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NEWS BRIEFS

Post to have blood and membership drives

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

The Life South Bloodmobile will be on site from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Blood, plasma, and platelets are in great need in the community.

The membership drive will be held inside the post from noon to 5 p.m.

All are invited to attend and learn about the American Legion's many programs.

Register for Veterans In The Classroom program

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

To register, visit the Citrus County School District website at: <https://www.citrus.schools.org/home>.

Scroll down and click the "Veterans in the Classroom" flag icon. Read about the VITC and complete the registration process.

— From staff reports

ONLINE POLL

What do you think?

Citrus County Commissioners have approved implementing a new fee for stormwater runoff, which will generate more than \$4 million in revenue. Does the county's actions justify the means?

A. Officials knew the mandates were coming for years; they should have phased in the increase.

B. There's no master plan to justify the millions extra they are collecting.

C. It's Save Our Waters Week; this shows officials care about the environment.

D. Vote them all out of office.

To vote, visit www.chronicleonline.com. Scroll down the home page and look for the poll box in the right-hand column.

Results will appear next Monday. Find last week's online poll results. /Page A3

Beloved Inverness veterinarian dies



Citrus County native and longtime veterinarian Dr. Ronald Dumas died Sept. 11 at age 85. This photo was taken on Sept. 26, 2009, Dr. Dumas Day in Inverness.

Dr. Ronald Dumas was 85

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

Dr. Ronald Dumas DVM was known as the "quiet man."

For more than 30 years, he quietly served the community as a veterinarian in Inverness and quietly made a difference in the lives of the animals and people he touched.

Citrus County native Ronald Dumas died Saturday, Sept. 11, at age 85.

Born in Crystal River on the old Dumas Dairy Farm off Turkey Oak Drive and raised caring for animals, Dumas opened his Inverness veterinary practice in 1964.

At that time, Inverness didn't have a vet.

He was a good man and a good veterinarian. He had a positive influence on the county for decades.

Dr. K.C. Nayfield
veterinarian, friend of Dr. Dumas.

"He was a very, very good veterinarian ... and people listened to what he told them," she said. "He was good with domestic animals and also farm animals. But my first thought of him is that he was always a kind, courteous Southern gentleman," she said.

On the occasion of Dr. Dumas Day in Inverness Sept. 26, 2009, honoring Dumas for his lifetime of service, Schmid said, "He just has to lay his hands on an animal and can tell you what is wrong."

That event highlighted the many contributions Dumas had made to the community, which, at that time, included: a member of

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ONE COOL CROONER



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Al Chance is a performer who offers his musical talents in the form of Big Band music, Golden Oldies '50s tunes, classic rock, R&B and other genres from Italian favorites to country and western classics.

'Al Chance' entertains his audiences with hits of the greatest

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

Al Cella has a superpower — and an alter ego.

When he's wearing his '40s-style pork pie hat, a silky shirt and nice jewelry, when he picks up his microphone and sings songs made famous by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tony Bennett, he transports his audience.

Cella himself is no longer a 60-something, retired IRS agent who lives in Sugarmill Woods with his wife, Marie, but he's Al Chance, "singing the hits of the greatest crooners of the '50s through '70s era."

He's suave, mellow, cool, a crooner singing those soft, slow, sentimental songs that get his listeners swaying, nodding their heads.

And his listeners, whether guests at a wedding or party, diners at a restaurant or seniors at one of the local community centers, they become whoever they were back in the day when they were young and falling in love.

"I love to watch the people watch him," said Marie Cella. "The looks on their faces, when they tap their feet, it brings them back to their youth, and you can tell he loves what he's doing."

Chance is Cella's nickname that he got as a kid growing up in Brooklyn, New York.

"I used to sell 'chance' or raffle tickets at the church and they'd say,

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Joyce Ritter, the definition of a rock 'n' roller, keeps the beat to Al Chance's music from the seat of her scooter Wednesday, Sept. 8. She and a few others ate lunch and listened to Chance's tunes at the Historic Hernando School.

EMS seeks help

BOCC to consider best course of action

FRED HIERS
Staff writer

Nature Coast EMS will present to the Citrus County Commission on Tuesday, Sept. 14, what its leaders think it will take to stop the company's financial hemorrhaging and the exodus of its emergency workers.

But as county commissioners prepare for the presentation at its next public hearing, county officials and the Citrus County Fire Rescue union are exploring other options, such as whether county government could take over Nature Coast's ambulance service and operate it better.

County Administrator Randy Oliver wrote to commissioners as part of the agenda packet about some of the benefits and costs to taxpayers about taking over the service.

Capt. Thomas Ratchford, with the county's fire department and president of its union, minces no words when it comes to ambulance service. He wants his fire rescue agency to provide the service and Nature Coast EMS closed down.

Ratchford told the Chronicle that Nature Coast's problems are chronic and only an overhaul and absorbing the nonprofit company into the county's fire rescue department will fix it and ensure county residents get the emergency help when they need it.

"This is not a new problem. It's ongoing," he said of Nature Coast's continuing problem of losing field employees and needing additional subsidies from the commission.

Ratchford said that during August, Nature Coast received 210 calls

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‘Hey, here comes the kid with the chances,’ and then it was just ‘Here comes Chance,’” he said. “And then when I boxed at the YMCA I boxed as Kid Chance. So, when I started singing, I needed a stage name — Al Chance.”

He’s been Al Chance for about 15 years, singing a wide range of music, from Bobby Darrin to the Doobie Brothers, Elvis and Englebert to the Eagles, Doors, the Beatles and Blood, Sweat & Tears — and everything in between.

“I can do the Frankie Valli falsetto and the Frank Sinatra baritone; I call it the two Frankies,” he said.

■■■

He got his start as a teenager, singing and playing in garage bands, and then with a couple rock bands during a year-long hiatus from college.

“We were trying to put out records with original songs that we thought would be hits, but we found out how difficult it was, even with connections, he said. “You’d bring in your tapes and they’d open a door and fling them in a room filled with other tapes.

“At that point I said to myself, ‘You better go back to college and get a real job.’”

After college he started his career with the IRS. He married Marie 42 years ago, and as they raised their family, Cella would occasionally get a singing gig with a band or orchestra at one of the catering halls in Brooklyn or Long Island.

In his 50s, he started singing in an acapella doo wop group called “Memories of You,” even singing with them at the annual Lead East in Parsippany, New Jersey, “the east coast’s biggest oldies extravaganza,” as Cella described it.

After living in New Jersey for about 20 years and then various places, including New Mexico, the Cellas moved to Florida four years ago and to Sugarmill Woods three years ago.

“Al Chance” came too, now performing exclusively as a solo act in Citrus and neighboring and nearby counties.

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As for a favorite song or singer or even a favorite decade, Cella said that’s too difficult to choose.

“I like to say that the Beatles were the soundtrack to my teenage years and Sinatra was the soundtrack to my adult years,” he said.

And his Italian American heritage plays a big part in the music he likes to sing, performing at Italian American clubs and festivals.

Cella just likes music. From his home studio, he digitally records and arranges his own music. If he needs backup singers, he creates his own by overdubbing all the vocal parts



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Al Chance doesn’t just sing. The entertainer performs a dance on stage for those gathered during the lunch hour at the Historic Hernando School.



Hitting a high note Wednesday, Sept. 8, Al Chance belts out a Golden Oldie.

using his own voice. That’s when he becomes “Chance and the Phantasies.”

“This is what I love,” he said. “When singers sing, it’s an emotional experience, a connection with the song.”

And then there’s the audience.

“Sometimes, like when I’m singing at a restaurant, I’m in the background. But when it’s a show, there’s energy.

“I can work the room, connect with the people,” he said. “There’s nothing like it.”

To hear samples of Al “Chance” Cella singing or to learn more about him and where he’s performing

next, go to his website at www.alchance.com.



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Nature Coast EMS has seen a significant number of employees leave the company due to low pay in recent weeks.

EMS

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for ambulance service that had to be performed by outside ambulance providers in surrounding counties as part of mutual aid agreements.

That is no surprise following a recent letter to commissioners when Nature Coast chief and CEO Scott Baxter wrote, “Since July 1, 2021, we have had a net loss of full-time field staff of 25%, most citing wages. Since the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Aug. 24, 2021, Nature Coast EMS staffing is now beyond critical.”

Of the 22 EMT/paramedics who have left Nature Coast, 10 quit during the past seven days, Baxter wrote at the end of August.

Ratchford said that such losses of field staff are effecting Nature Coast’s ability to transport patients and earn money.

Currently, the county commission subsidizes Nature Coast with \$858,402 annually.

Oliver, in his letter to commissioners, said that based on Nature Coast’s August presentation and subsequent discussions with its leadership, Nature Coast will ask for an additional \$522,110 for fiscal 2020-2021 and \$767,773 for fiscal year beginning 2022. That is in addition to the \$858,402 the county currently subsidized the ambulance service this year.

Oliver also paints for commissioners a disturbing Nature Coast financial picture.

“While Nature Coast EMS has improved operations and response times, we believe improvements can be made and that their financial house is not in order as evidenced by the late ask of Aug. 24, 2021, for additional funding to the Board of County Commissioners after the millage was set in July,” Oliver wrote.

He also cited the county’s recent purchase of Nature Coast property, and its lease back to the company, to generate additional cash for the ambulance service. That costed the county \$1.6 million.

Oliver also said while the need to raise Nature Coast employee salaries is understandable, Nature Coast should have planned for the increases.

And while Nature Coast saved some money in vacant positions when employees left, “the only way to reduce staffing is to reduce ambulances available for calls.”

Oliver estimates it would cost the county \$1 million annually to operate its own ambulance service and that the

“operation by the county (would) provide more stability and predictability financially and operationally for this vital service.”

Oliver also wrote there would be staffing advantages because emergency workers could move from fire truck to ambulance as needed because of cross training.

But Oliver also warned that the county will have to consider whether it will have to take on any financial obligations currently held by Nature Coast such as debt and staff time-off obligations.

Regardless of who operates the ambulance service, Oliver warned a millage increase will be needed in fiscal year 2022-2023 to pay for it.

But Ratchford said there would be some automatic savings.

The fire department already has its own administration and could absorb Nature Coast’s administrative responsibilities, he said. The fire rescue department also already has its own logistics, dispatch and support personnel that could be utilized if the county takes over ambulance services.

Ratchford also thinks Nature Coast employees would welcome the change, citing their leaving for better paying jobs at neighboring counties.

Earlier this month Baxter told the Chronicle that starting salaries for emergency medical technicians (EMTs) in Citrus County was \$9.21 per hour. Paramedics start at \$12.72 per hour. In comparison, Sumter County’s EMTs begin at \$14.50 per hour and paramedics start at \$19.50 per hour.

In Marion County, EMTs begin at \$10 per hour and paramedics at \$18.03 per hour. Paramedics in Hernando County start at \$19.96 per hour. That county does not hire EMTs.

Fire Rescue Chief Craig Stevens did not make himself available to the Chronicle for this story, but referred the newspaper to Oliver’s agenda packet comments.

In an email to the Chronicle though, Stevens wrote, “It is a viable option for fire rescue to operate EMS and is successful in many other communities.”

“Our agency is committed to protecting the lives and property of the citizens and visitors of Citrus County,” he wrote. “If the board determines it is in the best interest of the public to integrate EMS services into the fire department, we will perform those duties with the same dedication and integrity as we currently provide the community.”

The county commission is scheduled to meet with Nature Coast EMS Tuesday as part of its regularly scheduled public hearing which starts at 1 p.m. at 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness.

ONLINE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Local groups are welcome to add their upcoming events to the Chronicle’s online calendar.
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Around the
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Let's Feed Citrus
plans giveaways
two Wednesdays

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

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

Air Force
Association to
meet in Ocala

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

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

The chapter name memorializes the Red Tail Squadron, black airmen who forged a path into cockpits that were mainly for whites during World War II. The AFA promotes a dominant United States Air Force, United States Space Force and strong national defense; it honors airmen and guardians and fosters a strong military heritage.

The meeting is open to the public. Guests and anyone interested in joining the Air Force Association are welcome to attend.

Contact the chapter membership chairman, Howard Burke, 352-861-0886, for more information or to join.

'Florida-Friendly
Fertilizing'
workshop on tap

Citrus County Utilities Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program will host a free online gardening workshop, "Florida-Friendly Fertilizing," from 2 to 3 p.m. Sept. 21.

According to Citrus County Utilities, using several steps, including soil testing, when and how to apply fertilizers and effective irrigation practices after application are essential to proper fertilization practices.

This program will discuss proper Florida-friendly fertilization practices developed by the University of Florida.

For more information, call 3 352-527-5700.

Homosassa Lions
plan yard sale
at clubhouse

The Homosassa Lions will host a yard sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Lions clubhouse at 3705 S. Indiana Terrace in Homosassa, across from the park.

For more information about the event, call Linda Gadke at 352-621-5041.

— From staff reports

ONLINE
POLL
RESULTS

QUESTION: Wilton Simpson said last week he has filed to run for agricultural commissioner in 2022; what do you think?

- A. He's a shoo-in; he's got my vote. (236 votes)
- B. He has a tough road to hoe ahead. (223 votes)

Total votes: 459.
For this week's online poll question, see **Page A1**.

Possible crackdown on internet cafés

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

Internet cafés in Citrus County would be shut down and the operators severely fined or jailed if county commissioners Tuesday approve a proposed ordinance.

County Commissioner Jeff Kinnard is broaching the topic because sheriff's office representatives contacted him about these cafés becoming re-established in the county.

Kinnard said these cafés often allow illegal gambling and lead to a host of other undesirable behaviors and criminal activities.

Kinnard will ask the county attorney to create an ordinance, similar to an existing one in Marion County, for adoption. If passed, it would make them unlawful within the unincorporated areas of Citrus County.

"The sheriff's office just wants them shut down," Kinnard said. "They don't want them operating here."

Lt. Craig Callahan with the sheriff's office said there is one internet café that has been identified in Citrus County and it's in Lecanto.

But the intent is to prevent more



File photo from the Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Citrus County Sheriff's Office detectives in February 2019 seized a total \$32,592 in cash during a raid at two internet cafés suspected of hosting illegal gambling operations.

from opening.

The state legislature in 2019 reduced the penalty for operating these places from a felony to a misdemeanor, which carries a 60-day

jail term or \$500 fine.

That emboldened operators who have started opening up again.

The new ordinance would allow operators to be fined per machine.

So if a café owner had 30 games, the penalty would be a \$15,000 fine and five years in jail.

"It is currently illegal right now to operate them," Callahan said. "We just want to strengthen the ability to stop them from popping up."

The county commission meeting is at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness.

Also on the agenda:

■ The board will discuss its legislative priorities for 2021-22. Leading the list is the Suncoast Parkway extension from County Road 486 to Red Level on U.S. 19.

■ Commissioners will hear from Josh Wooten, president/CEO of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, who will provide an update on the CARES Act and a request from the YMCA for additional funding.

■ The commission will discuss and vote on developing a list of transportation priorities to be submitted to the Hernando-Citrus Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

To view the agenda, visit http://citruscountyfl.icm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=2686.

Citrus resident wins international essay contest



Special to the Chronicle

Marie Brotnitsky of Homosassa.

Special to the Chronicle

By winning an international essay contest, Homosassa resident Marie Brotnitsky earned a scholarship to the Positive Approach to Care Alzheimer's and Dementia Conference on Nov. 15 and 16. The scholarship is valued at \$250.

Brotnitsky, an energy efficiency specialist with Duke Energy, based her essay on her life experience in caring for a loved one as he descended into dementia caused by a traumatic brain injury.

Titled "What do I do now?" the essay describes the challenges and confusion of coping with an

ever-changing personality that is often characteristic of dementia.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Brotnitsky moved to Citrus County in 1984.

She is an active member of the Citrus County Building Alliance and the Chamber of Commerce, and has served on the boards of Confederation of American Patriots and Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County.

Runners-up to Brotnitsky were Sharon Morris of Jacksonville, and Chadhom Ratsameemonthon of Hat Yai, Thailand.

The contest was sponsored by Coping with Dementia LLC of Inverness, which provides dementia care and awareness training.

■ Free ABCs of Dementia workshops provide an overview of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, how they affect the individuals and how their care partners can use this knowledge to provide more effective care.

■ Citrus County's libraries provide this training for their personnel, and welcome the public to attend as well.

■ The next workshop is from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Sept. 17, at Coastal Region Library in Crystal River.

Local third-graders learn about 9/11



Special to the Chronicle

Students at Central Ridge Elementary honored victims and families of 9/11 by researching the events of Sept. 11, 2001, now known as Patriots Day. Pictured from left are students from Jasmine Welter's third-grade class: Vivien Roshi, Madilyn Langley, Kado Hicks and Gunner Wenner.

Inverness sets 2021-22 budget, lowers tax rate

FRED HIERS
Staff writer

The Inverness City Council approved this week in the first of two meetings the city's new 2021-2022 budget with a reduced millage rate for property owners.

The council will hold its second meeting to finalize the budget and millage rate at 5:30 p.m., Sept. 21, at city hall, just before its regularly scheduled council meeting.

The city's 2021-22 budget includes a millage rate of 7.8211, which will help create a general fund of \$7.9 million. The previous year's general fund was \$8.6 million.

The revenues from ad valorem property taxes is expected to raise nearly \$4 million. That's up from

\$3,883,787 in fiscal 2020-2021. The city's total revenues, including charges, fees and carry overs, is \$44,304,147 in fiscal 2021-2022. That's up from \$43,603,897. Expenditures match revenues under City Manager Eric Williams' budget proposal.

This is how millage rates work.

One mill in property, or ad valorem taxes, is equal to \$1 for each \$1,000 of the property's taxable value. So if a property is worth \$75,000, after homestead exemptions, the property owner's city property taxes will be \$586.58. That does not include county or school taxes.



Eric Williams
Inverness city manager.

The proposed lowered millage will still generate more money because the taxable value of the city increased \$21.4 million from the previous year, according to the Citrus County Property Appraiser's Office. Of that \$21.4 million, \$4.3 million is from new and improved development. The full taxable value of the city is \$534,147,532. The difference over last year is a 4.2% increase.

The rollback rate was 7.6690. The rollback rate is the millage that the council could have imposed that would have generated the same amount in revenues as this year.

Williams and the council said

during their budget meeting they were pleased with the financial plan and tax rate.

"We told you we were going to try and develop a budget that got a lower millage rate," Williams told the council. "It's not the full rollback as we discussed, but it's pretty close."

Councilman Cabot McBride was absent from the meeting. The council voted 4-0 to approve the millage rate.

"It's good to see everyone worked so hard to keep it in a range we didn't have to raise the millage rate ...," said Councilwoman Linda Bega. Councilwoman Jacquie Hepfer agreed.

"God bless our staff for putting this together," she said.

Today's
HOROSCOPES

Birthday: Invest in learning, expand your interests and spend time with supportive people who share your beliefs and opinions. Be innovative, and you'll develop a plan that will help you stay true to yourself.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Tell it like it is, and you'll avoid an onslaught of negativity and setbacks. Know what you want, and don't be afraid to put your plans into action.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Bring up issues that require resolution. Your input and persuasive charm will help swing someone's opinion.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): Dial it down and focus on what's important. Put your emotions aside to do what's necessary to sustain the lifestyle that brings you peace of mind.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): Do what's necessary to move on without getting hung up on trivial matters. Look at the big picture, and you will see a clear path.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put your energy into something that offers stability. Make changes to lower your overhead. Learn through observation.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): Trust what's tangible. Gather facts and make decisions geared toward saving money and clearing up any financial, medical or legal problems.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20): Take better care of yourself. Discuss your intentions with someone who has something to offer you.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Bring on the heat. If you want something, take the initiative and make it happen. Refuse to let anyone step in and take charge.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): When in doubt, take a pass. Excess of any kind is a warning sign. Protect your reputation.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): There is nothing more exciting than discovering something or someone who gives you food for thought.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Getting out with people you enjoy is fine, but don't compromise your health and well-being.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Be observant, and you'll avoid getting dragged into an unsavory situation. Take a greater interest in events or activities that make you think.

ENTERTAINMENT



Marvel Studios via Associated Press

This image released by Marvel Studios shows Michelle Yeoh and Simu Liu, right, in a scene from “Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings.”

‘Shang-Chi’ tops box office again with \$35.8 million

NEW YORK — “Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings” stayed on top at the box office, collecting \$35.8 million in ticket sales in its second weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday.

That total was good enough for the best second-weekend gross of any film during the pandemic, edging out the previous Marvel movie, “Black Widow.”

This year, relatively few films have held well in theaters either because they’ve been streaming simultaneously at home or because moviegoers’ attention fades.

“Shang-Chi” is playing exclusively in theaters, and its second-week drop, 53%, was relatively modest. In two weeks of release, it has grossed \$247.6 million globally. At its current pace, “Shang-Chi,” the first Marvel movie to star an Asian superhero (played by Simu Liu), may become the top summer release at the North American box office. Globally, its path is less certain.

“Shang-Chi” currently doesn’t have a release date in China. Worldwide, Universal’s “Fast and Furious” sequel “F9” has fared better than any other pandemic release with more than \$714 million in ticket sales.

The \$90 million four-day Labor Day weekend opening for “Shang-Chi” was widely seen as an encouraging sign for the industry amid the coronavirus surge in the U.S.

On Friday, Disney announced that all of its remaining 2021 releases, including Marvel’s “Eternals,” will open exclusively in theaters, and not land on Disney+ at the same time.

That was how “Black Widow” opened, prompting a lawsuit from star Scarlett Johansson.

Warner Bros.’ “Malignant,” a horror thriller directed by James Wan, was the only sizable new competition for “Shang-Chi.” It debuted softly with \$5.6 million. Overseas, it added \$6.3 million from 69 markets.

Like all Warner Bros. releases

this year, “Malignant” was also released on HBO Max for subscribers. The studio has said it will return to debuting films with an exclusive theatrical window next year.

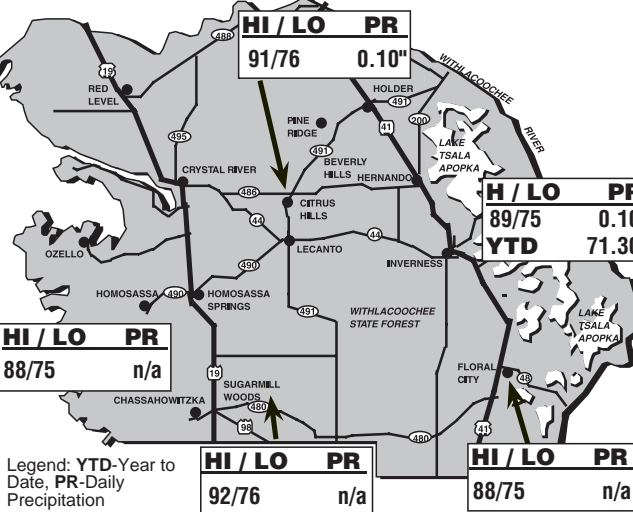
The weak debut for “Malignant” allowed Disney to also take the second spot this weekend. The Ryan Reynolds action comedy “Free Guy,” from Disney’s 20th Century Studios, grossed \$5.8 million in its fifth week of release, bringing its domestic tally to \$101.5 million. It has made \$276 million worldwide.

The specialty film business also showed some signs of life heading into the fall season. Shortly after its premiere at the Venice Film Festival, Paul Schrader’s “The Card Counter,” starring Oscar Isaac, launched with \$1.1 million in 580 theaters for Focus Features.

In the film, Isaac plays a professional gambler with a dark military past.

— From wire reports

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 91° Low: 72°
Partly sunny, scattered PM storms move west

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING
High: 90° Low: 72°
Partly sunny, scattered PM storms move west

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING
High: 88° Low: 72°
Partly cloudy scattered PM storms move west

ALMANAC				Data from Crystal River Airport
TEMPERATURE		DEW POINT		
Yesterday	87/76	Yesterday at 3 p.m.	74°	
Record*	98/59	HUMIDITY		
Normal	91/70	Yesterday at 3 p.m.	67%	
Mean temp.	81	POLLEN COUNT**		
Departure from mean	1	Today's active pollen:		
PRECIPITATION		ragweed, grasses, chenopods		
Yesterday	0.01"	Today's count: 5.7/12		
Total for the month	2.88"	Tuesday's count: 4.8		
Total for the year	29.07"	Wednesday's count: 4.9		
Normal for the year	41.44"	AIR QUALITY		
*Official record values from Tampa International		Yesterday observed	Good	
UV INDEX:	8	Pollutant	PM2.5	
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high				
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	30.20			

SOLUNAR TABLES					Provided by ezfshn.com
DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
09/13	MONDAY	7:13	6:55	7:36	7:25
09/14	TUESDAY	7:13	7:55	7:35	8:25

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

Sep 13 Sep 20 Sep 28 Oct 6

SUNSET TONIGHT 7:36 pm
SUNRISE TOMORROW 7:13 am
MOONRISE TODAY 2:11 pm
MOONSET TODAY Next Day

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-	
4 - 5	Wednesday	Common Areas	Friday

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

TIDES									
*From mouths of rivers			**At King's Bay				***At Mason's Creek		
MONDAY									
City	High				Low				
Chassahowitzka**	11:41 a.m.	0.6 ft	None	n/a	3:20 a.m.	0.1 ft	8:34 p.m.	0.0 ft	
Crystal River**	9:38 a.m.	2.3 ft	11:00 p.m.	1.4 ft	3:20 a.m.	0.9 ft	5:15 p.m.	0.1 ft	
Withlacoochee*	6:33 a.m.	3.9 ft	8:38 p.m.	2.8 ft	1:32 a.m.	1.7 ft	2:46 p.m.	0.4 ft	
Homosassa***	9:50 a.m.	1.5 ft	11:32 p.m.	0.6 ft	3:54 a.m.	0.1 ft	6:54 p.m.	0.3 ft	

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	86	76	t	Miami	87	80	sh
Fort Lauderdale	88	79	sh	Ocala	91	72	pc
Fort Myers	92	75	t	Orlando	90	75	t
Gainesville	90	72	pc	Pensacola	86	76	t
Homestead	88	77	sh	Sarasota	92	75	sh
Jacksonville	89	74	pc	Tallahassee	89	72	pc
Key West	88	80	sh	Tampa	92	75	sh
Lakeland	91	74	sh	Vero Beach	88	76	t
Melbourne	87	77	t	W. Palm Bch.	85	81	t

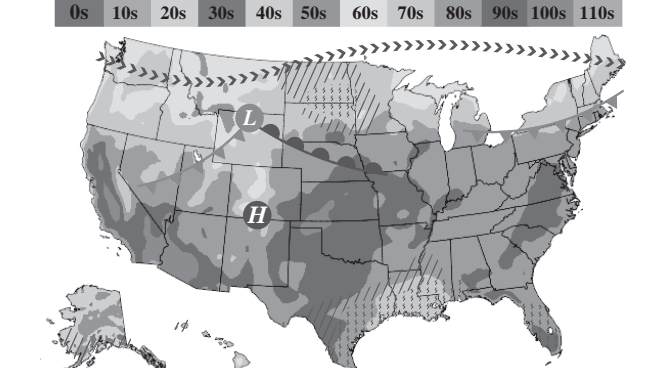
MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: East winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Scattered showers in the evening. Isolated thunderstorms. Tonight: East winds around 10 knots becoming north late in the afternoon.

LAKE LEVELS			
Location	SUN	SAT	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	34.22	34.26	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	38.35	38.34	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	39.62	39.65	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	40.94	40.99	41.37

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

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Monday

City	SUN				MON				City	SUN				MON			
	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fest	H	L		Pcp.	H	L	Fest				
Albany	75	59	Trace	78	54	pc	New Orleans	84	75	Trace	86	76	sh				
Albuquerque	92	66	0.00	96	63	s	New York City	81	66	0.00	86	67	pc				
Asheville	82	54	Trace	86	62	pc	Norfolk	85	67	0.00	91	71	s				
Atlanta	85	60	0.00	88	68	pc	Oklahoma City	91	59	0.00	93	70	s				
Atlantic City	84	65	0.00	87	71	s	Omaha	76	66	Trace	86	64	pc				
Austin	94	69	0.00	87	73	sh	Palm Springs	11382	0.00	10879	s						
Baltimore	88	63	0.00	91	71	s	Philadelphia	86	64	0.00	89	70	s				
Billings	84	52	0.00	74	50	sh	Phoenix	10982	0.00	10881	s						
Birmingham	92	68	0.00	87	69	mc	Pittsburgh	83	62	0.00	86	68	pc				
Boise	84	54	0.00	80	45	sm	Portland, ME	79	60	0.00	72	53	pc				
Boston	83	64	0.00	79	60	pc	Portland, OR	76	62	Trace	72	51	pc				
Buffalo	75	71	0.18	74	62	sh	Providence, RI	81	63	0.00	81	60	sh				
Burlington, VT	79	64	0.01	73	55	pc	Raleigh	88	62	0.00	92	68	s				
Charleston, SC	86	61	0.00	86	73	s	Rapid City	83	66	Trace	78	53	mc				
Charleston, WV	83	59	0.00	91	67	s	Reno	90	55	0.00	86	53	s				
Charlotte	88	60	0.00	91	67	s	Rochester, NY	74	66	0.03	74	59	pc				
Chicago	90	73	0.00	81	71	mc	Sacramento	97	60	0.00	96	61	s				
Cincinnati	88	64	0.00	90	68	s	Salt Lake City	88	61	Trace	84	59	pc				
Cleveland	88	73	0.00	81	69	mc	San Antonio	96	77	0.00	85	73	sh				
Columbia, SC	88	61	0.00	92	67	s	San Diego	81	70	0.00	80	64	pc				
Columbus, OH	86	66	0.00	88	66	s	San Francisco	75	55	0.00	71	56	s				
Concord, NH	80	55	0.00	75	48	pc	Savannah	86	64	0.00	87	69	s				
Dallas	90	64	0.00	88	73	sh	Seattle	67	55	0.01	67	52	pc				
Denver	85	59	0.00	84	57	pc	Spokane	77	52	0.00	75	48	pc				
Des Moines	79	68	0.00	88	68	pc	St. Louis	88	65	0.00	91	70	s				
Detroit	84	71	0.00	78	64	mc	St. Ste Marie	68	54	Trace	68	53	s				
El Paso	94	61	0.00	95	67	s	Syracuse	79	68	0.03	74	57	pc				
Evansville, IN	86	66	0.00	92	71	s	Topeka	90	69	0.00	90	71	s				
Harrisburg	86	61	0.00	85	68	pc	Washington	86	64	0.00	93	71	s				
Hartford	82	59	0.00	81	59	pc	YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW										
Houston	91	68	0.00	83	74	t	HIGH 113, Cathedral City, Calif.										
Indianapolis	88	69	0.00	90	71	s	LOW 25, Stanley, Idaho										
Kansas City	88	73	0.00	89	72	s	WORLD CITIES										
Las Vegas	106	78	0.00	105	75	s											
Little Rock	90	61	0.00	87	70	sh	SUN				Lisbon	75/67/ra					
Los Angeles	85	63	0.00	87	59	s	CITY H/L/SKY				London	65/56/c					
Louisville	88	69	0.00	90	69	s	Acapulco 75/72/ra				Madrid	76/68/ra					
Memphis	88	66	0.00	89	71	sh	Amsterdam 64/53/mc				Mexico City	65/58/ra					
Milwaukee	77	66	0.00	72	66	t	Athens 82/70/pc				Montreal	69/57/pc					
Minneapolis	72	57	0.00	75	60	pc	Beijing 83/67/ra				Moscow	74/58/ra					
Mobile	88	75	0.11	86	74	sh	Berlin 66/57/mc				Paris	79/59/ra					
Montgomery	89	68	0.00	89	71	sh	Bermuda 80/79/ra				Rio	85/69/s					
Nashville	88	64	0.00	90	69	pc											

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

Today in
HISTORY

Today is Monday, Sept. 13, the 256th day of 2021. There are 109 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
On Sept. 13, 1788, the Congress of the Confederation authorized the first national election, and declared New York City the temporary national capital.

On this date:
In 1962, Mississippi Gov. Ross Barnett rejected the U.S. Supreme Court's order for the University of Mississippi to admit James Meredith, a Black student, declaring in a televised address, "We will not drink from the cup of genocide."
In 1970, the first New York City Marathon was held; winner Gary Muhrcrke finished the 26.2-mile run, which took place entirely inside Central Park, in 2:31:38.

In 1993, at the White House, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat shook hands after signing an accord granting limited Palestinian autonomy.

In 2001, two days after the 9/11 terror attacks, the first few jetliners returned to the nation's skies, but several major airports remained closed and others opened only briefly.

One year ago: In open defiance of state regulations and his own administration's pandemic health guidelines, President Donald Trump hosted his first indoor rally since June, telling a packed, nearly maskless crowd in Henderson, Nevada, that the nation was "making the last turn" in defeating the virus.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Barbara Bain is 90. Actor Eileen Fulton (TV: "As the World Turns") is 88. Actor Joe E. Tata is 85. Rock singer David Clayton-Thomas (Blood, Sweat & Tears) is 80. Actor Jacqueline Bisset is 77. Singer Peter Cetera is 77. Actor Christine Estabrook is 71. Actor Jean Smart is 70. Singer Randy Jones (The Village People) is 69. Actor Isiah Whitlock Jr. is 67. Actor-comedian Geri Jewell is 65.

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- Create a profile, list how you want to be contacted in case of a weather emergency (text, mobile phone, home phone, email), then include the address(es) you want alerts for. You can choose what types of emergencies you want to hear about, and set a quiet period for no contact.
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Development proposals, septic-to-sewer, trash hauling on CR Council's agenda

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Crystal River City Council at its upcoming meeting will mull over an unpopular development plan, vote to set final rates for a septic-to-sewer project and look to OK a trash hauler.

Council calls to order at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at Crystal River City Hall, 123 N.W. U.S. 19. For more information about its agenda, visit crystalriverfl.org/meetings.

City officials have a public hearing set to vote on whether to approve a developer's application to rezone and reclassify 32 acres of 8800 W. Pure Lane to high density residential, designating the entire 51-acre parcel as such.

It's the goal of the property owner, Crystal River LTD, to have the Heritage Development Company turn its lot into public spaces surrounded by offices,

shopfronts and condos.

While OK with the plan, city staff notes there are no guarantees on how the land could be developed, but its potential land-use designation would ensure an appropriate development.

Citing similar uncertainties, citizen members of the Crystal River Planning Commission voted 7-0 in August to deny a recommendation for Crystal River LTD's zoning and land-use changes.

Residents of the housing communities next door to the proposed development also expressed concerns over how additional parking lots and other impervious surfaces would worsen their flooding issues.

Vote regarding current waste hauler

Council members will vote on whether to OK a franchise

agreement with the city's current trash hauler, Waste Management — formerly Advanced Disposal.

If approved, the contract would last until Sept. 30, 2028, unless it's terminated with at least 360 days of notice by either party.

After negotiating with city staff, Waste Management agreed to set the residential pickup rate at \$23.90 a month — a \$7.91 increase from the current rate. Waste Management also settled to unload commercial dumpsters at \$7.75 per cubic yard instead of \$8.73.

To pick up and haul waste away from Crystal River, Waste Management must pay the city \$140,000 a year in equal monthly payments.

Assessments for septic-to-sewer

After finding more money, city officials are looking to lock in a

reasonable assessment affected Citrus County residents would have to pay to become part of the city's sewer system.

If council gives its approval, owners of the 90 lots under the Indian Waters Phase One Sewer Expansion Project would have to pay an annual assessment of \$832 on their tax bill over the next 20 years, starting in November.

Property owners could also pay off the total, \$5,976 assessment amount upfront.

Residents were facing either an annual assessment of \$861 or an upfront charge of \$10,304.

City staff, however, was able to get the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to allocated an additional \$500,000 to help the city offset higher-than-budgeted construction

costs, allowing for reductions in assessments to residents.

When completed, the project would take around 77 septic tanks offline, reducing the amount of nitrogen entering the groundwater feeding the springs in and around King's Bay, Crystal River.

Affected property owners will have 365 days to pump out their septic tanks and hook their homes up to city's sewer pipeline, and they're expected to pay an estimated \$3,425 to do so.

Also on council's agenda:

- A vote to a special event permit and waiver of the city's open container ordinance for the United Way to host a Nov. 13 event at the city's future splash pad park, which is expected to open in October.
- An update on the city's agenda with the Florida legislator.

Food PROGRAMS

FOOD PANTRIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ **The First Lutheran Church of Inverness Food Pantry** is open to all from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

For information, call 352-726-1637.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ **Calvary Chapel of**



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

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

■ **Food and non-food items** are available from 10 a.m. to noon every fourth Saturday at North Oak Baptist Church in Citrus Springs. Remaining in their cars, people can enter at the North Citrus Springs Boulevard entrance. They will be met with a person bringing them a bag of essential non-food items, which could include paper products, detergents, personal items and more. As cars continue around the drive, the food pantry crew waits with pre-assembled bags of food items. Cars then exit onto Elkcam Boulevard. There is no charge for these ministries and all are welcome. Items vary based on availability while supplies last. North Oak Baptist Church is at 9324 N. Elkcam Blvd. in Citrus Springs. Call 352-489-1688 for more information.

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

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

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

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

FREE MEALS

■ **The New Church Without Walls** distributes free weekly dinners for the homeless at 4 p.m. Mondays, 3962 N. Roscoe Road in Hernando. For more information, call 352-344-2425 or email thenewcwow@gmail.com.

■ **Peace Lutheran Church** offers a free community meal from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. the third Monday monthly. This is not a fundraiser and there is no charge. Come be our guest(s). We care and you are important to us. All ages are welcome. Peace Lutheran Church ("The Church on the Hill") is at 7201 U.S. 41 S. in Dunnellon (at the corner of

U.S. 41 and State Road 40). Call the church at 352-489-5881.

■ **The Salvation Army** offers free hot meals from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays in the thrift store parking lot at Daystar Life Center, 6751 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River, and from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the Homosassa Lions Club, 3705 S. Indiana Terrace, Homosassa.

■ **Free hot meals** are available Monday through Friday for clients ages 60-plus at the following community centers. Call to reserve your first meal as a visitor: Central Citrus Community Center at 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto (352-527-5993; West Citrus Community Center at 8940 W. Veterans Drive in Homosassa (352-795-3831); East Citrus Community Center at 9907 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Inverness (352-344-9666); and at the historic Hernando School on the corner of Florida Avenue and Parsons Point Road.

■ **Calvary Chapel of Inverness** hosts a soup kitchen from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday, at 960 S. U.S. 41. All are welcome. The meal includes soup, bread and dessert. Call 352-726-1480.

■ **Our Father's Table** — 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the second, third, fourth and fifth Saturdays monthly at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, one mile west of the Plantation Inn on West Fort Island Trail. Call 352-795-2176.

GIVEAWAYS

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

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

■ **El-Shaddai food**

ministries "brown bag of food" distribution is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays at Crystal River Church of God, 2180 W. 12th Ave. Although food is distributed once a week, families are only eligible for food once a month. Call 352-628-9087 or 352-302-9925.

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

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

■ **Christ Christian Bible Ministry** distributes food at 1 p.m. Wednesdays at 619 NE Second St., Crystal River. Preparations are being made to provide a hot meal once a week. Call 352-513-8065.

■ **We Care Food Pantry** hosts distributions twice a month in Homosassa at the Catholic Charities Outreach Center. We Care also operates three mobile pantries. Once a month the mobile pantry goes to Chassahowitzka Fire Station, First Baptist Church in Old Homosassa and First Baptist Church in Ozello. Hours are 9-11 a.m. Call 352-503-2079.

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WHAT’S THE BUZZ?

District staying ahead of problem

With Florida still in the midst of the rainy season, standing water brings about a nuisance everyone can relate to: mosquitoes.

But it’s more than a nuisance, they also bring potential health risks and the Citrus County Mosquito Control District’s main goal reducing the number of mosquitoes that can pass on disease.

The district’s battle plan now includes biological, chemical, surveillance, source reduction and public education. The district’s helicopter, which is used to cover large swaths of land that are not accessible or feasible by truck, is down for maintenance until November.

The district deserves credit for being pro-active in its battle; officials have shown a willingness to keep pace with technology.

But we, too, can play a role in helping the district out.

With the helicopter down, the district could use the public’s help by residents taking care of their own backyards by simply emptying containers with standing

water. It’s important to know that mosquitoes reproduce in standing water, according to the AARP. Get rid of any water accumulating in puddles, on tarps or in buckets outside to eliminate the perfect breeding ground for these buzzing nuisances.

It does not mean you have to empty your bird-bath. Instead, add inexpensive mosquito control “donuts” to stop mosquito larva from maturing while allowing you to enjoy the birds in your backyard. (Bonus: Many birds eat mosquitoes.)

AARP also noted that cedar mulch and many plants — geranium, lemon balm, mint, to name a few — act as natural mosquito deterrents. While late in the season, it would be good to make note of this when spring rolls around and it’s time to prep your yard for the summer months.

In addition to using these in your landscape, keeping your grass trimmed and your yard neat and tidy is also a good idea.

This is a case where a little help can go a long way.

THE ISSUE:

Workers battle mosquito menace.

OUR OPINION:

Help do your part to control breeding.

“When it comes to the unity of America, those days seem distant from our own. Malign force seems at work in our common life, that turns every disagreement into an argument, and every argument into a clash of cultures.”

former President George W. Bush

from his speech Sept. 11, 2021, in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

LETTERS



to the Editor

ER staff at Seven Rivers is ‘fantastic’

On Aug. 5, I was admitted to Seven Rivers Hospital. I had a cardiac issue. I was seen and treated in the emergency room. I was admitted and held for observation and treatment.

The conclusion was dehydration and kidney failure. The staff amid all the COVID chaos was fantastic. They were so overwhelmed at times. Two of the nurses who took care of me are Janelle and Kelly.

These two ladies are angels who work tirelessly to attend to the needs of many people at one time. They work under the stresses of COVID and whatever else came through door. Their training and skill was amazing. The care I was given was also amazing amid all the chaos.

The health care system is so overwhelmed with COVID that ERs need all the help they can get. I would like to say a big thanks to all the ER workers at Seven Rivers for their care and compassion that is shown to all the people who came through the door. No matter how big or small the problem was.

Again, all I can say is thank you to all the staff from doctors, nurses, who sent me home to my family again. I have a long road ahead of me and hope I can one day thank them in person. I would also like to thank Nature Coast EMS for its part in getting me to the hospital quickly and safely.

Thanks again to all.

Phillip Schwartz
Lecanto

We need more COVID coverage

I am glad to see a story related to our Citrus COVID crisis finally make its way to the front page of the Chronicle again. Please bring more of this countywide public health crisis to the forefront of the news cycle.

On Aug. 20, Citrus County’s Health Department administrator Tito Rubio, was quoted as saying “I’m very alarmed with these numbers” and this virus’ trend is “something we’ve never seen before”.

Today’s news story sights 1,096 new COVID-19 cases in Citrus in the last week “the highest number of new cases for at least the past few months”, according to FDOH data. Nearly all of the county’s ICU hospital beds are being utilized. According to the article “Florida no longer provides deaths due to virus by county”.

During the initial COVID

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outbreak in 2020, Citrus County residents came to rely on the daily updates provided on COVID case numbers prominently featured. This year, in comparison, these figures are not provided with ease and Citrus County residents are at a disadvantage of not having the assistance of this data at the forefront of your news information.

As a Chronicle reader for the past 17 years, I’ve come to rely on your commitment to that end. I see a conspicuous opaqueness to our current Citrus County Delta crisis. Perhaps if the information was featured more prominently, my fellow county residents would feel a sense of urgency to wear their masks when they are shopping in Publix. Perhaps they’d understand how dicey it is to show up at our ERs right now for a health crisis (broken bone, heart attack or otherwise) in light of our overextended hospitals? Perhaps our school system would not be taking such a passive approach as well.

I see images of our Citrus County School Board Members in meetings or engaging in the school environment without masks despite infection rates in the first three weeks of school that dwarf the number of infections they reported in the last half of 2020.

Perhaps today’s front-page news story titled “Sumter singer set for solo debut” (not a Citrus County resident btw) could have taken a more appropriate location in your paper, like a human-interest section and be replaced by your COVID information more prominently featured.

Samantha Carter
Inverness

Jennifer Carpenter
Beverly Hills

Parents may not make best decisions

I’m calling in regards to (Friday, Aug. 20’s) Chronicle editorial in regards to masks, that parents are best suited to determine their child’s care needs. Is that really the case? In 2019, Hillsborough Circuit Judge Arkin ruled that Noah McAdams must immediately resume the first phase of chemotherapy to treat his leukemia against the wishes of his parents. Joshua McAdams and Taylor Bland-Ball wanted to use medical marijuana and other natural remedies to treat their son for leukemia instead of chemotherapy. So, in this instance, did the government overstep its bounds and do parents really know best about their child’s health care needs? Would you have your child have medical marijuana and other natural remedies instead of chemo to treat their leukemia?

Shelter should come first before dog park

(Re Friday, Aug. 27’s front-page story, “Dog park proposal in limbo,” “Schlabach vows to revisit the issue”): I can’t believe that they are seriously considering spending county money on a dog park for wealthy people by Citrus Springs when we haven’t enough money to have a proper dog shelter. For years we have donated, begged, borrowed and voted – everything. Please put that money towards animals who need it. Wealthy people, take care of your own animals.

Coverage priorities are all wrong

I was extremely upset this morning (Aug. 27) when I got my paper that the above-the-fold headline was about a dog park and not about what happened in Afghanistan yesterday. It is deeply disturbing to me that you considered a dog park more important than putting a headline about our service people getting killed.

Thank you for supporting shelter

“New county animal shelter donations reach \$408,911” (Friday, Aug. 27’s front-page story). Hats off to Citrus Countians that raised their hands and reached for their checkbooks to write those checks or GoFundMe donations for the new animal shelter. Kudos to the three county commissioners and the Chronicle and former Publisher Gerry Mulligan for support for a new animal shelter.

Blame tourists for COVID spike

I’m responding to Sound Off (about) what you’re saying about the numbers going up with the COVID, like in that “School mask debate continues” (Friday, Aug. 27’s front-page story). Really? Well, I totally disagree with you because that’s not a large number in Citrus County



schools. But here’s the facts: Why don’t we start here? Why don’t you shut down all the tourist attractions? Shut them all down and don’t let people come visit our county. Then see if the numbers go down. Let’s start right there because you’re not doing nothing about that.

He’ll be here all week, folks

I was calling about the headline at the top of page A3 today (Aug. 27), the guy throwing the traffic cone at his “girlfriend.” I guess he knocked the “I” out of her. Hee-hee-hee-hee! All right, hey, stay safe, everybody.

‘Poop in the Shoe’ will be missed

Gerry Mulligan is worthy of the Satirical Medal of Honor of the Year, along with his dog who helped him create his infamous phrase (“Poop in the Shoe”). His verbal dysentery directed toward so many deserving individuals probably didn’t sit well with them, though it made good reading for the rest of us.

Take a look around you, folks

I have two items I wanted to ask about. First, to the new owners of the paper: Take a moment, step out of your offices, go to the neighborhoods and talk to the people. Take a moment to hear what they have to say in person and see what is out

there. It’s amazing what you learn. Second, repeating that also for the businesses. Why is Ocala and Hillsborough County so much better? They’ve got lots of stuff going. Does that mean we all move down there? No, but why can’t we have some of that here?

Great care at emergency room

I would like to say a big thank-you to the staff in the emergency room at Seven Rivers Hospital. ... I was taken to the hospital on Feb. 2 after an incident pertaining to a dog. And the staff, they were so nice — very professional, very kind, very caring — and I didn’t have to wait very long in the emergency room. I think with everything that’s been going on, we need to tell our doctors and nurses a special thank-you, so this is mine. I’m sorry I don’t know all their names, but it was on Feb. 2 that I was a patient there. Thank you again and hang in there. OK, take care and be safe.

Drive-thru is ridiculous

I’m responding to Sound Off to ask what idiot engineer approved the Dunkin Donuts of Inverness there on (State Road) 44. Here it is, 7:05 in the morning and the line is blocking the road on (S.R.) 44 and even a sheriff’s deputy is in line to get the coffee. It’s ridiculous. They put a drive-thru right there at the entrance, but yet they could block traffic on a 45 mph road so people can get their coffee. It’s totally ridiculous.

Editor’s note: The Florida Department of Health, as it had during the initial pandemic, does not provide daily figures showing the number of COVID cases.

District should require masks

Contact tracing in the schools is apparently a joke. I have a fifth-grader and a 10th-grader in the local school district. My oldest is vaccinated, and wears a mask, as is/does the rest of our family, in order to keep our 10-year-old as safe as possible. But all of that is for naught if quarantined children are allowed to attend class.

Apparently, this ridiculous anti-science notion that “parents rights to choose to mask or not” has now been extended to “parents have freedom not to quarantine their exposed children” and just drop them off at school.

I have all the compassion in the world for parents who don’t get paid sick days at work, and have little or no options if their kid is put on quarantine, but if they show up at school, why on earth would they be put back into the regular classroom? If folks aren’t paying attention, the issue with this virus is asymptomatic spread — you can’t know if you’re infectious just because you feel OK. Or your kid looks OK.

I’ve written several times to our superintendent, and I’ve yet to hear anything back from her or her office. Her most recent communication to parents in the district admonished us to “speak with our children in the morning” and to not send sick children to school. It was insulting and ridiculous.

I will be doing community organizing to encourage as many parents as possible to keep their kids home from school, a day or two a week, unexcused. This will impact funding for the schools whose resources are already stretched. I see no other option for parents who want to follow the science. The online school option is not equal to the in person option in Citrus County. Furthermore, if parents don’t want to follow the science, then they should be forced to pursue that option, not the other way around.

A fundamental expectation for kids in school is that they will be kept safe — and this school district is not keeping our kids safe. They are not following the science. They are allowing politics to drive decisions around a public health and safety issues, and are risking our children’s health in the process.

It is inexcusable.

Trinity man attempts to flee deputies, triggers multi-vehicle collision

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

A 23-year-old Trinity man attempting to flee law enforcement officers in the evening hours of Friday, Sept. 10, triggered a multiple-vehicle collision at County Roads 486 and 491, according to a Citrus County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman.

The driver of the vehicle, Jermane Cross, was air transported to a hospital for treatment of his injuries.

Inside his vehicle, deputies found a trafficking amount of meth, two firearms and cannabis wax.

Charges are pending at this time, said Brittney

Carman, CCSO spokeswoman.

According to Carman, events began to unfold shortly before 8 p.m., when a CCSO deputy attempted a traffic stop on the vehicle Cross was driving near C.R. 491 and North Modelwood Drive.

The vehicle failed to stop and accelerated at a high rate of speed — approximately 100 mph — leading authorities to disengage the pursuit.

Around 8:10 p.m., dispatchers received multiple calls in reference to a multiple vehicle accident at the intersection of C.R. 486 and 491 involving the eluding vehicle from earlier, Carman said.

Deputies arrived on

scene to find the suspect driving the car attempting to flee.

Unfortunately for the suspect, Carman said, due to the injuries he sustained during the crash, he did not get far and was apprehended.

FHP is lead on the traffic accident investigation.

Pasco man dies in single-vehicle crash Saturday

In another incident, A Pasco County man died after his vehicle traveled off a roadway south of Inverness and struck a fence.

According to Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), the Zephyrhills 52-year-old

was northbound on U.S. 41 in an SUV at around 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, north of the intersection with East Pemberton Path.

FHP didn't disclose the

man's identity.

For unknown reasons, according to FHP, the man, who was wearing a seat-belt, lost control of his vehicle, which went off the

highway's eastern shoulder and struck a metal fence.

Emergency responders pronounced the man dead at the scene.

DUMAS

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the Kiwanis of Inverness for 45 years, retired Air Force Reserve colonel, member of the Citrus County Historical Society and two-term past county commissioner.

Dumas himself a former Future Farmers of America member and active in the county fair association, he had a heart for kids who raised livestock through 4-H or FFA and often offered his veterinary services free of charge.

"I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Dr. Ron Dumas, and Marybeth and I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends," said Dr. K.C. Nayfield, also a longtime veterinarian in Citrus County.

"Ron was the first veterinarian to come and welcome me to Citrus County in 1982. We worked together with the county commission to write the animal control ordinance back then.

"He was a good man and a good veterinarian," Nayfield said. "He had a positive influence on the county for decades. He even sold me a bone-plating kit back then, which kick-started my orthopedic career. He will be missed but remembered."

On Dr. Dumas Day in 2015, community members

gathered on a cool Sept. 26 to watch a sign presentation designating Independence Highway as Dr. Ronald Dumas Highway, a unanimous decision by the board of county commissioners.

On that day, then-Fair Association president Lee Earl Stokes expressed gratitude for Dumas's years of contributions and hard work, saying, "For the dedication that he's

shown the Citrus County Fair Association, and all the kids throughout the years in 4-H and FFA, and all that he has done for them, and all that he has taught them, and the way that he has guided them — Doobie, thank you."

Memorial services for Dr. Ronald Dumas are being planned, also a Postscript about the life and legacy of this quiet yet influential man.

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Last Year's property tax levy:

A. Initially proposed tax levy\$ 2,470,777

B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board And other assessment changes\$ 10,904

C. Actual property tax levy ...\$ 2,459,873

This Year's proposed tax levy:\$ 3,566,302

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

Wednesday, September 15, 2021
5:01 p.m.
At City Hall - 123 NW Hwy. 19
Crystal River, FL

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

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BUDGET SUMMARY CITY OF CRYSTAL RIVER					
FISCAL YEARS 2021-2022					
	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL PROJECT FUND	ENTERPRISE FUNDS (3)	CRA FUND	TOTAL BUDGET
FUND BALANCE FORWARD	\$ 5,623,746.22	\$ 693,279.00	\$ 20,854,454.00	\$ 1,456,001.00	\$ 28,627,480.22
ESTIMATED REVENUES					
Taxes: Millage per \$1,000 = 6.59					\$ -
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 3,465,371.00			\$ 692,586.00	\$ 4,157,957.00
Sales, Use & Fuel Taxes		\$ 207,192.00			\$ 207,192.00
Franchise Fees	\$ 463,029.00		\$ 116,667.00		\$ 579,696.00
Utility Services Taxes	\$ 622,748.00				\$ 622,748.00
State Collected Revenues	\$ 206,926.00	\$ 41,987.00	\$ 4,628,203.00		\$ 4,877,116.00
Licenses, Permits (code 32000)	\$ 240,935.00				\$ 240,935.00
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 520,145.00	\$ 121,500.00	\$ 2,010,610.00	\$ 3,200,000.00	\$ 2,652,255.00
Charge for Service (code 34000)	\$ 707,014.00		\$ 5,534,815.00		\$ 6,241,829.00
Fines/Forfeitures (code 35000)	\$ 33,845.00				\$ 33,845.00
Interest Earned/Miscellaneous	\$ 4,375.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 25,700.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 35,075.00
Other (Rents, Spec. Assess./Sales/Contributions)	\$ 623,124.00	\$ 944,500.00	\$ 11,894,578.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 13,492,202.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	\$ 6,887,512.00	\$ 1,318,179.00	\$ 24,210,573.00	\$ 3,924,586.00	\$ 36,340,850.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES	\$ 12,511,258.22	\$ 2,011,458.00	\$ 45,065,027.00	\$ 5,380,587.00	\$ 64,968,330.22
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES					
General Govt. (C/M/F/Plan)	\$ 2,047,022.00	\$ 54,500.00			\$ 2,101,522.00
Law Enforcement	\$ 1,063,974.00				\$ 1,063,974.00
Physical Environment (Fac/Admin)	\$ 1,164,815.00	\$ 503,500.00	\$ 17,295,119.00		\$ 18,963,434.00
Transportation (Roads)	\$ 248,400.00	\$ 735,000.00			\$ 983,400.00
Economic Development (CRA)				\$ 5,328,308.00	\$ 5,328,308.00
Culture/Recreation (Parks/Community Svcs/Mrkt)	\$ 1,005,058.00	\$ 293,000.00	\$ 694,361.00		\$ 1,992,419.00
Fire Department	\$ 330,688.00				\$ 330,688.00
Transfer to Other	\$ 1,025,137.00		\$ 1,202,930.00		\$ 2,228,067.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 6,885,094.00	\$ 1,586,000.00	\$ 19,192,410.00	\$ 5,328,308.00	\$ 32,991,812.00
RESERVES	\$ 5,626,164.22	\$ 425,458.00	\$ 25,872,617.00	\$ 52,279.00	\$ 31,976,518.22
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS & RESERVES	\$ 12,511,258.22	\$ 2,011,458.00	\$ 45,065,027.00	\$ 5,380,587.00	\$ 64,968,330.22

Nation BRIEFS

Firefighters advance on blaze that shut highway

CASTAIC, Calif. — California highway authorities reopened nearly all lanes of a Southern California freeway Sunday as firefighters made progress on a wildfire that jumped across the road and spread across dry hillsides.

The fire broke out Saturday afternoon near Castaic in northern Los Angeles County. Pushed by 10-15 mph winds, the blaze chewed through tinder-dry brush and jumped across the busy freeway, spread across more than a half of a square mile.

The California Highway Patrol closed a stretch of the interstate for several hours as air tankers dropped bright-orange retardant on the flames.

Two firefighters were taken to the hospital to treat burn injuries, said Andrew Mitchell, a spokesman for the Angeles National Forest.

The fire remained uncontained due to the mountainous terrain, but firefighters made progress overnight with the help of water-dropping aircraft and an aggressive ground attack, Mitchell said.

Forecasters: Tropical Storm Nicholas forms

MIAMI — Tropical Storm Nicholas strengthened as it headed for the Gulf Coast on Sunday, threatening heavy rain and floods in coastal areas of Texas, Mexico and Louisiana.

Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center in Miami said tropical storm warnings were issued for coastal Texas and the northeast coast of Mexico. Nicholas is expected to produce total rainfall of 5 to 10 inches, with isolated maximum amounts of 15 inches, across portions of coastal Texas into southwest Louisiana on Sunday through midweek.

The storm was expected to bring the heaviest rainfall west of where Hurricane Ida slammed into Louisiana two weeks ago. Although forecasters did not expect Louisiana to suffer from strong winds again, meteorologist Bob Henson at Yale Climate Connections predicted rainfall could still plague places where the hurricane toppled homes, paralyzed electrical and water infrastructure and left at least 26 people dead.

Hurricane researcher Phil Klotzbach said via Twitter that Nicholas is the 14th named storm of 2021 Atlantic hurricane season. Only 4 other years since 1966 have had 14 or more named storms by Sept. 12.

Marine's body returned to hometown

LOGANSPOUT, Ind. — The body of a Marine who was among 13 U.S. service members killed in a suicide bombing during the U.S.-run evacuation at Afghanistan's Kabul airport was returned Sunday to his northern Indiana hometown.

A military procession marked the beginning of memorial services for Marine Cpl. Humberto Sanchez, 22, of Logansport. Sanchez's body arrived Sunday morning at Grissom Air Reserve Base near Peru, about 80 miles north of Indianapolis.

People lined the route to show their respects, many with American flags, and jets flew overhead as the procession approached downtown Logansport 30 miles away.

— From wire reports

'Building on what exists'



Associated Press

Afghan women walk past a closed beauty salon in Kabul, Afghanistan, Saturday, Sept. 11. Since the Taliban gained control of Kabul, several images depicting women outside beauty salons have been removed or covered up.

Taliban: Women can study in gender-segregated universities

KATHY GANNON
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Women in Afghanistan can continue to study in universities, including at post-graduate levels, but classrooms will be gender-segregated and Islamic dress is compulsory, the Taliban government's new higher education minister said Sunday.

The announcement came as a Taliban official said Qatar's foreign minister arrived in the Afghan capital of Kabul — the highest-level visitor since the Taliban announced their interim Cabinet. There was no immediate confirmation of the visit by Qatari officials.

Earlier Sunday, the higher education minister, Abdul Baqi Haqqani, laid out the new policies at a news conference, several days after Afghanistan's new rulers formed an all-male government. On Saturday, the Taliban had raised their flag over the presidential palace, signaling the start of the work of the new government.

The world has been watching closely to see to what extent the Taliban might act differently from their first time in power, in the late 1990s. During that era, girls and women were denied an education, and were excluded from public life.

The Taliban have suggested they have changed,

including in their attitudes toward women. However, women have been banned from sports and the Taliban have used violence in recent days against women protesters demanding equal rights.

Haqqani said the Taliban did not want to turn the clock back 20 years. "We will start building on what exists today," he said.

However, female university students will face restrictions, including a compulsory dress code. Haqqani said hijabs will be mandatory but did not specify if this meant compulsory headscarves or also compulsory face coverings.

Gender segregation will also be enforced, he said.

"We will not allow boys and girls to study together," he said. "We will not allow co-education."

Haqqani said the subjects being taught would also be reviewed. While he did not elaborate, he said he wanted graduates of Afghanistan's universities to be competitive with university graduates in the region and the rest of the world.

The Taliban, who subscribe to a strict interpretation of Islam, banned music and art during their previous time in power. This time around, television has remained and news channels still show women presenters, but the Taliban messaging has been erratic.

Manchin: Trim Biden budget plan

HOPE YEN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Democratic senator vital to the fate of President Joe Biden's \$3.5 trillion plan for social and environmental spending said Sunday he won't support even half that amount or the ambitious timetable envisioned for passing it.

The stand by Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., was described as unacceptable by the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, who is helping craft the measure.

But Democrats have no votes to spare if they want to enact Biden's massive "Build Back Better" agenda, with the Senate split 50-50 and Vice President Kamala Harris the tiebreaker if there is no

Republican support.

With congressional committees working toward the target of Wednesday set by party leaders to have the bill drafted, Manchin made clear his view, in a series of television interviews, that there was "no way" Congress would meet the late September goal from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., for passage.

"I cannot support \$3.5 trillion," Manchin said, citing in particular his opposition to a proposed increase in the corporate tax rate from 21% to 28% and vast new social spending.

"We should be looking at everything, and we're not. We don't have the need to rush into this and get it done within one week because there's some deadline we're

meeting, or someone's going to fall through the cracks," he said.

Pressed repeatedly about a total he could support, Manchin said, "It's going to be \$1, \$1.5 (trillion)." He later suggested the range was based on a modest rise in the corporate tax rate to 25%, a figure he believes will keep the U.S. globally competitive.

"The numbers that they're wanting to pay for and the tax changes they want to make, is that competitive?" Manchin asked. "I believe there's some changes made that does not keep us competitive."

But Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who is developing the budget bill, noted that he and other members of the liberal flank in Congress had initially urged an even more robust package of \$6 trillion.

Internet funding could favor rural areas

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Associated Press

Cities and urban counties across the U.S. are raising concerns that a recent rule from President Joe Biden's administration could preclude them from tapping into \$350 billion of coronavirus relief aid to expand high-speed internet connections.

Biden has set a goal of delivering fast, affordable internet to every American household.

The massive American Rescue Plan took a step toward that by including broadband infrastructure among the primary uses for pandemic aid flowing to each city, county and state.

But an interim rule published by the U.S. Treasury Department has narrowed the broadband eligibility.



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Savannah Brown and Glendy Stollberg use their phone in Kilbourn Reservoir Park Wednesday, Sept. 8, in Milwaukee. The City of Milwaukee has placed wireless broadband hotspots in the park during the pandemic.

It focuses on areas that lack reliable broadband, which connects devices to the internet through a cable or data line, at download speeds of at least 25 megabits per second and upload speeds of at least 3 Mbps.

That threshold ensures funding for remote, rural areas that have slow or no internet service, and it matches the definition of broadband set by the Federal Communications Commission in 2015. But cities contend the

eligibility mark overlooks the realities of today's internet needs.

Though most cities already have broadband available, the speed still might not be fast enough to handle multiple people in a home trying to work, study and stream entertainment simultaneously — a common scenario during the coronavirus pandemic.

The price also can be more than lower-income residents can afford.

"They're basically prioritizing those rural areas over the underserved urban areas where there is more population," said Detta Kissel, a retired Treasury Department attorney who helped write agency rules and now advocates for better internet service in the Washington, D.C., suburb of Arlington, Virginia.

World BRIEFS

Spain deploys military against wildfire

JUBRIQUE, Spain — Soldiers were deployed Sunday in southeastern Spain to join the battle against a major wildfire that is burning for a fourth day, invigorated by stray embers that sparked a new hot spot.

The blaze in Malaga province has destroyed nearly 17,300 acres of forest and prompted fresh evacuations, bringing the total number of residents displaced to around 2,500.

Plan Infoca, the Andalusia region's agency in charge of firefighting efforts, described Sunday as a "key day" for bringing the blaze under control.

Authorities on Sunday preventively removed nearly 1,500 residents from the towns of Jubrique, Genalguacil and four other villages. Over 1,000 other people had been evacuated before the weekend from areas around the resort town of Estepona, which is popular among tourists and foreign expats.

An emergency brigade traveled from the military base of Morón, in southern Spain, to join more than 300 firefighters and 41 water-dropping aircraft.

Iran to allow new memory cards in UN site cameras

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran agreed Sunday to allow international inspectors to install new memory cards into surveillance cameras at its sensitive nuclear sites and to continue filming there, potentially averting a diplomatic showdown this week.

The announcement by Mohammad Eslami of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran after a meeting he held with the director-general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Rafael Grossi, in Tehran still leaves the watchdog in the same position it has faced since February, however.

Tehran holds all recordings at its sites as negotiations over the U.S. and Iran returning to the 2015 nuclear deal remain stalled in Vienna. Meanwhile, Iran is now enriching small amounts of uranium to its closest-ever levels to weapons-grade purity as its stockpile continues to grow.

Eslami described the negotiations between Iran and the Vienna-based IAEA as "sheerly technical" without any room for politics.

2 women stump to be France's 1st female president

PARIS — Two French politicians kicked off their presidential campaigns Sunday, seeking to become France's first female leader in next year's spring election.

The far-right National Rally party's Marine Le Pen and Paris' Socialist mayor, Anne Hidalgo, both launched their presidential platforms in widely expected moves.

They join a burgeoning list of challengers to centrist President Emmanuel Macron. This includes battles among multiple potential candidates on the right — including another female politician Valerie Pécresse — and among the Greens.

Hidalgo, 62, mayor of the French capital since 2014, is the favorite to win the Socialist Party nomination. Le Pen, is the 53-year-old leader of France's far-right party.

Macron, 43, has not yet announced his re-election bid. Launching a candidacy in France is a necessary formality for each election.

— From wire reports

THE NUMBER:

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Pitchers in major league history to record 3,000 strikeouts, as Max Scherzer of the Dodgers joined the club on Sunday.



Max Scherzer

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Texans ruin Jags debut of Meyer, Lawrence

Taylor leads Houston to 37-21 win

KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP sports writer

HOUSTON —With Deshaun Watson out, Tyrod Taylor's steady play and veteran leadership helped the Houston Texans open the season with a surprising lopsided victory.

Taylor threw for 291 yards and two touchdowns in the Texans' 37-21 win Sunday over Trevor Lawrence and the mistake-prone Jacksonville Jaguars.

"We expected to win," new coach David Culley said. "We're not surprised simply because we played good football."

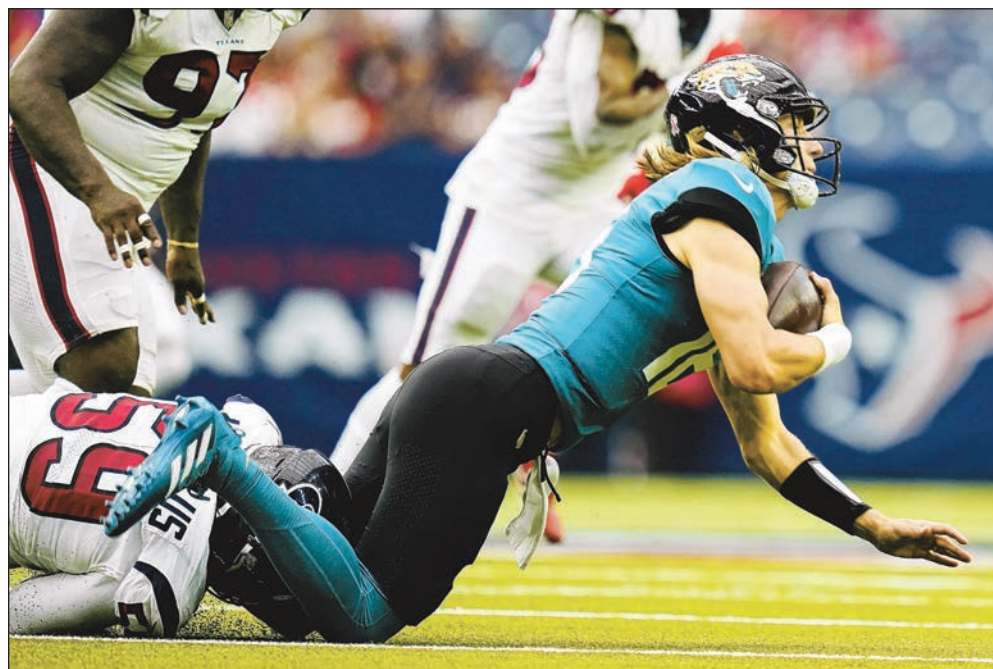
Taylor took over at quarterback for Houston with Watson's future with the team uncertain after 22 women filed lawsuits alleging sexual assault or

harassment after he requested a trade. "It was fun," Taylor said. "It was never about me. It was about coming out and doing whatever it takes to help the team win."

Expectations for the Texans were low entering this season with Watson out and star defensive end J.J. Watt gone to Arizona. But Taylor and Houston's revamped running game were more than enough to handle a Jaguars team that didn't look much better than it was last season when it got just one win despite the addition of top overall pick Lawrence.

"We don't care if you doubt us... we don't really care all," Houston running back Mark Ingram said. "We all believe in each other. We all have faith in each other. We all hold each other accountable. We believe we have what we need in order to have success."

Lawrence, the former Clemson standout, became the first rookie quarterback to start an opener in franchise



Associated Press

Jacksonville quarterback Trevor Lawrence, right, is sacked by Houston defensive end Whitney Mercilus during the second half Sunday in Houston. The Texans won 37-21.

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Djokovic denied



Associated Press

Daniil Medvedev of Russia, right, reacts Sunday after scoring a point against Novak Djokovic of Serbia during the men's singles final of the US Open in New York. Medvedev won his first major title to deny Djokovic the calendar-year Grand Slam.

Medvedev ends bid for calendar-year Grand Slam at US Open

HOWARD FENDRICH
AP tennis writer

NEW YORK — A game from the end of his bid for what would have been the first calendar-year Grand Slam in men's tennis since 1969, Novak Djokovic covered his face with a towel, hiding his tears during a changeover.

For 27 Grand Slam matches in 2021, on hard courts, clay courts and grass, Djokovic could not be deterred, could not be beaten. Needing one more victory, in the U.S. Open final Sunday against Daniil Medvedev, to complete a season sweep of major titles and to claim the record 21st of his career, Djokovic could not come through.

Outplayed by someone using a similar

style to his own, Djokovic came up just short of those two historic milestones, losing 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 to first-time major champion Medvedev at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"First of all, I want to say 'sorry' for you fans and Novak, because, I mean, we all know what he was going for today," said Medvedev, a 25-year-old from Russia who lost to Djokovic in this year's Australian Open final and to Rafael Nadal in the 2019 U.S. Open final.

Then, turning toward Djokovic, Medvedev offered praise for "what you accomplished this year and throughout your career" and added: "I never said this to anybody, but I'll say it right now. For me, you are the greatest tennis player in history."

The No. 1-ranked Djokovic had been sublime at the sport's four most important tournaments, enduring the burdens of expectations and pressure over the past seven months and, in New York, the past two weeks.

He won the Australian Open final in February, the French Open in June and Wimbledon in July, allowing him to pull even with Nadal and Roger Federer at 20 Grand Slam titles.

But Djokovic, a 34-year-old from Serbia, simply was far from his best on this particular day.

"I know I could have, and should have, done better," he said.

Djokovic made mistakes, 38 unforced errors in all. He wasn't able to convert a

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Oregon, Iowa in AP top 5

Arkansas has 1st ranking since '16

ERIC OLSON
AP college football writer

Oregon and Iowa were the big movers in The Associated Press college football poll after road wins over top-10 opponents.

The Ducks' victory over Ohio State earned them a promotion from No. 12 to No. 4.

Another impressive defensive performance by Iowa in the Cy-Hawk Trophy game pushed the Hawkeyes from No. 10 to No. 5.

Arkansas, coming off a home win over old Southwest Conference rival Texas, was rewarded with its first appearance in the AP Top 25 in five years, coming in at No. 20.

Alabama remained No. 1 in the AP Top 25, which is presented by Regions Bank. The Crimson Tide received 60 of the 63 first-place votes. Georgia, which picked up the other three first-place votes, stayed at No. 2.

Oklahoma was No. 3 and followed by Oregon, Iowa, Clemson, Texas A&M, Cincinnati, Ohio State and Penn State.

Oregon's eight-rung leap came after its 35-28 win in the Horseshoe. It marks the biggest jump for a team entering the top five since LSU went from No. 13 to No. 5 after it knocked off second-ranked Georgia in October 2018.

The Ducks have their highest ranking since they finished the 2014 season No. 2 as the national runner-up to Ohio State.

Iowa, a 27-17 winner at Iowa State, allowed a total of 23 points while beating two ranked teams in succession for the first time since 1960. The Hawkeyes' defense is always stout. The question about this team is whether it can elevate its offensive play with quarterback Spencer Petras.

As it is, the Hawks have their highest ranking since they were No. 3 on Nov. 22, 2015, after a 12-0 start.

Ohio State dropped from No. 3 to No. 9 and Iowa State from No. 9 to No. 14.

POLL POINTS

The Big Ten has five ranked teams and matches the Southeastern Conference with three in the top 10, thanks to Penn State's move up from No. 11.

More could come in over the next couple of weeks.

Mel Tucker's much-improved Michigan State team is 2-0 entering its road game against No. 24 Miami this week. Indiana, which fell flat in its opener

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Horschel wins at Wentworth, fueled by Ryder Cup snub

Associated Press

VIRGINIA WATER, England — Billy Horschel felt aggrieved this week at the manner in which he missed out on a place in the U.S. team for the Ryder Cup.

So he took down a bunch of leading Europeans by himself.

Horschel birdied Wentworth's storied 18th hole after an approach shot that spun back to inside 2 feet, securing a closing 7-under 65 and a one-shot victory at the BMW PGA Championship on Sunday.

He became only the second American to win what is traditionally regarded as the biggest event on the European Tour, after Arnold Palmer in 1975.

Not a bad way to get over the disappointment of being overlooked for a captain's pick for the Ryder Cup team. And Horschel had a message for U.S. captain Steve Stricker:

"It sucks not making the team," Horschel said. "I didn't play consistent enough, and well enough, after I won the Match Play to warrant a pick or to get enough points to get an automatic selection.

"I was a little gutted I didn't get a call this week. I didn't think the call was going to say I made the team but I was a little gutted I didn't get a call to say, 'Hey, you know, you didn't make the team.' In my mind, I thought I would at least get that, so there was a little more added motivation after that."

On a dramatic day of twists and turns in the final qualifying event, Lee Westwood, Bernd Wiesberger, Matt Fitzpatrick and Tyrrell Hatton were able to celebrate getting the final automatic qualifying places in the European team. Westwood made it for an 11th time, Wiesberger for the first.

For Shane Lowry and Justin Rose, especially, there was a nervy wait for Padraig Harrington's captain's picks later Sunday.

Horschel's birdie on No. 18 took him above Kiradech Aphibarnrat (64) and Jamie Donaldson (66) to 19-under 269, and left only one player with a chance of beating him.

Laurie Canter, a 170th-ranked Englishman playing in the final group, needed an eagle on the



Associated Press

Billy Horschel celebrates his victory Sunday at the BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth Golf Club in Surrey, England.

par-5 last hole to win or a birdie to force a playoff, but had to lay up after driving into the rough. His third shot settled within about 15 feet and his birdie putt never had a chance, missing to the right.

Canter signed for a 67, tying him for second place.

It was the first time Horschel won a regular event on the European Tour and it will go a long way toward clinching him the season-long Race to Dubai, with Horschel having already won the equivalent on the PGA Tour — the FedEx Cup — in 2014.

Horschel is a big fan of English Premier League soccer team West Ham — he has the club's colors on his bag — and he said he would be celebrating the win by going for dinner with two of its players, captain Mark Noble and England midfielder Declan Rice.

The race for the final spots on the European team for the Ryder Cup was predictably frantic considering so many points were on offer at Wentworth.

Westwood's place was under threat the entire week but his round of 77 didn't stop the 48-year-old Englishman claiming the final spot on the world points list. He was helped by Lowry — a big qualifying rival — only shooting 71 to finish in a tie for 17th.

Lowry and Rose, who shot 65 for a tie for sixth, appear to be competing for the last of Harrington's picks. Harrington said before the first round at Wentworth that Sergio Garcia and Ian Poulter were in line to be two of the picks.

Wiesberger, who shot 72, will make his Ryder Cup debut at Whistling Straits this month after qualifying via the European points list, along with Hatton. That bumped Rory McIlroy into the five qualifying spots on offer from the world points list.

Jon Rahm, McIlroy, Tommy Fleetwood, Viktor Hovland and Paul Casey had already secured automatic spots in the team before the event.

David Toms beats Dicky Pride in playoff

ST. LOUIS — David Toms beat Dicky Pride with a par on the first hole of a playoff in the PGA Tour Champions' inaugural Ascension Charity Classic.

Toms hit his approach in the play-off on the par-4 18th to the middle of the green and two-putted from 18 feet. Pride's approach went to the right into a greenside bunker and he couldn't get a 16-footer for par to fall.

The 54-year-old Toms scrambled for par on the 18th in regulation after driving left into a fairway bunker. He shot a 5-under 66 to finish at 10-under 203 on Norwood Hills' West Course, the tree-lined layout where Ben Hogan won the 1948 PGA Championship for his second major title.

Pride finished with a 67, forcing the playoff with an 18-foot birdie putt on 18.

Jay Haas birdied the 18th to shoot his age of 67 and tie for third with

Woody Austin (65) at 9 under. Jerry Kelly (68) was another stroke back, and Jim Furyk (71), Rocco Mediate (70) and Doug Barron (72) followed at 7 under.

Garcia, Poulter, Lowry picked by Europe for Ryder Cup

VIRGINIA WATER, England — Sergio Garcia, Ian Poulter and Shane Lowry were picked by European captain Padraig Harrington on Sunday to fill out the team for the Ryder Cup at Whistling Straits.

Harrington had previously indicated Garcia and Poulter, who have a combined 15 appearances in the Ryder Cup, were in line to be selected.

Lowry got the nod ahead of Justin Rose and will be one of three rookies in the team, along with Bernd Wiesberger and Viktor Hovland.

— From wire reports

European Tour BMW PGA Championship				PGA Champions Tour Ascension Charity Classic			
Sunday At Wentworth Golf Club Surrey, England Purse: \$8 million Yardage: 7,267; Par: 72 Final Round				Sunday at Norwood Hills Country Club St. Louis, Mo. Yardage: 6,992; Par: 71 Purse: \$2 Million Final Round (David Toms won playoff)			
Billy Horschel, United States	70-65-69-65	—269	-19	David Toms, \$300,000	68-69-66	—203	-10
Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Thailand	64-68-74-64	—270	-18	Dicky Pride, \$176,000	69-67-67	—203	-10
Laurie Canter, England	67-66-70-67	—270	-18	Woody Austin, \$131,500	69-70-65	—204	-9
Jamie Donaldson, Wales	69-66-69-66	—270	-18	Jay Haas, \$131,500	68-69-67	—204	-9
Christiaan Bezuidenhout, South Africa	64-72-68-67	—271	-17	Jerry Kelly, \$95,000	68-69-68	—205	-8
Andrew Johnston, England	70-69-68-65	—272	-16	Doug Barron, \$72,000	66-68-72	—206	-7
Francesco Laporta, Italy	68-65-69-70	—272	-16	Jim Furyk, \$72,000	67-68-71	—206	-7
Justin Rose, England	67-68-72-65	—272	-16	Rocco Mediate, \$72,000	69-67-70	—206	-7
Sean Crocker, United States	71-68-66-68	—273	-15	Steven Alker, \$44,857	71-68-68	—207	-6
Thomas Pieters, Belgium	70-66-71-66	—273	-15	Paul Goydos, \$44,857	66-72-69	—207	-6
Shubhankar Sharma, India	70-69-68-66	—273	-15	Bernhard Langer, \$44,857	71-67-69	—207	-6
Tommy Fleetwood, England	71-68-68-67	—274	-14	Wes Short, Jr., \$44,857	67-69-71	—207	-6
Matthias Schwab, Austria	69-69-69-67	—274	-14	Vijay Singh, \$44,857	67-69-71	—207	-6
David Law, Scotland	72-69-68-66	—275	-13	Kevin Sutherland, \$44,857	70-67-70	—207	-6
Aaron Rai, England	70-70-67-68	—275	-13	Ken Tanigawa, \$44,857	69-65-73	—207	-6
Adam Scott, Australia	65-69-70-71	—275	-13	Brandt Jobe, \$28,286	72-68-68	—208	-5
Masahiro Kawamura, Japan	67-69-72-68	—276	-12	Brett Quigley, \$28,286	71-69-68	—208	-5
Shane Lowry, Ireland	70-66-69-71	—276	-12	Kirk Triplett, \$28,286	75-67-66	—208	-5
Tapio Puulkkanen, Finland	70-67-72-67	—276	-12	Marco Dawson, \$28,286	66-72-70	—208	-5
Matthew Fitzpatrick, England	72-69-68-68	—277	-11	Jonathan Kaye, \$28,286	73-66-69	—208	-5
Joachim B. Hansen, Denmark	69-68-72-68	—277	-11	Kenny Perry, \$28,286	69-68-71	—208	-5
Nicolai Hojgaard, Denmark	70-67-69-71	—277	-11	Paul Stankowski, \$28,286	71-67-70	—208	-5
Bernd Wiesberger, Austria	71-67-67-72	—277	-11	Alex Cejka, \$19,600	68-67-74	—209	-4
Fabrizio Zanotti, Paraguay	70-66-73-68	—277	-11	Steve Flesch, \$19,600	67-70-72	—209	-4
Stephen Gallacher, Scotland	73-67-70-68	—278	-10	Lee Janzen, \$19,600	68-71-70	—209	-4
Martin Kaymer, Germany	70-68-70-70	—278	-10	Colin Montgomerie, \$19,600	71-69-69	—209	-4
Alexander Bjork, Sweden	69-70-70-70	—279	-9	Rod Pamplung, \$19,600	69-66-74	—209	-4
Joakim Lagergren, Sweden	70-70-66-73	—279	-9	Scott Parel, \$19,600	71-70-68	—209	-4
Alex Noren, Sweden	70-70-72-67	—279	-9	Billy Andrade, \$15,450	71-70-69	—210	-3
Marcus Armitage, England	70-66-72-72	—280	-8	Billy Mayfair, \$15,450	70-68-72	—210	-3
Dean Burmester, South Africa	70-70-70-70	—280	-8	Tim Petrovic, \$15,450	71-71-68	—210	-3
David Horsey, England	72-68-73-67	—280	-8	John Senden, \$15,450	70-69-71	—210	-3
Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain	68-69-73-70	—280	-8	Ernie Els, \$12,333	72-70-69	—211	-2
Henrik Stenson, Sweden	69-71-70-70	—280	-8	Gilby Gilbert III, \$12,333	69-75-67	—211	-2
Lucas Bjerregaard, Denmark	73-68-70-70	—281	-7	Rich Beem, \$12,333	74-67-70	—211	-2
Ross Fisher, England	71-67-71-72	—281	-7	Paul Broadhurst, \$12,333	74-68-69	—211	-2
Sam Horsfield, England	72-65-73-71	—281	-7	John Daly, \$12,333	68-70-73	—211	-2
Pablo Larrazabal, Spain	68-70-75-68	—281	-7	Mike Weir, \$12,333	73-69-69	—211	-2
Alexander Levy, France	75-67-73-66	—281	-7	Michael Allen, \$9,400	73-71-68	—212	-1
Joost Luiten, Netherlands	68-72-73-68	—281	-7	Stephen Ames, \$9,400	71-69-72	—212	-1
Francesco Molinari, Italy	69-73-70-69	—281	-7	Tom Byrum, \$9,400	71-68-73	—212	-1
Jack Senior, England	70-71-69-71	—281	-7	K.J. Choi, \$9,400	73-69-70	—212	-1
Matthew Southgate, England	70-72-68-71	—281	-7	Chris DiMarco, \$9,400	68-74-70	—212	-1
Justin Walters, South Africa	70-70-66-75	—281	-7	Davis Love III, \$9,400	71-71-70	—212	-1
Mikko Korhonen, Finland	70-68-72-72	—282	-6	Jesus Rivas, \$9,400	70-69-73	—212	-1
Robert Rock, England	72-70-70-70	—282	-6	Jeff Sluman, \$7,800	73-69-71	—213	E
Brandon Stone, South Africa	72-69-70-71	—282	-6	Shane Bertsch, \$6,200	71-72-71	—214	+1
Paul Waring, England	73-68-70-71	—282	-6	Olin Browne, \$6,200	74-69-71	—214	+1
David Drysdale, Scotland	70-70-69-74	—283	-5	Ken Duke, \$6,200	75-69-70	—214	+1
Viktor Hovland, Norway	72-67-73-71	—283	-5	Bob Estes, \$6,200	72-72-70	—214	+1
Graeme McDowell, Northern Ireland	71-69-73-70	—283	-5	Tom Lehman, \$6,200	71-69-74	—214	+1
Wade Ormsby, Austria	73-66-72-72	—283	-5	Corey Pavin, \$6,200	72-73-69	—214	+1
Adrian Otaegui, Spain	72-69-71-71	—283	-5	Glen Day, \$4,500	74-68-72	—214	+1
Victor Perez, France	76-66-69-72	—283	-5	Tom Gillis, \$4,500	71-73-71	—215	+2
Steven Brown, England	70-72-74-68	—284	-4	Retief Goosen, \$4,500	74-68-73	—215	+2
Jordan Smith, England	71-71-70-72	—284	-4	Cliff Kresge, \$4,500	73-71-71	—215	+2
Richard Bland, England	74-68-70-73	—285	-3	Stephen Leaney, \$3,700	67-75-73	—215	+2
Nacho Elvira, Spain	70-70-75-70	—285	-3	Gene Sauers, \$3,700	72-72-72	—216	+3
David Howell, England	71-71-70-73	—285	-3	Duffy Waldorf, \$3,700	71-73-72	—216	+3
Edoardo Molinari, Italy	73-67-73-72	—285	-3	Willie Wood, \$3,700	71-74-71	—216	+3
Richie Ramsay, Scotland	71-70-73-71	—285	-3	Scott Dunlap, \$2,900	72-67-77	—216	+3
Kalle Samooja, Finland	70-69-72-74	—285	-3	David McKenzie, \$2,900	76-68-73	—217	+4
Grant Forrest, Scotland	70-72-71-73	—286	-2	Jose Maria Olazabal, \$2,900	77-69-71	—217	+4
Ryan Fox, New Zealand	73-69-71-73	—286	-2	Steve Pate, \$2,900	73-73-71	—217	+4
Robin Roussel, France	70-72-75-69	—286	-2	Tim Herron, \$2,400	73-71-73	—217	+4
Julian Suri, United States	69-72-74-71	—286	-2	Kent Jones, \$2,200	77-68-73	—218	+5
Rafa Cabrera Bello, Spain	71-68-68-79	—287	-1	Tommy Armour III, \$1,940	73-72-74	—219	+6
Antoine Rozner, France	77-65-75-70	—287	-1	Jesper Parnevik, \$1,940	71-76-73	—220	+7
Joel Stalter, France	72-69-74-72	—287	-1	Darren Clarke, \$1,640	77-70-73	—220	+7
Oliver Wilson, England	69-73-71-74	—287	-1	Stephen Dodd, \$1,640	72-72-77	—221	+8
Johannes Veerman, United States	73-66-71-78	—288	E	Mark O'Meara, \$1,640	75-76-70	—221	+8
Lee Westwood, England	70-70-71-77	—288	E	Robert Allenby, \$1,360	72-77-72	—221	+8
Danny Willett, England	70-71-73-74	—288	E	Mark Calcavecchia, \$1,360	76-74-73	—223	+10
Jeff Winther, Denmark	69-73-77-69	—288	E	Larry Mize, \$1,240	73-76-74	—223	+10
George Coetzee, South Africa	73-69-68-79	—289	+1	Tom Pernice Jr., \$1,160	78-73-73	—224	+11
Maximilian Kieffer, Germany	72-70-76-71	—289	+1	Loren Roberts, \$1,080	72-75-78	—225	+12
Daniel Gavins, England	70-69-76-75	—290	+2	David Frost, \$960	73-77-76	—226	+13
Ross McGowan, England	70-69-77-77	—293	+5	Jay Williamson, \$960	81-73-73	—227	+14
				Jay Delsing, \$860	70-78-79	—227	+14
					71-77-82	—230	+17

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Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	17	16
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	16	23
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	14	19
New England	0	1	0	.000	16	17
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	37	21
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	16	28
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	21	37
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	13	38
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	27	24
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	23	16
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	29	33
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	27	13
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	33	29
L.A. Chargers	1	0	0	1.000	20	16
Las Vegas	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	32	6
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	29	31
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	23	27
Washington	0	1	0	.000	16	20
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	19	14
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	38	3
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	31	29
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	6	32
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	33	41
Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	3	38
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	24	27
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	38	13
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	41	33
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	28	16
L.A. Rams	0	0	0	.000	0	0

Scores and upcoming schedule

Thursday's Game	
Tampa Bay 31, Dallas 29	
Sunday's Games	
Arizona 38, Tennessee 13	
Carolina 19, N.Y. Jets 14	
Cincinnati 27, Minnesota 24, OT	
Houston 37, Jacksonville 21	
L.A. Chargers 20, Washington 16	
Philadelphia 32, Atlanta 6	
Pittsburgh 23, Buffalo 16	
San Francisco 41, Detroit 33	
Seattle 28, Indianapolis 16	
Denver 27, N.Y. Giants 13	
Kansas City 33, Cleveland 29	
Miami 17, New England 16	
New Orleans 38, Green Bay 3	
Chicago at L.A. Rams, late	
Today's Game	
Baltimore at Las Vegas, 8:15 p.m.	
Thursday, Sept. 16	
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 8:20 p.m.	
Sunday, Sept. 19	
Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m.	
Cincinnati at Chicago, 1 p.m.	
Denver at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.	
Houston at Cleveland, 1 p.m.	
L.A. Rams at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.	
Las Vegas at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.	
New England at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.	
New Orleans at Carolina, 1 p.m.	
San Francisco at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.	
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 4:05 p.m.	
Minnesota at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.	
Dallas at L.A. Chargers, 4:25 p.m.	
Tennessee at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.	
Kansas City at Baltimore, 8:20 p.m.	
Monday, Sept. 20	
Detroit at Green Bay, 8:15 p.m.	



Houston 37, Jacksonville 21

Jacksonville	0	7	7	7	—	21
Houston	14	13	7	3	—	37
First Quarter						
Hou—Ingram 1 run (Slye kick), 6:43.						
Hou—Da.Johnson 7 pass from T.Taylor (Slye kick), 2:30.						
Second Quarter						
Jac—Manhertz 22 pass from Lawrence (Lambo kick), 12:25.						
Hou—FG Slye 40, 8:11.						
Hou—FG Slye 25, 1:02.						
Hou—Amendola 8 pass from T.Taylor (Slye kick), :12.						
Third Quarter						
Hou—Lindsay 5 run (Slye kick), 3:50.						
Jac—Chark 41 pass from Lawrence (Lambo kick), 2:00.						
Fourth Quarter						
Hou—FG Slye 25, 11:59.						
Jac—Jones 4 pass from Lawrence (Lambo kick), :13.						

	Jac	Hou
First downs	20	22
Total Net Yards	395	449
Rushes-yards	16-76	41-160
Passing	319	289
Punt Returns	2-1	3-17
Kickoff Returns	0-0	2-47
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	3-40
Comp-Att-Int	28-51-3	21-33-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-13	1-2
Punts	6-49.5	6-44.333
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	10-82	5-50
Time of Possession	27:41	32:11
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS		
RUSHING—Jacksonville, Hyde 9-44, J. Robinson 5-25, Shenault 1-9, Lawrence 1-(minus 2), Houston, Ingram 26-85, T.Taylor 4-40, Lindsay 8-25, D.Johnson 3-10.		
PASSING—Jacksonville, Lawrence 28-51-3-332, Houston, T.Taylor 21-33-0-291.		
RECEIVING—Jacksonville, Shenault 7-50, O'Shaughnessy 6-48, Jones 5-77, Chark 3-86, J.Robinson 3-29, Hyde 2-14, Manhertz 1-22, T.Johnson 1-6, Houston, Cooks 5-132, Amendola 5-34, Brown 4-67, D.Johnson 3-18, Conley 2-27, N.Collins 1-7, Burkhead 1-6.		
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Jacksonville, Lambo 55.		

Steelers rally to beat Bills 23-16 to open season

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Ben Roethlisberger and the Steelers' new-look offense overcame a slow start, Ulysees Gilbert returned a blocked punt 9 yards for a touchdown and Pittsburgh rallied to a season-opening 23-16 win over the Buffalo Bills.

Pittsburgh 23, Buffalo 16

Pittsburgh	0	0	6	17	—	23
Buffalo	3	7	0	6	—	16
First Quarter						
Buf—FG Bass 37, 13:34.						
Second Quarter						
Buf—G.Davis 3 pass from J.Allen (Bass kick), :27.						
Third Quarter						
Pit—FG Boswell 24, 10:26.						
Pit—FG Boswell 20, 1:49.						
Fourth Quarter						
Pit—D.Johnson 5 pass from Roethlisberger (Boswell kick), 11:24.						
Pit—U.Gilbert 9 blocked punt return (Boswell kick), 9:52.						
Buf—FG Bass 25, 5:19.						
Pit—FG Boswell 45, 2:47.						
Buf—FG Bass 42, :49.						
	Pit	Buf				
First downs	16	22				
Total Net Yards	251	371				
Rushes-yards	21-74	25-117				
Passing	177	254				
Punt Returns	1-5	1-1				
Kickoff Returns	1-3	4-143				
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0				
Comp-Att-Int	18-32-0	30-51-0				
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-11	3-16				
Punts	5-41.4	4-34.25				
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-1				
Penalties-Yards	5-31	8-81				
Time of Possession	26:42	33:18				
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS						
RUSHING—Pittsburgh, Harris 16-45, Claypool 1-25, Roethlisberger 4-4. Buffalo, Singletary 11-72, Allen 9-44, Breida 4-4, McKenzie 1-(minus 3).						
PASSING—Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 18-32-0-188, Buffalo, Allen 30-51-0-270.						
RECEIVING—Pittsburgh, D.Johnson 5-36, Smith-Schuster 4-52, Claypool 3-45, Washington 2-10, Freiermuth 1-24, Ebron 1-19, Harris 1-4, Gentry 1-(minus 2). Buffalo, Diggs 9-69, Beasley 8-60, Sanders 4-52, Knox 4-41, Singletary 3-8, Davis 2-40.						
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.						

Darnold, defense lead Panthers past Jets 19-14

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Carolina 19, N.Y. Jets 14

N.Y. Jets	0	0	8	6	—	14
Carolina	0	16	0	3	—	19

Second Quarter

Car—FG Santos 22, 7:30.
Car—Anderson 57 pass from Darnold (kick failed), 4:14.
Car—Darnold 5 run (Santos kick), :38.

Third Quarter

NYJ—C.Davis 22 pass from Z.Wilson (Z.Wilson run), 1:37.

Fourth Quarter

Car—FG Santos 29, 8:48.
NYJ—C.Davis 8 pass from Z.Wilson (pass failed), 2:00.

	NYJ	Car
First downs	16	18
Total Net Yards	252	381
Rushes-yards	17-45	27-111
Passing	207	270
Punt Returns	1-15	4-40
Kickoff Returns	0-0	2-42
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-29
Comp-Att-Int	20-37-1	24-35-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	6-51	1-9
Punts	7-49.571	6-37.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-30	6-38
Time of Possession	28:15	31:27

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Time of Possession	28:15	31:27

Hurts 3 TD passes, Eagles rout Falcons 32-6

ATLANTA — Jalen Hurts threw three touchdown passes, the first of them to Heisman Trophy winner DeVonta Smith, and the Philadelphia Eagles made a winner of Nick Sirianni in his head coaching debut with a 32-6 rout of the hapless Atlanta Falcons.

Philadelphia 32, Atlanta 6

Philadelphia	7	8	7	10	—	32
Atlanta	3	3	0	0	—	6
First Quarter						
Atl—FG Koo 21, 10:03.						
Phi—D.Smith 18 pass from Hurts (Elliott kick), 6:24.						
Second Quarter						

Atl—FG Koo 27, 14:56.						
Phi—Goedert 9 pass from Hurts (Sanders run), :02.						
Third Quarter						
Phi—Gainwell 8 run (Elliott kick), 1:43.						
Fourth Quarter						
Phi—Reagor 23 pass from Hurts (Elliott kick), 4:27.						
Phi—FG Elliott 43, 1:15.						

	Phi	Atl
First downs	26	20
Total Net Yards	429	260
Rushes-yards	32-168	26-124
Passing	261	136
Punt Returns	4-19	2-11
Kickoff Returns	2-40	2-29
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	27-35-0	21-35-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-3	3-28
Punts	4-46.5	6-46.5
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	14-89	11-94
Time of Possession	31:08	28:52

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Philadelphia, Sanders 15-74, Hurts 8-57, Gainwell 9-37, Atlanta, Patterson 7-54, Davis 15-49, K.Smith 2-13, Ryan 2-8.

PASSING—Philadelphia, Hurts 27-35-0-264, Atlanta, Ryan 21-35-0-164.

RECEIVING—Philadelphia, Smith 6-71, Reagor 6-49, Goedert 4-42, Sanders 4-39, Watkins 3-23, Ertz 2-34, Gainwell 2-6, Atlanta, Ridley 5-51, Pitts 4-31, Hurst 4-28, Davis 3-23, K.Smith 3-18, Patterson 2-13.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

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East Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Tampa Bay	89	54	.622	—	—	5-5	L-1	45-26	44-28	
Boston	81	64	.559	9	—	5-5	L-1	44-29	37-35	
Toronto	80	63	.559	9	—	9-1	W-3	39-30	41-33	
New York	79	63	.556	9½	½	3-7	W-1	40-31	39-32	
Baltimore	46	97	.322	43	34	5-5	L-3	22-49	24-48	
Central Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Chicago	82	61	.573	—	—	5-5	W-1	48-25	34-36	
Cleveland	69	72	.489	12	10	2-8	L-3	36-36	33-36	
Detroit	68	76	.472	14½	12½	5-5	W-1	37-36	31-40	
Kansas City	65	78	.455	17	15	6-4	W-1	34-35	31-43	
Minnesota	63	80	.441	19	17	5-5	L-1	33-38	30-42	
West Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Houston	83	59	.585	—	—	5-5	W-1	45-27	38-32	
Oakland	77	66	.538	6½	3	4-6	L-2	40-34	37-32	
Seattle	77	66	.538	6½	3	6-4	L-2	41-31	36-35	
Los Angeles	70	73	.490	13½	10	4-6	L-1	37-34	33-39	
Texas	53	89	.373	30	26½	6-4	W-2	31-37	22-52	

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Atlanta	76	66	.535	—	—	6-4	W-1	37-34	39-32	
Philadelphia	72	71	.503	4½	2½	3-7	L-1	40-31	32-40	
New York	71	72	.497	5½	3½	5-5	L-1	42-28	29-44	
Miami	60	83	.420	16½	14½	5-5	L-1	38-34	22-49	
Washington	59	84	.413	17½	15½	4-6	W-1	33-39	26-45	
Central Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Milwaukee	89	55	.618	—	—	7-3	W-5	40-31	49-24	
Cincinnati	75	69	.521	14	—	4-6	L-2	38-33	37-36	
St. Louis	73	69	.514	15	1	5-5	W-2	39-33	34-36	
Chicago	65	79	.451	24	10	6-4	L-3	39-36	26-43	
Pittsburgh	52	91	.364	36½	22½	4-6	L-1	32-40	20-51	
West Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
San Francisco	93	50	.650	—	—	9-1	W-7	45-23	48-27	
Los Angeles	91	53	.632	2½	—	6-4	W-3	49-23	42-30	
San Diego	74	68	.521	18½	—	4-6	L-3	44-31	30-37	
Colorado	66	78	.458	27½	9	5-5	W-1	45-27	21-51	
Arizona	47	96	.329	46	27½	3-7	W-2	28-43	19-53	

ROUNDUP/MATCHUPS

Dodgers 8, Padres 0: Max Scherzer got his 3,000th career strikeout and took a perfect game into the eighth inning. Scherzer retired his first 22 batters before Eric Hosmer doubled to deep right with one out in the eighth. The 37-year-old All-Star reached 3,000 career strikeouts in the fifth when Hosmer went down swinging. **Nationals 6, Pirates 2:** Patrick Corbin gave Washington's over-worked bullpen a bit of a break, working seven strong innings. **Brewers 11, Indians 1:** Eric Lauer no-hit Cleveland into the sixth inning a day after Milwaukee threw a history-making no-no, his teammates belted five homers. **Blue Jays 22, Orioles 7:** Lourdes Gurriel Jr. and Teoscar Hernández each hit a grand slam, Vladimir Guerrero Jr. slugged his 44th homer. **Braves 5, Marlins 3:** Ozzie Albies and Freddie Freeman each hit a solo

homer off Anthony Bass in the seventh inning, Eddie Rosario went deep off Edward Cabrera in the fourth. **Rockies 5, Phillies 4:** Garrett Hampson homered twice and knocked in all five Colorado runs. **Cardinals 2, Reds 0:** Nolan Arenado homered and five pitchers combined on a five-hit shutout. **Giants 6, Cubs 5:** Wilmer Flores homered and drove in three runs, Kris Bryant scored two against his former team. **White Sox 2, Red Sox 1:** Leury Garcia hit a game-ending home run with two outs in the ninth inning. **Astros 3, Angels 1:** Lance McCullers Jr. threw six strong innings, Kyle Tucker homered. **Royals 5, Twins 3:** Kyle Isbel drove in the go-ahead run with a single in the eighth inning. **Rangers 4, Athletics 3:** Isiah Kiner-Falefa had three hits and two RBIs,

Taylor Hearn won his fourth straight start. **Diamondbacks 5 Mariners 4:** Tyler Gilbert gave up two hits in another sharp outing, Ketel Marte homered. **LATE** N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets **TODAY'S GAMES** Minnesota (Gant 5-9) at N.Y. Yankees (TBD), 2:05 p.m. Miami (DeSclatani 8-13) at Washington (Espino 4-4), 7:05 p.m. Tampa Bay (Yarbrough 8-4) at Toronto (Manoah 5-2), 7:07 p.m. St. Louis (Wainwright 15-7) at N.Y. Mets (Hill 6-6), 7:10 p.m. Houston (Odorizzi 6-7) at Texas (Alexy 2-0), 8:05 p.m. San Diego (Darvish 8-9) at San Francisco (DeSclatani 11-6), 9:45 p.m. Arizona (Gallen 2-9) at L.A. Dodgers (TBD), 10:10 p.m. Boston (Rodríguez 11-8) at Seattle (Gilbert 5-5), 10:10 p.m.

BOX SCORES

Detroit 8, Tampa Bay 7

Tampa Bay					Detroit					
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
Arozarena lf	3	1	1	0	Baddoo cf	5	12	0	0	
Choi 1b	2	1	0	0	Schoop 1b	6	22	0	0	
Margot rf-lf	5	1	1	0	Grossman lf	4	0	1	1	
Cruz dh	4	2	1	1	Cabrera dh	4	0	1	2	
Diaz 3b	5	0	2	3	Hill pr-dh	1	10	0	0	
Luplow 1b	4	0	1	0	Candelario 3b	22	3	0	0	
Kiermaier cf	1	0	0	1	H.Castro 2b	5	0	1	0	
Walls ss	3	0	0	0	Goodrum ss	5	0	0	0	
Wendle 2b	5	0	0	0	Garneau c	3	1	1	0	
Mejia c	2	0	0	0	Haase ph-c	2	0	1	0	
Meadows ph	1	1	1	0	Reyes rf	2	1	1	1	
Zunino c	2	0	0	0						
Phillips cf-rf	3	1	1	2						
Totals	40	7	8	7	Totals	42	8	12	7	
Tampa Bay					Detroit					
					000	100	040	20	—7	
Detroit					001	100	030	21	—8	
E—Phillips (4), Baddoo (3), DP—Tampa Bay 1, Detroit 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 9, Detroit 10. 2B—Diaz 2 (18), Garneau (4), HR—Cruz (31), Phillips (11), Candelario 2 (14), SB—Phillips (14), S—Reyes (1).										
Tampa Bay					IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Patino	4 1/3				5	2	2	2	2	3
Head	1 2/3				0	0	0	0	0	1
Chargois	1				0	0	0	0	0	1
Robertson BS,0-1	1				4	3	2	0	1	
Kittredge	2				3	2	1	0	0	
Feyereisen LF,4-2	2/3				0	1	0	3	0	
Detroit										
Skubal	3				1	0	0	1	1	6
Ureña	3				2	1	1	1	2	
Fulmer H,9	1				1	0	0	0	0	
Cisnero BS,4-9	0				2	4	4	1	0	
Lange	1				1	0	0	0	0	
Soto	2				1	2	1	2	1	
Funkhouser W,7-3	1				0	0	0	1	1	
Cisnero pitched to 4 batters in the 8th. HBP—Cisnero (Arozarena), WP—Patino. T—3:48. A—13,396 (41,083).										

Milwaukee 11, Cleveland 1

Milwaukee	ab r h bi				Cleveland	ab r h bi			
Wong 2b	5	2	3	2	Straw cf	4	0	1	1
Escobar 3b	4	0	1	2	Rosario ss	4	0	0	0
Yelich dh	5	1	0	0	Ramirez 3b	4	0	0	0
Garcia rf	5	2	3	2	F.R Reyes dh	4	0	1	0
Peterson lf	5	1	2	0	Ramirez lf	2	0	0	0
Urias ss	5	1	2	0	Chang 1b	3	0	0	0
Vogelbach	1b3	2	0	0	Miller 2b	3	0	0	0
Piña c	5	2	3	3	Lavarnway c	3	1	0	0
Bradley Jr. cf	4	0	0	0	Mercado rf	3	0	1	0
Totals	41	11	13	10	Totals	30	14	1	1
Milwaukee					133	001	030	—11	
Cleveland					000	001	000	—1	
E—Rosario (9), Ramirez (14), LOB—Milwaukee 6, Cleveland 3. 2B—Piña (5), HR—Wong 2 (13), Garcia 2 (27), Piña (10).									
Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
Lauer W,6-5	5 1/3	3	1	1	1	8			
Boxberger	2/3	0	0	0	0	2			
Ashby S,1-1	3	1	0	0	0	5			
Cleveland									
Civale L,10-4	3	7	7	7	2	3			
Perez	2	1	0	0	0	1			
Young	1	2	1	1	0	2			
Wittgren	1	1	0	0	0	0			
Shaw	1	2	3	3	1	1			
Clase	1	0	0	0	0	2			
T—2:59. A—16,332 (34,788).									

Washington 6, Pittsburgh 2

Washington	ab	r	h	bi	Pittsburgh	ab	r	h	bi
Thomas cf	5	1	1	3	Hayes 3b	4	0	1	0
Escobar ss	5	0	1	0	Newman ss	3	12	0	0
Soto rf	3	1	2	0	Reynolds cf	2	0	1	0
Bell 1b	3	0	0	0	Moran 1b	3	0	0	0
Hernandez lf	5	0	2	1	Stallings c	4	0	0	0
García 2b	4	1	1	1	Difo 2b	4	1	1	0
Avila c	4	1	1	1	Alford lf	3	0	1	0
Sanchez 3b	4	1	2	0	Gamel rf	3	0	0	0
Corbin p	2	1	1	0	Wilson p	0	0	0	1
Stevenson ph	1	0	0	0	K.Keller p	0	0	0	0
Thompson p	0	0	0	0	Tucker ph	1	0	0	0
Finnegan p	0	0	0	0	Oviedo p	0	0	0	0
					Overton p	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	6	11	6	Totals	27	25	2	2
Washington					010	400	100	—6	
Pittsburgh					011	000	000	—2	
E—Moran (4), DP—Washington 1, Pittsburgh 3. LOB—Washington 8, Pittsburgh 4. 2B—Sanchez (2), Soto (17), 3B—Soto (2), Newman (3), HR—García (5), Avila (1), Thomas (4), SF—Reynolds (3), S—Newman (4), Wilson (3).									
Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
Corbin W,8-14	7	4	2	2	2	4			
Thompson	1 1/3	1	0	0	1	1			
Finnegan S,9-11	2/3	0	0	0	0	1			
Pittsburgh									
Wilson L,2-7	4 1/3	7	5	5	2	0			
K.Keller	2/3	0	0	0	0	1			
Oviedo	2	3	1	1	2	0			
Overton	1	0	0	0	0	1			
Howe	1	1	0	0	1	0			
T—3:06. A—9,714 (38,747).									

Truex leads 1-2-3 finish for JGR at Richmond

HANK KURZ JR.
AP sports writer

RICHMOND, Va. — Martin Truex Jr. assumed the lead when Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Kyle Busch was penalized for speeding with about 50 laps to go and won the NASCAR Cup Series race at Richmond Raceway on Saturday night.

The victory was the third for Truex in the last five races at Richmond. He got the lead when Busch was caught speeding entering pit road during green flag pit stops, causing him to relinquish a big lead and fall back to 10th.

Truex led a 1-2-3 finish for JGR — the sixth in its history — with Denny Hamlin finishing second and Christopher Bell third.

Truex won despite being black-flagged on the first lap for beating Hamlin, the pole-sitter, to the start-finish line for the start of the race.

“That was frustrating, I’m not going to lie, but I knew we had a good enough car to overcome it,” Truex said about the penalty.

His car bore a red, white and blue paint scheme as part of the day-long tribute to honor the victims and heroes of the Sept. 11 attacks 20 years ago.

“It’s an important day in our history and I think all of us here — yeah, we’re proud to win and this car’s amazing and there’s so many people to thank, but what a day to win on,” Truex said in victory lane. “It reminds you of the honor it is and the privilege it is to get to come out here and do this.”

Hamlin trimmed an 8-second deficit to 1.4 seconds, but ran out of time.

“We needed just a couple more laps. That’s all,” Hamlin said.

Bell has won three times on the 0.75-mile oval in the NASCAR Xfinity Series.

“We knew going into



Martin Truex Jr., celebrates winning the NASCAR Cup series auto race Saturday night in Richmond, Va.

Richmond that this is one of our better racetracks, so we needed to capitalize on that and get all the points we could,” he said.

Truex’s penalty sent him to the back of the field, but as he has done repeatedly since ending an 80-race winless drought on tracks shorter than a mile at the start of his career, he masterfully worked his way back into contention.

The victory was his fourth of the season and the 31st of his career.

Defending series champion Chase Elliott was fourth, followed by Joey Logano and points-leader Kyle Larson, who started the race at the back of the field after twice failing

pre-race inspection. Larson finished sixth and did clinch his spot in the second round of the playoffs, which start after next weekend.

Hamlin, as he did in the spring here, won both stages and led the most laps — 207 in the spring, 197 in this race — but failed to follow his victory last weekend with another on the track about 20 miles from where he grew up.

PRE-RACE TRIBUTE

Fans were given small American flags as they entered the track and were encouraged to stand and wave them as a fire truck and two police SUVs, all with lights flashing, led the pace

vehicles on the pre-race parade laps.

As the tribute unfolded, a chant of “USA! USA!” erupted in the stands.

POINTS RACE

Hamlin cut 10 points off Larson’s lead — from 34 to 24 — with Truex another 14 points back. They are the only three to have clinched Round of 12 berths.

“So very good to be able to do this and go to Bristol without any worries next week,” Truex said.

PLAYOFF PROBLEMS

William Byron and Michael McDowell’s playoff experiences are going poorly.

Byron finished 34th last week at Darlington and 19th at Richmond. McDowell finish 37th — last — last week and had three speeding penalties and finished 29th at Richmond. The third penalty came while he was serving the second.

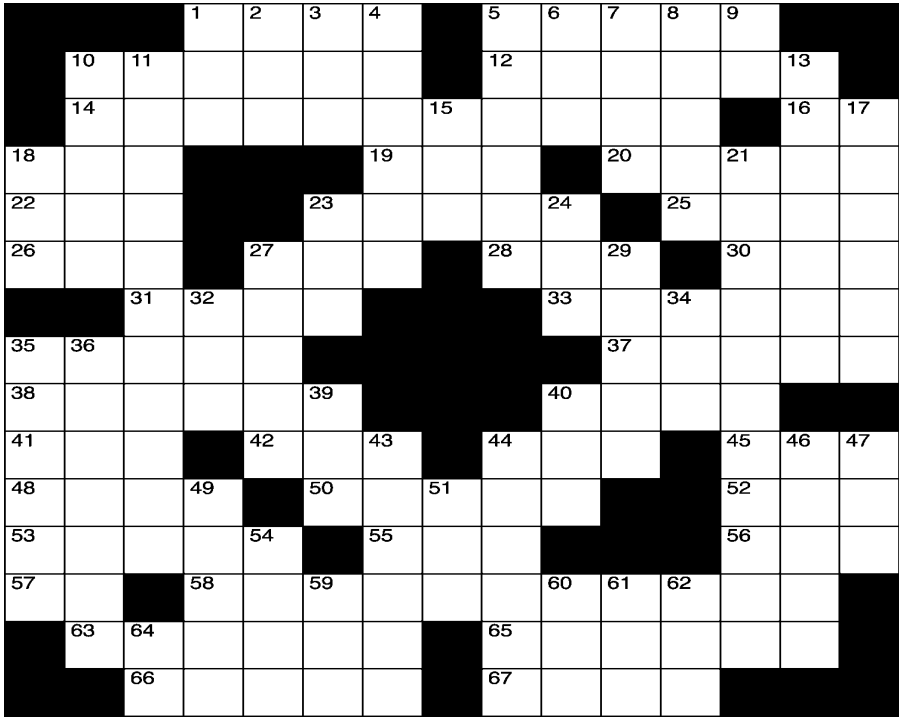
Byron is 15th in points, 116 behind, and McDowell is 136 behind.

UP NEXT

The series wraps up the opening round of the playoffs, and narrows the championship field from 16 to 12, on another short track with the annual Saturday night race around the high banks of Bristol Motor Speedway.

Puzzles Galore!

CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

- Religion native to some in China
- Nursemaids
- Coats a porous surface
- Garment of long cloth
- Containing a broader message
- University of Dayton
- Patti Hearst’s captors
- Insane
- Bristlelike structures in invertebrates
- Taxi
- Trainee
- Comedian Carvey
- Some couples say it
- Belong to he
- High schoolers’ test
- Young goat
- You drive on one
- Denotes a time long ago
- Space between two surfaces
- By and by
- A way to sell
- A line left by the passage of something
- Indicates near
- Where wrestlers compete
- Prosecutors
- Body part
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Indicates silence
- NFL’s Newton
- Ancient Roman garments
- Drunkard
- Expression of satisfaction
- Thus
- Noisy viper
- Plants of a particular region
- Communicated with
- Latches a window
- Swarm with

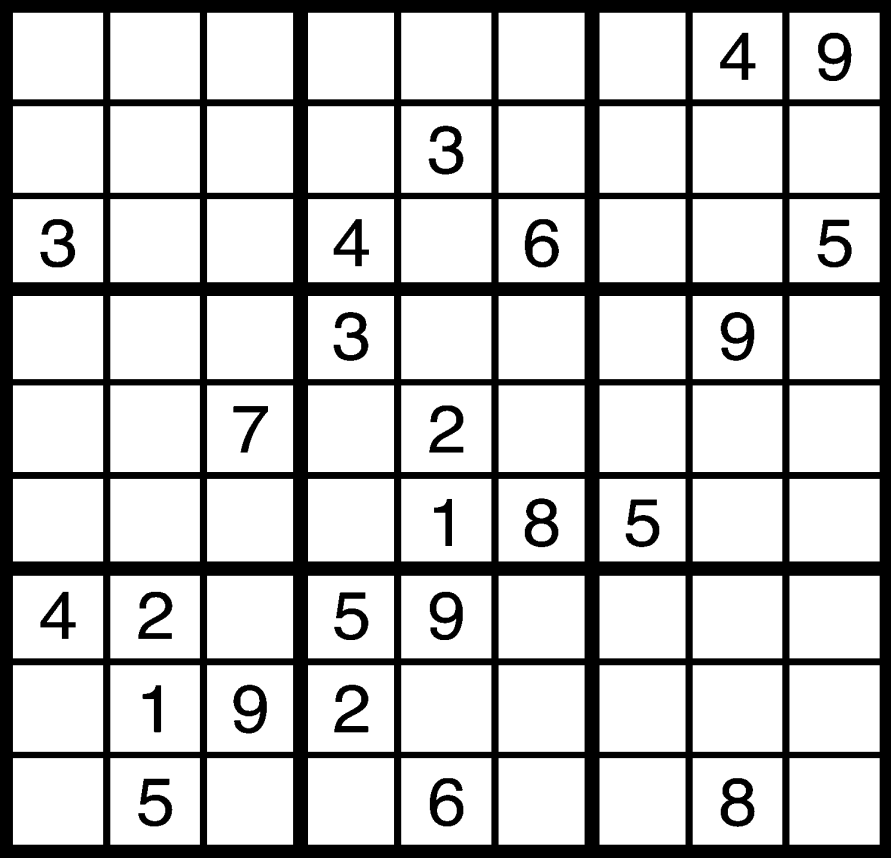
CLUES DOWN

- Split pulses
- Brew
- Ask humbly
- Distinctive smells
- Digressions
- Partner to cheese
- Father of Aethyrea
- Made a cavity
- Tin
- Appetizer
- Presenting in detail
- Compound in guano and fish scales
- Cool!
- “___ than a doornail”
- Popular literary form ___ fi
- Be the most remarkable
- “Final Fantasy” universe character
- Buffer solution
- Muslim physician using traditional remedies
- Fantastical planet
- S. American plant
- Domesticated animal
- The tops of mountains
- Expression of disapproval
- Skeletal muscle
- Game show host Sajak
- One’s interests
- Identify the existence of
- Partner to “oohed”
- Does not accept medical help (abbr.)
- Hammerin’ Hank
- Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
- Elaborately draped garment
- Check
- Car mechanics group
- One point east (clockwise) of due north
- Austrian river
- A command to list files

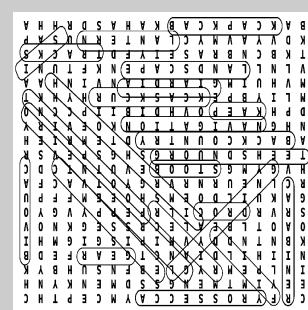
SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you’ll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!



Here’s How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

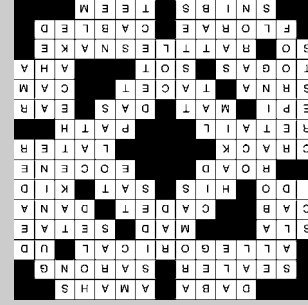


Answers to “Puzzles Galore”

WORD SEARCH (Wilderness)

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|-------------|--------------|
| ACCESSORY | GROUND SHEET |
| BACKCOUNTRY | HYPOTHERMIA |
| BACKPACK | LANDSCAPE |
| BIVOUAC | LANTERN |
| BOOT | LAYERING |
| CAMP SITE | NAVIGATION |
| CARABINER | ORIENTEERING |
| CORD | PEAK |
| FIELD | RIVER |
| FOOTPRINT | RUCKSACK |
| GEAR | SKI |
| GIARDIA | TRACKS |

C R F Y R O S S E C C A Y M C E P T H C
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T E E H S D N U O R G S H G S P E V S R
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N H G N A V I G A T I O N K O E V I R Y
D P H K A E P O V H D I B I I P C C N O
M L I Y B P E K C A S K C U R H Y H K T
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V L N L L A N D S C A P E N K F T U N I
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FOOTBALL
AP Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sep. 11, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

Team	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Alabama (60)	2-0	1572	1
2. Georgia (3)	2-0	1514	2
3. Oklahoma	2-0	1402	4
4. Oregon	2-0	1355	12
5. Iowa	2-0	1263	10
6. Clemson	1-1	1246	6
7. Texas A&M	2-0	1206	5
8. Cincinnati	2-0	1149	7
9. Ohio State	1-1	1129	3
10. Penn State	2-0	1005	11
11. Florida	2-0	935	13
12. Notre Dame	2-0	926	8
13. UCLA	2-0	804	16
14. Iowa State	1-1	593	9
15. Virginia Tech	2-0	591	19
16. Coastal Carolina	2-0	562	17
17. Mississippi	2-0	550	20
18. Wisconsin	1-1	499	18
19. Arizona State	2-0	347	23
20. Arkansas	2-0	277	-
21. North Carolina	1-1	268	24
22. Auburn	2-0	233	25
23. Brigham Young	2-0	213	-
24. Miami (FL)	1-1	177	22
25. Michigan	2-0	163	-

Others receiving votes: UCF 111, TCU 103, Liberty 52, Michigan State 44, USC 39, Indiana 34, LSU 31, Kansas State 30, Nevada 28, Oklahoma State 27, Texas 23, Maryland 14, Pittsburgh 13, Kentucky 13, Stanford 10, Utah 9, Boston College 8, Texas Tech 2, Fresno State 2, Toledo 2, Army 1.

AP Top 25 schedule

Saturday
No. 1. Alabama at No. 11 Florida, 3:30 p.m.
No. 2. Georgia vs. South Carolina, 7 p.m.
No. 3. Oklahoma vs. Nebraska, Noon
No. 4. Oregon vs. Stony Brook, 7:30 p.m.
No. 5. Iowa vs. Kent St., 3:30 p.m.
No. 6. Clemson vs. Georgia Tech, 3:30 p.m.
No. 7. Texas A&M vs. New Mexico, Noon
No. 8. Cincinnati at Indiana, Noon
No. 9. Ohio State vs. Tulsa, 3:30 p.m.
No. 10. Penn State vs. No. 22 Auburn, 7:30 p.m.
No. 12. Notre Dame vs. Purdue, 2:30 p.m.
No. 13. UCLA vs. Fresno St., 10:45 p.m.
No. 14. Iowa State at UNLV, 10:30 p.m.
No. 15. Virginia Tech at West Virginia, Noon
No. 16. Coastal Carolina at Buffalo, Noon
No. 17. Mississippi vs. Tulane, 8 p.m.
No. 19. Arizona State at No. 23 BYU, 10:15 p.m.
No. 20. Arkansas vs. Georgia Southern, 4 p.m.
No. 21. North Carolina vs. Virginia, 7:30 p.m.
No. 22. Auburn at Penn St., 7:30 p.m.
No. 24. Miami vs. Michigan St., Noon
No. 25. Michigan vs. N. Illinois, Noon

TENNIS
US Open

At USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
New York
Purse: \$27,200,000
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor
NEW YORK — Results Sunday from US Open at USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (seedings in parentheses):
Men's Singles Championship
Daniil Medvedev (2), Russia, def. Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.
Women's Doubles Championship
Sam Stosur, Australia, and Zhang Shuai (14), China, def. Caty McNally and Coco Gauff (11), United States, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

BASEBALL
Career strikeout leaders

(x-active; y-played prior to 1901)	Player	No.
1.	Nolan Ryan	5,714
2.	Randy Johnson	4,875
3.	Roger Clemens	4,672
4.	Steve Carlton	4,136
5.	Bert Blyleven	3,701
6.	Tom Seaver	3,640
7.	Don Sutton	3,574
8.	Gaylord Perry	3,534
9.	Walter Johnson	3,509
10.	Greg Maddux	3,371
11.	Phil Niekro	3,342
12.	Ferguson Jenkins	3,192
13.	Pedro Martinez	3,154
14.	Bob Gibson	3,117
15.	Curt Schilling	3,116
16.	CC Sabathia	3,093
17.	John Smoltz	3,084
18.	x-Justin Verlander	3,013
19.	x-Max Scherzer	3,003
20.	Jim Bunning	2,855
21.	Mickey Lolich	2,832
22.	Mike Mussina	2,813
23.	y-Oy Young	2,803
24.	x-Zach Greinke	2,799
25.	Frank Tanana	2,773

Wild Card standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Boston	81	64	.559	—
Toronto	80	63	.559	—
New York	79	63	.556	½
Oakland	77	66	.538	3
Seattle	77	66	.538	3
Sunday's Games				
Toronto 22, Baltimore 7				
Chicago White Sox 2, Boston 1				
Texas 4, Oakland 3				
Arizona 5, Seattle 4				
N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets, late				
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Los Angeles	91	53	.632	—
Cincinnati	75	69	.521	—
San Diego	74	68	.521	—
St. Louis	73	69	.514	1
Philadelphia	72	71	.503	2
New York	71	72	.497	3½
Sunday's Games				
Colorado 5, Philadelphia 4				
St. Louis 2, Cincinnati 0				
L.A. Dodgers 8, San Diego 0				
Arizona 5, Seattle 4				
N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets, late				

AUTO RACING
NASCAR Cup Series
Federated Auto
Parts 400 Salute to
First Responders

Saturday
At Richmond Raceway Richmond, Va. Lap length: 0.75 miles (Start position in parentheses)
1. (3) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, 400 laps, 51 points.
2. (2) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 400, 55.
3. (10) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 400, 39.
4. (13) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 400, 42.
5. (6) Joey Logano, Ford, 400, 46.
6. (1) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 400, 45.
7. (17) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 400, 39.
8. (5) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 400, 32.
9. (15) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 400, 37.
10. (8) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 399, 33.

Florida LOTTERY

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

PICK 2 (early) 8 - 3	PICK 5 (early) 5 - 2 - 0 - 1 - 2
PICK 2 (late) 8 - 4	PICK 5 (late) 4 - 2 - 0 - 3 - 5
PICK 3 (early) 3 - 1 - 2	FANTASY 5 8 - 12 - 24 - 33 - 35
PICK 3 (late) 4 - 5 - 7	CASH 4 LIFE 1 - 2 - 13 - 44 - 51
PICK 4 (early) 0 - 3 - 1 - 0	CASH BALL 1
PICK 4 (late) 9 - 2 - 8 - 0	

Saturday's winning numbers and payouts:

Powerball: 20 – 31 – 38 – 40 – 49	5-of-6 5x 4 \$15,000
Powerball: 21	5-of-6 10x 1 \$30,000
5-of-5 PB No winner	Fantasy 5: 1 – 5 – 18 – 23 – 32
No Florida winner	5-of-5 1 winner \$213,609.53
5-of-5 1 winner \$2 million	4-of-5 264 \$130.50
No Florida winner	3-of-5 8,642 \$11
Lotto: 1 – 22 – 49 – 50 – 51 – 53	Cash 4 Life: 12 – 18 – 31 – 39 – 60
6-of-6 No winner	Cash Ball: 1
5-of-6 2x 5 \$6,000	5-of-5 CB No winner
5-of-6 3x 7 \$9,000	5-of-5 No winner
5-of-6 4x 2 \$12,000	

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS AUTO RACING
1 a.m. (NBCSPT) IndyCar Racing Grand Prix of Portland (Taped)
MLB
2 p.m. (MLB) Minnesota Twins at New York Yankees
7 p.m. (BSFL) Miami Marlins at Washington Nationals
7 p.m. (MLB) Tampa Bay Rays at Toronto Blue Jays or St. Louis Cardinals at New York Mets
7 p.m. (SUN) Tampa Bay Rays at Toronto Blue Jays
10 p.m. (MLB) San Diego Padres at San Francisco Giants or Boston Red Sox at Seattle Mariners
WNBA
3 p.m. (NBA) Dallas Wings at Las Vegas Aces
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
12 p.m. (ESPN) Florida at South Florida (Taped)
3 p.m. (ESPN) Iowa at Iowa State (Taped)
5 p.m. (ACCN) Appalachian State at Miami (Taped)
9 p.m. (ESPN) Utah at BYU (Taped)
12 a.m. (ACCN) Pittsburgh at Tennessee (Taped)
NFL
8 p.m. (ABC, ESPN) Baltimore Ravens at Las Vegas Raiders
3:15 a.m. (NFL) Baltimore Ravens at Las Vegas Raiders (Taped)
GOLF
4 p.m. (GOLF) College Maridoe Invitational, First Round
SOCCER
3 p.m. (NBCSPT) Premier League: Everton vs Burnley
7 p.m. (FS1) College: Pittsburgh at Penn State
TENNIS
6 a.m. (TENNIS) Luxembourg-WTA, Portoroz-WTA
4 p.m. (TENNIS) Luxembourg-WTA, Portoroz-WTA
<i>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.</i>

Prep CALENDAR

TODAY'S PREP SPORTS GOLF
4 p.m. Seven Rivers at North Tampa Christian
11. (19) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 399, 26.
12. (12) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 399, 27.
13. (7) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 399, 28.
14. (9) Aric Almirola, Ford, 399, 27.
15. (11) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 398, 22.
16. (26) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 398, 21.
17. (22) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, 398, 20.
18. (28) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 398, 19.
19. (14) William Byron, Chevrolet, 398, 18.
20. (24) Ryan Newman, Ford, 398, 17.
21. (31) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, 398, 16.
22. (21) Cole Custer, Ford, 397, 15.
23. (23) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Chevrolet, 397, 14.
24. (18) Chris Buescher, Ford, 396, 13.
25. (20) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, 396, 12.
26. (30) Anthony Alfredo, Ford, 396, 11.
27. (29) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 396, 0.
28. (16) Michael McDowell, Ford, 395, 9.
29. (25) Corey Lajoie, Chevrolet, 395, 8.
30. (32) BJ McLeod, Ford, 393, 0.
31. (36) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 389, 0.
32. (27) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 388, 5.
33. (34) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 387, 0.
34. (37) JJ Yeley, Chevrolet, 386, 0.
35. (35) Quin Houff, Chevrolet, 386, 2.
36. (33) Josh Billicki, Ford, 385, 1.
37. (4) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, accident, 40, 1.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 98.301 mph.
Time of Race: 3 hours, 3 minutes, 6 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 1.417 seconds.
Caution Flags: 5 for 30 laps.
Lead Changes: 21 among 8 drivers.
Lap Leaders: K.Larson 0; D.Hamlin 1-32; Ku.Busch 33-36; D.Hamlin 37-90; C.Elliott 91-131; M.Truxex 132; K.Larson 133-134; C.Bell 135-137; D.Hamlin 138-161; C.Elliott 162-177; D.Hamlin 178-179; C.Elliott 180; K.Larson 181-184; C.Bell 185-186; D.Hamlin 187-268; M.Truxex 269-296; C.Bell 297-301; R.Chastain 302-305; Ky.Busch 306-344; D.Hamlin 345-347; K.Larson 348-349; M.Truxex 350-400
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): D.Hamlin, 6 times for 197 laps; M.Truxex, 3 times for 80 laps; C.Elliott, 3 times for 58 laps; Ky.Busch, 1 time for 39 laps; C.Bell, 3 times for 10 laps; K.Larson, 4 times for 8 laps; R.Chastain, 1 time for 4 laps; Ku.Busch, 1 time for 4 laps.
Wins: K.Larson, 5; M.Truxex, 4; R.Blaney, 3; A.Bowman, 3; C.Elliott, 2; Ky.Busch, 2; D.Hamlin, 1; J.Logano, 1; C.Bell, 1; B.Keselowski, 2; A.Almirola, 1; Ku.Busch, 1; W.Byron, 1; M.McDowell, 1.
Top 16 in Points: 1. K.Larson, 2151; 2. D. Hamlin, 2127; 3. M.Truxex, 2113; 4. J.Logano, 2093; 5. R.Blaney, 2081; 6. K.Harvick, 2078; 7. C.Elliott, 2072; 8. C.Bell, 2070; 9. B.Keselowski, 2066; 10. Ky.Busch, 2061; 11. A.Almirola, 2056; 12. A.Bowman, 2053; 13. Ku.Busch, 2053; 14. T.Reddick, 2048; 15. W.Byron, 2035; 16. M. McDowell, 2015.

GOLF
Ryder Cup rosters
Sept. 24-26
At Whistling Straits GC (Straits)
Sheboygan, Wis.
c-captain's pick
EUROPE
Captain: Padraig Harrington
Paul Casey, England
Matt Fitzpatrick, England

SPORTS BRIEFS

Alex Palou recovers in Portland for 3rd win and IndyCar lead PORTLAND, Ore. — Alex Palou recovered from first-lap trouble at Portland International Raceway to win for the third time this season and reclaim the IndyCar points lead. The victory put the Spaniard back on top of the standings for the ninth time in 14 races this season. The second-year IndyCar driver had lost a 42-point lead in back-to-back races and came to Portland down 10 points to Pato O'Ward. But Palou won the pole to earn a point and start the race down just nine to O'Ward. But the start was nearly disastrous as Palou and his Chip Ganassi Racing teammate Scott Dixon hurtled toward the first turn on the permanent road course.	Ricciardo wins Italian GP as Verstappen and Hamilton crash Championship leader Max Verstappen and defending champion Lewis Hamilton crashed out of the Italian Grand Prix, which was won by McLaren's Daniel Ricciardo on Sunday. It was McLaren's first win in nearly nine years, since Jenson Button took the chequered flag in Brazil in 2012, and Ricciardo's first win since Monaco in 2018. He finished 1.747 seconds ahead of Norris and 4.921 ahead of Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas, who turned in a strong performance after starting from the back of the grid after a penalty for taking a new engine. — From wire reports
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break chance until it was too little, too late, going just 1 for 6. He showed frustration, too, destroying his racket by pounding it three times against the court after one point, drawing boos from the crowd of 25,703 and a code violation from chair umpire Damien Dumusois.
A lot of Djokovic's issues had to do with the No. 2-ranked Medvedev, who used his 6-foot-6 frame to chase down everything and respond with seemingly effortless groundstrokes — much the way Djokovic wears down foes — and delivered pinpoint serving. Medvedev won 20 of his first 23 service points, establishing a pattern.
He finished with 16 aces and 38 winners in all, 11 more than Djokovic. After overcoming multiple double-faults on match point, Medvedev finally finished the job, then topped over to the court on his side.
“If there is anyone that deserves a Grand Slam title right now, it's you,” Djokovic told Medvedev during the trophy ceremony. “So well done.”
The last man to complete a true Grand Slam by going 4 for 4 at the majors in a single season remains Rod Laver, who did it twice — in 1962 and

RUIN

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history. It was a bumpy debut during which he threw for 332 yards and three touchdowns but also tossed three interceptions, often overthrew open receivers and was the victim of several drops.
It was also the NFL debut for Jaguars coach Urban Meyer, who lost the first season opener of his head coaching career after entering the game having won 17 straight openers as a college coach.
“I love Trevor and we all do,” Meyer said. “Trevor is just going to get better and better and better. Offensive football is about 11 guys doing their job.”
Meyer's streak was halted by another coach making his NFL head coaching debut in Culley, a 65-year-old who spent decades as an assistant in the league before being hired by the Texans.
Brandin Cooks had 132 yards receiving and Ingram had 85 yards rushing and a TD in his Houston debut.
Ingram gave Houston an early lead with a 1-yard run that made it 7-0 with about seven minutes left in the first quarter.
Josh Lambo missed a 55-yard field goal on Jacksonville's second possession.
The Texans pushed the lead to 14-0 when Taylor connected with David Johnson on 7-yard TD later in the first.
Lawrence put together a nice drive on the next possession and capped it with a 22-yard touchdown pass to Chris Manhertz to cut the lead to 14-7

AP POLL

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against Iowa, gets a chance to show it wasn't a one-year wonder in 2020 when it hosts No. 8 Cincinnati. Maryland likely will be 4-0 going into its Oct. 1 home game against Iowa.

IN	CONFERENCE CALL
■ No. 20 Arkansas gets a third straight home game, this one against Georgia Southern, before things get real in SEC play.	The SEC has seven teams in the AP Top 25 for the first time since October 2020.
■ No. 23 BYU, which appeared in every regular-season poll last season, returns after beating Utah for the first time in 10 meetings. Voters are buying in after taking a wait-and-see stance with a team that lost the No. 2 overall draft pick (QB Zach Wilson) and eight defensive starters.	SEC — 7 (Nos. 1, 2, 7, 11, 17, 20, 22). Big Ten — 5 (Nos. 5, 9, 10, 18, 25). ACC — 4 (Nos. 6, 15, 21, 24). Pac-12 — 3 (Nos. 4, 13, 19). Big 12 — 2 (Nos. 3, 14). American — 1 (No. 8). Sun Belt — 1 (No. 16). Independents — 2 (No. 12, 23).
■ Two solid wins to start the season, the latest against a surprisingly weak Washington, bring No. 25 Michigan back into the rankings. The Wolverines don't hit the road until Oct. 2.	No. 1 Alabama at No. 11 Florida. Crimson Tide have won seven straight against the Gators.
■ Southern California dropped out after a 42-28 loss to Stanford, which scored its most points against the	No. 19 Arizona State at No. 23 BYU. First meeting since 1998 is a prove-it game for the Sun Devils.
	No. 22 Auburn at No. 10 Penn State. The teams split two bowl matchups, but this is the first regular-season meeting

MONDAY EVENING SEPTEMBER 13, 2021														C: Comcast, Citrus S: Spectrum DT: Comcast, Dunnellon & Inglis	
	C	S	DT	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
2 (WESH) NBC	19	19		News	NBC News	Ent. Tonight	Hollywood	American Ninja Warrior "National Finals 3" (N) 'PG'				The Wall (N) 'PG' 88		News	J. Fallon
3 (WEDU) PBS	3	3		World News America	BBC News	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo) 88		Antiques Roadshow 'G' 88		American Experience "Sandra Day O'Connor: The First" Life and career of Sandra Day O'Connor. 'PG'				Unforgivable Blackness: Jack Johnson	
5 (WUFT) PBS	5	5		DIW News	BBC News	PBS NewsHour (N) 88		Antiques Roadshow 'G'		American Experience (N) 'PG' 88 (DVS)				BBC News	Old House
8 (WFLA) NBC	8	8	8	News	NBC Nightly News - Hoft	NewsChannel 8	Ent. Tonight	American Ninja Warrior "National Finals 3" The finals conclude in Las Vegas. (N) 'PG' 88 (DVS)				The Wall Tom and Hayden take on the wall. 'PG'		NewsChannel 8	Tonight Show
9 (WFTV) ABC	20	7	20	News at 6pm	ABC World News	Jeopardy! 'G' 88	Wheel of Fortune 'G'	NFL Football Baltimore Ravens at Las Vegas Raiders. (N) (In Stereo Live) 88						Eyewitness News at 11pm (N) (In Stereo) 88	
10 (WTSP) CBS	10	10	10	10 Tampa Bay	CBS Evening News	Wheel of Fortune 'G'	Jeopardy! 'G' 88	The Neighborhood	Bob Hearts Abishola	NCIS Bishop is implicated in an NSA leak. '14'		NCIS: Los Angeles "The Noble Maidens" '14'		10 Tampa Bay	Late Show- Colbert
13 (WTVT) FOX	13	13		FOX13 6:00 News (N)	FOX13 6:30 News (N)	Access Hollywood 'PG'	TMZ (N) 'PG' 88	Hell's Kitchen "What the Hell: Two Young Guns Shoot It Out" The winner is crowned. (In Stereo) '14'				FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo) 88		FOX13 11:00 News (N) (In Stereo) 88	
20 (WCJB) ABC			11	TV20 News	World News	Ent. Tonight	Inside Ed.	NFL Football Baltimore Ravens at Las Vegas Raiders. (N) (In Stereo Live) 88						WCJB TV20 News at 11	
22 (WCLF) IND	2	2	2	Christian	Joyce M.	Jewish	Great Awakening with	Love/Child	Miracles	Andrew		Freedom	Reagan	Keith Moore	The Great A
23 (WYKE) FAM	16	16	16	Vegas Unveiled		Daily Flash	Citrus	Sully's Biz Brew		Small Town	L. McKenzie	Neighbor..	Madison	Citrus Court	Citrus
23 (WFTS) ABC	11	11		News	World News	Inside Ed.	The List	NFL Football Baltimore Ravens at Las Vegas Raiders. (N) (In Stereo Live) 88						ABC Action News	
62 (WMOR) IND	12	12		Goldbergs	Goldbergs	Big Bang	Big Bang	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Last Man	Last Man	Creek	Creek	Big Bang	Family Guy
63 (WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	Extra 'PG'	Ent. Tonight	Family Feud	Family Feud	NewsChannel 8		Noticias	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
40 (WACX) TBN	21	21		S.Channel	The 700 Club 88		Lovelsrael	Love/Child	Kenneth Cox Ministries	Paid Prog.		SuperChannel Presents		Faith Build.	Prince
44 (WTOG) CW	4	4	4	Mike & Molly '14'	Mike & Molly '14'	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Roswell, New Mexico Liz needs Rosa's help. '14'		Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Deep Fake Penn" 'PG'		CW44 News (N) 88	CW44 News (N) 88	2 Broke Girls '14'	2 Broke Girls '14'
50 (WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	Noticias	Noticiero	¿Qué le pasa a		Diseñando tu amor 'PG'		Si nos dejan (N) '14'		La desalmada (N)		Noticias	Noticiero
51 (WOGX) FOX			13	Fox 51 at 6	Fox 51	Big Bang	Big Bang	Hell's Kitchen The winner is crowned. (In Stereo) '14'				FOX 51 News		Dateline '14' 88	
65 (WXPX) ION			17	NCIS: Los Angeles 'PG'		NCIS: Los Angeles '14'		NCIS: Los Angeles '14'		NCIS: Los Angeles '14'		NCIS: Los Angeles '14'		NCIS: Los Angeles 'PG'	
(A&E)	54	48	54	Hoarders 'PG' 88		Hoarders 'PG' 88		Hoarders 'PG' 88		Hoarders 'PG' 88		Hoarders 'PG' 88		Hoarders 'PG' 88	
(ACCN)			99	College Football Jacksonville State at Florida State.				All ACC (N) (Live)		All ACC		All ACC		All ACC	
(AMC)	55	64	55	*** "Pixels" (2015) Adam Sandler.		*** "The Goonies" (1985, Children's) Sean Astin. 'PG' 88				Creepshow (N) 'MA' 88				Ultra City Smiths '14'	
(ANI)	52	35	52	Homestead Rescue 'PG'		Homestead Rescue 'PG'		Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People	
(BET)	96	71	96	** "Bringing Down the House" (2003, Comedy) Steve Martin. 'PG-13' 88				*** "Just Wright" (2010, Romance-Comedy) Queen Latifah. 'PG' 88							
(BIGTEN)	742	809		Football	B1G Show	B1G Story	The B1G Story 88	B1G Show		B1G Volleyball in 60 (N)		B1G Show	B1G Football in 60 88	B1G Show	
(BRAVO)	254	51	254	Below Deck Sailing Yacht		Below Deck		Below Deck		Watch What		Below Deck Mediterranean '14' 88			
(BSFL)	35	39	35	Marlins Club	Pregame	MLB Baseball Miami Marlins at Washington Nationals. (N)		(Live)		Postgame		Marlins	Under	Sports Stars	
(CC)	27	61	27	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily Show	South Park
(CMT)	98	45	98	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Reba 'PG'	Reba 'PG'
(CNN)	40	29	40	Situation Room With Wolf	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)			Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		Don Lemon Tonight (N)		Don Lemon Tonight (N)	
(ESPN)	33	27	33	Monday Night Countdown (N)	(Live) 88			NFL Football Baltimore Ravens at Las Vegas Raiders. (N)		(Live)		Postgame		SportsC.	
(ESPN2)	37	28	34	SportsCenter (N) 88		SportsCenter (N) 88		Monday Night Football Manning Megacast (N) (Live)						UFC Archival	
(FBN)	106	149	106	The Evening Edit (N)		Kudlow 88		Kennedy (N) 88		Fox Business Tonight		The Evening Edit 88		Kudlow 88	
(FLIX)		118	170	* "House at the End of the Street" (2012) 88				*** "Limitless" (2011) 'PG-13'		*** "Source Code" (2011) Jake Gyllenhaal. 88				eXistenZ 'R'	
(FNC)	44	37	44	Special Report		FOX News Primetime (N)		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity (N) (Live) 88		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Gutfeld! (N) 88	
(FOOD)	26	56	26	Halloween Wars 'G' 88		Halloween Wars 'G' 88		Halloween Wars 'G' 88		Halloween Baking Championship 'G' 88				The Big Bake 'PG' 88	
(FREEFORM)	29	52	29	* "Billy Madison"		* "The Waterboy" (1998) Adam Sandler. 'PG-13'		* "Grown Ups 2" (2013) Adam Sandler. 'PG-13' 88						The 700 Club 88	
(FS1)	732	112	732	NASCAR Race Hub (N)		College Soccer Pittsburgh at Penn State. (N)		*** "The Natural" (1984, Drama) Robert Redford. 'PG' 88						PokerStars	
(FX)	30	60	30	*** "Minions" (2015) Voices of Sandra Bullock.				*** "Despicable Me 3" (2017) 'PG' 88				*** "Despicable Me 3" (2017) 'PG' 88			
(GOLF)	727	67	727	Coll. Golf		Golf Central (N) 'G' 88		College Golf Maridoe Invitational, First Round. 88						Golf Central 'G' 88	
(HALL)	59	68	39	"You're Bacon Me Crazy" (2020) Natalie Hall. 'NR'				"Moonlight in Vermont" (2017) Lacey Chabert. 'NR'				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
(HBO)	302	201	302	Disturbia	Last Week	** "Lady in the Water" (2006) Paul Giamatti. 88		Laëtitia 'MA'				Scenes From a Marriage		Laëtitia	Oblivion
(HBO2)	303	202	303	** "Irresistible" (2020) Steve Carell. 'R' 88				Laëtitia 'MA'		** "How to Deal" (2003) 'PG-13' 88		*** "Orange County" (2002) 88			
(HGTV)	23	57	23	Home Town 'G'		Home Town 'G' 88		Help-Wrecked My House		The Last Word		Home Town 'G' 88		Home Town 'G' 88	
(HIST)	51	54	51	American Pickers 'PG'		American Pickers 'PG'		American Pickers 'PG'		American Pickers 'PG'		American Pickers 'PG'		American Pickers 'PG'	
(LIFE)	24	38	24	Rizzoli & Isles '14' 88		Rizzoli & Isles '14' 88		Rizzoli & Isles '5:26' '14'		Rizzoli & Isles '14' 88		Rizzoli & Isles '14' 88		Rizzoli & Isles '14' 88	
(LMN)	119	50	119	"Sinfidelity" (2020, Suspense) Jade Tailor. 'NR' 88				"Secrets in the Mansion" (2021) Natasha Wilson.		"The Killer in My Backyard" (2021) 'NR' 88					
(MSNBC)	42	41	42	The Beat With Ari Melber		The ReidOut (N) 88		All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show		The 11th Hour			
(NBCSN)	448	26	730	Poker Central 'G'		Poker Central 'G'		Poker Central 'G'		Poker Central 'G'		Poker Central 'G'		Poker Central 'G'	
(NGEO)	109	65	109	Lost Treasures of Egypt		Lost Treasures of Egypt		Lost Treasures of Egypt		Lost Treasures of Egypt		Lost Treasures of Egypt		Kingdom of the Mummies	
(NICK)	28	36	28	Loud House	Loud House	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends 'PG'	Friends 'PG'	Friends 'PG'	Friends 'PG'	Friends 'PG'	Friends '14'
(NWSNTN)	18	18	18	NewsNation: Rush Hour		The Donlon Report (N)		On Balance		NewsNation Prime (N)		Barfield (N) 88		The Donlon Report 88	
(OWN)	125	24	103	Deadline: Crime		Deadline: Crime		Deadline: Crime		Deadline: Crime		Deadline: Crime		Deadline: Crime	
(OXY)	123	44	123	NCIS "Borderland" '14'		NCIS "Masquerade" 'PG'		NCIS "Jack Knife" 'PG'		NCIS "Mother's Day" '14'		NCIS 'PG' 88 (DVS)		NCIS "Jurisdiction" 'PG'	
(PARMT)	37	43	37	Two Men	Two Men	*** "S.W.A.T." (2003, Action) Samuel L. Jackson. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' 88				** "Walking Tall" (2004) The Rock. 'PG-13' 88					
(SEC)	745	72		The Paul Finebaum Show		Thinking Out Loud (N)		SEC in 60		SEC Feat.	Thinking Out Loud	SEC in 60		SEC Feat.	
(SHOW)	340	241	340	"Pixie" (2020) 'R' 88		The L Word		American Rust 'MA' 88			Back to Life	Work- Pro.		American Rust 'MA' 88	
(SUN)	36	31	36	Under	Pregame	MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at Toronto Blue Jays. (N)		(Live)				Postgame		Rays	Rays
(SYFY)	31	59	31	** "Angels & Demons" (2009) Tom Hanks. 'PG-13'				*** "Enemy of the State" (1998, Suspense) Will Smith, Jon Voight. 'R' 88				Amer. Dad		Futurama	Futurama
(TBS)	49	23	49	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad		The Cube '14'	
(TCM)	169	53	169	*** "Action in the North Atlantic" (1943) 'NR'				**** "The Hustler" (1961, Drama) Paul Newman. 'NR' 88				*** "Exodus" (1960) 'NR' 88			
(TDC)	53	34	53	Street Outlaws: Memphis		Street Outlaws: Memphis		Street Outlaws: Memphis (N) (In Stereo) '14' 88				Monster Garage (N) 'PG'		Getaway Driver (N) '14'	
(TLC)	50	46	50	Darcey & Stacey '14'		Darcey & Stacey '14'		Darcey & Stacey (N) '14'		90 Day: The Single Life		90 Day: The Single Life		90 Day Diaries (N) '14'	
(TMC)	350	261	350	*** "Room" (2015) Brie Larson. 'R' 88				"The Nest" (2020) Jude Law. (In Stereo) 'R' 88				"The Current War: Director's Cut" 88		Croupier	
(TNT)	48	33	48	"Avengers: Endgame"		*** "Avengers: Age of Ultron" (2015) Robert Downey Jr. 'PG-13' 88 (DVS)				Titans "Koriand'r" 'MA'		*** "The Island"			
(TOON)	38	58	38	Teen Titans Go! 'PG'		World of Gumball		Burgers	Burgers	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy		Family Guy	
(TRAV)	9	106	9	Mysteries of the Unknown 'PG' 88				Mysteries of the Unknown (N) 'PG' 88				Mysteries at the Castle (N) 'PG' 88			
(truTV)	25	55	25	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	*** "A Knight's Tale" (2001) Heath Ledger. 88			
(TVL)	32	49	32	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
(USA)	47	32	47	Chicago P.D. '14'		Chicago P.D. '14'		WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (In Stereo Live) 'PG, V' 88						Real Housewives	
(WE)	117	69	117	Law & Order "Hate" '14'		Law & Order '14' 88		Law & Order '14' 88		Law & Order "Haven" '14'		Law & Order '14' 88		Law & Order '14' 88	

Annie's advice

Dear Readers: Being a good neighbor can be more complicated than it sounds, at least when it comes to finding financial help for the elderly who are seeking home care. That's what experts in the field have discovered, and I am very grateful that so many of them spelled out the problems and offered possible solutions for helping out. Here are two wonderful letters from experts in the field:



DEAR ANNIE

Dear Annie: As a long-time registered nurse and expert in home health care services, I am writing in response to the neighbor who was so kindly assisting her 90-year-old neighbor.

I want to provide some alternatives for her to seek out. A hospitalization for a social issue like this is not likely, and Medicare home health care requires that there is a skilled need for nursing or rehabilitation therapy. From my reading of this case, the 90-year-old is not likely skilled.

In addition, even if she did meet the skilled requirement, there is a national shortage of home health aides due to COVID-19, so there is little likelihood of her being able to get 24 hours of care per week.

Two things that the kind neighbor may try instead would be to call the local Area Agency on Aging and the 90-year-old's primary care provider. There is a provider through AAA in every state, and they have case workers and social workers who can work with the neighbor on available services. Service availability varies by state, municipality and region, so it is impossible to make a general statement about what is available, but they can certainly start the process to obtain services. The 90-year-old's primary care provider will also be familiar with the organization that is the best to call, and it may take the primary care provider to make a referral to start services.

I hope this is helpful. I am glad to answer questions. Thank you for your kind response to a wonderful neighbor. — **Liz Madigan, R.N.**

Dear Annie: I love your column, but the information you provided in "How Can I Help My Neighbor?" is incorrect and misleading. I am a licensed clinical social worker in California with 20 years of experience working for a skilled home care department of a hospital.

Medicare does NOT cover 28 hours per week of in-home care. It only pays for skilled care, i.e., nurses, therapists (physical, occupational, speech), and home health aide and social workers. These are visits of 30-60 minutes for typically up to a few weeks. People who need "custodial care" must typically hire private help unless they have long-term care insurance, are very low-income (on Medicaid), or eligible for veterans' services. Custodial care, also known as "shift care," can help with bathing, dressing, meals and light housekeeping.

Medicare covers up to 100 days at a skilled nursing facility in rare situations and only after a "qualifying stay" at a hospital. The more likely range of time is 20 days. Many people living full time at a nursing home have exhausted their financial resources, and then Medicaid can become a reimbursement source.

My patients are often shocked to hear that Medicare doesn't pay for home health services. It's a shame people aren't better informed, because then they are ill-prepared. The Medicare verbiage is bureaucratic and confusing.

The caring neighbors could contact Adult Protective Services and report self-neglect. APS could evaluate the eligibility for low-income or private hire services, or placement at a nursing home. They could call the distant family neighbors and explain the details. This is a tough situation and very prevalent.

Good luck responding in the future to this common situation. We are an aging society and the wave is just starting. Help people plan ahead with realistic expectations.

Thanks for your fine work. — **Mary McClain, LCSW**

Bridge

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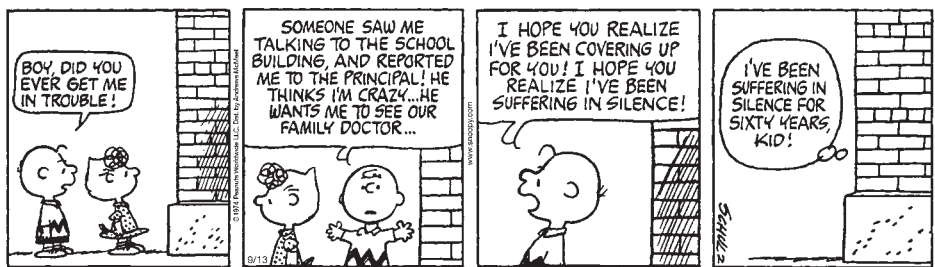
George Bernard Shaw claimed that if all economists were laid end to end, they would not reach a conclusion.

A bridge declarer hopes to reach the right conclusion, winning the number of tricks needed to make his contract.

In today's deal, how should South play in two hearts doubled after the first trick goes spade queen, four, king, ace?

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♠ 9 7 6 4				
♥ Q J 9				
♦ 10 9 4				
♣ 6 3 2				
West		East		
♠ Q J 8 5 3 2		♠ K 10		
♥ 7		♥ A 10 4 3		
♦ 2		♦ K Q 8 5 3		
♣ A K 9 7 4		♣ Q 10		
South				
♠ A				
♥ K 8 6 5 2				
♦ A J 7 6				
♣ J 8 5				
Dealer: North				
Vulnerable: Neither				
South	West	North	East	
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Peanuts



Garfield



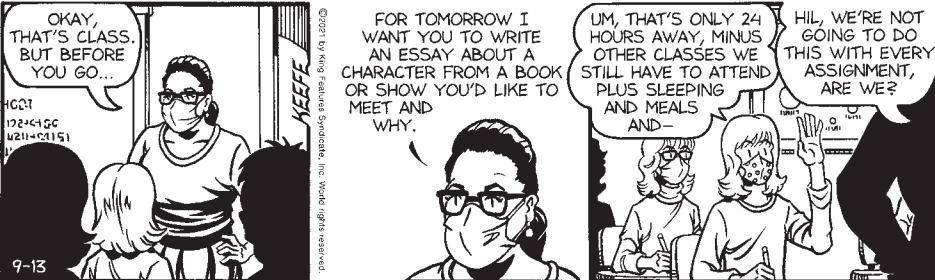
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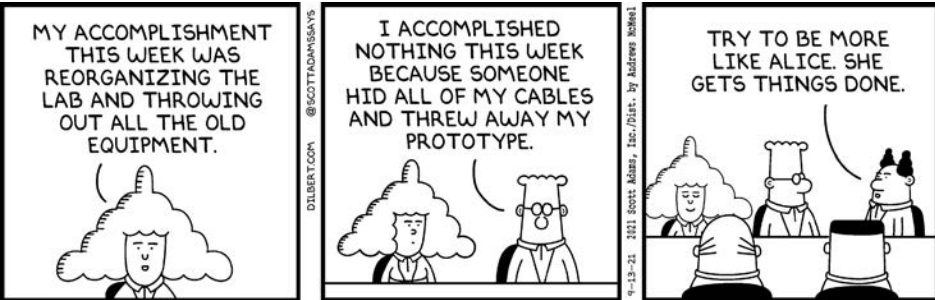
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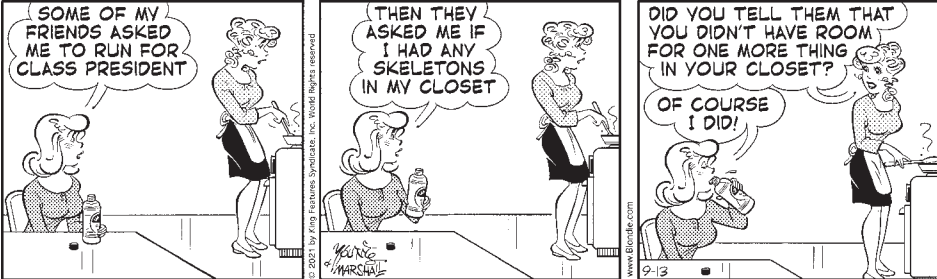
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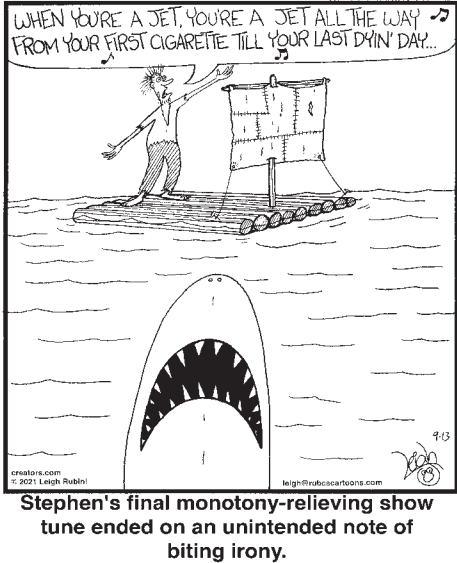
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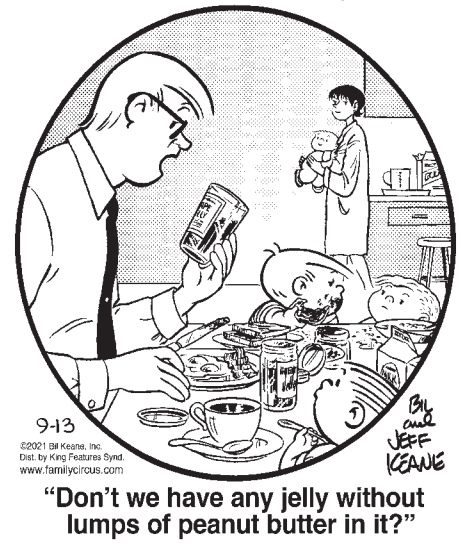
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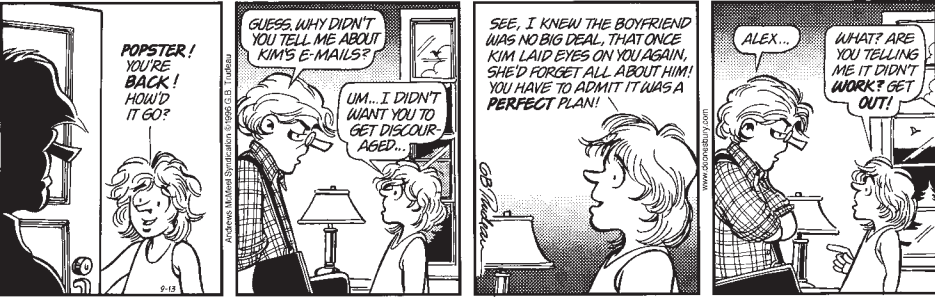
Dennis the Menace



The Family Circus



Doonesbury Flashbacks



Big Nate



Frank & Ernest



Arlo and Janis



Today's MOVIES

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

Citrus Cinemas 6 Inverness; 844-462-7342 Code 187 Monday, Sept. 13 "Malignant" (2021) R — 4:15, 7:30 p.m. "Shang-Chi and The Legend of The Ten Rings" (2021) PG-13 — 3, 3:30, 7:15, 7:45 p.m. "Candyman" (2021) R — 3:45, 6:30 p.m. "Free Guy" (2021) PG-13 — 3:15, 6:45 p.m. "Jungle Cruise" (2021) PG-13 — 4, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14 "Malignant" (2021) R — 4:15, 7:30 p.m. "Shang-Chi and The Legend of The Ten Rings" (2021) PG-13 — 3, 3:30, 7:15, 7:45 p.m. "Candyman" (2021) R — 3:45, 6:30 p.m. "Free Guy" (2021) PG-13 — 3:15, 6:45 p.m. "Jungle Cruise" (2021) PG-13 — 4, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15 "Malignant" (2021) R — 4:15, 7:30 p.m. "Shang-Chi and The Legend of The Ten Rings" (2021) PG-13 — 3, 3:30, 7:15, 7:45 p.m. "Candyman" (2021) R — 3:45, 6:30 p.m. "Free Guy" (2021) PG-13 — 3:15, 6:45 p.m. "Jungle Cruise" (2021) PG-13 — 4, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16 "Copshop" (2021) R — 5:15 p.m. "Malignant" (2021) R — 4:15, 7:15 p.m. "Shang-Chi and The Legend of The Ten Rings" (2021) PG-13 — 3:15, 3:45, 6:15, 6:45 p.m. "Candyman" (2021) R — 3 p.m. "Free Guy" (2021) PG-13 — 3:30, 6:30 p.m. "Jungle Cruise" (2021) PG-13 — 4, 7 p.m. Valerie Theatre, Inverness; 352-341-7850 "Viva Las Vegas" — 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17 "Jailhouse Rock" — 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19	
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CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

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

Today's clue: U equals T

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AF WAGJ." — USWJT YJTTS

Previous Solution: "The holiest of holidays are those kept by ourselves in silence and apart: The secret anniversaries of the heart." — H.W. Longfellow

Jacksonville State stuns FSU on final play

No. 22 Miami escapes App. State

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Jacksonville State earned \$400,000 for a trip to Tallahassee. It was a night and victory the Gamecocks will savor for a lifetime.

Zerrick Cooper connected with Damond Philyaw-Johnson on a 59-yard touchdown as time expired and Jacksonville State upset Florida State 20-17 on Saturday night.

“You’ve got to play at a certain level execution-wise in these type games and we did that tonight,” Jacksonville State coach John Grass said. “(Damond) beat his man, Zerrick made a perfect throw, he made a great cut down there and Ahmad (Edwards) made a big block and got him in the end zone.”

A year ago, Jacksonville State had a 14-0 lead after a quarter against Florida State. On Saturday, the Gamecocks (1-1) needed touchdowns on their final two drives but enjoyed late magic as they celebrated by planting a flag at midfield on the Seminoles’ logo.

Cooper completed 17 of 38 passes for 242 yards and two touchdowns. The senior surpassed Eli Jenkins (7,652 yards from 2013-16) as JSU’s all-time passing leader. He now has 7,819 passing yards for his career.

The Seminoles (0-2) were sluggish from the start as they played six days after an overtime loss to No. 9 Notre Dame. Florida State lost for the first time in 27 matchups against FCS teams. Jashaun Corbin rushed 15 times for 109 yards and a 12-yard touchdown. Florida State ran 37 times for 202 yards.

McKenzie Milton made his first start at Florida State, completing 18 of 31 passes for 133 yards, a touchdown and an interception. Milton had not started a game since Nov. 2018 at UCF, playing in two series late in Florida State’s season-opening loss to Notre Dame.

No. 22 Miami 25, Appalachian State 23

MIAMI GARDENS — A cat survived a scare. So did the Miami Hurricanes.

D’Eriq King threw for 200 yards and rushed for 67 more, freshman



Associated Press

Florida State defensive tackle Dennis Briggs Jr., right, pauses on the field Saturday night as Jacksonville State celebrates a 20-17 victory in Tallahassee. Jacksonville State won on the final play of the game. It was the first ever loss to an FCS opponent by the Seminoles.

Andy Borregales kicked a go-ahead 43-yard field goal with 2:04 remaining and No. 22 Miami rallied from a halftime deficit to beat Appalachian State 25-23 on Saturday night.

Cam’Ron Harris rushed for 91 yards and a touchdown for Miami (1-1), and Don Chaney Jr. had a rushing score before leaving in the first half with a leg injury. King led a 10-play, 55-yard drive in the fourth that set up Borregales for what became the winning points.

Jalen Virgil had a 100-yard kickoff return for a touchdown and Camerun Peoples had 95 rushing yards and a score for the Mountaineers (1-1), who took a 23-22 lead with 5:48 left when Malik Williams caught a 3-yard touchdown pass from Chase Brice.

But Appalachian State’s last chance stalled near midfield, and Miami got the ball back with 55 seconds left and ran out the clock.

The catch that some in the crowd won’t forget anytime soon wasn’t on the field — and didn’t even involve a football.

A cat somehow got into Hard

Rock Stadium and ended up dangling from the facade of the upper deck, hanging on with its front paws before eventually falling. The cat was caught by fans who unfurled an American flag to serve as a makeshift net. The cat did not appear to be injured and was eventually taken away by stadium staff.

No. 4 Oklahoma 76, Western Carolina 0

NORMAN, Okla. — Spencer Rattler threw five touchdown passes, and No. 4 Oklahoma rolled past Western Carolina 76-0.

Stanford 42, No. 14 USC 28

LOS ANGELES — Tanner McKee passed for two touchdowns and rushed for another score in his first collegiate start, and Stanford rebounded from a season-opening loss with a 42-28 upset victory over No. 14 Southern California.

Arkansas 40, No. 15 Texas, 21

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Arkansas

piled up 333 rushing yards and got touchdowns from four different players on the ground while its defense stuffed No. 15 Texas in a dominating 40-21 victory.

Dominique Johnson scored from five yards in the second quarter, Tre-lon Smith from one and Raheim Sanders from 26 in the third and AJ Green from 30 in the fourth as the Razorbacks (2-0) racked up its most rushing yards since 2016, the last time the team had a winning season.

No. 18 Wisconsin 37, Eastern Michigan 7

MADISON, Wis. — Chez Mellusi ran for 144 yards and a touchdown, leading No. 18 Wisconsin to a 37-7 victory over Eastern Michigan.

Wisconsin (1-1, 0-1 Big Ten) piled up 352 rushing yards and also dominated on defense against Eastern Michigan (0-2), which had 92 total yards on offense. The Eagles had three first downs.

No. 20 Ole Miss 54, Austin Peay 17

OXFORD, Miss. — Matt Corral

threw for five touchdowns — four in the first half — as No. 20 Mississippi routed FCS member Austin Peay 54-17.

BYU 26, No. 21 Utah 17

PROVO, Utah — Jaren Hall threw three touchdown passes and totaled 241 yards of offense, helping BYU topple No. 21 Utah 26-17.

No. 23 Arizona St. 37, UNLV 10

TEMPE, Ariz. — Quarterback Jayden Daniels ran for a career-high 122 yards, Rachaad White added two rushing touchdowns and No. 23 Arizona State eventually pulled away for a 37-10 win over UNLV.

No. 24 UNC 59, Georgia State 17

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Sam Howell threw three touchdown passes and rushed for two more scores as No. 24 North Carolina shook off the disappointment a loss in its opener with a 59-17 win over Georgia State.



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			3	2		7		1	6
					9				
8				1		4	7		3
9	4								
			7				8		
								6	7
5		6	7		8				9
					1				
2	7		4		5	1			

Solution to Saturday's puzzle

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3	8	1	4	2	6	5	9	7
5	6	7	1	9	8	2	4	3
9	4	2	3	5	7	8	1	6
6	2	5	7	4	1	3	8	9
8	1	9	6	3	5	7	2	4
4	7	3	9	8	2	1	6	5
1	9	4	8	7	3	6	5	2
7	5	8	2	6	4	9	3	1
2	3	6	5	1	9	4	7	8

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, visit sudoku.org.uk

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Monday, September 13, 2021

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- MOTILE

(MOTILE: MO-til: Exhibiting or capable of movement.)

Average mark 16 words
Time limit 25 minutes

Can you find 19 or more words in MOTILE?
The list will be published tomorrow.

SATURDAY'S WORD -- HYDRATE

hard	heady	dart	rayed	thread
hardy	hear	date	read	thready
hare	heard	dater	ready	trade
hart	heart	dear	aery	tray
hate	heartly	dearth	arty	tread
hater	heat	death	tare	trey
hatred	herd	drat	tardy	earth
hayed	yard	dray	tear	earthy
hayer	year	dryer	teary	
head	dare	rate	they	

RULES OF THE GAME: 1. Words must be of four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed. 3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. 4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed. Contact Word Game creator Kathleen Saxe at kzsaxe@gmail.com.

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ACROSS

1 Prefix for "trillion"

5 Antlered animal

8 Potter's material

12 Fast horse

13 Feel crummy

14 Scintilla

15 Sewing kit items

16 The future

18 New pet

20 Small bird

21 Fay's role in "King Kong"

22 Common ailment

23 Go around the world

26 Fuel for big rigs

29 Rhino's defense

30 Slugger

31 Fortune

33 Printemps month

34 Cone bearer

36 About 2.2 lbs.

37 Close at hand

39 Powdery

40 Faint

41 Dinghy's need

42 Stolen goods

44 Type of sausage

47 Permission

49 Geologic time divisions

51 Kind of molding

52 Tavern order

53 Relative of a zither

54 Dock

55 Actor Danson

56 Agitated state

DOWN

1 Phone bug

2 Estrada or Satie

3 Jaipur princess

4 Refuse to vote

5 Down the hatch

6 Jungle king

7 European airline

8 High clouds

9 Traditional knowledge

10 Like — — of bricks

11 Hit heavy seas

17 Young hooter

19 Cable channel

22 Try on for size

23 Unit of resistance

24 Speckled horse

25 Crusty cheese

26 Rowboat

27 Essay byline

28 Lounge about

32 Plaything

34 — -Lay (snack maker)

35 Apple rival

36 Nutmeats

38 Doted on

39 Novelist Rita — Brown

41 Stopped a squeak

42 Annika Sorenstam's org.

43 Candid

44 Caesar's farewell

45 Part of speech

46 Con

47 2015 Verizon mergee

48 Huge container

50 Harden

Answer to Previous Puzzle

M	A	N	E		Y	E	T	I		N	O	V		
A	T	O	M		I	R	A	N		A	V	E		
A	B	B	A		P	R	O	D		P	A	R		
M	A	L	I	C	E				I	T	A	L	Y	
	Y	E	L	L			P	A	H					
			S	U	A	V	E			A	G	A	R	
Q	T	Y			B	L	I	P			I	N	F	O
B	I	O	S			V	A	S	E			U	T	E
S	P	U	N			I	L	I	A	D				
			I	A	N					R	O	S	Y	
G	R	A	P	E				A	L	L	I	E	S	
I	O	U			G	L	O	M			L	E	A	P
R	U	T			I	O	W	A			O	G	R	E
L	E	O			S	A	S	H			P	E	N	D

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WORDY GURDY®

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Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

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1. Grasp nuggets of a precious metal (1)

2. Search for a "control" obsessive (1)

3. Animator Disney's moral failings (1)

4. Gawdy, lowbrow art in a trench (1)

5. Far-from-wide farm tilling implement (2)

6. Burdens of year-end paycheck extras (3)

7. Car exhaust silencers random rearrangers (2)

1. HOLD GOLD 2. SEEK FREAK 3. WALTZ FAULTS 4. DITCH KITSCH 5. NARROW HARROW 6. BONUSES ONUSES 7. MUFFLERS SHUFFLERS

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester County Juvenile Court, 225 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608 TO: Father of Divine Hope Gorgodian: A petition has been presented to this court by DCF (South Central/Blackstone Valley), seeking, as to the following child, **Divine H. Gorgodian**, that said child be found in need of care and protection and committed to the Department of Children and Families. The court may dispense the rights of the person(s) named herein to receive notice of or to consent to any legal proceeding affecting the adoption, custody, or guardianship or any other disposition of the child named herein, if it finds that the child is in need of care and protection and that the best interests of the child would be served by said disposition.

You are hereby ORDERED to appear in this court, at the court address set forth above, on the following date and time: **11/03/2021 at 09:00 AM Report**

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WITNESS: Hon. Carol A. Erskine, FIRST JUSTICE, Brendan J. Moran, Acting Clerk-Magistrate,

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Whitehead, Roy Don (Deceased) 2016-CP-000409 Probate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITRUS COUNTY

FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 2016-CP-000409

DIVISION: PROBATE

IN RE: ESTATE OF ROY DON WHITEHEAD, Deceased.

NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 8 day of September, 2021, there was placed in this office, funds received from Isabel Whitehead, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Roy Don Whitehead, de-

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ceased, in the amount of \$12,206.45. Said funds are all of the assets due to:

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DOD: 01/01/2021
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ROBERT "BUDDY" FRANKLIN WHITEHEAD, JR., \$10,903.20
Whereabouts Unknown

TOTAL \$12,206.45

and said assets remain unclaimed.

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