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## BRIEFLY

### Chronicle spreads holiday cheer

Join the Citrus County Chronicle as it brings you three beloved Christmas stories, virtual. Readings will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, and Wednesday, Dec. 23.

This is a free event and is open to everyone. Each night we will read a different book and stream it on the Chronicle Facebook page.

Pick up a free copy of each book at: Grand Living at Citrus Hills, Suncoast Dermatology & Skin Surgery Center and Suncoast Credit Union in Crystal River and Inverness.

### Offer input for legislators

The Citrus County Legislative Delegation is modifying the process for receiving public input for the 2021 Legislative Session.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all testimony, concerns, legislative input and budget requests will be received by delegation members via email.

Write to adele.hembree@myflorida.house.gov and harrison.patty@flsenate.gov by Monday, Dec. 21.

Members of the community may fill out budget request forms for the House of Representatives (<https://tinyurl.com/y3bh3qpb>) and the Senate (<https://tinyurl.com/yxca9map>).

### Virtual boating course on tap

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary of Homosassa is offering a virtual boating safety course from 6:45 to 9:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, through Friday, Jan. 29.

Cost is \$30, payable by cash or check prior to the course date. A discount is applied for family members sharing a book. Space is limited.

Reserve a space by calling 727-992-6177 or emailing [hal1414@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:hal1414@tampabay.rr.com). For information, visit [forms.gle/5GmZNVYuSPg4AG3M8](https://forms.gle/5GmZNVYuSPg4AG3M8).

— From staff reports

## Legion officer: ‘... they ignored us’

### Veterans organization upset it was denied CARES funds

MICHAEL D. BATES  
STAFF WRITER

Two officers of Beverly Hills American Legion Post 237 applied to the county for a share of the federal CARES Act funds to help them meet expenses and keep their programs alive.

They were turned down because the organization was not eligible under guidelines drafted by county officials.

That upsets Thomas Schenck, finance officer of Post 237, which

operates a bar on the premises of its building at 6726 County Road 491.

“I don’t think it’s fair,” Schenck said. “The program was put out there to help businesses and nonprofits and people in need and we were in need.”

The money, he said, would have gone into Post 237’s general fund and be used for homeless and disabled vets and their families and to improve their building/property and pay bills, including salaries of its five bar employees.

Schenck said they have a 70-foot storefront building with a parking lot and a big sign out front.

### The process was vetted

County Economic Director Bruce Register said Friday he sympathizes with Schenck and all the other nonprofits he has talked with who have not received CARES funding. But the American Legion Post was not eligible for the money, he said.

They didn’t qualify because

they did not have a dedicated retail operation that could function as a standalone business, he said.

He used the example of the Key Training Center and Goodwill, which do meet guidelines under the rules.

American Legions are mainly a club and their primary function is not a bar, Register said. In order to drink there, one must be a member of another military organization or know a post member.

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## Bringing holiday cheer

The New Church Without Walls, in conjunction with the Metropolitan Ministries of Citrus County, Grace Pointe Church, The Path of Citrus County and State Rep. Dr. Ralph Massullo, hosted its annual Christmas outreach for the homeless as well as families in need on Saturday, Dec. 19, at the field on U.S. 41 between Parsons Point Road and Orange Drive in Hernando, behind Brannen Bank. Those who attended the event were able to collect food, toys, blankets, clothing, tents and camping supplies, as well as toys. — Jeff Bryan, Chronicle staff



JEFF BRYAN/Chronicle

State Rep. Dr. Ralph Massullo assists Michelle with getting her balance after the 8-year-old was able to pick out a new bicycle Saturday, Dec. 19. The New Church Without Walls, in conjunction with the Metropolitan Ministries of Citrus County, Grace Pointe Church, The Path of Citrus County and Dr. Massullo, hosted its annual Christmas outreach for the homeless as well as families in need. Looking on is Adele Hembree, Dr. Massullo’s legislative aide. See more photos on Page A10.

## Life Interrupted: United Way steps up for single mom

*Editor’s note: Every one of us has had our life interrupted by the coronavirus pandemic, some more than others. We asked people to tell us about how their lives have been interrupted, in ways large or small, and how they’ve handled their situations, how it has changed them.*

*As we continue the series, “Life Interrupted,” we’re still looking for stories. If you have a story to tell and would be willing to share it*

*with our readers, email Jeff Bryan at [jeff.bryan@chronicleonline.com](mailto:jeff.bryan@chronicleonline.com) or Nancy Kennedy at [nkennedy@chronicleonline.com](mailto:nkennedy@chronicleonline.com).*

NANCY KENNEDY  
STAFF WRITER

Earlier this year, life for Shelby Brown and her toddler son may not have been

ideal, but it was on its way to being better.

The 23-year-old single mom worked at a local nursing home in the kitchen as a dietary aide and was on the cusp of starting training as a certified nursing assistant.

“Then COVID hit, and as soon as the training opened up, I got

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*When the rent comes due ... what do I do?*  
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# WEEK IN REVIEW

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

### BYE BYE TO LONGTIME EATERY



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Danny and Olympia Mundrean have owned and operated the Old World Restaurant in Floral City for nearly 40 years. The popular eatery will serve meals this Sunday for the last time.

## GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

Dawn Demangone's sixth-graders at Lecanto Middle School adopted 14 children to buy presents for as part of the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program.

Demangone's three English Language Arts classes requested their angels from the Salvation Army in early November, after they learned about Angel Trees during a reading of a story in the "Chicken Soup for the Soul Christmas Treasury for Kids."

"We have so many privileges in our lives, and they don't really have much," 11-year-old Sarah Duncan said. "We were so inspired and loved it, and thought it would bring some joy in the lives of these kids; we needed to do that."



## HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK

Depending on coronavirus transmission rates and hospital cases, the chamber has until Dec. 31 to either continue the Manatee Festival as scheduled for Jan. 16 and 17 or postpone until March 27 and 28.

That drew a number of spirited responses on the Chronicle Facebook page:

■ Alexandra Lewis: "Things won't be better in January and probably just the opposite. The event will be downsized and fewer snowbirds here so no huge crowds. Even fewer people will go in March. Just my opinion. I am sure they will make the right decision."

■ Jim Heinzman: "Hold the festival as planned. These events are not what is spreading the virus."

■ Scarlett Dearheart: "Good for them! I hope it happens. The artisans have been hit so hard with festivals closed and no place to peddle their wares. Some have spent years and even decades building their businesses and they need festivals as a place to make a living. I wish them all a successful and prosperous event."

■ Lynn Ericson: "We do not need COVID-spreading events overwhelming our hospitals and killing people. Especially since so many REFUSE TO WEAR MASKS!"

## THE MOST POPULAR STORIES FROM THE WEEK THAT WAS

### Farewell to a Crystal River icon

Crystal River said goodbye to the Port Paradise Hotel, a landmark once considered one of the first resorts on the west coast of Florida and a haven for Hollywood's elite.

The westside icon for more than 70 years was demolished recently to make room for a new Marriott Hotel, tentatively set to open in about two years.

In its heyday, the hotel was a magnet for famous people and celebrities such as Arnold Palmer, Don Rickles, Myrna Loy and Arthur Godfrey. Don Knotts filmed a scene there for the film "The Incredible Mr. Limpet" in 1964 and Elvis Presley stayed there while filming the movie, "Follow That Dream."

Local urologist, hotelier and restaurateur Dr. Pares Desai, whose family bought Port Paradise Resort & Hotel in 2003-04, said the new Marriott will have 75 hotel rooms, 35 condos, a bayside pool, grass courtyard, restaurant, dive center and other amenities.

Once the hotel is built, the existing Waterfront Social restaurant, which replaced the old Margarita Breeze, will close and will move inside the Marriott.

### Floral City restaurant to close after 40 years

For almost 40 years, the Old World Restaurant has been a Floral City landmark that drew locals and out-of-towners from St. Petersburg, Tampa, Clearwater and other distant areas to sample authentic German and Bavarian delicacies at this quaint restaurant at 8370 S. Florida Ave.

On Sunday, Dec. 20, owners Olympia and Danny Mundrean will open for the last time. At 7 p.m., when they shut the doors, the Mundreans will officially retire.

"It's time," Olympia Mundrean said. "My husband (who turns 69 Christmas Eve) is trying to look into his health and not wanting to keep (the restaurant) any longer. We gave everything we could for the business and did not take time for ourselves."

See photo of the week, above.

### New mask wearing campaign

The Department of Health in Citrus County recently launched a month-long campaign in an effort to convince more people to wear masks to better protect them from the coronavirus.

"Now is the time to re-emphasize because of what we're seeing in our community," said Audrey Stasko, the DOH spokeswoman in Citrus County, adding that Citrus County is seeing some of its highest rates of infections and hospitalizations because of the potentially deadly virus. The campaign is designated by #maskupcitrus.

"The message is simple. We're trying to get residents to do their part and mask up," she said. "We can wear masks (so the general public can, too)."



### Inverness shows Christmas spirit

Despite a light rain and the coronavirus pandemic, participants' and spectators' spirits weren't dampened Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Inverness Christmas Parade.

Due to the pandemic, this year's "reverse parade" welcomed drive-thru parade attendees to view floats depicting "A Vintage Christmas," along Highland Boulevard.

On Saturday, Dec. 5, Crystal River had a similar "reverse parade" at the Crystal River Mall, with parade entries remaining stationary and parade watchers driving past them.

### School district tosses out guides

Citrus County is one of many school districts statewide that unknowingly bought compromised teacher-certification study guides from a business being prosecuted for fraud and racketeering.

After discovering on Dec. 11 that NavaEd, LLC, and its owners were named in a federal indictment, local education officials emailed their staff to return or discard the company's jeopardized materials.

"We did what we felt like was the professional and ethical thing to do," Assistant School Superintendent Mike Mullen said.

School districts are required by the state to provide study assistance for prospective teachers, Mullen said, and NavaEd guides had the highest accolades from other districts' and online reviews.

Currently, the school district is waiting on guidance from the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) on how NavaEd's alleged scheme will impact the status of not just its own certified teachers and administrators, but of other districts as well.

"We could put the vaccines in Jell-O shots and give them out at the Manatee Festival."

— JOSH WOOTEN, CITRUS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CEO AND PRESIDENT, JOKING AT A RECENT CRYSTAL RIVER CITY COUNCIL MEETING ABOUT CORONAVIRUS SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING FESTIVAL.

— compiled by Nancy Kennedy

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**Winter solstice:  
 Remembrance**

It is on this longest night of the year, that communities are encouraged to take time out of their busy days to remember those who have passed away while experiencing homelessness and to strengthen the resolve to work for a world where no life is lived or lost in homelessness. Join Mid Florida Homeless Coalition Inc. via Facebook @MidFlHomelessCoalition at 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, or attend in person at The Salvation Army of Citrus County, 712 S. School Ave., Lecanto.

Col. Dennis Strissel of The Salvation Army of Citrus County, Lt. Chris Doborwicz of The Salvation Army of Lake and Sumter Counties and Lt. Mike Chamberlain of The Salvation Army of Hernando County will present this Memorial Vigil and lead attendees in song. The reading of names and prayer will follow. For information on what you can do to help or to request a speaker, contact Barbara Wheeler at 352-860-2308 or mfhc01@gmail.com.

**Buy a calendar,  
 help Rotary causes**

Like many during the pandemic, the Rotary Club of Central Citrus County was forced to cancel major fundraising events. One traditional annual event canceled was the Black Diamond Invitational Car Show, which proceeds supported several local non-profit organizations and students of Citrus County schools through scholarships.

Due to this cancellation, the Central Citrus Rotary Club is asking the community to support the club and its endeavors through its annual calendar program.

For \$35, donors will receive a 2021 calendar with 365 daily prizes throughout the year. One thousand calendars are individually numbered, and the calendar matching the daily mid-day Florida Cash 3 Lotto number receives the daily prize. It is never less than \$35 and can vary from that amount to \$50 up to \$500 on New Year's Day.

With 1,000 calendars and 365 chances to win, many people can support the club.

Artwork for the 2021 calendar was done by local photographer Jessie Owens of Crystal River, one of the organizations projects will support the Friend of Crystal River Wildlife National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

If you would like to make a donation and receive a calendar, contact Vera Swade, president of Central Citrus Rotary Club, at vswade5016@aol.com or visit citrusrotary.com or its Facebook page.

**Attend a poolside  
 presentation**

The Rotary Club of Sugarmill Woods will present "Mackinac Island" at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, at the Sugarmill Woods Country Club, 1 Douglas St., Homosassa. All are welcome. For information or to make a reservation, call 304-634-0412.

— From staff reports

# Focus: Flooding or water quality

*Rising seas could divert funding from Everglades water quality to tidal flooding*

**JOHN HAUGHEY**  
*The Center Square*

House Speaker Chris Sprowls and Senate President Wilton Simpson want to address water quality and tidal flooding issues differently than lawmakers have done so since at least 2017.

The two new leaders of the Republican-controlled Florida Legislature are tentatively proposing the state develop with its 412 cities and 67 counties a priority list of projects to mitigate rising waters that flood streets, damage homes and ruin businesses, similar to the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) five-year work program.

At risk, according to Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Secretary Noah Valenstein, is \$145 billion in taxable property for an estimated 300,000 homes projected to be underwater by 2050 after sea levels rise by 2.5 feet.

"With 1,350 miles of coastline, relatively low elevations, and communities built largely on top of former swampland, Florida remains particularly vulnerable to the risk of flooding caused by sea

level rise," Simpson, R-Tribby, and Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, wrote in a Florida Politics op-ed. "Over the last several years, we have seen that risk grow exponentially."

The emphasis, apparently, will shift spending away from land acquisition to protect watersheds to focus on removing septic tanks, safeguarding natural springs, building flood-mitigation infrastructure and reassessing the state's — and Gov. Ron DeSantis' — commitment to the 10,100-acre, \$1.6 billion Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) reservoir project. The reservoir is being built to reduce discharges from Lake Okeechobee into the Caloosahatchee River and St. Lucie River estuaries that spawn blue-green algae blooms.

Congress approved last summer the Water Resources Development Act of 2020, which provides authority for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to begin



**Wilton Simpson**  
 Fla. Senate president.



**Chris Sprowls**  
 Fla. House speaker.

work on the EAA, which was approved by state lawmakers in 2017 as a key improvement in the 40-year, \$8 billion Everglades restoration plan approved by Congress in 2000.

It marked only the second time the federal government provided its full \$200 million annual commitment to Everglades restoration.

The boost in federal funding dovetails with DeSantis' four-year, \$2.5 billion state-funded Everglades restoration plan. The first two years have been approved by lawmakers, including more than \$625 million in this year's spending plan.

DeSantis wants to accelerate the EAA reservoir project to be completed in seven years rather than 10. He is expected to submit a \$625 million budget request for the third year of the plan before lawmakers convene their 2021 session March 3.

Getting that money may not be

a slam dunk if Simpson's comments during the Nov. 17 organizational session and at last week's Florida Chamber of Commerce Transportation, Growth & Infrastructure Solution Summit are prognostic.

Simpson said with the pandemic punching a projected \$3.4 billion to \$5 billion hole in the state's next two fiscal years, approving the EAA in 2017 was a "mistake" and the state "probably should stop building."

An egg farmer, Simpson is among agricultural interests, including the state's sugar industry, that favored drilling deep injection wells north of Lake Okeechobee rather than the EAA. He said the wells would produce "twice the bang for our buck" with two key benefits.

"First of all, it doesn't allow (runoff) to go into the lake to have to be discharged. So, that's a positive," Simpson said. "Number two, it allows you during drought times to be able to pull that water back out of the aquifer and use it. So, I think this year, we will spend a lot of time talking about the northern Everglades restoration."

# Resolution: An effort to impede?



Associated Press

Florida state Rep. Rick Roth, R-West Palm Beach, has filed a joint resolution that asks voters to approve an amendment requiring proposed amendments be adopted by a 66.67% majority instead of the 60% margin that's been required since 2006.

## Florida bill seeks to raise threshold needed to adopt citizen-led initiatives

**JOHN HAUGHEY**  
*The Center Square*

After soundly rejecting a proposed amendment requiring ballot measures be adopted twice to be encoded into the Florida Constitution last month, voters may be asked again to make it more difficult for citizen-led initiatives to be successful.

Rep. Rick Roth, R-West Palm Beach, has filed a joint resolution that asks voters to approve an amendment requiring proposed amendments be adopted by a 66.67% majority instead of the 60% margin that's been required since 2006.

Roth's House Joint Resolution 61 is similar to his 2018 proposal, which was withdrawn before its first committee hearing, and indicates Florida's Republican-controlled Legislature will continue its attempt to make the state's constitution more difficult to change during the 2021 legislative session that begins March 3.

Florida lawmakers have imposed myriad requirements on citizen-led petitions over the past

two legislative sessions.

In the waning hours of 2019's session, Rep. Jamie Grant, R-Tampa, sponsored a "midnight amendment" to an unrelated bill, House Bill 5, requiring every sponsoring organization have its own serialized petitions and a permanent Florida address while prohibiting paid signature gathering.

During the 2020 session, lawmakers adopted Senate Bill 1794, sponsored by Grant and Sen. Travis Hutson, R-Palm Coast. In its final hearing before adoption, 61 people testified against SB 1794 compared with two people in support.

SB 1794 raised thresholds for judicial review from 10% of voters in one-third (nine) of the state's 27 congressional districts to 25% in at least half (14); required sponsors pay "actual cost" of validating signatures, up to \$1.05 each; reduced time petition signatures are valid from two years to Feb. 1 of even-numbered years; required sponsors garner 8% of voters in two-thirds of congressional districts (18) rather

than at least half (14) to qualify for ballot; and required voters see only "negative" projected fiscal impacts of adoption.

Adopted in partisan votes, Democrats labeled SB 1794 as "Ballots For Billionaires" because it dramatically increased costs for citizen-initiative campaigns to an estimated \$25 million.

The bills are a GOP backlash to voters approving 2014's Amendment 1, which required 33% of a real estate transfer tax go to Forever Florida's Land Acquisition Trust Fund; 2016's Amendment 2, which legalized medical marijuana; 2018's Amendment 4, which restored voting rights for felons after completing sentences and paying fines; and 2020's Amendment 2, which raises the state's minimum wage from \$8.46 an hour to \$10 an hour in September 2021, with \$1 increases annually until it is \$15 an hour in 2026.

When Roth introduced his 2018 bill raising the adoption threshold to two-thirds, a bevy of amendments were being proposed by the Constitutional

Revision Committee. Ultimately, 11 of 12 amendments were approved by voters. Only four — bans on greyhound racing, oil drilling, workplace vaping and restrictions on gaming — would have garnered enough votes to win.

In 2018, Roth said raising the bar to 66.67% will "protect our Florida Constitution and ... the industries that create jobs ... from outside interests that seek to use our constitutional amendment process to further their agenda, not ours."

As with his 2018 bill, Roth's HJR 61 likely will be supported by Associated Industries of Florida and Americans for Prosperity, among others, and opposed by Florida AFL-CIO, 1000 Friends of Florida and the League of Women Voters, among others.

HJR 61 varies from its 2018 iteration in that it includes an exception from the 66.67% adoption threshold for proposals seeking to repeal previously adopted amendments, which only would require a 60% majority to be approved.

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Birthdays — Consider your long-term plans, and don't jeopardize your chance to reach your goal because of something you have no control over. Be practical, and view the changes heading your way optimistically.
Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Assumptions will lead to problems. Find out the truth before you point fingers or do something you'll regret.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Run your ideas past anyone directly influenced by the changes you implement to your home or lifestyle.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Keep up the momentum. Strive for perfection. Finish what you start and keep your promises.
Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Someone will disagree with your decisions. Don't let emotions interfere with your resolutions. Play it safe.
Aries (March 21-April 19) — You can clear up uncertainty if you ask direct questions. The information you gather will help you make a decision.
Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Keep an open mind, but verify the information you receive before you pass it along. How knowledgeable and reliable you are will affect your reputation.
Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Don't trust someone to do things for you. Discuss your intentions, and make plans that will bring you and the other party closer.
Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Get things done and avoid argument. Try to make progress and be grateful for any assistance you receive.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't let an emotional situation stop you from following through with your plans. A competitive challenge will boost your ego and motivate you to start an adventure.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Set your sights on something you want, and pursue your objective. A change to where or how you live will motivate you to try something you've never done.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A positive turn of events will broaden your options and give you hope moving forward. Don't sit back when it's vital to take care of the details if you wish to get the most out of a situation.
Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Let your imagination take the reins, and you will discover something that excites you. Change begins with you.

ENTERTAINMENT

NY Times scrutinizes podcast

'Caliphate' didn't meet standards

DAVID BAUDER AP media writer

NEW YORK — The New York Times admitted Friday that it could not verify the claims of a Canadian man whose account of committing atrocities for the Islamic State in Syria was a central part of its 2018 podcast "Caliphate."

The series had won a Peabody Award, the first ever for a podcast produced by the newspaper, but within hours administrators said the Times would return the award. The Overseas Press Club of America said it was rescinding its honor for "Caliphate."

With a major hole blown in the narrative, the Times affixed an audio correction to the beginning of each part of the 12-part podcast and published an investigation into what went wrong with the story in Friday's newspaper. The story's central reporter, Rukmini Callimachi, will be reassigned off the terrorism beat, the Times said.

Dean Baquet, the paper's executive editor, said in a podcast distributed Friday that "this failing wasn't about any one reporter. I think this was an institutional failing."

The Times assigned an investigative team to look into the story after Canadian police in September arrested



Associated Press

Andy Mills, left, and Rukmini Callimachi hold the award for their 2018 podcast "Caliphate" at the 78th annual Peabody Awards in New York on May 18, 2019. The New York Times says it was wrong to trust the story of a Canadian man whose claims of witnessing and participating in atrocities as a member of the Islamic State was a central part of that podcast.

Shehroze Chaudhry, who used the alias Abu Huzayfah, for perpetrating a terrorist hoax. He told the Times that as an Islamic State soldier, he had shot one man in the head and stabbed another in the heart.

Chaudhry's story fell apart upon further examination. Investigators concluded they couldn't be sure he'd ever been in Syria and almost certainly didn't commit the atrocities he'd claimed. Supposed evidence he offered to back up his story, including photos from Syria, were gathered from other sources.

The Times concluded he was a "fabulist" who concocted stories as an escape from his mundane life in a Toronto suburb or living with grandparents in Pakistan.

"All the evidence that he presented that he went to Syria was either ripped from

somewhere else, was inconclusive or just didn't hold up," Mark Mazzetti, who led the Times' investigative team on Chaudhry, said in the podcast. "We found a lot of misrepresentations by him, and nothing that independently corroborated his claims of being an ISIS executioner inside Syria."

Chaudhry's lawyer, Nader Hasan, would not comment on the Times' story. He said Chaudhry was not guilty of the Canadian charges and will "vigorously defend himself."

The Times had ample reason to be suspicious of Chaudhry's account, since an episode of "Caliphate" was devoted to discrepancies in his story and his own fact-checking. But Baquet likened it to confirmation bias, of wanting to believe what seemed like a great story.

Today in HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Dec. 20, the 355th day of 2020. There are 11 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight: On Dec. 20, 1989, the United States launched Operation Just Cause, sending troops into Panama to topple the government of Gen. Manuel Noriega.

On this date: In 1864, Confederate forces evacuated Savannah, Georgia, as Union Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman nearly completed his "March to the Sea."

In 1963, the Berlin Wall was opened for the first time to West Berliners, who were allowed one-day visits to relatives in the Eastern sector for the holidays.

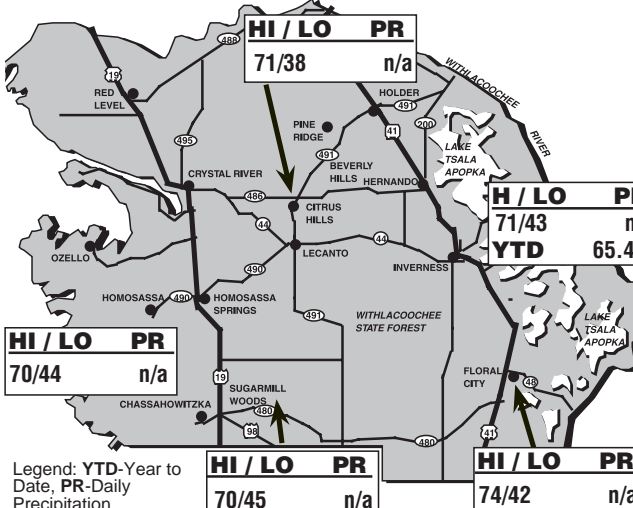
Ten years ago: "Barney Miller" actor Steve Landesberg, 74, died in Los Angeles.

Five years ago: Pia Alonzo Wurtzbach of the Philippines was crowned Miss Universe at the pageant in Las Vegas (in a bizarre finale, first-time host Steve Harvey mistakenly identified first-runner up Ariadna Gutierrez Arevalo of Colombia as the winner before correcting himself and apologizing for the error).

One year ago: President Donald Trump signed a Defense Authorization Act that included Space Force, the first new military service in more than 70 years.

Today's Birthdays: Original Mouseketeer Tommy Cole (TV: "The Mickey Mouse Club") is 79. Psychic/illusionist Uri Geller is 74. Producer Dick Wolf ("Law & Order") is 74. Rock musician Alan Parsons is 72. Actor Jenny Agutter is 68. Actor Michael Badalucco is 66. Actor Blanche Baker is 64. Rock singer Billy Bragg is 63. Actor Joel Gretsch is 57. Country singer Kris Tyler is 56. Rock singer Chris Robinson is 54. Actor Nicole deBoer is 50. Movie director Todd Phillips is 50. Singer David Cook ("American Idol") is 38. Actor Jonah Hill is 37. Actor Bob Morley is 36. Singer JoJo is 30. Actor Colin Woodell is 29.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



Legend: YTD-Year to Date, PR-Daily Precipitation
THREE DAY OUTLOOK
TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
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FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

Table with columns: City, H, L, F'cast. Lists temperatures for cities like Daytona Bch., Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Gainesville, Homestead, Jacksonville, Key West, Lakeland, Melbourne, Miami, Ocala, Orlando, Pensacola, Sarasota, Tallahassee, Tampa, Vero Beach, W. Palm Bch.

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Southeast winds 5 to 10 knots then becoming south around 15 knots in the late morning and afternoon. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop. A slight chance of thunderstorms in the late morning and afternoon.

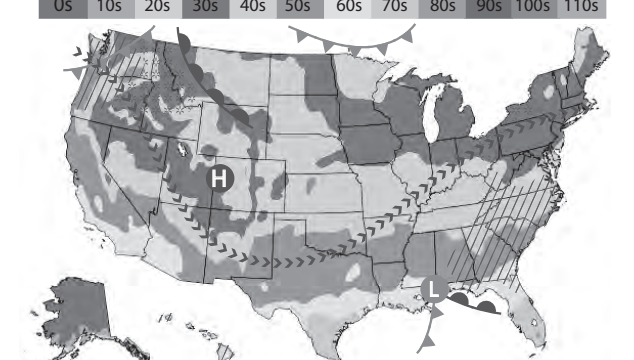
Gulf water temperature 60° Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS

Table with columns: Location, SAT, FRI, Full. Lists lake levels for Withlacoochee at Holder, Tsala Apopka-Hernando, Tsala Apopka-Inverness, Tsala Apopka-Floral City.

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

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Sunday

Table with columns: City, H, L, Pcp., H, L, Fcst. Lists weather forecasts for cities like Albany, Albuquerque, Asheville, Atlanta, etc.

WORLD CITIES

Table with columns: City, H/L/SKY, Lisbon, London, Madrid, Mexico City, Montreal, Moscow, Paris, Rio, Rome, Sydney, Tokyo, Toronto, Warsaw. Lists weather for various world cities.

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SOLAR TABLES

Table with columns: DATE, DAY, MINOR, MAJOR (MORNING), MINOR, MAJOR (AFTERNOON). Lists sunrise and sunset times.

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

Table with columns: SUNSET TONIGHT, SUNRISE TOMORROW, MOONRISE TODAY, MOONSET TODAY. Lists celestial event times.

BURN CONDITIONS

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

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TIDES

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

SUNDAY

Table with columns: City, High, Low. Lists tide times for Chassahowitzka, Crystal River, Withlacoochee, Homosassa.

# LIFE

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laid off from my job," she said. "That was back in April. I went from working full time plus overtime to not having any hours at all."

She had been living with a longtime boyfriend, but when things became stressful and abusive, Brown ended up at Citrus Abuse Shelter Association (CASA).

"I ended up calling the police," she said. "I had nowhere to go and they suggested I go to CASA."

One day, Jess Ebert, United Way's Prosperity Center Director, was at CASA to meet with a referral for the United Way's Rapid Rehousing program, which turned out to be Shelby Brown.

"I was surprised to see Shelby sitting at the conference room table waiting for me," Ebert said. "It was a bittersweet reunion as I had witnessed such great success from her two years prior and now I was speaking with her under entirely different circumstances. There had been a domestic violence situation and she fled to CASA, fearing her safety of herself and her son."

Brown was surprised, too. "I actually knew her from when she put me through school... when I had just had a baby and had no job and no money," she said.

Brown had been one of the United Way's success stories, zipping through the GED tests, putting her all into her school work, passing them all and graduating, Ebert said.

"While it's not entirely uncommon for my students to graduate quickly, it's certainly not the 'norm.' Shelby passed all four of the GED exams in about six weeks and her test scores were so high that she was awarded an actual high school diploma instead of the traditional GED," Ebert said. "Shelby's enrollment in the Prosperity Center was short but impactful. She quickly made friends and was constantly encouraging other classmates through their ed-



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Through the United Way of Citrus County's Rapid Rehousing Program Shelby Brown has been able to move into this mobile home in Lecanto.

ucational struggles."

Two years later, Brown had found herself in a dire situation once again.

"Because of COVID and a bad relationship, I lost everything and had to start completely over," she said. "The United Way told me they would help me get into a house, but there were some things I had to do first — get a job, get a reliable vehicle and child care for my son."

She did all that, and then found a place to live near her job as a youth care worker for a boys' juvenile offenders program. Thanks to the United Way's Rapid Rehousing program, the agency paid Brown's first and last month's rent, security deposit and utilities' hookup fees, plus they found her furniture and just about everything else she needed for a fresh start.

"Being there to watch her walk through her very own home for the first time brought tears to my eyes," Ebert said. "She continually expresses her gratitude for

our assistance ... to say that I'm proud of her is a massive understatement! She is a perfect example of someone who needed a hand up, not a hand out."

"She is willing to fight for her own success and hasn't let any of her circumstances knock her down. She is definitely NOT a princess or entitled," Ebert said. "She's proven that she is willing to put in the work to overcome the barriers in her life and she's done a beautiful job of that!"

Brown said every day is new, a new chance to be a new person and make a new life.

"The good thing is, they stay with me (through case management) for a year to make sure I don't lose my house — they're willing to help people who are willing to help themselves," she said. "I went from having nothing to having everything I could ever want."

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## Obituaries

### Judith Badger, 84

Judith T Badger, age 84, passed away with her family by her side December 9, 2020.

She was born June 5, 1936 in Portland, Maine to Elwin and Gwendolyn Towne.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years — Ralph Badger and survived by her daughters Lisa Kramer and Sandra Badger, her sons Michael K u v e n t , A n d r e w K u v e n t and Peter Badger, 16 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren, all of whom she loved and touched deeply.

She was a Registered Nurse, avid reader, loving wife and amazing mother who put everyone else first.

When we think of her, the Bible verse Isaiah 44:3 comes to mind; For I will pour out water on the thirsty land and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring and My blessing on your descendants.

The family will celebrate her life next year at one of her favorite times and places — a family reunion at the beach.

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### Suny 'Gene' Ballance, 88

LECANTO

Suny B (Gene) Ballance, 88, Lecanto, FL Passed away Dec. 9, 2020.

He was born in Elizabeth City, NC & raised in Norfolk, VA.

Suny traveled the US & the world as a merchant seaman & outdoor showman, with the Tampa Bay area as his home base. After retiring, he moved to Citrus County in 2004. He was a Mason & Shriner.

Suny is survived & will be sorely missed by his wife of over 50 years, Linda, 2 daughters, 3 sons, 2 sisters, 1 brother & many grandchildren & great-grandchildren.

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### Marguerite 'Rita' Butler, 85

CRYSTAL RIVER

Marguerite "Rita" Butler, age 85, Crystal River passed away December 15, 2020 at The Grove Health & Rehab Center in Hernando following a long battle with Cancer and Alzheimers' Disease.

Rita was born in Thomasville, GA on February 5, 1935 to the late Robert and Mattibel (Blanton) Dollar and came to this area from Bartow, FL. She graduated Leon High School in 1953. She attended Florida State University for almost two years, then became an Eastern Airlines Stewardess in 1956. Rita married Herman (Hank) Butler, Jr. in 1966, that became a great marriage for 54 years. In 1967 she decided to become a teacher, receiving an associate degree at Polk Community College in early 1968. She earned her Bachelor's degree at the University of South Florida in 1970, and a Masters degree at Valdosta State College in 1976. Rita taught elementary school (K-6) beginning in 1971 and retired in 1994. She taught in Bartow, FL, Ft. Meade, FL and Cairo, GA.

When Rita and Hank married, she didn't know what was required of Hank and the Florida National Guard. As commander of a unit, his requirements to respond quickly, were hard to understand, but soon she accepted and really enjoyed being part of some of his activities, especially the military balls and the retiree conferences at Camp Blanding. Hank said "she became a great trooper". After Hank's military retirement in 1985, Rita and Hank and high school friends in Tallahassee, Chuck and Mary Anna Mohr, traveled Space A on military aircraft to many places, including Great Britain, Spain, Puerto Rico, Panama, Alaska and Hawaii.

Rita enjoyed her Blanton family reunions that started in 1958 in Cairo, GA and has continued every year since, with this year's reunion in July on Zoom. She loved fishing and after moving to Crystal River in 1994, caught "tons" of grouper while trolling in the Gulf. Rita began her residence in memory care facilities in 2016 and on December 15, 2020 lost her battle with Alzheimer's and cancer, and is now living with Jesus and family already there.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Herman Butler, Jr., (their 54th anniversary would have been on December 30, 2020); her son: Michael D. Butler and wife, Jan of Lakeland, FL; her daughters: Nan Burton and husband Leland of Crawfordville, FL and Michelle Diehl of Apollo Beach, FL; her grandchild, Kristen Langston and great grandchildren: Jackson Langston, Amelia Langston, Gaven Langston and Bohdi Ketzal.

She was predeceased by her son Kelly L. Butler in November, 2020 and her sister, Joanne Myers Everett in 2019.

Private graveside services will be conducted from Florida National Cemetery on Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at 2:30 PM. Interment will follow. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home is assisting the family. In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to the Alzheimer's/Cancer Research or your favorite charity.

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After retirement he moved to Florida in 1984 with Maggie where they built a home, created a lawn cutting business, and joined the Elks lodge in Inverness which became his passion for the remainder of his life. Ray embraced the Elks, went through all of the Chairs, served a term as Exalted Ruler in 1993/1994 where he spent the year committed to improving and building the lodge. He went on to become a Trustee and served in that position for many more years.

His love of the Lodge centered and grounded him following the death of his wife in 2014. He continued to make his famous prime rib dinners and attend lodge functions, and met his new life partner, Judith Flegle who loved and cared for him through the remainder of his life. Ray enjoyed the undying love of two women and they each meant the world to him.

Ray's life was a good one and his passage was swift. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Debra Fink Yeager and Max Yeager of Boulder, CO; his life partner, Judith Flegle of Beverly Hills, FL; his brother and sister-in-law, James and Barbara Fink of York, PA; dozens of nieces and nephews; and many, many friends across the country. He is predeceased by his parents; brother and sister-in-law Ken and June Fink; and a sister and brother-in-law, Fairy Fink Bear and Jim Bear; all of York County, PA.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 6th, 2021, from 11 am to 2 pm at the Lodge in Hernando, FL. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Ray's name to the Florida Elks Youth Camp, P.O. Box 49, Umattilla, FL 32784, Attn: Jen. Cremation care by Chas E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

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### Raymond Fink, 88

BEVERLY HILLS

Raymond Clayton Fink, of Beverly Hills peacefully left us on Sunday, December 13th, 2020, at home following an issue with his heart. He was 88 years old. He had a sense of humor, a love of the land, was quick with a joke, had a strong handshake, and lived with his commitment to family and friends. He loved to work with his hands and help others and enjoyed taking vacations with his family.

Ray was born on August 2, 1932, in York County, PA, the third child of Raymond H. and Mary P. Fink, who were lifelong farmers. Ray, known to his family and friends as "Sonny", spent his youth working hard on the farm. Summers were spent planting and harvesting crops, "bringing in the hay", tending to livestock, and he continued that effort throughout his adult years.

He married Madeleine, "Maggie" Wert in June of 1953, and went to work for the American Can Company in Lemoyne, PA, with an entry-level position. He educated himself and became a mechanic rebuilding can lines and advanced himself to the level of machinist, the highest position in can production machining the parts needed to create various sizes of cans. Work at the can company escalated in the summer months as did the work on the farm. He

frequently put in over 90 hours a week at the can company and spent many more hours of physical work assisting his parents with the farm until they sold it in 1973. Hard work didn't scare Ray!

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services will be held at a future date.

Donations to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated. He will be missed by his many friends and family.

### Henry Koelblinger, 79

HERNANDO

Heinrich "Henry" Walter Koelblinger, 79 of Hernando went to his heavenly home on December 10th 2020. Henry was one of a kind and always had a joke or a funny story.

Henry was born in Salzburg, Austria on August 23, 1941, the son of the late Kamillo and Aenne Koelblinger. He grew up in Vocklamarkt, Austria home of his family's 400 year old leather business with his sisters Annemarie and Gretel and brother Kamillo He could recount stories of the end of WWII when American GI's came through town and passed out gum and Hershey bars. Growing up he loved spending time at the family cottage on Wallersee Lake. He received a master's degree in leather chemistry at the West German Tanners school in Germany. He met the love of his life, Mary (Hunt) when he moved to Beacon, New York to work for BASF Leather Chemical division. They were married soon moved back to Austria to help with the family business. While in Austria they had their first daughter, Andrea (Steve Kroll). They decided to move back to the USA and moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin where their second daughter, Margaret "Peg" (Ted Christian) was born and Henry proudly became a US citizen. He managed several leather tanneries that prompted moves to West Virginia and then Mercersburg, PA. While in Pennsylvania, two more children were added to their family: Michelle (Joe Kozlowski) born in Mercersburg, PA and Christopher Koelblinger (Lori) born in Hagerstown, MD. They then moved to Lurray, VA for another management position. BASF called again and they moved back to Wisconsin. Henry worked as a sales manager for leather chemicals and was considered a legend in the industry due to his knowledge, commitment and friendship with his clients. The family enjoyed many great adventures together travelling back to Europe and visiting with their Austrian family. Henry and Mary loved to travel and visited over 30 countries including China, Hong Kong, Italy, Thailand, and every state in the USA.

Henry loved to talk to strangers and share jokes. He was an avid reader and very knowledgeable including knowing 4 languages: German, English, French and Italian. He loved to play cards with his close friends and family. Mary and he were the ultimate hosts and known for their wonderful parties. Henry was an accomplished cook and people rarely declined an invitation. He especially loved to make Austrian dishes like goulash and Rahm Schnitzel. Henry and Mary were featured in an article in the Milwaukee Journal's Best Cook on the Block and their recipes are in the Milwaukee Journal's cookbook. Henry and Mary were Citrus Hills Women's Club Mardi

Gras King and Queen. They have many close friends that they have made and kept through the years and loved sharing their home and travels with them. Henry loved his daily walks with his dog, Yanni and stopping to visit with neighbors.

Henry was adored as "OPA" to his 11 grandchildren: Kati, Chad, Hallie, Max, Abbie, Rachel, Nik, Kyle, Karstan, Megan, and Ryan and 2 great-grandchildren: Kashton and Carson who loved listening to him tell stories about their family history.

A private celebration of life was held due to COVID. Donations can be made to the Lupus Foundation. He will be sorely missed-Auf Wiedersehen Henry!

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Richard N. "Dick" Naylor, 77, of Homosassa, FL and formerly Seminole, FL, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020 at HPH Citrus Hospice Care Center in Lecanto, FL.

Richard was born June 16, 1943 to Harry and Marie (Sebek) Naylor, one of two children. Mr. Naylor's grandparents moved to the Clearwater, FL in the 20's and in fact, their home was located where the Morton Plant Hospital's Emergency Room exists today.

Dick, as he was known to many, enjoyed a long and respected 33 year career with Bristol-Meyers-Squibb Corporation, retiring as its Vice President of Operations. His area of responsibility included the overseeing of operations in manufacturing plants around the entire world.

Mr. Naylor was the author and owner of several medical patents, which are on display at the Smithsonian Museum of Modern Art in New York, NY.

Mr. Naylor moved to Homosassa permanently in 1993 from Seminole, FL, but had a weekend home in Old Homosassa since 1969. When his sons were young, he coached and managed Little League Baseball in Seminole.

He was a Realtor for ERA in Homosassa for a number of years; was Past President and lifetime member of the Optimist Club and as a ham radio operator, worked with the Citrus County Sheriff's Office during emergency situations.

Dick also served on the Board of Directors for UPARC and the National Safety Council.

His passions and interests in life included piloting helicopters, diving, and as an RV enthusiast, he visited 46 states in his RV. Mr. Naylor was also a talented and gifted master gardener.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Joseph Lawhorn Naylor and a brother Tommy Naylor. Richard is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years, Brenda J. Naylor of Homosassa, FL; daughter Brooke Oster (husband Alan), Palm Harbor, FL; son Michael Naylor (wife Betty), Toccoa, GA; and grandchildren Ryan Oster, Palm Harbor, FL; Cody Naylor, Toccoa, GA and Robert Fahlbush, Charleston, SC.

Friends will be received on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2020 from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at Wilder Funeral Home, Homosassa, FL.

Interment will be private. [www.wilderfuneral.com](http://www.wilderfuneral.com)

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### John Pastushok, 74

HERNANDO

With the heaviest of hearts, the family of John Pastushok, 74, announces his peaceful passing on December 16, 2020 in Hernando, FL. Tough as nails but with a heart of gold, John fought hard until the very end but ultimately lost the last of his nine lives.

A devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend to many, John always put the needs of others ahead of his own. He would not want loved ones to be sad at his passing but instead to cherish and remember the wonderful memories of happy times he shared with so many.

John was born on July 4th, 1946 in Elizabeth, New Jersey to William and Anne Pastushok. He will be fondly remembered by his devoted wife of 40 years, Patricia, his beloved daughters, Jessica (Andrew), Lisa (Blake), and Kathryn (Max), his treasured grandchildren, Brody, Sydney, Piper and Madeleine, and his loving siblings, Michael and Carol.

John spent the better part of his life in the Northeast, growing up in New Jersey and later raising his family in Newtown, Pennsylvania. When he wasn't working, John could often be found antiquing, attending his daughters' basketball games, researching his family's genealogy, hosting monthly poker games, tending to his incredible salt-water fish tank, making up words in family Scrabble games or attempting a DIY basement finishing.

He brought a camera or (embarrassingly large) video camera with him everywhere he went, always wanting to capture memories of the family he loved so dearly.

It truly was incredible how John could juggle so much and make it look so easy. After a multi-decade career with the State of New Jersey, John pursued a much-deserved early retirement in Florida with his wife and best friend "Trishy".

He spent many happy years playing golf with his neighbors, reading in a hammock by the pool, and taking care of his many fruit trees. While John's life was cut short, it was undoubtedly lived to its fullest and without any regret.

The family would like to thank all of the wonderful nurses, doctors and hospice staff for their care and dedication and for providing John with comfort and support over his final days.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial tributes be directed to the American Nurses Association or Autism Speaks.

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

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## Obituaries

### Roger Oliver, 80

BEVERLY HILLS

Roger Gene Oliver, 80, of Beverly Hills, FL passed away on December 17, 2020 under the care of Vitas Healthcare in Lecanto, FL. Arrangements by McGan Cremation Service LLC, Inverness, FL.

### Peggy Pilon, 80

LECANTO

Peggy S. Pilon, of Lecanto, FL, passed away on December 13, 2020. She was born May 9, 1940, in Lancaster, PA, the daughter of the late Robert Henry Stauffer and the late Sara Kennedy Stauffer of Leola, PA.

Peggy graduated from Carnegie Institute of Technology and Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School. She was secretary to the Sales Manager of Galey & Lord, a division of Burlington Industries, New York City. Later she was Personnel Manager of a large lumber products company in PA.

Following retirement, Peggy was a cuddler at Sarasota Memorial Hospital for 11 years, taking care of babies in the neonatal unit. She was also the secretary of her home owners association for 15 years.

Survivors include her husband, Dennis Thomas Pilon, sisters, Sara S. Bures of Lancaster, PA and Cynthia S. Griffith of Sarasota, FL. Additional survivors are her stepson, Jerry E. Hillard; stepson, Aaron R. Pilon of Columbia, PA; and stepdaughter, Lara Reidenbaugh of Lititz, PA and three grandchildren. She was pre-deceased by her husband, Robert H. Hillard of Lancaster, PA.

Those who wish may send donations to their local Humane Society. There will be no services. Arrangements by Heinz Funeral Home & Cremation, Inverness, FL. [heinzfh.com](http://heinzfh.com)

### Helen Roberts, 86

INVERNESS

Helen Roberta Roberts, age 86 of Inverness, FL passed away December 15, 2020 at her residence. Mrs. Roberts was born in New Lexington, OH on May 11, 1934 to the late Robert and Margaret (McMillan) Morton. She moved from Ohio to Florida in 1993 after retiring from A. T. & T., having spent 20 years as a drafts-woman.



Helen Roberts

She was a long time member of Crossroad Baptist Church in Inverness. Her life was devoted to her family and her Lord Jesus. She enjoyed reading, shopping and caring for others.

Left to cherish her memory are 4 children: Randy (Susan) Roberts, Bessemer, AL; Pastor Terry (Tammy) Roberts, Inverness, FL; Chuck (Debbie) Roberts, Dalton, OH; Elaine Burdge, Leesburg, FL along with 3 siblings: 1 brother, James David (Linda) Morton, McConnellsville, OH and 2 sisters: MaryBell (Harry) Goldsberry, New Lexington, OH and Bonnie (Dick) McElhiney, McConnellsville, OH as well as 7 grandchildren and several great grandchildren. Her husband, Wendell E. Roberts preceded her in death on January 23, 2011. They were married 57 years.

Funeral services are scheduled for Monday, December 21, 2020 at 3:00 PM at Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home. Burial will follow the next day in Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell at 9:30 AM. Friends may visit with the family on Monday at the funeral home from 2:00 PM until the hour of service.

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

### Catherine Scott, 91

HERNANDO

Mrs. Catherine B. Scott, 91, of Hernando, FL died on Saturday, December 12, 2020, in Lecanto, FL.

She was born on October 25, 1929 in Suffern, NY and was the daughter of the late George and Myrtle (Bush) Warner. Formerly of Campbell Hall, NY she moved to Citrus County in 1974. She was a Methodist.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Robert Scott and 2 sons, Robert W. Scott and Michael W. Scott. She is survived by her son, David Scott and his wife Jeannie, along with 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Private cremation arrangements are under the direction of the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.HooperFuneralHome.com](http://www.HooperFuneralHome.com).

### Anne Stone, 88

INVERNESS

Anne Marie Stone, 88, of Inverness, FL, died 11 December 2020, at Vitas Healthcare of Lecanto FL.

She was born 13 July, 1932, in Boston, MA, to Charles Winslow and Irene Hart.



Anne Stone

She spent many years in remote areas of the wilderness, including the Everglades and the Rocky Mountains. She attended St. Anne's School for Girls in Arlington, MA, and received her B.A. from the University of Miami. She did post-graduate work at the

Sorbonne in Paris, and at NYU; she received her M.A. from Middlebury College. She was a member of Pi Lambda Theta, Phi Kappa Phi, and Kappa Delta Pi. She taught French all of her life, and ultimately settled in Inverness, FL, teaching at Citrus High School for the remainder of her career. She also taught Continuing Education classes in both French and Spanish at Withlacoochee Tech, and tutored adult students at her home. She taught 5th grade Sunday School at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Crystal River, FL.

Her interests included family, travel, and reading. She devoted much of her time and energy as a caregiver to family members and friends.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Calvin Tiger of Davie, FL, Heather Martin of Marietta, GA, and Timothy Stone of San Francisco, CA, 11 cherished grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her sons, Joseph Stone and Stephen Tiger.

She kept every single Christmas card she received, neatly stored and labeled in boxes by year, going back to at least the early 80s.

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

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast.

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

### Kathleen Sullivan

GARDEN CITY PARK, N.Y.

Sullivan, Kathleen (Hannon) (nee Raney) of Garden City Park, on Aug. 25, 2020. Kathleen was born in NYC to William & Edna Raney. She grew up in St. Albans, raised a family in New Hyde Park and retired to Pine Ridge Florida where she lived for over 30 years before returning to New York.



Kathleen Sullivan

Pre-deceased in death by her first love Richard Hannon and by her last love and best friend John Sullivan. Also pre-deceased by a baby brother Jame Arthur (Buddy) and son in law George.

Survived by her siblings whom she adored, Brother Bill, sister in law Peggy, sisters Gert & Patsy, brother in law David, and several loving nieces and nephews. Also survived by daughters Kathleen & Lisa, her devoted son in law Kevin, loving step family, John (Lynn), Donna (John), Patrick (Mary), Barbara (Jimmy) and many step grandchildren that she loved dearly.

Special thanks to the Herricks community center for their wonderful Our Space program and to the Good Shepherd Hospice for their compassionate support during Kathleen's final days.

The family would also like to express their gratitude to retired Pastor Tom and Joany Walker and the congregation of The Inverness First Church of God and also their friends and neighbors in Florida for their kindness over the years for both Kathleen and John.

Interment in Holy Rood Cemetery following private service.

Arrangements by Krauss Funeral Home, Franklin Square.

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

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## Dementia education photo exhibit at library



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On Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, the Famous Americans Dementia Education Photo Exhibit will open for a one-month presentation in the foyer of the Central Ridge Library, 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., in Beverly Hills. The exhibit will include 24 portraits of famous American authors, artists, actors, comedians, singers, politicians and athletes who have succumbed to Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. Today, there are an estimated 6,500 individuals in Citrus County living with dementia; a number that is projected to grow to more than 15,000 over the next 30 years. The exhibit is sponsored by Coping with Dementia LLC and displayed at public venues on behalf of Dementia Education Inc., a Citrus County-based nonprofit that creates publications and programs to support families and individuals living with dementia. For information, call Ed Youngblood at 614-519-2843. Above, Coping with Dementia LLC President Debbie Selsavage displays five of the portraits in the Famous Americans Dementia Education Exhibit.

## Obituary

### Minnie Tendler, 85 CRYSTAL RIVER

The Service of Remembrance for Mrs. Minnie R. Tendler, age 85 years, of Crystal River, will be held 11:00 AM Monday, December 21, 2020 at the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes with Pastor Smooth officiating. Cremation will follow at Hooper Crematory, Inverness. Interment will be at a later date at Fountains Memorial Park, Homosassa. Friends may call from 10:00 am until the time of service Monday. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.HooperFuneralHome.com](http://www.HooperFuneralHome.com). Arrangement under the direction of the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Tendler was born June 10, 1935 in Greenville, South Carolina to Frank and Arilla

(Sanders) Skelton and came to Crystal River in 1987 from Long Island, New York. She was a retired professional wrestler and a member of New Life Christian Fellowship United Pentecostal Church. Mrs. Tendler loved stock car racing, wrestling and roller skating. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Susan Ellison. Surviving are her son: James Ellison; daughter: Ivy Tendler; 2 brothers: Jimmy Puckett and Henry Puckett; a sister: Sara Gent; 9 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

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## CARES

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“(The stipulations were) written through the county’s internal team and included the cities, chamber and the chairman of the board of county commissioners and ultimately approved by the county commissioners.”

“This all got vetted,” Register said. “It wasn’t coming out of a back room. (The) rules were made and we had to stick to them.”

Register said the group was working in uncharted territory during an ever-shifting pandemic landscape and did the best it could in drafting the CARES guidelines.

### Cutting back

“I felt like we were just shunned,” Schenck said. “I’ve never seen such a patriotic county and how they feel toward their veterans. Being a veterans organization and part of the community and we are nonprofit, I thought we would be recognized and get some help. I just felt like they ignored us.”

Schenck said the post applied for CARES funds in the first round and were told it didn’t qualify because it was a nonprofit. The post applied in the second round that was open to nonprofits.

“That’s what I thought the CARES funds were for — to help businesses and nonprofits stay afloat,” Schenck said. “We’re both of those things. It doesn’t make sense to me.”

Post 237 Commander Ray Roby wrote county officials about a month ago about the matter.

“We, like every other business, were deeply impacted by the closures and have had to temporarily cut back on the level of our support for our veterans and the community in general as a result,” Roby said in a letter to County Administrator Randy Oliver.

County Commissioner Jeff Kinnard said he believes the board “did a pretty good job” getting the money out to businesses and nonprofits that needed business assistance.

The county spent over \$7 million of the total \$11.7 million allocated to it before the state deadline for returning the money.

“Was it perfect? No, it wasn’t perfect,” Kinnard said. “But with the short time frame that we had to get this money or send it back, I felt like the county did a very good job in getting it out to as many organizations and businesses that we could that were hurt by the shutdown.”

The state, he said, dropped an earlier deadline on the county for dispersing the money and that shut down any future phases the county could have considered.

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Paxton Cross, left, and Liz Cross, right, both members of Grace Pointe Church in Hernando, help volunteer Valentine Grant fill a box of snacks and other supplies Saturday, Dec. 19, for a family at the annual Christmas outreach.

Photos & text by Chronicle Managing Editor Jeff Bryan

# Outreach brings cheer

The New Church Without Walls, in conjunction with the Metropolitan Ministries of Citrus County, Grace Pointe Church, The Path of Citrus County and State Rep. Dr. Ralph Massullo, hosted its annual Christmas outreach for the homeless as well as families in need on Saturday, Dec. 19, at the field on U.S. 41 between Parsons Point Road and Orange Drive in Hernando, behind Bran-

nen Bank. Those who attended the event were able to collect food, toys, blankets, clothing, tents and camping supplies, as well as toys.



The Rev. Doug Alexander of the New Church Without Walls recognizes Dr. Ralph Massullo and The Path's DuWayne Sipper Saturday, Dec. 19, in front of volunteers at the Christmas outreach.

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From left are: Laura Sullivan, Rotary Club of Crystal River president; Robert Holmes, KCCB Board of Directors; and Mia Fink, KCCB executive director.

## Rotary Club receives Keep Citrus County Beautiful Pride award

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The Keep Citrus County Beautiful (KCCB) Pride Award was presented to the Rotary Club of Crystal River in recognition of the club's community beautification partnerships with The Path of

Citrus County and the City of Crystal River.

The Pride Award recognizes those individuals or organizations that significantly contribute to combating littering, encouraging recycling and beautifying communities.

## When the rent comes due ... what do I do? Citrus County United Way helps work through eviction woes

NANCY KENNEDY  
Staff writer

One of the dire unintended consequences of the pandemic is people losing their homes because they can't pay their rent or mortgage due to job loss through no fault of their own.

To help keep people in their homes, on April 2, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis issued a moratorium on evictions and foreclosures.

That, however, ended Oct. 1.

Prior to that, on Sept. 4, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) stepped in and issued an order which protects Florida families who can't pay rent because of COVID-related job loss.

The order requires tenants to sign and submit to their landlords a declaration that they have been unable to pay their rent because of COVID-19 — and that they have exhausted all efforts to find work and government assistance.

That eviction moratorium is set to expire on Dec. 31.

What's going to happen

after that?

"That's what we're waiting to find out — how bad is it going to be?" said Barbara Wheeler, Mid Florida Homeless Coalition executive director. "From what we've discovered when we're out in the community is people who are under the impression that a moratorium means their rent is waived and that they don't have to pay it."

"That's our biggest concern about what happens at the end of this month," she said. "So, part of what we've been doing is getting the word out that you still have to pay your rent."

She added that her agency has also been telling people that as long as there's CARES Act funding available, they may be able to get caught up with back rent or mortgages.

"We just hope that when Dec. 31 comes there isn't a major fallout," Wheeler said.

The CARES Act, signed into law March 27, has provided Citrus County Housing Services with \$440,000 in federal funds to help residents who had lost their jobs or had their hours reduced due to the pandemic with rental or

mortgage assistance to avoid eviction or foreclosure.

"The county was able to keep a lot of people in housing with those funds, and that's a really good thing," Wheeler said.

Meghan Pitzer, Citrus United Way CEO, said her agency still has grant funding available for their Rapid Rehousing program, which helps families or individuals who are homeless or who have received a three-day notice to vacate to get into housing.

They also provide case management for a year to help people succeed.

"We have five different grants for that program to help people who are literally homeless or facing homelessness," she said. "It's a government grant, so there's a little more red tape ... but we're able to get people into housing very quickly, often within a week."

However, people cannot call the United Way directly for Rapid Rehousing. They need to call Mid Florida Homeless Coalition at 352-860-2308 for an intake assessment and then Mid Florida refers

them to the United Way.

Pitzer added that there's an adequate supply of available housing for people who are willing to follow certain guidelines, including agreeing to receive case management for a year.

Pitzer said some local agencies offer assistance with utilities and other emergency needs and suggested that if it's a choice between paying rent or paying the electric bill — pay the rent.

"We get funds from Duke (Energy) and SECO to assist people unable to pay their power bill," she said.

Whatever your need is, the first number to call is 211.

"You'll talk to a live person available 24/7, 365 days a year, who will have a whole database of agencies and what they assist with," Pitzer said. "Most of the time when people are in crisis, they're frustrated with life in general, so it's hard when they start calling different agencies and being told, 'We don't help with that.' So, they're even more frustrated. So, 211 is the best option to start with."

### Around the STATE

#### Nearly 12,000 new cases of COVID-19

TALLAHASSEE — Florida reported 11,682 new confirmed cases of coronavirus and 74 deaths on Saturday.

Overall, the state has confirmed nearly 1.2 million cases and close to 21,000 deaths, according to statistics released by the Department of Health. Florida has a population of nearly 22 million people.

There were 5,100 people hospitalized with the disease.

Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis has said the state will not enforce a mask mandate, nor restrict capacity at bars and restaurants.

#### Fla. unemployment rate sticks at 6.4%

TALLAHASSEE — Florida's unemployment rate was 6.4% last month, remaining unchanged from the month before, according to state fig-

ures released Friday.

Florida gained 9,800 jobs in November, but there were still 651,000 jobless Floridians out of a workforce of 10.1 million people.

The state's unemployment rate was slightly below the national rate of 6.7%. November's unemployment rate was 3.6 percentage points above the year before.

Wakulla County had the state's lowest unemployment rate at 3.9%, followed by St. Johns County at 4% and Santa Rosa County at 4.1%.

Osceola County had the highest unemployment rate at 9.7%, followed by Orange County at 8.1% and Putnam County at 7.7%

#### State investigates server hacking

TALLAHASSEE — Florida officials acknowledged Friday that state servers appear to have been compromised by overseas hackers who gained

entry by imbedding malicious code into networking software from a Texas-based software company, SolarWinds.

Two Florida officials who have knowledge of the matter but spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about it said the hackers apparently infiltrated systems of the Agency for Healthcare Administration, which runs the state's Medicaid program, and other agencies.

"We will continue to review and monitor the situation," the Florida Department of Management Services said in a statement to The Associated Press late Friday.

"Florida, like many states, continues to coordinate with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security — Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and additional federal, state, and local partners on all matters related to cybersecurity."

Software from SolarWinds has been at the center of global worries over a spate of hacking into computer systems operated by government agencies and major companies. The intruders apparently exploited vulnerabilities in the company's software.

SolarWinds had begun alerting 33,000 of its customers that an "outside nation state" — widely suspected to be Russia — had inserted malicious code into some versions of its Orion software. The software helps network administrators monitor the performance of their servers and systems.

The Florida officials were not prepared to discuss how serious the breach might

have been amid conflicting statements and information from some companies

involved in investigating the breach.

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If you would like your group to be listed in this publication please go to [ChronicleOnline.com/OurHomeCitrus](http://ChronicleOnline.com/OurHomeCitrus) and fill out the online form, or fill out the form below and mail or deliver by December 31, 2020 to:

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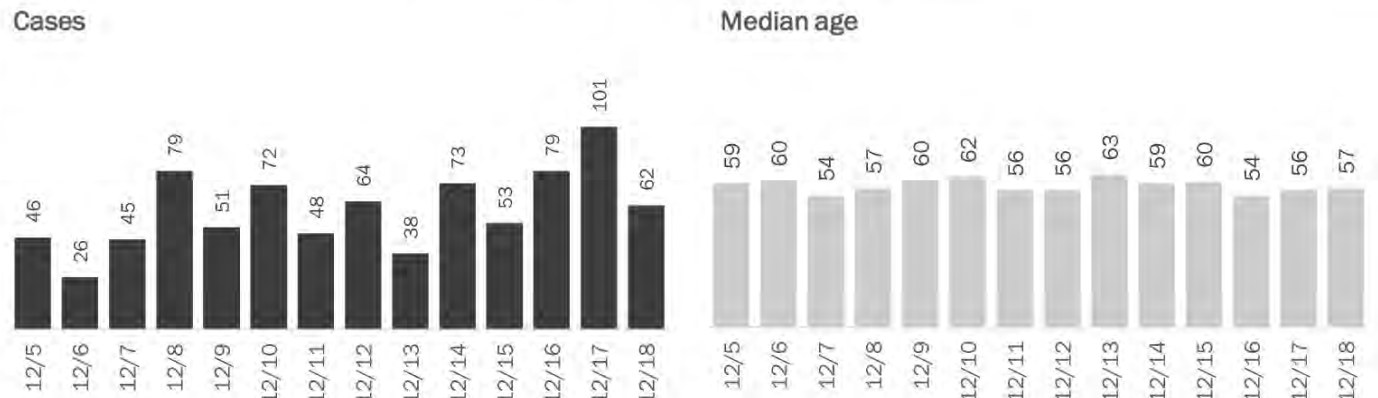
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Cases: people with positive PCR or antigen test result

<b>Total cases</b>	<b>5,942</b>
Florida residents	5,907
Non-Florida residents	35
<b>Type of case</b>	
PCR positive	5,437
Antigen positive	470
<b>Gender for Florida residents</b>	
Men	2,625
Women	3,243
Unknown	39
<b>Age for Florida residents</b>	
Range	0 - 103
Median age	55

Cases in Florida residents by date case confirmed



Race, ethnicity	Cases	Hospitalizations	Deaths
<b>White</b>	<b>4,798</b> (81%)	<b>426</b> (88%)	<b>191</b> (88%)
Hispanic	192   3%	11   2%	4   2%
Non-Hispanic	4,346   74%	385   80%	174   80%
Unknown ethnicity	260   4%	30   6%	13   6%
<b>Black</b>	<b>277</b> (5%)	<b>21</b> (4%)	<b>6</b> (3%)
Hispanic	22   0%	0   0%	0   0%
Non-Hispanic	246   4%	20   4%	6   3%
Unknown ethnicity	9   0%	1   0%	0   0%
<b>Other</b>	<b>377</b> (6%)	<b>24</b> (5%)	<b>10</b> (5%)
Hispanic	76   1%	4   1%	3   1%
Non-Hispanic	256   4%	17   4%	5   2%
Unknown ethnicity	45   1%	3   1%	2   1%
<b>Unknown race</b>	<b>455</b> (8%)	<b>11</b> (2%)	<b>11</b> (5%)
Hispanic	35   1%	1   0%	0   0%
Non-Hispanic	63   1%	0   0%	0   0%
Unknown ethnicity	357   6%	10   2%	11   5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,907</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>218</b>

Outcomes for Florida residents

<b>Citrus</b>		
Hospitalizations	482	(8% of all cases)
Deaths	218	(4% of all cases)

Statewide

Hospitalizations	59,851	(5% of all cases)
Deaths	20,473	(2% of all cases)

Cases in facility staff/residents

<b>Citrus</b>		
Long-term care	1,025	(17% of all cases)
Correctional	210	(4% of all cases)

Statewide

Long-term care	61,433	(5% of all cases)
Correctional	26,534	(2% of all cases)

Age group	All cases	New cases (12/18)	Hospitalizations	Deaths
0-4 years	54   1%	0   0%	1   0%	0   0%
5-14 years	194   3%	6   10%	1   0%	0   0%
15-24 years	610   10%	6   10%	4   1%	0   0%
25-34 years	650   11%	6   10%	12   2%	2   1%
35-44 years	608   10%	2   3%	21   4%	0   0%
45-54 years	791   13%	10   16%	40   8%	6   3%
55-64 years	983   17%	9   15%	68   14%	17   8%
65-74 years	956   16%	12   19%	113   23%	44   20%
75-84 years	709   12%	7   11%	143   30%	81   37%
85+ years	350   6%	4   6%	79   16%	68   31%
Unknown	2   0%	0   0%	0   0%	0   0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,907</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>218</b>

Hospitalization counts include anyone who was hospitalized at some point during their illness. It does not reflect the number of people currently hospitalized. Other race includes any person with a race of American Indian/Alaskan native, Asian, native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or other.

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**World BRIEF**



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**Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu gets ready to receive a coronavirus vaccine at Sheba Medical Center in Ramat Gan, Israel on Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020.**

**Israeli PM joins world leaders getting vaccine**

TEL AVIV, Israel — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was vaccinated against the coronavirus on live television Saturday, becoming the first Israeli and one of the world's leaders to be inoculated.

Israel is set to begin vaccinating its health workers and nursing home residents beginning Sunday. Netanyahu said he wanted to be the country's first recipient to set a personal example and to encourage Israelis to get the shot. U.S. Vice President Mike Pence was vaccinated Friday in a similar attempt to boost public confidence in COVID-19 vaccines.

"I believe in this vaccine," he said before receiving the injection of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine at the Sheba Medical Center near Tel Aviv. He called it an "exciting moment" that would put Israel on the path to returning to its normal routines.

— From wire reports



**Curbside Claus for COVID caution**

Santa Claus waves a hand as he pushes a sleigh full of curbside grocery orders to an Aldi parking lot in Palatine, Ill., Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020. For this weekend only, Santa Claus is delivering groceries to Aldi customers in Palatine and several other towns in the Chicago area.

Associated Press

**Cooperation during COVID crisis**

*Maryland, Virginia donate vaccine doses to help Washington, DC shortfall*

**ASHRAF KHALIL**  
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Officials in the District of Columbia are accustomed to being short-changed in different ways.

There's the long-standing issue of D.C.'s quest for statehood and proper representation in Congress. And when the \$2.2 trillion coronavirus stimulus package was passed by Congress in March, Washington, D.C., was classified as a territory — a distinction that cost it \$700 million in funding.

But when the latest shortfall hit the local allotment of new COVID-19 vaccine doses, Washington's neighboring states pitched in to help make up the difference. In a heartening demonstration of

interstate collectivism, Maryland and Virginia are each sending 8,000 vaccine doses, more than tripling the amount available for health care workers in the nation's capital.

D.C. health officials have complained for weeks that the initial allotment formula followed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provided Washington with just under 7,000 doses — less than one-tenth of what would be needed for local health care workers.

The dosage allotments were based on population, but many of Washington's health care workers live in the intertwined neighboring communities of Maryland and northern Virginia. D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser had sent a letter to U.S.

health officials claiming the "one-size-fits-all formula for distribution" would prove "woefully insufficient."

Govs. Larry Hogan of Maryland and Ralph Northam of Virginia apparently agreed, and each state will send 8,000 vaccine doses to D.C.

"Thousands of nurses and doctors live in northern Virginia but work in the District — and they deserve equal access to the vaccine," Northam said. "It's the right thing to do for Virginians and for our region."

The donations are just the latest indication of the close informal partnership Bowser, Northam and Hogan have pursued for the DMV region since the early days of the pandemic.

The trio have coordinated

regularly on virus restrictions and rollbacks, though Washington has consistently stayed more cautious than its neighbors on its reopening restrictions. In some cases, the two governors have allowed the counties closest to Washington to pursue their own virus shutdown policies closer to those of the capital.

None of the three jurisdictions will receive anywhere close to enough doses in the first batch to cover all their health care workers. And some states are already receiving word that upcoming vaccine shipments will be smaller than initially promised.

Virginia's Department of Health announced Friday that its total expected dosage shipment for December had been cut from 480,000 doses to 370,650.



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## NEW THIS WEEK

### Ride to Florida National Cemetery to honor fallen vets with wreaths

Crystal Harley Davidson along with American Legion Riders Chapter 237, and with support from Veterans for a Cause, will ride and take 1,000 wreaths to Florida National Cemetery on Sunday, Dec. 20, to honor fallen heroes and families.

This will be a police escorted ride. Participants will meet at Crystal Harley at 10 a.m. with kick stands up at 10:30 a.m.

Join us as we honor of veterans and families as this is a very moving event. All vehicles are welcome.

For more information, contact Riders Director John Roby 352-536-7480.

This event was made possible by the Citrus business community, veterans groups and many private donors who gave generous amounts.

## GOOD TO KNOW

### Lions Clubs' special membership offer for veterans

Making a difference throughout the world every day, one Lion at a time — there is no greater feeling than making a positive impact on someone's life. Lions are doing good — for others and for themselves. Joining a local Lions Club is a great way to network with other people in your community and make new friends.

Through the end of the year, the first 5,000 qualifying veterans receive an entrance- or charter-fee waiver when joining a Lions Club. Eligible veterans include retired U.S. military personnel (i.e., Air Force, Army, Coast Guard Services, Marines, National Guard, Navy or Reserves) or those honorably discharged from these services. Eligible persons may still be enlisted in the National Guard or Reserves. Veterans can be certified by completion of the "Involve a U.S. Veteran Program Certification Form."

And more good news: Lions Clubs are also extending an entrance- or charter-fee waiver to anyone joining a

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“The simplest way to support our troops is to thank them for their service. Studies show that 47% of service members and military spouses feel that their civilian communities have a limited understanding and appreciation for the military.”

# Honor for the holidays

## Spread some Christmas cheer to a veteran this season

Christmas is around the corner but there are hundreds of thousands of military personnel and their families, not just around the corner, but located around the world.



John Stewart  
VETERAN VOICES

Have you considered doing something for a military veteran or family member to make this Christmas a very special day for them? I can remember how difficult it was for my family and I during nearly two decades of overseas duty. There were many instances where we wished someone would help us, or simply show us they appreciated our sacrifices.

Even today, years after leaving the uniform behind, that wish continues not only for my wife and I, but I am confident it is one shared by all veterans and their families whether on active duty or those having departed from uniform service.

Fortunately, there are a number of organizations dedicated to us but they very seriously need your support this Christmas season and throughout the year. I'd like to give you some suggestions of local and national veterans programs needing help.

I've always believed community support whether materials, volunteer service or funding should be done locally because you can see first-hand the results of your caring and generosity.

In Citrus County, there is an abundance of organizations needing your support for our veterans and their families. These include at least 10 Veterans of Foreign War and American Legion Posts, along with a number of fraternal organizations, each having numerous internal veterans support programs. This includes large efforts like the Marine Corps Toys for Tots, veterans Posts providing dinners to those in need, and the Citrus County Veterans Foundation food pantry in Inverness that helps our veterans and families. Additionally, The Mission in Citrus is dedicated to helping veterans, men, women, and children off the streets and out of the woods. A shelter, for example, is located in Inverness



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The holiday season can make veterans feel isolated. Show a veteran you care with a card, a donation or a simple random act of kindness.

and has many needs.

Due to the economy, your support may simply be limited to sending a Christmas card to the lonely veterans in nursing homes, most of whom during this terrible pandemic cannot have visitors. Some have experienced loneliness for many months and a card would certainly brighten their day.

At my organization, VFW Post 4252 in Hernando, the Auxiliary/MOCA Chaplain Doris Crist is mailing 375 Christmas cards to area nursing homes, veterans at the Gainesville VA hospital and the Gainesville HONOR Center. The latter is a facility providing homeless veterans shelter and

health services.

In addition, Chaplain Crist is sending another 100 cards to the VFW National Home for Children. Think, if you will, about the work and cost going into this one project within the many in our Citrus County community designed to support veterans and family members. Each needing significant funding, each needing volunteer support, each needing you.

The simplest way to support our troops is to thank them for their service. Studies show that 47% of service members and military spouses feel that their civilian communities have a

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## Veterans GROUPS

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



### American Legion

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American Legion Auxiliary Unit 155. Call 352-795-6526.

American Legion Riders Post 155, 6 p.m. the second Wednesday monthly the auxiliary room of the post. Call Roger Boucher at 352-794-0352.

American Legion Wall-Rives Post 58 and Auxiliary, 10730 U.S. 41, Dunnellon. Call 352-489-4453, or email swstruckman@comcast.net.

American Legion, Beverly Hills Memorial Post 237,

6726 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills. Visit www.Post237.org or call 352-897-4776.

Allen-Rawls American Legion Post 77 and Auxiliary Unit 77, 4375 Little Al Point, off Arbor Street in Inverness.

Sons of the American Legion meets at 6 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly. Legion meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly. Call Commander Andy Connole at 352-341-0394.

Auxiliary meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly. Call president Laura Beetow at 352-637-7232 about weekly events.

Riders Post 77 meet at 8 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly, or immediately following Legion meeting.

Arnold Vern Allen American Legion Post 166 meets monthly. Call 352-765-3949 or email americanpost166@gmail.com. American Legion Post 166 is located at 4520 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.

The Sons of the Legion meets the second Saturday at 11 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## VFW, auxiliary members make FRC Christmas brighter



Special to the Chronicle

Eugene M. Quinn VFW Post 4337 and Post Auxiliary recently donated \$1,100 to the Citrus County Family Resource Center in Hernando to help them make Christmas possible to over 300 children. The donation was presented to Ginger West, director, on behalf of the VFW. From left are: Carl Cyr, vice commander; Joe Acosta, commander; Ginger West, FRC director; Carol Davis, president; and Gloria Lane, patriotic director.

### FORGOT TO PUBLICIZE?

Submit photos of successful community events to be published in the Chronicle. Readers are invited to send photos and captions to community@chronicleonline.com. Photos need to be in sharp focus. Photos need to be in proper exposure: neither too light nor too dark. Call 563-5660 for details.

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

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

Submit material at Chronicle offices in Inverness or Crystal River; by fax at 352-563-3280; or email to community@chronicleonline.com.

# HONOR

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limited understanding and appreciation for the military.

Obviously, this can cause veterans to feel isolated, affecting overall morale and operational readiness. It has led to a horrific number of suicides.

In 2018 there were 6,435 veteran suicides in America, 577 right here in Florida, and many believe these numbers are being under reported.

Fortunately, there are a large number of national organizations attempting to help this situation by supporting our veterans not only this Christmas but throughout the year. Most, during this terrible pandemic, desperately need funding and volunteer support.

I compiled a short list below of some I believe are very reputable.

You can help make the holidays brighter for military families with the Armed Services YMCA's Operation Holiday Joy program to ensure there is a gift under the tree or a food basket on the table this Christmas in veterans homes. You can learn more at <https://tinyurl.com/yck9zdpn>.

Soldiers' Angels is a global network of volunteers — representing all 50 states and 12 countries abroad while working tirelessly to ensure that those who serve or have served are supported, uplifted, and remembered through a variety of support programs. Volunteer teams provide different services to deployed service members, military families, expectant mothers, families of fallen service members, veterans, and female caregivers of wounded, ill, injured service members and more. Funding and volunteers are



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**There are a multitude of organizations and programs available to support veterans during Christmastime, as well as throughout the entire year. Find a reputable source to make a difference and honor a veteran this holiday season.**

needed. Learn more at [soldiersangels.org](http://soldiersangels.org).

Are you an online Amazon shopper? Amazon-Smile is a simple way for you to support your favorite veterans support charitable organization. Each time you shop on their website a donation is done by Amazon to the organization of your choice at no cost to you. You simply choose from over a million local and national charities and throughout the entire year your purchases will provide a small Amazon donation to that organization.

Sign up with your family and friends at <https://smile.amazon.com/>.

Blue Star Families was founded by military spouses in 2009 to empower military families to thrive as they serve. This organization is committed to strengthening military families by connecting them with their neighbors — individuals and organizations — to create vibrant communities of mutual support. With more than 150,000 members in their network, in chapters and communities all over the world, Blue Star Families touches more than 1.5 million

military family members every year. You can volunteer or donate at [bluestarfam.org](http://bluestarfam.org).

For decades, the USO has been a staunch supporter of veterans and their families. A major part of their support is to service members stationed abroad who are training in isolated locations or on arduous missions in remote parts of the world. Through expeditionary outreach support — including care packages, snacks, holiday celebration items and internet services provided throughout challenging deployments — they ensure service members stay connected to the people and places they love. Your support of the USO helps their support of over 5 million service members and family members. For more information, go to [www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org).

Another means of support for you is to simply reach out to a military family in your community by extending a hand in friendship. Invite them over for a meal, take them a meal, or invite them out for dinner. Something as simple as running an errand or

taking a walk together can forge a friendship and help their morale during the holidays. Reach out to a military spouse whose service member is deployed and offer to cook their family dinner, or to pick up groceries. Reach out to see how they are doing — sometimes even the smallest of gestures can make all the difference. Deployments are challenging for both deployed service members and for their military spouses. Aside from being separated from their loved ones, military spouses must also shoulder the responsibilities of the household alone. For military families with children, this can be even more difficult. You can only imagine the difficulties for the children with mom, dad, or both deployed.

This past month while dining out with my wife after I had participated earlier in a military ceremony while in uniform, an anonymous couple in the restaurant observed my uniform and paid for our meal. It was the first time we've experienced such wonderful appreciation of our service and I have no words to

**“ If you are dining out during this holiday season and observe a veteran with one of those wonderful ‘I served’ hats or jackets, consider paying for their meal. Their heart and your heart will be warmed forever. ”**

describe how good that felt. To that anonymous couple that paid for our meal, thank you so much! If you are dining out during this holiday season and observe a veteran with one of those wonderful “I served” hats or jackets, consider paying for their meal. Their heart and your heart will be warmed forever.

There are many other organizations and programs designed to remember our veterans and their families this Christmas and throughout the year. I hope you will choose one, or perhaps even better, more

than one. It will make your Christmas totally heartwarming.

On behalf of my family, including three brothers who are veterans and a son and daughter who are veterans, I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years.

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

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2	WESH	NBC	19		19	News	News	Football Night in America '14'	NFL Football Cleveland Browns at New York Giants. (N) PG	News	News	News	News	News	News	News			
3	WEDU	PBS	3	3	14	6	NewsHour Wk	Father Brown (In Stereo) PG	Sandton on Masterpiece '14' PG	Sandton on Masterpiece '14' PG	Sandton on Masterpiece '14' PG	Sandton on Masterpiece '14' PG	Death in Paradise (In Stereo) PG						
5	WUFT	PBS	5		5		A History of Christi	Greater John Denver: Country Roads	Johnny Cash: A Night	Longevity Paradox-Steven									
8	WFLA	NBC	8	8	8	8	News	Nightly News	Football Night in America (N) (In Stereo) Live '14' PG	NFL Football Cleveland Browns at New York Giants. (N) (In Stereo) Live	NewsChannel 8								
20	WFTV	ABC	20	7	20		News	World News	**** "The Sound of Music" (1965, Musical) Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer. A govern- ment weds an Austrian widower with seven children. (In Stereo) PG	News	News	News	Spo Night on 9						
10	WTSP	CBS	10	10	10	10	10	10	NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at New Orleans Saints. (N) PG	60 Minutes (N) (In Stereo) PG	Garth & Trisha Live-Holiday Concert	22nd Annual A Home for the Holidays	NCIS: The team tries to replace Ziva. '14'			10 Tampa Bay			
13	WTVT	FOX	13	13	13	13	13	13	FOX13 6:00 News (In Stereo) PG	The Moody's "Pilot: Episode 2" PG	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy '14'	FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo) PG	FOX13 11:00 News (N) (In Stereo) PG					
11	WCJB	ABC			11				WCJB T	ABC	**** "The Sound of Music" (1965, Musical) Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer. A govern- ment weds an Austrian widower with seven children. (In Stereo) PG	W	W	W	W	W			
2	WCLF	IND	2	2	2	22	22	22	Joseph Prince	Empowered Life	Real Life 'G'	Gracias Choir Christmas Cantata	Love a Child 'G'	Billy Graham	Jewish Jesus 'G'	Mark T. Barclay	Jesse Duplantier	Global-Crisis	The Great Awake
16	WYKE	FAM	16	16	16	15	15	15	Bible Say?	Nature Coast	**** "Terms of Endearment" (1983, Comedy-Drama) Shirley MacLaine. PG	**** "Terms of Endearment" (1983, Comedy-Drama) Shirley MacLaine. PG	**** "Terms of Endearment" (1983, Comedy-Drama) Shirley MacLaine. PG	Vegas Unveiled: A Virtual Vegas					
11	WFTS	ABC	11	11	11	11	11	11	ABC Action News	World News	**** "The Sound of Music" (1965, Musical) Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer. A govern- ment weds an Austrian widower with seven children. (In Stereo) PG	ABC Action News at 11:30PM (N)							
12	WMOR	IND	12	12	5	5	5	5	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Nightwatch "In the Blink of an Eye" '14'	Dateline "The Threat" PG	Soledad O'Brien	Greta Van Susteren	
6	WTTA	MNT	6	6	6	9	9	9	Funny	Funny	FamFeud	FamFeud	NewsChannel 8	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Murdoch Mysteries	Born Ride	Feel	
21	WACX	TBN	21		21				In Touch	Rejoice in the Lord	Divine	Chris	Jentezen	Chris	Murdoch Mysteries	Jim Raley	Paula	Paid Prog	
4	WTOG	CW	4	4	4	12	12	12	Mike & Molly '14'	Mike & Molly '14'	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Masters of Illusion: Christmas	The Outpost (N) (In Stereo) PG	NCIS: New Orleans "Jackpot" '14'	NCIS: New Orleans "Outlaws" '14'	Maria	Noticiero	
15	WVEA	UNI	15	15	15	14	14	14	Politica	Noticiero	Aqui y ahora (N)	Enamorándonos "Una boda navideña" '14'	Sal y pimienta 'PG'	FOX 51 News	FOX 51 News	TMZ (N) PG	TMZ (N) PG		
13	WOGX	FOX	13	7	7				News	TMZ 'PG'	Simpsons	Burgers	The Moody's 'PG'	Burgers	Fam. Guy	FOX 51 News	TMZ (N) PG	TMZ (N) PG	
17	WXPX	ION	17						**** "Christmas Sit"	**** "A Snow White Christmas" (2018) NR	**** "The Magnificent Seven" (2016) Denzel Washington, Mercenaries battle a ruthless industrialist in the Old West. 'PG-13'	**** "Jurassic Park III" (2001) PG							
54	ACCN		54	48	54	25	27	27	**** "White House Down" (2013, Action) Channing Tatum. (In Stereo) PG-13	College Basketball	The Huddle (N) (Live)	The Huddle	The Huddle						
55	AMC		55	64	55				**** "The Polar Express" (2004) G	**** "E!F" (2003, Children's) Will Ferrell, James Caan, Bob Newhart. PG	**** "E!F" (2003, Children's) Will Ferrell, James Caan, Bob Newhart. PG	**** "E!F" (2003, Children's) Will Ferrell, James Caan, Bob Newhart. PG	**** "E!F" (2003, Children's) Will Ferrell, James Caan, Bob Newhart. PG	**** "E!F" (2003, Children's) Will Ferrell, James Caan, Bob Newhart. PG	**** "E!F" (2003, Children's) Will Ferrell, James Caan, Bob Newhart. PG	**** "E!F" (2003, Children's) Will Ferrell, James Caan, Bob Newhart. PG	**** "E!F" (2003, Children's) Will Ferrell, James Caan, Bob Newhart. PG	**** "E!F" (2003, Children's) Will Ferrell, James Caan, Bob Newhart. PG	
52	AND		52	35	52	19	31	31	North Woods Law (In Stereo) PG	North Woods Law (In Stereo) PG	North Woods Law (In Stereo) PG	North Woods Law (In Stereo) PG	North Woods Law (In Stereo) PG	North Woods Law (In Stereo) PG	North Woods Law (In Stereo) PG	North Woods Law (In Stereo) PG	North Woods Law (In Stereo) PG	North Woods Law (In Stereo) PG	
96	BET		96	71	96				**** "Rush Hour 3" (2007, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker. PG-13	**** "Blue Streak" (1999) Martin Lawrence. Thief tries to retrieve a cache from a police station. PG-13	**** "Blue Streak" (1999) Martin Lawrence. Thief tries to retrieve a cache from a police station. PG-13	**** "Blue Streak" (1999) Martin Lawrence. Thief tries to retrieve a cache from a police station. PG-13	**** "Blue Streak" (1999) Martin Lawrence. Thief tries to retrieve a cache from a police station. PG-13	**** "Blue Streak" (1999) Martin Lawrence. Thief tries to retrieve a cache from a police station. PG-13	**** "Blue Streak" (1999) Martin Lawrence. Thief tries to retrieve a cache from a police station. PG-13	**** "Blue Streak" (1999) Martin Lawrence. Thief tries to retrieve a cache from a police station. PG-13	**** "Blue Streak" (1999) Martin Lawrence. Thief tries to retrieve a cache from a police station. PG-13	**** "Blue Streak" (1999) Martin Lawrence. Thief tries to retrieve a cache from a police station. PG-13	
742	BIGTEN		742	809					Big Ten Foot	Purdue Football Classic	Big Ten Foot	BTN Football in 60 sec	100,000 Cameras	Ohio State Football Classic	Big Ten Foot	Iowa Football Classic			
254	BRAVO		254	51	254				Housewives-Atlanta	Housewives-Atlanta	Housewives-Atlanta	Housewives	Watch	Chat	Housewives-Atlanta	Housewives-Atlanta	Housewives-Atlanta	Housewives-Atlanta	
27	CC		27	61	27	33	33	33	**** "Grown Ups 2" (2013) Adam Sandler, Lenny his family relocate back to his hometown. PG-13	**** "Grown Ups 2" (2013) Adam Sandler, Lenny his family relocate back to his hometown. PG-13	**** "Grown Ups 2" (2013) Adam Sandler, Lenny his family relocate back to his hometown. PG-13	**** "Grown Ups 2" (2013) Adam Sandler, Lenny his family relocate back to his hometown. PG-13	**** "Grown Ups 2" (2013) Adam Sandler, Lenny his family relocate back to his hometown. PG-13	**** "Grown Ups 2" (2013) Adam Sandler, Lenny his family relocate back to his hometown. PG-13	**** "Grown Ups 2" (2013) Adam Sandler, Lenny his family relocate back to his hometown. PG-13	**** "Grown Ups 2" (2013) Adam Sandler, Lenny his family relocate back to his hometown. PG-13	**** "Grown Ups 2" (2013) Adam Sandler, Lenny his family relocate back to his hometown. PG-13	**** "Grown Ups 2" (2013) Adam Sandler, Lenny his family relocate back to his hometown. PG-13	
98	CMET		98	45	98	28	37	37	Deliciousness	Deliciousness	Mom '14' PG	Mom '14' PG	Mom '14' PG	Mom '14' PG	Mom '14' PG	Mom '14' PG	Mom '14' PG	Mom '14' PG	
40	CNN		40	29	40	41	46	46	CNN Newsroom	Situation Room	Situation Room	Pandemic	This Is Life	State of the Union					
33	ESPN		33	27	33	21	27	27	Championship Drive	SportsCenter (N)	SportCtr	Championship Drive: Who's In? (N) (Live)	ESPN Sports Shorts	ESPN	ESPN	ESPN	ESPN	ESPN	
37	ESPN2		37	28	34	43	49	49	AKC Fastest Dogs USA	2020 Spikeball	ESPN Sports Shorts	ESPN Sports Shorts	ESPN	ESPN	ESPN	ESPN	ESPN	ESPN	
106	FBN		106	149	106	99	41	41	Maria Bartiromo	Lou Dobbs Tonight	America vs. China	History of Socialism	Return: Apollo 13	Maria Bartiromo	Maria Bartiromo	Maria Bartiromo	Maria Bartiromo	Maria Bartiromo	
118	FLIX		118	170					**** "The Cooler" (2003, Drama) William H. Macy, Alec Baldwin. (In Stereo) R	**** "Fletch" (1985) Chevy Chase. (In Stereo) PG	**** "Fletch Lives" (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase. (In Stereo) PG	**** "Fletch Lives" (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase. (In Stereo) PG	**** "Fletch Lives" (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase. (In Stereo) PG	**** "Fletch Lives" (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase. (In Stereo) PG	**** "Fletch Lives" (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase. (In Stereo) PG	**** "Fletch Lives" (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase. (In Stereo) PG	**** "Fletch Lives" (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase. (In Stereo) PG	**** "Fletch Lives" (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase. (In Stereo) PG	
44	FNC		44	37	44	32	32	32	Fox Report	Fox News Sunday	Life, Liberty & Levin	The Next Revolution	Greg Gutfeld	Life, Liberty & Levin	Life, Liberty & Levin	Life, Liberty & Levin	Life, Liberty & Levin	Life, Liberty & Levin	
26	FOOD		26	56	26				Christmas Cookie	Christmas Cookie	Christmas Cookie	Candy Land 'G'	Holiday Baking	Holiday Baking	Holiday Baking	Holiday Baking	Holiday Baking	Holiday Baking	
29	FREEFORM		29	52	29	20	28	28	**** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000)	**** "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A left-behind boy battles two burglars in the house. PG	**** "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A left-behind boy battles two burglars in the house. PG	**** "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A left-behind boy battles two burglars in the house. PG	**** "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A left-behind boy battles two burglars in the house. PG	**** "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A left-behind boy battles two burglars in the house. PG	**** "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A left-behind boy battles two burglars in the house. PG	**** "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A left-behind boy battles two burglars in the house. PG	**** "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A left-behind boy battles two burglars in the house. PG	**** "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A left-behind boy battles two burglars in the house. PG	
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35	FSNFL		35	39	35				Tennis	United	World Poker	Shogun Fights	World Poker	World Poker	World Poker	World Poker	World Poker	World Poker	
30	FX		30	60	30	51	51	51	**** "Daddy's Home 2" (2017, Comedy) Will Ferrell. (In Stereo) PG-13	**** "Office Christmas Party" (2016, Comedy) Jason Bateman. (In Stereo) R	**** "Office Christmas Party" (2016, Comedy) Jason Bateman. (In Stereo) R	**** "Office Christmas Party" (2016, Comedy) Jason Bateman. (In Stereo) R	**** "Office Christmas Party" (2016, Comedy) Jason Bateman. (In Stereo) R	**** "Office Christmas Party" (2016, Comedy) Jason Bateman. (In Stereo) R	**** "Office Christmas Party" (2016, Comedy) Jason Bateman. (In Stereo) R	**** "Office Christmas Party" (2016, Comedy) Jason Bateman. (In Stereo) R	**** "Office Christmas Party" (2016, Comedy) Jason Bateman. (In Stereo) R	**** "Office Christmas Party" (2016, Comedy) Jason Bateman. (In Stereo) R	
727	GOLF		727	67	727				Golf Central (N) 'G'	Golf PNC Championship	Final Day. PG	Final Day. PG	Final Day. PG	Final Day. PG	Final Day. PG	Final Day. PG	Final Day. PG	Final Day. PG	
59	HALL		59	68	39	45	54	54	**** "If I Only Had Christmas" (2020, Romance) Candace Cameron Bure. NR	**** "Cross Country Christmas" (2020) Rachael Leigh Cook. Premiere. NR	**** "A Veteran's Christmas" (2018, Romance) Eloise Mumford, Sean Farris. NR	**** "A Veteran's Christmas" (2018, Romance) Eloise Mumford, Sean Farris. NR	**** "A Veteran's Christmas" (2018, Romance) Eloise Mumford, Sean Farris. NR	**** "A Veteran's Christmas" (2018, Romance) Eloise Mumford, Sean Farris. NR	**** "A Veteran's Christmas" (2018, Romance) Eloise Mumford, Sean Farris. NR	**** "A Veteran's Christmas" (2018, Romance) Eloise Mumford, Sean Farris. NR	**** "A Veteran's Christmas" (2018, Romance) Eloise Mumford, Sean Farris. NR		
302	HBO		302	201	302	2	2	2	**** "Last Christmas" (2019) PG-13	**** "The Dark Materials: The Scholar" '14'	**** "The Call of the Wild" (2020) Harrison Ford. PG	**** "The Family Stone" (2005) Dermot Mulroney. (In Stereo) PG-13	**** "The Family Stone" (2005) Dermot Mulroney. (In Stereo) PG-13	**** "The Family Stone" (2005) Dermot Mulroney. (In Stereo) PG-13	**** "The Family Stone" (2005) Dermot Mulroney. (In Stereo) PG-13	**** "The Family Stone" (2005) Dermot Mulroney. (In Stereo) PG-13	**** "The Family Stone" (2005) Dermot Mulroney. (In Stereo) PG-13	**** "The Family Stone" (2005) Dermot Mulroney. (In Stereo) PG-13	
303	HBO2		303	202	303				**** "Miracle at St. Anna" (2008) R	**** "The Dead Don't Die" (2019, Comedy) Bill Murray. (In Stereo) R	**** "The Five-Year Engagement" (2012) Jason Segel. (In Stereo) R	**** "The Five-Year Engagement" (2012) Jason Segel. (In Stereo) R	**** "The Five-Year Engagement" (2012) Jason Segel. (In Stereo) R	**** "The Five-Year Engagement" (2012) Jason Segel. (In Stereo) R	**** "The Five-Year Engagement" (2012) Jason Segel. (In Stereo) R	**** "The Five-Year Engagement" (2012) Jason Segel. (In Stereo) R	**** "The Five-Year Engagement" (2012) Jason Segel. (In Stereo) R		
23	HGTV		23	57	23	42	52	52	Property Brothers: Forever Home 'G'	Property Brothers: Forever Home 'G'	Renovation Inc "Episode 4" (N) PG	Renovation Inc "Episode 5" (N) PG	Home Town 'G' PG	Home Town 'G' PG	Home Town 'G' PG	Home Town 'G' PG	Home Town 'G' PG	Home Town 'G' PG	
51	HIST		51	54	51	32	42	42	Counting Cars "The Magic Bus" PG	Beyond Oak Island PG (DVS)	Beyond Oak Island PG (DVS)	Beyond Oak Island PG (DVS)	Beyond Oak Island PG (DVS)	Beyond Oak Island PG (DVS)	Beyond Oak Island PG (DVS)	Beyond Oak Island PG (DVS)	Beyond Oak Island PG (DVS)	Beyond Oak Island PG (DVS)	
24	LIFE		24	38	24	21	21	21	**** "Dear Christmas" (2020, Romance) Melissa Joan Hart, Jason Priestley. NR	**** "A Christmas Break" (2020, Romance) Cindy Sampson. Premiere. NR	**** "A Christmas Break" (2020, Romance) Cindy Sampson. Premiere. NR	**** "A Christmas Break" (2020, Romance) Cindy Sampson. Premiere. NR	**** "A Christmas Break" (2020, Romance) Cindy Sampson. Premiere. NR	**** "A Christmas Break" (2020, Romance) Cindy Sampson. Premiere. NR	**** "A Christmas Break" (2020, Romance) Cindy Sampson. Premiere. NR	**** "A Christmas Break" (2020, Romance) Cindy Sampson. Premiere. NR	**** "A Christmas Break" (2020, Romance) Cindy Sampson. Premiere. NR		
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local Lions Club through December 2020. To find a local club, call Lion Mary Yochum at 386-441-4421 or visit Lionclubs.org and click on "Find A Club."

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Aaron A. Weaver Chapter

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

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- American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 237 meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday monthly. President Elva Erb.
- American Legion Post regular meeting is at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday monthly. Cmdr. Ray Roby.

## Veterans of Foreign Wars

- H.F. Nesbitt VFW Post 10087, County Road 491, directly behind Cadence Bank, Beverly Hills. Call 352-746-0440.
- Edward W. Penno VFW Post 4864, 10199 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs, 352-465-4864.
- Leroy Rooks Jr. VFW Post 4252 and Auxiliary, 3190 N. Carl G. Rose Highway, State Road 200, Hernando. Call 352-726-3339, email vfw4252@yahoo.com and Google VFW 4252, Hernando.
- Dumas-Hartson VFW Post 8189, 8856 W. Veterans Drive, west of U.S. 19 between Crystal River and Homosassa. Call 352-795-5012.
- Joe Nic Barco Memorial VFW Post 7122, 8191 S. Florida Ave., Floral City. Call 352-637-0100.
- Eugene Quinn VFW Post 4337 and Auxiliaries,

906 State Road 44 E., Inverness. Call Commander Joe Acosta at 352-344-3495, or visit www.vfw4337.org.

- VFW Citrus Springs Post 4864 opens at noon each day. For information about menus, activities or membership, call 352-465-4864.
- VFW Post 7122 is at 8191 S. Florida Ave., Floral City, phone 352-637-0100 for daily activities and menus.
- VFW Post 10137 in Bushnell is 2 miles north of Florida National Cemetery on Sumter County Road 476-B, 352-793-8511. Post and auxiliary meetings are the third Thursday monthly: house committee 4 p.m., joint meeting 4:30, general meeting 5. Stop by and pick up a calendar with a complete list of all of our activities.

## Other groups

- Citrus County Female Veterans meet at 1:30 p.m. the second Thursday monthly at the Citrus County Resource Center in Lecanto, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, 352-527-5900. Contact Cynthia at 352-628-6481 or Cynthia@femaleveteransnetwork.org, or Jo Monty at 352-527-6575. Visit www.FemaleVeteransNetwork.org.
- The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Citrus County Chapter is an independent, nonprofit and

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- Disabled American Veterans Gerald A. Shonk Chapter No. 70, 1039 N. Paul Drive, Inverness, at the intersection of Independence Highway and U.S. 41. Call 352-419-0207.

- Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Unit No. 70 meets at 2 p.m. the second Tuesday. Call Cmdr. Sunny Hayes at 352-527-3395 or Adjutant Lynn Armitage at 352-341-5334.

- The Korean War Veterans Association, Citrus Chapter 192 meets at 1 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly at Harry F. Nesbitt VFW Post 10087, 2170 W. Vet Lane, Beverly Hills. Call Commander Hank Butler at 352-634-1604 or Secretary John Seaman at 352-860-0123.

# Wedding ANNOUNCEMENT

## Richard & Holly Davis

Richard and Holly Davis of Inverness were married on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020.

The couple exchanged vows in Cedar Key, with Steve Priessman officiating.

The bride is an owner and stylist at Becoming You Salon, and the groom is employed at Duke Energy.



## Honor a veteran you know

Know a local veteran that deserves some recognition?

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It can be a fond memory, life story, appreciation piece for service or community efforts, remembrance postscript or short note.

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Email gwen.bittner@chronicleonline.com or call 352-563-3224 for more information.

# News of RECORD

## Marriages recorded in Citrus County from Nov. 23-39, 2020

- Sean Edmond Mckean, Citrus Springs / Julie Hoffman Biery, Citrus Springs.
- Steven James Quinn, Beverly Hills / Stephanie Lynn Crowson, Beverly Hills.
- Ruben Santiago Jr., Lecanto / Heather Anne Bartkiewicz, Beverly Hills.
- Steven Allen Waller, Hernando / Linda

Gail Mckinney, Hernando.

## Dissolution of marriage

- Mary Ann Gillespie, Crystal River vs. William F Gillespie, Beverly Hills.

■ The News of Record is a matter of public record provided by the office of the Citrus County Clerk of the Circuit Court.

## ADD AN EVENT TO THE CHRONICLE ONLINE CALENDAR

- Local groups are welcome to add their upcoming events to the Chronicle's online community calendar. Here's how:
- Go to www.chronicleonline.com. At the very top of the screen, click on "Submit your news."
- Sign in or create an account.
- Once signed in, click on "Calendar Events" in the left-hand column, then click on "Create an event."
- Fill in all fields — those marked with a red asterisk (\*) are required.
- Add photos, if desired, and include all relevant information.
- Click the "Create Event" button at the end.
- Submissions are subject to approval by staff; allow up to a week for processing.

## NEED A REPORTER?

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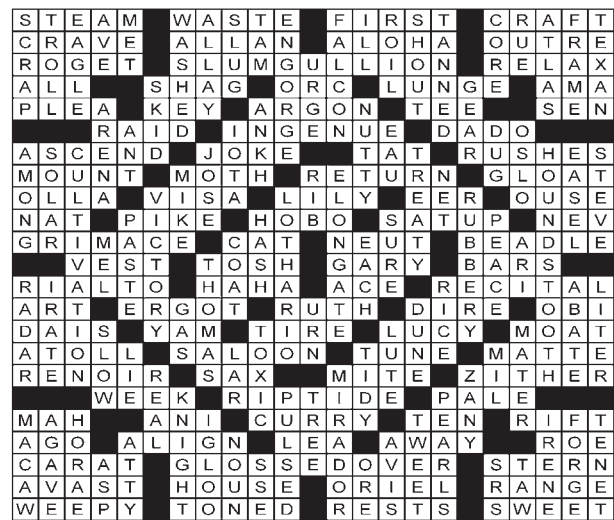
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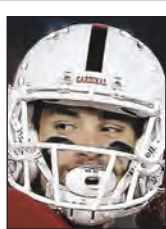
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Receptions for Simi Fehoko on Saturday, setting a new Stanford single-game record, to go with 230 yards and 3 TDs.



**Simi Fehoko**

# SPORTS

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## Clemson routs No. 2 Notre Dame

*Lawrence leads No. 4 Tigers to the ACC crown*

**STEVE REED**  
AP sports writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — After a heartbreaking 47-40 double-overtime loss to Notre Dame last month, Clemson coach Dabo Swinney assured his players in the locker room that there would be no trophy handed out that night.

There would, however, be one up for grabs when they got to Charlotte for the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game.

The Tigers haven't blinked since, staying focused on their goal. On Saturday they collected the hardware — again.

Trevor Lawrence had 412 yards of offense and three touchdowns, Travis Etienne ran for 124 yards and a score and No. 4 Clemson dominated No. 2 Notre Dame 34-10 on Saturday to win its sixth straight ACC title.

"All we had to do was take

care of business after that," Lawrence said about the loss in South Bend. "We remember fans running off the field and getting in our face. You remember those images and keep those things in your head."

Lawrence, who didn't play in the first meeting because the coronavirus, threw long scoring passes to Amari Rodgers and E.J. Williams in the first half to help the Tigers (10-1) lock up a spot in the College Football Playoff for the sixth straight season.

Lawrence, the game MVP and presumptive No. 1 pick in the NFL draft, overcame an early interception on a tipped ball to complete 25 of 36 passes for 322 yards. He ran 14 times for 90 yards, with a 34-yard touchdown scamper.

"His ability to run really stresses your coverage calls," Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly said. "... So what you try to do is bring some pressures that eliminate those runs. It just opens up some 1-on-1 matchups that are not favorable."

The junior quarterback did it all, even throwing a block to spring Etienne for a 15-yard gain on a third-down run late in the second quarter leading to a touchdown and



Associated Press

Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence (16) runs the ball during the first half of the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game against Notre Dame, Saturday in Charlotte, N.C.

a 24-3 halftime lead.

Clemson has won all nine games Lawrence has started by at least 18 points and their

average margin of victory in those games is 33.6 points.

Swinney called Lawrence the best player in the country.

"It would be a crying shame if the Heisman didn't attach their name to Trevor Lawrence,"

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## Tide take the title



Associated Press

Florida tight end Kyle Pitts (84) makes a touchdown catch against Alabama defensive back Brian Branch (14) during the second half of the Southeastern Conference championship game, Saturday in Atlanta. The Crimson Tide won 52-46. For a full recap, see Monday's sports section.

Bucs look to solidify playoff chances  
*Brady, Tampa Bay face off against Falcons*

**CHARLES ODUM**  
AP sports writer

ATLANTA — At 43, Tom Brady is on the verge of proving he was the right choice to help Tampa Bay end the NFL's second-longest playoff drought.

At 35, Matt Ryan is determined to answer new doubts that he's still capable of bringing Atlanta back to the postseason.

The Buccaneers (8-5) could move closer to their first playoff appearance since 2007 when they visit Atlanta (4-9) on Sunday.

The Buccaneers currently hold the NFC's No. 6 playoff spot following last week's 26-14 win over Minnesota. Tampa Bay plays at Detroit next week before facing the Falcons again at home to close the regular season.

Brady is making no assumptions about the Bucs' path to the playoffs.

"Wherever that takes us, it takes us. It will be up to us to earn it," Brady said. "No one is going to give you anything in the NFL. It's too competitive, it's too tough. Every week is a challenge."

After 12 consecutive seasons of missing the postseason, Tampa Bay signed Brady after he led New England to nine Super Bowls, including six championships.

Brady holds the NFL record for quarterbacks with 30 playoff wins. One of his six Super Bowl championships came against Ryan and the Falcons. The Patriots rallied from a 28-3 deficit to win 34-28 in overtime in Super Bowl 51 following the 2016 season.

Brady is 6-0 against Atlanta. Ryan needs no reminders of the Super Bowl collapse, and he's not interested in revisiting bad memories by watching a replay of the game.

"I don't pop that one in all that often," Ryan said this week as he prepared for the visit from Brady's Bucs. "Different  
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## Aggies make last case No. 5 Texas A&M defeats Tennessee

AL LESAR  
Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — No. 5 Texas A&M closed its case for inclusion in the College Football Playoff by mauling Tennessee by three touchdowns.

Then the Aggies started campaigning.

"I haven't lobbied or said a word up until now," Aggies coach Jimbo Fisher said. "We lost to the No. 1 team in the country (Alabama), then won seven games in a row. We can play with anybody."

"We play in the best league in ball. Some teams aren't even playing seven games. They're supposed to pick the best four."

Kellen Mond threw for 281 yards and a touchdown and rushed for 59 yards and a score to lead the Aggies to a 34-13 victory against the Volunteers on Saturday.

Isaiah Spiller ran for 89 yards and a touchdown, and Ainius Smith scored once rushing and once receiving.

Fisher refused to get caught up in wondering if his team would pass the so-called eye test.

"We play in the best league with the best players," the coach said. "That's as much of an eye test as anything. Eight wins in the SEC ... I'd like to see someone else do that."

Tennessee (3-7) has lost seven of its last eight games, ramping up speculation about Jeremy Pruitt's future as Vols coach.

### No. 25 San Jose St. 34, Boise St. 20

LAS VEGAS — Nick Starkel completed 32 of 52 passes for 453 yards and three touchdowns to lead No. 25 San Jose State to its first Mountain West Conference championship, 34-20 over Boise State.

The Spartans (7-0) had lost all 14 previous meetings with the Broncos (5-2).

Starkel broke former Fresno State star Derek Carr's title-game record of 404 yards passing set in 2013 in a victory over Utah State.

The Walker and Derrick Deese Jr. each had seven receptions. Walker led all receivers with 137 yards.

Boise State's Hank Bachmeier completed 20 of 40 pass attempts for 221 yards.

San Jose State held the Broncos to a paltry 12 yards on 24 rushes.

The Spartans scored on five of their seven first-half drives.

### Army 10, Air Force 7

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Jakobi Buchanan scored on a 1-yard run with 73 seconds left, and Army rallied past Air Force 10-7 on Saturday to win the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy for the ninth time.

With time winding in the fourth quarter, Army drove 80 yards to the Air Force 1 and Buchanan delivered. Arik Smith's interception on a deflected pass sealed it for the Black Knights.

### Oregon 31, No. 13 Southern Cal 24

LOS ANGELES — Anthony Brown threw two touchdown passes in his unusual Oregon debut, Jamal Hill made an interception with 2:47 to play, and the Ducks won their second straight Pac-12 title with a 31-24 victory over No. 13 Southern California in the championship game Friday night.

# Buckeyes remain atop Big Ten

## No. 3 OSU runs past the No. 15 Wildcats

MICHAEL MAROT  
AP sports writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Ohio State running back Trey Sermon got the message Saturday.

He'd heard coach Ryan Day preach about everything the Buckeyes overcame to reach this season's Big Ten championship game. He also heard Day urging players to overcome more obstacles in the second half.

So Sermon delivered — with a record-breaking performance.

He ran for 331 yards and scored two second-half touchdowns, helping No. 3 Ohio State rally past No. 15 Northwestern 22-10 for its fourth straight conference crown and a likely spot in the College Football Playoff.

"I'm aware of my ability and I know I'm more than capable of playing my game, which is making guys miss and playing at the second level," the Big Ten championship game MVP said. "When I'm in the zone, I feel like the game just really slows down and I can see everything develop, make the right reads and make the right cuts."

Sermon used the combination of vision and speed to average 11.4 yards on 29 carries against one of the nation's top defenses, breaking Eddie George's single-game school record and the Big Ten championship game mark.

The former Oklahoma back did it all when the Buckeyes (6-0) needed him most, too.

Quarterback Justin Fields said he couldn't throw the ball late in the game because of a sprained right thumb. Starting running back Master Teague left in the first half with an undisclosed injury, and star receiver Chris Olave was inactive and didn't make the trip.

With Ohio State struggling and down 10-6 at halftime, it had a familiar



Ohio State running back Trey Sermon (8) runs with the ball as Northwestern linebacker Blake Gallagher (51) defends during the first half of the Big Ten championship game, Saturday in Indianapolis.

feel to Day.

"This game was a microcosm of what this whole season has been," Day said. "These guys, they've been gritty, they're tough. They've been through so much and they just don't flinch."

For Northwestern (6-2) it was agonizing.

The Wildcats led from the moment Cam Porter scored on a 9-yard run with 4:03 left in the first quarter until the moment Sermon answered with a 9-yard run to give the Buckeyes a 13-10 lead with 2:41 left in the third.

In between, Northwestern settled for a field goal on one drive and blew another scoring chance when Peyton Ramsey was picked off in the end zone to open the second half.

Ramsey was 24 of 37 with 224 yards and ran effectively, too. But he threw two interceptions and lost a fumble — all in the final two quarters.

"I'm just hurting for our seniors," coach Pat Fitzgerald said. "We didn't come down here to play hard, we came down here to win, and not to get the

job done is bitterly disappointing."

Ohio State added a 26-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter, and Sermon, fittingly, sealed the win with a 3-yard scoring run with 4:03 to go.

"We wanted to throw early, wear them out and run in the second half," Day said. "That's how it kind of played out."

### THE TAKEAWAY

**Northwestern:** For the second time in three years, the Wildcats played better than most expected in the title game. But again Northwestern wore down late and went home as the runner-up.

**Ohio State:** League officials waived the six-game eligibility requirement and the Buckeyes took full advantage of their chance. They didn't earn many style points, but they are undefeated.

### POLL IMPLICATIONS

**Northwestern:** The Wildcats may slide in the polls but this loss shouldn't hurt their bowl

resume much.

**Ohio State:** Whatever happens in the polls this week, the Buckeyes really only care about one thing — making the playoff.

### COMMITTEE QUESTIONS

The CFP selection committee might want some answers from Ohio State before releasing the brackets Sunday.

Ohio State had nearly two dozen players on its inactive list for the second straight game and Olave wasn't the only big name missing. Linebacker Baron Browning, defensive end Tyler Friday and punter Drue Chrisman were inactive, too.

Day said only "a few" of Saturday's inactives might have to sit out the mandated 21 days for testing positive for COVID-19.

Starting safety Marcus Hooker didn't dress, either. And injuries to Fields and Teague could further complicate matters.

Fitzgerald still believes the Buckeyes belong.

"No. 1, they're undefeated," he said. "No. 2,

they have an incredibly talented team. They've overcome a bunch of adversity through COVID and run the gamut of the Big Ten season. With the ups and downs, I don't think everyone understands the emotion that goes into the challenges they've been through."

### FAMILIES FIRST

Day said he supported the lobbying efforts of Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly and Clemson coach Dabo Sweeney to allow players' families at playoff games, though he acknowledged he hadn't given it or the logistics much thought this week.

"I did see the comments that were made and I also agree that families need to be there," Day said. "These guys have been away from their families for a long time."

### UP NEXT

**Northwestern:** Will find out Sunday where its headed for bowl season.

**Ohio State:** Must wait to see if it will be included in the national championship shootout.

# Sooners win 6th B12 title in row

## No. 12 Oklahoma downs Iowa State

STEPHEN HAWKINS  
AP sports writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley remembered two specific moments right after the No. 12 Sooners won their sixth consecutive Big 12 championship.

There was the uncertainty of what was next when players were sent home after one spring practice in March at the start of the coronavirus pandemic. And then the feeling in the locker room after a loss at Iowa State that had Oklahoma 0-2 in league play for the first time since 1998.

The Sooners got a bit of revenge Saturday when winning another Big 12 title game, with Spencer Rattler throwing a 45-yard touchdown to fellow freshman Marvin Mims and running for another score in a 27-21 victory over the No. 8 Cyclones.

"I've felt tremendous excitement after each one of them, but this one does feel different ... maybe the most unlikely," said Riley, the fourth-year head coach who was the Sooners' offensive coordinator the two seasons before that.

That impressive title streak probably won't be enough to get the Sooners (8-2, No. 10 CFP) back in the College Football Playoff for the fourth year in a row, even when paired with their seven-game winning streak since that 37-30 loss in Ames, Iowa on Oct. 3.

Oklahoma still has its 14th Big 12 title overall in the league's 25-season history, and the 50th conference championship in school history.

"When we were 0-2 in the conference, and I told them a place like OU there's nowhere to hide. It's not like we're just going to



Oklahoma quarterback Spencer Rattler (7) throws against Iowa State during the first half of the Big 12 Conference championship game, Saturday in Arlington, Texas.

off and have a bad season and people aren't going to pay attention," Riley said. "I think everybody in our locker room knew that this was possible at that point, and what a tremendous run it's been."

Big 12 rushing leader Breece Hall ran for two touchdowns for the Cyclones (8-3, No. 6 CFP) in the second half, when Oklahoma punted on its first five drives before Gabe Brkie's 32-yard field goal with 2:01 left. The Sooners finally clinched the game when Iowa State quarterback Brock Purdy was under pressure and threw his third interception, a fluttering pass picked off by Tre Brown inside the 10.

The Sooners will play in a New Year's Six game, probably back at AT&T Stadium, after winning their fourth straight Big 12 championship since the title game was reinstated — with four different starting quarterbacks. Rattler, who finished 22 of 34 for 272 yards and his 25th TD, is the first of

those QBs who went to Oklahoma as a freshman instead of transferring into the program.

Iowa State played in a conference championship game for the first time in school history, though fifth-year coach Matt Campbell was incensed at times. Standout defensive back Isheem Young was ejected after a questionable targeting call in the opening minute, and the Cyclones later didn't get a fourth-down call when trying to draw Oklahoma offside even when two Sooners appeared to jump over the line.

Campbell lost it on the sideline, pointing and screaming, but like his team calmed down and got back in the game.

"I hope we just got respect on our name, on this university, to everybody outside of this program that we're here to stay and we're always going to play our butts off," Cyclones receiver Xavier Hutchinson said.

Rattler hit Mims in stride behind two defenders on the

opening play of the second quarter to put Oklahoma up 14-0. That came after a 16-yard catch by Mims to end the first quarter on a pass that first deflected off two defenders.

After Iowa State finally scored with 1:34 left in the first half on Purdy's 10-yard touchdown pass to tight end Charlie Kolar, the Sooners got a 43-yard kickoff return from Brown. That set up a quick four-play drive capped by Rattler's 9-yard keeper for a 24-7 halftime lead.

### THE TAKEAWAY

**Iowa State:** Purdy, the third-year starting quarterback, finished 27 of 40 for 322 yards. The first two picks he threw came immediately after he ran for big gains.

"I still think Brock was really good," Campbell said. "I know there were times that the ball got turned, but there's pressure. We're nowhere close in that football game if Brock Purdy's not our quarterback."

Hall was held to a season-low 79 yards on 23 carries. He averaged 135.7 yards per game during the regular season, with 139 against the Sooners in October.

**Oklahoma:** The Sooners' streak of six consecutive outright league titles is the longest for a Power Five program since they won 12 consecutive titles in the old Big Eight from 1948-59. (Clemson went into Saturday's ACC title game with five consecutive outright titles).

### UP NEXT

**Iowa State:** The Cyclones, still with a chance for their first nine-win season since 2000, are set to play in a bowl game for the fourth consecutive season. It could be a New Year's Six game.

**Oklahoma:** The Sooners are bowl-bound for the 22nd year in a row, likely the Cotton Bowl on Dec. 30.

**FOOTBALL**

**NFL standings**

**AMERICAN CONFERENCE**

**East**

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	11	3	0	.786	407	340
Miami	8	5	0	.615	330	245
New England	6	7	0	.462	277	279
N.Y. Jets	0	13	0	.000	183	393

**South**

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	9	4	0	.692	372	300
Tennessee	9	4	0	.692	390	336
Houston	4	9	0	.308	295	359
Jacksonville	1	12	0	.077	261	383

**North**

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Pittsburgh	11	2	0	.846	349	237
Cleveland	9	4	0	.692	348	368
Baltimore	8	5	0	.615	363	273
Cincinnati	2	10	1	.192	244	338

**West**

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
yx-Kansas City	12	1	0	.923	403	281
Las Vegas	7	7	0	.500	377	421
Denver	5	9	0	.357	276	395
L.A. Chargers	5	9	0	.357	327	389

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**East**

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	6	7	0	.462	287	275
N.Y. Giants	5	8	0	.385	238	291
Philadelphia	4	8	1	.346	277	328
Dallas	4	9	0	.308	298	400

**South**

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-New Orleans	10	3	0	.769	368	265
Tampa Bay	8	5	0	.615	370	294
Atlanta	4	9	0	.308	328	322
Carolina	4	10	0	.286	323	356

**North**

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
yx-Green Bay	11	3	0	.786	434	339
Chicago	6	7	0	.462	282	291
Minnesota	6	7	0	.462	333	355
Detroit	5	8	0	.385	310	389

**West**

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	9	4	0	.692	325	246
Seattle	9	4	0	.692	393	324
Arizona	7	6	0	.538	358	303
San Francisco	5	8	0	.385	300	311

x-clinched playoff spot  
y-clinched division

**Thursday's Game**

L.A. Chargers 30, Las Vegas 27, OT

**Saturday's Games**

Buffalo 48, Denver 19  
Green Bay 24, Carolina 16

**Today's Games**

Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m.  
Detroit at Tennessee, 1 p.m.  
Houston at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.  
Jacksonville at Baltimore, 1 p.m.  
New England at Miami, 1 p.m.  
San Francisco at Dallas, 1 p.m.  
Seattle at Washington, 1 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.  
N.Y. Jets at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.  
Kansas City at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m.  
Cleveland at N.Y. Giants, 8:20 p.m.

**Monday's Game**

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 8:15 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 25**

Minnesota at New Orleans, 4:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 26**

Tampa Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.  
San Francisco at Arizona, 4:30 p.m.  
Miami at Las Vegas, 8:15 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 27**

Atlanta at Kansas City, 1 p.m.  
Carolina at Washington, 1 p.m.  
Chicago at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Houston, 1 p.m.  
Cleveland at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.  
Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.  
N.Y. Giants at Baltimore, 1 p.m.  
Denver at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.  
L.A. Rams at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.  
Tennessee at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 28**

Buffalo at New England, 8:15 p.m.

**Buffalo 48, Denver 19**

Buffalo	7	14	17	10	—	48
Denver	0	13	0	6	—	19

**First Quarter**

Buf—Knox 9 pass from Allen (Bass kick), 4:05.

**Second Quarter**

Buf—Allen 24 run (Bass kick), 10:30.  
Den—Gordon 10 run (Rusolino kick), 6:28.  
Buf—Kumerow 22 pass from Allen (Bass kick), 1:49.  
Den—Fant 6 pass from Lock (kick failed), :05.

**Third Quarter**

Buf—Allen 1 run (Bass kick), 10:58.  
Buf—Hughes 21 fumble return (Bass kick), 10:41.  
Buf—FG Bass 27, :44.

**Fourth Quarter**

Buf—FG Bass 27, 5:46.  
Den—Gordon 8 run (kick failed), 1:52.  
Buf—Singletary 51 run (Bass kick), 1:40.

	Buf	Den
First downs	29	19
Total Net Yards	534	255
Rushes-yards	24-182	28-140
Passing	352	115
Punt Returns	4-7	1-0
Kickoff Returns	3-102	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	28-40-0	20-32-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-7	3-17
Punts	1-63.0	6-48.5
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	8-75	7-33
Time of Possession	33:50	26:10

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**RUSHING**—Buffalo, Moss 13-81, Singletary 8-68, Allen 3-33, Denver, Gordon 11-61, Lindsay 11-38, Lock 5-37, Freeman 1-4.  
**PASSING**—Buffalo, Allen 28-40-0-359, Denver, Lock 20-32-0-132.  
**RECEIVING**—Buffalo, Diggs 11-147, Beasley 8-112, Singletary 3-16, Knox 2-36, Davis 2-18, Kumerow 1-22, McKenzie 1-8, Denver, Fant 8-68, Gordon 4-20, Patrick 3-14, Lindsay 3-7, Jeudy 1-19, Hamler 1-4.  
**MISSED FIELD GOALS**—Denver, Rusolino 51.

**Green Bay 24, Carolina 16**

Carolina	3	0	7	6	—	16
Green Bay	7	14	0	3	—	24

**First Quarter**

GB—Tonyan 1 pass from Rodgers (Crosby kick), 9:54.  
Car—FG Slye 36, 5:57.

**Second Quarter**

GB—Rodgers 6 run (Crosby kick), 14:09.  
GB—Jones 8 run (Crosby kick), 3:58.

**Third Quarter**

Car—Bridgewater 13 run (Slye kick), 5:15.

**Fourth Quarter**

Car—FG Slye 22, 8:39.  
GB—FG Crosby 51, 3:39.  
Car—FG Slye 33, 2:04.

	Car	GB
First downs	20	20
Total Net Yards	364	291
Rushes-yards	27-115	27-195
Passing	249	96
Punt Returns	3-20	1-5
Kickoff Returns	3-72	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	21-35-0	20-29-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-9	5-47
Punts	4-45.8	6-45.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-66	5-50
Time of Possession	30:51	29:09

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**RUSHING**—Carolina, Davis 14-59, Bridge-

*Florida* **LOTTERY**

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

<b>PICK 2 (early)</b>	<b>FANTASY 5</b>
<b>9 - 6</b>	<b>5 - 16 - 32 - 33 - 36</b>
<b>PICK 2 (late)</b>	<b>LOTTO</b>
<b>8 - 3</b>	<b>2 - 8 - 35 - 37 - 40 - 53</b>
<b>PICK 3 (early)</b>	<b>POWERBALL</b>
<b>2 - 4 - 3</b>	<b>27 - 32 - 34 - 43 - 52</b>
<b>PICK 3 (late)</b>	<b>POWER BALL</b>
<b>2 - 3 - 1</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>PICK 4 (early)</b>	<b>CASH 4 LIFE</b>
<b>7 - 3 - 8 - 1</b>	<b>25 - 31 - 48 - 56 - 57</b>
<b>PICK 4 (late)</b>	<b>CASH BALL</b>
<b>3 - 0 - 0 - 1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PICK 5 (early)</b>	
<b>5 - 1 - 7 - 0 - 5</b>	
<b>PICK 5 (late)</b>	
<b>6 - 9 - 8 - 0 - 7</b>	

Friday's winning numbers and payouts:

<b>Jackpot Triple Play:</b> 8 - 24 - 26 - 28 - 37 - 44	4-of-5 MB No winner
6-of-6 No winner	4-of-5 No winner
5-of-6 14 winners \$746	3-of-5 MB 25 \$500
4-of-6 1,070 \$23.50	3-of-5 85 \$200
3-of-6 18,474 \$1	2-of-5 MB 1,917 \$10
Combo 10+ 2 \$10,000	Fantasy 5: 2 - 11 - 13 - 15 - 33
Combo9 10 \$500	5-of-5 1 winner \$203,940.32
Combo8 78 \$50	4-of-5 286 \$115
Combo7 470 \$20	3-of-5 9,092 \$10
Combo6 2,730 \$10	<b>Cash 4 Life:</b> 2 - 38 - 44 - 52 - 57
Combo5 10,119 \$5	<b>Cash Ball:</b> 3
<b>Mega Millions:</b> 7 - 15 - 25 - 51 - 60	5-of-5 CB No winner
<b>Mega Ball:</b> 5	5-of-5 No winner
5-of-5 MB No winner	<b>Players should verify winning numbers by calling 850-487-7777 or at www.flalottery.com.</b>
5-of-5 No winner	

*On the* **AIRWAVES**

**TODAY'S SPORTS**

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

**5 a.m. (SEC)** Radford at Vanderbilt (Same-day Tape)  
**12 p.m. (FS1)** Creighton at Connecticut  
**1 p.m. (ESPN2)** Illinois at Rutgers  
**2 p.m. (FS1)** Marquette at Xavier  
**2 p.m. (SEC)** Oral Roberts at Arkansas  
**3 p.m. (ESPN2)** Youngstown State at Northern Kentucky  
**4:30 p.m. (FS1)** Providence at Seton Hall  
**6 p.m. (ACCN)** Delaware State at Georgia Tech  
**6:30 p.m. (FS1)** Georgetown at St. John's  
**8:30 p.m. (FS1)** Saint Louis at Minnesota  
**11 p.m. (ESPNU)** Campbell at NC State (Taped)  
**1 a.m. (ESPNU)** South Florida at Cincinnati (Taped)

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

**12 p.m. (ACCN)** Virginia at Virginia Tech  
**12 p.m. (SEC)** Jackson State at Tennessee  
**2 p.m. (ACCN)** Syracuse at Boston College  
**3 p.m. (FSNFL)** South Dakota at Oklahoma  
**3 p.m. (SUN)** Notre Dame at Clemson  
**4 p.m. (SEC)** Central Arkansas at Mississippi State  
**2 a.m. (ACCN)** Wake Forest at North Carolina (Same-day Tape)  
**4 a.m. (ACCN)** Pittsburgh at Florida State (Same-day Tape)

**NBA PRESEASON BASKETBALL**

**4 p.m. (NBA)** Memphis Grizzlies at Minnesota Timberwolves (Taped)

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

**12 p.m. (ESPN)** College Football Playoff Selection Show  
**2 a.m. (ESPN2)** Teams TBA (Taped)  
**3 a.m. (ESPN)** Teams TBA (Taped)  
**3 a.m. (SEC)** Missouri at Mississippi State (Taped)

**NFL**

**1 p.m. (10 CBS)** New England Patriots at Miami Dolphins  
**1 p.m. (13 FOX)** Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Atlanta Falcons  
**4:25 p.m. (10 CBS)** Kansas City Chiefs at New Orleans Saints  
**8:20 p.m. (8 NBC)** Cleveland Browns at New York Giants

**GOLF**

**12 p.m. (8 NBC)** LPGA Tour CME Group Tour Championship, Final Round  
**2 p.m. (GOLF)** PNC Championship, Final Day (Same-day Tape)  
**3 p.m. (8 NBC)** PGA Tour Champions PNC Championship, Day 2  
**11 p.m. (GOLF)** LPGA Tour CME Group Tour Championship, Final Round (Taped)

**MARTIAL ARTS**

**1:01 a.m. (TNT)** ONE Championship: Collision Course (Taped)

**RUGBY**

**7 a.m. (NBCSPT)** European Champions Cup Gloucester vs Ulster (Taped)  
**5 p.m. (NBCSPT)** European Champions Cup Harlequins vs Racing 92 (Same-day Tape)

**SOCCER**

**6:25 a.m. (ESPN2)** Italian Serie A Torino vs Bologna  
**9:10 a.m. (NBCSPT)** Premier League Tottenham Hotspur vs Leicester City  
**11:25 a.m. (NBCSPT)** Premier League Manchester United vs Leeds United  
**2:10 p.m. (NBCSPT)** Premier League West Brom vs Aston Villa

**WINTER SPORTS**

**7 p.m. (NBCSPT)** FIS Cross-Country Skiing World Cup: Men's Team Sprint & Women's Team Sprint (Same-day Tape)  
**9:30 p.m. (NBCSPT)** FIS Alpine Skiing World Cup: Women's Super-G (Same-day Tape)  
**11 p.m. (NBCSPT)** FIS Alpine Skiing World Cup: Men's Giant Slalom, 2nd Round (Same-day Tape)

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

water 4-26, Smith 4-23, Samuel 2-6, Zylstra 1-1, Moore 1-1, Anderson 1-(minus 1), Green Bay, Jones 20-145, Rodgers 5-26, Dillon 1-18, Williams 1-6. <b>PASSING</b> —Carolina, Bridgewater 21-35-0-258, Green Bay, Rodgers 20-29-0-143. <b>RECEIVING</b> —Carolina, Moore 6-131, Samuel 4-42, Thomas 3-29, Smith 3-24, Anderson 2-21, Davis 2-2, Armah 1-9, Green Bay, Adams 7-42, Lazard 5-56, Tonyan 3-18, Jones 3-13, Williams 2-14. <b>GOLF</b> <b>LPGA CME Group Tour Championship</b> <b>Saturday</b> At Tiburon Golf Club, Naples, Fla. <b>Purse: \$3 million</b> <b>Yardage: 6,556; Par: 72</b> <b>Third Round</b> Sei Young Kim 67-69-67—203 -13 Jin Young Ko 68-67-69—204 -12	Georgia Hall 69-69-68—206 -10 Brooke M. Henderson 73-68-66—207 -9 Charley Hull 72-69-66—207 -9 Minjee Lee 68-73-66—207 -9 Austin Ernst 69-69-69—207 -9 Lexi Thompson 65-71-71—207 -9 Christie Kerr 68-74-66—208 -8 Lydia Ko 74-65-69—208 -8 Mina Harigae 70-69-69—208 -8 Hannah Green 69-68-71—208 -8 Xiyu Lin 71-71-70—209 -7 Perrine Delacour 70-71-68—209 -7 Sarah Schmelzel 71-69-69—209 -7 Anna Nordqvist 68-72-70—210 -6 Cydnee Clanton 70-68-72—210 -6 Cheyenne Knight 71-72-68—211 -5 Madelene Sagstrom 72-72-68—212 -4 Moriya Jutanugarn 70-73-69—212 -4 Yealimi Noh 73-69-70—212 -4 Celine Boutier 71-71-70—212 -4 Gabby Lopez 71-71-70—212 -4 Jennifer Kupcho 70-72-70—212 -4 Katherine Kirk 72-68-72—212 -4 Nelly Korda 72-66-74—212 -4 Caroline Masson 67-71-74—212 -4
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**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**Bills beat Broncos for first AFC East crown since 1995**

DENVER — The Buffalo Bills captured their first AFC East title in a quarter-century Saturday when 24-year-old quarterback Josh Allen threw for two touchdowns and ran for two more in a 48-19 rout of the Denver Broncos.

The Bills (11-3) scored twice in a 17-second span in the third quarter to ice their fourth straight victory that officially ended the New England Patriots' 11-year reign atop the division.

The Broncos (5-9) have their fourth consecutive losing season for the first time since they had 10 straight sub-.500 campaigns from 1963-72. They also became the first team ever to go five years without making the playoffs following a Super Bowl title.

**Packers outlast Panthers for 4th straight victory**

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Aaron Jones rushed for 145 yards and a touchdown as the Green Bay Packers reached the end zone on their first three series before hanging on to beat the Carolina Panthers 24-16 on Saturday night.

Aaron Rodgers threw for a season-low 143 yards but produced a touchdown pass — his 40th of the season — and a touchdown run for the Packers. Rodgers is the first player in NFL history to throw at least 40 touchdown passes in three separate seasons; he had 45 during his 2011 MVP campaign and 40 in 2016.

Green Bay (11-3) won its fourth straight and took a half-game lead over New Orleans (10-3) in the race for the NFC's best record. The Packers own a tiebreaker over the Saints after winning 37-30 at New Orleans on Sept. 27.

Under the NFL's new 14-team playoff format this year, only the No. 1 seed in each conference earns a first-round bye.

The Panthers (4-10) have lost eight of their last nine games.

**CFP semifinal at Rose Bowl moved to AT&T Stadium**

The College Football Playoff semifinal scheduled to be played at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California, on Jan. 1 is moving to the Dallas Cowboys' stadium in Arlington, Texas.

College Football Playoff executive director Bill Hancock said Saturday night that the CFP management committee and Tournament of Roses mutually agreed to relocate the game because of the growing number of COVID-19 cases in Southern California.

California state health restrictions have banned the Rose Bowl from having fans in attendance for the game. Coaches and school officials from playoff contenders have complained about players' parents not being permitted to attend the game.

The Rose Bowl asked the state for an exception to the restriction but was denied twice.

Hancock said it had not yet been determined if the game played in Texas will still be called the Rose Bowl.

**Tiger's son makes TV debut, looks right at home**

The guy with a swoosh on his shirt and a Tiger head cover on his driver looked pretty good.

So did Tiger Woods. Charlie Woods, the 11-year-old son of the 15-time major champion, made his national TV debut Saturday in the PNC Championship. And according to his dad, he played just like he does at home.

Never mind that he had some 250 people following along, more than his dad had watching him at the Masters. Charlie confidently twirled his club before shots, quickly picked up the tee on his drives and even pumped his fist on the par-5 third hole with a 3-wood into 3 feet for eagle.

They finished the scramble format at 10-under 62, four shots behind Matt Kuchar and son Cameron.

**Kim takes 1-shot lead in LPGA Tour finale**

NAPLES — Sei Young Kim is in position to defend her title in the CME Group Tour Championship, take player of the year honors, win the money title and possibly even move to No. 1 in the world.

Kim took a one-stroke lead over top-ranked Jin Young Ko into the final round of the LPGA Tour season, shooting a 5-under 67 on Saturday in warmer conditions at Tiburon Golf Club to reach 13-under 203. Ko had a 69.

— From wire reports

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memory for him than it is for me."

Falcons interim coach Raheem Morris, who was Atlanta's wide receivers coach in 2016, said he has no interest in revisiting the Super Bowl loss. He said he doesn't blame Brady if the quarterback celebrates his post-season success.

"No, that game's in the past," Morris said. "I hate Tom enough. I don't need more motivation. ... He's the best player in the game I've seen and when you're the best and you're able to prove it every single week, you have the right to put up your old Super Bowls and your old rings. ... I do hate him for it. I just hate him for it."

Ryan threw a season-high three interceptions in last week's 20-17 loss at the Los Angeles Chargers. Including a costly poor pass late in the loss to the Chargers, Ryan

# Chiefs-Saints matchup brings plenty of hype

## Brees could make return from IR

**BARRY WILNER**  
AP pro football writer

A rite of December in the NFL, along with Christmas, Hanukkah and meaningless games for the Jets, Bengals and Lions, is the release of playoff scenarios.

Those scenarios become less complicated as the league gets deeper into the month. Suffice to note that eight of the top teams can clinch something this weekend.

The real spotlight, of course, is on two of the clubs already headed to the playoffs: defending Super Bowl champion Kansas City (12-1) at New Orleans (10-3).

Kansas City owns the AFC West crown and clinches the top seed and bye in the AFC with a victory plus losses by Pittsburgh and Buffalo. With only one bye for this season's playoffs, that's huge.

New Orleans takes the NFC South with a win or a Buccaneers loss. The race for the No. 1 conference seed is tight, with the Packers one game ahead of the Saints, the Rams and Seahawks one game behind.

If Drew Brees is active after missing four games with fractured ribs and a collapsed lung, it would make for an intriguing matchup with Patrick Mahomes.

"Hopefully we get to go up against him or I get to go up against him," Mahomes says, "but if not, hopefully we'll get to face him at some other time. Because you want to play against those great quarterbacks that you watched growing up that were kind of guys that you looked up to and the way they played the game."

Two players to watch are wideouts Tyreek Hill and Michael Thomas.

Hill is tied for the NFL lead in touchdowns receiving with 14. Thomas, who has had a rough season after winning the 2019 Offensive Player of the Year award, is coming on following several injuries. He has two games in which he eclipsed 100 yards receiving in the past four — with Taysom Hill at quarterback.

The action began Thursday night with some extra football. Rookie Justin Herbert completed a 53-yard pass to Jalen Guyton that set up Herbert's touchdown sneak from inside the 1 as the Los Angeles Chargers won at Las Vegas 30-27. The Chargers (5-9) had lost nine in a row within the AFC West.

Las Vegas (7-7) had kicked a field goal on the only other possession of the overtime.

## Seattle (9-4) at Washington (6-7)

The Seahawks will clinch a playoff spot for the eighth time in nine seasons with a victory or tie. What happens inside the 20-yard line could be telling: Seattle's red-zone offense is second best in the league at 74.5% success rate, and Washington's red-zone defense is tied for second best at 50%.

Each team has a dangerous defender who can swing matters, too. Seahawks safety Jamal Adams has 8 1-2 sacks, the most in a season by a defensive back since sacks became an official stat in 1982. Washington end Chase Young, the No. 2 overall

pick in the draft, leads rookies with 5 1-2 sacks. Last week against San Francisco, he had a sack, a forced fumble and a 47-yard fumble return for a TD.

## New England (6-7) at Miami (8-5)

A loss means no playoffs for New England, snapping an 11-season run. Of course, Tom Brady now plays in Tampa Bay.

One of Miami's strengths is takeaways. The Dolphins' streak of at least one forced turnover in 19 consecutive games is the longest in the NFL. Miami is tied for the NFL lead with 25 takeaways, and tied for second in turnover differential at plus-10. Xavien Howard's nine interceptions are the most in a season in the NFL since Chicago's Tim Jennings had nine in 2012. Patriots cornerback J.C. Jackson is second in interceptions with seven.

## Detroit (5-8) at Tennessee (9-4)

Tennessee clinches a playoff berth with a victory and Baltimore loss, or by winning and the Dolphins losing and the Browns winning.

Derrick Henry, who Hall of Famer running back LaDainian Tomlinson has compared to Jim Brown, ran for a season-high 215 yards and scored two TDs against Jacksonville. He's the first player with four career games with at least 200 yards rushing and two or more TD runs.

Detroit has lost five straight to Tennessee and CB Jeff Okudah, the No. 3 overall pick in the draft, had season-ending surgery to repair a groin injury.

## Jacksonville (1-12) at Baltimore (8-5)

Look for a ground emphasis here.

The Ravens have run for at least 100 yards in 36 straight games, seven short of the NFL record set by Pittsburgh from 1974-77. Baltimore is averaging 173.8 yards on the ground and topped 200 yards in each of the past two games. QB Lamar Jackson leads the NFL with a 6.3 yards per carry average and ranks 10th in the league with 793 yards rushing.

In Jacksonville's awful season, including defeats in the past 12 games, James Robinson is the fourth undrafted rookie in NFL history to reach 1,000 yards rushing. He leads all rookies this season in scrimmage yards (1,361), rushing yards (1,035), rushing attempts (224), first downs (65) and rushing TDs (seven).

## Houston (4-9) at Indianapolis (9-4)

Philip Rivers keeps reaching milestones. He has 417 career touchdown passes and needs three to tie Dan Marino for fifth. Rivers also would be making his 238th career start, tying Tony Gonzalez for No. 8 on the league's all-time list.

While the Colts are right in the postseason mix, the Texans are one of the NFL's biggest flops. Last week's 36-7 against Chicago's inept offense was particularly embarrassing.

## New York Jets (0-13) at Los Angeles Rams (9-4)

Did somebody say mismatch? Invoke the mercy rule?

The NFL's best defense — that would be the Rams — faces the NFL's worst offense. The Rams are also tops in the league in



**ABOVE:** New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees passes in the first half of a game against the San Francisco 49ers in New Orleans, Sunday, Nov. 15.

**BELOW:** Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes looks to pass the football, during the first half of a game against the Miami Dolphins, Sunday, Dec. 13, in Miami Gardens.

passing defense, and the Jets are last in passing offense, a major reason they appear headed to the third 0-16 season in NFL history.

Adding extra incentive for the hosts: Los Angeles clinches a playoff berth with a victory.

## Pittsburgh (11-2) at Cincinnati (2-10-1), Monday night

The only saving grace for this prime-time affair is that the Steelers can secure the AFC North title if Cleveland loses or Pittsburgh wins. Pittsburgh has dominated the series, winning 11 straight and 14 of the past 15. The Steelers are riding a string of 70 games with at least one sack, an NFL record.

Probably the only reason to have this matchup on a Monday night in December was the presence of Bengals QB Joe Burrow. Sorry, he'll be absent with a torn-up knee.

## Cleveland (9-4) at New York Giants (5-8)

The Browns are 3-0 against NFC East teams this season and are 9-4 for the first time since 1994. With one more win, the Browns will match their highest victory total since their 1999 expansion rebirth. They went 10-6 in 2007. They also have scored more than 40 points in successive games for the first time since 1968, but Cleveland has allowed 82 points in the past two games.

Giants quarterback Daniel Jones was limited by a hamstring issue last week and now is battling ankle problems. Another loss for New York could doom any postseason hopes, even in that weak division.

## Philadelphia (4-8-1) at Arizona (7-6)

Former Sooners QBs Kyle Murray and Jalen Hurts go at it.

Hurts won his first career start last week, replacing Carson Wentz and leading an upset over New Orleans. He needs to watch out for Haason Reddick. The Cardinals had eight sacks in their win over the Giants last



weekend and Reddick set a franchise record with five sacks. Philly has yielded 53 sacks, but Hurts wasn't trapped by the Saints.

Murray has led the Cardinals to a 3-0 record against the NFC East, too, winning those games by a combined 94-32.

## San Francisco (5-8) at Dallas (4-9)

On the original NFL schedule, this was the Sunday night game. It shows how far these teams have fallen that the league flexed it to the afternoon. America's Team?

With one more loss, San Francisco will become the second team in the past 13 seasons to finish with a losing record the season after losing the Super Bowl. Carolina went 6-10 in

2016. The Cowboys have allowed a league-high 400 points (30.8 per game), 36 shy of the franchise record from 10 years ago. The seven points allowed against Cincinnati last week were the fewest since a 31-6 win over Miami in Week 3 last season.

## Chicago (6-7) at Minnesota (6-7)

Yes, both teams are alive in the playoff race? Not sure either one deserves that.

The Bears and Vikings are tied for eighth place in the NFC, one game behind Arizona for the last wild-card spot. Chicago has won its past two games at Minnesota. The previous time the Bears had three straight road victories against the Vikings was 1983-85.

## NFL LEADERS

AFC Individual Leaders											
Quarterbacks					Punters						
Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int	No	Yds	Lg	Avg			
Mahomes, KC	497	340	4208	33	5	Bojorquez, Buf	34	1692	72	49.8	
Herbert, LAC	531	353	3781	27	10	Bailey, NE	40	1951	71	48.8	
Watson, Hou	431	297	3761	25	6	Cooke, Jac	49	2334	67	47.4	
Allen, Buf	471	323	3641	28	9	Huber, Cin	56	2652	70	47.6	
Rivers, Ind	454	309	3507	20	9	Martin, Den	52	2457	69	47.3	
Carr, Las	445	303	3396	24	7	Long, LAC	51	2389	63	46.8	
Roethlisberger, Pit	521	345	3292	29	9	Anger, Hou	47	2188	67	46.6	
Tannehill, Ten	403	265	3209	28	5	Townsend, KC	40	1849	67	46.2	
Mayfield, Cle	374	233	2785	23	8	Koch, Bal	49	2200	59	44.9	
Burrow, Cin	404	264	2688	13	5	Berry, Pit	42	1878	62	44.7	
Rushers					Punt Returners						
Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD		
Henry, Ten	297	1532	5.2	94t	14	Roberts, Buf	22	254	11.5	38t	
J.Robinson, Jac	224	1035	4.6	47	7	Grant, Mia	28	323	11.5	88t	
Jacobs, Las	245	907	3.7	24	10	McCloud, Pit	23	263	11.4	57	
Chubb, Cle	150	881	5.9	59	9	Erickson, Cin	18	182	10.1	29	
Jackson, Bal	125	793	6.3	50t	6	Raymond, Ten	23	208	9.0	40	
Hunt, Cle	177	772	4.4	33	5	Hines, Ind	22	184	8.4	21	
Taylor, Ind	168	759	4.5	62t	6	Proche, Bal	21	175	8.3	17	
Gordon, Den	162	753	4.6	65	6	Kickoff Returners					
Edwards-Helaire, KC	167	724	4.3	31		No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	
Harris, NE	137	691	5.0	41	2	Rodgers, Ind	23	673	29.3	101t	1
Receivers					Scoring						
No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts		
Kelce, KC	90	1250	13.9	45	9	Hill, KC	16	2	14	0	
Diggs, Buf	100	1167	11.7	49	5						
Hill, KC	77	1158	15.0	75t	14						
Allen, LAC	100	992	9.9	28	8						
Waller, Las	93	967	10.4	38t	8						
Fuller, Hou	53	879	16.6	77t	8						
Boyd, Cin	78	840	10.8	72t	4						
Beasley, Buf	71	838	11.8	35	4						

# Top-ranked Gonzaga tops Iowa

Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — In early December, Gonzaga paused all activities because of the coronavirus. The top-ranked Bulldogs had five games canceled due to the shutdown, and hadn't played a game since Dec. 2 before Saturday's showdown with No. 3 Iowa.

Despite the layoff, Gonzaga showed little rust in a 99-88 victory over the Hawkeyes. That seemed especially true for freshman Jalen Suggs who scored 18 of his career-high 27 points in the first half to lead the Bulldogs.

Suggs entered the game against Iowa averaging 13.3 points per game. He blew by that midway through the first half and finished 8 for 17 from the floor and was 7 for 10 from the 3-point line after going just 2 for 6 from beyond the arc on Gonzaga's first three games. His previous career high was 24 against Kansas on Nov. 26.

"This past week-and-a-half, I spent a lot of time in the gym by myself, just late at night spending time getting shots up under the gun," Suggs said. "Coming into this weekend, I really felt like my jump shot improved and I felt really comfortable with it. I was telling everybody that this was a shooter's gym. It feels really good in here and I just came out today really confident."

Drew Timme added 15 points and Joel Ayai added 11 points and grabbed a career-high 18 rebounds for Gonzaga (4-0).

Luka Garza led Iowa (6-1) with 30 points and 10 rebounds on 13 of 18 shooting. Joe Wieskamp added 20 points and nine rebounds for the Hawkeyes.

Gonzaga used a 24-10 run to open things up in the first half. Suggs scored 10 points during the run and Gonzaga continued to pour it on in the first half, building the lead to as many as 18 on a Suggs 3-pointer with just under two minutes to play. The Bulldogs shot 58% from the floor in the first half.

While Gonzaga was cruising, Iowa went cold from the field. The Hawkeyes went nearly five minutes without a field goal in the first half. The Hawkeyes entered the game averaging nearly 12 made 3-pointers per game. Against Gonzaga, they were just 4 for 22.

"I didn't expect to shoot 4 for 22," Iowa coach Fran McCaffery said.



Gonzaga guard Jalen Suggs (1) shoot a 3-pointer during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game against Iowa, Saturday in Sioux Falls, S.D.

"We've got really good shooters, but I thought for the most part with the exception of one or two where we were contested, we had good shooters shooting open shots. We were behind a lot of the game and that happens sometimes.

"You miss a couple, then you miss some more. Our main success was driving the ball and throwing it inside. We got into the double bonus relatively early in the second half, but then we miss 12 free throws, which is also very uncharacteristic of our team."

Iowa seemed to have one last gasp midway through the second half. After a Garza basket cut the deficit to 14, the limited number of Iowa fans in the building cheered as the Hawkeyes broke a timeout. A three-point play by Jack Nunge out of the timeout cut it to 81-71, and the Pentagon came to life as the Hawkeyes eyed a comeback.

The Hawkeyes got the deficit down to nine with two minutes to play after trailing by as many as 20 when Aaron Cook scored to make it 71-51 with just over 13 minutes to play.

**No. 2 Baylor 100, Kansas State 69**

MANHATTAN, Kan. — MaCio Teague had 23 points and 10 rebounds, Davion Mitchell scored 20 points and Baylor beat Kansas State.

Jared Butler had 14 points and 13 assists for his first career double-double with

the Bears (5-0, 1-0 Big 12), and Jonathan Tchamwa Tchatchoua scored 13 points.

Antonio Gordon led the Wildcats (3-5, 1-1) with 23 points on 9-of-9 shooting, and Seltou Miguel scored 14 points.

**No. 12 Wisconsin 85, No. 23 Louisville 48**

MADISON, Wis. — Micah Potter scored 20 points and Aleem Ford added 12 to lead Wisconsin over short-handed Louisville in a rescheduled ACC/Big Ten Challenge game.

**No. 20 Ohio State 77, UCLA 70**

CLEVELAND — Duane Washington Jr. hit two free throws in the final minute and finished with 14 points, helping Ohio State hold off UCLA at the CBS Sports Classic.

**No. 22 North Carolina 75, Kentucky 63**

CLEVELAND — Armando Bacot scored 11 of his team-high 14 points in the second half, rallying North Carolina from a double-digit deficit to beat Kentucky at the CBS Sports Classic.

**Miami 73, Jacksonville 64**

CORAL GABLES — Isaiah Wong scored a season-high 25 points, Anthony Walker added career highs with 18 points and 10 rebounds, and Miami beat Jacksonville 73-64.

# NHL, players reach tentative deal

Season would be 56 games, start Jan. 13

STEPHEN WHYNO  
AP hockey writer

Drop the puck in mid-January? The National Hockey League is well on the way to making that happen.

The NHL and players reached a tentative deal Friday to hold a 56-game season that would begin Jan. 13. The NHLPA executive board gave the agreement a green light to proceed, but players and owners must hold formal votes and Canadian health officials give their approval before it becomes reality.

Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly confirmed the sides have an agreement, pending the approval of various executive committees.

Players on the NHLPA's executive board call Friday night supported moving forward with the agreed upon terms, according to a person with knowledge of the meeting. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because players had yet to officially approve the agreement.

The league's Board of Governors could vote on the plan as soon as this weekend. Approval from health officials in the five Canadian provinces that have teams is still needed before the NHL can go ahead with the season.

Training camps for the seven non-playoff teams would open Dec. 31 and then Jan. 3 for the other 24 teams. It's unclear whether teams would play in their home arenas

or in "hub" cities, though an all-divisional schedule is expected.

Exhibition games aren't expected to be included in the leadup to the new season. Sportsnet in Canada first reported the tentative agreement.

The NHL, like the NBA, finished its previous season in a quarantined bubble — two of them, one each in Toronto and Edmonton, Alberta. Commissioner Gary Bettman awarded the Stanley Cup to the Tampa Bay Lightning in late September in Edmonton.

Owners and players agreed to a long-term extension of the collective bargaining agreement before the 2019-20 season resumed, setting the table for financial ramifications of the pandemic. They agreed recently to stick to that deal, which includes players deferring 10% of salaries, a cap on money they pay into escrow and a flat \$81.5 million cap.

The NHL follows the NBA in moving toward another regular season. The basketball season opens Tuesday.

One hurdle remaining is where the seven Canada-based teams will play. The original plan was to put them in the same division, though tougher pandemic restrictions north of the border put that into limbo this week.

"The resumption of sports events in Canada must be undertaken in adherence to Canada's measures to mitigate the importation and spread of COVID-19," the Public Health Agency of Canada said in a statement Thursday night. "NHL teams and other professional sports must operate within the rules of their provincial jurisdictions for sports or sporting events."

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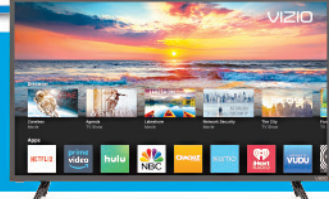


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# In a small town, we can make a difference

**M**y theory about life in a small town is that things are manageable.

In a place like Citrus County, you can make a difference. The problems are not so insurmountable that well-intended solutions will inevitably help move us toward a solution.

In bigger towns and cities, the problems are so large that it's easy to get overwhelmed. The issues just seem so perplexing.

That may sound pessimistic in this holiday season, but that's why I live in a small town. I was born in the largest city in this nation. I chose to live in one of the smaller communities. I have called Citrus County home for more than 40 years.

As an example, a few weeks back I asked the readers of the Chronicle to help the local United Way with its funding shortage. The COVID pandemic has made it much more difficult for United Way to raise funds combined with the fact that many more people need help.



Gerry Mulligan  
**OUT THE WINDOW**

I suggested that if people donated \$36 each, we could raise enough money to help United Way help others.

It is less than two weeks later and more than 250 people have responded. Some donated the \$36. Others with greater capacity donated more. One check for \$5,000 was dropped off at the United Way office. Two other checks for \$1,000 each came in the Chronicle mail.

One check for \$10 came to my office with a note that said: "I want to help, but this is all I can afford."

People want to be part of the solution.

The size of a contribution is not as important as is the desire to give something to help out. People know in Citrus County that every \$10 can help.

To date, more than \$25,000 has been contributed so that people in need can be given a hand up. That's an amazing accomplishment and I thank all of those who have participated.

One of my favorite checks to the United Way came from Sandra Ingram, the grandmother who is now raising her two grandchildren in a Homosassa mobile home paid for by the goodness of Citrus County residents. Earlier this year, the

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JEFF BRYAN/Chronicle

Readers of the Chronicle have responded to a Christmas request to contribute \$36 each for the United Way of Citrus County. To date, more than \$25,000 has been contributed by hundreds of county residents. Chronicle publisher Gerry Mulligan hands off a package of contributions to United Way CEO Meghan Pitzer.

# Success in the face of difficulty



Susan Gill  
**GUEST COLUMN**

Inverness reached a milestone in 2020 by completing its \$12 million Depot District. The city hosted its grand opening in November 2019, but much of the project was still not completed.  
 MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle



The following is from the presentation City Manager Eric Williams gave to the Inverness City Council about the state of the city.



Eric Williams  
**GUEST COLUMN**

Let me start by saying the state of our "Small Town Done Right" is strong, sustainable and resilient in the face of what can, politely be said, as an unprecedented year in our community, state and nation.

I would arguably say that over the past 12 months, we have seen

great successes even in the face of a difficult situation. The most notable being that we are building a plan that will be the roadmap for what we want to look like, achieve, and sustain for years to come.

This year has seen many milestones and initiatives among the departments of the city.

### Community Development

- We have seen Increased development interest which has kept revenues up;
- Modernized Code Enforcement;
- Took action to better position

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## Gill: It's been a blessing to serve

As I finish my 24-year tenure as Citrus County Supervisor of Elections, I reflect on what an exciting journey it has been! From my first presidential election in 2000 to my last in 2020. Elections are very important and always create voter energy concerning candidates and issues. It has been my blessing and a privilege to have served the citizens of Citrus County as they make their decisions about the future through elections. It never seemed like work but rather a mission.

Through my journey I can see that voters have become increasing knowledgeable about the process. This 2020 election really brought home to voters that each state has their own voting laws. Fortunately, Florida legislators have streamlined our voting process and Florida stayed out of the news in 2020. The process worked. A 3% victory for the winner helped to focus the interest on other states with closer margins and different laws.

The poll workers and election support employees who assist with the election process are enthusiastic and dedicated to the process. What I always love most about elections is that elections

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# Do your due diligence about the COVID vaccine



Cortney Stewart  
**SEEING BEYOND**

It wouldn't be 2020 without a controversial ending.

After a year that has seemed less like the ups and downs of a roller coaster and more like one continuous drop, the nation has rung in the holidays in an effort to put 2020 behind us. It's nice to think that Jan. 1, 2021 will be a magical day and all will be well. Of course, we know it

doesn't work like that.

The virus has raged through our country over the past two months with cases and deaths increasing at an alarming rate. So when the approval of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine was announced for emergency use in the U.S. last week it seemed like a pretty big victory.

And yet there's a growing rate of uncertainty

surrounding vaccinations — this one in particular. The average time it takes to develop a vaccine and make it available to the public is around at least 10 years. The vaccine for the mumps held the record for the fastest roll out to the public at five years.

So a vaccine developed in less than 12 months is definitely cause to do a double take.

A little bit of skepticism is good.

One thing, though, that we need to realize about the development of the COVID-19 vaccine is that funding was a really big deal. For the first time in most of our lifetimes, the entire world is facing the same sickness at the same time. We've seen the world economy crippled and our

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WISH LIST

# Set a vision; talk needs, not wants

The Board of County Commissioners recently hosted its annual retreat, producing a hodgepodge of "wants" and "needs" that could have read, "Dear Santa."

There were the variety of traditional holdovers: the pursuit of universal garbage collection, road resurfacing, septic-to-sewer conversion and Fort Island multipurpose trail funding.

New additions included extension of the Crystal River Airport runway, creation of an Inverness Airport business park, the LifeStream Behavioral Shelter, and a new animal shelter that got a tepid response.

Commissioner Ruthie Schlabach added the reopening of the Beverly Hills pool and improved communications between government and citizens.

The retreat continues a trend that lacks a purposeful vision for the future guided by goals, objectives and actions. That's what the county truly needs.

Commissioner Holly Davis stressed a clear strategic

plan and update of the land development code.

Now that the BOCC has a fellow commissioner in Davis, who is schooled and experienced in strategic planning, articulating a vision for tomorrow, formulating a strategic plan should be the BOCC's top priority goal during 2021.

While some of these goals are imperative, the commission needs a sharper focus on a few key priorities. Some of the priorities have been on the burner before, with no successful outcome. Commissioner Davis is leading in the right direction with a strategic plan.

The structural problem here is elected officials are often not very good at coming up with their own ideas.

Commissioner Davis knows how to make this happen; she can lead the effort to make the change, lead training sessions for her fellow commissioners.

The Board really needs to get a vision, get lined up behind it and then start making action plans to get there.

**THE ISSUE:**

Board switches gears for retreat.

**OUR OPINION:**

Board lacks definitive direction.

**Clothing drive was a success**

A big thank you and God bless for the fantastic turnout from the Citrus County citizens for the Hernando United Methodist Church Winter Clothing Drive. The Methodist men's and women's groups counted over 200 cars dropping off warm clothing, blankets, shoes and bedding over four days last week with enough to fill two storage units and a few garages. It will be distributed through various organizations, including CASA and the Resource Center.

**Wear gloves when pumping gas**

Sound Off, why don't you report to people pumping gas at gas stations to please wear gloves? Wawa has gloves there.

Nobody's wearing gloves at the pumps, pumping gas. I think the people here are not educated enough to know that the COVID-19 is on the pump that we're pumping gas into our cars, on the handles. Please put that in Sound Off. Maybe it will wake up some of these (people) around Citrus County that when pumping gas, wear gloves.

**Mirrors might help drivers**

Return signals at the infamous crossing on (County Road) 491 and (U.S.) 41: How about mirrors — large mirrors, like you see on some roads — on the east side of (U.S.) 41, showing southbound (U.S.) 41 autos and northbound cars. Bend and hang it to show what's coming. They work in a lot of places and it sure saves a lot of money.



# United Way preparing for CARES funds distribution

As Chronicle readers are aware, our United Way has recently been awarded \$450,000 by the Board of County Commissioners in CARES Act dollars. I would like to personally thank Commissioner Jeff Kinnard for his tireless effort in presenting a proposal to the board that received a unanimous 5-0 vote. He has been a huge advocate of our agency and we are so grateful for the opportunity to assist even more of our neighbors in need. To all of the county commissioners, thank you for entrusting our agency to be the fastest, most efficient avenue to disperse these funds into the community where it's needed most.

As always, our United Way aims to be fully transparent in all that we do, and that will remain consistent as we utilize these funds for COVID-19 relief to those who are in crisis. United Way of Citrus County offers four direct service programs that positively impact

the lives of veterans, young children, adults pursuing a post-secondary certificate or GED to earn a family sustaining wage, and our homeless population or those facing imminent homelessness in our community. These funds will be used as a fifth direct service program allowing us to provide a hand up to those in need during this most difficult time.



Meghan Pitzer  
**UNITED WAY**

Our team has already gone to work establishing a plan of execution to ensure that these funds are distributed to those who need it in the most efficient and responsible manner possible. It is also important for the public to be aware that all of our agency's financial services are provided and overseen by a local and reputable CPA firm.

So what will the application process look like for someone needing assistance? Once we receive the funds we will advertise for 10 days prior to the application opening date. After the advertising window has

closed, if you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please visit our website at [www.citrusunitedway.org](http://www.citrusunitedway.org) and fill out the online CARES form. A staff member will contact them within 24 hours to schedule an appointment and inform them of all required documentation needed to be eligible for assistance. These funds are designated strictly for the use of COVID-19 relief. Eligible applicants will need to provide documented financial hardship due to the pandemic. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please call our office at 352-795-5483.

Once again, I would like to sincerely thank the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners for providing us the opportunity to help even more individuals and families in need. I am excited to see how many lives this will change for the better and am thankful for the trust in the United Way of Citrus County to disperse these funds quickly and efficiently to those most affected.

Meghan Pitzer is CEO of United Way of Citrus County.

LETTERS  to the Editor

**Editorial was off-base**

Your recent editorial criticizing the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for enforcing a search warrant issued by a judge was extremely disingenuous and ill informed.

The search warrant issued by a judge after hearing all the facts, authorized law enforcement officers to seize electronic equipment in Rebekah Jones's home. It was not as you state "intimidation" by law enforcement or Gov. DeSantis. Rebekah Jones is a fired state employee who is alleged to have illegally accessed the state's emergency alert system outside of the state network and work environment to continue her tirade against the state.

Contrary to your assertions in the editorial, the search warrant was legal and the actions of the officers justified. Body camera information released by FDLE demonstrates that the officers used extreme patience in executing the warrant. Agents afforded Ms. Jones ample time to come to the door and resolve this matter in a civil and professional manner. However, she chose to stall and delay the matter so she could set up her camera pointing it at the front door.

The body camera video clearly shows the Tallahassee police officer and a male FDLE agent approaching Jones' door. A minute later, they can be heard knocking and ringing the doorbell. You can clearly see neither officer is carrying an assault-style rifle you mention in your editorial. The officers did attempt to minimize the disruption of Jones and her kids and tried to speak with Jones at her door to explain the search warrant. Again, no cooperation what so ever from Jones.

I suspect the author of your editorial has no law enforcement experience, yet chose to make a statement about a routine search warrant. Search warrants are one of the most dangerous events a law enforcement officer will engage in. No search warrant

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is routine or without potential officer safety issues, regardless of the underlying crime. I draw this information from 32 years of experience in law enforcement.

In no way is this a "stain" on the administration of Gov. DeSantis.

The next time before you criticize the police for their actions, I would suggest you get your facts straight.

Kim Rossman  
 Hernando

**Critical thinking says election fair**

I want to comment on the letter, "Election makes me ashamed of the US." Alyce Parsons is not alone in her thinking the election was a sham. According to Politico, which recently conducted a voter priorities survey, 79% of Trump voters believe the same as Ms. Parsons.

One of the many things high schools should be teaching our students is how to be critical thinkers. Critical thinking allows people to analyze information and make an objective judgment. By impartially evaluating the facts related to a matter, they can draw realistic assumptions that will help them make

logical and reasonable conclusions.

I like to think I am a critical thinker, so here is the information and facts I used to conclude that the election was fair and impartial.

No one, except Donald Trump and his fans, thinks the election was rigged. Not Chris Krebs, the former top cybersecurity official, a Republican appointed by Trump. Not the 30 or so judges who have dismissed the election lawsuits brought by Trump's lawyers. Not the 50 Republican governors and secretaries of state who have certified Biden as the winner. Not the hundreds of volunteers and paid election staff who ran the individual elections.

The supposed witnesses on Trump's behalf have all been debunked. Even Trump, who says that the election was rigged, can't produce any evidence of illegalities in the election process. He stands in front of crowds and claims he won, when every newspaper and TV news organizations in America claim otherwise. Even some of the newspapers at Fox claim he lost.

If you believe the election was rigged and Trump won, you were duped by Trump, still again. Stop and think. If this was a Democrat making this claim without any proof or support, would you believe him? I bet not.

Thomas Mitchell  
 Inverness

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Alfred T. Barnard  
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**United Way needs your help**

- The United Way of Citrus County needs your help this Christmas season. The Chronicle is asking that residents consider contributing \$36 (or whatever you can afford) to the annual campaign. Checks can be sent to: Gerry Mulligan, Citrus County Chronicle, 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429. They can also be dropped off at the Chronicle office in Inverness or Crystal River. Thanks for being part of the solution to our community's problems.

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everyday lives have drastically changed to make room for protocols designed to keep us and our neighbors safe.

Pharmaceutical companies generally face a lot of financial challenges when developing vaccines. But not for COVID-19. Private donors poured money into vaccine development and public money came in at much higher levels. Governments bought the vaccine in advance, which gave companies opportunities to take more risks in the development. High risk, high reward.

Another consideration about the vaccine is the method used in its development. Most of the time, vaccines are produced by the artificial production of a part of the virus in a lab or weakening or killing the virus itself. This takes a lot of time and a lot of trial and error, which, in turn, increases how long it takes to get a viable vaccine to market.

That traditional method was replaced with a different kind of technology using genetic material from the virus to trigger immune responses in our bodies. It's called mRNA platform technology. It's not an approach used in any vaccines in the past, but it is a technology that scientists have been developing for more than 20 years.

This process is much faster than the traditional process and enables cheaper production. In addition, through the use of social media, finding people willing to participate in trials didn't seem to be a problem. So instead of taking months to get participants in the vaccine trials, it took days.

But none of that information is bound to make all of our reservations about the vaccine go away. And it shouldn't. We need to ask good questions about the transparency of the process. We need to feel as comfortable as possible about this vaccine while at the same time balancing the necessity of getting this thing under control before more lives are lost.

It's a tough place to be.

But the solution to the anxiety and questions that surround the vaccine is not to hunker down in one extreme camp or another; the solution is not to close ourselves off from dialogue. In fact, it's just the opposite.

What we need now, more than ever, is good, transparent conversation about the things we don't understand. We need to do our due diligence. Read what scientists and doctors are saying about the vaccine. Talk to people who know more than you do and talk to people who feel differently about it than you do. Hear their rationales and weigh what they say with sincerity. Express fear, anxiety, excitement, urgency — but express those things in healthy ways.

Being an armchair epidemiologist or vaccine developer or doctor right now isn't helpful. In a world that has way too many alternative facts, sticking to the actual ones is the only thing that is going to lead us to the other side.

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## GILL

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are a real community event, with citizens stepping up to be part of making our democracy work. Whether our citizens chose to become a poll worker, poll watcher or a candidate, we need everyone. Candidates put themselves out there to help our community, state and nation. It is not easy to be a

# Power of prevention: An advocate's plea for action

Without any doubt, prevention is the best medicine. Babies are smart in so many ways.

In both personal behavior and public policy priorities, keeping bad things from happening is not only wise, it's potentially lifesaving.

For more than 40 years, it has been my honor to advocate for tried and true policies, programs and practices for children which reduce risk and enhance success.

In so many ways, our children's health and well-being depends on us doing our best to avoid problems before they bring negative results. From the earliest stages of life, access to prenatal care enhances the likelihood of a healthy birth. The research is clear and convincing ... early health care in pregnancy minimizes newborn distress and reduces infant mortality.

We have learned so much about early brain development and the importance of providing positive sensory experiences to enhance emotional well-being and pave

the way for educational success. When they receive the attention they crave, are properly fed and lovingly cared for; they learn that they are safe and secure. When they are ignored, neglected or suffer violence, they perceive their world to be an unsafe and frightening place.

Innovative neurological research tells us that the majority of brain growth and development occurs years before kindergarten. Realizing that our homes are our first school rooms recognizes the vital importance of the early years. That is why timely education and support services for new parents and affordable high-quality early learning opportunities in the community are so essential for our children's educational futures.

I doubt that anyone would dismiss these realities as unimportant, but it's up to all of us as individuals, family members, neighbors and citizens to do all we

can to create opportunities for our youngest to survive, thrive and succeed.

When it comes to children, it's not whether we pay; it's when. Investing in success is far better than paying the high costs of failure. Not only does an ounce of prevention avoid a pound of cure ... it far outweighs a ton of punishment.

My experience tells me that a "whole child, whole family and whole community" approach to assuring that prudent investments in quality care should be made when they produce the best chance for social dividends to accrue.

As we approach the final days of 2020, a year that will surely be judged as one which challenged all of us to be alert to the dangers we face by ignoring good advice, let's resolve to be strong advocates for building a bridge that connects what we know with what we do to assure a brighter future ... for our children and the broader society.

With the availability vaccines to prevent the spread of COVID-19 on the horizon, let's recognize that many other social, health, educational and economic ills

can be prevented through investments in timely research-proven policies and programs.

While I consider myself an optimist by nature, it's clear to me that the good things we hope for don't just happen. We have such great opportunities to act as responsible parents, grandparents, and community leaders to become ardent and assertive advocates for progress.

Let's resolve to make 2021 a year when we leverage the best knowledge to create better futures for our loved ones at home and for the many others whose names we don't know, but in many ways affect us and our economy.

When all is said, most important is what gets done. Please join me in supporting advocacy organizations, family service agencies and thoughtful policy leaders who make the power of prevention their top priority.

*Jack Levine, founder of the 4Generatinos Institute, is a Tallahassee-based family policy advocate. He may be reached at jack@4gen.org.*



Jack Levine  
**GUEST COLUMN**



## WILLIAMS

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smart growth with items like the gas station ordinance;

- Interlocal with the county for GIS produced a modernized land use and zoning map;
- Restructured the department under new leadership and commenced the rewrite of the LDC.

### Public Works

- Commenced a 20-year horizon master plan for the city's water and sewer utility that sets the stage for smart growth and investment.

■ Infrastructure is key! We have commenced the road condition assessment project that will provide a model and approach to the maintaining and rehabilitation of all the paved city streets, not to mention we completed Hill Street and are substantially complete with parking lot reclamation projects (Brannen and PW Facility).

■ We received a grant award for some \$1.88 million in support of a large septic to sewer project for the State Road 44 West corridor.

■ We are planning for the future in tandem with the FDOT for the widening of U.S. 41 North.

### Satellite Parks

■ Cooter Pond boardwalk is finally seeing a rehab that will end the constant replacement of decking.

■ Bryant Park saw improvements in the third phase of a multi-year redevelopment project.

### The Depot District

■ The Inverness Market has stayed the course and grown in the COVID 19 environment.

■ The business model of bringing in groups for events versus the city funding.

■ We have made changes to landscaping and facilities to reduce O&M costs.

■ We have commenced two studies for a highest and best use business driven approach to the train station and shoreline alternatives and management.

### Whispering Pines Park

■ We have returned the park to its previous notoriety with numerous offerings/opportunities for a diversity of recreational programming. (Tournaments, mountain bike trail, new leagues).

■ We have put in place proper facility management and rehabilitation for our aquatic facilities.

■ We have expanded our offerings at the pool and rebuilding the competitive swim program.

■ We have in place a great management team and the park looks great and will only continue to get better.

### The Valerie Theatre

■ Restructured the relationship with the 501(c)(3) and the business model for the opportunities and offerings at the Valerie.

■ We have finally engaged community interest and involvement and it shows in the shows.

■ This is one of the hardest hit areas due to COVID-19 but we have maintained the opportunity in a safe and welcoming manner.

### The IEVB

■ We have significantly reduced the footprint of cost while still offering community and family friendly events. COVID-19 has not made this easy!

### Public Safety

■ IFD has developed and implemented a multi-year plan for growth and continued success.

■ The new truck! And increased membership.

■ The partnership with the

CCSO is at an all-time high. The focus on community policing and great communication has provided a safe and welcoming environment in Inverness.

### Finance

■ We developed a budget that fully funds the city while utilizing the roll back rate!

■ We have implemented PFE, true fund balance policies, stabilized the need for new revenue streams, and brought about parity in the funding of the city's sanitation program.

■ Seen great savings through the use of competitive process for goods and services.

### Administration

■ The clerk's office has moved forward with a new business plan for the cemetery that does not rely on general fund subsidy.

■ We have significantly reduced the cost of salaries and the number of positions.

■ Council, mayor and administration have established the focus of investing only in things that increase and/or expand the tax base.

■ Economic development continues to be at center stage with the city seeing numerous new and redevelopment investments by private entities throughout the city.

■ Council, mayor and administration have rebuilt relationships with its governmental and community partners that once were in ashes.

This is just the highlights over the past 12 months. What is not mentioned are the numerous projects and day to day services to our residents, businesses, and visitors that occurred over the course of the year.

We are confident the best is yet to come. In the coming year the city will stay on course and continue to rely upon the principles of plan-fund-execute as we focus attention to economic

development and public investments that yield an increased and expanded tax base. Here is a sampling of some projects to be on the lookout for in the next year:

■ Colonnade Street reclamation and sidewalk project.

■ State Road 44 West Sewer project.

■ Land Development Code rewrite and adoption.

■ Train Station PPP

■ Potable water interconnection with Citrus County.

■ Vine Street sidewalk reclamation.

■ IEVB event grant program.

■ New Maintenance Building at WPP

■ Whispering Pines Park pool resurfacing

■ NDPES Stormwater Master Plan

■ West Inverness Trail project design.

■ Eden Drive Trail Crossing Signalization

There is much work to do and change is a constant. We know there will be effects and needed recovery efforts from the government as a result of COVID-19.

The city will be looking to develop a program of economic development/recovery initiatives that leverage CARES Act monies to be received from Citrus County in best support of our city businesses. We will develop a city budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 that again focuses on the developed fund balance policy, cost containment, and potential

captivation of revenue growth from increased development (roll back rate). The city is growing and we are planning for the future. Again, the state of our Small Town Done Right is strong, sustainable, and resilient. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

We are Inverness Strong!

*Eric Williams is the city manager of Inverness.*

candidate. They should be thanked for even running. What if nobody wanted to run? Where would we be then?

Kudos to the entire county and city governments who are invested in providing the Supervisor of Elections office whatever services are necessary to ensure a smooth process and successful elections. This was especially important this year because of the unprecedented challenges of the

pandemic. We all worked together to make this happen.

The Citrus County Chronicle provides us with the opportunity to run numerous press releases to inform the voters on what they need to know about the elections process. This year we were contacting the Chronicle almost daily with changes and updates on the process.

The small group of full-time employees with whom I have been

privileged to have worked with throughout the years are extraordinary and understand what it takes to conduct fair, honest and accurate elections. They are consistently willing to sacrifice much of their free time for what has to be done. Days off are minimal, especially in a presidential election year. Long hours are necessary during early then voting time period, processing vote-by-mail ballots plus a 16-hour day on Election

Day. The staff is a crucial part of the mission.

I wish my successor, Maureen "Mo" Baird, continued success. The citizens of Citrus County can be confident that our elections will continue to be conducted in the same organized manner. Mo and I have worked together my entire 24 years. I have the utmost confidence in her leadership. She will inherit an excellent staff who have and will continue work with her. She

will lead the way through the challenges of future elections.

Having the opportunity and privilege to be the Citrus County Supervisor of Elections has been an extremely rewarding experience. I will miss the mission, but you have to know when your mission is complete.

*Susan Gill is retiring as Citrus County Supervisor of Elections.*

Sound OFF

**My gripe is smoking, drinking**

(Re the Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020, "Hot Corner"): In response to the comments regarding new cars at food banks, I wanted to say that I understand the complain-er's frustration. Like everything else, there will always be some people who will abuse the system. It's just a fact of life. It's also true that people already had car payments before the pandemic started, but they need a car to work if they're lucky enough to have a job. A dependable vehicle is a must if you're employed in this area. However, my gripe is

smoking and/or drinking. If you can't afford groceries for your family, you sure can't afford cigarettes, booze or, of course, drugs. Those you can live without. I'd be the first one in line to help someone in need, but I also gave up those expensive habits years ago. It can be done and your family should be your first priority.

**Overwhelmed with COVID stories**

I'm calling about all the COVID stories in the paper every single day. You know, it's bad enough we hear this crap on the news every single day, but why

do you have to keep on printing it and putting it in the paper? It's doom and gloom all the time.

**Potholes need to be fixed**

I see there's a lot of extra cash here in Citrus County. I was wondering if there's any plan on spending some of it on North Lena Drive — I think it's North Lena Highway — in Beverly Hills. We're full of potholes all the time. They keep refilling them. It would be nice if they used some of that money because it's used by everybody.

**WINDOW**

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community came together and raised the funds so Sandra could have a safe home and future for the grandchildren.

Last week she contributed a check to the United Way effort because she knows first-hand what happens in small towns when people work together.

Talk about paying things forward.

If you want to join the United Way effort, there is still time. Send your contribution to: The Chronicle, 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429.

■ You don't have to look far to see individuals making a difference in our small town. Ginger West started the Family Resource Center in Hernando about one million years ago. She has worked every day since.

The nonprofit provides services for the homeless and training for parents, but most notably, Ginger and Family Resource makes sure that children have gifts at Christmas. She begs, borrows and steals money and supplies from all over the county to provide Christmas for

hundreds of children. No big salary or fancy office.

A few weeks back we published a story that her fundraising wasn't going that well because of COVID. People immediately responded so that she could continue to serve the children.

She is one strong woman making a difference in a small town.

■ The Rev. Doug Alexander is retired army, retired sheriff's deputy, retired school resource office and full-time preacher at the New Church Without Walls. While he has lots of passions, taking up a lot of his time these days is feeding the community

Rev. Doug, a native of the county, coordinates feeding days where hundreds of hungry people line up in their vehicles while volunteers fill their trunks with food. More than 1,000 people lined up at the county fairgrounds a few months back for the free distribution.

He is just a passionate preacher making a difference in a small town.

■ The small town theory gets passed down from one generation to the next. A few weeks back we published the story about Kinsley Gist, the

5-year-old girl who wanted to do something to help homeless people. She didn't understand why people stood on the side of the road holding signs asking for help.

So Kinsley — with the help of her mom — set up a lemonade stand at a local business so she should raise money to help the homeless.

She is 5-years-old. When I was 5, my main goal was to stuff mud into my little brother's ear and then blame it on one of my sisters.

On Kinsley's first day of operating the lemonade stand, she raised more than \$300 to help homeless people.

She is just a passionate little girl making a difference in a small town.

Her behavior is learned, from her mother and grandmother, and from people in our small town who feel empowered to take action and help others. And to make a difference.

Keep thoughts like that in mind as we as all celebrate the Christmas holiday. In our small town, it's what sets us apart.

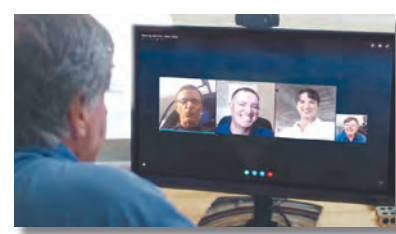
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Boasting over 100 years of experience, and over 10,000 homes served throughout Citrus County, the Clemens family knows flooring. Chris Clemens, owner of Surfaces Flooring in Homosassa, credits his father, Paul, with the continued success of his family business.

Paul began the family trade when he owned and operated a prominent flooring company in the 1950's. Located in Orlando, Florida, his company installed the original flooring at SeaWorld, Disney Parks, and Circus World.

Seeking a more relaxed lifestyle, the Clemens family moved to Citrus County in 1976. Clemens Flooring in Homosassa was conceived and remained operational until 2005. The retirement of Paul began the new legacy of Surfaces Flooring. With his son, Dave, by his side, Chris proudly shared that they are now 3rd generation flooring installers.



Surfaces Flooring recently moved to a new location in Homosassa. Their large showroom features samples and displays in a wide variety of hardwood, laminate, LVP, carpet, and other resilient flooring from name brand manufacturers. Their broad inventory can satisfy any project needs.

The sales staff is non-commissioned and concerns themselves with 5-star customer satisfaction, rather than a bottom line sale. Your individual experience will involve the same flooring expert from the start of your project through to completion. This proven hands-on approach has their customers raving with great reviews and referring services to friends and family.

Estimates are ALWAYS FREE of charge, and are all-inclusive in price. Chris states, "We'll give you a straight forward estimate with no hidden charges or add-ons. Our pricing includes removal of old flooring, job preparation, removing and replacing moldings, and our guaranteed professional installation."

Surfaces Flooring currently holds memberships with the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce and the Citrus County Builders Alliance. They enjoy community involvement by supporting and attending a variety of local events. They are a proud sponsor of the Citrus County Boys and Girls Clubs.

Chris and Dave enjoy working together because they share the same sense of humor. Dave shared, "Most days are more fun than work." They chose to work together because they know they can trust each other with the quality of workmanship, and also with customer care skills. Chris has been married to his wife Gwen, for 37 years. They have two children, Angie and Dave. They are raising their nephew, Bradley, and have six grandchildren. When not at work, Chris enjoys bass fishing, playing golf, watching football and baseball, and winning his fantasy football leagues. David is married to Savannah and have four children ranging in ages from thirteen years old to five. They also have two dogs.



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# Navigate the veil

## What is the 'corporate veil'?

A corporation is a legal entity with a life of its' own, albeit not one that is human. The corporate veil is a legal concept that provides a separation of the officers and directors of a corporation from the corporate entity itself.



Dr. Frederick Herzog, Ph.D.

### NONPROFIT BRIEFS

This legal theory provides limited liability to the officers and directors as they act on behalf of the corporation. However, criminal activity and certain corporate mismanagement, on their part, can compromise this protection. Piercing the Corporate Veil is the term used when legal action penetrates or pierces this shield as a result of litigation.

### Nonprofits and the 'corporate veil'

Incorporating a nonprofit allows limited liability from the "veil" theory. Incorporation also offers a long-lasting corporate life and the structure of a centralized organization. Nonprofit corporations can receive both state and federal taxation relief. When a nonprofit is not properly incorporated federal or state agency, benefits will not be granted.

Nonprofits generally have a positive image on the part of the public. Facts demonstrate that they do good things. But things can go wrong. Corporate negligence can occur and cause this limited liability to be tested in the courts. Legal protections can go away just as easily for a nonprofit as they do in the case of the for-profit business.

### Life inside the nonprofit

The very nature of a nonprofit expressed in mission and purpose suggests best practices should be employed in all areas of management. Conduct of and by the officers and directors should never overstep the managerial boundaries expected of this type of organization. There is a growing focus on the activities of nonprofit groups by governmental agencies, industry and the legal community. When volunteers, willfully or otherwise, act outside the appropriate management responsibilities of a tax exempt entity, they invite government scrutiny and possibly penalties and potential dissolution.

The greatest risk to a nonprofit is distributing profits or net earnings to the officers, directors or members. Nonprofits cannot issue shares of ownership because there are no owners. The nonprofit executive leadership are only stakeholders in the commitment to service. The excess of revenue over expenses in the association coffers must be devoted only to the purpose for which the nonprofit was created.

### Permissible financial, compensatory issues

Nonprofits are allowed a great breath of financial freedom. A nonprofit corporation can have paid employees, compensate consultants for services rendered, purchase real estate and make investments.

Officers and directors can be reimbursed for legitimate out-of-pocket expenses as they perform their corporate duties of service. Travel, lodging and meals are typical reimbursable expenses when incurred in the business of the nonprofit organization. Officers and directors can also be compensated for meeting attendance, because their expertise is essential to the volunteer management of the organization.

There are other acceptable financial ventures in which nonprofits can be involved. Some examples are: real estate and building ownership, especially when it is to house the organization, rental income, magazine advertising revenue and trade show and event sponsorship. IRS has a category for nonprofits that have high revenue producing trade shows and magazine revenue. They are labeled tax paying nonprofits and are taxed on the net revenue remaining after all related expenses are paid by the association.

Dr. Frederick J. Herzog is the executive director and founder of the Non-Profit Resource Center of Citrus County. He can be reached at: fherzog@tampabay.rr.com or call 847-899-9000.



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Daniel Lewis and mom Jill Lewis are partners at Crystal River's new Saltwater Cowboys Bar & Grille.

# Two new eateries debut

## One Bealls Outlet to close in late January

Two new restaurants debut in Citrus County and a national chain store will close its doors. It's the last Comings & Goings column for 2020, a year like no other in recent memory. Here's a closer look:

### Saltwater Cowboys Bar & Grille

Daniel Lewis wanted to open a restaurant with entrees not normally found in other areas.

That's when he got the idea for Saltwater Cowboys Bar & Grille, located at 771 NE Fifth St. in Crystal River.



Michael D. Bates  
**COMINGS & GOINGS**

The restaurant, which opened Wednesday, Dec. 16, features an eclectic menu: hand-cut steaks, seafood, pork chops, specialty burgers and appetizers. There is a full-service liquor bar.

And even old favorites will have a new twist, he said.

Lewis' partner in the venture is his mom Jill Lewis and he has about four employees.

Jill Lewis, who operated a restaurant-bar in Morriston, Florida, said she's excited to be in Crystal River and working with her son.

"We get along great," she said. The origin of the name? It came about, he said, when he was sitting in a barn drinking beer with some friends and the name Saltwater Cowboys came to mind. He liked the sound of it so much he even hand-drew the logo.

Lewis said he did "a lot of homework on traffic patterns" and determined the site off State Road 44 is unbeatable because of its visibility and high number of passing vehicles.

He describes the eatery as a mix between a sports bar and fine dining.

"It's kind of a happy medium," he said.



The crew at Saltwater Cowboys Bar & Grille includes, from left: Ashton Page, MacKenzie Karopchinski, Jenny Uhle, Cyndi Miletic and Jill Lewis.

Dress casual or fancy, he said. It's that kind of place.

### Bad-2-The-Bone Wings

If you like wings, you may want to check out the new Bad-2-The-Bone Wings at 7449 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd. in Homosassa.

Kitchen manager and cook Bill Waller offers loads of different homemade sauces to embellish the wings, including Sassa and Citrus sauces, with a nod to the city and county. The Sassa sauce is made of mustard BBQ and the Citrus is orange-based with ginger and garlic, Waller said.

He also sells hand-made burgers, fries, beans and German potato salad, as well as beverages.

Owner Ernestine Appleggett wants people to know she sells German Schnitzel as well. Waller said Midwesterners know it better as pork fritters and southerners just call them fried pork sandwiches.

"It just depends on where you're from," he said.

Waller said Bad-2-The-Bone Wings has 10 seats for folks who want to sit and eat, but most people order to-go.

Only open a month, Waller said the eatery already has a loyal bunch of return customers.

### Bealls Outlet closing

The Bealls Outlet at the Inverness Regional Shopping Center will close at the end of January.

Store supervisor Casandra Richardson said the store at 1430 U.S. 41 was not doing as much business as other locations and it made sense not to renew the lease.

"It's been struggling a little," she said.

The liquidation sale will start Jan. 8. Employees will be relocated to other Bealls Outlet stores in the area, Richardson said.

The closing of the store means Citrus County now will have two Bealls Outlets: one at 223 E. Highland Blvd. in Inverness (Highland Square) and another at 420 U.S. 19 inside the Crystal River Plaza.

Contact Chronicle reporter Michael D. Bates at 352-563-3205 or mbates@chronicleonline.com.

## Business DIGEST

### Hodgkins II earns AAIF designation

John F. Hodgkins II of Hagar Investments LLC, has been awarded the Accredited Investment Fiduciary (AIF) designation from the Center for Fiduciary Studies, the standards-setting body for Fi360, a Broadridge company. The AIF Designation signifies specialized knowledge of fiduciary responsibility and the ability to implement policies and procedures that meet a defined standard of care.

The designation is the culmination of a rigorous training

program, which includes a comprehensive, closed-book final examination under the supervision of a proctor, and agreement to abide by the Center's Code of Ethics and Conduct Standards. On an ongoing basis, completion of continuing education and adherence to the Code of Ethics and Conduct Standards are required to maintain the AIF Designation.

Hodgkins, a resident of Le-canto, is a financial adviser for Hagar Investments LLC in Crystal



John Hodgkins II  
 Hagar Investments LLC.

River and Inverness. Hodgkins specializes in portfolio management, investment advisory services and insurance investments.

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The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is an organization of businesses unified in efforts to advance the economic growth of the region, promote the interests of the business community, provide key leadership on key commerce issues and preserve the county's quality of life.



# Chamber Connection

915 N. Suncoast Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429 · 352-795-3149 · 106 W. Main St., Inverness, FL 34450 · 352-726-2801

## Chamber restaurants open for Christmas holiday!

Looking to catch a break from the holidays this year? We don't blame you! Spend more time with your loved ones and less time in the kitchen. Consider patronizing one of our outstanding Chamber restaurants. Call ahead to see their pick-up options if you prefer to dine at home without the mess of cooking!

**Backwater Fins**  
13982 W. Ozello Trail  
Crystal River 34429  
352-794-6000  
Christmas Eve:  
11 a.m. - 12 midnight  
Christmas Day:  
12 noon - 10 p.m.

**Breakfast Station**  
1675 U.S. Hwy. 19  
Crystal River 34429  
352-228-4077  
Christmas Eve: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Christmas Day: closed

**Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters - Crystal River**  
638 N. Citrus Ave.  
Crystal River 34428  
352-228-8818  
Christmas Eve: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Christmas Day: closed

**Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters - Hernando**  
2416 N. Heritage Oaks Path  
Hernando 34442  
352-249-3166  
Christmas Eve: 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Christmas Day: closed

**Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters - Inverness**  
210 B Tompkins St.  
Inverness 34450  
352-726-7060  
Christmas Eve: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Christmas Day: closed

**Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters - Lecanto**  
304 S. Kensington Ave.  
Lecanto 34450  
352-249-3166  
Christmas Eve: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Christmas Day: closed

**Cavallo's Estate Winery**  
8123 S. Lecanto Hwy.  
Lecanto 34461  
352-500-9463  
Christmas Eve: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. for Restaurant; 8a.m.-6p.m. for Market  
Christmas Day: closed

**Cedar River Seafood**  
804 S. Hwy. 41  
Inverness 34450  
352-341-2278  
Christmas Eve: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Christmas Day: closed

**Cody's Roadhouse**  
305 SE U.S. Hwy. 19  
Crystal River  
352-795-7223  
Christmas Eve:  
11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
Christmas Day: closed

**Crackers Bar and Grill**  
502 NW 6th St.  
Crystal River 34428  
352-795-3999  
Christmas Eve: 11 a.m. -5:00 p.m. (last seating at 4 p.m.)  
Christmas Day: closed

**Elegant Pelican**  
7395 W. Pinebrook St.  
Crystal River 34429  
352-795-2100  
Christmas Eve: 4 p.m.-9 p.m.  
Christmas Day: closed  
Call for Reservations

**Joe Eder's Coney Island**  
674 NE 5th St.  
Crystal River 34429  
352-228-8125  
Christmas Eve: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Christmas Day: closed

**Joe's Family Restaurant**  
911 W. Main St.  
Inverness 34450  
352-726-1688  
Christmas Eve: 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Christmas Day: 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. (please call ahead)

**Just Amuse Me**  
1801 NW U.S. Hwy. 19, Ste. 201  
Crystal River 34428  
352-2125518  
Christmas Eve: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Christmas Day: closed



**Kane's Cattle Co.**  
508 N. Citrus Ave.  
Crystal River 34428  
352-794-6721  
Christmas Eve: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. (reservations recommended)  
Christmas Day: closed

**Katch Twenty-Two**  
2924 W. Gulf to Lake Hwy.  
Lecanto 34461  
352-746-6691  
Christmas Eve: 4:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. (reservations required)  
Christmas Day: closed

**KC Wine and Koffee Bar**  
564 N. Citrus Ave.  
Crystal River 34429  
352-460-9808  
Christmas Eve: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Christmas Day: closed

**Kelly's Half Shell Pub**  
390 N. Suncoast Blvd.  
Crystal River 34429  
352-228-8366  
Christmas Eve: hours TBD  
Christmas Day: closed

**La Casa Di Norma**  
1609 SE Hwy. 19  
Crystal River 34429  
352-795-4694  
Christmas Eve: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Christmas Day: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

**Lakeside Grill**  
4543 E. Windmill Dr.  
Inverness 34453  
352-419-4560  
Christmas Eve: 10 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Reservations for 6 or more  
Christmas Day: closed

**Lollygaggers Pub & Grill**  
744 SE U.S. Hwy. 19  
Crystal River 34429  
352-794-3888  
Christmas Eve: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Christmas Day: closed

**Mariana's The Stinky Rose**  
2649 N. Forest Ridge Blvd  
Hernando 34442  
352-270-8432  
Christmas Eve: 3 p.m. - TBD (reservations requested)  
Christmas Day: closed



**Norton's Riverside Sports Bar**  
16 NE 5th St.  
Crystal River 34429  
352-794-6105  
Christmas Eve: Dinning Hours: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. for the kitchen; Bar open 'til 12 a.m.  
Christmas Day: Open at 3 p.m. - 11 p.m. for the kitchen; Bar open til 2 a.m.

**Olive Garden**  
2151 E. Gulf to Lake Hwy.  
Inverness 34453  
352-344-0943  
Christmas Eve: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. (reservations requested)  
Christmas Day: closed

**Oysters Restaurant**  
606 NE U.S. Hwy. 19  
Crystal River 34429  
352-795-2633  
Christmas Eve: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. (reservations requested)  
Christmas Day: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. (reservations requested)

**Paige's Root Beer**  
2147 W. Norvell Bryant Hwy.  
Lecanto 34461  
352-746-3351  
Christmas Eve: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Christmas Day: closed; reopen on Dec. 28

**Papa Willie's Bar & Grill**  
4105 N. Lecanto Hwy.  
Beverly Hills 34465  
352-746-1770  
Christmas Eve: 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.  
Christmas Day: Closed

**Riviera Mexican Cantina**  
1935 SE U.S. 19  
Crystal River 34429  
352-564-9636  
Christmas Eve: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Christmas Day: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. (reservations requested)

**Rutabagas**  
335 S. Croft Ave.  
Inverness 34453  
352-344-0096  
Christmas Eve: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Christmas Day: closed

**Sea Hagg Deli**  
9691 W. Ft. Island Trail  
Crystal River 34429  
352-6515124  
Christmas Eve: 6 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Christmas Day: closed

**Seafood Seller and Café**  
300 SE U.S. Hwy. 19  
Crystal River 34429  
352-228-4936  
Christmas Eve: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Christmas Day: closed

**Sonny's BBQ**  
750 W. Main St.  
Inverness 34450  
352-341-2686  
Christmas Eve: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Christmas Day: closed

**St. John's Tavern**  
572 N. Citrus Ave.  
Crystal River 34428  
352-794-6367  
Christmas Eve: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Christmas Day: closed

**The Boil Yard**  
1601 SE Hwy. 19  
Crystal River 34429  
352-564-2529  
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# Millennial money

*De-stress holiday debt with a payoff plan*

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In this file photo, A shopper walks by a holiday window display Nov. 30, 2020, in New York. Many of us won't be celebrating the holidays with our families this year, so gift-giving might feel like the best way to show love from afar.

In a holiday season that many of us will spend apart from loved ones, gift-giving might feel even more important than usual. After all, if you can't travel to see family, at least you can see them unwrap gifts over a video call, right?

And just as many families will use a video service for holiday celebrations this year, many will also turn to credit cards to cover their expressions of love. Three-quarters of holiday shoppers are planning to use credit cards to purchase gifts this year, according to a NerdWallet survey of 2,049 U.S. adults conducted online by The Harris Poll.

Here's how to handle holiday debt.

## TAKE STOCK OF WHAT YOU OWE

First, catalog your holiday debt. Log into each credit account and note the balance and interest rate. Consider creating a simple spreadsheet or using a debt tracker to keep accounts organized. If you have debt that's not on a credit card, such as a shopping loan from a company like Klarna, list that, too.

With your debts sorted, turn to your budget. The 50/30/20 budget is an easy template. With this approach, half of take-home pay goes toward necessities, like housing and groceries. Then, 30% goes toward wants, like takeout or a nice bottle of Champagne to celebrate bidding farewell to 2020 on New Year's Eve. Lastly, 20% of your income goes toward debt and savings.

As you hash out your budget, pin down how much money you can allocate toward debt each month. Divide the total debt by that amount to estimate how fast you can rid yourself of debt, keeping in mind that accruing interest can increase the balances.

Focusing on what you can pay monthly helps make your debt more manageable, says Kathleen Burns Kingsbury, a Vermont-based wealth psychology expert who helps people understand the personal factors of money decisions.

"Ask what you can reasonably pay off each week or each month and really work at achieving it," Burns Kingsbury says. "From a psychological standpoint, this helps you feel a sense of success, and the more successful you feel, the more motivated you are to continue that behavior."

## YOUR PAYOFF PATH

Your best route to resolving holiday debt depends on your cash flow, credit score and personal preferences. Here are a few:

■ **PAY OFF THE FULL BALANCE WITH THE FIRST STATEMENT:** If you have the cash, this is the fastest way to deal with debt — and the cheapest, since you avoid paying interest. According to the NerdWallet shopping survey, 35% of holiday shoppers who added credit card debt in 2019 took this approach.

■ **ROLL A SNOWBALL OR KICK OFF AN AVALANCHE:** The "debt snowball" and "debt avalanche" are two popular debt payoff methods. Which is right for you depends on your financial priorities.

With the debt snowball method, you focus on paying off the smallest balance first, then roll the amount you were paying on that first debt into the next largest. The amount you're paying on the focus debt keeps growing, like a snowball rolling downhill. You might choose this if you need the early wins

from paying off the first accounts to keep you motivated.

The debt avalanche method may be best if you want to pay as little in interest as possible. With this route, you prioritize paying off the debt with the highest interest rate first, regardless of balance size. Again, when that first debt is done, you put the amount you were paying on that into the next highest interest account, repeating until you're debt-free.

■ **CONSIDER A BALANCE TRANSFER CARD:** To avoid costly credit card interest, look into taking out a balance transfer credit card with a 0% APR promotional period, says Mike Cocco, an Equitable financial adviser based in Nutley, New Jersey.

"Once you have that, you're eliminating interest, which can allow you to pay off debt a lot quicker," Cocco says. "Then, be cognizant of when the 0% APR period runs out and work backwards to create a reverse Christmas Club for paying off your debt. If you have \$1,000 on the card and 12 months interest-free, you have to pay at least \$83 a month."

To get a 0% balance transfer offer, you'll need good to excellent credit. In general, that means a score of 690 or higher, although credit scores alone don't guarantee approval. Issuers will look at your income, existing debts and other information.

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# Calibrate your emergency fund to a crisis-prone world

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It took a pandemic to convince Americans to take saving money seriously.

For years, Americans set aside 7% to 8% of their income. In a knee-jerk reaction to COVID-19, people stashed cash at a historic level. According to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, in April 2020, the personal savings rate exploded to over 33%.

That rush to fund emergency savings has ebbed since, but it's still been about double the 30-year average in recent months.

"The pandemic has certainly presented a whole new set of challenges, both financially, personally and professionally," says Elliot J. Pepper, a certified public accountant and certified financial planner in Baltimore. The need for an emergency fund has become even more acute so that unexpected expenses aren't rolled into costly credit card or consumer debt.

Here's how to decide how much more you may need to save and how to save it.

## DETERMINING THE SIZE OF YOUR EMERGENCY FUND

If you used to keep only three months in rainy-day savings, Pepper recommends increasing it to six; if you've had a six-month cushion, increase it to nine.

The traditional advice of having three to six months of living expenses is a "good starting point," according to Natalie Slagle, a CFP in Rochester, Minnesota. She says a couple with one income source alone should lean toward six months of living expenses or even more.

Jovan Johnson, a CFP based in Decatur, Georgia, favors stashing 12 months' worth of cash for necessities.

## RULES OF THUMB ARE ONLY A START

Many advisers caution against relying solely on these three-month or six-month, off-the-shelf recommendations. It's best

to consider your actual monthly expenses, they say, and determine what kind of unexpected situations you are preparing for.

Logan Murray, a financial planner and tax preparer in Tempe, Arizona, suggests thinking about the "likelihood and magnitude" of events such as losing a job. "How confident are you to get another job in your industry in the short term before your emergency fund runs out?" Murray prompts.

And if your spouse lost their job, would you have enough income remaining, or would you have to rely on the cash fund? What if you both lost your jobs? Also, think about possible higher health costs from the loss of a job and employer-based medical insurance, or a health emergency or disability, Murray says.

Factors that could affect your emergency fund's size are another consideration, says financial planner Mark Struthers in the Minneapolis area.

## YOU MAY NEED LARGER EMERGENCY SAVINGS IF:

- Only one spouse works.
- You have children.
- You own a small business.

## YOU MAY HAVE MORE FLEXIBILITY IF:

- You have other assets you can tap, such as access to a 401(k) loan or Roth IRA. Withdrawals of your contributions and qualified distributions from a Roth are usually tax- and penalty-free, Struthers notes.

- You have a support system close by, such as parents or siblings.
- You have disability insurance or life insurance.

## HOW TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY FUND A SAVINGS PRIORITY

Pepper urges clients to determine a proper emergency fund balance, divide that number by a reasonable time frame and set up an automatic transfer from their checking to a savings account until the goal is met.

"This forces people to treat savings as a part of their ongoing expenses instead of something that is more of an afterthought," Pepper says.

As Slagle says, "If you don't automate it, you will end up spending it." Also, Johnson suggests seeking strategic ways to add to the fund, such as with a tax refund, a potential future stimulus check or credit card rewards cash.

## WHERE TO KEEP YOUR EMERGENCY SAVINGS

"I recommend clients place this money in a place that is easily accessible and secure, such as an online savings account that is FDIC-insured. This money should not be put at risk," Johnson says.

Struthers recommends a three-bucket strategy, putting emergency savings into three different accounts and accessing them in this order, as needed:

- A savings account.
- A money market account. (It has "a higher yield and is safe, but with a tiny bit more risk," he says.)
- One-year certificates of deposit. ("You know the rate for a year and can just roll it over. Even with a three-month interest penalty, it can be a great option," Struthers adds.)

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Pre-bid Conference:

A. A mandatory pre-bid conference for Prime Contractors, and optional for sub-contractors, will be held at Forest Ridge Elementary School, 2927 Forest Ridge Boulevard, Hernando, Florida, 34442, in the school cafeteria.

B. Conference will occur January 4, 2021, at 9:30 AM.

Bidders may obtain a maximum of two (2) sets of Contract Documents from ANSTON-GREENLEES, INC., 1315 West Fletcher Avenue, Tampa, Florida, 33556. 813-963-1919 x208, upon deposit of a check made payable to the Citrus County School Board in the amount of \$25.00 per set. A refund of this deposit will be made upon the return of these Documents in satisfactory condition within ten (10) days after the opening of Bids.

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CITRUS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD INVERNESS, FLORIDA BY: Sandra Himmel Superintendent of Schools

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1300-1227 SUCRN INVITATION TO BID

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A. A mandatory pre-bid conference for Prime Contractors, and optional for sub-contractors, will be held at LECANTO HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA, 3810 W EDUCATIONAL PATH, LECANTO, FL 34461. ROOM NUMBER: 1-141.

B. Conference will occur on 4 JANUARY 2021, at 2:00 PM.

Bidders may obtain a maximum of two (2) sets of Contract Documents from VERRANDO ENGINEERING CO., INC, 1111 N.E. 25TH AVENUE, SUITE 401, OCALA, FL 34470, PHONE NUMBER: (352) 274-9360 upon deposit of a check made payable to the Citrus County School Board in the amount of \$ 100.00 per set. A refund of this deposit will be made upon the return of these Documents in satisfactory condition within ten (10) days after the opening of Bids.

Bidders may also view and/or download the Contract Documents as Adobe.pdf files through the internet for free by contacting VERRANDO ENGINEERING CO., INC, 1111 N.E. 25TH AVENUE, SUITE 401, OCALA, FL 34470, PHONE NUMBER: (352) 274-9360, EMAIL ADDRESS: email@vengco.com.

The Citrus County School Board reserves the absolute right to award the Bid to the lowest, responsive Bidder, to waive any informality or irregularity in any Bid, or to reject any and all Bids received based solely on the Board's determination of the best interests of the School District.

CITRUS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD INVERNESS, FLORIDA BY: Sandra Himmel Superintendent of Schools

Published December 13, 20, & 27, 2020

Meeting Notices

1298-1220 SUCRN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

For Adoption of Rate Adjustments for Miscellaneous Fees for the Unified Aqua Utility System Service Area Located in Alachua County, Florida, Citrus County, Florida, Hardee County, Florida, Lee County, Florida, Marion County, Florida, Orange County, Florida, Polk County, Florida, Putnam County, Florida, Seminole County, Florida, and Volusia County, Florida.

The Florida Governmental Utility Authority ("FGUA") announces a public hearing to consider the adoption of updated miscellaneous fees related to the Cross Connection Control Program in the FGUA's Unified Aqua Utility System located in Alachua County, Florida, Citrus County, Florida, Hardee County, Florida, Lee County, Florida, Marion County, Florida, Orange County, Florida, Polk County, Florida, Putnam County, Florida, Seminole County, Florida, and Volusia County, Florida. The updated fees are shown below. General utility service rates are NOT being adjusted. All interested persons are invited to attend and participate in the hearing. The FGUA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Citrus County, Florida, Flagler County, Florida, Hendry County, Florida, Lee County, Florida, Marion County, Florida, Nassau County, Florida, Pasco County, Florida, and Polk County, Florida. The public hearing will be held on January 14, 2021 at 4:00 PM by telephone conference. To participate in the hearing on January 14, interested persons should call 1-855-212-0212 and enter access code 988-321-654 when prompted. The Public Hearing will be continued to the FGUA Board of Directors meeting on January 21, 2021 at 1:00 PM. That meeting will be held by Video and Phone Conference. To participate in the January 21 hearing by telephone, interested persons should call 1-866-777-5715 and enter the access code 583-017-23 when prompted. To participate in the January 21 hearing by Video Conference, interested persons should appear at one of the local FGUA customer service center of the below locations. To ensure proper Covid safety protocols and social distancing, persons wishing to join by Video Conference must contact their local FGUA customer service center by phone to make arrangements to attend at least two (2) business days prior to the hearing.

West Office: 6915 Perrine Ranch Road New Port Richey, FL 34655 (727) 372-0115

Central Office: 510 Hwy 466, Ste. 204 Lady Lake, FL 32159 (352) 633-9701

South Office: 9841 Bernwood Place Drive, Unit 120 Fort Myers, FL 33966 (239) 368-1615

Updates to the Miscellaneous Fee Schedule: Backflow Prevention Device Installation CO + 5%\* Backflow Testing Fee CO + 5%\* Disconnect Fee Due to Cross Connection Non-Compliance CO + 5%\* \* Rate based on Contract Operator Charge 5% rounded up to the nearest dollar.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the FGUA with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will

Meeting Notices

need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board toll free at (877) 552-3482, at least two (2) business days prior to the date of the hearing. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-FGUA or (407) 629-6900.

Published December 20, 2020

1304-1220 SUCRN HOMOSASSA SPECIAL WATER DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

The Homosassa Special Water District would like to announce that the Regular Monthly Board Meeting will be held on Monday, December 21, 2020. The meeting will begin at 4:00 PM.

Due to the current circumstances, this meeting will be a webinar conducted electronically ("virtually") with no public in attendance at the District office.

Members of the public may view the meeting by visiting Zoom registration link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86950422238?pwd=VVU0NzZkUTZwUmlNmr2padEZod0g5dz09

Members of the public may listen to the meeting by dialing Zoom audio link at

Phone Number 1-646-558-8656 Meeting ID 869 5042 2238 Passcode 448509

ny persons with disabilities need a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Teresa Olds, Office Manager, hswd@tampabay.rr.com, 352-628-3740 no later than 12:00 noon prior to the meeting.

Rodney MacRae Chairman of the Board

Published December 20, 2020

1306-1220 SUCRN PUBLIC NOTICE

The Citrus County School Board will hold an Administrative Hearing; 3:00 p.m. Regular Meeting; 4:00 p.m. and Public Hearing; 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, in the Board Room of the District Services Center located at 1007 West Main Street, Inverness, Florida.

The purpose of the Administrative Hearing is act upon proposed student expulsion(s). The Regular Meeting is to discuss and act upon other business that needs to come before the Board. The Public Hearing is to approve/adopt the revision of Policy 3.40 Safe and Secure Schools, approve the request to repeal Policy 4.32 Title I Parent Involvement, approve/adopt the revision to Policy 6.115 Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals, and approve/adopt the revision to Policy 8.10 Safety.

If any person decides to appeal a decision made by the Board, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he may need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record should include testimony and evidence upon which his appeal is to be based.

Sandra Himmel Superintendent Citrus County School Board

Published December 20, 2020

Bid Notices

1303-1220 SUCRN PUBLIC NOTICE Invitation to Bid ITB 21-036 Sewage Sludge Hauling Services

Solicitation Overview Citrus County, Florida ("County") invites interested parties to submit a Bid to provide pumping, transportation, treatment and/or disposal of sludges and raw sewage from all of the County's wastewater treatment plants and collection systems, including manholes & wet wells on an emergency and non-emergency basis.

Minimum Requirements For Submitting A Bid

Bidder's shall currently possess, or will possess at the time of award, the following:

- 1. A Residuals Management Facility Permit issued by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection
2. A Florida Department of Environmental Protection approved Agricultural or Dedicated Use Plan
3. 24 hour / 7 day response capability with one (1) hour response time for emergencies
4. Able to provide video of sewer mains and laterals
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6. A minimum of two (2) tanker trucks, each meeting the following specifications:
a. Capacity of 4,000 gallons (maximum) and 2,500 gallons (minimum)
b. Vacuum pump
c. Three inch diameter suction hose with male/female cam-lock fittings (minimum length of 80 feet)
d. Fill sight gauge
e. Capable of accessing remote rural areas in Citrus County
f. Capable of transfer pumping from wet wells to force main connections

Submission of Bids SEALED Responses are to be submitted on or before January 21, 2021 at 2:00 PM (EST). The County will now receive proposal submittals through the online solicitation management portal, www.myvendorlink.com.

Public Opening Sealed Responses shall be opened and read aloud publicly on January 21, 2021 at 2:15 PM. Electronic Proposals shall be opened via "Mitel Connect: phone conference call. See Solicitation document for detail information on www.myvendorlink.com.

\*\*All public Meetings are subject to change or can be cancelled due to the current events.

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the County Administrator's Office, (352) 527-5210, at least two days before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, dial 7-1-1, 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service.

Si necesita un traductor de español por favor haga arreglos con el Condado dentro de dos días de la notificación de la publicación 352-527-5370

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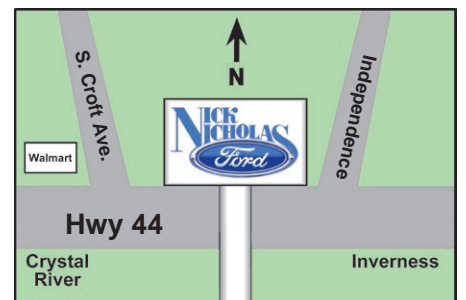
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# HomeFront

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020



These holiday cactus flowers are held horizontal to the flattened stems. The upper part of the flower is different from the lower part and the pollen is yellow. Spineless stem segments have pointed teeth on their edges. These characteristics are identifying traits of holiday cactus in the *Truncata* Group of cultivars.

JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

Inside this week:

Jane's Garden

Jane examines "Holiday Cactus" /Page E8

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Website: kathygreensellshomes.com

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# Resetting for a new year with soothing decor



Marrimor Objects

Marrimor pillows from Marrimor Objects. The collection features toss pillows that combine two different but equally soft materials like boucle, wool, velvet and faux fur.

**Kim Cook**  
*Associated Press*

After an anxiety-filled 2020 and during the continuing pandemic, many of us are looking to our homes for nearly everything: a place to work, study, sleep, eat, exercise. And don't forget unwind.

Homes these days can offer calm and relaxation, designers say. Whether that means a decor refresh or a few small additions, they suggest some easy ways to create a more restful home space for 2021.

Think both big and small as you assess your rooms, says John Eason, an interior designer in New York.

"The feeling of a soothing room comes not only from the overall effect and aesthetic, but from key details," he says.

## The new 'cozy'

Don't be limited by conventional ideas of what makes a space cozy, Eason says: "Metal and stone are as comforting for their sturdy

dependability as wood is for its flex and give. Deep, rich colors can be as relaxing as cheerful, bright ones."

Sustainably produced textiles and environmentally friendly paints with velvety finishes can lend a healthy and comfortable vibe.

Find apps that play calming music and relaxing stories, or YouTube videos of crackling fireplaces or lapping waters.

Aromatherapy candles and diffusers wafting scents of nature, or baked goodies, are easy additions, as are soft toss pillows where you'll be binge-watching.

In recent years, the Danish word "hygge" came to describe the concept of coziness. The Welsh have their own apt term: "cwtch." Pronounced "kutch," it loosely references both cozy nooks and extra warm hugs.

## Follow your own tastes

Create your easy-living vibe based on your own sense of balance,

See **DECOR/Page E14**



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**LEE REICH**  
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If you're thinking about growing apples, take some time now to test varieties and talk with local growers.

I grow an apple called Hudson's Golden Gem and I do so for one reason. Yes, this apple's russeted, golden skin is beautiful. But it's the flavor that puts it above the rest.

When you buy apples at the store or orchard, your choice is limited to the dozen or so varieties that have been chosen because they look pretty, ship well, store well and have flavor with broad appeal.

We gardeners, on the other hand, can plant any of more than 5,000 apple varieties that strike our fancy. And we can plant and harvest without regard to a variety's appearance, shelf-life or other commercial attributes.

What the doyen of American horticulture, Liberty Hyde Bailey, said early in the last century about apples applies equally well today: "Why do we need so many kinds...? Because there are so many folks. A person has the right to gratify his legitimate tastes ... (and) should be accorded that privilege."

We can also harvest at each variety's peak of perfection. My Macoun apples, for instance, taste different — and much better — than any Macoun apples I can buy. One reason is because I don't harvest until they are so ripe they are about to or have fallen from the branches.

Here are some other flavorful apples I've planted. They may have other shortcomings, but they all taste great!

Ashmead's Kernel originated more than 200 years ago in a Dr. Ashmead's

garden in Gloucester, England. The fruit is a russeted golden brown with a reddish-bronze cheek when struck by sunlight. Inside, a delicious, crisp, yellow flesh.

Cox's Orange Pippin is another old variety that originated in England, thanks to a retired brewer named Richard Cox, in 1825. The color, orange and red, washed with carmine over a yellow background, limits its American market. Prized strictly for its flavor, Cox is still grown by British farmers despite some commercial flaws.

Ellison's Orange is a British apple, a relative youngster, that originated in Lincolnshire in 1911. It's a late summer or early fall apple, golden yellow with carmine stripes, with juicy flesh and a vinous flavor that hints of anise. Cox Orange Pippin is one of its parents.

Not all the good apples come from England. Macoun, for instance, originated in New York, in 1923, with McIntosh as one of its parents. Hudson's Golden Gem is also American, originating in an Oregon fencerow in 1931.

Another American apple that I've grown is Newtown Pippin, which originated in New York City (Queens) about 300 years ago. The light yellow fruit, tart with a hint of tangerine, rounds out the apple season by not developing its best flavor until it's been in storage until after Christmas. As testimonial to its good flavor, Newtown Pippins were shipped to England in colonial times.

And superior flavor isn't limited to old apple varieties, British or American. Mutsu (Crispin) came from Japan in 1948. This large, round, yellow apple has a delicate, spicy flavor and a



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**A Hudson's Golden Gem apple in New Paltz, N.Y. Hudson's Golden Gem is one of many flavorful apples that might not be commercially acceptable but is among the best-tasting varieties for backyard growing.**

pleasantly coarse texture that is reminiscent of biting into a snowball.

Jonagold was introduced only 40 years ago from the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station. It combines the flavors of its parents, the sprightly Jonathan and the aromatic Golden Delicious. The large fruits are yellow with a splash of light scarlet. Jonagold also has a nice "cracking" flavor — the crisp fruits explode in your mouth with juice and flavor.

I round out my present collection with the variety Liberty, also from New York, dating to 1978. Besides excellent flavor, not surprising with Macoun as one of its parents, Liberty is resistant to the major apple diseases.

The above is only a

sampling of the many great-tasting apple varieties. Take a little time to taste a lot of varieties and speak to locals in your area and you might find other varieties that tickle your taste buds and are well suited locally.

Before you get too enthusiastic about planting apples, one caution: Apples are not an easy fruit to grow in many regions. The plants require annual pruning and pest control. (Even Liberty, although disease-resistant, still gets attacked by insects.)

But if you're willing to learn about pests and make the efforts to thwart them, a few trees of apple varieties selected for excellence in flavor will reward you with years of delectable eating.

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# A perfect cottagecore holiday

**KIM COOK**  
*Associated Press*

Along with bread-baking and closet reorganizing, another nesting trend on the home front is "cottagecore" style.

"The cottagecore aesthetic swarmed the internet this year with its revival of traditional ideals and the glorification of a simple yet charming cottage lifestyle," says Amanda Brennan, trend expert for Tumblr.

Engagement on the social platform for cottagecore began spiking in early spring and hasn't abated, she reports.

Now it's flowing into the holiday season, she says, "with posts of farmhouse-inspired holiday decorations, homestyle seasonal recipes, warm winter décor, and knitting."

Etsy.com trend expert Dayna Isom Johnson agrees: "The nostalgia-inspired movement is all about bringing back pastoral aesthetics and activities."

Characterized by romantic, nature-oriented themes and home-spun design elements, cottagecore

started around the mid-2010s. But it's taken off this year as the pandemic kept people at home.

"It's no surprise that the trend's extending into the holidays," says Isom Johnson. "Shoppers are opting for décor that's reminiscent of a time that was filled with simpler pleasures in life, from baking to crafting."

Etsy saw an increase in early fall in searches for crocheted, knitted and embroidered ornaments, as well as holiday quilts, she says. They've seen a nearly 200% increase in searches for DIY kits.

Kits come at all levels, for kids, beginners and skilled crafters, and with a variety of holiday-friendly themes. For instance, Fancy Tiger's felting kits offer alpacas, squirrels and sheep, and cross-stitched mini holiday ornaments. Stitchery.com has simple kits for making embroidered tree table-runners, tiny stockings and snow globes.

Many Etsy shops, like Lark Rising, Rene Creates and Barmy Fox, offer templates of designs for download. Creativity for Kids has holiday snow globe kits, while Paper Source has kits to craft dog

nutcrackers and Hanukkah bears in winsome sweaters.

Lorna Aragon, home editor for Martha Stewart Living, suggests some easy holiday projects for home and gifting that fit the aesthetic:

"Think about stenciling or stamping a tablecloth, runner or napkins with a simple geometric motif. You can make a tree skirt the same way," she says. "Create some homemade stockings from simple dishcloths. Use baskets under the tree to hold gifts. You can also get some quilting squares at the craft store and make sachets to gift friends. I'm loving simple fabrics like ticking, gingham, denim, muslin and calico small florals and prints."

The magazine's team created some items for the December issue based on quilt designs and folk-art motifs, evocative of the cottagecore look.

Minted's Founder Mariam Naficy likes 'furoshiki', the Japanese technique of gift wrapping with fabric. She says it's a great way to wrap oddly-shaped items, and

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# Family heirloom serving platter dates from the 1840s

**Dear John:** We enjoy reading your articles in the Chronicle. The platter in the photo was just used for Thanksgiving dinners every year when I was growing up. It has been in the family for generations — at least since World War I, so according to our family history it is over 100 years old, but we are not sure how old it really is. We do not know anything about it, where it was made, or when it might have first entered our family. There is nothing on the back of the platter to indicate who made it. It is 17 1/2 inches by 14 1/4.



John Sikorski  
**SIKORSKI'S ATTIC**

We use it now for all our holiday meals and questions about it are always part of the dinner conversation. It does not matter what it is worth we would never sell it. It has had good care, there are no chips or cracks. We would appreciate anything you could tell us about it. — W.T., internet

**Dear W.T.:** I appreciate the good photograph of the platter. The serving platter was made in the Staffordshire district of England. During the 1830s to 1860s, Staffordshire potters produced large quantities of dinnerware intended for everyday dining decorated with

transfer printed designs. An engraved copper plate is inked with color, a print is taken from it on paper and pressed onto the surface of the item to be decorated. The transfer could be applied before or after glazing, then the piece is fired in the kiln. The technique was first used in the 18th century.

Collectors refer to your platter decoration as Romantic Staffordshire wares. They were printed in a number of colors — brown, black, blue,

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**This serving platter is an excellent example of what collectors refer to as Romantic Staffordshire wares. It was likely made in England in the 1840s, so it's nearly 200 years old.**

Special to the Chronicle



# Greasy water drips from kitchen vent hood

## Ask the BUILDER

**TIM CARTER**

*Tribune Content Agency*

**Q:** Tim, my husband and I really need your help. Our 10-year-old multi-speed kitchen exhaust fan drips greasy water back down onto the stove. Three of the highest fan speeds no longer work. The lights in the hood have also stopped working.

It's in a custom wood surround with a custom internal stainless steel frame, so buying a different model will become an installation nightmare. I'm worried the fan is a lemon and don't want a new one to fail like this one.

I can tell you that years ago the highest speeds of the fan were so loud that you couldn't hear in the kitchen so I almost always used the lowest speed.

What's going on, and how would you solve this problem? Did I inadvertently cause the problem? — *Monica B., Lexington, Ky.*

**A:** I have a very similar kitchen stove exhaust fan like Monica's. In fact, I had one at my last home that I thought was so powerful it would suck an infant up into the air. It sounded like a jet engine. The interesting thing is that after years of use, I never had one drop of greasy water drip from my hood.

I solved Monica's problem over the phone in less than 15 minutes. I've offered this one-on-one problem-solving service for years because some problems are so complex you just can't do it with back-and-forth emails. After hanging up with Monica, I felt it was important for you to know what went wrong. I don't want the same thing to happen to you, forcing you to buy a \$1,000 exhaust fan when it could have been avoided.

When you cook on a stove, your high school chemistry and physics teachers are grinning up in Heaven. Remember when you sat in class all those years ago mumbling under your breath, "How am I ever going to use this useless information?" I have to admit, I'd sometimes say it out loud and I got to ponder the answer that afternoon sitting in detention class for 45 minutes copying my high school

rule book on lined notebook paper.

The cooking process creates vast amounts of water vapor as you heat food and boil water. When you heat up or fry meat, you also melt grease and some of this also gets converted to vapor, or tiny droplets of the grease hitch a ride on some of the water vapor as it floats up from your stove.

It's important for this water vapor to be piped out of your house as rapidly as possible before it changes back to water. This is why exhaust fan manufacturers have very explicit requirements for both the minimum diameter and maximum length of the exhaust pipe that connects to your fan to the outdoors.

You should now understand why most of these high-quality exhaust fans have high-speed fans. The fan is trying to blast the water vapor outdoors in just a few seconds as opposed to allowing it to meander through the exhaust pipe on its journey to the great outdoors.

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**This is a powerful kitchen stove vent hood that exhausts air outdoors. Many problems can happen if you don't operate one correctly.**



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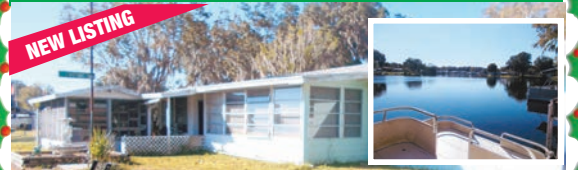
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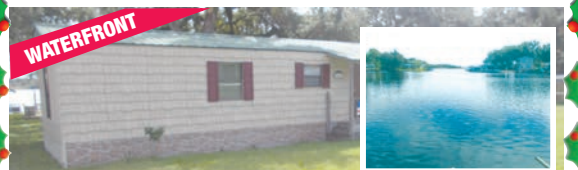
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# Holiday Cactus

“**H**oliday Cactus” that flower around the winter holidays in the Northern Hemisphere have no leaves. They have green photosynthetic flattened stem segments called

cladodes or cladophylls. The popular epiphytic holiday cacti are cultivars created from original species. There are six species in the Schlumbergia genus, according to [www.britannica.com/plant/Schlumbergera](http://www.britannica.com/plant/Schlumbergera). Recent genetic DNA

studies indicate three more species in the related Hattoria genus should be moved into Schlumbergia, which would then have nine species. Although inevitable, the change is not yet universally accepted.

Schlumbergia holiday cacti are in the family Cactaceae. Flowers may be white, pink, yellow, orange, red or purple. Easter or Whitsunday cactus, until recently placed in the genus Hattoria, is also called a holiday cactus and has flowers in red, orange, pink and white.

Fall and winter flowering holiday cacti sold in the U.S. are in two main groups. Early flowering cultivars in the Truncata Group (TG) were created from *S. truncata*, which features flat stem segments with pointed teeth. They are commonly called Thanksgiving, lobster or crab cactus. The odd-shaped flowers, called zygomorphic, grow from areoles

at the tips and joints of the stem segments. Truncata flowers are held horizontally and the upper side is shaped differently from the lower side. All truncatas have yellow pollen.

The Buckleyi Group (RG) of manmade cultivars show features inherited from *S. russelliana*. Stem segments have symmetrical, more rounded teeth on the edges. The flowers are more symmetrical and hang down below the hori-

zontal. The pollen is pink. As Buckleyi cacti flower later, they are commonly called holiday or Christmas cactus.

Two other groups of hybrids and named cultivars are gaining in popularity among collectors. The Regina Group (RG) of cultivars are derived from crosses with *S. orssichiana*. The Exotica Group (EG) contains a small number of hybrids crossed with *S. opuntioides* that have prickles on the stem segments.

The six original Schlumbergias and the three recently reclassified former Hattoria species mostly evolved inland near Rio De Janeiro, in the coastal mountains of southeastern Brazil. The mountains have high altitude, moist, dense, shady forest with high humidity. Within tropical latitudes, the altitude creates a subtropical climate suitable



Jane Weber  
**JANE'S GARDEN**



JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

Holiday cactus are one of nine species in the *Schlumbergia* genus of epiphytic air plants native to the high cool coastal mountains of southeastern Brazil. In South Florida, schlumbergias can be grown outdoors in cold hardiness zones 10 to 12 where there is no frost. In Central Florida and further north, Schlumbergias need frost protection, so are popular indoor or patio house plants.

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# JANE

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for frost tender schlumbergias. They are predominately epiphytes (air plants) living on trees or shrubs. Occasionally some grow in crevices on rocks so are then called epilithic.

Harmless epiphytes are not parasites. They use trees only for support to get more sunlight than if they lived on the ground. Epiphytes anchor with roots which take in moisture from rainfall, mist, fog and humidity. Their roots absorb nutrients from decaying organic debris not from their host plants. The unusual, horizontally borne flowers evolved to be pollinated by specific hummingbirds in Brazil. Nectar is produced in a chamber at the base of the floral tube. Tiny 1mm dark seeds are dispersed by birds that eat the pulpy seedcases.

Only two Schlumbergia species have short, flattened cladodes — *S. truncata* and *S. russelliana*. The claw cactus, *S. truncata*, blooms early around Thanksgiving in the U.S. The popular Holiday Cactus cultivars, *Schlumbergia x buckleyi*, are man-made hybrids of these two species. The other four originals — *S. kautskyi*, *S. opuntiooides*, *S. orssichiana*, and *S. microsphaerica* — have slightly more rounded, plumper stem segments and similar flowers.

Several Schlumbergia species are listed as endangered on the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List of Threatened Species. Established in 1964, the IUCN is the planet's go-to source for accurate, up-to-date information on threatened animal, plant and fungus species. Of the 128,500 IUCN assessed species, currently over 35,500 are threatened with extinction. Biodiversity is declining globally.

Holiday cacti can grow outdoors in South Florida in Zones 10-12. Elsewhere, they are grown as houseplants and need frost protection. Long nights with 13 uninterrupted hours of darkness and several cool nights in a row at about 40°F will initiate flowering. Average indoor temperatures below 75°F are ideal for Schlumbergia houseplants. The humidity and darkness in a bathroom is a suitable place for holiday cacti.

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Large numbers of holiday cacti cultivars are propagated annually and induced to flower in the United States in time for Thanksgiving in late November. In Europe, plants are mainly sold later in the year in time for Christmas. In 1989, one Dutch grower, de Vries of Aalsmeer, in the Netherlands, reported producing 2 million plants per year.



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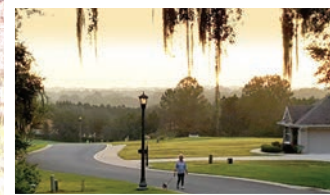
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# BUILDER

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The dripping greasy water problem is exacerbated by cool or cold weather. Monica absolutely can experience this in central Kentucky. I lived for 55 years just 90 miles north in Cincinnati, and I know how bitter cold the Midwest can get in the winter months. This is why it's a good idea to insulate both kitchen and bathroom exhaust pipes so they stay as warm as possible.

Remember in your physics class when your teacher discussed condensation? If you live in a humid climate, you undoubtedly experience this in the summer. Think about that cold can of beer or soda you take from the refrigerator and place on your patio table. It's dry when you take it from the refrigerator but on a humid day within a minute a fog on the cold metal. Minutes later, a small puddle of water

has developed at the base of the can!

Now imagine the enormous surface area of your kitchen fan's exhaust pipe. It could be 50 or 100 times the surface area of a single can of soda. It should start to make sense to you now why greasy water is raining down from Monica's vent hood.

Monica also asked me on the phone about how often to clean the filters in the vent hood. I asked her how often she cooks and she said every night. Fortunately, her filters are a mesh stainless steel and can be put in the dishwasher. I suggested she clean them every two weeks at a minimum.

I then discussed with Monica why there are often four speeds to kitchen exhaust fans. It's important for you to match the fan speed to the amount of food being cooked on the stove. If you've got all the burners going, pots of water boiling, skillets frying, etc., you better have the fan

on high speed. If you've got just one small pot simmering, then the low speed is usually just fine. Match the fan speed to the amount of water vapor being created.


Monica also admitted to another mistake when I asked her how long she allows the fan to run after the burners are turned off. "Oh, I turn off the fan immediately." That's a mistake. Some high-quality exhaust fans come with a built-in timer that keeps the fan running for five, 10, or even 15 minutes after you're finished cooking.

This is done so any light condensation on the inside of the exhaust pipe can evaporate and be blown outside before it has a chance to drip back down to the kitchen. Monica's going to get the same replacement vent hood, but this time it's probably going to last 25 years!


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Ashley Martin

**Ashley Martin, a teacher and part-time crafter in Green Township, N.J., created this display out of a scrounged wooden soda bottle crate and a collection of succulents. Martin says she's always loved doing arts and crafts projects, but she really became obsessed with cottagecore décor when she and her husband bought an 1850s farmhouse. Turning her ideas into custom art and signs became a side gig for her, and she's busy working on orders for the holidays now. "I really enjoy working on something creative any time that I can. For me, it's an outlet."**

## HOLIDAY

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re-purpose fabric scraps or old scarves.

She's also making garlands this year out of various materials, including fragrant dried orange slices. "You can display them on a mantle, bookcase, or drape one on your dining table surrounded by tea candles for a simple, aromatic centerpiece," she says.

Naficy also suggests making garlands out of last year's holiday cards and scraps of wrapping paper.

Wreath frames from garden centers and art stores offer crafting parties the opportunity to make indoor or outdoor décor.

"Eucalyptus doesn't scream Christmas, and will work all winter," says Stephanie Pollard of Hello Nest.

Dried or faux greenery, pom-poms, cotton balls, or colorful ornaments and a primed hot glue gun are all you need. To get the cottagecore look, add burlap or velvet ribbon, or wrap the wreath in cloth.

Ashley Martin, a sixth-grade teacher and mom of two who lives in Green Township, New Jersey, transformed a scrounged vintage wooden Coke crate into a rustic succulent garden to decorate her home through the holidays and beyond.

Martin says she's always loved arts and crafts projects, but became obsessed with cottagecore décor

pipe that was handed down from my great-grandfather. I have been told it is meerschau and from the 1800s. The pipe has a brass band on top of the bowl with a curly design. It is carved quite intricately with a forest around the tan colored bowl. The stem is caramel-colored plastic with a brass band with the same curly design. I would appreciate any information or help you can offer to assist me in establishing a value on this pipe. — R.M., internet

**Dear R.M.:** The pipe sounds very interesting. Meerschau was used extensively for pipes during the 1800s. It was and is hand-carved in a wide variety of styles and quality. Their popularity has risen

and fallen with the dictates of fashion. If the stem is original, the material will be amber. The brass band on the bowl could be gold; if so, there will be a small, impressed hallmark indicating such. Take a good close look with a magnifier.

Meerschau pipes are a specific category of collector interest. In order to help you further, I need several good, clear photographs of both sides. Then I will be able to help you with an estimate of value.

*John Sikorski has been a professional in the antiques business for 30 years. Send questions to Sikorski's Attic, P.O. Box 2513, Ocala, FL 34478 or asksikorski@aol.com.*

when she and her husband bought an 1850s farmhouse. Turning her ideas into custom art and signs became a side gig, and she's working on holiday orders now.

"I really enjoy working on something creative any time that I can," she says.

Other ideas for DIY holiday decorations with a cottagecore feel:

Gather a stack of blank cards,

markers and essential oils and make aromatherapy cards. Clear glass or acrylic ball ornaments can be jazzed up with a coating of Mod Podge and a dip in a bowl of snowy glitter. (Keep a lint roller handy to clean up the sparkles.) Use a glue gun to seal seams on cut-out felt mittens, trees or stars, then stuff the open end with a gift card or small treat.

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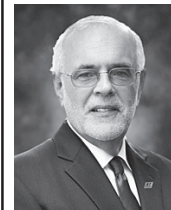
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A bedroom by John Eason, a New York interior designer.

## DECOR

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harmony and good energy, says Leigh Spicher, national design director for Atlanta-based home builder Ashton Woods. That's especially true now when guests are discouraged because of safety concerns.

"The best way to design a restful, relaxing home is to make it about you and the people you live with," she advises.

Choose colors you love, not necessarily what's trendy. Frame travel pictures and personal photos.

### Unplugged spaces

We all need more screens if we're working and spending more time at home, but allow yourself to escape them too, Spicher says.

"Make sure there's a space in your home without tech, including TV," she says.

Real plants, and a mix of

elements like wood, stone, metal — perhaps even a water feature, like a table fountain — can create a soothing, authentic living space.

### Defining the space

It can be stressful when too much is going on in a space. Get creative with delineating spaces and their functions.

"For children, I love to create a designated play area by overlapping a fun, patterned area rug with woven poufs and storage ottomans," says Amanda Amato, a designer in Caldwell, New Jersey, and style expert for HomeGoods. She also suggests creating a reading nook in a forgotten corner of a room, and reducing clutter in a small bedroom by multi-purposing a writing desk as a nightstand.

### See things in a good light

Chip Wade, a designer and architect in Cumming, Georgia, uses light to define different parts of a

room and to create a laid-back atmosphere.

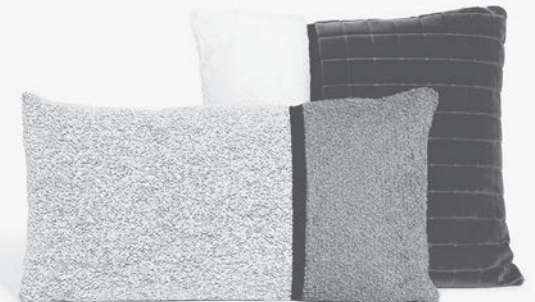
"Lighting is a key component to personalizing my space. Controlling my entire lighting setup remotely on my phone makes it easy to dim and create scenes," he says.

You can swap out regular bulbs for color-changing ones that offer sunrise, sunset and other mood-enhancing hues.

Eason likes to play with

the way light works on various surfaces.

"An upholstered wall lends a peaceful air to a room for its sound-absorbing qualities, but also for how it affects the play of light," he says. "Creating pools of light in a variety of intensities, rather than an overall brightness, and having that light emit from fixtures that are focal points, can create a sense of focus and calm."



Marrimor Objects

Marrimor pillows from Marrimor Objects. The collection features toss pillows that combine two different but equally soft materials like boucle, wool, velvet and faux fur.

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Installed as 2021 RACC President was **Kelly Tedrick**. Tedrick, who has been with ERA American Suncoast for more than 6 years, holds a broker designation, is a state certified pre- and post-license instructor as well as an integral part of the company's sales management team.

**Mark Siegel**, a six-year real estate veteran with ERA American Suncoast, was sworn in for his second year as a board director. Previously, Siegel served the association as the

chairperson of its education committee, being responsible for planning, scheduling and implementing all educational endeavors at the RACC.

**C.J. Dixon**, broker-owner of ERA American Suncoast Realty, was voted by the general membership as Broker of the Year. This is the fourth time Dixon, a past president of the RACC and a 20+ year Realtor, has been voted Realtor of the Year.

**Lynn Harris**, a sales associate with ERA American Suncoast and in only her second year as a Realtor, was voted both New on the Scene and Realtor of the Year by her fellow Realtors. In the history of the Association, no Realtor has ever achieved both awards in the same year.

**John Finley** was voted the Distinguished Service Award. A

40+ year veteran of the real estate industry, Finley has been part of the ERA American Suncoast sales management team since 1998. He is a past president of the RACC and continues to be active as an association ombudsman and a member of professional standards.

**Dennis Pilon**, a 42-year Realtor and broker-associate with ERA American Suncoast Realty, was once again voted Educator of the Year by his fellow Realtors. Pilon, a past president of the Association, has been voted Educator of the Year an unprecedented five times by the membership and maintains a busy teaching schedule of state pre- and post-license courses as owner instructor of Nature Coast Real Estate Institute and as lead trainer and instructor at ERA American Suncoast Realty.



**C.J. Dixon**  
ERA American Suncoast Realty.



**Dennis Pilon**  
ERA American Suncoast Realty.



**Lynn Harris**  
ERA American Suncoast Realty.



**John Finley**  
ERA American Suncoast Realty.

### GET THE WORD OUT

- Nonprofit organizations are invited to submit news releases about upcoming community events.
- Write the name of the event, who sponsors it, when and where it will take place and other details.
- Include a contact name and phone number to be printed in the paper. Call 352-563-5660 for details.



Associated Press

An "I'm Taken" placard rests on a real estate for sale sign outside a home in Manchester, N.H.

## US long-term loan rates fall

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. long-term mortgage rates declined this week to record low levels for the 15th time this year against the backdrop of an economy ravaged by the pandemic.

Mortgage finance giant Freddie Mac said Thursday that the average rate

on the 30-year fixed-rate home loan fell to 2.67% from 2.71% last week. A year ago, the benchmark rate stood at 3.73%.

The average rate on 15-year fixed-rate loans eased to 2.21% from 2.26%.

The housing market continues as a rare bright spot in the stalled U.S. economy, as home-loan








rates have trended downward through most of this year. That has bolstered demand from would-be homebuyers or people looking to refinance existing mortgages.

Home sales have stalled, however, as the lack of available homes for purchase continues to stifle house hunters.

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 <p><b>Kirk &amp; Amanda Johnson - Broker/Owner</b></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">OPEN HOUSE</p> <p>Open 7 Days A Week 12 -3 PM (Except Holidays)</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.1em;">BEVERLY HILLS</p> <p>3256 W. ELM BLOSSOM ST.</p> 	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.1em;">BLACK DIAMOND</p>  <p>4200 N. PINE VALLEY LOOP 3/2.5/3 797199 <b>\$589,900</b></p>	
<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.1em;">RAINBOW SPRINGS</p>  <p>18231 SW 65TH LOOP 3/2/2 796354 <b>\$330,000</b></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.1em;">CITRUS SPRINGS</p>  <p>9538 N. PARADISEA DR. 4/2.5/2 796390 <b>\$239,900</b></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.1em;">CITRUS SPRINGS</p>  <p>5866 N. DARLINGTON DR. 3/2.5/2 796289 <b>\$237,000</b></p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.1em;">CITRUS HILLS</p>  <p>545 E. ALASKA LN. 2/2/1 797288 <b>\$199,900</b></p>

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**9077 E GOBBLER DRIVE, FLORAL CITY**  
ONE OF A KIND-LAKEFRONT PARCEL CONSISTING OF 1.83 ACRES located in Warnocks Live Oak Park. This property has two dwellings. The Stilt home is 600 Lvg Sqft upstairs and 780 Lvg Sqft downstairs & the Cabin is 600 Lvg Sqft & needs some TLC.  
MLS #797180 **\$248,900**  
Call Pat Davis to preview 352-212-7280



**NEW LISTING**  
**6880 W ROSEDALE DR, HOMOSASSA**  
Look at this 2/1.5/4-detached garage Manufactured home nestled on .53 acres with a 24x32 workshop/storage with electric & plumbing & is within minutes from restaurants, wildlife park & so much more.  
MLS #797331 **\$89,900**  
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for your showing appointment today!



**NEW LISTING**  
**207 W HIGHLANDS BLVD, INVERNESS**  
IN-TOWN this 2/1 with carport. Perfect retirement or snowbird home with city water & sewer, and is within minutes from Historic Downtown Inverness & all the indoor/outdoor amenities it has to offer.  
MLS #797370 **\$133,900**  
Call Pat Davis 352-212-7280  
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**1259 S SILVERTHORN LP, HERNANDO**  
Quail Run Subdivision - This 3/2/2 screened, enclosed pool/lanai home located in Quail Run Subdivision is in need of a little love and is nestled on a .32 acre lot. **\$199,900**  
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**NEW LISTINGS**  
**570 San Remo Cir, Inverness, .42 acres,**  
Waterfront MLS #797125 **\$89,900**  
**210 Buena Vista Crt, Inverness, .40 acres,**  
Non Waterfront MLS #797128 **\$49,900**  
Both lots are located in Landings at Inverness  
Call Ryan Hazelton 352-445-7693  
for property information



**PRICE REDUCTION**  
**88 OAK VILLAGE BLVD, HOMOSASSA**  
Check out this 3/2/3 in Sugarmill Woods-Oak Village. Nestled on .33 acres close to shopping and other amenities.  
**MOVE-IN READY!**  
MLS #796216 **\$239,000**  
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**3600 E JOHNSON PLACE, INVERNESS**  
Look at this 2/1/1-Carport fixer-upper just needing a little TLC. Located in Inverness Highlands only minutes from Historic Downtown Inverness and the indoor/outdoor amenities it has to offer.  
MLS #797192 **\$69,900**  
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**12594 E BIG BUCK TRAIL, FLORAL CITY**  
This 3/2/1-detached garage manufactured home is nestled on 44 acres in Floral City. Within minutes from the Withlacoochee River, shopping, dining, entertainment, and more.  
MLS #797204 **\$74,900**  
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**NEW LISTING**  
**1108 W BUCKNELL AVE, INVERNESS**  
Check out this cute 2/1/1 Inverness Highlands South home. It has been completely remodeled and updated beautifully with a completely fenced in backyard. Just minutes from Rails to Trails bike path, shopping, restaurants, hospital, medical facilities, schools and so much more.  
MLS #797177 **\$139,000**  
Call Rena Cooper 352-428-7222  
for your showing appointment today!



**MOBILE HOME IN A PARK**  
**8801 MOONRISE LN, UNIT 68, FLORAL CITY**  
Located in Moonrise Resort Retirement Community on Beautiful Lake Tsala Apopka and all the amenities it has to offer. **\$25,000**  
Call Kate Von Staden 352-464-2787  
for your showing appointment today!

OPEN HOUSE 11:30-2PM



**NEW LISTING**  
**6056 N PEARDALE TER, BEVERLY HILLS**  
Spacious 3/2 with Den. Pine Ridge Pool Home on a 1-acre lot.  
MLS #797216 **\$329,000**  
Call Deanna Hance 352-502-2048  
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VACANT LOTS  
NEW LISTINGS

Lots ready to build your DREAM HOME, located in Inverness Acres Subdivision.

Priced From  
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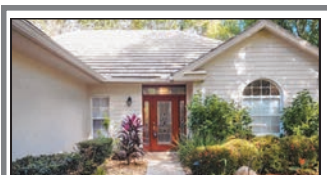
VACANT LAND / HOMESITES

**INVERNESS - \$84,900**  
Beautiful 6.50 acre lot cleared for homesite. Next to 46 mile Withlacoochee State Trail.

**HERNANDO - \$18,900**  
**CITRUS HILLS FAIRVIEW ESTATES**  
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**BLACK DIAMOND VILLAGE HOME**  
**3793 W CRYSTAL DOWNS PATH**  
Corner lot, updated kitchen, baths, tile flooring throughout, corner lot with garden setting, screened lanai porch, and 1,624 sq. ft. living.  
MLS #796246 **\$254,000**  
Call Linda Thomas 352-464-4881.



**PRICE REDUCTION**  
**1874 CORALBERRY LANE, INVERNESS**  
2/2/1 home has new roof and new AC. Large outdoor patio. Maintenance-free Whispering Pines Villa. Close to downtown, parks, and amenities.  
MLS #796224 **\$126,900**  
Call Laura Grady 352-302-2340  
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BLACK DIAMOND POOL HOME



**3627 N. PINE VALLEY LOOP**  
3 bedrooms • 2.5 baths • 2,604 SF LA  
Sweeping views of #12 Quarry Course  
MLS #797084 **\$389,000**  
Call Marty Coogler 352-422-1892

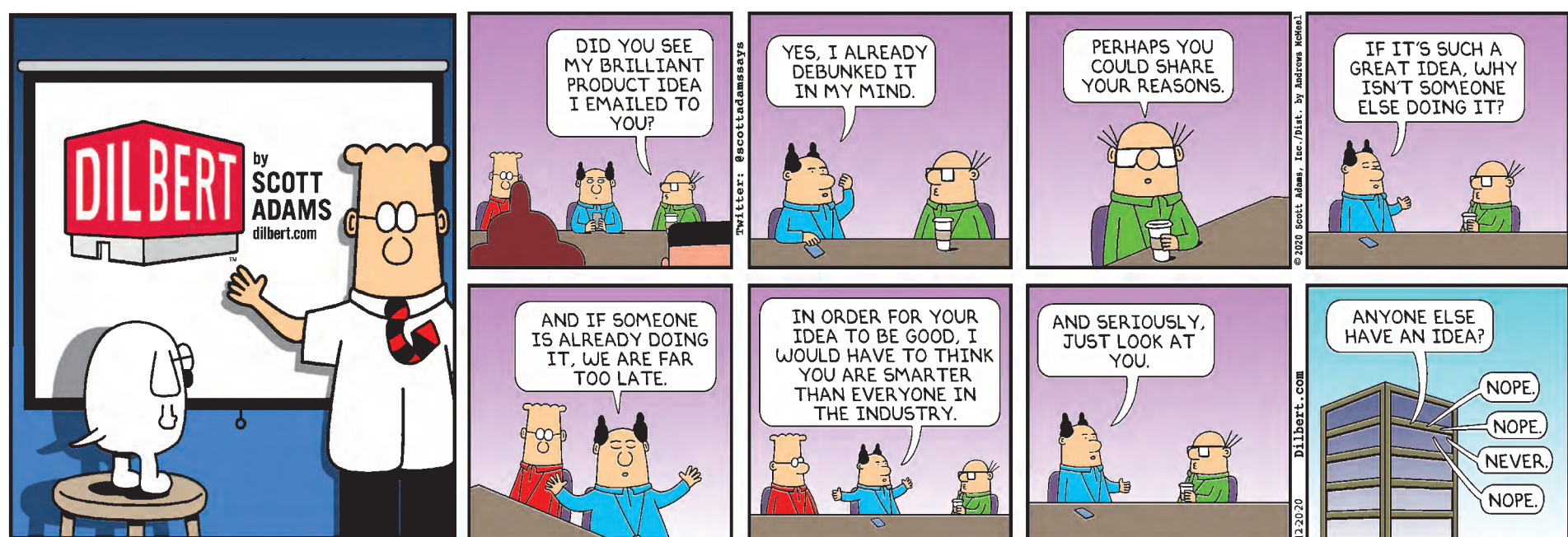
OPEN HOUSE 1-3PM



**3840 S. APOPKA AVE., INVERNESS**  
Look at this 2/2/2 home located in Inverness Highlands South Subdivision. Nestled on a corner lot, minutes from historic downtown Inverness, and all the amenities it has to offer. This a great second or first-time buyer home.  
MLS #797110 **\$150,000**  
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**PRICE REDUCTION**  
**COMMERCIAL RETAIL**  
**3460 E. McDONALD LN., HERNANDO, 34442**  
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MLS #791280. **\$525,000**  
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Harry Ape has been accused of stealing cash from a restaurant safe. Deputy Duck found a tin box of cash hidden in the ape's basement. Harry insists he inherited the cash from his grandfather 20 years ago. What did Slylock Fox observe on the money that led him to conclude Harry Ape is lying?

**Solution** -- Slylock noticed that most of the bills are dated after Harry Ape says he inherited them.

**HOW TO DRAW Santa Claus**

**YOUR DRAWING**

Today's artist is Cadence, age 13.

Submit your black-and-white drawing to [www.slylockfox.com](http://www.slylockfox.com)

The largest octopus on record weighed...

- 75 pounds
- 190 pounds
- 300 pounds
- 600 pounds
- 3,000 pounds

Answer -- (d) --

Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer -- Ball, cat, bird, footprint, hat and girl's mouth.

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# Sunday Puzzle Fun

## JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

GINTKH  
 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

ACUUSC  
 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

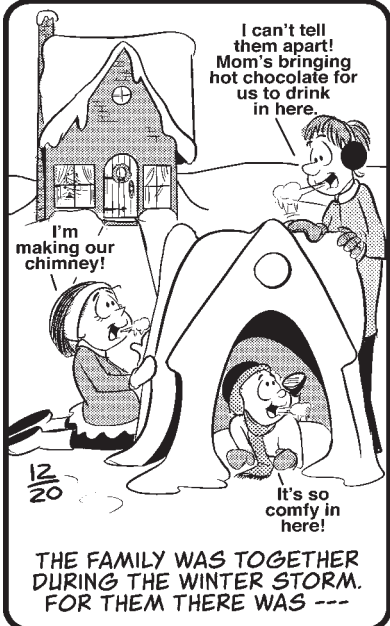
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PMEIOS  
 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

CLAOLE  
 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

LHIAEW  
 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

“○○○○○” ○○○○○ ○○○○○ ○○○○○ ○○○○○

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# SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mephram Group

Level

1 2  
 3 4

4			6	1				
			8	7	9			
	6						5	
	2			5	4		1	8
7	4		1	2				6
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	9	3	5		2			
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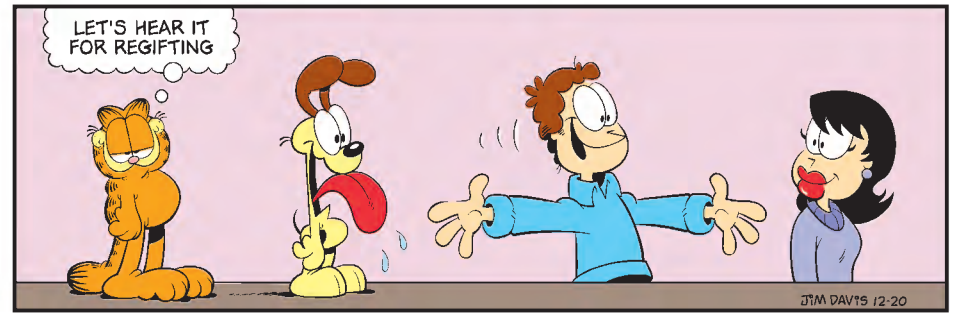
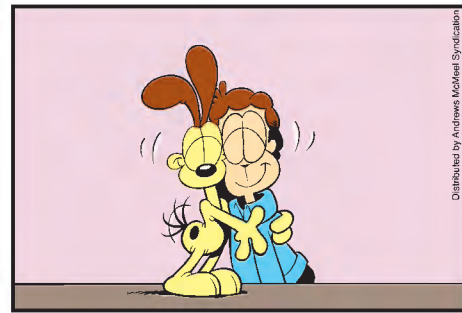
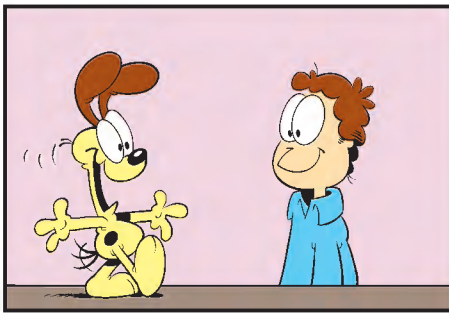
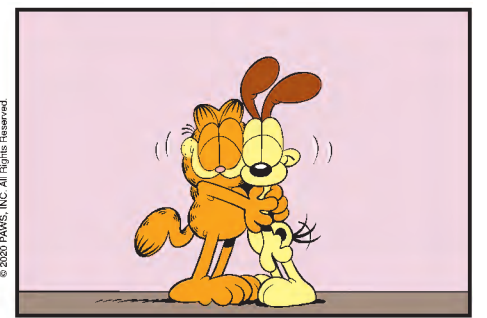
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, please visit [sudoku.org.uk](http://sudoku.org.uk)

Solution to Last Weeks puzzle

7	6	2	9	4	3	5	8	1
1	5	8	6	7	2	3	4	9
9	3	4	8	5	1	2	6	7
5	7	3	1	2	8	6	9	4
2	8	6	4	3	9	1	7	5
4	1	9	7	6	5	8	3	2
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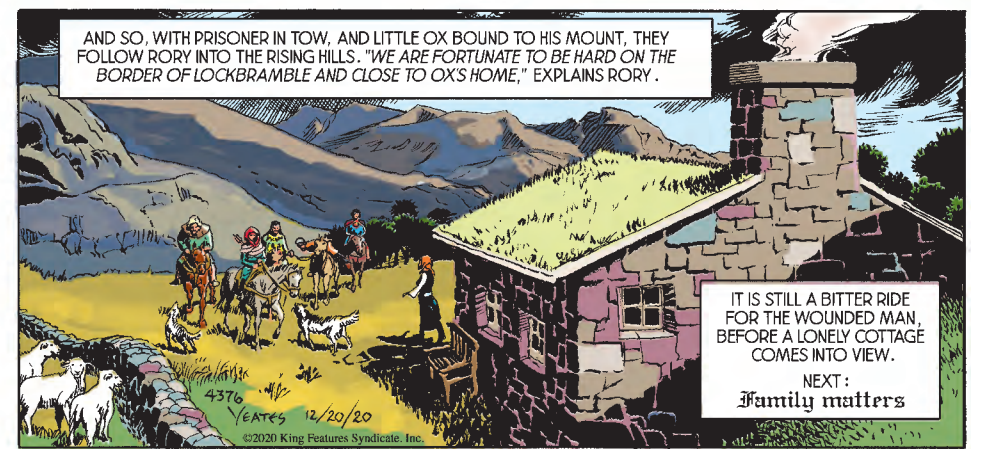
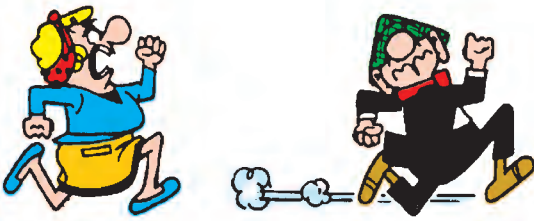
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# ANDY CAPP

by Smythe



IT IS STILL A BITTER RIDE FOR THE WOUNDED MAN, BEFORE A LONELY COTTAGE COMES INTO VIEW.  
 NEXT: Family matters

Answer:  
**JUMBLE**

KNIGHT OXYGEN LOCAL  
 CAUCUS IMPOSE AWHILE  
 LIKE HOME  
 "SNOW" PLACE  
 was ---  
 the winter storm. For them there  
 The family was together during

**BARNEY GOOGLE and SNUZZERS WITH HIM**  
BY JOHN ROSE

I'M GONNA PUT THESE CHRISMIS COOKIES WAY UP HIGH SO TH' YOUNG-UNS CAN'T REACH 'EM !!

GOOD IDEA, MA--

HEY, WAIT A MINUTE !! NO, IT AIN'T !!

JOHN ROSE

DANG, LI'L TATER, I THOUGHT I PUT 'EM WHAR YA COULDN'T REACH 'EM !!

THESE WERE FER YOU T'GIVE TO YORE MAW FER CHRISMIS !!

HUG !! HUG !! HUG !!

EARLY CHRISMIS PRESENT FROM LI'L TATER !!

**Mort Walker's beetle bailey**

ANOTHER DAY AT CAMP SWAMPY. UGH! WHEN WILL I EVER GET OUT OF HERE ?

MY TIME IN THE ARMY IS ALMOST UP!

I'M GOING BACK TO CIVILIAN LIFE!

WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT? WHY WOULDN'T I?

I'LL GIVE YOU A REASON !!

SO, YOU WANT TO SIGN UP FOR ANOTHER HITCH?

WHAT I WANT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!

I WANT YOU FOR U.S. ARMY

RECRUIT OFFICE

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**  
By Bill Keane

GOLD, FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH? WHY DIDN'T THEY BRING BABY JESUS SOME TOYS?

HOW HIGH DOES YOUR IQ HAFTA BE TO BE A WISE MAN?

THIS IS A NEAT STORY, MOMMY! WHO WROTE IT?

I HOPE BABY JESUS GOT TO SLEEP BEFORE SANTA CLAUS GOT THERE.

WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE DONKEY MARY WAS RIDING?

WHEN DID THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY SHOW UP?

DID TV COVER THE STORY LIVE?

HOW COME THE SHEPHERDS HAD TO WORK ON CHRISTMAS EVE?

DID WE EVER WEAR SWADDLING CLOTHES WHEN WE WERE BABIES?

JOSEPH SHOULD'VE PHONED AHEAD AND MADE A RESERVATION. RIGHT, MOMMY?

BETCHA JESUS MISSED OUT ON A TON OF PRESENTS 'CAUSE HIS BIRTHDAY AND CHRISTMAS WERE ON THE SAME DAY.

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**blitz**  
by Lincoln Peirce

HERE. I'M MAKING IT EASY FOR YOU. WHAT'S THIS?

I WROTE DOWN EXACTLY WHAT I WANT FOR A GIFT THIS YEAR!

WHY'D YOU DO THAT?

TO BE HELPFUL, OBVIOUSLY! I'M DOING YOU A FAVOR!

THIS WAY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO GUESS WHAT I WANT! EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW IS RIGHT THERE!

THE BRAND NAME, THE SIZE, THE COLOR...EVEN THE NAME OF THE STORE!

ELLEN. ELLEN.

I'M NOT A MORON, YOU KNOW! I DON'T NEED WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS!

I'M PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF FINDING A GREAT GIFT ON MY OWN!

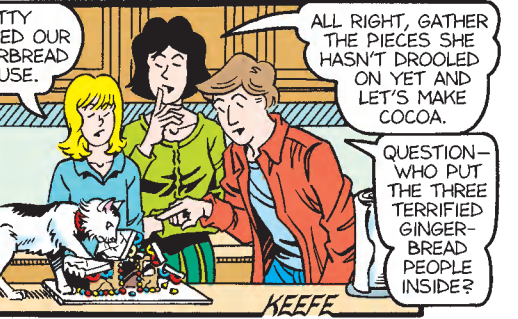
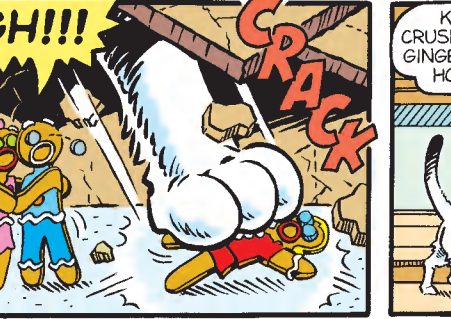
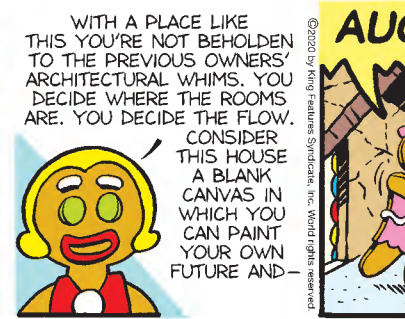
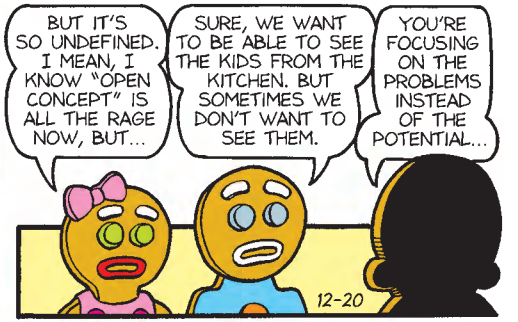
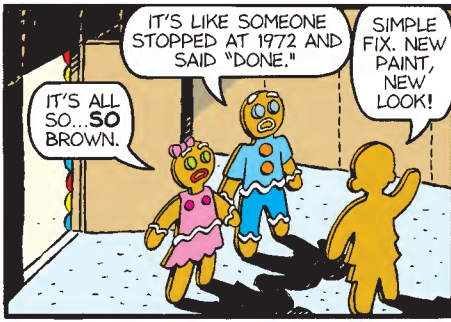
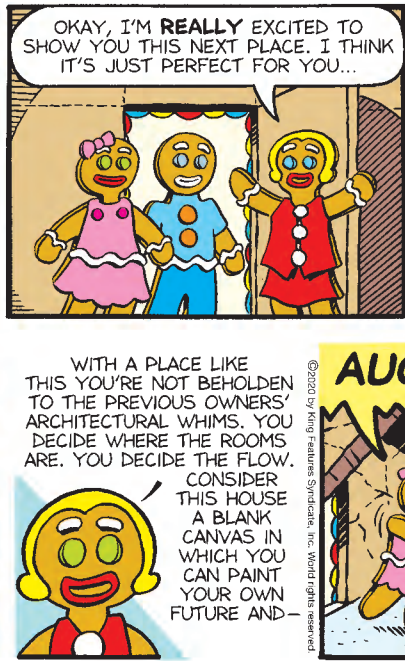
CHRISTMAS DAY

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THAT WAS ON THE CLEARANCE RACK!

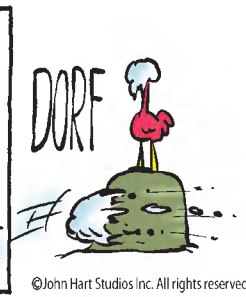
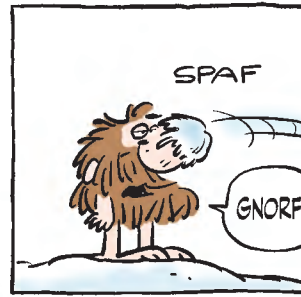
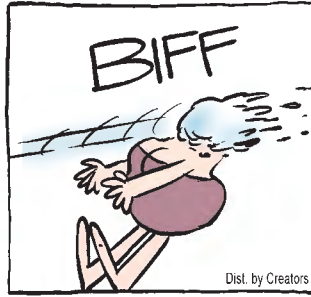
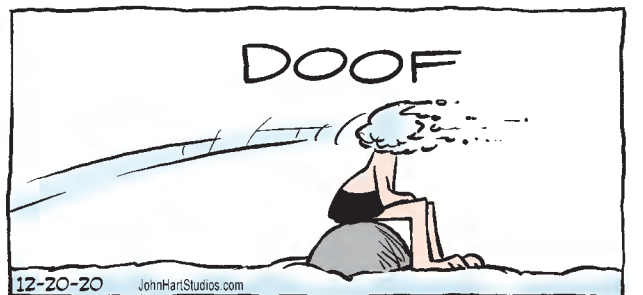
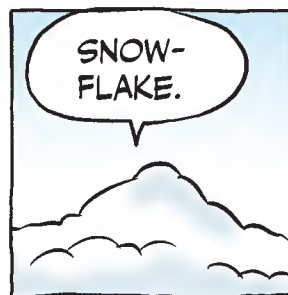
A JAY LENO BOBBLEHEAD?

# PICKLES

by BRIAN CRANE

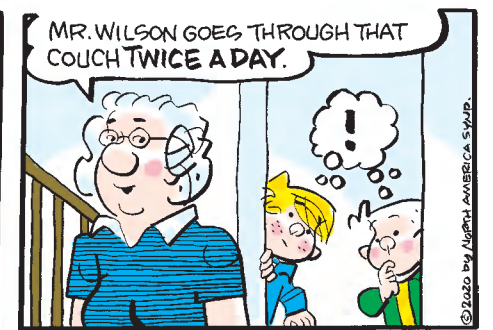
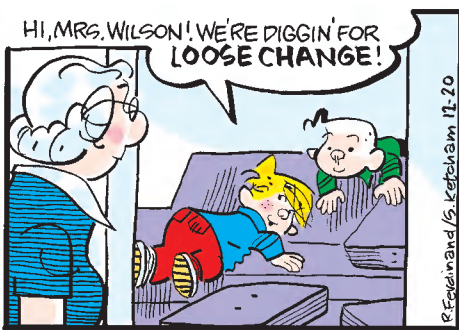
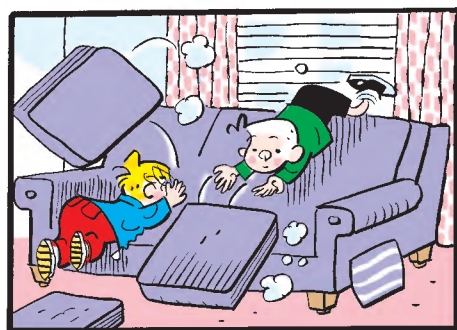
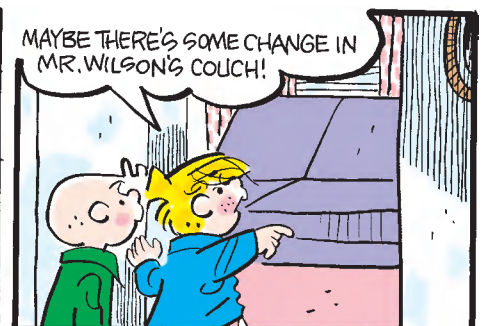


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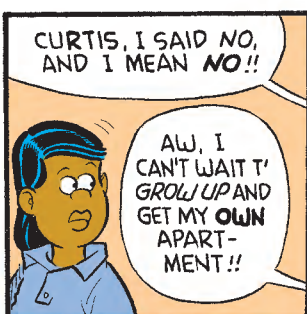
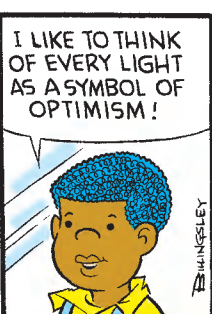
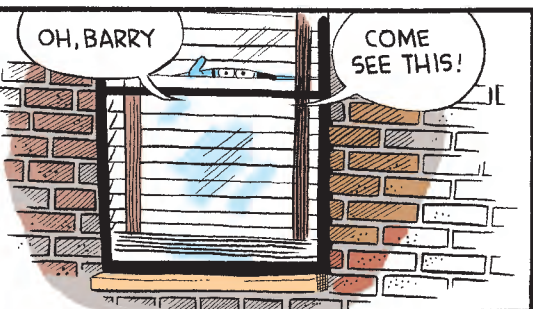
# Dennis the Menace

## Finder's Fee



# CURTIS

by RAY BILLINGSLEY



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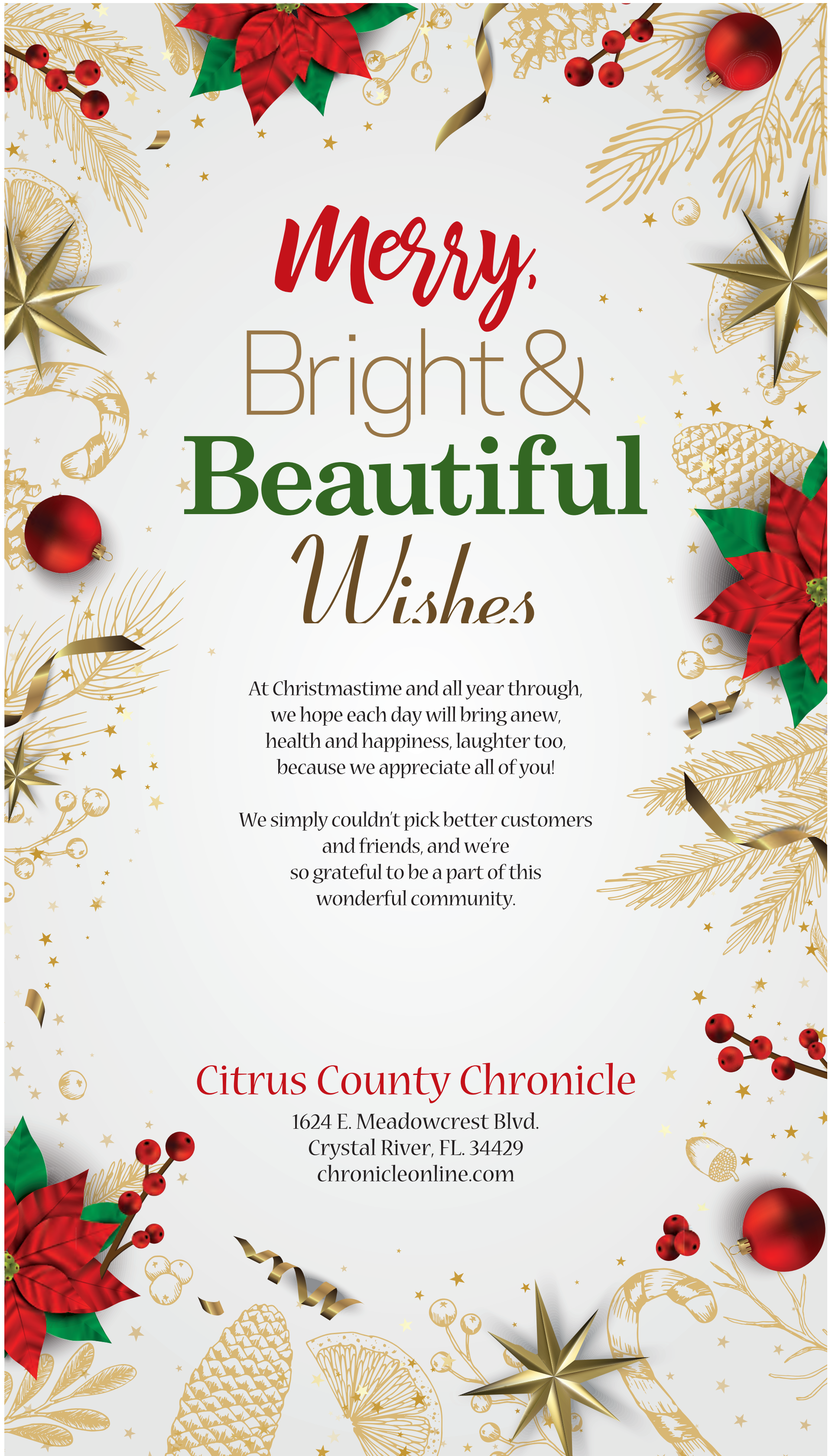
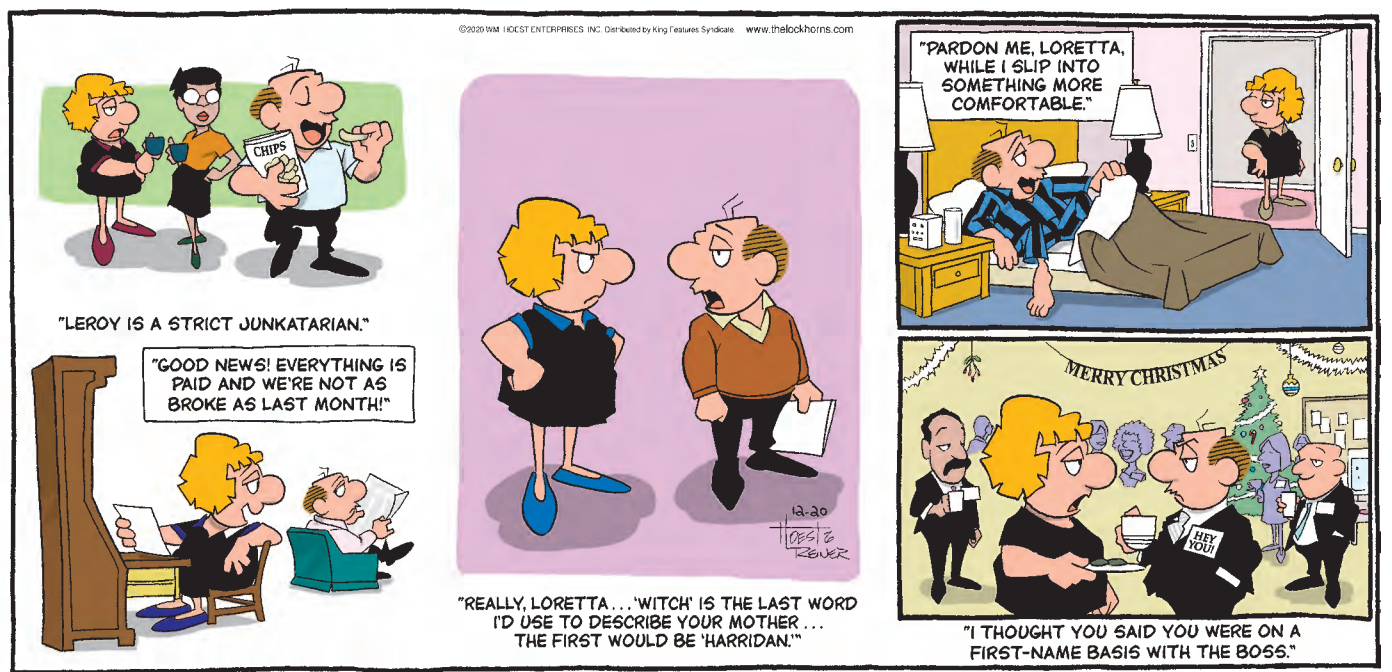
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**Hi and Lois**  
by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

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# THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER



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