBCSPT)** FA Women's Super League Everton vs Manchester United

**8:55 a.m. (ESPN2)** Italian Serie A Parma vs Lazio

**8 p.m. (FS1)** Mexico Primera Division Santos Laguna vs Cruz Azul

**WINTER SPORTS**

**12 p.m. (NBCSPT)** IBU Biathlon IBU Biathlon World Cup: 4x6km Mixed Relay (Same-day Tape)

**1 p.m. (NBCSPT)** IBU Biathlon World Cup: Single Mixed Relay (Same-day Tape)

**2 p.m. (NBCSPT)** FIS Alpine Skiing World Cup: Men's Slalom (Same-day Tape)

**3 p.m. (NBCSPT)** Bobsledding and Skeleton IBSF World Cup: Four-Man Bobsled (Same-day Tape)

***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.*

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Florida tabs SEC veteran McGriff to coach secondary

GAINESVILLE — Florida announced the hiring of Wesley McGriff as its secondary coach Saturday, replacing two assistants coach Dan Mullen fired after the team's worst defensive season in more than a hundred years.

Mullen parted ways with secondary coaches Ron English and Torrian Gray last week.

"His track record of preparing players for the NFL and his success coaching at every level speaks for itself," Mullen said in a statement. "His energy and tireless effort in recruiting will be an asset to our defensive staff."

McGriff spent the last two seasons as defensive backs coach at Auburn. Before that, he was defensive coordinator at Mississippi (2016-18).

He had previous stints at Auburn (2015) and Ole Miss (2012). He also spent time with the NFL's New Orleans Saints (2013-15), Vanderbilt (2011), Miami (2007-10), Baylor (2003-06), Kentucky (2001-02), Eastern Kentucky (2000), Kentucky State (1995-99) and Savannah State (1990-94).

### Miami picks Robinson as defensive backs coach

CORAL GABLES — Miami native Travaris Robinson is coming home.

Robinson was hired Saturday as the new defensive backs coach at Miami, the first move in what is expected to be a flurry of hires on that side of the ball by the Hurricanes in the coming days.

Robinson played at Auburn and spent the last decade in the SEC — coaching at Florida, Auburn and most recently South Carolina as defensive coordinator for five seasons.

He wasn't retained by the Gamecocks when they hired Shane Beamer as their new head coach last month.

"We are excited to welcome Travaris and his family back to Miami," Hurricanes coach Manny Diaz said. "He is a proven defensive coach and an excellent recruiter who will be an outstanding addition to our coaching staff."

### Schwarber signs 1-year, $10M deal with Nationals

WASHINGTON — Now that they're both with the Washington Nationals, Kyle Schwarber recalls joking around with Dave Martinez when both were with the Chicago Cubs — Schwarber a slugger, Martinez a bench coach.

"He goes, 'Whenever I get a manager's job, you are going to come over, and you are going to play for me,'" Schwarber recounted. "And now it's come to fruition."

The power-hitting outfielder who had a big 2019 and a disappointing 2020 signed a one-year contract with Washington for 2021 that guarantees him $10 million, and Schwarber said Saturday his relationship with current Nationals skipper Martinez was "a big factor."

Schwarber will make $7 million this season and the contract includes a mutual option for 2022 that would be worth $11.5 million if exercised or guarantee a $3 million buyout if not.

— From wire reports

## RAMS

Continued from **Page B1**

through the second quarter.

Akers added a 5-yard TD run just before halftime for a 20-10 lead. It proved enough with a Seattle offense that was disjointed and confused nearly from the start.

Wilson had one of his worst playoff performances. He was 11 of 27 for 174 yards. Wilson connected with Metcalf on a pair of TDs: 51 yards in the first half off a broken play, and a 12-yard TD with 2:28 left to make the score more respectable.

Seattle never played with the lead and was 2 of 14 on third downs. It's first home playoff game in four years was a dud without its raucous home crowd, and the Seahawks saw their 10-game home playoff win streak snapped.

Their last home playoff loss came in January 2005 to the St. Louis Rams.

"I told these guys I have no place in my brain for this outcome," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. "We were planning on winning and moving on."

The Rams pulled off the upset without a healthy quarterback for more the three quarters of the game. John Wolford started for the second straight week but injured his neck when he dived headfirst in the first quarter and was hit in the helmet by Jamal Adams' shoulder. Wolford was taken to a hospital as a precaution, but McVay said he was in the locker room celebrating after the victory.

"I think it was really just a stinger. He definitely seemed good," McVay said.

Jared Goff took over less than two weeks after undergoing surgery on his right thumb; he was injured in the Week 16 loss to Seattle. Goff didn't do anything spectacular but also avoided major mistakes.

Goff was 9 of 19 for 155 yards. He capped the victory with a 15-yard touchdown pass to Robert Woods with 4:46 left after Seattle's D.J. Reed fumbled a punt.

Akers, the Rams' rookie ball carrier, was outstanding after not playing two weeks ago. Akers had the best rushing day by a Rams running back since Marshall Faulk went for 159 against Philadelphia in January 2002.

The Rams finished with 164 yards rushing.

### INJURIES

Donald left in the third quarter with a rib injury. After going in and out of the locker room a couple of times he was a spectator most of the second half. WR Cooper Kupp limped off grabbing at his right knee in the closing minutes.

Wolford was 3 of 6 passing for 29 yards and had one run for 2 yards before getting hurt.

### UP NEXT

**Rams:** will most likely play at the Packers next week.

**Seahawks:** will head into an offseason filled with questions after winning the division but experiencing another early playoff exit.

## BILLS

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home game and get a victory," said Poyer, in his fourth season in Buffalo. "Since 2017, we've been working at this, but a day like today, to come out on top, we worked so hard."

Hyde's pass defense eased memories of the Bills giving up DeAndre Hopkins' leaping 43-yard touchdown catch in the final seconds of a 32-30 loss at Arizona on Nov. 15. Buffalo has won seven straight since for its longest winning streak since 1990.

And the win came with a limited number of 6,700 fans in attendance for the first time this season.

Allen finished 26 of 35 for 324 yards with a 5-yard touchdown to Dawson Knox and a 35-yarder to Stefon Diggs, which led to the fans chanting "MVP! MVP!" to celebrate the first Buffalo player to lead the NFL in catches and yards receiving.

The Colts (11-6) ended a season in which they won 11 games for the first time since 2014, and reached the playoffs for the second time in three years under Frank Reich.

Rivers finished 27 of 46 for 309 yards and had his career playoff record drop to 5-7 in completing his first — and potentially last — season with the Colts as he ponders retirement.

Losing doesn't get any easier for the 39-year-old, who has reached the conference championship just once in 2008.

"Shoot, it's hard to go back 12 years ago to think how I felt in the locker room after that championship game," Rivers said, referring to the Chargers' 21-12 loss to New England. "It's always emotional. But is it more emotional when you're about to be 40 and you're not sure if you've been in your last huddle? Heck yeah."

The game wasn't decided until the final play, when Rivers faced fourth-and-11 from Buffalo's 47. Rivers heaved a deep pass for T.Y. Hilton, who was surrounded by defenders in the right side of the end zone. Hyde broke through the crowd of bodies, leaping up and batting the ball to the ground.

Rookie kicker Tyler Bass accounted for the decisive points by hitting a 54-yard field goal to put Buffalo up 27-16 with 8:08 remaining.

The Colts responded with a seven-play, 75-play drive capped by a 9-yard touchdown pass to Pascal. After Bass upped Buffalo's lead to 27-16, the Colts scored less than two minutes later. Rivers hit a wide-open Jack Doyle for a 27-yard touchdown and Doyle caught a 2-point conversion.

The Bills, however, didn't make it easy. with Allen nearly losing a fumble at midfield when sacked for a 23-yard loss by Denico Autry on first down from the Indianapolis 37. Offensive lineman Daryl Williams, however, recovered, forcing the Bills to punt with 2:30 remaining.

"It doesn't matter how it looks," Allen said. "It's the playoffs. It's win or go home and we got it done."

The Colts were limited to a touchdown and field goal in the first half after having all five drives cross midfield and enjoying a nine-plus minute edge in time of possession.

The turning point came when the Colts, up 10-7, were unable to score on four snaps inside Buffalo's 4. Rivers' pass for Michael Pittman glanced off the diving receiver's fingertips on fourth down.

Buffalo responded with a 10-play, 96-yard drive capped by Allen's 5-yard keeper with 14 seconds left in the half.

A Colts miscue also helped extend the drive. Facing fourth-and-3 from the Colts 26, Allen drew defensive end Kemoko Turay offside with a second left on the play clock.

"All around, it felt like we just kept shooting ourselves in the foot," defensive end DeForest Buckner said. "We just let it slip between our fingers."

### UP NEXT

**Colts:** Their season is over after losing in the wild-card round for the first time since 2012.

**Bills:** They advance to the divisional round for the first time since the 1995 playoffs.

# Cup finalists land in altered Central Division

## *Lightning will battle Stars among others*

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*AP hockey writer*

Associated Press

**ABOVE: Tampa Bay Lightning defenseman Mikhail Sergachev celebrates after scoring a goal against the Florida Panthers during the first period of a Dec. 23, 2019 game in Tampa.**

**BELOW: Dallas Stars goaltender Anton Khudobin (35) makes a save against the Tampa Bay Lightning during the third period of Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Final, Sept. 25 in Edmonton, Alberta.**

The NHL's pandemic-altered divisions were set up based on geography in the hope that reducing travel will help the games go on.

Each of the four divisions are stacked with talented teams in the professional sports league with perhaps the most parity on the planet.

The Central Division, though, has some unusual quirks: It features the defending Stanley Cup champion Tampa Bay Lightning and the runner-up Dallas Stars among its eight teams. The division is also guaranteed a new champion because St. Louis and Colorado, who finished 1-2 in the Central last season, were sent to the West Division.

"We like our team, but like every team in the league there are a lot of questions about how this is all going to work," Stars general manager Jim Nill said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "Who will get off to a quick start, or a slow start? Who is going to get hit hard by the injury bug. But, it's all good because we're back to the sport we love."

With some key players injured and some affected by COVID-19 this week, the Stars might get off to a slow start again. Dallas won one of its first eight games last season and had a six-game losing streak when the league paused play in March because of the pandemic.

That didn't stunt the Stars because they lasted until Game 6 of the Stanley Cup Final.

The new-look Central also includes Carolina, Chicago, Columbus, Detroit, Florida and Nashville. They will all get to know one another well because each of the 56 games in the regular season that starts on Wednesday night and ends in early May will be within the division.

Tampa Bay is shooting to be just the fourth NHL team in three decades to repeat. The defending champions will be led by Steven Stamkos up front, Conn Smythe Trophy winner Victor Hedman on defense and Vezina Trophy finalist Andrei Vasilevskiy in net.

"It's the toughest trophy in sports to win, but it's the best feeling in the world lifting the Cup over your head," Hedman said. "It's contagious."

### PANDEMIC PLAY

Just days before the season is scheduled to start, a pair of Central Division teams were already affected by COVID-19.

Six Dallas players and two staff members tested positive for the coronavirus, according to the NHL, in a development that pushes back the Stars' opener by nearly a week. The Stars were to open Jan. 14 at Florida

Columbus kept a number of players off the ice "out of abundance of caution" on Friday due to the league's COVID-19 protocols.

### MISSING STARS

The Lightning will be without last year's leading scorer, Nikita Kucherov, who had season-ending hip surgery.

Dallas All-Star center Tyler Seguin (hip) and goaltender Ben Bishop (knee) are expected to be out for about three months of the four-month regular season.

### BACKING THE BLUE

The Blue Jackets extended their franchise record postseason streak to four last year, proving those wrong who thought losing Artemi Panarin and Sergei Bobrovsky in free agency would set them back.

To keep a talented and young player in the future, Columbus signed forward Oliver Bjorkstrand to a five-year contract extension worth $27 million to avoid this being the last season on his deal.

The Blue Jackets went looking to boost their scoring with some help at center and found it in Max Domi, who was acquired in a trade with Montreal for forward Josh Anderson.

"I think we are ready," defenseman Seth Jones said. "We've actually had a great group here the past few weeks skating and a lot of the guys that came in early to kind of get that groove back with each other."

### SCHEDULE BREAKDOWN

The first of eight scheduled Stanley Cup Final rematches is Jan. 17 when Tampa Bay hosts Dallas, assuming the Stars' schedule is not overhauled because of virus issues.

The defending conference champions will play consecutive games against each other four times with one potentially, interesting stretch. The Stars will face the Lightning at home Feb. 18 and 20 and after two games against other opponents, they will meet again Feb. 27 and March 1 in Florida.

With so many games against common opponents with only one day between games, teams in the division expect emotions to boil over and gloves to get dropped at times.

"Ah, yeah, I think I'm gonna be in the penalty box a little bit more than I expected, just with the hate you're probably going to get on with a lot of these teams," Blue Jackets forward Nick Foligno said with a chuckle. "I don't think we're used to playing playoff series against every single team in our division."

### DON'T MISS IT

The season-opening game is Jan. 13 in Tampa Bay, where the Lighting will raise their second Stanley Cup banner before the puck drops against the Chicago Blackhawks with up to 3,800 fans in the stands.

## *Bowling* SCORES

### Parkview Lanes

CONGRATULATIONS: Scott Brown won the League Bowlers' Bingo during the Scratch Trio league on Dec. 16, netting him $490.

12-WEEK NOTAP LEAGUE: The next session of the 7-9-8 NoTap league begins Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 9 a.m. The cost is $14 per week ($3.50 prize fund included), and the teams are three persons, any gender mix, and the handicap is based on 275. Call the Center at 352-489-6933 to register, either as an individual or as a team.

12-WEEK MARCH MADNESS LEAGUE: The annual March Madness league begins the season Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 6:30 p.m. The 12 weeks of league play ends March 30, and the 4-team playoff is April 6. The cost is $14 per week ($3.50 prize fund included), with $400 added to the prize fund if there are 12 teams. The teams are three persons, any gender mix, and the handicap is based on 220. Call the Center at 352-489-6933 to register, either as an individual or as a team.

LEAGUE SCORES FOR THE WEEK ENDING JAN. 3:

**PARKVIEW SENIORS**

Handicap: Cesare Nicoletti 275,734; Bill Johnston 264; Kenny Piispanen 725; Patty Krombach 260; Glenda Johnston 251,686; Diane Mauck 706. Scratch: Cesare Nicoletti 222,575; Bill Johnston 217,531; Sharon Ericson 171,451; Glenda Johnston 171; Diane Mauck 168,466.

**MONDAY NIGHT SPECIAL**

Handicap: Randy Moak 281; Jan Stackpole 279,776; Bob Kroening 760; Marla Carr 258,714; Bridget Foley 254; Wendy Smith 697. Scratch: Randy Moak 246; Jan Stackpole 235,644; Bob Kroening 625; Wendy Smith 200,538; Debbie Aguilar 190; Marla Carr 483.

**PARKVIEW 7-9-8 NOTAP**

Handicap: Jim Schlegel 347,919; Dick Cronk 343; Jim Foley 879; Billy Kidney 879; Sandy Foley 355,906; Carol McHale 340,908. Scratch: Greg Dawidowicz 300,816; Tony Hyatt 300,807; 841; Bill Johnston 300,819; (men: five 300s); Marilyn Seymour 300,780; Carol McHale 268; Glenda Johnston 719.

**SANDY OAKS FALL**

Handicap: Dan Fergen 251,659; Rob Goethals 234,659; Marcia Schick 253,624; Patti Carmen 225,644. Scratch: Bill Johnson 192; Richard Barnhill 188,523; Homer Raush 513; Marcia Schick 192,441; Marlene Hyde 144,400.

**WEDNESDAY SCRATCH TRIO**

Charlie Stein 290,758; John Charette 278,717; Stephanie Flory 244,633; Dorine Fugere 190,547.

### Manatee Lanes

**TUESDAY ODD BALLS**

MEN'S HIGH GAME HDCP, 295, Preston Koller

MEN'S HIGH SERIES HDCP, 721, Ryan Carlisi

MEN'S HIGH GAME SCRATCH, 258, Tucker Hale

MEN'S HIGH SERIES SCRATCH, 824, Trevor Roberts

WOMEN'S HIGH GAME HDCP, 260, Tiffany Hair

WOMEN'S HIGH SERIES HDCP, 705, Laurie Rash

WOMEN'S HIGH GAME SCRATCH, 222, Amber Mullis

WOMEN'S HIGH SERIES SCRATCH, 554, Amy Cochran

**TUESDAY YOUTH**

BOY'S HIGH GAME HDCP, 254, Peyton Beville

BOY'S HIGH SERIES HDCP, 745, Colton Davis

BOY'S HIGH GAME SCRATCH, 234, Robert Pierson

BOY'S HIGH SERIES SCRATCH, 637, James Cummins

GIRL'S HIGH SERIES SCRATCH, 277, Susan Rohn

**WEDNESDAY MEN'S**

HIGH HDCP GAME, 282, Tim Lawrence

HIGH HDCP SERIES, 744, Robert Wood

THURSDAY LADIES POWDER PUFFS

HIGH GAME HDCP, 261, Susan Steinhorst

HIGH SERIES HDCP, 685, Sharon Gonzalez

HIGH GAME SCRATCH, 224, Barb Moore

HIGH SERIES SCRATCH, 567, Roma Jenkins

**THURSDAY FLORIDA POWER**

MEN'S HIGH GAME HDCP, 281, Phil Saltsman

MEN'S HIGH SERIES HDCP, 767, Orlando Garcia Jr

MEN'S HIGH GAME SCRATCH, 227, Sonny Arashiro

MEN'S HIGH SERIES HDCP, 611, Matt Ivkovic

WOMEN'S HIGH GAME HDCP, 267, Dalene Klein

WOMEN'S HIGH SERIES HDCP, 695, Carol Anderson

WOMEN'S HIGH GAME SCRATCH, 182, Kim Mullis

WOMEN'S HIGH SERIES SCRATCH, 483, Renee Boyce

**FRIDAY FUN BUNCH**

MEN'S HIGH GAME HDCP, 279, Orlando Garcia

MEN'S HIGH SERIES HDCP, 760, Brian Tiesmeyer

MEN'S HIGH GAME SCRATCH, 248, Mike Pozzi

MEN'S HIGH SERIES SCRATCH, 741, Bird Zachary

WOMEN'S HIGH GAME HDCP, 251, Karen Norby

WOMEN'S HIGH SERIES HDCP, 716, Jen Caudill

WOMEN'S HIGH GAME SCRATCH, 213, Linda Cooper

WOMEN'S HIGH SERIES SCRATCH, 581, Brooke Wharton

### Sportsmen's Bowl

**Bowlers of the Week**

Men: Jason Webb 104 pins over average

Women: Diane Waller 72 pins over her average

**His And Hers Mixed**

Men Scratch: Stephen Liik 257-603, Mark Ash 245-629, Brad Ash 242-605

Men Handicap: Billy Liik 285-710, Brad Ash 274-701, Mark Ash 269-701

Women Scratch: Annia Vargoshe 191-516, Diane Waller 172-465, Gale Piazza 171, Carmen Carrero 460

Women Handicap: Melissa Eskin 255-690, Diane Waller 252-705, Annia Vargoshe 247-684

**Firstnighters, Men**

Scratch: Dalton Gruzdas 278-688, Jeff Amodie 244-650, Nick Montalvo IV 243-666,

Handicap: Dalton Gruzdas 298, Ricky Hooker 287, Walter Napalitano 284-751, Nick Montalvo IV 774, Jason Webb 767

**Wednesday Mixed**

Men Scratch: Tyler Beatty 224-606, Paul Vargoshe 217, Tom Frost 214-571, Eric Avery 554

Men Handicap: Paul Vargoshe 264-672, Albert Guay 247, Tom Frost 245-664, Rick Page 674

Women Scratch: Edith Regan 190-509, Pat Avery 175, Annia Vargoshe 168-476, Sue Hooper 435

Women Handicap: Pat Avery 259-647, Jodi Ward 232, Annia Vargoshe 223-641, Apryl Harkin 620

**Hits & Misses, Mixed**

Men Scratch: Alan Rice 207-536, Mark Ash 202-533, Dick Newhall 200, Bill Spreen 522

Men Handicap: Bob Biggs 251-632, Art Beardsley 250, Alan Rice 238, John Saltmarsh 632, Kenny Piispanen 630, Mike Scholpp 630

Women scratch: Kathy Pollari 196-499, Peg Murdock 179, Nancy Duncan 179-498, Millie George 475

Women Handicap: Kathy Pollari 240, Kathy Shampine 236, June Micker 232, Glenda Johnson 232, Jennifer Williams 651, Millie George 649, Helen Turner 642

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.

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# Under Day, offense and QBs have taken off

## *Buckeyes have evolved since last national title win*

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Much has been made of Alabama's transformation from a dynasty built on Nick Saban's calling card lock-down defense to one powered by a prolific offense.

No. 3 Ohio State, which faces the top-ranked Crimson Tide on Monday night in the national championship game, has undergone an offensive evolution of its own in recent years.

Former Ohio State coach Urban Meyer's desire to rejuvenate an attack that was shut out in the 2016 playoff by Clemson led him to Ryan Day, who provided exactly what the Buckeyes needed to become more potent and — as a huge bonus — ended up being an ideal successor to his former boss.

"When he got here, I had the opportunity just to see him coach. I knew we were going to be different," Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith said. "His football IQ overall is phenomenal, but offensively it's at another level. He's a creative thinker. His ability to analyze and dissect, you know, the chess game, so to speak, is really, really outstanding."

Day was hired as quarterbacks coach and co-offensive coordinator by Meyer in 2017, just days after the Buckeyes lost 31-0 in the Fiesta Bowl semifinal to Clemson. Since then, Ohio State's offense has taken off. Not only have the Buckeyes become more productive, but the way they play has helped make the program a more desirable destination for blue-chip quarterbacks.

Sort of like Alabama.

"We had a pretty prolific offense with that we were doing, but we needed to recognize what was happening around us," Smith said.

The last time Ohio State won a national championship was 2014, the first year of the playoff. Meyer's spread offense leaned heavily on the read-option and quarterback running game. J.T. Barrett played most of that season at quarterback and became a Heisman Trophy contender. Famously, Cardale Jones stepped in after Barrett was injured late in the season and led the Buckeyes to the title.

Jones was not as good a runner as Barrett, but had a much bigger arm to stretch the field. That seemed to help when the Buckeyes faced Alabama in the semifinals.

The next two seasons, Ohio State's offense produced good numbers and the team continued to pile up victories. On talent and athleticism alone, the Buckeyes could overwhelm most opponents but the offense was occasionally inconsistent — especially against the best competition.

The low point came against Clemson in Arizona. The Buckeyes had nine first downs and 215 total yards.

"I'm not used to it. We're not used it. It's not going to happen again," Meyer said then.

Meyer cleaned house and hired Day, who was coming off a two-year stint in the NFL, and former Indiana coach Kevin Wilson to be co-offensive coordinators.

"When we came here it wasn't like we were putting ideas in. We were learning what Coach Meyer wanted us to do, period," Wilson said.

Day said his discussions with Meyer were mostly about how best to utilize talent.

"Each year it's changed, tweaked here and there, but at the end of the day I think the basis of (the offense) has pretty much stayed the same," Day said this week.

Day's roots go back to New Hampshire, where he played quarterback for Chip Kelly, who was offensive coordinator at the FCS school. Kelly had known Day for years before coaching him.

"When he was done playing and got into coaching it was kind of a no-brainer," said Kelly, now head coach at UCLA.

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**Ohio State head coach Ryan Day reacts during the second half of the Sugar Bowl against Clemson Jan. 1 in New Orleans. No. 3 Ohio State, which faces the top-ranked Crimson Tide on Monday in the College Football Playoff national championship game, has undergone an offensive evolution in recent years.**

Day landed on Meyer's staff in Florida as a graduate assistant and stayed connected to Meyer's coaching tree, working with Steve Addazio, a former Florida assistant, at Temple and Boston College.

Kelly brought Day to the NFL for two seasons with Philadelphia and San Francisco. When Day returned to college football he did so with the blueprint of an NFL passing game that attacks the field more vertically than Meyer's offense did.

Day also brought an understanding of maybe the biggest difference between the NFL and college game: You can't be the same team every week.

"It's about matchups," Kelly said. "I think he did a really good job in the Clemson game in matching their tight ends. That was an advantage for him, their tight ends on the Clemson linebackers and safeties. And that's what the NFL taught us is that each week the matchup's different."

In 2018, with Dwayne Haskins at quarterback and Day now promoted to sole offensive coordinator, the Ohio State offense moved closer to what it is today. Day also took over as acting coach for three games while Meyer was serving a suspension related to his handling of domestic violence allegations involving a former assistant coach.

The Buckeyes won all three games without Meyer, and Haskins went on to become a Heisman Trophy finalist and the first Ohio State quarterback drafted in first-round in more than 30 years.

When Meyer stepped down after 2018, Day was Smith's choice to take over. His first big win? Persuading quarterback Justin Fields, a former five-star recruit, to transfer from Georgia to Ohio State sight unseen.

"It was just Ohio State's — their success with quarterbacks on the college level and just the amount of success that I would have under Coach Day and being able to learn from him, because of course he's been in the NFL. He's been to the level that I'm trying to go," Fields said.

Last season with Fields, Ohio State averaged 6.94 yards per play, its best output since the 2014 season (6.98). This season, the Buckeyes are at 7.51 after going for 8.87 against Clemson in the Sugar Bowl semifinal.

And while Fields will likely be high first-round pick in the next NFL draft, the Buckeyes quarterback room is looking good for the future after signing two four-star recruits in 2020 (C.J. Stroud and Jack Miller). Ohio State also has a commitment from 2022 five-star Quinn Ewers.

Meyer went 83-9 in seven seasons at Ohio State. Remarkably, the Buckeyes still appear to be trending up with Day.

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# Two tied for the lead at Tournament of Champions

## *Palmer, English enter last day on top*

**Doug Ferguson**
*AP golf writer*

KAPALUA, Hawaii — Ryan Palmer went through a range of emotions over the final 15 minutes Saturday that ended with him posting a 9-under 64 for the best round of the week and a share of the lead with Harris English in the Sentry Tournament of Champions.

Palmer thought he might have been in trouble with a thin fairway metal approaching the green on the par-5 18th. It narrowly cleared native grass left of the green and rolled out to 12 feet, and he two-putted for birdie.

His score stood when rules officials determined there was no intent, and no penalty, when he tamped down a divot a few paces away from where his golf ball was rolling after a muffed chip on the ninth hole.

English wasn't so fortunate with his second shot to the 18th. He was left and came up some 15 feet short of clearing the hazard. His only good break was that a marshal somehow spotted it. Instead of a third shot from 200-plus yards away, he hacked out to 80 feet away and took two tough putts for par and a 66.

They were tied at 21-under 198, one shot ahead of Collin Morikawa, who also flirted with trouble on the closing hole at the Plantation, finished with a birdie and shot 65.

Until the final hole, the third round at Kapalua was all about making birdies to keep from losing ground. Scoring has been exceptionally low, not just by one player but several of them, because of a soft course and little wind.

The top three began to pull away.

Daniel Berger, playing in the final group with English, had a long eagle putt hang on the lip at the 18th and had to settle for birdie and a 67 that left him three shots behind, still in the mix.

Defending champion Justin Thomas finally hit a shot he couldn't find. Three times this week, he hit it into knee-high native grass and managed to locate the ball and twice saved par. He wasn't so lucky on the sixth hole, sending it well right and into a deep gorge for a double bogey. Thomas recovered for a 68 and was four back, along with Sungjae Im (67).

Masters champion Dustin Johnson was doing his best to keep pace until his drive on the par-5 15th sailed too far right and into the hazard, leading to a bogey that felt even worse considering it's a par 5 he can reach in two with an iron. He missed birdie chances coming in and shot 69, seven shots out of the lead.

Xander Schauffele two years ago shot a 62 on the final day to rally from five behind, and such a score is possible in these ideal conditions. But there's a lot of players to climb, and English hasn't shown any signs of backing off as he goes for his first victory in just over seven years.

Palmer has gone even longer — 11 years since his last individual title on the PGA Tour — and played his best on Saturday. His only big miscue was on the par-5 ninth when he put his second shot in rough left of the green and used the wrong club for a pitch that came up short and rolled down the slope back into the fairway.

He knew where it was headed and began walking, and stepped down a divot a few paces short of where the ball was rolling. That was the violation that led to disqualification for Camilo Villegas from this tournament 10 years ago on the 15th hole. Palmer met with the rules staff and was cleared because there was no intent to improve his lie.

Palmer said when he watched the video, he wasn't sure what concerned officials. He later added the ball was 5 feet away and "not even close to where I was at."

So his score was upheld and he now is part of a two-way tie for the lead, a final group between two players who are trying to end a drought in a tournament they are fortunate to be playing.

The field for the Tournament of Champions was expanded this year for 2020 winners and anyone who reached the Tour Championship, all because of the COVID-19 pandemic that shut the tour down for three months. Both Palmer and English made it to East Lake. Both would like to make their next victory one that assures them a return to Maui.

Right behind them is the PGA champion, Morikawa, going for his third victory in his last 14 tournaments worldwide.

Associated Press

**Ryan Palmer watches his shot from the first tee during the third round of the Tournament of Champions golf event, Saturday at Kapalua Plantation Course in Kapalua, Hawaii.**

### Sentry Tournament of Champions

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| Ryan Palmer | 67-67-64—198 | -21 |
| Harris English | 65-67-66—198 | -21 |
| Collin Morikawa | 69-65-65—199 | -20 |
| Daniel Berger | 69-65-67—201 | -18 |
| Sungjae Im | 67-68-67—202 | -17 |
| Justin Thomas | 65-69-68—202 | -17 |
| Billy Horschel | 71-66-66—203 | -16 |
| Patrick Cantlay | 68-68-67—203 | -16 |
| Joaquin Niemann | 69-67-67—203 | -16 |
| Sergio Garcia | 67-71-67—205 | -14 |
| Viktor Hovland | 69-68-68—205 | -14 |
| Jon Rahm | 70-66-69—205 | -14 |
| Dustin Johnson | 71-65-69—205 | -14 |
| Brendon Todd | 68-67-70—205 | -14 |
| Xander Schauffele | 69-66-70—205 | -14 |
| Cameron Smith | 70-70-66—206 | -13 |
| Martin Laird | 69-69-68—206 | -13 |
| Webb Simpson | 70-67-69—206 | -13 |
| Bryson DeChambeau | 69-67-70—206 | -13 |
| Scottie Scheffler | 70-66-70—206 | -13 |
| Stewart Cink | 71-69-67—207 | -12 |
| Adam Scott | 68-71-68—207 | -12 |
| Nick Taylor | 67-71-69—207 | -12 |
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| Patrick Reed | 67-68-72—207 | -12 |
| Michael Thompson | 73-68-67—208 | -11 |
| Sebastian Munoz | 75-66-67—208 | -11 |
| Lanto Griffin | 71-68-69—208 | -11 |
| Kevin Na | 71-68-69—208 | -11 |
| Richy Werenski | 69-69-70—208 | -11 |
| Brian Gay | 70-67-71—208 | -11 |
| Cameron Champ | 71-68-70—209 | -10 |
| Marc Leishman | 69-69-71—209 | -10 |
| Tony Finau | 74-68-68—210 | -9 |
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# COMMENTARY

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# Some who left their mark on Citrus

Gerry Mulligan
**OUT THE WINDOW**

Sometimes life throws people into a position, a moment of action, where they make important things happen.

And then life goes on. Those same people move forward with their lives and do all the regular things people do.

Then, many years or decades later, their name shows up on the obituary page and we remember.

I had a few of those memories this week.

We published the obituary of Wilbur Langley this week. He was born in Lecanto and spent his entire 86 years in Citrus County.

He was a country boy who was most comfortable in his cowboy boots. He always wore a smile.

In the late 1950s, he started Langley's Well Drilling company and he helped find water for all those new homes being constructed throughout the area.

But Wilbur burst onto the public scene when he became a county commissioner in the 1980s. The county was booming and the problems were many, but Wilbur always used his country wisdom to help find solutions.

Unlike some of the self-important politicians we have today, Wilbur was always just a humble guy trying to get things done.

That fact was driven home to me on a cold winter morning back in the early 1980s when the well and pump at my Inverness home was frozen solid. I called Langley Well Drilling and asked for help.

Even though it was the morning of a county commission meeting, it was Wilbur who was on my driveway 30 minutes later. He dug up the frozen pump and tried to get the water flowing so our kids could take showers and go to school.

He worked all morning in the dirt and then went to a county commission meeting to do the work of the county. He still had mud on his shoes.

It was a small town and there

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# A shot in the arm brings hope

JEFF BRYAN/Chronicle

**Gary Boulware snaps a photo of his wife Diane receiving the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine from DOH-Citrus' Valerie Altman, a nurse practitioner, Thursday, Jan. 7, at Central Ridge Park.**

The first COVID-19 vaccines were distributed to the general public on Thursday, Jan. 7, and Citrus County residents had a lot to say about that. Here are some of the Sound Off calls the Chronicle received during the week.

■ It's quite obvious that no one in the Citrus County Department of Health (realizes) that the only way to confront this distribution of the vaccine is on an appointment basis. Seems to me, surrounding counties have enough brainpower to figure it out. Maybe we should send some of our people to learn how you do it. Doesn't seem to me like it should be that hard.

■ This morning my husband and I were in line at 6:15 to get a COVID vaccine at the Central Ridge District Park. We were two and a half miles from the entrance at that time. At 8:30, we were told they were out of vaccines. My question is: Why would this county let vaccines be distributed at a place that is located off a two-lane highway where school buses and people going to work would travel? We went 27 miles, waited in line and no vaccines. Another system has to be explored. This is not a good option. What about the fairgrounds at Inverness? The cars would be off the highway and then they can count who's in cars and see how many shots they have and send people home if they're out of them. Oh, I forgot — this is Citrus County, isn't it? That's right, they don't think very well here.

■ I think it's ridiculous the Citrus County Health Department has the COVID vaccines on a first-come-first-served basis, yet the sheriff is there to run you off if you come too early and nobody's designated what too early is on this point where they'll run you off the property at the park.

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# Nonprofit nominees

*The Chronicle received a lot of outstanding nominees for the inaugural Nonprofit Organization of the Year award. Here is the list of nominees.*

■ **We Care Food Pantry Inc.:** We Care is the largest hunger relief organization in Citrus County and has been a beckon of hope to tens of thousands of its neighbors in need. Over the past 16 years, We Care has distributed over 45 million pounds of food and household supplies to individuals as well as helping many of the other food pantries in the county stay afloat with much needed assistance. We Care has also introduced innovative programs to combat hunger and poverty such as its Bikes for Work Program, Home Canning Initiative, Christmas Tree Giveaway and Zika Protection Program and supplies Christmas presents to over 150 of Citrus County's children in need.

■ **Citrus County Education Foundation** (CCEF): For over 32 years, their mission has been to support the students and teachers of the Citrus County School District and enhance the quality of education for present and future generations. This local organization has not only demonstrated record growth, but has become a model for education foundations around the state and nationwide. CCEF operates with only two paid staff members, but it accomplishes so much because of the selfless individuals serving as the board of directors, dozens of community partnerships, over 200 annual donors, and over 500 volunteers. This is truly a team and family creating a community of care for all of Citrus County.

The Foundation positively impacts over 16,000 students and teachers within the Citrus County School District by creating a public-school community where every student reaches their full potential.

■ **Pregnancy and Family Life Center:** The Pregnancy and Family Life Center has worked tirelessly for the good of all families for over 30 years. The Center supports

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# There's plenty of responsibility to go around

Cortney Stewart
**SEEING BEYOND**

I was hopeful about 2021.

I didn't think the turning of the new year would make COVID-19 disappear or be the ultimate fix to our country's many problems. But after 2020, turning a page on something new, getting a fresh start — even in the midst of all of our problems — seemed to be the bright spot we all needed to forge our way through.

And then Wednesday happened.

If I'm honest, a part of me always knew that Wednesday was possible. I just hoped I'd never see it.

Everyone has been quick to lay blame and culpability for the attack on the Capitol Wednesday afternoon. Holding people responsible will happen. And there's plenty of it to go around: politicians who incited violence and reckless abandonment of the truth; community leaders who failed to use their influence in productive ways; the perpetrators who went from peaceful protest to violent thugs smashing windows and defaming one of the most important institutions in our country.

The questions are already being asked of why the security and intelligence details and apparatuses did not properly anticipate what would happen and specifically questions are already being raised of what the Capitol police did or did not do. It will all come under intense scrutiny. It already has been and will continue to be discussed and examined by every major institution in

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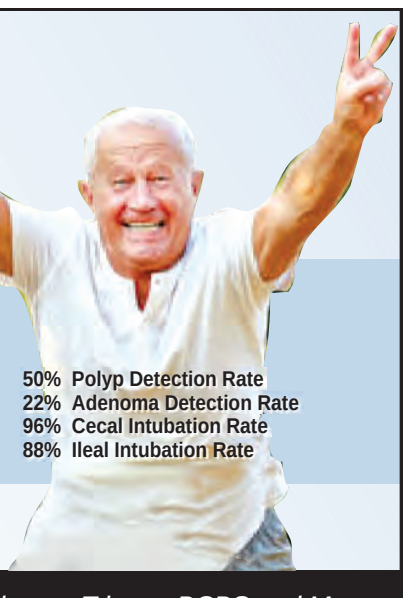

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**Ludwig Jacobowski**

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SERVICE IN EXCELLENCE

# Community Food Bank honored as nonprofit of the year

**THE ISSUE:**
Nonprofit Organization of the Year.

**OUR OPINION:**
Community Food Bank of Citrus County extraordinarily expands service to feed the needy in global pandemic.

For the last 40 years the Chronicle has recognized a Citizen of the Year. In last weekend's edition, we announced that retiring Supervisor of Elections Susan Gill was the recipient of that honor for 2020.

This year we are going to begin a new tradition — recognizing a Nonprofit Organization of the Year.

Part of what makes Citrus County a special place is that we have so many tremendous nonprofit organizations.

Those nonprofits have helped Citrus create an avenue for volunteers to donate their time and help improve the quality of life for others. A side benefit of the huge nonprofit community is that those volunteers have the opportunity to quickly integrate into a broader community. Newcomers get involved and suddenly they are stakeholders in Citrus County.

Stakeholders care about things and that is important.

The nonprofits also create an avenue for all of us to make contributions to groups that are dealing with the problems important right here in Citrus County. By contributing to local nonprofits, you get to see your dollars go to work and have an impact.

For 2020 — our inaugural recipient of the Nonprofit Organization of the Year goes to the Community Food Bank of Citrus County (CFBCC).

The mission of the Community Food Bank is to supply food and supplies to 56 separate agencies and food pantries in Citrus County who in turn deliver the food to people in need.

In a normal year, the Community Food Bank provides more than two million pounds of food that provides nourishment to 17,000 county residents. Those are huge numbers.

In 2020, because COVID-19 crashed our economy and put so many people out of work, the job of the Food Bank more than doubled. This last year the Food Bank provided more than four million pounds of food that helped 60,000 people survive the pandemic.

The Community Food Bank has taken the job of a nonprofit to a higher level. There is a small staff run by CFBCC executive director Barbara Sprague and about 30 volunteers who donate their time to the effort. A volunteer board of directors oversees the operation and helps make the big strategies happen.

The nonprofit is funded through contributions from individuals, civic groups and businesses. The Food Bank has built a strong fundraising team that helps keep the food coming. Grants from businesses and foundations are frequently secured.

The board of directors includes a strong group of local leaders. Mike Orlito currently serves as president and Steve Ponticos as vice president. Board members include Ed Gruber, Steven R. Hilsdon, Sean Barnes, Bart Bennett, Joe Cappuccilli, Johnny Cash, Bev Goethe, JJ Kenney, Jewel Lamb and Naomi Prendergast.

Food is donated or sold to the Community Food Bank in bulk from supermarkets, Feeding Tampa Bay, food drives, farms, gardens, wholesalers, food brokers and individuals.

The food items are then collected, sorted and distributed to the agencies and individuals who directly feed those in need.

In 2020 the challenge for the Community Food Bank exploded. Their ability to organize, fundraise and meet that important challenge is why we recognize the group of our first recipient of the Citrus County Chronicle's Nonprofit Organization of the Year.

# Great things on the horizon for Crystal River

Meredith Linley
GUEST COLUMN

Last month I came to you all and asked that you step up and support our downtown businesses during the holiday shopping season. I challenged people to participate in the Main Street Shop Local Holiday Challenge by spending $100 in downtown Crystal River.

Y'all answered in a massive way, you showed up!

On behalf of the shop owners and the Main Street Board, I want to thank you for accepting our challenge and rising to the occasion. We won't release the final tally from the challenge until the Jan. 11 city council meeting, but I'll give you a spoiler: It's over six figures! It is a rare occasion that I am speechless, but in this moment I truly am.

This week, the final finishing touches were put on our brand new mural at Town Square. Yet again, local muralist William Mickey has outdone himself. At 65 feet long, the mural is the largest piece of artwork we have downtown, and it truly is a masterpiece.

I urge you to come see it and spend several moments taking in every little detail. It captures the iconic essence of Crystal River. Unending thanks to our board member Carol Kimbrough for coordinating the fundraising from private citizens to bring this piece of art to life. Additional thanks to Explorida for allowing this piece to go up on their building. I have a feeling this mural is going to be the backdrop for thousands of forever memories in our beloved downtown.

2020 was a year we will never forget, although there are many aspects of it that we all wish we could. I will forever be grateful to the year because it brought me to this position. (And in case it's not obvious, I have to state on the record that I have the best job in town!) The resilience I have seen from our business owners and residents committed to supporting each other through this pandemic has been beyond compare.

Did you know that downtown Crystal River only lost two businesses due to the pandemic and they were quickly replaced with two new businesses? KC Wine Bar opened in September and Captain's Cargo is opening this month in Heritage Village. When I have been on my statewide calls, we are a total anomaly having a net of zero business closures. This is a feat we should all celebrate.

I don't know what 2021 holds for us but I'm optimistic greater things are on the horizon. Phase two of Town Square, improvements at Kings Bay Park, and taking the final steps toward the completion of Riverwalk are all in the vision. Follow along with us as we take steps towards the finish line, it will be much sweeter to get there together.

*Meredith Linley is executive director of Crystal River Main Street. Email her at meredith@crystalrivermainstreet.com.*

## LETTERS to the Editor

### Selsavage a true community hero

Our community owes a debt of gratitude to Debbie Selsavage, founder of Coping with Dementia.

Debbie has dedicated the last several years to improving quality of life for individuals and families living with dementia.

Through her columns, speaking engagements, publications, training, and consultation, Debbie offers hope and concrete ideas. Her expertise has helped ease the pain of so many. Debbie Selsavage is a true community hero, another example of servant leadership.

**Rosemary Nilles**
*Inverness*

### Guardrails of democracy holding

In her letter of Jan. 3, Anna DeRose asserts that Chief Justice John Roberts is a coward for not allowing Donald Trump and his minions to overturn the results of the election. It was not only Justice Roberts. Even three Trump appointees did not muster a single vote to sustain this attempted coup. These justices may be conservative, but they are not without integrity and would not see the end of American democracy on their watch.

In a question that would be comical if it were not so dangerous, Ms. DeRose asks, "what is it going to take to see the truth?" My question exactly! Trump and his surrogates have filed more than 50 lawsuits. There has not been a single finding of the faintest whiff of fraud.

Instead, he has been laughed out of court after court by Republican judges. His own hand-picked attorney general said there was no fraud.

His own head of cyber security said there was no fraud. Both gentlemen were relieved of their jobs for daring to tell the would-be emperor the truth. A half-dozen Republican governors and secretaries of state, men who voted for Trump and wanted him to win, have said there was no fraud and that Joe Biden won fair and square.

Ms. DeRose in one breath speculates that Trump should declare martial law and in the next celebrates those who have fought to make us free. Ms. DeRose, they fought to make us free from someone like Trump, who would overturn the will of the people, as expressed in the results of a free and fair election, to keep himself in power. That's what dictators do.

In this country, the guardrails of democracy are still holding. God willing, they will hold for a few days more until we once again have a president who believes in the Constitution, the rule of law, and the right of a free people to choose their leaders.

**Jim Fleshman**
*Crystal River*

### Grateful to get COVID vaccine

My wife and I just received the first inoculation with the Moderna vaccine.

We are so grateful to President Trump and Operation Warp Speed. No one could have accomplished what the president did while (under) siege by the media and the Democrat Party. In a few more days America will be turned over to them. God help us all!

Thank you also to our extraordinary Gov. Ron DeSantis for proclaiming that in Florida, we respect our parents and grandparents. Not so in the once great state of New York.

Also, we salute Publix for their extremely competent and professional distribution of the vaccine. We called, made an appointment, arrived at the Citrus Hills location, were greeted at the door, brought to the pharmacy and voila! We were administered the injection. Publix ran a truly shipshape operation.

Thank you, one and all, from two grateful seniors.

**Mary Ann and Kevin M. Kelly**
*Crystal River*

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### Be responsible citizens, get tested

I hope that the five individuals who attended the Trump-led mob on Wednesday quarantine and get a COVID test prior to seeing anyone. Experts are saying that this is a super-spreader event. They should be responsible Citrus County residents and take precautions needed to protect others.

**Jane Atkinson**
*Inverness*

### No workable, fair vaccine plan

There have been some letters recently addressing the concern about distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine in Citrus County. I don't see how this could be a problem since 70% of the voters here support President Trump. I know they will not want to receive a vaccine for something that is a hoax. Republicans would not want to be seen as hypocrites. The remaining people should have no problem getting vaccinated.

Of course, I don't really mean this. I want everyone to be vaccinated. That is the only way to get some kind of control over this deadly virus. But I do agree with the letter writers that there is no workable, fair plan on distribution.

I'm older than 70, so I theoretically am eligible. But I believe there are more critical individuals who may not meet the 65 and older criteria who should come first. I cede my place in line to those more critical individuals and will wait a little while, hopefully not being infected by virus deniers who refuse to wear a mask or physically distance.

**Elaine Lewis**
*Inverness*

## SOUND OFF

CALL 563-0579

### Why show photos of the maskless?

I was pleased to see the Chronicle showing members of the community — like hospital workers, EMS workers, county commissioners, members of the health department and Judge Ric Howard — supporting #MaskUpCitrus, but what I don't understand is why the Chronicle keeps showing photos of large groups standing side by side without masks on. The Elks this week was a good example of what to do wearing a mask in your photo (on Veterans Page A11, Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021). Let's send the right message and support #MaskUpCitrus for the safety of ourselves, our neighbors and our community.

### Thanks for helping at accident

Thank you for everybody that helped with the accident on (State Road) 44 in Lecanto today (Monday, Jan. 4, 2021). We appreciate your patience and getting everybody to safety on the side of the road. I really appreciate everybody that helped us. Thank you.

***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.*

# CCSO committed to safety of residents

Mike Prendergast
**GUEST COLUMN**

2020 was certainly one of the most memorable years of them all, and not for good reasons. Some of the most shattering events took place during 2020, from the devastating Australia and California bushfires to the emergence of the deadly coronavirus. But one thing still remains for certain from the passing of this catastrophic year — our office is steadfastly committed to the safety of our residents and visitors right here in Citrus County, no matter the hurdles along the way. While to some, those hurdles may be too much to bear, but to the many great leaders here at CCSO who took an oath to protect and serve, there is nothing we cannot handle.

If you recall, in November's letter to the editor, I spoke about how today's law enforcement professionals must wear a multitude of hats. I mentioned how these hats are truly the variety of roles our deputies must fulfill to safeguard our county, and that statement still holds true today. I also highlighted the ever-evolving needs of our citizens regarding mental health issues and how at the end of last year CCSO created a Community Impacts Section to address this specific need. While this may seem like an easy solution to help address an existing issue, there were numerous components to consider prior to executing this strategy. This is where the great leadership of our CCSO professionals assist. The resilient leaders that make up CCSO, from upper administration, to sworn and support staff alike, work endlessly to maintain a strong foundation to keep our operations moving forward.

Moving forward starts with one of the most important attributes of leadership, the ability to listen. More so, the leaders here at CCSO not only listen to citizens about issues plaguing our community, but act quickly to resolve them. When I first took office, there were so many Sound Offs and complaints regarding traffic. Rightfully so, as traffic-related issues and accidents were on a steady rise, with no achievable solution insight — or so some thought. After reviewing the primary cause of such issues, my team leaders and I went to work creating an effective campaign with a zero-tolerance policy for aggressive and distracted driving #JustDriveCitrus.

By the end of 2019, our office decreased the number of traffic fatalities by nearly half, 40.54%. We didn't stop there, we continued to listen. As we heard, drugs were another huge concern for the majority of citizens. Through the same determination, Operation Coin Toss was established and successfully resulted in 147 total arrests carrying 307 felony and 105 misdemeanor charges this past year.

Your sheriff's office has accomplished many more of these successes in its endeavor to make Citrus County the safest community in Florida. And guess what, we don't plan on slowing down this year. Serving into 2021, I, along with the great leaders and dedicated professionals of CCSO will remain unwaveringly committed to delivering excellence in public service to our citizens. In today's world of public transparency, multifaceted community needs, and the other myriad of challenges that seem to present themselves, we will continue to strive for positive change for a better Citrus. Our best approach for this positive change starts with the full cooperation and support of you, our community members. I look forward to serving as your Sheriff this New Year.

*Mike Prendergast is sheriff of Citrus County.*

## VACCINE

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■ I believe the idea of getting all the people over 65 at once to get their shots is kind of an experiment in futility. The way it should be done, I would like to say, is that they start off with the people that are 90 to 100-plus first, then the 80-year-olds second, then the 70-year-olds third, and then the 60-year-olds last. I believe that's going to be the only way to do it where certain people of certain ages can get it done.

■ I checked the Publix vaccine appointment site at 2 a.m. Thursday morning and also frequently from 6 a.m. thereafter. The site kept telling me that the appointment site wasn't ready yet and to check back later. Then when I checked again around 9:15 a.m. the site tells me that all appointments have been claimed and to check back again soon as more appointments become available. How can that happen when all the while I was previously checking the site and the site never even let me know that it was up and running again? At this rate, we will never be able to get our shots.

■ A big thanks to Publix for offering the Moderna vaccine. Citrus Hills Manager Amanda and her team did an amazing job today of providing a smooth flow throughout the in-store vaccine process.

■ The health department obviously is not prepared for vaccinations. Forget about testing now. I had a test Dec. 28, 2020. There were so many people flooding the phone lines on Monday, Jan. 4, and Tuesday, Jan. 5, it took multiple days, disconnects and hang-ups, but I did get through. It was a joke. Forget about them calling me with the results. I needed another to see my mother-in-law in the ALF. "Circus County" at its best. Good luck to all you people waiting Thursday to get a vaccination. I hope there's no chaos. Get it together, guys.

■ What am I going to do? My family and I will be vaccinated. The anti-maskers and anti-vaxxers can live or die, but I choose to be safe.

■ Here we go again. People are running amok trying to find where they can get the shots, with people telling you that you can go to the drugstore or go to the health department. Nobody knows nothing. In the meantime, you've got people running amok trying to find out where they can get the shot. It's just like when we first found out about this virus and the grocery store was bombarded. Somebody's got to organize something for once. Organize! You've got senior citizens out there who can hardly walk, much less move around. They have nowhere to go or tell us where to go or what to do or how to do it. You've got to get it together so we can get it together. Do you understand?

JEFF BRYAN/Chronicle
**Syringes of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine are ready for area residents Thursday, Jan. 7, at Central Ridge Park.**

■ I don't understand why the Citrus County Department of Health is going to give COVID vaccinations to folks on a first come, first served basis. To me, that's ridiculous. They're going to have a limited number of vaccines and people are going to be waiting in line day after day if they don't get there at the crack of dawn. Why can't we have registrations like the counties to the south?

■ I have issues with the vaccine in regards to first responders. My daughter is a home health nurse and she sees patients who have been discharged from the hospital and are sent home and need temporary nursing care. In the last week, 10 days, she's had four to five COVID patients. Her agency has not sought the vaccine until today. My daughter tested positive for COVID today. She had to pay $100 for her test and she has no access to the vaccine. She is a front-line worker. What's really chapping my hide is the fact that she is a front-line emergency response worker with no access to the vaccine and working for an agency who provides health care to patients, yet she's being exposed to COVID and the patients now probably have been exposed to COVID because the people working for this agency have been exposed. It's a never-ending circle. So, yeah, you need to look at agencies in your county that are providing services to recently discharged patients who — and most of them are elderly — have been exposed or are coming out of the hospital after being exposed to COVID and sending out nurses to work with these people that knowingly have COVID. Even though these nurses are gowning, are gloving, are masking, are spraying with Lysol or whatever, they are still getting COVID. So this would be a good story if you guys would like to check on it.

■ With the number of senior citizens that Citrus County has, they might have changed their way of giving their vaccine and started with 80 and above, then a week or so later or a number of days, go to the 70 and above. That way they won't have a rush and a zoo when they try to all get there at once for their vaccine.

■ The schedule for giving COVID vaccinations in our county shows an appalling lack of preplanning at all government levels. First come, first served is not the best way to slow the spread of the virus. First responders and residents of long-term care facilities should have been the initial recipients. Let's hope there is someone who can make wiser decisions and do it very soon.

■ Over nine months they've had to plan the distribution of the COVID vaccine and the best that the Department of Health in Citrus County can come up with is that everybody does first come, first served; that everybody stands in line. How long will the lines be? Will there be police? Will there be people cutting in line? It's just unbelievably pitiful that after nine months, that is the best distribution plan for the vaccine that they could think of.

■ Is this the best response Citrus County has to the COVID vaccine distribution — show up for a chance to sit in your car all day and maybe possibly get a vaccine shot? What about the required follow-up shot? Will there be one available? Will you sit in your car for that one, too? Ask the folks at Withlacoochee Tech to write a program that answers the phone, assigns a number and time to arrive, and stops when the doses available is reached. You will need it in the future when other vaccine doses arrive — if they do — or are you going to handle the other vaccine distributions the same way?

■ Why is it Citrus County is not doing what other counties are doing regarding the vaccination distributions? The other counties have people going online and registering for an appointment, which avoids chaos and long lines at the vaccination site. It's stressful enough trying to avoid getting the COVID virus. Let's not make it any worse.

## WINDOW

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were things to do.

■ Peggy Pattillo was 88 years-old when she died last week. She and her husband Dave retired to Inverness after living all over the country. As a young and beautiful woman growing up in California, people said she looked like Rita Hayworth. It was only appropriate that folks thought Dave looked like Rock Hudson.

But it wasn't their good looks that made a difference in Inverness. It was there community involvement and a vision they had for Inverness.

Dave could be very hard-headed while Peggy was always a joy. They lived in Inverness at a time that the county seat was under siege. Half the downtown shops were boarded up and in disrepair. The old courthouse was in need of a lot of love. Some members of the county commission wanted to move the courthouse to Lecanto. And the Florida Department of Transportation wanted to slam U.S. 41 right through the middle of town.

Things looked bleak.

It was Dave and Peggy Pattillo who first started the movement to rejuvenate downtown Inverness. As volunteers, they started working on Main Street. Folks thought they were a little crazy at first, but then their enthusiasm caught on.

The city of Inverness took over and tens of millions of dollars later we have the "small town done right" gem that we enjoy today.

Peggy and Dave Pattillo were the ones who got it all started.

In a small town, they proved that a couple of energized retirees could really make something happen.

■ Bruce Bellamy was only 67 when he died last week. He spent his life in Citrus County and was well known as a youth league coach, an actor, author and playwright. He was even known to get involved in politics.

He was a member of the extended Bellamy family whose parents were the Rev. Leroy and Priscilla Bellamy. The Rev. Bellamy was one of the early civil rights leaders in Citrus County who made sure that the transition from segregation went as smooth as possible.

Bruce followed in his footsteps. One of the highlights each year at the Citrus County African American Read-In was when Bruce would give his passionate recitation of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

His enthusiasm was infectious.

Even in a small town, he used his acting abilities to inspire other people and make them want to work together.

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## BEYOND

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our country.

Let me be clear: What happened on Wednesday was absolutely unacceptable. There is no doubt about this. What has been the greatest democracy the world has ever seen for almost 250 years, on Wednesday, made a terrible display of its immaturity and weakness. And it did so on an international scale.

I'm concerned that we may not recover.

But the other matter that concerns me is the everyday American. The question I keep asking myself is, what now? What do I do with this? How do I reconcile this with what I want to believe about my country and about democracy?

When I experienced conflict as a kid, my mom would never immediately take my side. She always played devil's advocate. She always realized conflict is hardly ever one-sided. And so she would ask me, "Cortney, how did you contribute to this situation? What did you do or say or how did you act that may have helped this conflict grow into the issue you are facing now?"

I hated those questions. It made me so mad as a kid. Just take my side, Mom.

What I've come to learn as an adult, is that those questions are incredibly valuable — and not just in personal conflict situations. I find those questions to be useful for things like Wednesday.

I wasn't in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday. But that doesn't mean I haven't contributed to the negligence of our democracy. It doesn't mean that I am absolved of any kind of responsibility for the outrageous things that we all witnessed on Capitol Hill.

Wednesday was not simply the result of one speech or one provocation. Wednesday was the result of years of siloed information bouncing around personal echo chambers of thoughts, ideas and beliefs. It was the result of a societal rejection of objective truth and facts. It was the result of acquiescence because that's "just the way things are."

It finally all spilled over.

We, as the American people — Republicans, Democrats, Independents — have a collective obligation to pursue objective truth. And that means getting off our social media newsfeeds and doing the hard work of reading and listening to multiple sources — even those who take a partisan bend that is different from our own.

Americans' acceptance of the choice to sell the news to the highest bidder or the biggest advertiser is a travesty that has had colossal consequences. Wednesday is one of them.

There was a time when extremes were ostracized; when unsubstantiated rhetoric from either side of the political divide was spurned. In today's world the opposite has happened. Seeking a middle ground has been discounted in favor of zero-sum belief systems wherein disagreement or variation of opinion relegates someone to "enemy" status. That's how we ended up with recent presidential elections where the electorate is forced to vote for a candidate simply because the other option is a worse choice.

That's not what democracy is supposed to be.

We can no longer afford to live in an America where the currency is hatred and selfishness and we are defined by what we are against rather than by what we are for.

Wednesday must be the wake-up call that unites us together to reject anarchy and fuel collaboration and conversation around the things on which we disagree. The beauty and value of a democracy is conversation — not shouting our opinions at the top of our lungs and daring people to disagree with us — but rather the concerted decision to not just hear what the other side is saying while we are thinking about our rebuttals, but to actually listen to their concerns.

I'm not sure when we stopped caring enough about our neighbor to really want to understand their position and to love them enough to consider what we might be able to do to better help them bear their load.

Wednesday was the proverbial line in the sand. We can still stop this train from running headfirst over the cliff. But we must first acknowledge that every individual citizen has a role to play and commit to pursuing the tenets and goals of democracy with our whole selves.

If we don't, I can't imagine what comes next.

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# NOMINEES

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pregnant women and families and continues with support until the child reaches 18 years of age. This support is in the form of counseling, parenting classes, mental health counseling, food pantry, clothing, diapers and more. When the pandemic began to affect the county, the Center immediately began to work on ways to help families while ensuring everyone's safety. Food and other supplies were personally delivered to homes. Counselors reached out to clients by phone, if they did not want to go to the center. A food drive was initiated to be sure there was enough for all who needed it, as people lost employment and the calls for assistance increased.

■ **Citrus Blessings:** It goes without saying that in the time of this pandemic, keeping our neediest children fed is of prime importance and Blessings does this. Christina Reed and her staff of volunteers do the most incredible job of organization and getting the food out to all the kids. I volunteered for Blessings for years and can thoroughly vouch for its being the most ethical organization ever. Every penny donated goes back to the community.

■ **The Friends of the Citrus County Library System:** This group of dedicated volunteers led by Sandy Price have collected, sorted and sold books and puzzles for over ten years donating over one million dollars to the Citrus County Library System. This organization works tirelessly to provide much needed funds to the Library for new books and programs. I believe they deserve this distinction!

■ **Citrus County Foundation for Animal Protection CCFAP:** CCFAP and its members continue to support the Citrus County Animal Shelter by raising funds and providing much needed medical and operational equipment and supplies the County cannot or will not provide, including most recently, an X-ray machine which allows the shelter vet to handle medical emergencies in a more timely manner, rather than relying on area vet services.

■ **Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County:** Because they help people get homes of their own that may not be able to otherwise. We give people a hand up not a handout (Also nominated Housing services of the BOCC: they have helped numerous people with rental and mortgage help with the COVID pandemic.)

■ **Pace Center for Girls, Citrus:** I do not know the numbers to provide hard factual data off the top of my head (i.e. girls served etc.), but I do see the change the school has made in the girls on a daily basis. I do know that we have had students graduate that otherwise might not have and that we have teamed together with other organizations.

■ **Citrus County YMCA:** In a year of extreme challenges, the Citrus County YMCA stepped up quickly and effectively to fill an unforeseen void in the community. As the pandemic arrived, our first responders, physicians, nurses and other emergency and medical personnel were called to the front line, most leaving their families and children behind. Some living apart from their families for weeks and months on end. The Citrus YMCA quickly, stepped in to fill the child care needs for all these emergency professionals, so they, in turn, could work their jobs without worry and concern for their children's safety and welfare.

■ **Masked Miracles Inc. (Jack Asbury):** For doing so much good for the little ones going through tough life situations in our county and others. He has dedicated his life to helping others and being there for children in need. Not only does he visit sick children as Batman, He also flew across the country to go be a supportive batman figure for a child who was attacked by a dog when he got in the way to protect his sister. He is known as Jack Asbury the batman of Spring Hill but a lot of his work is done in Citrus County.

■ **Mission Shelter:** It houses homeless vets and their families. I have donated used clothing and toys and blankets to them and they are so gracious and helpful when receiving. What they do for these men and women is a miracle to them in their lives and they deserve to be recognized for it, our vets don't get the treatment they deserve in this world, and mission is there to help.

■ **Church Without Walls.**

■ **LifeStream:** For the committee's review, it is with great pleasure to nominate Citrus County LifeStream Behavioral Center as the nonprofit Organization of the Year.

Approximately two years ago, LifeStream Behavioral Center (LifeStream) entered the Citrus County area to provide a cohesive system of care to address substance misuse and mental health services. LifeStream recognized the needs in the community were great and immediately embarked on a journey. Following two years, LifeStream changed the landscape for how individuals should receive mental health and substance misuse services throughout Citrus County.

With community and legislative support, programs such as; Clinical Outpatient Services, the Family Intensive Treatment Team (FITT), the Mobile Response Team (MRT), the Hospital Bridge Program, the Children's Community Action Team (CAT), Children's Clinical Outpatient Services (CCOS), Case Management (Adult and Child), Achievement, Independence, and Mastery Services (AIMS) Drop-in Center, and if that is not enough, a new endeavor, the Citrus County Access Center. These services are now embedded in the substratum of Citrus County.


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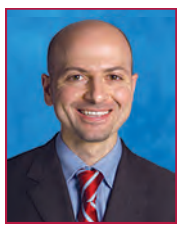
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# Understanding stimulus

## Citrus County businesses, unemployed and others in line for financial help

MICHAEL D. BATES
*Staff writer*

President Donald Trump on Dec. 27, 2020, signed into law a massive $900-billion coronavirus relief and stimulus package with the intent of financially helping hard-hit small-business owners, nonprofits and citizens.

At 5,000 pages long, it would take many nights of bedtime reading to sift through the major points.

Nature Coast Florida SCORE, which includes Citrus County, has provided specifics of the package, especially as it pertains to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

"This (stimulus package) is definitely good for small businesses in Citrus County," said Jim Green, treasurer and workshop chairman for Nature Coast Florida SCORE.

The Chronicle has identified key components of the package most important to residents of Citrus County.

Here are some takeaways:

### How much in direct payments will people get?

As of now, the law provides $600 direct payments to people making up to $75,000 per year and couples making $150,000 per year — with payments phased out for higher incomes — with $600 additional payments per dependent child.

What does the new law do for the Paycheck Protection Program?

The new act allocates an additional $285 billion for the PPP. Small businesses that obtained an initial PPP loan can qualify for a second round of loans, called "second draw" loans.

### How can I qualify for a 'second draw' loan?

To be eligible, businesses must have been in operation before Feb. 15, 2020, have fewer than 300 employees per location, have used or will use a prior PPP loan if previously received and seen at least a 25% revenue decrease in gross receipts during any quarter of 2020 (compared to the same quarter in 2019).

Jim Green
treasurer, Nature Coast Florida SCORE.

### How much money is it?

For this round of PPP loans, the maximum loan amount is $2 million.

The act also sets aside $12 billion specifically for minority-owned businesses.

### What is happening with the unemployed?

The package revives supplemental federal pandemic unemployment benefits but at $300 per week — through March 14 — instead of the $600 per week benefit that expired in July 2020.

### What can claimants do to facilitate the process?

"We recommend that claimants continue to log-in to their CONNECT account every 48 hours to see if there are any additional steps they need to take on their claim," said Department of Economic Opportunity spokeswoman Paige Landrum Landrum, referring to the state's CONNECT online unemployment portal.

### Is there any help provided for renters?

The package includes money for a first-ever federal rental assistance program; funds to be distributed by state and local governments to help people who have fallen behind on their rent and may be facing eviction.

*The Associated Press and News Service of Florida contributed to this report.*

# Didn't get your relief yet? You aren't alone

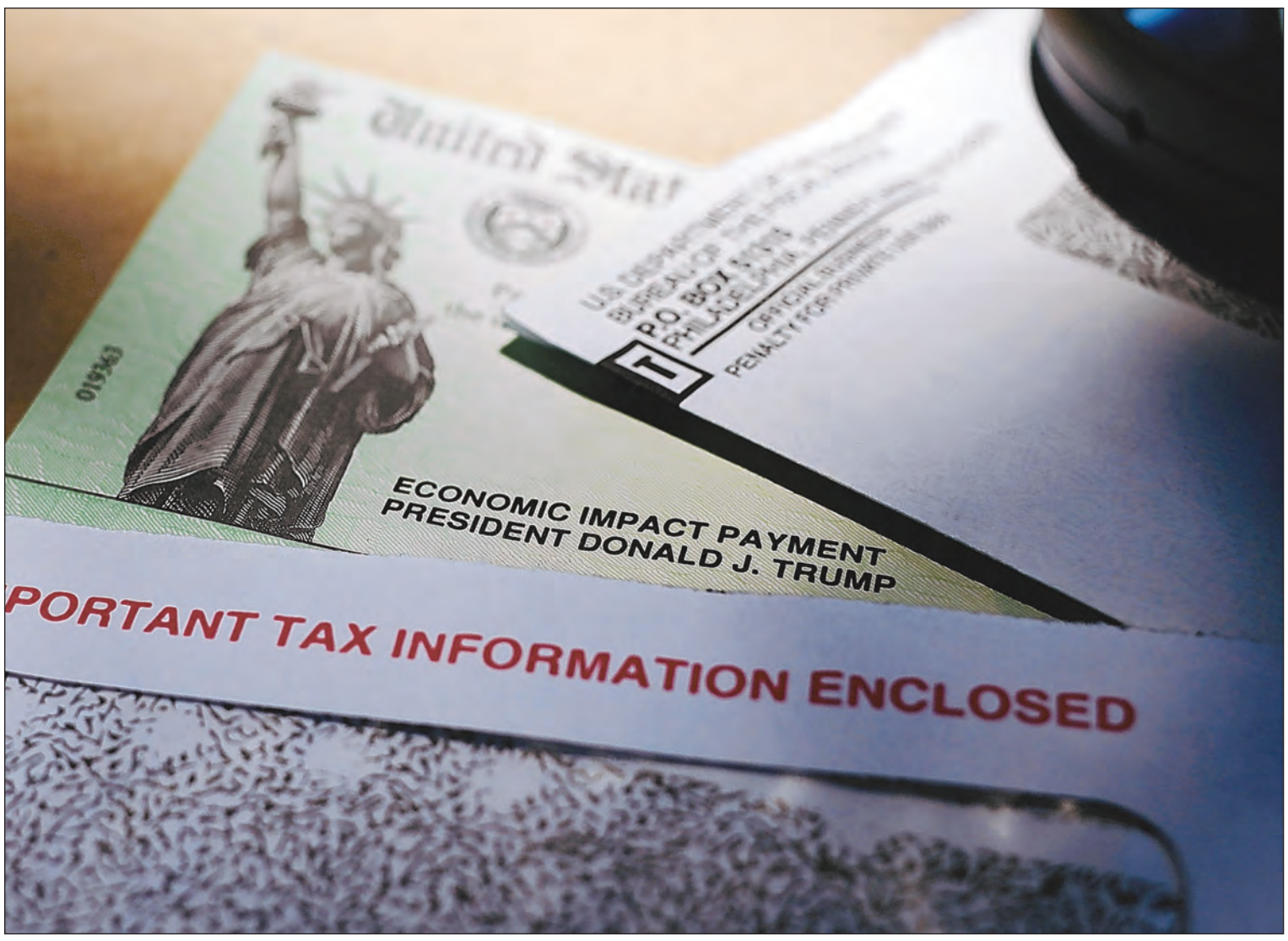
SARAH SKIDMORE SELL
*AP Personal Finance Writer*

Didn't get your second relief check yet? You aren't alone.

While the IRS and Treasury have distributed the bulk of the anticipated $164 million in round two of relief payments for Americans faster than the first time, millions have not gotten payments yet or found hiccups in the distribution.

The latest payments of $600 per eligible adult and dependents are sorely needed among many who are struggling financially due to the pandemic.

Here's what someone waiting on a payment should know.

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**In this April 23, 2020, file photo, President Donald Trump's name is seen on a stimulus check issued by the IRS to help combat the adverse economic effects of the COVID-19 outbreak, in San Antonio. The U.S. Treasury and IRS have sent out the bulk of the second economic impact payments, which are intended to provide some relief to Americans. However, frustration is high among millions of people who did not receive payments yet and must wait for the mail or file their taxes before they receive it.**

### Why didn't I get the payment?

First, make sure you are eligible. Under this latest round of relief, the $600 payments will go to individuals making less than $75,000 or $150,000 for couples who are married and filing jointly. Those who make more will get a reduced amount. There are no payments for individuals earning more than $99,000 a year.

Unlike last time though, payments will not be denied Americans who are married to someone without a Social Security number.

If you are eligible, check the IRS Get My Payment tool on its website to find out the status of you payment.

As with the last round, most payments will be automatic and made via direct deposit to bank accounts. However, some people may find they got direct deposit the first time but get their payment in the mail this time, either in the form of a paper check or debit card.

It also appears there was a major snafu this time for people who filed their taxes with an online tax preparation service such as TurboTax or H&R Block and paid for their tax preparation fees with their expected refund. In those cases, the IRS website may show that the money went to an account they do not recognize. That is because money may have been sent to a temporary bank account established by the tax preparer, which is no long active.

By law, the financial institution must return the money to the government if the account is closed or no longer active. A number of taxpayers vented online about their frustration with the situation, including many who got their payments with ease the first time.

The National Consumer Law Center estimates up to 20 million Americans may be impacted by this latest administrative issue.

"It is disappointing that the IRS did not fix this problem, which it has known about for months," said Lauren Saunders, associate director of the National Consumer Law Center. "People who need money now may have to wait months until they can file a tax return and get their refund, unless the tax prep companies are able to forward the funds."

### How long will it take?

The IRS and Treasury began distributing payments last week. By law, they have until Jan. 15 to make payments.

Payments made by direct deposit could take a few days to process, but the funds were largely available early this

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# Watch out for fraud as stimulus payments are deposited and mailed

*Special to the Chronicle*

TALLAHASSEE — As the federal government begins delivering additional stimulus payments across the country in the new $166 billion stimulus package, Floridians should be wary of potential fraud related to the economic relief.

Floridians are already receiving payments both through direct deposit and mailed checks. Attorney General Ashley Moody wants to make sure Floridians are prepared to spot and avoid scams related to the federal payments.

Today, Attorney General Moody issued a Consumer Alert highlighting scams related to the latest stimulus payments and tips to help Floridians avoid falling prey.

"As we have seen throughout the pandemic," Moody said, "bad actors are looking for ways to exploit the crisis to steal money, government benefits and people's identities. With direct payments already received or on the way to Floridians' bank accounts, I am asking consumers to remain vigilant in their efforts to identify and avoid scams designed to steal federal payments or personal information.

"The best way to do this is to stay informed about how and when you will receive your stimulus payment and avoid solicitations requiring personal information, upfront payments or other actions in exchange for federal money."

The Internal Revenue Service has until Jan. 15 to deliver the payments. For more information and frequently asked questions about direct payments, visit www.irs.gov/newsroom/treasury-and-irs-begin-delivering-second-round-of-economic-impact-payments-to-millions-of-americans.

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Promotional information provided by the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce.

**Mission of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce**

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is an organization of businesses unified in efforts to advance the economic growth of theregion, promote the interests of the business community, provide key leadership on key commerce issues and preserve the county's quality of life.

# Chamber Connection

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## New Small Business Grants Available Monday

The Chamber recently proposed a plan to the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners to provide reimbursement to local businesses for PPE and business retrofit / adaption expenses. We are pleased that the BOCC has approved and adopted these proposed Citrus County Small Business Grant Programs. There will be 2 grants available beginning Monday, January 11th.

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The Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Micro Grant will have a minimum award of $250 up to a maximum award of $2,500.

**Program Overview:**

■ Individual business grants to pay for businesses PPE expenses up to $2,500 incurred between March 1 and December 15, 2020.

■ For business-related costs for PPE and sanitization supplies related to COVID-19 that directly impacted applicant businesses employees and customers when such cost was not otherwise sold or charged to the customer.

■ Must demonstrate the expenses through receipts/documentation and that documentation must show that the expense(s):

● Was COVID related

● Met or exceeded $250

■ Examples include, but are not limited to, Masks, Face Shields, Hand Sanitizer Gel, New Hand Sanitization Stations, Gowns, Disinfecting Wipes, Temperature Checking Devices, and Employee COVID Testing paid for by the business.

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The Small Business Retrofit/ Adaption Grant will have a maximum award of $10,000 per business. A small business may be eligible for both grants.

**Program Overview:**

■ Individual business grants to pay for businesses adaptation and modification expenses related to COVID-19. Grant is up to $10,000 for expenses incurred between March 1 and December 15, 2020.

■ Examples of eligible expenses include actual modification expenses related to physically and/or functionally adapting the business to meet officially required or recommended guidance related to COVID-19 with the overall goal to make operation of the business safer for employees and/or the public.

■ Examples of eligible business adaptations and expenses include, but are not limited to: Erecting counter separation barriers, increasing height of restaurant separation booths, adding a customer drive-thru, mobile device application for paperless menu, restriping/signage for pickup lanes/spaces, social distancing separation staging stickers, COVID-19 safety signage, and similar business delivery improvements.

■ Applications for grant must provide receipts for any expenditures made that will becovered under this grant.

These grants will be offered through the County on a reimbursement basis and will require the business to submit an application online through SurveyMonkey apply online at the www.CitrusBOCC.com.

Applications will be accepted until funds are exhausted.

For more detailed information, please contact the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners.

## CALLING ALL VENDORS!

### *Applications Open for the Floral City Strawberry Festival, Florida Manatee Festival*

The Chamber is very excited for a VERY busy March! The Floral City Strawberry Festival is scheduled for March 6th & 7th, followed by the new dates for the Florida Manatee Festival, March 27th & 28th!

Vendor applications are now open for both festivals! For the Floral City Strawberry Festival visit www.GoStrawberryFest.com.

For the Florida Manatee Festival visit www.GoManateeFest.com

## 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.

**Waterfront Social** **352-795-3113**

**Welcome to the Chamber, Waterfront Social! Located at 1610 SE Paradise Circle, Crystal River. Waterfront Social provides an indoor/outdoor gathering spot for informal lunches, sunset cocktails and evening cocktails. Enjoy a menu of southern coastal dishes with a focus on from scratch recipes. Waterfront Social creates a uniquely Florida atmosphere while keeping it simple. Positive Service, Delicious Food and Friendly Staff await you.**

## Chamber Member News!

The Chamber encourages the community to follow CDC guidelines, practice social distancing, and use masks when engaging in large crowds or public activities.

■ Crystal Harley Davidson – Sunday, January 10th – Biker Church Service from 10am – 11am. Live music with Bad Rabbit from 11:30am to 3:30pm. Food & Free Beer from 11am to 3pm.

■ Just Amuse Me — Indoor Entertainment Center — Saturday, January 16th — Live music with Echo Sixx, axe lane specials, and drink specials to celebrate the arrival of the manatees! 7pm to 10pm.

■ City of Inverness — Saturday, January 16th — Market at the Depot with over 25 vendors. 9am to 1pm.

■ World Fusion — Set to open a new location in Crystal River called Downtown Fusion. Opening date TBD

■ Lollygaggers – Set to open a new location in Floral City called Lollygaggers II. Opening date TBD

■ Citrus County Historical Society — Coffee and Conversation Speaker Series. January 14th will look at Short Takes: A Grab Bag of Old Florida Stories with Dr. Caren Neile. Ways to view include limited, in-person seating at the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum OR online through live stream or youtube. Find more information, or register, at www.CCCourthouse.org.

■ We Care Food Pantry — We Care Mobile Pantry has expanded in 2021! Upcoming date and locations are the Beverly Hills Civic Association, January 12/19/26 at 9am; The New Church Without Walls — Lecanto, January 14/21/28 at 10am; We care in Homosassa, January 16/30 at 9am; American Legion 155 — Crystal River, January 13 at 10am; Copeland Park – Crystal River, January 18 at 10am; Red Level Baptist Church — Crystal River, January 27 at 10am. For more information visit www.WeCareFoodPantry.org

■ Citrus County — Cardinal Interchange Management Area Meeting. January 19th at 5:20pm at the Citrus County Courthouse — Inverness. The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt: A new Future Land Use Map category in relation to the Suncoast Parkway Interchange Management Area at W. Cardinal Street, along with supporting Text, Goals, Objectives and Policies. Proposed Change: Amending the Future Land Use Element (Chapter 10) by adopting a new Future Land Use map category, Cardinal Mixed Use.

## CF Corporate College to host virtual workshop in January

COLLEGE of CENTRAL FLORIDA
Corporate College

**Patricia Dukeman**
Workshop Host

### CYBERSECURITY: THE THREAT NO BUSINESS CAN IGNORE

■ Tuesday, Jan. 19, 8:30 - 10:30 am via Zoom

Whether you conduct much of your marketing and sales online, or only use internet-based services for select business functions, you're at risk.

Cybersecurity is a constant and real threat, and could put you out of business! Every business must be aware of the risks and protective actions available to them. This is a must-attend workshop.

Individual workshop fee is $29.

Register and pay online at: CF.edu/CorporateCollege or call 352-873-5855.

No refunds will be granted five (5) business days prior to each workshop.

## 'Chamber Report' on WYKE

**Erika Corley**

**Will Wilson**

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 Chamber Special Events Manager, Erika Corley, about the decision to postpone the 2021 Florida Manatee Festival to March as well as the upcoming Floral City Strawberry Festival, also in March. Jade also talks with Citrus Sports and Apparel owner, Will Wilson, about his longstanding business in Citrus County, what they have been up to this past year, and their new scholarship foundation.

Chamber Report is your ticket to the many happenings in Citrus County!

## Chamber Legacy Partners

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# BUSINESS DIGEST

## Mid Florida Community Services CEO to retire

BROOKSVILLE — Following 44 years of service to the central Florida region, Michael Georgini announced his retirement, effective June 30, 2021, from the position of chief executive officer at Mid Florida Community Services Inc. (MFCS), a position he has held for 42 years.

"It has been a long road filled with many obstacles, but in the end the pathway is straight," said Georgini. "I relish the many friendships that over the years I have made, statewide and nationally, through the Community Action Network. I have many wonderful memories; and, I thank God every day, for his grace is the only reason I am here. I know no greater reward of leaving and knowing how many hundreds of thousands of lives I have helped change".

Recently, the MFCS Governing Board named Mat Kline, MFCS' current chief operating officer, as Georgini's successor. Georgini stated, "I've been able to mentor Mat for over three years, and I am proud to say that I know no one who is more capable of carrying the torch and keeping the mission and values of Community Action in mind."

"It's an honor and pleasure to be given the opportunity to lead an established and well-respected agency, which has positively impacted many lives over the past 53 years. Michael has done a tremendous job of building organizational and community strength while navigating the ongoing challenges Community Action has faced since his inception into the network 44 years ago," said Kline. "I look forward to what the future holds for Mid Florida Community Services and the Community Action Network, and I'll commit to ensuring we do everything in our power, along with our partners, in collective effort to continue building bridges of opportunity and hope for the vulnerable citizens within our service region".

Kline assumes the position of Chief Executive Officer on July 1, 2021.

## Live workshops resume via Zoom

OCALA — CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion will resume live employability workshops beginning Monday, Jan. 11, with Job Specific Résumé Development.

The workshops are free and take place via Zoom. Workshop descriptions and online registration links are available at careersourceclm.com/calendar.

"We're pleased to provide this alternative to in-person workshops for those who prefer a live experience," said Jerry Flanders, CareerSource CLM's workshop coordinator. "And because we're using the Zoom platform, space is not limited to first come, first served."

The following live workshops take place each Monday and Friday, except when otherwise specified (such as holiday closures):

■ Job Specific Résumé Development: 10-11 a.m Monday, Jan. 11 and 25. Forget the one-size-fits all generic résumé. Workshop participants will discover how to showcase job-specific skills and qualifications, as well as learn how to tap into electronic resources that can help job seekers land that all-important interview.

■ Interview Strategies That Get You Noticed: 10-11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 15, 22 and 29. This workshop arms candidates with tips that can help them stand out from the competition and be remembered. It covers strategies for responding to the "tell me about yourself" question, preparing for behavioral interview questions, and being ready with their own questions at the end of the interview.

Flanders noted that additional live Zoom workshops will be available in the near future. He added that job candidates may also take advantage of the free, virtual (pre-recorded) self-paced workshops, which can likewise be found on the CareerSource CLM's online calendar.

All workshop attendees are invited to team up with career coaches who can provide additional assistance and job referrals. Fee-free staff-assisted services may meet certain requirements for those submitting claims for Re-employment Assistance (unemployment compensation).

For more information, call 800-434-5627 or visit careersourceclm.com.

## College offers workshop about cybersecurity

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

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

"Cybersecurity: The Threat No Business Can Ignore" will be offered via Zoom from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, hosted by Patricia Dukeman.

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## Enter Local Image Awards competition with FPRA

OCALA — The Ocala Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association has released its call for entries for the Mid-Florida Local Image Awards competition.

The Ocala Chapter has sponsored the Mid-Florida Local Image Awards since 2011 to recognize the strategic work of local public relations practitioners. In recent years, the competition has expanded and includes Citrus, Flagler, Lake and Volusia counties. Winners at the regional competition often compete in the state Golden Image Awards competition in May.

Public relations and communications professionals are encouraged to submit projects that have taken place between Jan. 1, 2020, and Feb. 28, 2021.

To qualify for judging, entries must incorporate sound public relations research, planning, implementation and evaluation and demonstrate the best examples of innovation and design.

The deadline to submit an entry is 11:59 p.m. Feb. 28. Entry fees vary depending on the number entries and whether the participant is an FPRA member.

Entries must be submitted electronically at FPRAImage.org/Ocala.

The FPRA Ocala Chapter will host an in-person Image celebration from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at Brick City Center for the Arts (23 SW Broadway St., Ocala). Attendees will follow COVID-19 protocols, including masks and practicing social distancing.

# RELIEF

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week. The payments sent through the mail could take three to four weeks to reach people. Taxpayers are encouraged to watch their mail closely for its arrival.

People who did not receive either the first or second round of payments that were due to them or received an incorrect amount can claim the Recovery Rebate Credit on their 2020 tax return to get their payment.

### When does tax season start?

The IRS has not stated when it will begin accepting tax returns for this filing season but tax season generally begins in late January.

Some tax filing services will allow customers to file before that time.

Filing electronically is the fastest and safest way to process a return. In the past, the IRS issued refunds in less than 21 days from the date the return was received.

### Why the error message on the IRS site?

The Get My Payment tool is helpful but can be difficult to understand.

Don't be alarmed if you get the "please wait" message, that is a normal part of the site's operation.

If you get the "Payment Status #2 – Not Available" message, then you will not receive the payment and instead need to claim it on your tax return.

It is updated only once daily so checking it multiple times could be fruitless.

Also, it can lock users out if it is accessed too many times; this is designed to prevent fraud.

# FRAUD

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To contact the IRS, visit IRS.gov. To track stimulus payments, use the IRS Get My Payment tool at www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment.

Remember that the IRS will not call or email Floridians about stimulus payments. Spoofing the IRS continues to be a trick used by scammers often through recorded telephone messages or imposter robocalls.

Robocalls targeting stimulus recipients could be utilized to exploit this latest round of economic relief. There are signs these calls may be increasing as Americans continue to work from home.

In April of last year, Attorney General Moody issued a Consumer Alert addressing this growing problem and highlighted a few recent COVID-19 related recordings. To hear those recordings, visit www.myfloridalegal.com/newsrel.nsf/newsreleases.

Shortly after passage of the new round of stimulus, Attorney General Moody issued a new Scams at a Glance brochure with information about common scams designed to steal federal money from Floridians in need and tips for avoiding these scams, which include the following:

■ Never respond to text messages, emails or ads directing you to click on a link;

■ Never provide any personal or financial information in response to an unsolicited message;

■ Never trust caller ID displays claiming a call is from the IRS—as spoofing technology allows scammers to change phone displays to impersonate government agencies; and

■ Never make any advance payment in order to secure or expedite access to a benefit.

To download Stimulus Payment Scams and other Scams at a Glance brochures, go to http://myfloridalegal.com/scamsataglance.

Since the COVID-19 emergency declaration, Moody has issued more than 30 Consumer Alerts with information about emerging scams and tips to avoid fraud.

To view the latest alerts and to stay up to date on COVID-19 related scams, visit the Attorney General's Consumer Alert webpage at http://myfloridalegal.com/ConsumerAlert.

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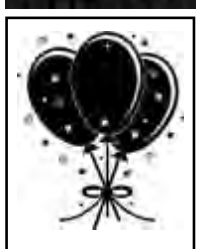

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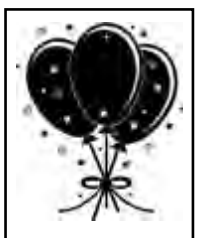

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**DAILY Sale starts Thurs. 12/31 to ?**
**Kensington Estates**
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***Whistler DIGITAL Desktop & Handheld Radio Scanner***
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## Care For the Elderly

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## Lawn Care

**H & H Lawn Care Plus**
***FALL CLEAN UP TIME***
tree trimming, hedges & general clean-up. **(352) 796-8517 or 453-7278**

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Lot mowing > Bush Hoggin > Shrub & Trimming> Hedging> Yard & Debris Clean-Ups
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***Quality Craftsmanship***
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## Pressure Cleaning

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**Perfection Renovations- Kitchen, Bath, Trim, Painting, Press Cln'g 954- 249-7770**

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**WHY REPLACE IT, IF I CAN FIX IT?**
Same owner since 1987
**ROOF** Leaks, Repairs, Coating & Maintenance
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Avg 16" stump $25. No stump to big or too small. Ask about our Disc: Vet, Vol., & Sr's. Free Est. Cheapest price guaranteed.
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**Professional Arborist**
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18 speed, brand new
$45, **(352) 436-2953**

**BICYCLE**
26" PACIFIC-HAND BRAKES - GREAT CONDITION $60
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**Selling All for $295 Cash-Only**

## Baby Items

**BABY SWING** Graco Swing & Rocker, 3 positions,6 speeds,10 melodies, barely used. $75 call/text **352-445-6455**

**HIGH CHAIR** Graco, height adjusts, reclines for infant, folds for storage, barely used. $75 Call/text **352-445-6455**

**UMBRELLA STROLLER** blue & red in good condition, $15
**352-613-0529**

## Wanted to Buy

**I buy, jewelry, silver, gold, paintings, instruments, records, antiques, coins,watches & MORE!**
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**WANTED**
**JUNK & ESTATE CARS**
**Up to $1,000. & MORE**
**(352) 342-7037**

**Wanted Model Trains**
**$ *INSTANT CASH* $**
For old Lionel & other model trains, any quantity - one piece or a house full!
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## Beauty Services

**CHANGES HAIR DESIGN STUDIO welcomes both Ashley & Sue to our winning team! Call for an appointment or walk-ins are always welcome!**

**CHANGES HAIR DESIGN STUDIO**
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**SPECIALS:**
**$55 Perm/Cut/Style**
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***or* Complimentary Style with Cut**

**• Redken Trained**
**• Come in for a free consultation.**
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## Pets

**AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD PUPPIES**
***Stunning & Smart***
**2 Male, 3 Female**
**Raised inside.**
****Picture Online****
Dewclaws removed and Tails clipped this Friday. Currently priced at $900 for male & $950 for female, IF you provide a deposit now. LATER, prices will go up. Mother & Father are on site and they are litter box trained. Please call
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**PUG PUPPY BLACK MALE CKC $1400 Cute and cuddly with a great temperament for all members of the family Contact me 4 info (352)361-1739 brendapug@ ymail.com**

## Boat Accessories

**2020 Mercury 4-stroke 200 HP O/B**
4 yr wrty $9,800
Call or text
**352-422-4141**

**Swingback Cooler Seat / Bait**
**50 Quart - Like New!**
**$340**
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## Boats

**1995 DILKS Fiberglass Skiff**
20 feet 11 inches w/ Trailer included - Mercury - 3 stroke motor $3000 **352-422-7540**

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Great Boat- have to sell due to medical reasons
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## Recreation Vehicles

**2005 JAYCO Toy Hauler-** 32' 6" pull behind -Excellent shape- NEW tires + rims $7000 obo **Carl: 352-400-8353 if no ans, Lv MSG**

**5th Wheel**
**2018 Forest River**
**Riverstone Legacy**
**38RE - 43ft, residential refrig., 3 A/C's, W/D**
**$70,000 352-584-2015**

**ITASCA SUNSTAR 36D - VERY CLEAN**
**32K Miles- $52,500**
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**KEYSTONE**
`17 Raptor King Suite 5th wh toy hauler. 42' 1½ Ba, triple slide, VGC, new tires $55k obo. Tow vehicle avail
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## Campers/ Travel Trailers

**~$69.95~**

*Run 'til it sells*

**Applies to all vehicles, boats, RV's, campers & motorcycles.**

***Call your Classified Representative for details.***
**352-563-5966**

**2007 JAYCO SPORT TRAILER**
18 ft. good cond., clean, $5,500 or B/O **352-212-2856**

**2008 T@B Dutchmen RV**
w/ Awning.
Model 320 $7000
**(352) 586-4231**

**2015 DENALI**
**316RES** 5th wheel - 3 slides, Arctic pkg, self leveling, 4yrs extended warranty w/Hitch,washer /dryer & King sz bed $31K **810-705-2539**

**5TH WHEEL**
2007 Grand Surveyor , GSF273RL , super lite wt, VG cond, w/ hitch
**$12,000 352-201-5062**

**DAMON**
**2011 Tuscany - 43 foot** Bath & a half, King size bed. 44K mi. **Exc cond *MUST SEE* !!**
**352-601-0310**

**FIFTH WHEEL**
2017 Heartland Pioneer PI 276 -32ft./ 2 slides, Auto Leveling, Rear Bunks, $24,500
**352-634-2247**

**WANTED**

**WANTED TO BUY:**
Motor Homes, Travel Trailers, & 5th Wheels, even if repairs are needed. **Will pay $CASH$ on the spot. Will come to you!**
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## Auto Parts/ Accessories

**FLOOR MATS**
(4) Black- for **2019 & up Toyota Camry, NEW** *still in bag* $100, **(352) 726-3730 or 422-7599**

**RIMS**
GMC Terrain, 18". 2016, almost new, Set of four, $75 each,
**obo 603-493-4238**

## Vehicles Wanted

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## Vehicles Wanted

**CASH FOR CARS & TRUCKS Running or Not TOP $$$$$ PAID**
**✶ 352-771-6191 ✶**

**WANTED**
**JUNK & ESTATE CARS**
**Up to $1,000 & MORE**
**(352) 342-7037**

## Cars

**2006 Chrysler**
**Sebring Convertible**
106K mi, Svc recd's, Runs & Looks Good! $3,350 obo
**(207) 215-0623**

**CADILLAC**
**2009 DTS, **LOADED****
**136K mi/*1 Owner*, Gar. Kept, Call for info:**
**$7,000 352-364-6460**

**CHEVY**
**2018 Malibu LT**
Excellent Condition!
Only 5K Miles
for info Please Call
**352-601-3225**

**CHRYSLER**
'91 New Yorker, been in storage 10 yrs, New: AC, batt, radiator, tires breaks. Top of the line with all options
**$3000 352-341-0062**

**FORD**
**- 2004 Thunderbird -**
Lt. blue, both tops, ***NEW*** conv. top w/ ***NEW*** inner headliner - 43,937mi, garage stored -***Moving Must Sell***- $24,500 obo **Lv txt msg**
**352-201-9675**

**KIA SOUL +**
2014/ Ex cond./ 76K mi, Inspected 8/20, svc records, asking $9500 - negotiable
**352-201-1205**

**NISSAN**
2005 350 Z Convertible White, blue top, ground effects pkg, 94,769 mi. $12,800 obo
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**NISSAN 2018**
**VERSA** - 4dr- 42K mi - 5sp Standard- 40+ mpg- Great Condition- Like New! $10,200 obo
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**$19.95 for 7 days**
**$29.95 for 14 days**
**$49.95 for 30 days**
**$69.95 Run 'til it sells!!**

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## Classic Vehicles

**89 MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE 5.0**
5sp - Older Restore ***Many Extras!*** Too Much to List- Discs, SS Exhaust, etc. $12,000
**(352) 436-9718**

**AMC 1968 JAVELIN**
**290 V8, Auto, A/C, PS**
****Multiple Award Winner... Must See!**
**$24K (352) 400-1430**

**CHEVROLET**
**1936 5 Window Coupe**
350 V8 Automatic, Chrome Eng. -Steel body, ALL power, cold A/C. **$26,500**
**352-746- 0589**
**352-302-6979**

**CHEVROLET**
***1969 CAMARO* - 454 Engine / 700R4 trans., MANY upgrades! Call for details! $40,000**
**810-841-2692**

**CHEVROLET**
**1971 Camaro RS**
4 sp. Black. V8 & A/C.
**$22,000 obo or possible trade.**
**352-303-8226**

**CHEVROLET**
1993 Corvette Coupe, C4, 5.7L, auto tran. new plugs, AC, distrib. 111k mi. $3500 obo
**352-228-4664**

**FORD**
**1930 Model A**
5 Window Coupe, 76 K mi./ EXCELLENT Cond.
**$16,000 352-795-3510**

**MERCURY**
**COMET 1974** 302 V8 Auto Trans. *Great Collector Car!* $8,700
**352-212-5747**
**Call for Appt.**

**TRIUMPH**
1973 TR6, 4 spd, 6 cyl, 2 Tops, Red w/ Black Interior $15,000 Firm
**352-503-6859**

## Trucks

PRICE REDUCED!

**FORD**
**2002 F450 Lariat**
141k mi, 7.3 diesel, Jake brake, 5th wheel body, Air susp. & 2 Gas tanks - **Was $25,000**
**Now $21,950**
**502-345-0285**

## Trucks

**1999 FORD F150**
6 cylinder, needs some work, Good Body, clean $500 as is**352-564-1099**

**DODGE**
2002 Ram Diesel - 2500 Cums/ BLK / 181K mi / 1 owner/ Tow pkg/ Ext. cab / Great Cond. - a/c $11,500 **352-601-0383**

**FORD**
**F350 Diesel King Ranch Crew Cab 4 x 4**
108K mi/ Rear Ent./ Retractable Tonneau Cover-1 owner- ALL svc rec's/ Mint Condition! $20,900 **352-497-6945**

**LINCOLN**
***'02 Blackwood* - Good Cond.-*ONLY 3K made***
**FULLY LOADED $8500**
**352-489-4129**

**TOYOTA**
**Tacoma** 2010 4X4 Black, V-6 200K mi. Excel. Cond., $12,500
**352-303-8226**

## Motorcycles

**Can-Am Spyder**
2016, White, 4,705 mi, Garage-Kept Excellent Condition! $17,500 **352-794-0352**

**EW-66 SCOOTER**
***Brand NEW!*** EW-66 -2 Seater- See on Internet. $2500
**352-465-6335**

**HARLEY 2016**
Switchback, 2,935 mi., HD extended warranty 2023, $11,500
**352-765-4679**

## Self Storage Notices

**1310-0117 SUCRN**
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Hernando Storage intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the Hernando Storage, Storage Facility Act Statutes. The owner will sell at public sale on **January 26th, 2021 at 5 PM** at Hernando Storage, 1274 East Norvell Bryant Highway Hernando, FL 34442. Website for auction is www.lockerfox.com. Property will be sold for cash only. Unit must be cleaned out within 48 hrs. of purchase.

Julia Adams Unit 1085 Unit contents seem to be b a g s , totes, Baby chair, stroller, pack n play, baby swing, toy chest, bicycle, clothing, chair, desk, various coolers, folding table, fish tank, walker/chair, rolling shelf, tree climbing equipment, and scrap metal along with misc other items.

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## Misc. Notices

**1317-0110 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: 266393

Description of Property: 2598018; CHASSAHOWITZKA RIVER ESTS UNIT 6 UNREC SUB MAP 225B LOT 6 FURTHER DESC IN OR BK 828 PG 276; Parcel ID: 17E20S25 13100 0060

**EARL HARRISON ESTATE**
**7380 W. Wilder Court**
**Homosassa, Florida**

On **January 6, 2021**, orders were issued by the Citrus County Certified Building Official to vacate and demolish the structure(s) on the property located at: **7380 W. Wilder Ct., Homosassa, 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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**1319-0110 SUCRN**
**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to the following, at last known address:

**Thomas B Paugh Jr**
**2488 N Pennsylvania Ave**
**Crystal River**

**Marianne Lee**
**6607 Merleing Loop**
**Floral City**

You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections in Crystal River, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system. If further assistance is needed, contact the Supervisor of Elections at the below listed address or call 352-564-7120.

Susan Gill
Citrus County Supervisor of Elections
Physical Address: 1500 N Meadowcrest Blvd
Crystal River, FL 34429

Mailing Address: PO Box 1870
Lecanto, FL 34460

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## Meeting Notices

**1315-0110 SUCRN**
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Citrus County Code Compliance will conduct a Special Master Hearing on **Wednesday, January 20, 2021 @ 9:00 AM** at the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 West Sovereign Path, Lecanto, Florida 34461, to conduct its regular meeting and any other business to come before the Code Compliance Special Master, at which time and place any and all persons interested are invited to attend. If you have questions, contact Code Compliance at (352) 527-5350.

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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If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Code Compliance Special Master with respect to any matter considered at this public hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which record shall include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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SPECIAL MASTER CITRUS COUNTY CODE COMPLIANCE

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## Meeting Notices

**1316-0110 SUCRN**
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the **CITRUS COUNTY AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD** will meet at **2:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, January 14, 2021** in Room 166 of the Lecanto Government Center, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, FL 34461.

Any person desiring further information regarding this meeting may contact the Engineering Division, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 241, Lecanto, FL 34461, or call (352) 527-5446.

SCOTT CARNAHAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:** Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the Governing body with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose may need to provide that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes)

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## Bid Notices

**1318-0110 SUCRN**
**City of Inverness**
**EDEN DRIVE/WITHLACOOCHEE STATE TRAIL RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACON INSTALLATION - RFP # 2021-01-CDD**

The City of Inverness invites established firms, licensed by the State of Florida, to submit sealed bids for the City of Inverness construction of **Eden Drive / Withlacoochee State Trail Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon Installation**. Bids will be received by Susan Jackson, City Clerk, until **2:00pm on January 22, 2021** at:

**City of Inverness Government Center**
**212 West Main Street**
**Inverness, Florida 34450**

Sealed bids will be opened and read aloud at **2:10pm on January 22, 2021** on the 1st floor of the Inverness Government Center.

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK:** All work for the Project shall be constructed in accordance with the Specifications prepared by the Owner. Bids shall be submitted for furnishing, delivering and installing all materials, equipment and services, including labor for the Work, which generally involves the following activities:

Eden Drive / Withlacoochee State Trail Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon Installation. The Owner reserves the right to adjust the scope and limits of construction at any time during the bidding or execution of the Work.

Please submit one (1) original, two (2) copies and one (1) electronic copy of your bid in a sealed envelope reflecting on the outside thereof the bidder's name and **"RFP #2021-01 CDD for Eden Drive/Withlacoochee State Trail Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon Installation."** The City will consider all bids properly submitted at its scheduled Bid Opening. The City of Inverness shall be the sole judge of the bid and the resulting agreement that is in its best interest and its decision shall be final. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Prospective Bidders wishing to submit bids must obtain a complete copy of the Bidding documents and may obtain a complete electronic (.pdf) copy of the Bidding documents (no charge) via email from:

**City of Inverness City Clerk's Office**
**212 W Main Street**
**Inverness, Florida 34450**
**352-726-2611 ext. 1007**
**cityclerk@inverness.gov**

The City of Inverness reserves the right to waive formalities, waive any technical defects, reject any and all bids, and accept any bid which represents the lowest and best offer to the City.

**/s/ Susan Jackson**

**Susan Jackson, City Clerk**

**City of Inverness, FL**

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**1320-0110 SUCRN**
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

**RFQ NO. 21-025**
**CITRUS COUNTY LANDFILL SCALE INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE AND MODERNIZATION PROJECT**

In accordance with Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, Citrus County, Florida ("County") is requesting qualified Bidders to submit a Statement of Qualifications documenting their experience providing and installing new similar sized scales and implementing the operating system for scales including payment software. The Successful Bidder will provide all equipment, parts, and installation services for three new scales and a new operating/payment system for the Citrus County Landfill Scale Infrastructure Upgrade and Modernization Project. County will select the most qualified Contractor that meets the County's needs.

**NEW COUNTY VENDOR REGISTRATION:** County has partnered with VendorLink, a web based e-Procurement service. Current bid solicitations and associated addenda, notices of recommended bid award, and current bid awards will be posted at www.myvendorlink.com.

Visit https://www.myvendorlink.com/common/register.aspx to register. VendorLink is an online Respondent registration system that provides a free at no cost to Respondent, a secure, user-friendly Internet portal and one-stop service center to register with County. This system also allows you to receive automatic email notifications regarding County's upcoming competitive solicitations as opportunities become available. Registration assistance is available by e-mail support@evendorlink.com.

**A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference** will be held on **January 21, 2021 at 9:00 AM**. The Conference will be held at the Citrus County Solid Waste Management Landfill, 230 W. Gulf to Lake Hwy, Lecanto, Florida 34461.

**SEALED Responses are to be submitted** on or before **February 16, 2021 at 2:00 PM (EST)**. The County will now receive proposal submittals through the online solicitation management portal, www.myvendorlink.com.

**SEALED Responses shall be opened** on **February 16, 2021 at 2:15 PM (EST)**. Electronic Proposals shall be opened via MICROSOFT TEAMS conference call. See Solicitation document for detail information on www.myvendorlink.com.

**Public Tally** Individual Scorers review of the Proposals will publicly be opened and read aloud on **March 9, 2021, at 10:00am** (subject to Change).

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the County Administrator's Office, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, FL 34461, (352) 527-5210, at least two days before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, dial 7-1-1, 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service.

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To obtain a copy of the Request for Proposal Document for this announcement, please visit the Citrus County Website at www.myvendorlink.com and www.demandstar.com. Copies can also be obtained by calling the Department of Management & Budget/Purchasing at (352) 527-5457.

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Scott Carnahan, Chairman

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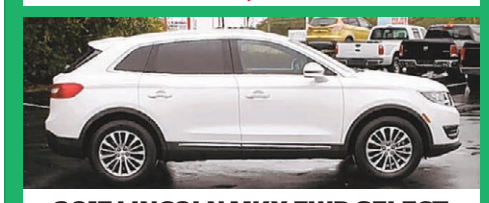

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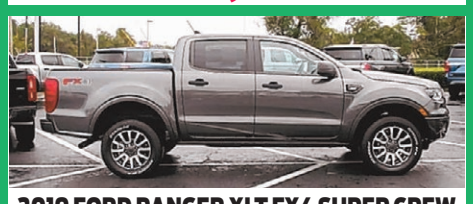

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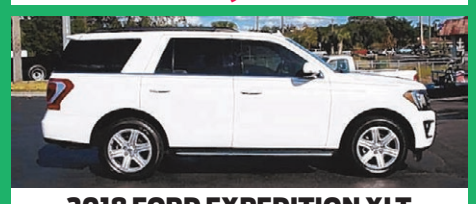

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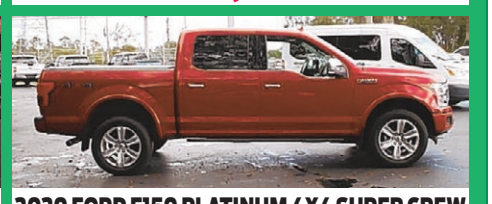

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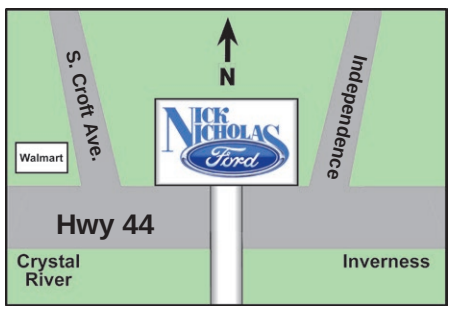


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SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

In the red oak group, Laurel Oak has long, smooth, narrow leaves, without rolled-under edges. Leaves are shiny on both sides. Native to the Southeastern Coastal Plain in cold zones 6 to 9 from central Florida north to Virginia and west to southeast Texas, Laurel Oak has several common names, including swamp laurel oak, diamond-leaf oak, water oak and obtuse oak. It naturally grows in moist, humus-rich, poorly drained soils. Hybrid cultivars are available. Laurel Oak and its cultivars tend to be a host plants for parasitic native mistletoe. Heavy mistletoe infestations will eventually kill the tree host.

JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

**Inside this week:**

## Jane's Garden

Jane looks at Turkey Oaks in Florida./**Page E6**

# Construction spending up 0.9% in November

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Spending on U.S. construction projects increased 0.9% in November as strength in home building offset weakness in other parts of the construction industry.

The November gain followed a bigger 1.6% rise in October and left construction spending up 4.4% through the first 11 months of 2020 compared to the same period in 2019, according to the Commerce Department.

For November, spending on residential construction rose 2.7% with single-family construction surging 5.1 percent while apartment construction was flat, according to the new data released Monday. Record low mortgage rates have spurred strong demand for housing even as a global pandemic resulted in widespread lock downs for other parts of the economy.

While housing activity, fueled by low supplies of available homes, stands 16.1% higher than it did a year ago, spending on private nonresidential projects is 9.5% below the levels of a year ago with hotel and motel construction down 26.5% from the level in November 2019 and office construction down 6.6%.

Many analysts believe the extended period of working from home for many Americans brought on by the coronavirus will translate into lower demand for office space in coming years as businesses opt to allow employees to do more work away from the office.

For November, spending on non-residential projects fell 0.8% with spending for office buildings dropping a sharp 8.1%. Spending on government projects dipped 0.2% in November.


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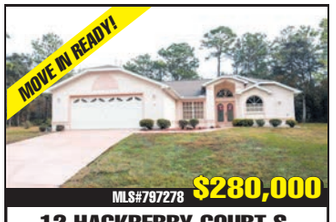

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# Are gutters and downspouts necessary?

## Ask the BUILDER

TIM CARTER
*Tribune Content Agency*

**Q:** Tim, I think I've got a good idea. I'm re-roofing two of my barns with metal roofing. I was thinking of extending the roof past the walls 18 inches so dripping water falls farther away from the barn walls. Right now I've got gutters and I'm tired of them clogging up with leaves and debris. What is the best practice when it comes to gutters or no gutters? What about sizes for both gutters and downspouts? What would you do if you were me? — *Carol K., Mio, Mich.*

**A:** This conundrum is an excellent example of a tip I've shared with my children. I've encouraged them to travel far and wide. When you do this, you discover things you feel are normal are not so normal in other places. I remember being in Toronto, Canada years ago thinking it was strange they didn't have a separate directional arrow traffic signal light telling you when it was safe to turn left at an intersection. After all, that's what I'm used to in the United States! Those clever Canadians just had the green light flash to tell you it was safe to turn! They felt there was no need for an extra light.

I grew up in Cincinnati. The soil makeup there is a dense, poorly draining clay deposited by a series of four massive continental glaciers that covered the land all the way from the North Pole to the Midwest four times in the past 2 million years. But guess what? The soil makeup in New England, where I now call home, is quite sandy and it drains well. Soil composition is a very important thing to consider when it comes to the question of gutters or no gutters, it turns out.

Here in New England most houses and barns have no gutters. Not only is the soil conducive to great drainage, but the snow and ice on roofs have a tendency to rip gutters off structures when it slides and tumbles off the roofs! Gutters tend to be less than ideal in New England for those two reasons.

It's important for you to consider the amount of water that comes off a roof. Recently, we had two inches of rainfall at my house in just one day. The footprint of my house is 1,625 square feet. Had I harvested all that water in a cistern, I would have collected 2,025 gallons in that short time. Not everyone can harvest water because of laws in different states, but that's a topic for another time.

Here in New Hampshire, coarse gravel the size of walnuts is placed on the soil beneath the drip line of the roof. This

See BUILDER/Page E11

# Thank a tree for the New Year

Eric Hoyer
ARBOR CULTURE

I have submitted a similar article previously, but it was during the Thanksgiving season. Now it is 2021 and I am sure most of us are thankful that 2020 is behind us. Depending upon how your year went, some people may have more to be thankful for than others. However, we should all be thankful that we are here in 2021 and that you are here reading this article. Rather than my usual list of tree-related New Year's Resolutions, I am asking all of you to resolve to be thankful for trees in 2021. I'm sure most of us take trees for granted. We drive by them every day and we have them in our yards. But trees provide a myriad of benefits, many of which are listed below.

■ In the summer, we seek out their shade for parking or resting.

■ In the fall, we enjoy the changing foliage (even in some places in Florida).

■ Trees are natural air conditioners — the evaporation from a single tree can equal the cooling effect of ten room size air conditioners operating 20 hours a day.

■ Trees cool our cities by up to 10 degrees by shading our homes and streets, releasing water vapor into the air (as above), and breaking up urban heat islands (large areas of pavement or reflected heat from buildings).

■ Carbon sequestration. Whether you believe in climate change or not, trees are remarkable "engines" for reducing carbon dioxide. Through the miracle of photosynthesis, trees utilize carbon dioxide and water to produce sugars and oxygen. Some scientists believe we can completely mitigate climate change by the planting of 500 billion trees worldwide.

■ Trees placed strategically around homes and office buildings can reduce summer air conditioning needs by up to 50%.

■ Trees clean the air by absorbing odors and pollutant gases and by filtering particulate matter out of the air.

■ Trees provide oxygen: In one year, an acre of mature trees can provide enough oxygen for 18 people.

■ In one year, an acre of mature trees absorbs the equivalent amount of carbon dioxide of driving your car 26,000 miles.

■ The American Forestry Association estimates that 100 million new trees would absorb 18 million tons of carbon dioxide and reduce U.S. air conditioning costs by $4 billion annually.

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# Candyroot best left in wild

Special to the Chronicle

**Candyroot is a cute Florida native plant. The roots taste like licorice — hence the name. Like many native plants, it is best enjoyed in the wild.**

**Dear Gardener Gal:** While hiking in Sumter County, we came across these cute little plants.

The area was mostly pines and full sun. I'm pretty sure it is a native plant and want to know the name and if it could be removed and tried in my yard. My yard is also mostly pines and full sun. Could I get in trouble if caught digging one up? Can I buy the seeds? Appreciate for any information I can get. — *Lori*

Leslie Derrenbacker
**GARDENER GAL**

**Dear Lori:** You have indeed spotted a cute native plant, Candyroot (*Polygala nana*).

The common name of candyroot is based on the licorice-flavored roots, which apparently are edible.

These little guys are not commercially available and I'm not sure about a seed source. They are an annual and a bit picky about their growing conditions. As an example, they need to stay moist, but must have good drainage and full sun. That's not easy.

To your question about removing them from their natural environment: Don't.

There is nothing to gain by you, or the plants by digging one up. Not only are native plants protected in many areas, but

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# Teacups are a significant category of collector interest

**Dear John:** I have these teacups. They were my grandmother's. There is no rhyme or reason to them as there are no sets. Is there any value? — *V.R., internet*

John Sikorski
**SIKORSKI'S ATTIC**

**Dear V.R.:** Teacups are a popular collecting category and generally are very affordable. I am glad you sent good photographs including of the underside of a few of your teacups. I think most of them were made in England between World War I and II. Makers names like Paragon and Royal

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# GAL

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plants in bloom are the most likely to die after being dug up. So many native plants are kind of invisible until in bloom, making acquiring them best done through native nurseries and seed banks. After a brief search, I have not seen Candyroot available.

Your best bet is to make a note of time of the year and location and make that hike a regular event. And keep taking pictures!

**Dear Gardener Gal:** We have a lot of lizards around our house. We like them and feel like they are good to have around. We like that they eat bugs and my kids get a kick out of watching them fight and chase each other.

My question is about what we can do to help them through the winter. We understand about reptiles being cold blooded. We have built them little houses out of styrofoam, little boxes etc, but see no signs of them using them. Do you have structures for your lizards? We know you love lizards too! — *Lisa in Inverness*

**Dear Lisa:** I really do enjoy almost all the critters that share my property. (Except house roaches and lubbers — I hate those guys.)

I understand you and the kids' desire to make your little neighbors more comfortable and safe this winter. What good lessons and positive activities!

Here's the thing: Reptiles are cold-blooded and take on the temperature of their environment. They basically can shut down and go dormant when temperatures drop. This doesn't harm them. When temperatures warm up, they become active again and get on with their little lizard lives.

What *can* harm them is drying out. They must have moisture in order to survive, and if dormant, they can't seek it out. Have you noticed the lizards overnighting in pipes and under rocks? Those hideouts basically sweat life-giving water and keep reptiles moist.

If you want to provide safe, healthy hideouts, you and the kids can build condos of metal pipes. Vary the diameter to accommodate different age groups and species. Place the pipes in shady moist areas and I guarantee your little friends will take advantage of your generosity.

*"Gardener Gal" Leslie Derrenbacker is a Master Gardener and native Floridian. Send your questions to askgardenergal@gmail.com.*

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**Lizards and other reptiles benefit from hiding places that provide moisture during the winter. Metal pipes make great hiding places, but any metal cavity (like a screen door handle) will do.**

# ATTIC

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Albert are well known by collectors. The overall condition appears to be excellent. Potential dollar values of those in the photographs range from $10 to $30 apiece.

**Dear John:** Can you please tell me anything about a tray I picked up at an antiques sale a while back? I am enclosing a picture of it, though it is not very good. It is marked on the back side with "KYSITE over 112,1." On the front of the tray it says Currier and Ives and "Frozen Up." It is in fair condition. Before I put some polyurethane on it, so I can use it outside, I thought I should check with you. Thank you. — *R.B., internet*

**Dear R.B.:** The Currier and Ives Company produced hand-colored lithographs from 1857 to 1907. They were one of the largest print companies in the United States, their decorative and historical prints are a specific category of collector interest. "Frozen Up" is the title of the lithograph produced by them in 1872 and is considered one of the best 50 of their total production.

The tray you have with the picture "Frozen Up" on it is a "fantasy product" having nothing to do with the original Currier and Ives Company. The tray has no specific collector interest. So, proceed as you like with the polyurethane coating, it will keep it looking good for a long time.

**Dear John:** Enclosed are pictures of a secretary; sorry about the quality. On the inside there are lots of little cubbies and drawers. It has claw feet and the numbers 554 on the back. I would like to know the history and or time period and value of the piece. Thanks for your help. — *G.G., internet*

**Dear G.G.:** The secretary bookcase is American made. The style is English from the late 1700s. The time of production of your piece was 1900 to 1930. The serpentine drawer fronts add to its market interest. Potential dollar value is below $500.

*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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# Turkey Oak in Florida

Turkey Oak, *Quercus laevis*, is an important and irreplaceable Florida native canopy tree. Northeners learn that in warm central and south Florida there are no Blackjack Oaks, *Quercus marilandica*; Blackjack Oak evolved further north. Temperate to subtropical Florida has a limestone base rock of compressed ancient coral reef that was piled high with ridges of sand dunes as sea level declined. In lowlands — between the sand ridges and alongside waterways and swamps — leaf litter and organic material has built up over thousands of years to create a humus-rich soil, where different species like Shumard Oaks thrive on rich, moist, poorly-drained soils.

Jane Weber

**JANE'S GARDEN**

Globally in the Northern Hemisphere, there are about 600 oak species in the beech Family Fagaceae. Approximately 26 oak species grow naturally in Florida. Some are red oaks while others are in the white oak group. White oak acorns mature in about six months, while red oak acorns take about 18 months to mature. Deciduous plants lose their leaves in winter, even in Florida. They are not dead, just resting in winter. Look up to see the healthy buds fattening on Turkey Oak twigs in winter.

Florida's red oak group includes Myrtle and Turkey Oak as well as Willow Oak and Laurel Oak that have elongated and narrowed leaves. Leaves in the red oak group are variable, with rounded or pointed lobes, sometimes tipped with bristles and sometimes long or odd shaped. Bluejack Oak, Post Oak, Sand Live Oak (a white oak), Southern Red Oak and Turkey Oak grow in dry, sandy, upland soils. Swamp Chestnut, Willow, Overcup, Shumard and Swamp Red Oak trees grow in rich, moist, poorly drained bottomland soils.

Woodpeckers find insect-infested trees to drill for bugs and grubs. Woodpeckers excavate holes where they lay eggs and raise chicks. Other bird species that cannot excavate their own holes occupy abandoned woodpecker cavities to raise their babies. Some Turkey Oaks may die from insect infestations, diseases, chemicals and/or old age. Dead snags can be left standing as carbon stores, cover from predators, hiding places, shelter from weather, food sources and cavity nest sites. Eventually branches fall off, tops tumble and trunks fall, decay and release their solid carbon and nutrients into the soil. New trees grow by re-using these nutrients.

Turkey Oak is one of the few red oak trees that grows on the well-drained sandhills that make up most of peninsular Florida. It is folly to cut down Turkey Oaks and attempt to replace them with wetland, ornamental and/or tropical species as do some developers and new-to-Florida homeowners.

Maturing about 30 to 40 feet tall, erect, drought-tolerant, wind resistant Turkey Oak has an open spreading crown of 10 to 15 feet diameter. It grows from about Sarasota northward to Virginia and west to eastern Louisiana in cold zones 8–10. It grows in full sun to part shade and naturally lives about 100 years without supplemental irrigation, fertilizers or chemical applications. Alternate, simple leaves have three to seven deep lobes pointed at the tips. Often held perpendicular to the ground, the 4-to-14-inch-long leaves turn reddish in the fall.

Turkey Oak is vital to the birds, butterflies, squirrels and other wildlife that depend on intact habitats for their survival. Tree flowers provide pollen and nectar in season. Acorns are wildlife food. To humans, astringent acorns taste bitter, but are edible if the tannins are leached out. Acorn flour has been used as a coffee substitute but contains no caffeine.

Cavities in Turkey Oak trees are used by flying, gray and fox squirrels and cavity nesting birds including owls, bluebirds, Carolina Chickadees and wrens. Turkey Oak leaves are host plants for four butterfly caterpillar species: Banded Hairstreak, Sleepy Duskywing, Juvenal's Duskywing and Horace's Duskywing.

For more information, read Jane's Garden column from Feb 11, 2018 (https://tinyurl.com/y4fb4bpu) and forester Eric Hoyer's "Not all oak trees are created equal" at https://tinyurl.com/y485k6fa.

See the U.S. Forest Service at https://tinyurl.com/yxwomkx2 for a current distribution map for Turkey Oak.

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JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

**This Turkey Oak grows in the well-drained sandhills of Central Florida. It flanks a sandy path, maintained by mowing two or three times a year, between different areas of Jane's garden. A living evergreen wildlife buffer zone and privacy screen blocks the view of Jane's home tucked behind carefully planned and planted Red Cedars, Simpson's Stopper, Wax Myrtle, Ocala Yellow Anise, Walter's Viburnum, native palms, coonties, bunchgrasses, vines, wildflowers and more.**

**Turkey Oak is in the red oak group. It has alternate, simple leaves with three to seven pointed lobes and no serrations or teeth on the leaf margins (edges). Leaves turn reddish in late fall before being shed for winter. Acorns of red oaks take about 18 months to mature. Although bitter to human taste, acorns are an important wildlife food source.**

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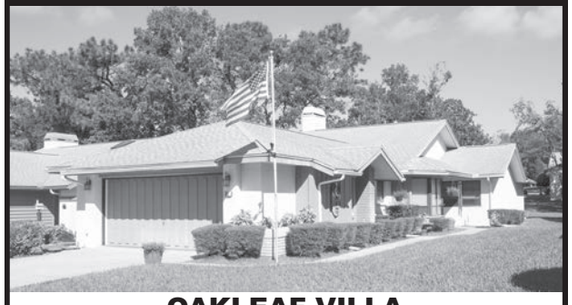

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# How to keep your hardwood floors in shape

## Living SPACE

Lauren Phillips
*Realsimple.com*

In the winter, hardwood floor care is particularly important and particularly challenging, especially for anyone facing a fierce winter where temperature fluctuations, snow and rock salt all make the task that much more difficult. The challenges of winter can cause scratches, stains, cracked floorboards and more on even the best-maintained wood floors.

Dave Murphy, national technical director for wood refinishing company N-Hance Wood Refinishing, shared five easy steps with us that can prevent season-specific damage to hardwood floors. Follow these wood floor tips to keep hardwood floors in great shape, even as temperatures drop.

1. Prevent damage from rock salt.

In snowy areas, rock salt helps people and cars avoid slipping on slick patches; but rock salt can also leave stains on hardwood floors. The rough crystals can also scratch floors if tracked inside. Murphy advises against using vinegar to remove stains, a common trick, and instead suggests placing rugs and mats in high-traffic areas to protect floors. Encourage household members and visitors to take shoes and boots off before entering the home to limit how much rock salt gets tracked inside.

2. Watch heat levels.

Setting the thermostat or radiator at a high temperature may feel great, but it can also dry out hardwood floors, causing shrinkage and even cracked floorboards. If possible, keep the temperature moderate and run a humidifier to keep moisture in the air.

3. Don't wait on spills.

Be diligent about cleaning up spills on hardwood floors immediately, especially during large gatherings. Even a small spill can leave long-term damage on the surface of floors, so have a damp cloth tucked away for a quick cleanup. This is especially true when it comes to pet damage; and, let's face it, it's harder to walk the dogs when it's freezing cold outside. Be on alert, because potty-training mishaps can wreak havoc on a wood floor if not immediately addressed.

4. Practice routine maintenance.

Following hardwood floor care guidelines all year long can give floors a good baseline before winter really begins, Murphy says. Regularly sweep, dust or mop to prevent particle and salt buildup before and during winter, and always be sure to mop with the wood grain, not against it.

5. Do an end-of-season checkup.

Despite your best efforts, some winter-induced damage to hardwood floors may be unpreventable. Check for stains, scratches or water damage at the end of every season; major issues may mean it's time to call in a professional to refinish the floors before the next winter.

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**Winter can take a toll on hardwood floors, but you can fight signs of wear and tear until temperatures start to rise.**

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**This is a barn that has gutters. The owner is thinking of removing them. Is this a good idea?**

# BUILDER

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is an ingenious method of minimizing the splash of the water against the structures. You don't want lots of water getting the side of your home or barn wet. Gutters and downspouts will collect this water and pipe it to another location to minimize wetting.

Gutters and downspouts are a great idea if you have a full basement or want a dry crawlspace. Can you imagine injecting thousands of gallons into the soil next to your foundation and then HOPING it doesn't seep into a basement or crawlspace? This is why I always advise people who suffer from wet basements to be sure to pipe roof water away from their homes to the lowest spot on their building lot.

Typical residential K-style gutters come in two sizes: 5-inch and 6-inch. By far, the 5-inch size is most popular and works for most roofs. The downspouts help you size the gutters. Typical downspouts come in two sizes: 2x3-inch downspouts fit 5-inch gutters and 3x4-inch downspouts fit 6-inch gutters.

The shape of your house or barn and your fussiness about where you want downspouts to be on your house or barn drives the decision on what to do. A single 2x3 downspout will handle 600 square feet of roof area. Surprisingly, a single 3x4 downspout will handle 1,200 square feet of roof area.

The downspout should drop into buried underground SDR-35 plastic sewer and drainpipe. This pipe will carry the water far away from the house or barn. If you live in a city you might be required to pipe your roof water into a local storm-water sewer system or a storm-water holding pond.

Avoid using the plastic or concrete splash blocks at the base of a downspout. These do nothing to get the water away from your foundation. They're foolish imposters and trick you into thinking that the roof water is being handled correctly.

Great micro-mesh gutter guards can stop debris from getting into gutters. I've done gutter guard testing for years and found micro-mesh to be the best system. It's important for the gutter guards to be installed so their slope matches the slope of the roof above them. This way leaves, twigs, bark, and other debris washes off or is blown off the guards on a windy day.

My own home is a great example of how complex your decision might be. I have gutters and downspouts on part of my home so the roof water doesn't splash up onto my house where I have decks and my front porch. At other parts of my house, the roof water drops to the ground and disappears into the coarse gravel. I'm lucky to have well-drained sandy soil. My basement is bone dry because of the way I've engineered my system.

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# TREES

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■ Hospital patients have been shown to recover more quickly when their hospital room offered a view of trees. They also had fewer complaints, took fewer pain killers and left the hospital sooner.

■ Property values of homes are 5 to 15% higher than those without landscape trees and homes with trees sell more quickly than those without.

■ Apartments and offices in wooded areas are known to rent more quickly and have a higher occupancy rate. Workers in offices in wooded areas report more productivity and less absenteeism.

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This is not even a complete list! But what would our lives be like without trees? So, in addition to being thankful for getting through 2020, add trees to your list of things to be thankful for.

*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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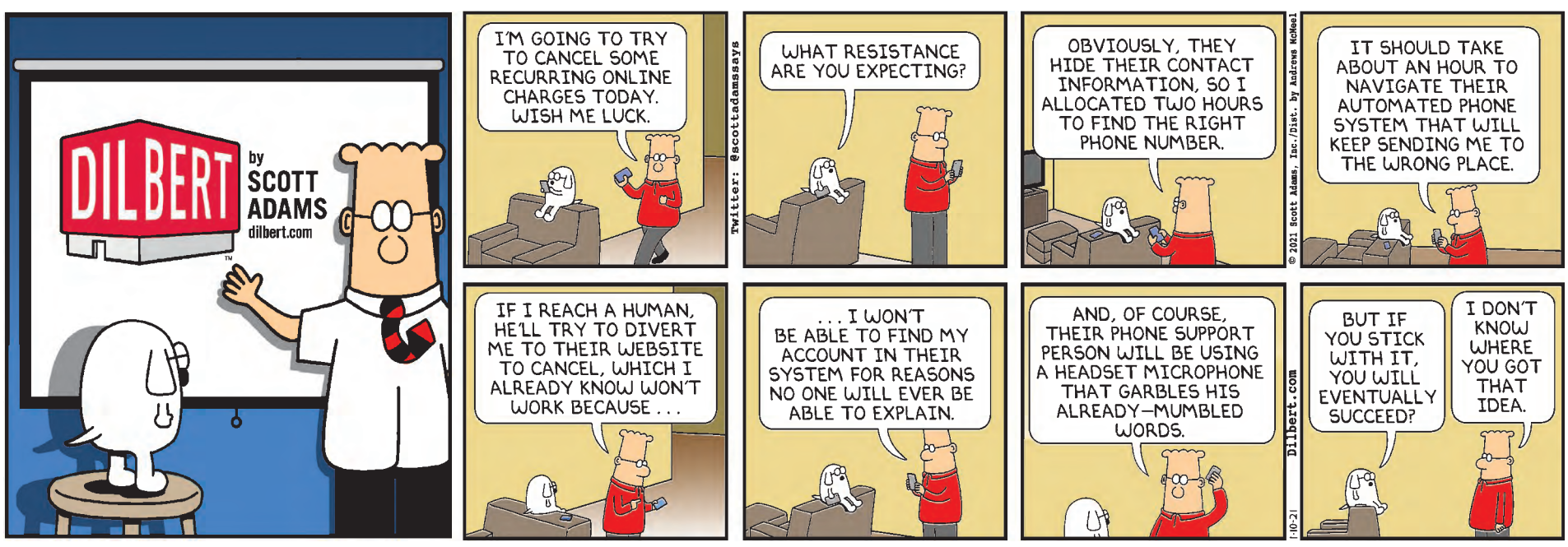


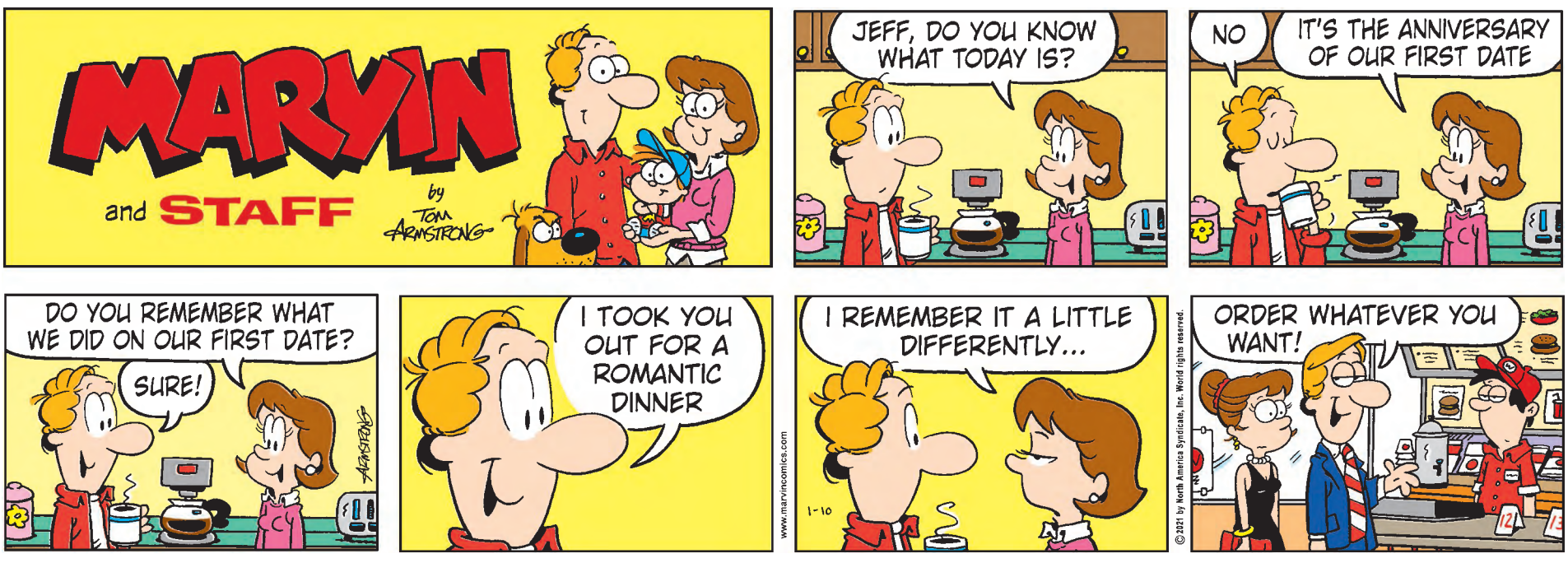


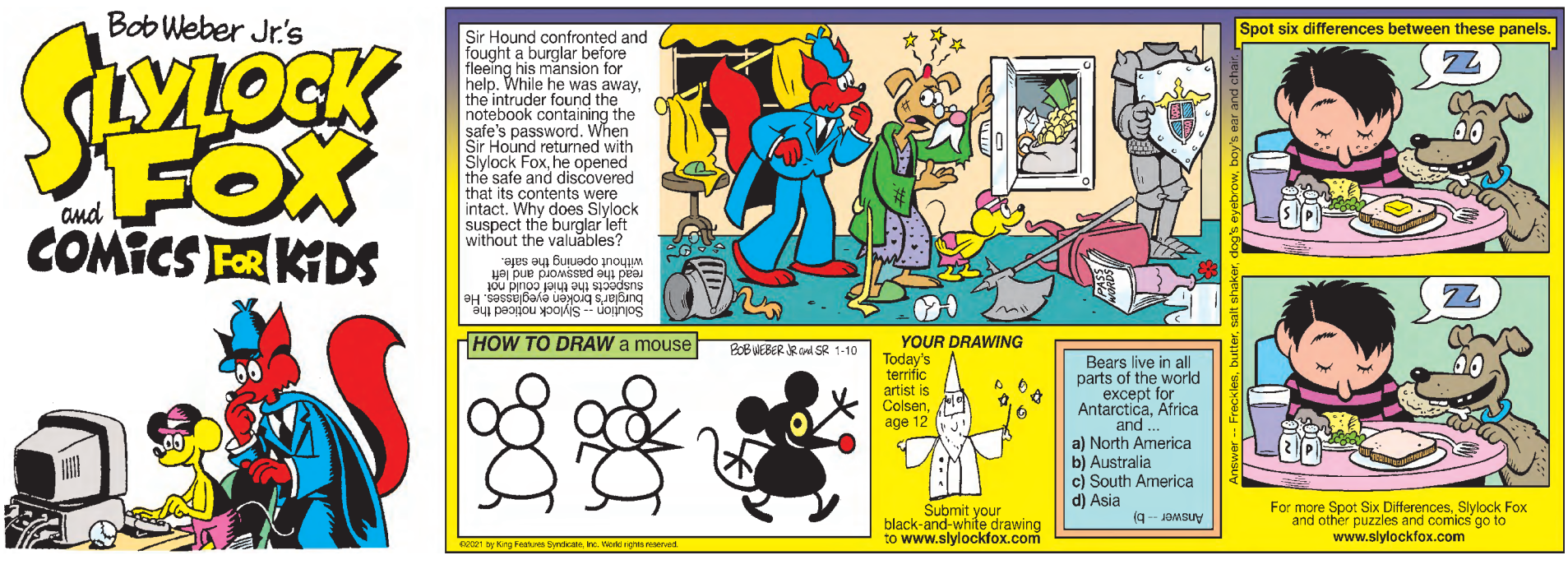

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*Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, please visit* ***sudoku.org.uk***

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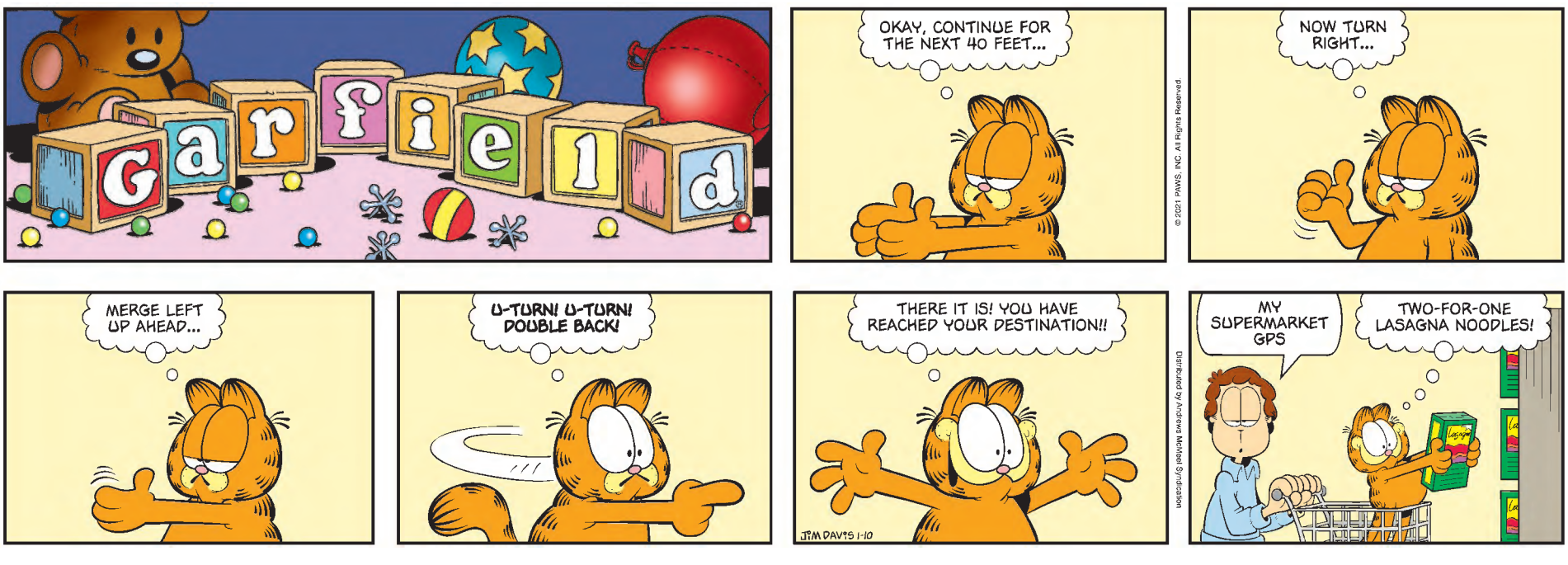


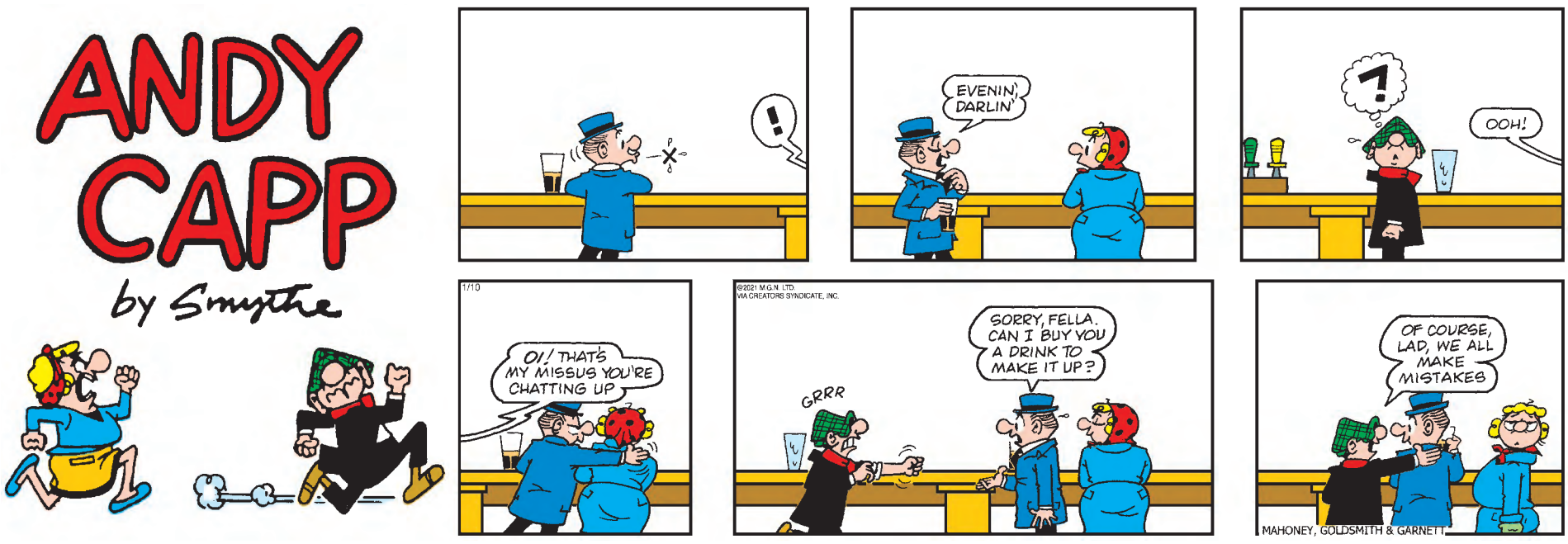


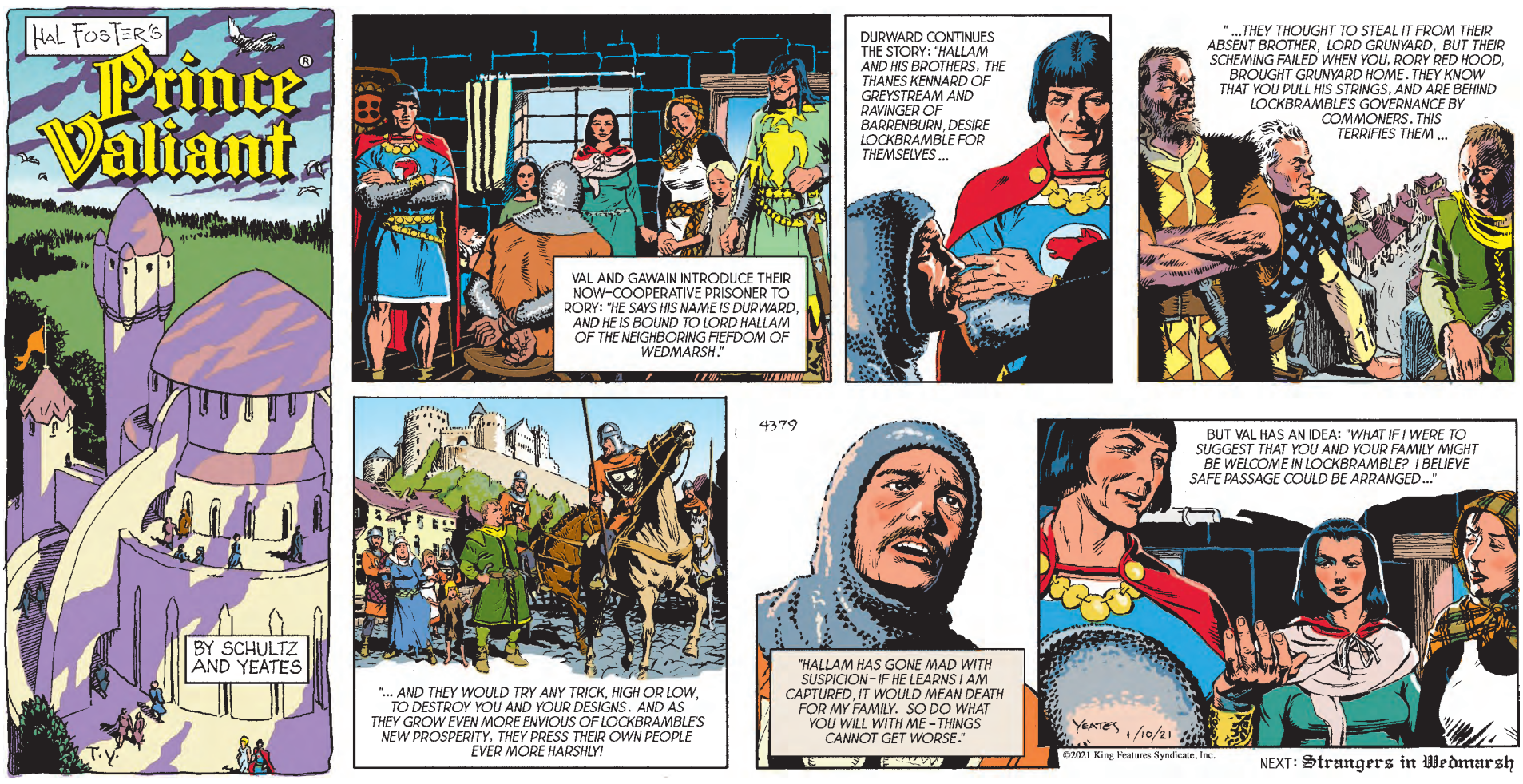


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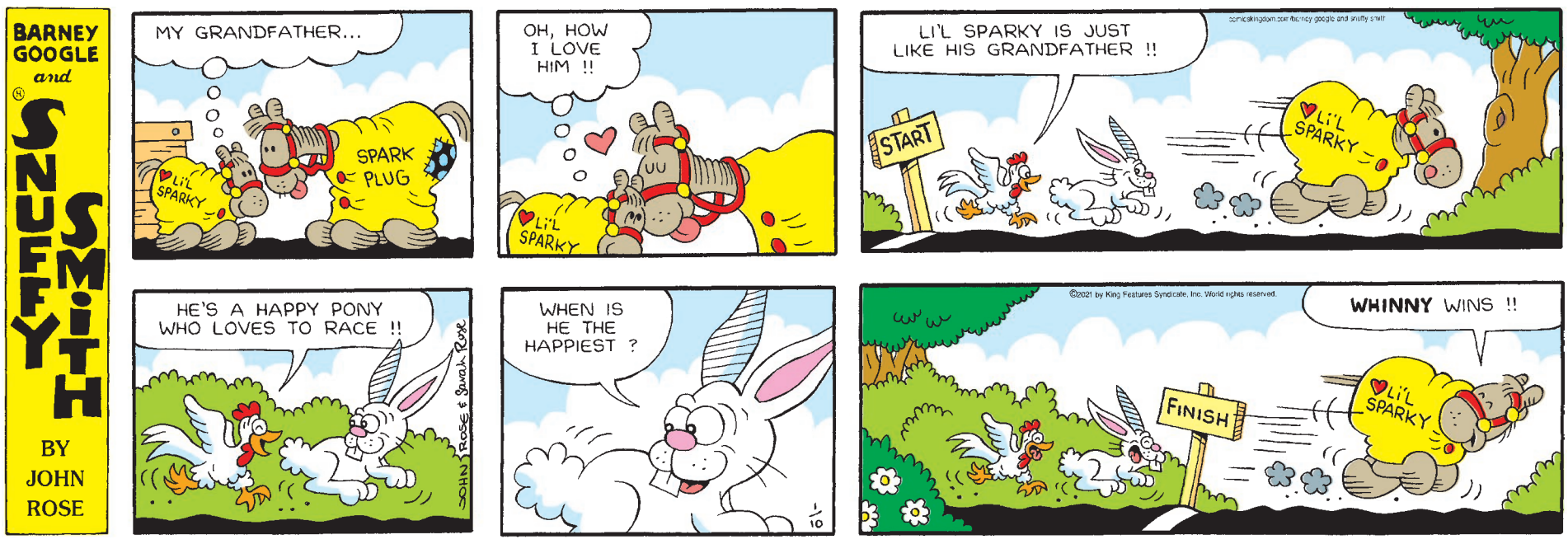
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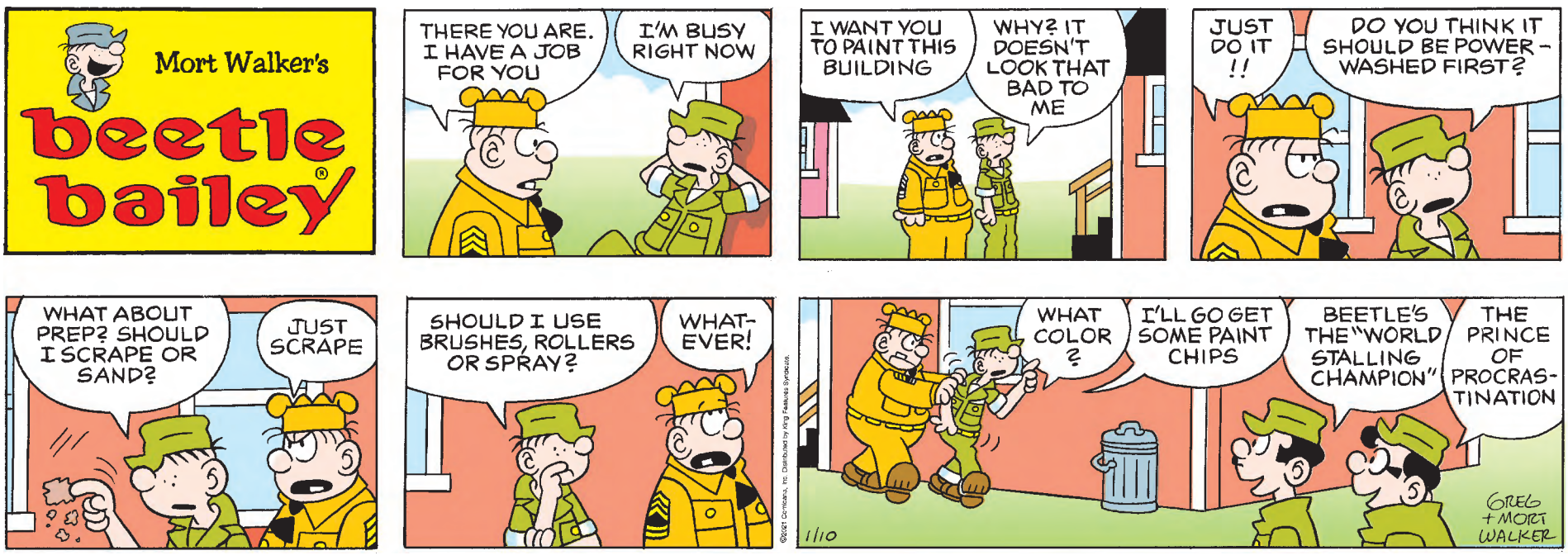
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I'M BUSY RIGHT NOW
I WANT YOU TO PAINT THIS BUILDING
WHY? IT DOESN'T LOOK THAT BAD TO ME
JUST DO IT !!
DO YOU THINK IT SHOULD BE POWER-WASHED FIRST?
WHAT ABOUT PREP? SHOULD I SCRAPE OR SAND?
JUST SCRAPE
SHOULD I USE BRUSHES, ROLLERS OR SPRAY?
WHAT-EVER!
WHAT COLOR ?
I'LL GO GET SOME PAINT CHIPS
BEETLE'S THE "WORLD STALLING CHAMPION"
THE PRINCE OF PROCRAS-TINATION
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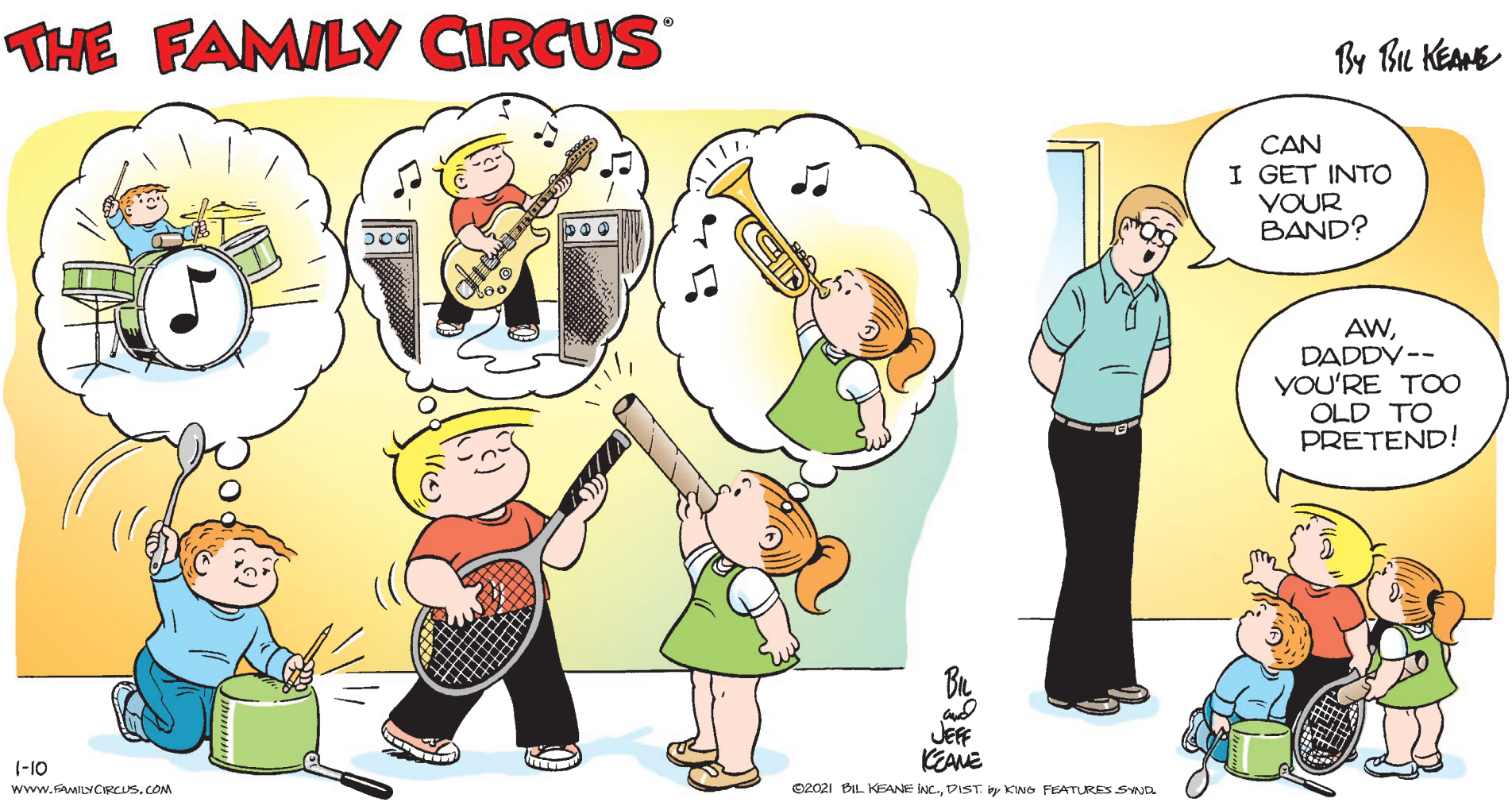
THE FAMILY CIRCUS
By Bil Keane
CAN I GET INTO YOUR BAND?
AW, DADDY-- YOU'RE TOO OLD TO PRETEND!
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big NATE
by Lincoln Peirce
QUITE A CATCH!
I THINK THAT LAST PART SHOULD BE TWO SENTENCES INSTEAD OF ONE.
HM. GOOD IDEA.
WHAT'S UP?
I'M HELPING DAD WRITE HIS PROFILE FOR A DATING APP.
SHE ACTUALLY MADE ME SOUND PRETTY INTERESTING!
INTERESTING? YOU SOUND LIKE A SUPERHERO!
WELL, ISN'T THE GOAL TO MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION?
GOOD, YEAH! NOT PERFECT!
WHEN YOUR DATE MEETS YOU IN PERSON, YOU DON'T WANT HER THINKING YOU DON'T MEASURE UP TO YOUR PROFILE!
HM... TRUE.
IF YOU KEEP EXPECTATIONS LOW, WHEN SHE MEETS YOU SHE'LL BE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED!
SO WHAT DO I DO ABOUT A PICTURE?
I HAVE SO MUCH TO LEARN ABOUT ONLINE DATING.
TRUST ME.
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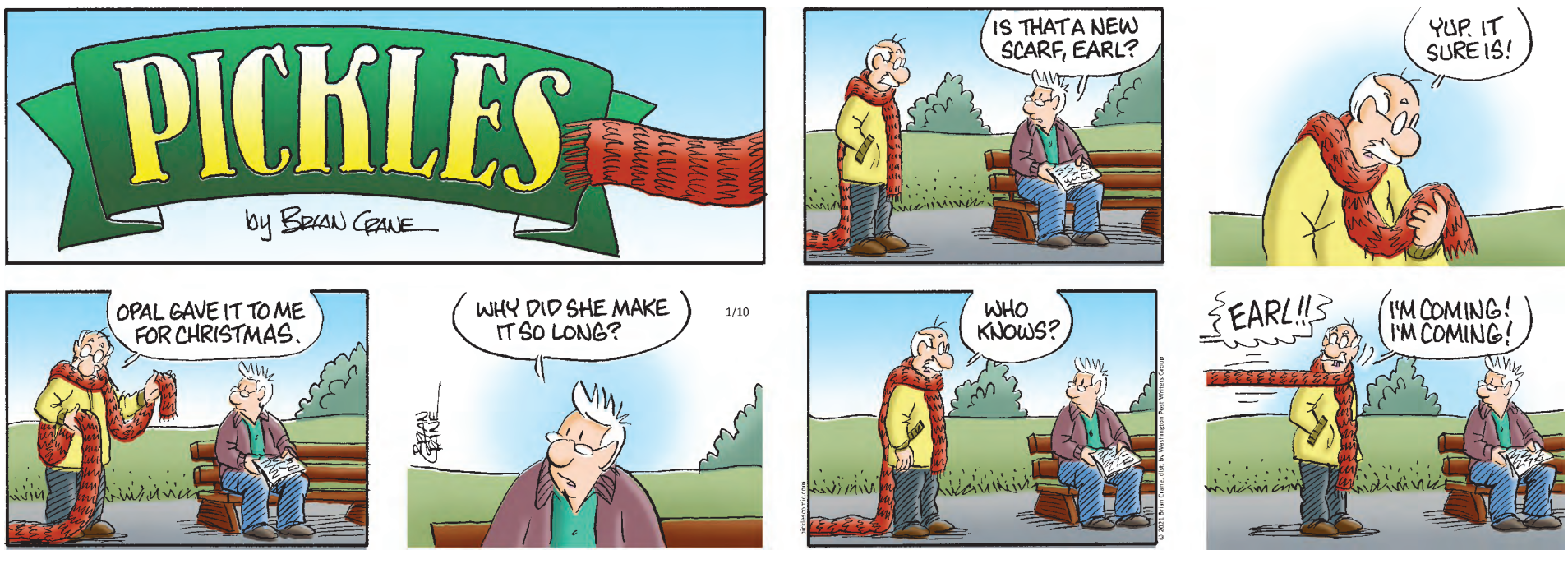
PICKLES
by Brian Crane
IS THAT A NEW SCARF, EARL?
YUP. IT SURE IS!
OPAL GAVE IT TO ME FOR CHRISTMAS.
WHY DID SHE MAKE IT SO LONG?
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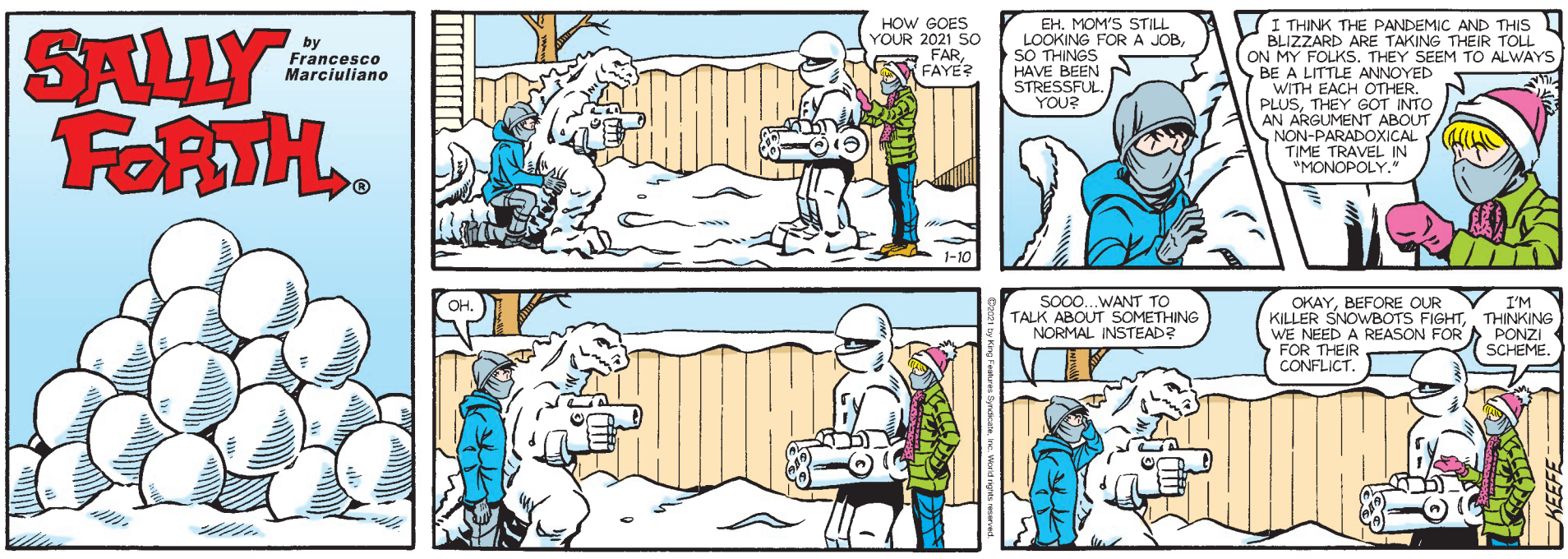
WHO KNOWS?
EARL!!
I'M COMING! I'M COMING!


SALLY FORTH
by Francesco Marciuliano
HOW GOES YOUR 2021 SO FAR, FAYE?
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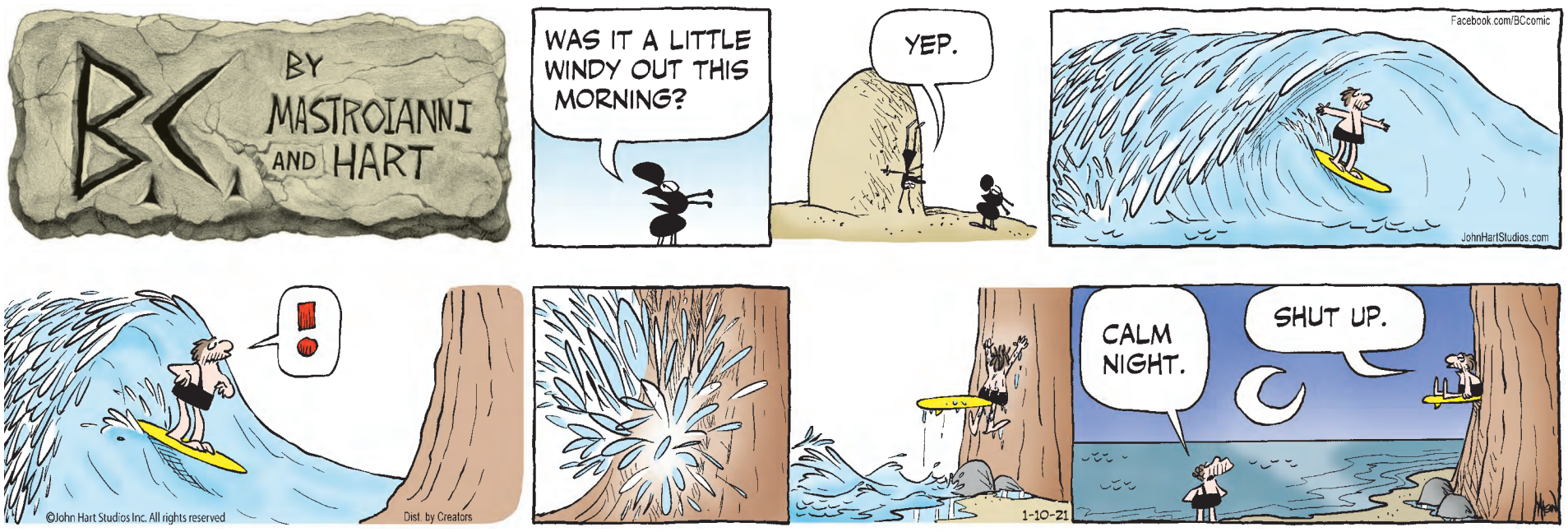
EH. MOM'S STILL LOOKING FOR A JOB, SO THINGS HAVE BEEN STRESSFUL. YOU?
I THINK THE PANDEMIC AND THIS BLIZZARD ARE TAKING THEIR TOLL ON MY FOLKS. THEY SEEM TO ALWAYS BE A LITTLE ANNOYED WITH EACH OTHER. PLUS, THEY GOT INTO AN ARGUMENT ABOUT NON-PARADOXICAL TIME TRAVEL IN "MONOPOLY."
OH.
SOOO...WANT TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING NORMAL INSTEAD?
OKAY, BEFORE OUR KILLER SNOWBOTS FIGHT, WE NEED A REASON FOR FOR THEIR CONFLICT.
I'M THINKING PONZI SCHEME.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BY MASTROIANNI AND HART
WAS IT A LITTLE WINDY OUT THIS MORNING?
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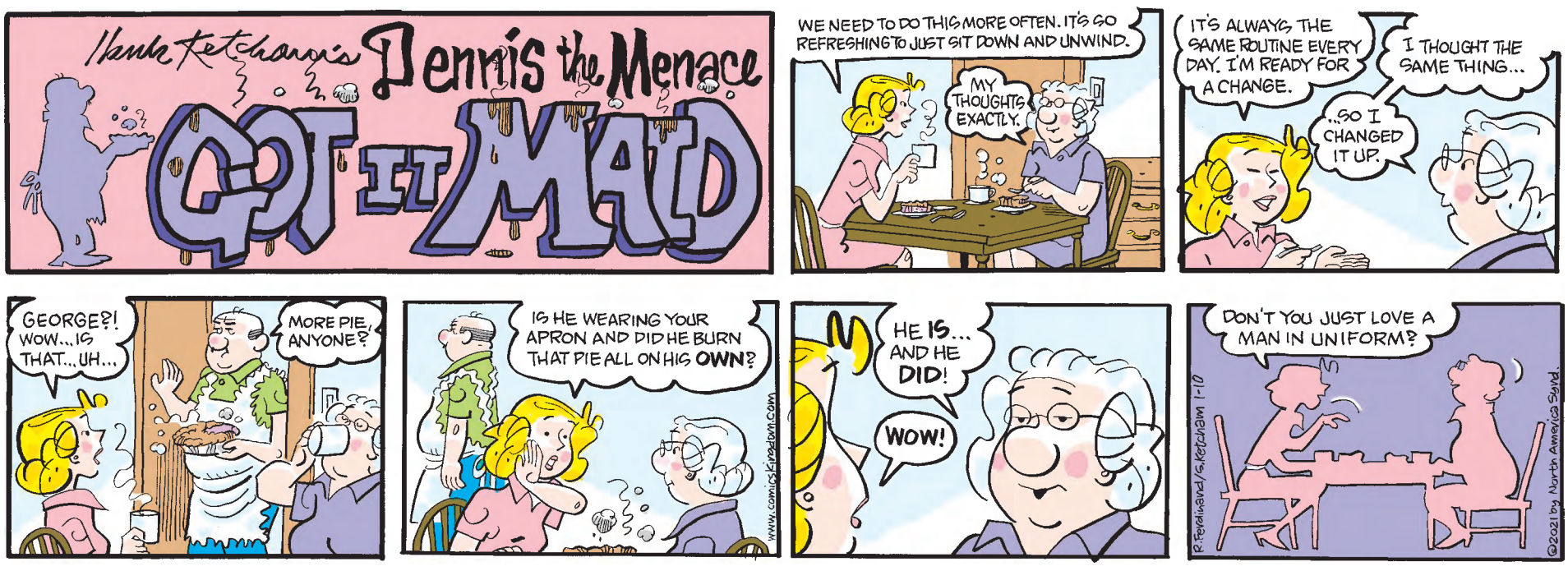
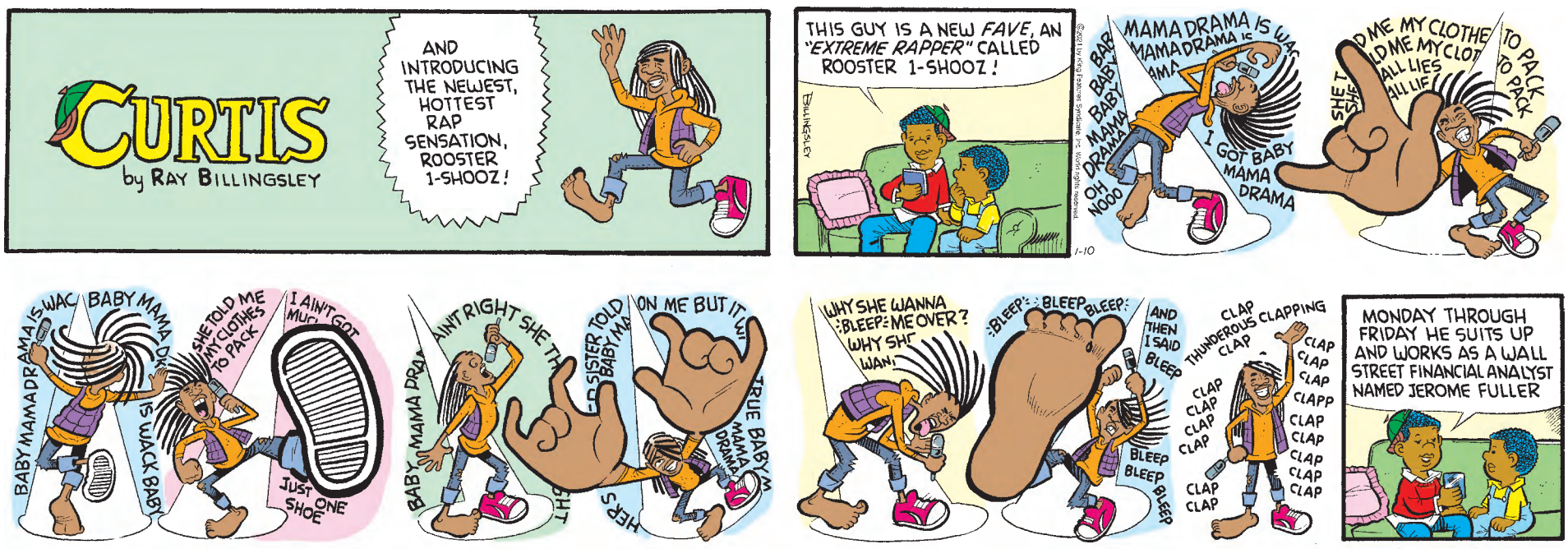
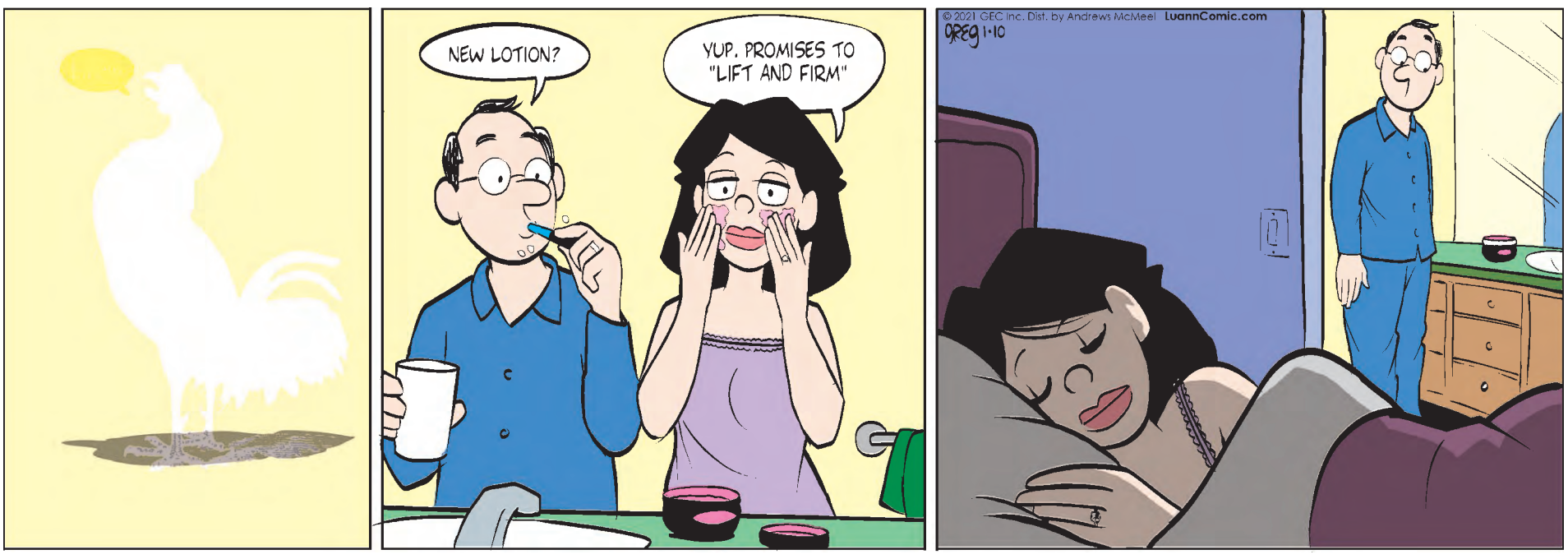
CALM NIGHT.
SHUT UP.


Hank Ketcham's Dennis the Menace
GOT IT MAD
WE NEED TO DO THIS MORE OFTEN. IT'S SO REFRESHING TO JUST SIT DOWN AND UNWIND.
MY THOUGHTS EXACTLY.
IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME ROUTINE EVERY DAY. I'M READY FOR A CHANGE.
I THOUGHT THE SAME THING...
...SO I CHANGED IT UP.
GEORGE?! WOW...IS THAT...UH...
MORE PIE, ANYONE?
IS HE WEARING YOUR APRON AND DID HE BURN THAT PIE ALL ON HIS OWN?
HE IS... AND HE DID!
WOW!
DON'T YOU JUST LOVE A MAN IN UNIFORM?


CURTIS
by RAY BILLINGSLEY
AND INTRODUCING THE NEWEST, HOTTEST RAP SENSATION, ROOSTER 1-SHOOZ!
THIS GUY IS A NEW FAVE, AN "EXTREME RAPPER" CALLED ROOSTER 1-SHOOZ!
MAMA DRAMA IS WACK
I GOT BABY MAMA DRAMA
SHE TOLD ME MY CLOTHES TO PACK
I AIN'T GOT MUCH
JUST ONE SHOE
HER SISTER TOLD ME ON ME BUT IT WAS TRUE
WHY SHE WANNA :BLEEP: ME OVER? WHY SHE WANT
:BLEEP: :BLEEP: :BLEEP:
AND THEN I SAID BLEEP
CLAP CLAP CLAP
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY HE SUITS UP AND WORKS AS A WALL STREET FINANCIAL ANALYST NAMED JEROME FULLER


NEW LOTION?
YUP. PROMISES TO "LIFT AND FIRM"
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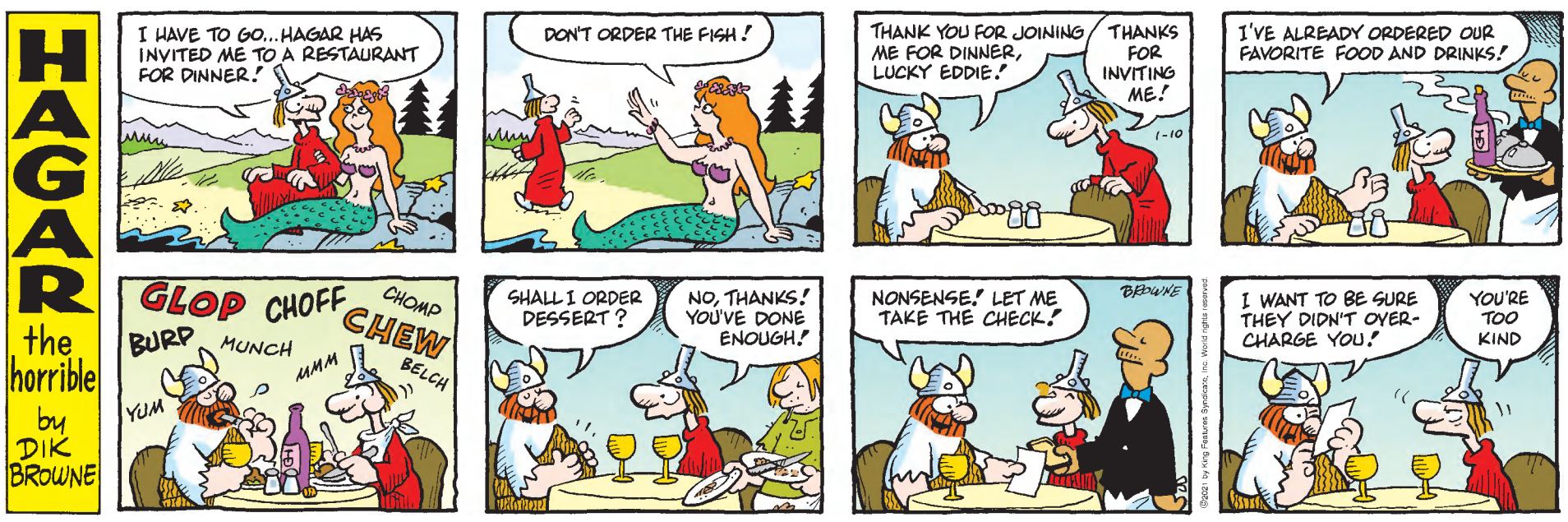
GREG 1-10


HAGAR the horrible by DIK BROWNE
I HAVE TO GO...HAGAR HAS INVITED ME TO A RESTAURANT FOR DINNER!
DON'T ORDER THE FISH!
THANK YOU FOR JOINING ME FOR DINNER, LUCKY EDDIE!
THANKS FOR INVITING ME!
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I'VE ALREADY ORDERED OUR FAVORITE FOOD AND DRINKS!
GLOP CHOFF CHOMP CHEW BURP MUNCH MMM BELCH YUM
SHALL I ORDER DESSERT?
NO, THANKS! YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH!
NONSENSE! LET ME TAKE THE CHECK!
BROWNE
I WANT TO BE SURE THEY DIDN'T OVER-CHARGE YOU!
YOU'RE TOO KIND
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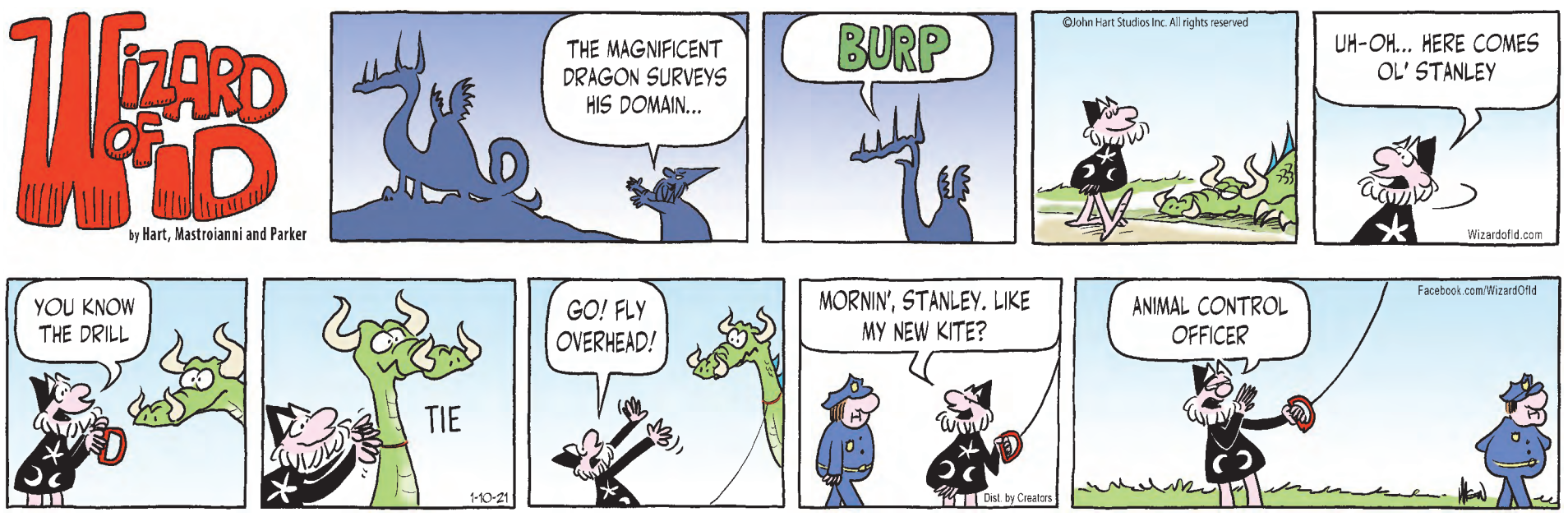
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THE MAGNIFICENT DRAGON SURVEYS HIS DOMAIN...
BURP
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UH-OH... HERE COMES OL' STANLEY
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YOU KNOW THE DRILL
TIE
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GO! FLY OVERHEAD!
MORNIN', STANLEY. LIKE MY NEW KITE?
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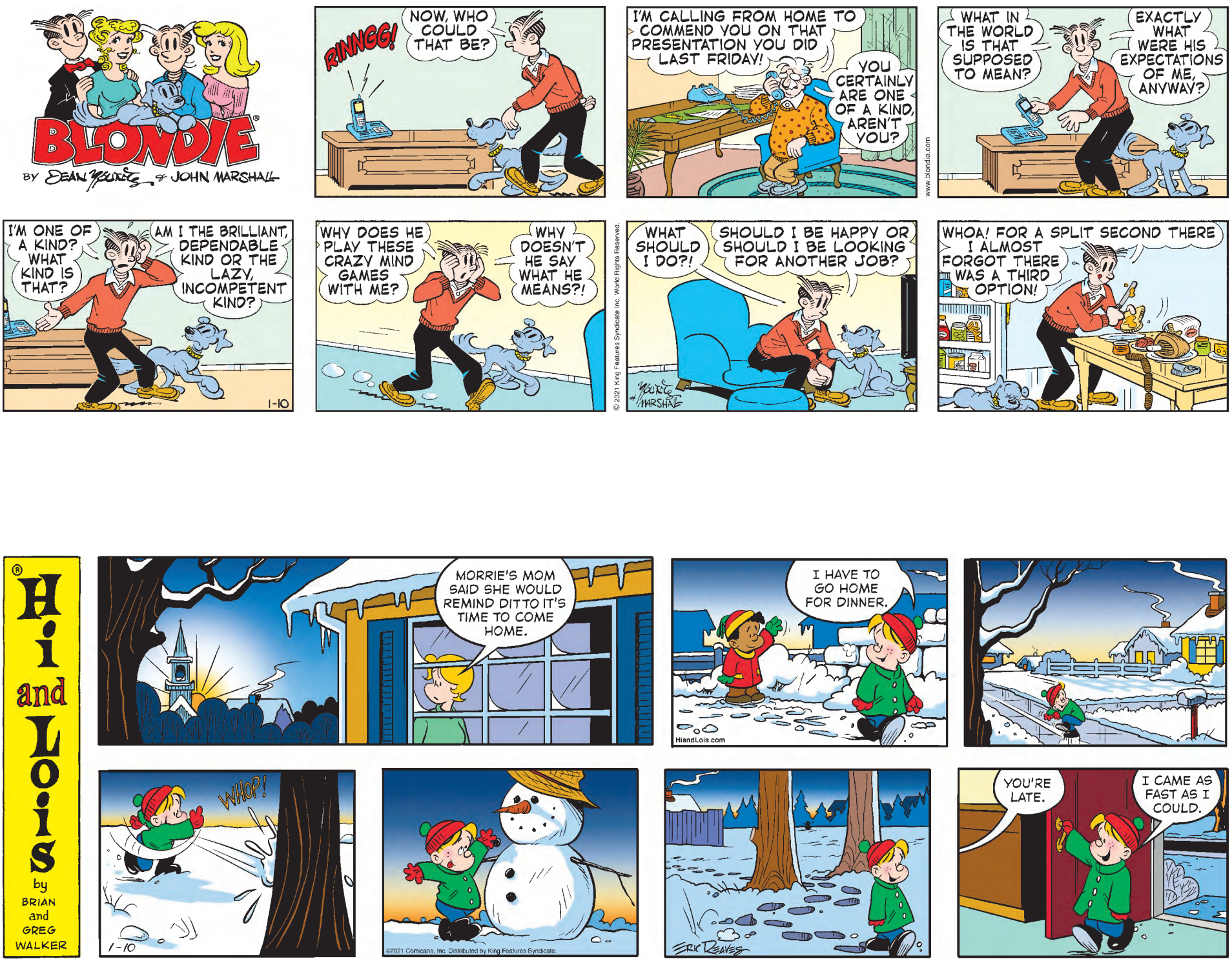
BLONDIE BY DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL
RINNGG!
NOW, WHO COULD THAT BE?
I'M CALLING FROM HOME TO COMMEND YOU ON THAT PRESENTATION YOU DID LAST FRIDAY!
YOU CERTAINLY ARE ONE OF A KIND, AREN'T YOU?
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WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
EXACTLY WHAT WERE HIS EXPECTATIONS OF ME, ANYWAY?
I'M ONE OF A KIND? WHAT KIND IS THAT?
AM I THE BRILLIANT, DEPENDABLE KIND OR THE LAZY, INCOMPETENT KIND?
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WHY DOES HE PLAY THESE CRAZY MIND GAMES WITH ME?
WHY DOESN'T HE SAY WHAT HE MEANS?!
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WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
SHOULD I BE HAPPY OR SHOULD I BE LOOKING FOR ANOTHER JOB?
WHOA! FOR A SPLIT SECOND THERE I ALMOST FORGOT THERE WAS A THIRD OPTION!


® Hi and Lois by BRIAN and GREG WALKER
MORRIE'S MOM SAID SHE WOULD REMIND DITTO IT'S TIME TO COME HOME.
I HAVE TO GO HOME FOR DINNER.
HiandLois.com
WHOP!
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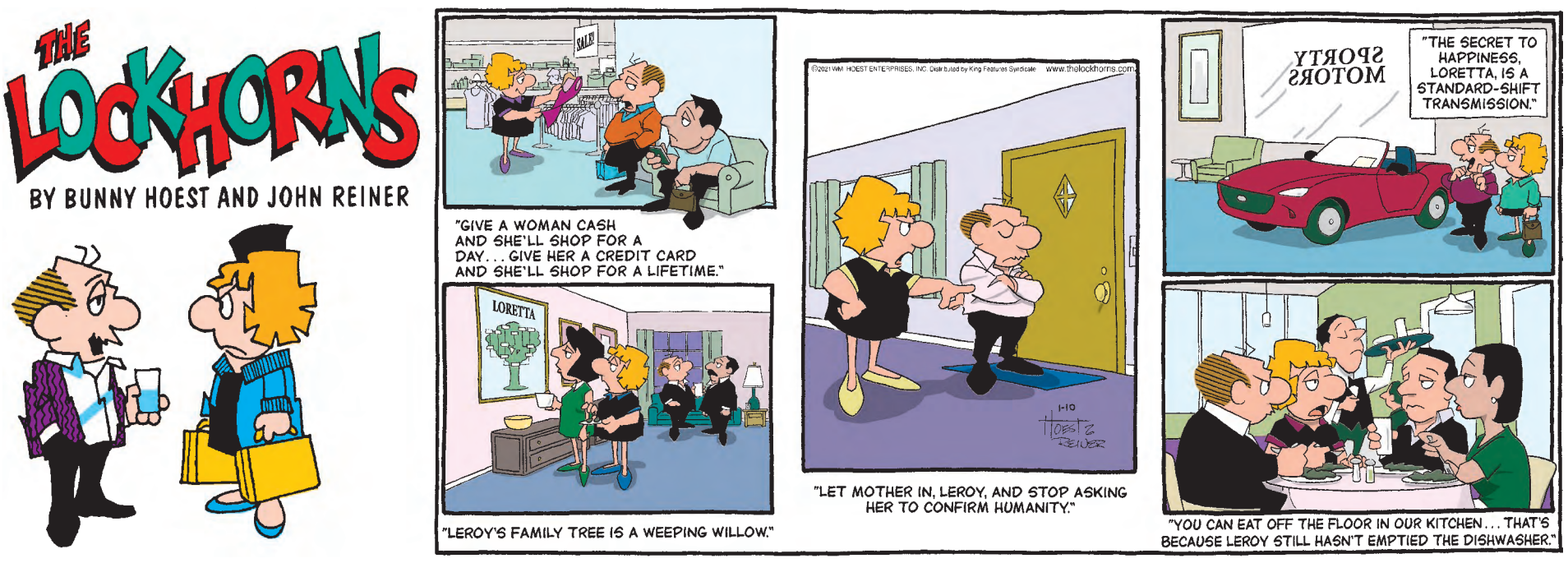
YOU'RE LATE.
I CAME AS FAST AS I COULD.





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