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NEWS BRIEFS

Withlacoochee State Trail meeting

How will Florida's growing network of trails affect the Withlacoochee State Trail (WST)? Dale Allen will address this topic at the WST meeting at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 18 at the recreation hall of Whispering Pines City Park, 1700 Forest Drive in Inverness.

Allen is the past president and current board member of the Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation. He has been involved with developing and connecting trails across the state for many years.

There will also be an update on construction of the new connector trail between the WST and the Dunnellon section of the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway.

The public is welcome to attend this free presentation. Attendees are requested to wear a mask and observe social distancing.

Homosassa River Alliance to meet

The Homosassa River Alliance will meet at 7 p.m. Nov. 18 at the Old Homosassa Civic Club, 5530 S. Mason Creek Road. Meetings typically take place on the second Thursday of each month.

The guest speaker will be former publisher of the Citrus County Chronicle, Gerry Mulligan. All are welcome.

St. Anne's to unveil vets memorial

The public is invited to the ribbon cutting of St. Anne's Veteran Memorial Garden at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 16, 9870 W. Fort Island Trail in Crystal River.

All veterans, active duty, reserve duty members and their families are invited to attend.

For more information, visit stanneschurch.org.

—From staff reports

Simpson: Redistricting won't hurt Citrus

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

No matter which way the final Senate redistricting maps shake out, Citrus County should be in good shape.

That's according to Florida Senate President Wilton Simpson, R-Tribby, commenting one day after Senate staff members released four proposed congressional maps and four proposed Senate maps that will go before redistricting subcommittees

next week.

The once-a-decade redrawing of district boundaries will be a major issue during the 2022 legislative session, which starts in January, with new maps in place for next year's elections.

One map has Citrus sharing a district with Hernando and Sumter counties.



Wilton Simpson
Florida Senate president.



Ralph Massullo
state representative.

Currently, Simpson represents District 10, which includes all of Citrus, Hernando and part of Pasco counties.

Simpson said Sumter would be a good fit for a reworked district, if that even happens.

"I think Citrus County will bode well with a senator from any one

of those three counties," Simpson said, adding that he thinks it will be a competitive race. "(Citrus) will have very strong representation from that region."

Simpson, who has served in the Senate since 2012, will end his term as president with the November 2022 elections. He filed paperwork in September to run for state agriculture commissioner next year.

Rep. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring

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TASTE, TALENT



Apopka artist Drew Brass explains the process behind the work he and his wife Sharon create. Called "gyotaku," meaning the ancient Japanese technique of fish printing, it involves covering a fish or sea creature with paint and transferring the details onto rice paper. Brass not only makes the prints, he also handcrafts the frames from reclaimed wood. The prints, and a wide variety of other artists' creations, are for sale at the annual Homosassa Arts, Crafts and Seafood Festival which continues today 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Photos by Stephen Shaner/For the Chronicle



ABOVE: A huge pan of crawfish, mussels, scallops, sausage, rice and more simmers in the Mr. Paella food tent at the Homosassa Arts, Crafts, and Seafood Festival. The annual event, which continues today from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., features a wide variety of food as well as arts, crafts and live entertainment. RIGHT: Donna Horn bites into a Cuban sandwich Saturday morning at the annual Homosassa Arts, Crafts and Seafood Festival. Horn, who lives in Beverly Hills, came to the festival with her girlfriends and said the sandwich was fantastic.



Four-year-old Mason Bidlack examines interesting items for sale at Randy's Radical Rocks booth at the annual Homosassa Arts, Crafts and Seafood Festival on Saturday. Mason was with his mom, Sara, who said they come to the festival every year.



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IN REVIEW

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

WALTER CLEVENGER: SEMPER FI



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

For decades, retired United States Marine Walt Clevenger has been a driving force within the local Marine Corp League, Nature Coast Young Marines and the Toys for Tots program.

GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK

At 91, U.S. Marine Corps veteran Walter Clevenger is still a man of service. Since moving to Citrus County in the 1980s, he has embodied the “Semper Fi,” “always faithful,” Marine motto, serving the community. Thanks to him, Citrus County has a Young Marines program and Toys for Tots, both of which he started in Citrus County but has always preferred to stay behind the scenes. (See photo of the week.) “He’s the hardest working guy I know,” said Paul Pilny, Toys for Tots coordinator.

HOT TOPIC OF THE WEEK

A proposed 1-cent sales tax hike to help pay for road resurfacing died a quick death at Tuesday’s county commission meeting. Citrus County residents on Facebook had opinions:

- **Laura Gonzalez-Horn:** “Glad to have read they are going to look at the overall county expenditures and see where they can make up some of the lost revenue rather than throw an additional tax to the people. Thank you Citrus County Commissioners for listening to us!”
- **Alex McGowan:** “Next time they propose something of that nature a few of them need to remember that math is, indeed, fact and not opinion-based.”
- **Cindy Brooks Pattison:** “What about the 6-cent tax on gas several years ago that was to pay for the BS roads that are still in need of paving today? The tax on gas is still there, but roads — I call BS. Still, government... just wants their own raises at the expense of We The People... less government and more we the people!”
- **Aaron DeMaio:** “Good, instead of a tax hike, how about they take a pay cut? That will get them to actually work to fix the problem with our roads instead of raising taxes on us.”
- **Eugenia Stokes Pateracki:** “Tax tax tax. Why not quit buying brand new vehicles and equipment and use what we have to work with? We have one of the most elite fleets in Florida and I never see them being used appropriately, not for freaking show, which is all this county is about. And yes, I am born and raised here for many generations and I know the waste that goes on. Enough taxes.”
- **Nancy Sapp:** “Cut salaries to come up with money. Better yet, make being in government a volunteer job with term limits. Our government as a whole has gone crazy.”

THE MOST POPULAR STORIES FROM THE WEEK THAT WAS

Gas prices finally drop in Citrus County, state

On Nov. 8, Florida’s average gas price was at \$3.28, down 3 cents from the week prior, ending a long spell of hikes.

They could continue to decline, according to the latest AAA - The Auto Club Group report.

The price for U.S. oil had settled at \$81.27 per barrel, down \$2.30 (3%) from the week before — lowering the cost of producing gasoline.

However, prices are still at seven-year highs and are likely to remain elevated through the holiday season, which will in turn keep upward pressure on prices at the pump, said Auto Club spokesman Mark Jenkins.

Some gas prices at Citrus County stations are slightly above the state average while others are below.

For the latest local gas price information, visit www.gasbuddy.com.



Hallowell murder trial in the news

Although Carlos Hallowell, the 19-year-old was sentenced to life in prison on Sept. 14 for murdering his 57-year-old adoptive mother, Denise Hallowell, in 2019, past Chronicle stories written about him were some of the most-read stories this week.

The most likely reason? Hallowell’s crime, from investigation to trial and sentencing, was featured on the NBC program “Dateline” on Friday, Nov. 5. The episode, “Horror at the Lake,” can be viewed on the NBC or Peacock app, Spectrum On Demand and various streaming services that show current NBC programs.

County investigates land-clearing activity

The county’s code compliance division has issued a notice of violation against a developer who has been clearing some land without a permit on an 85-acre parcel on Citrus Avenue north of Crystal River.

Scott McKinney, director of Citrus County Code Compliance, said a code officer walked the property Wednesday and saw what he believed to be “under-brushing,” where brush is removed rather than scraping the land down to the bare dirt beneath it. Underbrush clearing usually involves mowing and mulching equipment.

That kind of work is legal, McKinney said.

This same property made the news last June when a developer applied for a zoning change on the property, hoping to build Crystal River Luxury RV Resort, which would include up to 600 RV pads, pool, golf cart rentals, bar and grill, a basketball court and walking trails.

Neighbors opposed the resort, saying it was not consistent with the neighborhood, heavily wooded and bordered by residential streets.

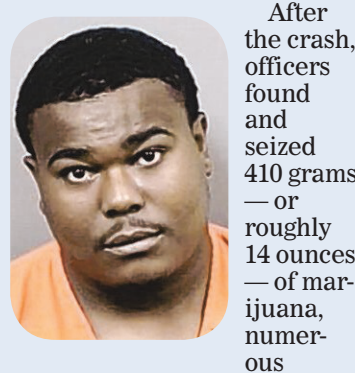
A hearing date is set for 9 a.m. Dec. 15 in Room 166 of the Lecanto Government Center, 3600 W. Sovereign Path.

“I would be willing to bet there will be considerable attendance,” said Robert Hathorn, one of the neighbors who oppose the resort plan and whose home is right next to the current land-clearing.



Wildwood man leads FHP on high-speed chase in county

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) troopers and Marion County Sheriff’s Office deputies apprehended 20-year-old Kennedy Jamar Robinson, of Wildwood, on Wednesday, Nov. 3, after he crashed his getaway car into a tree at an Ocala-area intersection — after he led law enforcement officers on a high-speed chase through Citrus and Marion counties, with documented speeds of up to 130 mph.



After the crash, officers found and seized 410 grams — or roughly 14 ounces — of marijuana, numerous empty baggies, a digital scale and a loaded firearm magazine, which Robinson admitted were his, from inside the vehicle he was driving.

“When asked why Mr. Robinson fled, he shrugged his shoulders,” a deputy wrote in the arrest report. “I then asked if marijuana was the reason, in which he replied that it was part of the reason.”

Robinson also had an open warrant out for his arrest because his bond was revoked for a pending criminal mischief case out of Marion County.



Postscript: Valentine Rooks

A sweetheart of a man, Valentine Rooks died Oct. 30 at age 97. The fourth-generation Citrus County native and cattleman was known for his kindness and gentle nature and his love for his family.

He and Frances, his wife of 74 years, both active in the community, mentored kids in 4-H and FFA, helping them with their livestock and their lives.

He was a man of strong faith and character.

“He taught me to be a well-balanced, honorable man,” said grandson Justin Rooks. “He showed love, respect, toughness, to be a good listener, have thoughtful respectful communications and be slow to anger.”

“He was a leader with many organizations, and knew how to build consensus as a leader,” Rooks said. “He always had great humor, and a smile that would change anyone’s attitude ... he could always turn around a bad outlook.”

“Camp doesn’t make you a perfect adult; camp gives you the tools for when you make a mistake.”

— HEATHER COGAR, A FORMER CAMPER AT CAMP E-NINI-HASSEE, THE WILDERNESS CAMP IN FLORAL CITY FOR AT-RISK TEENAGE GIRLS.

— compiled by Nancy Kennedy

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Apply for a Take Stock in Children scholarship

Take Stock in Children of Citrus County is looking for qualified students to join their program. The application period for the first semester is about to end and Take Stock would like to help students with their dream of attending college.

To be considered for a scholarship, children must be in a public school, in the sixth, seventh, eighth or ninth-grade, meet the financial eligibility requirements, agree to remain drug, alcohol and crime free and get good grades.

Take Stock's two-year, tuition-free scholarships are provided through their partnership with the Florida Prepaid Foundation.

Applications are available at school guidance offices or takestockcitrus.org. For more information, call Take Stock in Children of Citrus County at 352-344-0855.

Homosassa River Republican Club to meet

The Homosassa River Republican Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 16 at the Marguerita Grill, 10200 W. Halls River Road in Homosassa.

This month's speaker is FBI supervisory senior resident agent (SSRA) for Ocala and Gainesville, Derek Kreitenstein.

As SSRA, he oversees counter-terrorism and criminal matters in eight counties. Prior to the FBI, Kreitenstein served in the U.S. Marine Corps, assigned to the White House military command.

A short business meeting will also be held.

Nonmembers are welcome. Soft beverages are provided and you may order lunch. For more information, call Tony Dimino at 352-436-3950.

Conservative Women's Political Network to meet

The Conservative Women's Political Network of Citrus County (CWPNCC) will meet at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Olive Garden, 2151 E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Inverness. Arrive at 11:30 to order lunch.

The guest speaker is Doug Dodd, Citrus County School Board member. Born and raised in Inverness, he has a great life history to share. Years of coaching sports and serving as a deputy in the Sheriff's Office are some of his many accomplishments.

Following Dodd's presentation, a short business meeting will be held. CWPNCC's outreach program supports Jessie's Place; donations are welcome.

For more information, call 352-746-7143.

— From staff reports

Investing in future health care providers

Hospital Board to offer College of Central Florida \$1 million endowment

FRED HIERS
Staff writer

The College of Central Florida could soon have an additional \$1 million to add to its endowment fund after the Citrus County Hospital Board voted to grant the college the money to help its Citrus County students enrolled in health care fields.

The college, with more than 10,000 students and based in Ocala, has a campus at a 100-acre site in Lecanto. More than 4,000 students attend the Lecanto campus.

The hospital board trustees said Wednesday they wanted the money invested and the profits used to help Citrus County health care students pay tuition. The trustees said their hope was that the students would remain and work in Citrus County.

The trustees would give the money to the Central Florida Foundation. The trustees asked their hospital board lawyer to create a memorandum of understanding and present it to the college foundation to review.

The trustees also agreed to request that one of the college's buildings be named after former state Sen. Charlie Dean, who

played a vital role in creating the hospital board and leasing Citrus Memorial Hospital, which was near bankruptcy seven years ago, to Hospital Corporation of America.

The hospital board, which owns the hospital on behalf of the public, uses lease proceeds to fund the Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation and other local health care related initiatives.

"This proposal will ensure that many members of our community will have an opportunity to further their personal goals of being in the health care field," said trustee chairman Debbie Ressler. "If students are successful in their venture it would be in the hope they stay in Citrus County to be employed. There are many employment opportunities for these health care fields in Citrus County at HCA/Citrus Memorial."

The college offers several two-year associate degrees in the health care field, Ressler said, citing the colleges course directory.

They included degrees in dental assisting, emergency medical services, health information technology, medical office administration, nursing, and physical therapist assistant.

The trustees agreed they wanted proceeds from the endowment to be given to students who have already exhausted all other forms of financial help.

"I'm all for it," said trustee Rick Harper. "The kids who are trying to do something with their lives, help them."

But Harper said he wouldn't support giving any more money to the college until it's shown how it has helped students with the money it has received.

The College of Central Florida was not immediately available for comment.

The college's board will meet next month to decide on the offer. The trustees will invite college representatives to meet with the hospital board in January to explain if they need more money and what they would do with it.

The college currently has about \$70 million in endowment money.

Hospital board lawyer Bill Grant told the trustees the hospital board has about \$17 million on hand or which will soon be released to the board. The hospital board is also looking to fund Veterans Village and potentially Doctors' Free Clinic, which provides free medical care to the county's uninsured or underinsured.

The trustees also want to keep about \$4 million in case they have to one day enforce the lease with HCA and a legal fight ensues.

About 70% of Central Florida's students receive financial aid.

The trustees also agreed that if the college accepts the endowment and agrees to name a building after someone in return, that person should be Charlie Dean.

"If it wasn't for Charlie Dean and some other people we wouldn't be here," Ressler said of the hospital board and its lease to HCA.

Trustee Dr. Mark Fallows said that if it wasn't for Dean, the residents of Citrus County would still be paying several million dollars each year in hospital tax to maintain "a failing hospital."

"I certainly couldn't think of a more appropriate person to name a building for," Fallows said.

In addition, by leasing the hospital campus to HCA, HCA invested millions of dollars in the facility, Fallows said. In turn, Bayfront Health Seven Rivers in Crystal River has also improved its services to remain competitive with CMH.

"Neither company wants to say uncle and we (the public) benefit from it," Fallows said.

Duke implodes two last towers

Chronicle staff

Dense fog delayed the implosion of two remaining 500-foot tall coal stacks Saturday, Nov. 13, for about an hour-and-a-half at Duke Energy's 1960s-era Crystal River coal plant in Citrus County.

The fog lifted just enough to get the job done just after 9:30 a.m., marking an end of an era, according to a Duke Energy spokeswoman.

With a countdown from 10, more than 350 explosives with a force of about 300 pounds imploded two 500-foot-tall stacks at Duke Energy's Crystal River coal plant in Citrus County. While many cheered when the earth rumbled as the stacks came down, some were somber, as they said farewell to a friend that reliably served Floridians for more than 50 years, said Heather Danenhower, Duke Energy spokeswoman.

Saturday's event came five months after Duke imploded two 200-foot-tall by 125-foot-wide powerhouses consisting of boilers, steam turbine generators, drums, motors, pumps and pipes — the main equipment needed to generate 915 megawatts of energy for more than 50 years. Duke retired the plant in 2018 when its 1,640-megawatt Citrus Combined Cycle Station, a natural gas plant, came online.

One hundred percent of the steel, copper and other metals, along with the concrete, will be recycled.



Photo courtesy of Duke Energy

The second remaining 500-foot tall coal stack falls to the ground Saturday, Nov. 13, at Duke Energy's Crystal River coal plant in Citrus County. The company imploded the pair Saturday, ending an era for the 1960s-era plant.

The two-unit coal plant generated 915 megawatts of energy for more than five decades and served 1.9 million Duke customers in Florida. Duke Energy has 47,500 residential customers in Citrus County.

The company is retiring coal plants and replacing them with cleaner and more efficient natural gas plants and renewables as part of the company's clean energy transformation plan. The 1980s-era coal plant also at the

energy complex is expected to operate until 2034, and the new natural gas plant has an operational life of about 35 years.

Dannenhower said the Crystal River Energy Complex "will remain an

industrial property for decades to come."

"Though Duke Energy hasn't decided how it might repurpose the property where the coal plant stood, the company has no plans to sell the property," she said.

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Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): An outing or get-together with friends or relatives doesn't have to be costly. Take a responsible position.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A change of plans will encourage you to move things around at home to accommodate what you want to pursue.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): Inconsistency is a problem. If you can't make up your mind, walk away. It's best to be safe.
Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20): Pay attention to detail when dealing with financial, emotional and medical matters. If change is required to get ahead, start initiating what's needed.
Aries (March 21-April 19): Gather information, ask for advice and touch base with important people. Don't jump to conclusions or decide things in haste.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): An unexpected emotional issue will surface if you don't get approval before making a change that affects others. Play by the rules to avoid negative feedback.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): Take note of money matters, shared expenses and what you owe to others. You'll alleviate stress if you focus on finishing what you start.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): Refuse to let your professional responsibilities ruin your downtime. Mellow out by doing something relaxing.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Take a moment to recognize what others are going through, and it will be easier to avoid a no-win situation.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Plan something you can enjoy with a loved one. Kick back, relax and be open regarding your intentions.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Organize and prepare for upcoming events. Keep the peace with a loved one, and you will save time, money and torment. Look for an affordable way to make personal improvements.

ENTERTAINMENT

Britney Spears got all to agree she needed to be freed

LOS ANGELES — There were no more of the heated arguments or dueling court filings of the past few months, no more tearful testimony or angry accusations. For one day at least, everyone surrounding Britney Spears agreed. She needed to be freed. Most important among them was Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Brenda Penny, who at a hearing Friday terminated the conservatorship that controlled the pop singer's life and money for nearly 14 years.

Spears did not attend the 30-minute hearing that was almost anti-climactic after the courtroom drama of recent proceedings, in which Spears demanded first the ouster of her father from power over her, then the removal of the legal shackles on her life. It felt almost like a formality. The celebration that followed was plenty dramatic, though.

"Best day ever ... praise the Lord ... can I get an Amen???" Spears said on Twitter and Instagram minutes after the ruling. Jubilation erupted outside the courthouse, with fans cheering and shouting after the decision was announced. The crowd chanted "Britney! Britney! Britney!" and fans sang and danced to Spears' song "Stronger."

"Good God I love my fans so much it's crazy!!!" Spears said in her posts. "I think I'm gonna cry the rest of the day!!!!" The decision capped a stunning odyssey that saw Spears publicly demand the end of the conservatorship, hire her own attorney, have her father removed from power and finally win the



Associated Press file

A Britney Spears supporter signs a poster board for the singer outside a hearing concerning the pop singer's conservatorship at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Wednesday, Sept. 29, in Los Angeles.

freedom to make her own medical, financial and personal decisions for the first time since 2008. Those surrounding Spears said she is equipped to make those decisions.

"We have a safety net in place for Britney both on the personal side and on the financial side," her attorney Mathew Rosengart said outside the courthouse. "But Britney, as of today, is a free woman and she's an independent woman. And the rest, with her support system, will be up to Britney."

Taylor Swift fans revel in 'All Too Well' film lyrics, clues

NEW YORK — Taylor Swift's fans know how to look for careful clues and Easter eggs in her lyrics and music videos, so anticipation was high when the pop star dropped a short film going

deeper into her romantic life on a fan favorite song. The 13-minute "All Too Well: The Short Film," did not disappoint. Its release Friday night came soon after Swift debuted her expanded and re-recorded album "Red (Taylor's Version)," which includes a 10-minute extended version of "All Too Well."

Ahead of a fan screening, Swift told The Associated Press she decided to record a longer version of the song and make a mini-movie because of its popularity with followers. "This is all about what the fans have turned this song into," Swift said on the red carpet. "It was never a single, never had a video, it never had a visual element to it, but they pretty much created their own imaginary cinematic universe for it, so this is just me following through on what they started and what they told me they wanted."

— From wire reports

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

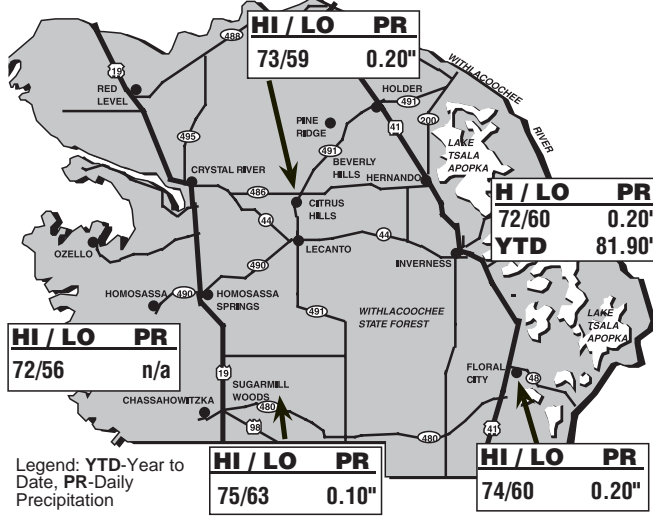


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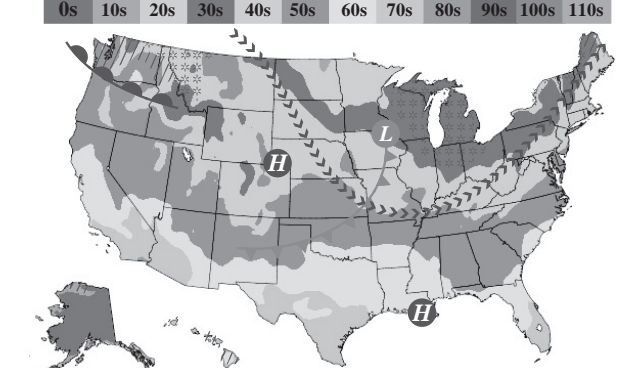
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THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Sunday

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Volunteers clean up Pine Hill Cemetery

Special to the Chronicle

It was a T-shirt wearing day, perfect for cleaning up the Pine Hill Cemetery in Inverness. A total of 16 people showed up at the Citrus Garden Club work day Nov. 10.

The group gathered for a prayer by Nancy Freda from Bahai Faith before venturing out to different areas in the cemetery. Leaves and small twigs were raked, weeds were pulled, graves swept, garden watered and tattered and worn flags were replaced.

Volunteers from the surrounding communities included Nancy Freda, Sanda

Caputo and Ann Jones, of Citrus County Bahai Faith; John R. Ivens, Dale Pray, Cathy Howard and Linda Meyer, of Unitarians and/or Citrus Coffee Coalition; and Terry Morrision, Dorothy Claine, Nevelda Austin-LaCondre and Marion Walsh, of the Democratic Women's Club of Citrus County.

Citrus Garden Club members present were Lesly Smith, Jan Ethier; Sandra Hume, Bill Ferguson and Emma Lou Codling.

Ferguson hauled bags of the leaves and pine needles collected during the Pine Hill Cemetery home with him to use as mulch at his two-acre homestead.



Terry Morrision pulls weeds around a headstone at Pine Hill Cemetery.



Dorothy Claine picks up Spanish moss from a gravesite at Pine Hill Cemetery during a workday in November.



Sanda Caputo replaces worn flags on veterans gravesites at the Pine Hill Cemetery.

Obituaries

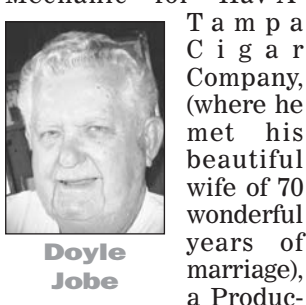


Doyle Jobe, 93 FLORAL CITY

Mr. Doyle Joseph Jobe, age 93 years, of Floral City, Florida, died Tuesday, November 9, 2021 in Lecanto, Hospice House FL.

He was born June 8, 1928 in Tampa, FL, son of Joseph Franklin and Ellie Lee Parker Jobe and came to Floral City in 1991 from there.

Mr. Jobe retired from the Cigar Industry after 37 years having worked as a Mechanic for Hav-A-



Doyle Jobe

Tampa Cigar Company, (where he met his beautiful wife of 70 wonderful years of marriage), a Production Superintendent for Corral & Wodiska & Company (Bering Cigars), and a Consultant for offshore accounts with Swisher International Inc. serving the Mexico and Spain markets.

He enjoyed gymnastics, football (Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Florida Gators), baseball (Tampa Bay Rays), softball and golf but his #1 sport was fishing Tampa Bay and the rivers and lakes of Citrus County. Mr. Jobe liked boating, camping, and hunting. He was a sparring trainer for the Florida Golden Gloves of America Inc. boxing team.

Mr. Jobe was a US Navy Veteran of WWII serving as an aviation mechanic in Corpus Christi, Texas under the SNJ pilot training program.

He was preceded in death by his parents; the love of his life, Thelma Jobe (January 31, 2019) and four siblings: Donald Franklin Jobe, Christine Cigarran, Carmer Dean Boromei, and Vernice Porto.

Surviving are his son: Ronald Doyle Jobe and wife: Patricia; 3 granddaughters: Tonya Caldwell and husband David; Penny Paino and husband Brian and Jennifer Henninger and husband, Chris; 3 great grandchildren: David Doyle Caldwell, Andrew Joseph Morin, and Analiese Marie Henninger.

He loved his family unconditionally. His greatest happiness and legacy was participating in the success of each family member as they grew and accomplished their goals in life.

Memorial services will be held at The Florida National Cemetery (Bushnell) with Military Honors at the time of interment: (Not Yet Scheduled). Arrangements are under the direction of the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.HooperFuneralHome.com.

Patricia Daniels, 90 CRYSTAL RIVER

Patricia Jean Groves Maddox Daniels of Crystal River, FL, a Lady who had a love affair with life, died Monday, Oct. 22, 2021 in the company of her loving family. She was 90 years young.

Pat was the daughter of John and Amanda Groves



Patricia Daniels

and was born March 24, 1931, in Goshen, OH. She married Robert Lloyd Maddox, the love of her life, had 5 sons, and moved to Utah. After his passing she moved with her 5 sons from Utah back to Ohio, where she was blessed to eventually meet and marry Carl Daniels, the second love of her life. Along the way Pat pursued her love of learning,

earning a degree from Bowling Green State University, while continuing to raise a family.

Pat and Carl later moved to Crystal River in 1986. and quickly became engaged in the community. Pat loved playing golf and cards, reading, writing and enjoyed meeting and entertaining friends, both old and new.

She was a member of Seven Rivers Golf & Country Club, served as President of the Crystal River Woman's Club and President of Daniels Wholesale Company, wrote for the Citrus County Chronicle and was a Lay Reader and active member of St. Anne's Episcopal Church.

She is survived by her sons, David Maddox (Mindy) and John Maddox of Salt Lake City, UT, and Matthew Maddox (Lisa) of Federal Way, WA; stepsons, Larry Daniels (Lee) and Doug Daniels, Sandy Meyer Ray and 27 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her sons Mark Maddox, Mike Maddox and his wife Cynthia, Robert Maddox, Carl Daniels, stepsons Paul Daniels, David Daniels, and sisters Mary Katherine Groves McHenry and Louetta May Groves Whitacre.

Family and friends will gather in a memorial service to celebrate her remarkable life at 9:00am on Saturday November 20 at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 9870 W. Ft. Island Trail, Crystal River, FL. Father Richard Chandler will be presiding.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

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Youth runners show spirit at inaugural 5K

Camp E-Nini-Hassee benefits

Chronicle staff

More than 170 runners and walkers flooded Black Diamond Ranch the morning of Saturday, Nov. 13, for the inaugural Camp Spirit 5K Run and 1-Mile Walk, a fundraiser for Camp E-Nini-Hassee.

Youths dominated the 3.1-mile loop around Black Diamond Circle, with 13-year-old Miles Tobin winning overall male honors with a time of 17:24; while 10-year-old Mary Summers with a time of 23:02.

Mary Summers was the overall female winner, finishing the course in 23:02.

Participants in the inaugural event received a custom finisher medal and event T-shirt.

Awards were also given to the overall masters male and female (40-plus), with the top three finishers in respective age groups earning an award.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the 55-year-old camp for girls.

Photos by Jeff Bryan/Chronicle

TOP RIGHT: Nine-year-old Catherine Cole (113) and 8-year-old Brendan Summers (92) sprint toward the uphill finish line Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Camp Spirit 5K.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Runners speed away from the start line Saturday, Nov. 13, in the inaugural Camp Spirit 5K Run and 1-Mile Walk, a fundraiser for Camp E-Nini-Hassee, at Black Diamond Ranch. Thirteen-year-old Miles Tobin (163) won overall male honors with a time of 17:24; while 10-year-old Mary Summers (90) was the overall female winner, finishing the course in 23:02.



Competitors check the results board Saturday, Nov. 13, at the conclusion of the Camp Spirit 5K at Black Diamond Ranch.



REDISTRICTING

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Hill, filed papers in July to run for what is now the District 10 Senate seat. That number could change with redistricting. Rep. Ralph Massullo, R-Lecanto, said he is also interested in running for the seat and will make a decision later.

The maps are preliminary, Massullo

said, and not final.

"It appears that Citrus County is (kept) whole, not subdivided," Massullo said Thursday.

Florida's new 28th U.S. House District would be planted in Central Florida, west of the Osceola County and Polk County line, under initial redistricting proposals rolled out Wednesday by Senate staff members.

Otherwise, most of the draft maps included few drastic changes from current

congressional and state Senate districts.

As in the redistricting process a decade ago, the Senate did not release proposed state House districts. The House is working separately on its own map proposals.

The initial Senate proposals would accommodate the new Central Florida district by condensing districts to the east around Orlando and to the west in the Tampa region.

However, they don't appear to vastly

alter two districts — District 7 held by Democratic Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy and District 13 held by Democratic Congressman Charlie Crist — that have received the most attention from pundits as potential targets for the Republican-dominated Legislature to help flip U.S. House seats.

To view the proposed maps, visit <https://www.floridaredistricting.gov>.

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Data shows Citrus still a commuter county

Skills-training up

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

The pandemic not only changed people's lives. It also affected the workforce in ways that may have a lasting impact in the way employees and employers co-exist.

Cory Weaver, director of operations for CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion (CLM) was the keynote speaker at Friday's Citrus County Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club.

"There has been so much fluctuation in

the last 18 months," Weaver told the crowd.

The data shows that Citrus remains a commuter county. The majority of employees (24,939) live here but work out of county; 18,138 live and work here; 13,046 work here but live elsewhere.

The reason, she said, many employers are having trouble finding employees is because many of them are looking for new careers and learning skills to better their financial status.

Some discovered while they were off for about a year they were actually saving enough money by dropping day care or



Cory Weaver
director of operations, CareerSource.

other expenses that they could make it without working — especially if the spouse works.

Many, though, are still surviving on federal benefits and savings, she said, and they will soon have to reenter the workforce because they will exhaust those avenues.

Other highlights:

■ More than twice as many people are coming to CareerSource for reemployment assistance (for help with filing claims or benefits) than traditional job searches.

■ Of the 4 million people nationwide quitting their jobs each month, 30-50% are under 40.

■ Of the 15,051 initial unemployment claimants from March 2021 to October 2021, the vast majority (2,589) chose not to identify their previous job.

The food services and accommodation industry — restaurants, hotels — were next with 1,984 claimants.

Weaver said CLM can help job seekers and career-changers in three ways: through work-based learning grants, job fairs and other such events and free online training.

The Citrus County Youth Career Expo, she said, is in February. Details to come.

And for people wanting to learn new skills, visit <http://citruslevymarion.skillupamerica.org/>

Health providers caught between state, feds on vaccinations

News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — With Florida lawmakers expected next week to try to thwart vaccination mandates, a long-term care industry group raised concerns Friday about a conflict with a new federal rule that requires health-care workers to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

LeadingAge Florida, which represents nursing homes and other types of senior facilities and communities, called on lawmakers to include an exemption for health-care providers in legislation that likely will pass during a special session that starts Monday.

The federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services last week issued a rule requiring workers at health-care facilities that take part in the Medicare and Medicaid programs to be fully vaccinated by Jan. 4.

Steve Bahmer, president and CEO of LeadingAge Florida, issued a statement

Friday that said health-care providers could face financial penalties and potential termination from the Medicare and Medicaid programs if they don't comply with the federal rule.

"Next week during a special session Florida's lawmakers are poised to pass legislation that would restrict vaccine mandates for employers, making it impossible for providers to be in compliance with both state and federal guidance unless a health care exemption is put in place," Bahmer said in the statement. "Nursing homes must comply with the federal rule because the federal law trumps state law. The loss of Medicaid and Medicare funding would be devastating to providers and could ultimately displace Florida's most frail elders."

Gov. Ron DeSantis called the special legislative session to target vaccination and mask mandates. Identical bills (HB 1-B and SB 2-B) in the House and Senate would prevent

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employers from requiring vaccinations unless they offer ways that workers could opt out.

For example, workers could avoid the requirements if they provide medical reasons, religious reasons or can demonstrate "COVID-19 immunity," according to the bill. Also, they could be exempt if

they agree to regular COVID-19 testing or agree to wear personal protective equipment.

But those potential reasons are broader than exemptions included in the federal rule requiring vaccinations for health-care workers. The federal rule includes exemptions for medical and religious

reasons under laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Civil Rights Act.

Information posted in the Federal Register makes clear that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services intended exemptions from vaccination require-

ments to be narrow.

"Requests for exemptions based on an applicable federal law must be documented and evaluated in accordance with applicable federal law and each facility's policies and procedures," the federal information said.

"As is relevant here, this (rule) preempts the applicability of any state or local law providing for exemptions to the extent such law provides broader exemptions than provided for by federal law and are inconsistent with this (rule)."

News of RECORD

Here are the reported burglaries, thefts and vandalisms (criminal mischiefs) released Friday, Nov. 12, by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office:

■ Theft, 7:34 a.m. Nov. 10, off of Suncoast Boulevard, Homosassa;

■ Theft, 8:55 a.m. Nov. 10, off of Quiet Pines Point, Crystal River;

■ Residential burglary, 10:17 a.m. Nov. 10, off of Memory Point, Hernando;

■ Theft, 1:34 p.m. Nov. 10, off of Grandmarch Avenue, Homosassa;

■ Theft, 4:41 p.m. Nov. 10, off of Homosassa Trail, Homosassa;

■ Theft, 1:22 p.m. Nov. 11, off of Gulf-To-Lake Highway, Inverness.

Those with information about these offenses could be eligible for a cash reward by contacting Citrus County Crime Stoppers at 888-269-8477. Tipsters remain anonymous.

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Russia's COVID deaths set daily record

MOSCOW — Russia is reporting a new daily high number of COVID-19 deaths, while the total number of coronavirus infections during the pandemic in the country has topped 9 million.

The surge in daily deaths and infections that began in mid-September appeared to plateau over the past week, but the national coronavirus task force said Saturday that a record 1,241 people died from the virus over the past day, two more than the previous record reported on Wednesday.

The task force said 39,256 new infections were recorded, bringing the total to 9.03 million.

Russia imposed a "non-working" week in early November, closing many businesses, with the aim of stemming the virus's surge.

Two bills outlining new restriction measures were introduced in parliament on Friday, with the aim of their taking effect next year. They would restrict access to many public places, as well as domestic and international trains and flights, to those who have been fully vaccinated, have recovered from COVID-19 or are medically exempt from vaccination.

The surge in infections and deaths comes amid low vaccination rates, lax public attitudes toward taking precautions and the government's reluctance to toughen restrictions.

— From wire reports

Tree time in NYC



The 79-foot tall Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree from Elkton, Md., is put in place as people watch at Rockefeller Plaza Saturday, Nov. 13, in New York. New York City ushered in the holiday season with the arrival of the Norway spruce that will serve as one of the world's most famous Christmas trees.

Nations strike climate deal with coal compromise

Associated Press

GLASGOW, Scotland — Almost 200 nations accepted a contentious climate compromise Saturday aimed at keeping a key global warming target alive, but it contained a last-minute change that watered down crucial language about coal.

Several countries, including small island states, said they were deeply disappointed by the change promoted by India to "phase down," rather than "phase out" coal power, the single biggest source of greenhouse gas emissions.

Nation after nation had complained earlier on the final day of two weeks of U.N. climate talks in Glasgow, Scotland about how the deal did not go far or fast enough, but they said it was better than nothing and provided incremental progress, if not success.

Negotiators from Switzerland and Mexico called the coal language change against the rules because it came so late. However, they said they had no choice but to hold their noses and go along with it.

Swiss environment minister Simonetta Sommaruga said the change will

make it harder to achieve the international goal to limit warming to 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit since pre-industrial times.

"Our fragile planet is hanging by a thread," United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said in a statement. "We are still knocking on the door of climate catastrophe."

Many other nations and climate campaigners pointed at India for making demands that weakened the final agreement.

"India's last-minute change to the language to phase down but not phase out coal is quite shocking," said Australian climate scientist Bill Hare, who tracks world emission pledges for the science-based Climate Action Tracker. "India has long been a blocker on climate action, but I have never seen it done so publicly."

Others approached the deal from a more positive perspective. In addition to the revised coal language, the Glasgow Climate Pact included enough financial incentives to almost satisfy poorer nations and solved a long-standing problem to pave the way for carbon trading.

Sudanese rally against army; 5 die

Associated Press

KHARTOUM, Sudan — Sudanese security forces fired live ammunition and tear gas on Saturday to disperse protesters denouncing the military's tightening grip on the country, killing at least five and wounding several, activists said.

The violence came as thousands of pro-democracy protesters yet again took to the streets across Sudan to rally against the

military's takeover last month. The coup has drawn international criticism and massive protests in the streets of the capital of Khartoum and elsewhere in the country.

The killings on Saturday took place in Khartoum and its twin city of Omdurman, and the dead included four killed by gunshots and one who died from a tear gas canister, according to the Sudan Doctors Committee.

Several other protesters

were wounded, including from gunshots, it said.

The rallies, called by the pro-democracy movement, came two days after coup leader Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan reappointed himself head of the Sovereign Council, Sudan's interim governing body. Thursday's move angered the pro-democracy alliance and frustrated the United States and other countries that have urged the generals to reverse their coup.

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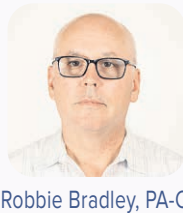
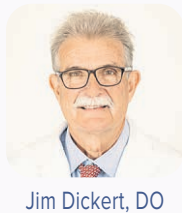
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Veterans Notes are only for special events that are open to the public. To find out about regularly scheduled post activities that welcome the public during the week, including entertainment and menus, call the post. For information about post members-only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

FEEDING FOLKS



Special to the Chronicle

On Oct 30, We Care Food Pantry, along with VFW Post 4337 and First Presbyterian Church of Inverness distributed the following: 320 whole chickens, 320 gallons of milk, 500 containers of sanitation wipes, assorted mixed bags of treats, 200 gallons of Clorox, and 486 ready-to-eat potatoes. Nine volunteers participated to serve 151 people and 55 families. The next joint giveaway will be Nov. 20, at the church parking lot again. From left are Howard Wells, Terry Loper and Carol Davis of Post 4337; Rod Kublick, driver; Chris Irwin and Ron Shafer of First Presbyterian Church; and Tom Zurawski of Post 4337.

COMING UP

St. Anne's to unveil veterans memorial

The public is invited to the ribbon cutting of St. Anne's Veteran Memorial Garden at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 16, 9870 W. Fort Island Trail in Crystal River.

All veterans, active duty, reserve duty members and their families are invited to attend.

For more information about the church, visit stanneschurchcr.org.

Hog N Hams Ride to benefit Veterans Coalition Food Bank

The Arnold Vern Allen American Legion Riders Chapter 166 will hold their third annual Hog N Hams Ride to benefit the Veterans Coalition Food Bank on Nov. 20, 4520 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Homosassa. A bloodmobile will be on site from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Registration for the ride opens at 10 a.m. and is open to trikes, bikes, roadsters, street rods, trucks and automobiles. Entry fee is one ham (canned or smoked) or a \$20 donation for a veteran's holiday meal.

Registration includes a breakfast of sausage gravy and biscuits, served from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Kick stands up/start your engine at 11 a.m. Stops include American Legion Post 155, Skipper's Whiskey River, American Legion Post 237, IR-RU Social Club and the Eagles Club No. 4272.

The ride ends at Post 166 with raffle drawings, game winners announced and a pulled pork sandwich dinner, served from 4 to 6 p.m.

There will be snacks and door prizes available throughout the day.

All veterans are invited to stop in. For more information, call Bob Ballew at 727-432-7220.

VFW Post 7122 to have yard sale and breakfast

The VFW Post 7122 and Auxiliary will have a yard sale and breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon Nov. 18 in the building next door to the post, which is located at 8237 S. Florida Ave. in Floral City.

There will be lots of items to look at. Breakfast will be served inside the post and will consist of two eggs cooked to order, bacon or sausage, pot or grits and toast or biscuit for \$7. Coffee is \$2.

This event is open to the public.

All proceeds will benefit veterans. For more information, call 352-637-0100.

Police-escorted ride will honor veterans

Join the American Legion Riders Chapter 237 and veterans for "Wreaths for Our Fallen Heroes," a police-escorted ride to Bushnell National Cemetery Dec. 19. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. with kickstands up at 10 a.m.

Participants will line up at Crystal Harley-Davidson, 1147 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Homosassa, and take wreaths to Bushnell to place on gravesites.

For the past four years, they have honored veterans by placing wreaths at an isolated area of the cemetery for the holidays to ensure veterans and families are not forgotten.

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Massing of the Colors



Service members and spectators stand at attention during the playing of the National Anthem at the Sunday, Nov. 7, Massing of the Colors event at the First Lutheran Church in Inverness. Massing of the Colors is a patriotic ceremony held to rededicate faith in the United States, and to show support to the National Colors and the Servicemen and Servicewomen those colors represent.



LEFT: The flags of the United States and of the branches of the U.S. armed services make their way down the aisle of the First Lutheran Church in Inverness Nov. 7 during the Massing of the Colors. At the close of the event, the honor guard fired a salute and "Taps" was played.



Honor guard commander Don Saylor of VFW Post 4337 plays "Taps" at the conclusion of Massing of the Colors.

*Photos by Stephen Shaner!
For the Chronicle*

BELOW: Color Guard Commander Russ Gibson, a member of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, salutes the flag during Massing of the Colors at the First Lutheran Church in Inverness.



■ 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 office in Meadwocrest in Crystal River or email to community@chronicleonline.com.

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GOOD TO KNOW

Chapter 776 MOPH offers scholarships

Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776 Military Order of the Purple Heart is pleased to announce two scholarship opportunities for local graduating high school seniors.

■ Chapter 776's College of Central Florida (CF) Endowed Scholarship awards \$1,250 to a graduating senior accepted or currently enrolled as a full time student (12 or more semester credit hours) at CF for Academic Year 2022-23.

■ Chapter 776's Sgt. Dennis J. Flanagan Memorial Scholarship awards \$1,000 to a graduating senior enrolled in the JROTC Program and accepted as a full time student (12 or more semester credit hours) at any accredited U.S. college for Academic Year 2022-23.

The Chapter 776 scholarship information and application can be obtained at www.citruspurpleheart.org, by contacting your school guidance department or by either emailing info@citruspurpleheart.org or calling 352-382-3847. Chapter 776 must receive scholarship applications no later than 5 p.m. on Feb. 26, 2022.

Apply for the Veterans Services Advisory Board

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is seeking applications for two positions on the Veterans Services Advisory Board. This advisory board is seeking qualified members for terms that will begin on Feb. 1, 2022 and last two years.

Eligible applicants must be a veteran of a war time era as defined by the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs, have a recommendation by a local veteran organization and be appointed by the BOCC.

They meet the second Thursday of every other month at the Citrus County Resource Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto. The purpose of this board is to advise the veterans service officer on the unmet needs, policies, services and other pertinent matters.

Applications are due by Dec. 2 and should be submitted to Denise Gallagher, Citrus County Administration, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, FL 34461.

For more information, visit bocc.citrus.fl.us commserv/vets or call 352-527-5915.

VFW raffle to benefit 'Never Say Never'

VFW Post 4337 in Inverness is raffling off a 70-inch afghan star for \$2 per ticket or six tickets for \$10.

These proceeds will go to "Never Say Never," which assists kids of veterans that have a need for prostheses.

For more information or to purchase a ticket, visit the post at 906 U.S. 44 East in Inverness or call 352-344-3495.

Sponsor a gravesite wreath at Bushnell cemetery

Aaron A. Weaver Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 776 will be supporting Wreaths Across America during the holiday season.

The chapter is looking for community donations toward their goal of 500 wreaths, which they will place on graves at the Bushnell National Cemetery on Dec. 21, 2021.

To donate, visit wreathscrossamerica.org/FL0227P and click on "Sponsor a Wreath." To sponsor a wreath at Bushnell National Cemetery, go to "Specific Site" to enter the location.

The group ID number is FL0227P and the cemetery number is FLNCBU.

For assistance, email mom4sba@tampabay.rr.com.

VFW Post 10087 invites public to monthly breakfasts

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

For more information, call 352-746-0440.

WTC scholarships available to veterans

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

The funds may be used for the purchase of books, manuals, tools of the trade or uniforms. Veterans can receive grants through the VA for course tuition, but incur many other expenses in the course of their education.

These funds are specifically intended to ease the financial hardships of veterans in their continuing education.

To access the available funds, veterans should contact the financial aid coordinator at WTC.

For additional assistance, call Bob Bendle, CCVC scholarship officer, at 352-400-8952.

Female veterans hold monthly meetings

Female Veterans Network (FVN) invites all female veterans to their monthly meeting at 1 p.m. on the second Thursday monthly at the Citrus County Resource Center on 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto.

The meeting is held in the cafeteria.

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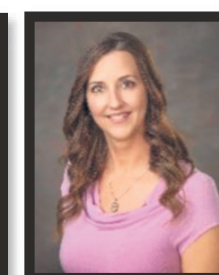
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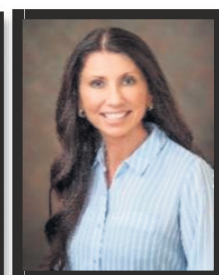
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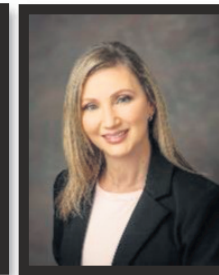
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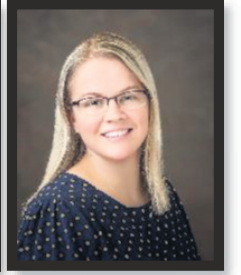
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The mission of the (FVN) is to unite female veterans, develop camaraderie and discuss issues that are important and unique to female veterans. For information or to support FVN, contact Cynthia at 352-628-6481, Jo Monty at 352-527-6575 or visit femaleveteransnetwork.org.

American Legion Post 155 invites us to breakfast

The public is invited to American Legion Post 155 for breakfast from 8:30 to 11 a.m. every Sunday at 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Crystal River.

Buy a pin, support the Female Veterans Network

The Female Veterans Network is selling pins for \$5 at Mac 1 Signs, Inc., 7068 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd. in Homosassa. For information, call 352-628-3246.

VFW Post 10087 to host Vittles for Vets

VFW Post 10087 Harry F. Nesbitt will be hosting Vittles for Vets at 4:15 p.m. every Tuesday at the post, 2170 W. Vet Lane in Beverly Hills.

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

CCVC yard sales are discontinued

The Citrus County Veterans Coalition reluctantly announces that our sponsored monthly yard sale, held at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church Grounds, will cease, and not resume, effective immediately.

We regret that during COVID, we lost a number of the volunteers that we counted on, to put in the hours, and expend the effort, required to put on this sale, over a monthly basis. It was decided that our ever aging work force would rather continue supporting our food pantry, which was the founding reason for our organization.

We will continue serving the needs of veterans and their families, at the pantry, on every Tuesday, and on the first and third Thursdays of every month, from 9 a.m. until noon. Our pantry is at 1039 N. Paul St. just off Independence and U.S. 41 N, Inverness. For more information, call 352-400-8952.

We'd like to thank Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, and our loyal vendors, and the public, for their support over the past years. We are no longer accepting donated clothes, or article for sale, for the yard sale. Cash donations or nonperishable food goods will still be accepted, during the pantry open hours. Corporate sponsorship would be greatly

Navy Seabee Veterans donate to CUB



Island X-23 Navy Seabee Veterans of America presented a check for \$500 to Citrus United Basket (CUB). From left are: Nancy Staples, auxiliary president; Nancy Ward, auxiliary vice president; David Buchanan, Island X-23 commander; Kelly Selph, CUB executive director; Jim Bridgeland, Island X-23 treasurer; and Chris Westhall, Island X-23 chaplain.

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appreciated.

For information, call 352-400-8952 or visit www.veterans-coalition.com.

CCVC expands services to those affected by COVID-19

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

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

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

For information, call 352-400-8952.

Dog tag sales benefits veterans programs

Veterans dog tags now being made at the Beverly Hills American Legion Post 237 at

6726 N. Lecanto Highway.

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

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

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

Fish fry benefits charities

Members of the VFW Post 10087 host a fish fry every Friday to benefit local charities and veterans relief.

The fish fry events are open to the public and are from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m., at 2170 W. Vet Lane, Beverly Hills. Get a plate of lightly battered filet, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw and a roll for \$8.

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

Attend a meal for a good cause

The Crystal River American Legion Post 155 hosts a breakfast from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

every Sunday, at American Legion Post 155, 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River, for an \$8 donation. The proceeds from these meals support the Legion programs, veterans and community. All are welcome. Information: 352-795-6526.

Veterans Administration looking for volunteer drivers

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

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

There is an application process for potential volunteers and a Veterans' Administration (VA) identification badge will be provided. Fingerprinting and proof of driver's license and

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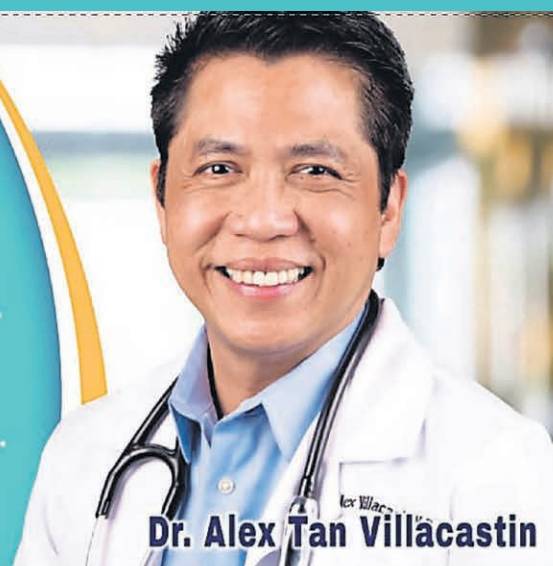
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vehicle insurance will need to be provided to participate.

For information on this volunteer opportunity, call 352-746-8005.

Enrollment open at VA clinic

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

Donate sweats for veterans in recovery

DAV Auxiliary Unit 70 in Inverness is coordinating a "Sweats for Vets" drive, collecting new sweatshirts and pants.

These will be donated to VA hospitals and nursing homes for recovering veterans and those in rehabilitation. When you go shopping, remember a vet and put a new sweatsuit in your cart — any size or color. Please, do not drop off used clothing.

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

Businesses: List discounts for vets

Business offering a discount to female veterans for services or goods can now be listed on the website of the Female Veterans Network.

Send your business information, what you are willing to offer as a discount, and a contact name to cynthia@femaleveteransnetwork.org, and list the subject as: offering discount.

Want to be a member and support Female Veterans Network?

Go to femaleveteransnetwork.org for membership information or to make a donation to support the group's projects.

Make appointment at Veterans Service Office

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

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

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

Benefits available from Camp Lejeune

Benefits have been extended from August 1953 to December 1987 for former residents of Camp Lejeune.

From the 1950s through the 1980s, people living or working at the U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, may have been exposed to drinking water contaminated with industrial solvents, benzene and other chemicals.

Veterans, and non-veterans, who served (lived) at Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days between Aug. 1, 1953, and Dec. 31, 1987, may be eligible for cost-free medical care through Veterans Affairs (VA) for a variety of health conditions. Contact a Veteran Service Officer for details or to file a claim.

Veterans must still meet the criteria of a veteran — minimum service time, character of discharge, serving in the active-duty military, naval or sea service.

Operation Enduring Freedom veterans south

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

Help support Old Homosassa Memorial

Flags are being sold to generate funds to help maintain the Old Homosassa Veterans Memorial on Yulee Drive (across from Homosassa Elementary school).

For \$20, get an embroidered, made in the U.S., 3-foot by 5-foot flag, of all-weather nylon material. POW/MIA flags are available for \$20. Places to buy flags include:

- Kane's Ace Hardware, 352-628-3566.
- Badcock Home Furniture, 352-795-5346.
- Homosassa Blueprint, 352-628-5893.
- Fraternal Order of the Eagles, 352-628-0914.
- American Legion Post 166, 352-247-1353.

For flag orders, call Mark at 352-212-9359.

Vet discount info sought

The Citrus County Veterans Services Division is compiling a list of local businesses that offer discounts to veterans. Those with local businesses who would like to have their discount information included on a list are asked to call 352-527-5915 with a contact phone number, amount/type of discount and required proof of veteran status. The Veterans Service Office provides guidance and assistance to veterans and their families to assist with navigation through state and federal VA systems and participate in coordination with local charitable organizations and businesses to ensure veterans and their families are receiving as much assistance as possible from the local community. Call the Veterans Service Office at 352-527-5915 or visit www.citrusbocc.com.

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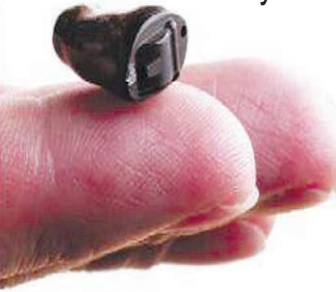
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FVN receives gift from Latino Club



Special to the Chronicle
 The Female Veterans Network recently received a gift from the Citrus Hills Latino Club. From left are: Jo Monty, Wanda Cortes and Jane Mundis.

VETERANS NOTES

Coast Guard auxiliary seeks assistance

Ex-military and retired military are needed to assist the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in helping the Coast Guard with non-military and non-law enforcement programs. These programs include public education, vessel safety checks, safety patrols and search and rescue, maritime security and environmental protection.

A criminal background check and membership are required. Email Melissa at melissa.frank@gmail.com.

Hospice assists veterans wherever they are

HPH Hospice, as a partnering agency with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), provides tailored care for veterans and their families.

The program is provided in private homes, assisted living facilities and nursing homes, and staff is trained to provide Hospice care specific to illnesses and conditions unique to each military era or war. HPH Hospice care and programs do not affect veterans' benefits. Call the Citrus Team Office at 352-527-4600.

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Floral City students learn about Wreaths Across America



Special to the Chronicle
Sandy Cross, associate member of the Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776 Military Order of the Purple Heart recently gave a presentation about Wreaths Across America (WAA) to Marlise Bushman's third grade class at Floral City Elementary. The wreath cross was assembled by the children. The meaning of each part was explained, as well as the meaning behind the wreaths to the students. The children also completed drawings for a coloring book that was given to the WAA ambassadors on Oct. 18 at their mobile exhibit unit.

VETERANS NOTES

Memorial honors vets in Homosassa

Purple Heart recipients are sought to be honored with centerpieces with their names on them at The Old Homosassa Veterans' Memorial. Call Shona Cook at 352-422-8092.

VITAS welcomes vets as volunteers

VITAS Healthcare offers volunteer opportunities for veterans who are interested in helping support veteran hospice patients and their families. VITAS Healthcare veteran volunteers bring military experiences and cultural bond to their hospice work and offer the outstanding ability to relate and connect with veteran patients and their families.

As a partner of the We Honor Veterans program, the interdisciplinary team at VITAS Healthcare acknowledges the service of veterans in its care by honoring their unique needs and wishes and by providing programs and services that honor and support.

Call the volunteer department at 352-527-2020 or 866-642-0962.

Free yoga classes for vets

Yoga teacher Ann Sandstrom is associated with the national service organization, Yoga For Vets. She teaches free classes to combat veterans at several locations and times. Call Sandstrom at 352-382-7397.

Veterans sought to share experiences

Veterans living in Citrus County who served in the U.S. armed forces and are interested in sharing their experiences in the service with Chronicle readers are encouraged to contact the community editor at community@chronicleonline.com or 352-563-5660.

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 • Friday, April 15, 2022
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Inverness Woman's Club welcomes new members



Special to the Chronicle

After more than a year of not being able to meet, the Inverness Woman's Club welcomed new members and addressed new programs at their November meeting. Donna Anllo inducted three new members and introduced two others who joined during the last year. New members included Sandy Olson, Jeannie Wallace, Chris McIntire, Debbie Reynolds and Susan Finkbiner. The club is planning a luncheon, field trip, participation in the Veteran's Day Parade in Inverness, a fundraiser garage sale, day of service and supplying food for Citrus United Basket. Membership in the club, a service organization associated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs, is open to any resident of Citrus County. For more information, call 352-249-0889. From left are: Donna Anllo, Sandy Olson, Jeannie Wallace, Chris McIntire, Debbie Reynolds and Susan Finkbiner.

Community BRIEFS

TOPS groups meet weekly

The following TOPS weight loss support groups meet weekly in Citrus County:
 Chapter 692 at 9:30 a.m. Fridays at Grace Bible Church, 6382 W. Green Acres St. in Homosassa. Call 352-628-2024.
 Chapter 826 at 8:10 a.m. Tuesdays at First Lutheran Church, 1900 State Road 44 in Inverness. Call 352-464-1349.
 Chapter 743 at 7:30 a.m. Wednesdays at the DAV building, 1039 N. Paul Drive in Inver-

ness. Call 352-637-6553.
 Chapter 9365 at 10 a.m. Wednesdays at the First Christian Church of Homosassa, 7030 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd. Call 352-533-2607 or 352-212-8550.
 Chapter 408 at 2 p.m. Thursdays at the First Baptist Church, 700 N. Citrus Ave. in Crystal River. Call 352-503-6099.
 Chapter 443 at 3 p.m. Thursdays at the Dunnellon Women's Club, 11756 Cedar St. Call 352-566-0742.
 For more information, visit tops.org.

Shelter seeks donations

The Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association (CASA) is in need of baby powder, baby wipes, diaper rash cream, Kleenex, journals, pens, ketchup, pancake mix, cooking oil, bacon, taco shells, milk and cheese.
 The next time you're out shopping, pick up some extra supplies and drop them off at the CASA Outreach office between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at 1100 E. Turner Camp Road, Inverness. Shelter needs

can also be dropped off at their alternative drop off location, Carol's Interiors and Floors, 6410 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Homosassa.
 For information, email Kimberly Martini at kimberly@casaffl.org.
 If interested in volunteering, call 352-344-8111 or download the Volunteer Application at casaffl.org.
 Completed applications can be emailed to mariynn@casaffl.org.

—From staff reports

Lions welcome new members



Special to the Chronicle

The Homosassa Lions Club recently welcomed their newest members. From left are: Jerry Yost; Dennis Dial; Valerie Campbell, membership chairman; Jody Dial; and Beverly Yost.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The City Council of the City of Inverness will hold a public hearing on Tuesday November 16, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Inverness Government Center, 212 W. Main Street, Inverness, FL to consider and finalize a resolution amending the adopted budget for all funds for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021.

BUDGET SUMMARY CITY OF INVERNESS 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR

THE PROPOSED OPERATING EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS ARE 9.5% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

GENERAL FUND 7.9730										
ESTIMATED REVENUES	GENERAL FUND	WHISPERING PINES PARK	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	WATER & SEWER	CEMETERY	IMPACT FEE FUND	PENSION FUNDS	TOTAL BEFORE COMPONENT UNIT	I.C.R.A. TRUST FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
TAXES										
AD-VALOREM MILLAGE PER \$1000 7.9730	3,883,787							3,883,787		3,883,787
AD-VALOREM Delinquent Taxes	120,000							120,000		120,000
SALES & USE TAXES	300,000							300,000		300,000
FRANCHISE FEES	592,000							592,000		592,000
UTILITY SERVICE TAXES	700,800							700,800		700,800
COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TAX	213,000							213,000		213,000
LOCAL BUSINESS TAX	55,000							55,000		55,000
LICENSES & PERMITS	371,000							371,000		371,000
GRANTS	821,866	307,500						1,129,366		1,129,366
STATE SHARED REVENUE	560,165							560,165	644,413	1,204,578
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	1,232,575	65,075		3,590,180	200,000			5,087,830		5,087,830
FINES & FORFEITS	30,506							30,506		30,506
INTEREST EARNINGS	73,400	4,600		15,750	1,800	500	2,250	98,300	13,000	111,300
RENTS & ROYALTIES	146,700							146,700		146,700
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS/IMPACT FEE	-					25,000		25,000		25,000
CONTRIBUTIONS/DONATIONS	151,000							151,000		151,000
SALE OF FIXED ASSET-EQUIP	-							-		-
PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS	-							-		-
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	14,000	1,064		33,750				48,814		48,814
TOTAL SOURCES	9,265,799	378,239		3,639,680	201,800	25,500	2,250	13,513,268	657,413	14,170,681
TRANSFERS IN	898,770		1,243,250	3,595,430				5,737,450	694,124	6,431,574
FUND BALANCES/RESERVES/NET ASSETS	9,063,589	312,538	4,052,578	6,348,020	395,704	156,315	484,370	20,813,114	4,649,419	25,462,533
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES	19,228,158	690,777	5,295,828	13,583,130	597,504	181,815	486,620	40,063,832	6,000,956	46,064,788
EXPENDITURES										
GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL	2,552,999		407,201				2,500	2,962,700		2,962,700
PUBLIC SAFETY	1,439,672		41,250					1,480,922		1,480,922
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	1,191,000			4,059,028	92,290			5,342,318	2,062,361	7,404,679
TRANSPORTATION	1,020,473		1,111,506					2,131,979		2,131,979
ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT	390,035		45,660					435,695		435,695
CULTURE AND RECREATION	1,291,515	628,005	567,000					2,486,520		2,486,520
DEBT SERVICE				410,251				410,251	746,000	1,156,251
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,885,694	628,005	2,172,617	4,469,279	92,290	-	2,500	15,250,385	2,808,361	18,058,746
TRANSFERS OUT	2,079,174	35,000	126,770	4,152,430	3,500			6,396,874	211,500	6,608,374
FUND BALANCE RESERVES AND NET ASSETS	9,263,290	27,772	2,996,441	4,961,421	501,714	181,815	484,120	18,416,573	2,981,095	21,397,668
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES	19,228,158	690,777	5,295,828	13,583,130	597,504	181,815	486,620	40,063,832	6,000,956	46,064,788

SUNDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 14, 2021. Table with columns for channel, time, program, and rating. Includes programs like 'Football Night in America', 'The Simpsons', 'The Bachelor', etc.

Annie gives advice

Dear Annie: Forty-two years ago, my then-boyfriend and I decided to move in together in the house he was building.

love and friendship! We have remained very close friends since then and see each other often.



DEAR ANNIE

We were married three years later. He was a single father of two boys, and I had one daughter from my previous marriage.

Dear Thankful in New England: Thank you so much for your heart-warming letter.

Since I never had any reason to dislike or mistrust her, I decided she and I should try to be friends so the kids wouldn't have added stress in their lives.

Your decision to bond with your husband's ex-wife is admirable, and it has paid enormous dividends for everyone in your family.

We are so thankful for our friendship! One of the sons was diagnosed with a rare liver cancer at age 23.

Dear Annie: In this "COVID age," why is it still acceptable to blow one's nose in public?

Sadly, he passed, and we all provided support for one another.

Every time I take my family to a restaurant, it seems that someone pulls out a nasty handkerchief and blasts away.

A year after that, my daughter and her family lost their home in a fire. We also had my elderly mother-in-law living with us.

Why can't there be a policy to encourage people to go to the restroom to blow their nose?

With Thanksgiving approaching, things were not looking very festive. My stepson's mother invited our entire family to her house for Thanksgiving.

It's not only disgusting for people in the middle of a meal, but it is also totally unsanitary.

Today's MOVIES

Table of movie listings for Citrus Cinemas 6 Inverness, Valerie Theatre, etc., including titles like 'Dune', 'Eternals', and 'Clifford the Big Red Dog'.

Sunday PUZZLER

- ACROSS: 1 Measure of volume, 6 ballerina, 11 Witch-hunt city, 16 Flavor, 21 Excessive, 22 Ancient dead language, 23 Silly, 24 Ear bone, 25 Sun-dried brick, 26 Like a swellhead, 28 Tease, 29 Chemin de, 30 Commingle, 32 Birthright seller, 33 Smiley face, e.g., 35 A letter, 36 Worry, 38 Star that flares, 41 Coup d', 43 Dir. letters, 44 That girl's, 45 With a leg on each side, 48 Kind of alcohol, 50 Ring event (Abbr.), 52 Riffraff, 55 Blackjack relative, 57 Claire, Wis., 58 Musical passage, 62 Time, 63 Stake, 65 Seat in a church, 67 Taxing org., 69 Stowed, 70 Bank acct. number, 71 Greek letter, 72 Vegas, 74 Diplomacy, 76 Travel aimlessly, 77 Copied, 79 Newt, 81 Full of poison, 83 Conflicts, 85 Favored student, 86 Rends, 88 Battle, 90 Bill and, 92 Small flute, 94 Wide chasm, 96 Damage, 97 Sports org., 99 Buddies, 100 Abounding in fog, 103 Sailor, 105 Hirsute, 107 Records, 110 Caviar, 111 Trek, 113 Bovine creature, 115 Legendary bird, 117 Come may, 118 City in India, 120 Moonfish, 122 Roll, 123 Sweet potato, 125 Greek H, 126 Fighter of a kind, 128 Damp, 130 Energy, 132 Whig's opponent, 133 Johnny, 134 Passover meal, 135 Skill, 137 Mr. Arnaz, 139 City in Greece, 141 Norma, 143 Kent or Gable, 145 Rich chocolate icing, 147 As blind as, 150 Pasture, 152 Bird sound, 154 Baby talk, 155 Seizes, 159 Circular edge, 160 Trendy language, 162 Raced, 164 Fire remains, 166 Poor grade, 167 Serious, 169 Cote d'Azur town (Hyph.), 173 Efface, 175 Weasel relative, 176 Failed Ford, 177 Desire, 178 Intended, 179 Second-story man, 180 Caffe, 181 Loathed, 182 Very pale, DOWN: 1 Drink heartily, 2 Beneath, 3 Like a lot, 4 Massage, 5 Abound, 6 Doctor's hammer, 7 Disreputable paper, 8 Japanese statesman, 9 Bit, 10 Cordial flavoring, 11 Place, 12 Cuckoo, 13 Doily material, 14 Glossy paint, 15 Honeydew, 16 Monkey, 17 Literary collection, 18 Bony plate, 19 Sound-system component, 20 Park, Colo., 27 Fill, 31 Deeply felt, 34 Kind of ski or set, 37 Bar bill, 39 Miami, 40 Fuss, 42 Bangkok native, 44 Treat with respect, 46 Strike, 47 Psychic's gift (Abbr.), 49 Asian tent, 51 Set of parts

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Sunday Puzzler answers are on Page A26.

Grid for the Sunday puzzle with numbered starting points for across and down clues.

Freemason obtains highest degree



On Oct. 18 in Memphis, Tennessee, Bernard Gray was elevated to the last and final degree in Freemasonry, the 33rd degree, by the United Supreme Council. Gray is the Amvets Post 89 second vice commander and chaplain, past Amvets district commander and U.S. Marine veteran. According to aasphasj.org, the mission of the United Supreme Council, 33rd degree of the ancient and accepted Scottish rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Southern Jurisdiction of the USA, is to serve as the College of Freemasonry for aspiring master masons seeking more light in the Scottish rite.

Special to the Chronicle

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- For information about adding events to the Chronicle's online Community Calendar, go to www.chronicleonline.com, Events, Event Calendar, and follow the directions to add an event.
- If you need help, call the newsroom at 352-563-5660 and ask for Hannah Sachewicz.



There will be no solid waste, recycle, or yard waste collection on Thursday, November 25, 2021, in observance of Thanksgiving.

City of Crystal River Thursday customers will be serviced on Friday, November 26.

Unincorporated Citrus County Thursday customers will be serviced on Friday, November 26, and Friday customers will be serviced on Saturday, November 27.

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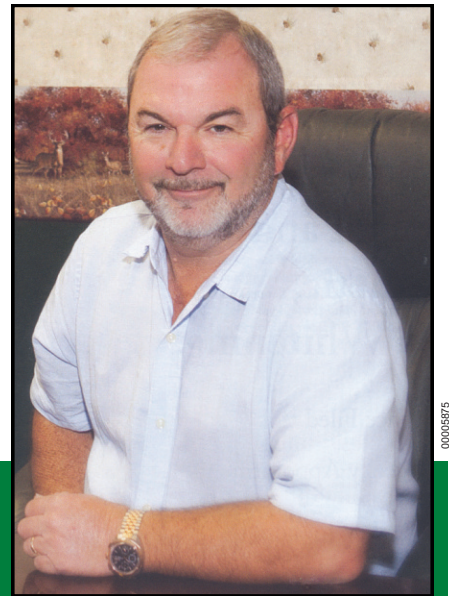
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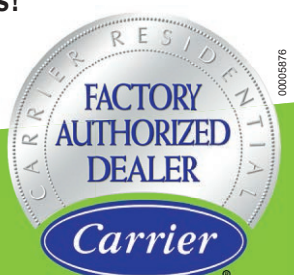


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Most all these groups welcome donations — of food, supplies, or money — and volunteers. Looks for the contact information with each animal to find out specific needs.

Elks initiate new members



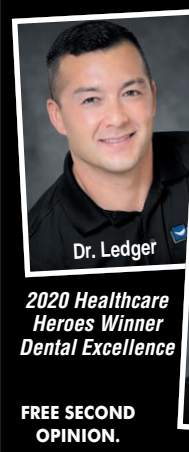
On Nov. 1, the West Citrus Elks Lodge initiated eight new members. From left are: Barbara Balzer, James Carter, David Liddell, Gerard Delvechio, Sidney Dennard, Scott Dillingham, Stuart Hoffman and Jan Weston. For more information about the Elks, visit Elks.org or call 352-628-1221.

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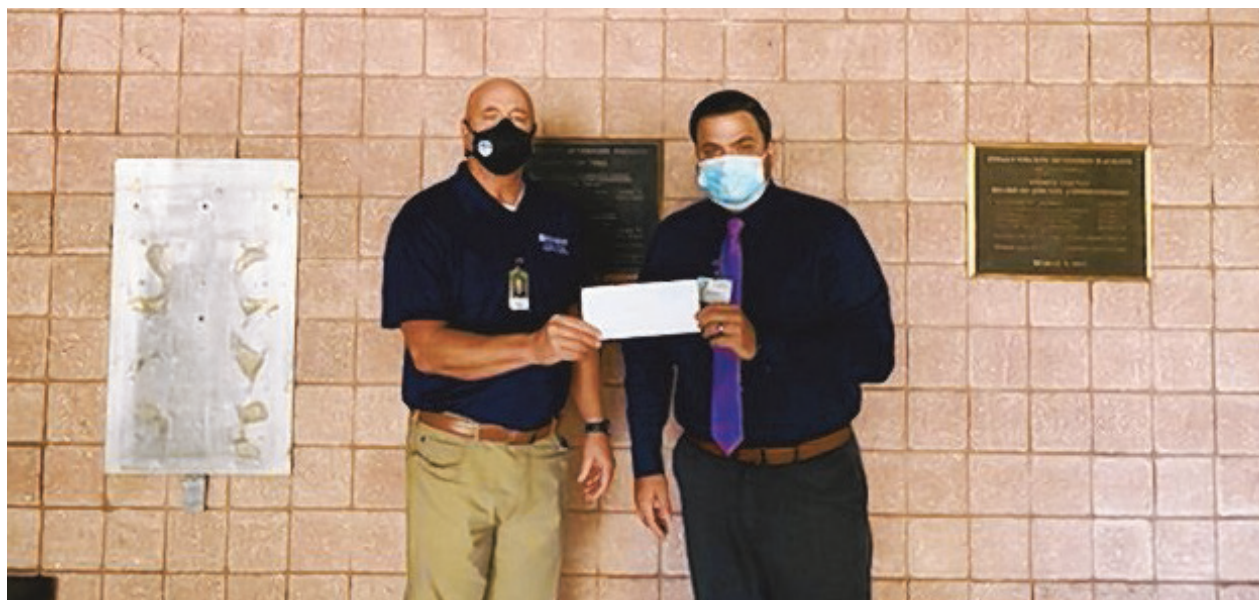
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Mike Quinn, Citrus County Detention Facility warden, left, presents a check to David Reed, Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA executive director, in support of their teen programs in Citrus County. The YMCA offers teen prevention programs to ensure students are in a safe environment while at the YMCA. Over the past three years, the detention facility has donated more than \$6,000 to help with teen leadership programs.

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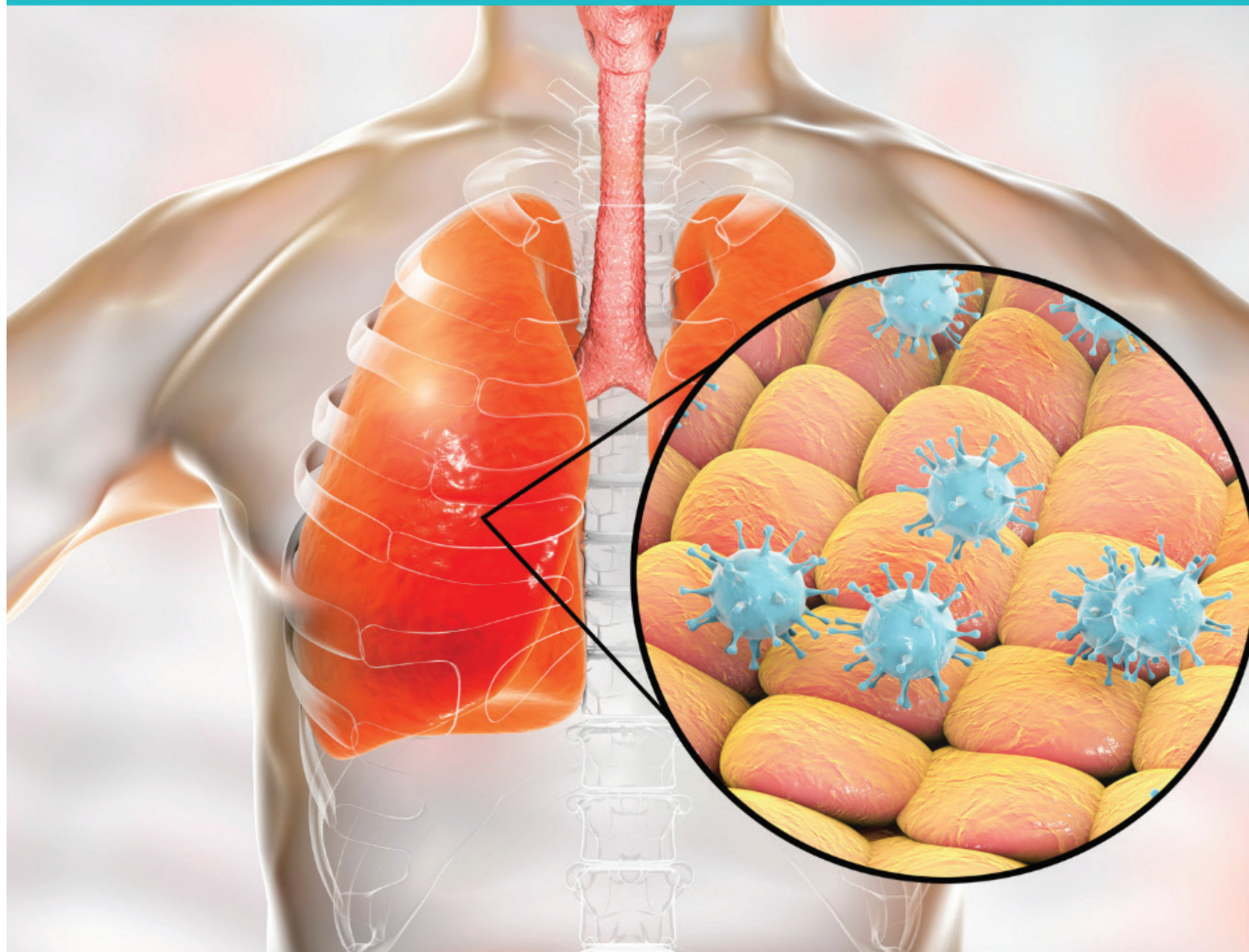
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Will Rogers

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Bucs visit Washington in rematch

Two teams faced in last season's wild-card round

STEPHEN WHYNO
AP sports writer

LANDOVER, Md. — Tom Brady and the reigning Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers return to the site of their first wild-card victory in last season's playoffs looking like a title contender once again.

Losing six of eight games this year has washed away most of Washington's optimism in the wake of that close defeat with little hope of salvaging 2021. The 6-2 Buccaneers are rolling and trying not to take what should be an easy victory Sunday for granted. FanDuel Sportsbook has them as 9 1/2-point favorites.

"There's no guarantees in the league here," Brady said. "There's no easy games. You can't roll your helmet out there and think you're going to win."

Washington gave Tampa Bay a bit of a scare in January, starting Taylor Heinicke at quarterback in place of injured veteran Alex Smith and sacking Brady three

times but falling short 31-23. Heinicke is back as the starter without the element of surprise this time — after his performance with one passing and one rushing touchdown earned him a two-year contract.

"He can play, he can run and he threw some great balls in that game," Buccaneers coach Bruce Arians said. "I think that team plays really, really hard for him, and I like the way he plays."

Heinicke's play has been up and down, and so has Washington's defense, which has been unable to live up to lofty expectations. The team didn't take the lessons from winning the NFC East and losing to Tampa Bay in the playoffs that coach Ron Rivera wanted.

"You got to work your way back up to there," Rivera said. "That's probably my biggest frustration: that in spite of the expectations, I just kind of had a feeling that we felt we were going to be able to pick up right up here, and that's not how it works in this league."

The Buccaneers have. They started 6-1 before losing at New Orleans going into their bye and have handled a spate of injuries on each side of the ball.

But Brady said, "I don't think there's one area we can't be



Associated Press

Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady looks to pass against the Washington Football Team during the first half of an NFL wild-card playoff game, Jan. 9, 2021, in Landover, Md. Tampa Bay won 31-23. The Buccaneers return to where their playoff run to the Super Bowl started when they visit Washington. The Buccaneers are a 9 1/2-point favorite. But Brady says he and his teammates cannot just expect to walk onto the field and win.

better," and his teammates are focused on responding to that 36-27 loss to the Saints.

"Come in and continue to put

the work in every day regardless of what the outcome was in the Saints game," safety Antoine Winfield Jr. said. "Just to come

back here and continue to work because we have a nice stretch

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Classic comeback



Associated Press

Florida State quarterback Jordan Travis (13) scores a 2-point conversion with 25 seconds left for the win against Miami in a game on Saturday, in Tallahassee. Florida State defeated Miami 31-28.

Jordan Travis sparks late rally as Florida State beats Miami 31-28

BOB FERRANTE
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida State delivered a comeback that belongs among the great down-to-the-wire finishes in the history of the rivalry with Miami. And Mike Norvell has a signature win to continue building the Seminoles' foundation.

Jordan Travis completed a fourth-and-14 pass to Andrew Parchment and two plays later ran it in from 1 yard out with 26 seconds to go as Florida State defeated Miami 31-28 on Saturday.

Trailing 28-23 and taking over at the Seminoles' 20-yard line, Travis dropped back and connected with Ja'Khi Douglas on a 59-yard catch-and-run. After two incompletions and a false start, Travis connected with Parchment on the 24-yard reception to the goal line.

"Wow, what a game," Norvell said. "So proud of our team. The coaches, everybody involved in the program. The work, the investment, responding to adversity. The way that we work. Everything that we do within our program is there to prepare you for a moment like that. ... It's been a challenging road. We've had some real ups and downs. But these kids, they've just continued to work, they've continued to believe."

Florida State (4-6, 3-4 Atlantic Coast Conference) has had a roller-coaster season, beginning 0-4 before winning three straight and then dropping two in a row. But now the Seminoles have picked up their first victory over a rival — Miami, Florida or Clemson — since a Nov. 25, 2017 win over the Gators.

Travis completed 18 of 26 passes for a career-high 274 yards and he ran 22 times for 62 yards and two touchdowns for Florida State.

A year after Miami routed FSU 52-10, in what was the second game of the Norvell Era but also one he missed on the road after testing positive for COVID-19, the Seminoles showed just how much progress they have made.

"They stomped us last year," Travis said. "That's not a good feeling at all. This is a big game for us. This shows where we're headed, the fight we have, the brotherhood we have, the commitment we have."

Tyler Van Dyke threw four touchdown passes as Miami rallied from a 17-point deficit. After a shaky first half, Van Dyke regrouped and completed touchdown passes to Key'Shawn Smith, Mike Harley, Will Mallory and Jaylan Knighton for the Hurricanes (5-5, 3-3).

Van Dyke completed 25 of 47 passes for 316 yards with two interceptions

for Miami.

Florida State clearly frustrated the Hurricanes, forcing three turnovers in the first 15 minutes.

Jermaine Johnson forced a fumble that set up Florida State with a short field, setting up Jashaun Corbin's 12-yard touchdown run that put the Seminoles up 14-0. Johnson, a defensive end, had three sacks — giving him 11 on the season. Five of his seven tackles were for losses.

In a game that swung with big plays on offense and defense, Miami made too many mistakes with the three early turnovers, 14 penalties and early drops.

"Tough one to swallow there," Miami coach Manny Diaz said. "Another classic Miami-Florida State game. This time we ended up on the wrong side of it."

MISSION? TAKE IT AWAY

Florida State now has an interception in six straight games and 10 picks in 2021 after Omarion Cooper, who was making his first career start, and Jammie Robinson picked off Van Dyke in the first quarter. Van Dyke had just one interception in a three-game win streak over NC State, Pittsburgh and Georgia Tech.

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Shanks reaches finals

CHRIS BERNHARDT JR.
Staff writer

Nicole Shanks got in one last meet for her freshman season, and managed to make it a full day at the Sailfish Splash Waterpark and Aquatics Center.

The lone Citrus County representative in the Class 3A FHSAA Swimming and Diving State Championships on Saturday in Stuart, the Lecanto High swimmer advanced to the consolation final in the 500-yard freestyle.

Shanks came in second in the final race, with a time of 5:16.09, to place 10th overall.

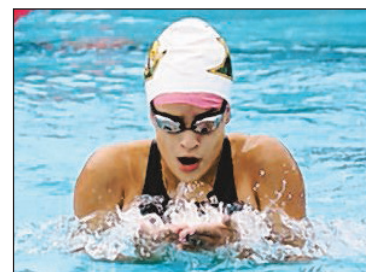
"I think I did OK," Shanks said. "It was really fun. There were definitely a lot of swimmers, they were all very fast and it was fun to watch."

"I thought I'd do a little better than I did and make the final, which was really fun. ... I'm hoping next year to do better and I'll have more of an idea of how it is."

Shanks finished ninth in prelims, one spot short of reaching the championship final and assuring herself of a medal. She had a time of 5:16.70.

"Very promising as a freshman with all the nerves going into her first state meet. She was very nervous this morning and that settled down. I'm very happy for her," Lecanto coach Michelle Dickemann said.

"... She had a mishap with her goggles (snapping) before finals, which might have affected her a little bit. The best thing about it is she's gotten through the first-year jitters. Every year she'll know what to expect, she'll be comfortable in that arena, and she should do better and better each year."



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Lecanto freshman Nicole Shanks swims the breaststroke during the District 3A-5 meet on Oct. 28 at North Shore Aquatic Complex in St. Petersburg.

Titans face another 2020 playoff team: New Orleans

BARRY WILNER
AP pro football writer

Your best player gets sidelined for a lengthy period, perhaps the rest of the season, and yet you prosper.

That's been the strange scenario recently in Music City, where the Tennessee Titans still have their groove despite losing running back Derrick Henry — also the top player in the AFC South — to a broken foot.

"Derrick's a guy, he's hard to replace," center Ben Jones says. "He's done it multiple years now. We kind of got a rhythm with him, knowing how he hits runs and stuff. So it's definitely some learning curve, and we've got to do as an offensive line. We've got to keep grinding and just make this run game come to life."

Tennessee (7-2), with a 3 1/2-game lead in the division and standing atop the entire conference, hosts New Orleans (5-3) on Sunday. The Titans are 6-0 against 2020 playoff teams, including wins in four straight games. Tennessee has won five straight overall, the longest active streak in the NFL.

The Saints, 4-1 in games played outside New Orleans, are without their starting quarterback, Jameis Winston, also a huge loss, although backup Trevor Siemian has performed admirably as they upset Tampa Bay before falling to Atlanta.

Off this week are Chicago (3-6), Houston (1-8), Cincinnati (5-4) and the New York Giants (3-6).

Carolina (4-5) at Arizona (8-1)

Superman is back in Charlotte, but it's unlikely Cam Newton will have any effect on this game. He joined the Panthers, where he won the 2015 MVP award, on Thursday after starting quarterback Sam Darnold went on injured reserve, but P.J. Walker will start.

Los Angeles Rams (7-2) at San Francisco (3-5), Monday night

One of the league's best long-standing rivalries, which the Niners have dominated with four straight victories. But the 49ers have lost their first four home games for the first time since 1982 and third time ever. San Francisco is 1-3 at Levi's Stadium the past two seasons, and the Rams ride a four-game road winning string.

Seattle (3-5) at Green Bay (7-2)

This series at Lambeau Field is lopsided, though the availability of each team's starting quarterback could determine if Seattle can win in Green Bay for the first time since 1999. Since then, the Seahawks have lost six

regular-season games and three playoff games at Lambeau.

Seattle's Russell Wilson is expected to return after missing three games for middle finger surgery on his throwing hand.

Aaron Rodgers can come off the COVID-19 list on Saturday and suit up Sunday, pending no more complications.

Kansas City (5-4) at Las Vegas (5-3)

Another terrific rivalry, though both teams have been spotty in their performances.

The Chiefs have looked nothing like the offensive juggernaut that went to the past two Super Bowls, winning one.

Minnesota (3-5) at Los Angeles Chargers (5-3)

Los Angeles has the worst run defense in football, which could play into the hands of Vikings RB Dalvin Cook. But the Vikes, who have mastered losing close games, are more of a passing team. Kirk Cousins has been sacked a league-low 10 times this season, and Minnesota is dangerous early, having scored on its opening drive in seven straight games (five touchdowns, two field goals).

Philadelphia (3-6) at Denver (5-4)

Is any team more streaky than

the Broncos? They won their first three games (against weak competition), then lost four in a row when the opponents became more formidable. Now they have won two straight, including thrashing the NFC East-leading Cowboys on the road.

Detroit (0-8) at Pittsburgh (5-3)

Amazing stat: The previous time the Lions won in Pittsburgh was 1955. That 31-28 win came at Forbes Field, 66 years and two stadiums ago for the Steelers. Pittsburgh, which has turned around its season with four consecutive victories, is 12-3-1 against Detroit at home and 9-0-1 in the past 10 visits by the Lions.

Atlanta (4-4) at Dallas (6-2)

Call this the Dan Quinn Revenge Game. Quinn, who until last week's meltdown against Denver had done a formidable job as Dallas defensive coordinator, would prefer not to recall Atlanta's visit to Big D in 2020. Then the Falcons head coach, Quinn saw his team lose the first of consecutive games when leading by at least 15 points in the fourth quarter. The Cowboys recovered an onside kick that Atlanta easily could have fallen on and later made a 46-yard field goal on the final play. Dallas

won 40-39 and Quinn was fired after an 0-5 start in the A-T-L.

Cleveland (5-4) at New England (5-4)

It seems releasing Odell Beckham Jr. was addition by subtraction for Cleveland. While the receiver was on his way out, the Browns played their best game in defeating Cincinnati. They could be plagued in the running game, their strength on offense, with primary running back Nick Chubb on the reserve/COVID-19 list and Kareem Hunt missing his fourth consecutive game.

Buffalo (5-3) at New York Jets (2-6)

Coming off an embarrassing loss at Jacksonville, the Bills should be geared for a memory-erasing performance. New York is ranked last in overall defense, and the line, a supposed strength, has been invisible recently. Quarterback Josh Allen, as much a threat running as he is passing, could have a wide-open field day.

Jacksonville (2-6) at Indianapolis (4-5)

Indianapolis has won 15 of its 20 home games against Jacksonville, which has dropped 11 successive road matches. Jacksonville has lost eight straight division games.



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Retirement travel is fun; until it's not



Gerry Mulligan
OUT THE WINDOW

Retirement is supposed to mean that you suddenly have the time and temperament to enjoy traveling and experience a more relaxed lifestyle. The theory is not 100% accurate. My "memo of understanding" with the travel industry has apparently been misplaced. The very first trip we planned after my August retirement was to head to New York City and be tourists. Both my wife and I were born in New York City, but we really

never had the occasion to visit as tourists. We often went north to participate in family events, but never as normal tourists. So I made hotel reservations at a top-name hotel just a few blocks from Central Park. We got tickets for a Broadway show and the U.S. Open Tennis Tournament. Less than 12 hours before we were to fly to New York, a bland email came across with this notification: Your hotel reservation has

been canceled and the entire 1,800 room hotel shut down. The reason — COVID. Staff members were infected and they could not honor the reservations. We punted and found another hotel. The rooms were so small that we needed to keep our elbows tucked in when turning around. But they didn't stop us from enjoying retirement. A few weeks after that we had to drive to Virginia because "Hunter

the Dog" was again involved in a dog show. Finding hotels that welcome dogs is a crap shoot — pardon the pun — so I made reservations in advance in Fayetteville, North Carolina, right along I-95. I was proud that I planned in advance and found a spot for the dogs. That pride evaporated as we entered the actual hotel. I apparently failed to read the fine print of the hotel website that

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Cortney Stewart
SEEING BEYOND

Veterans deserve better medical care

On Thursday, our nation took a moment to honor and celebrate the many men and women who have served in our military over the course of this country's history.

Veterans Day 2021 was historic in a lot of ways. For starters, it's the first time in two decades that we've celebrated Veterans Day without active-duty soldiers on the ground in Afghanistan. That's a big deal. For 20 years, most Americans have been one or two degrees removed from having a loved one in the fight in the longest war in American history. Veterans Day, for the most part, has hit pretty close to home for a lot of us. We almost all knew someone who was actively on the ground in Afghanistan or at least knew families who were affected by it.

The withdrawal of troops now has us all a little more removed. So it becomes even more vital for us to pay attention and be mindful when it comes to Veterans Day celebrations and ceremonies of honor. Just because we aren't actively fighting in a war doesn't mean our soldiers are not selflessly sacrificing themselves for the greater good of their country.

It's also the second See **BEYOND/Page C3**

From the lens of the League:



A look at redistricting in Florida and its impact

ABBY MADEIROS AND ROSEMARY NILLES
Special to the Chronicle



The League of Women Voters was founded more than 100 years ago to ensure voting rights for all citizens, particularly women. Today, the League of Women Voters of Florida (LWVFL) and its member leagues, including the League of Women Voters Citrus County, continue to prioritize voting issues, including redistricting.

This article addresses basic questions about redistricting and its impact on citizens.

What is redistricting and why is it done?

Redistricting is the redrawing of boundaries of electoral districts on a map to allocate representation in federal and state legislatures.

Redistricting is done every 10 years following the U.S. Census. After the Census, the number of representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives for each state is recalculated based on new population data. Because Florida's population has grown by 2.9 million, Florida will move from 27 to 28 representatives. The Florida Legislature will redraw current district lines to add the new congressional district.

The Legislature will also redraw lines for Florida's 40 state Senate seats and 120 state House seats.

What is gerrymandering?

Redistricting is often influenced by "gerrymandering." Gerrymandering is the politically motivated manipulation of district boundaries to deliberately disadvantage a group of voters based on their party affiliation or race. It's used by the party in power to retain power and to influence who is elected. Rather than voters choosing their representatives, gerrymandering empowers politicians to choose their voters. Gerrymandered districts are often oddly shaped to include some voters or to exclude other voters.

What are Florida's Fair Districts amendments?

Fortunately, Florida now has guardrails

in place to help ensure fair redistricting. A citizen's initiative in 2010, seeking to reform the way districts are drawn, resulted in the passage of two amendments to the Florida Constitution. These "Fair District" amendments, written with input from LWV and other groups, passed with more than 62% of the vote.

The Fair Districts provisions require that district lines: not be drawn to favor one political party, not be drawn to harm voting power of racial or language minorities, and be contiguous. In addition, if possible, and so long as it does not violate the mandatory requirements above, the districts should: be compact, take into account jurisdictional lines, and take into account geographical boundaries.

Even after the Fair District amendments were enacted, party operatives continued to practice gerrymandering. In 2012, LWVFL, with a coalition of civil rights groups, filed two lawsuits in response to this gerrymandering, and won. During years of litigation, the state legislature spent \$11 million of taxpayer dollars unsuccessfully defending its illegally drawn district maps.

In 2015, the courts approved new, fairly balanced Congressional district maps drawn by LWVFL and its partners.

What's happening with redistricting in Florida?

The Florida Senate is now actively engaged with redistricting.

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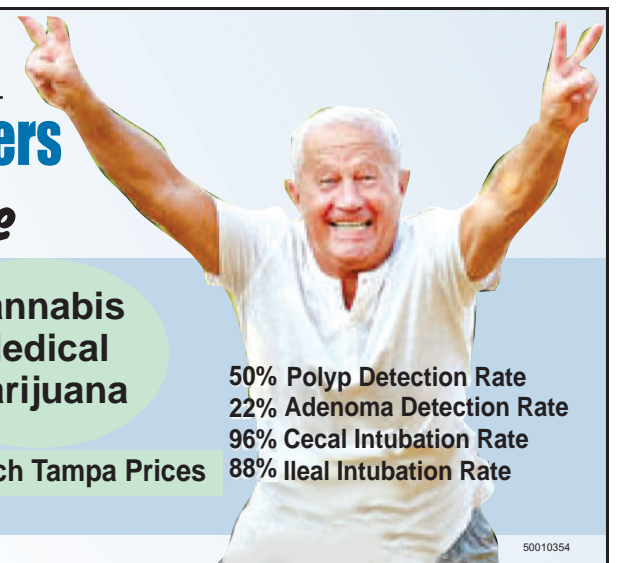
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PAYING FOR PAVING

County will budget more money for roads

Road resurfacing has been a hot topic in the county for years, with a steady stream of Sound Offs, letters to the editor and comments directly to county commissioners urging action as neighborhood roads continue to deteriorate.

It was under discussion so much it was one of the major issues during the 2018 commission election, with commission candidates promising to deal with the issue.

The problem is straightforward and simple. Residential roads need to be resurfaced about every 20 years. Doing this requires about \$10 million a year, but recent county budgets have only put about \$4 million a year into road resurfacing.

Adding to the problem is the fact that many residential roads were put in by developers, and some of these do not meet current county standards, so they may deteriorate even more rapidly. And road resurfacing took another hit this year when the company that contracted to provide that resurfacing went bankrupt with only a portion of the roads scheduled for repaving completed.

The obvious way to increase the rate of repaving is to increase the money available for the work. But despite years of discussion, the fundamental of where this money will come from has not been answered.

For many residents, the answer is “the gas tax,” or taxes collected on every gallon of gasoline sold. In 2020, the county got \$8.8 million in gas tax revenue. But a substantial portion of this goes for other road projects such as the County Road 491 widening, overall road maintenance and for paying off transportation bonds that were sold to finance earlier road projects.

So, the remaining options for county officials are to increase sales taxes or to pay for the road resurfacing by using general fund revenues. A sales tax to pay for road resurfacing has been discussed off and on for several years, but mostly this has been nothing more than discussion. At their last workshop, commissioners briefly considered, and then quickly nixed, putting a sales tax increase on the 2022 ballot.

The proposal that got approval from commissioners was putting more money in the county budget for road resurfacing. After being proposed, this idea was quickly adopted, with commissioners agreeing to add a \$10 million item for road resurfacing in the next budget.

This seems like a reasonable solution, but as always, the devil is in the details. Since the funding for this will not come from sales taxes, where non-residents would pay perhaps a quarter of the cost, all of the money will come from county residents. This is the downside of this proposal.

And, of course, this proposal will only get more roads paved if more money is actually included in the budget and the budget is approved by commissioners. Further, it will only work for the benefit of the entire county if it does not become a “rob Peter to pay Paul” situation where other county programs are shortchanged to get this item included.

Our hope is that this is not yet one more way to kick this particular can down the road, and that when commissioners are considering next year's budget this item will be included, and that other valuable programs will not be shortchanged in the process.

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Roll back current setback rates

A copy of this letter was sent to the Citrus County Commission last Tuesday.

I have read the pros and cons of changing the setback rules in the newspaper and have the following comments. First, Mr. Charles Lee says in a letter to the editor that setbacks will protect property from flooding. They will not. No setback will prevent flooding, only elevation does. It doesn't matter if the setback is 15 feet or 50 feet, only the elevation of the first floor of the home will prevent it from being flooded in a storm.

Second major point, swales and berms along someone's waterfront can be an environmental hazard. Standing pools of water along a seawall can become stagnant and mosquito breeding pools. Mosquitoes can carry illnesses like the West Nile virus and other deadly viruses. No one should have stagnant pools of water on their property, especially along the waterfront where families want to spend time.

Also, if Mr. Lee is concerned about fertilizer runoff into our waters, forcing a house to have a 50-foot, deep-green lawn in front of the water could have a lot more fertilizer in it than a house built 15 feet off the water with no lawn needed in front of it.

Mr. Lee goes on to claim that another reason for large setbacks is to prevent fires from spreading from house to house. What? No, that makes no sense. Fires usually spread from uncontrollable brush fires in the country, not neatly manicured waterfront properties.

Then Mr. Lee goes on to say that houses along the water force tidal surges to be higher. Wrong again — a 5-foot tidal surge, as it slowly creeps up, floods all property evenly, not one house higher than a neighbor's, regardless of setbacks. Once again, it is all about elevation, not how close the houses are to the waterfront or each other here on the Nature Coast.

Mr. Lee says setbacks will prevent houses from blocking someone else's view. Once again I disagree; people who build on the water want to look at the water, not into someone else's side yard. Allowing a 15-foot setback along the waterfront might actually increase privacy.

Then Mr. Lee quotes a Tax-watch report, and advises us to abandon our coast. I object again. As I led the fight to clean up King's Bay, many told me it was useless, that I should not even try. Well, I just kept on raking anyway and years later as

more of the community stepped in to help, we have created a miracle. I looked off the Third Street Pier in King's Bay Park Saturday during the Stone Crab Jam. And guess what I saw? Crystal clear water and fields of eel grass waving in the water where a few years ago there was only Lyngbya algae and muck.

So Mr. Lee, thanks for your do-nothing-but-run-away advice, but no, instead we are going to continue to clean up and restore our waters, and if the oceans keep rising, we will figure out a way build dikes and levees to protect our homes and communities now and into the future. Take a look at what the Dutch did in the Netherlands; they reclaimed land from the sea, one small windmill at a time.

So please roll back the current setback rates that are now a gross overreach of big government and allow common sense to prevail and trust the people in our community to make their own decisions about their own property. No one cares more about the water and environment than the people who actually live on the water and appreciate the value of what we have here in Citrus County.

Art Jones is the founder and president of One Rake at a Time Inc., a nonprofit organization that has been involved in cleaning and restoring the springs in Citrus County since 2009.



Art Jones
GUEST COLUMN

LETTERS to the Editor

Governor can't have it both ways

The Nov. 4 Chronicle article, “Florida governor calls for election police force,” described how Gov. Ron DeSantis will set up an agency to investigate election crimes, but he provided no specific examples of election fraud when asked. His office released a statement saying, “the Office of Election Crimes and Security would be formed within the Department of State to investigate election crimes and fraud.”

On the same day, the Chronicle editorial, “State officials say democracy under threat,” refers to a memo written by the state Association of County Supervisors of Elections asking to “tone down the rhetoric and stand up for our democracy,” referring to the conspiracy theory of a fraudulent 2020 election. They assure that “we have dedicated our public service to the impartial administration of Florida's elections laws and conducting fair, honest and accurate elections.”

The article says Gov. DeSantis' recent statement was in direct contradiction to previous statements by the governor, secretary of state and experts who went on record as saying that there was no

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election fraud. Secretary of State Lee said, “in all 67 counties the elections audit demonstrated an exceedingly high level of election integrity and again demonstrated that our results were accurate and reliable.”

Florida has a Republican state government trifecta, which is when one political party controls the executive branch and both chambers of

the legislative branch. We also have two Republican senators. As of 2021, the United States has 23 Republican trifectas, 15 Democratic trifectas, and 12 states with divided governments.

If in fact the elections were fraudulent, it is clear that the leaders who won would be the beneficiaries. The opposing party would not commit fraud to enable the other party to win. So the question becomes, are our Republican state leaders legitimate? Claiming the elections were fraudulent challenges the legitimacy of all of our Republican leaders. The results of these unproven allegations of fraudulent elections can backfire.

The governor wants to spend millions of dollars of taxpayers' money to create a new department and police force to identify and prosecute fraud that he, his secretary of state and experts said never existed. The governor can't have it both ways: Either there was fraud and the Republicans are guilty of it and their leaders are illegitimate or there was no fraud, in which case there are far better ways to spend millions of taxpayers' dollars.

Nancy Tomaselli
Hernando

No more glass recycling

When I took my recyclables to the county landfill, as I have every month for the last 16 years, only this time they're telling me, “We don't take glass anymore.” What's up with that? Is Citrus County going backwards? Oh well, it's just as easy for me to bury it as it would have been for you.



Letter made me chuckle

I had to chuckle the other day when someone wrote a letter to the editor saying that the editorial content of the Chronicle is too liberal. It made me chuckle because I kind of agreed, but for the exact opposite reason that the writer gave.

Always get a written estimate

Seniors: Remember, if you hire someone to do a job for

you, get a written statement of the work to be done. I hired a tree company to trim my tree. ... They gave me a quote of \$800, but when they got here, they said they were going to need \$900 to do the job. They totally destroyed one side of my tree and never touched the other side. Get a written statement.

Buying Pirates Cove a bad idea

(Re Thursday, Oct. 28's front-page story, “County to price Pirates Cove,” “Commission votes 3-2 to negotiate figures, but not to expend county funds”): I'm responding to Sound Off to the three commissioners that voted to look into (Pirates Cove). It's a bad idea. Save that money and utilize it towards the roads where we need it. Like Kinnard said, it's a beautiful park and it's grant money. Well, grant money is tax money and, Mr. Kinnard, here's my question to you: After two years, as you said, who's going to pay for the

upkeep, the maintenance, the cutting of the grass and the maintenance of the park? City taxpayers' dollars. So, no Pirates Cove. Put that \$700,000 into an animal shelter or to fixing roads or definitely to help with the flooding or to fix the traffic lights in Inverness that is badly needed that you just totally ignore.

Thanks for the monument

(Re Friday, Oct. 29's front-page story, “Monument honors first responders”): I just want to say thank you to the lovely people who knew to make a dedication for the county employees who have deceased. I think that was a wonderful thing to do and to be recognized. So many times, they're overlooked because it's just taken for granted we have, you know, the police and the fire and this or that, but they give so much and we don't recognize it often enough and it's too bad that we have to do it in this way, but any way we do it, it's a great thing.



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Millennial Money: 5 steps to weed out Instagram ad scams

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Holiday shoppers, prepare to be bombarded with social media ads — and scams.

Highly targeted advertising on social media sites like Instagram and Facebook makes it easier than ever for brands to get in front of their target market. But these ads also make it easier for shady brands to dupe eager scrollers and shoppers with glossy images, only to deliver low-quality goods or nothing at all.

Scams originating on social media have skyrocketed in recent years. According to data from the Federal Trade Commission, complaints of fraud that started on social media jumped from nearly 28,900 in 2019 to more than 71,500 in 2020. And that figure is on pace to double again in 2021, with nearly 76,000 reports of social media fraud filed in the first half of this year, resulting in \$292 million lost by consumers.

“While these advertising platforms try to weed out obvious bad actors via their automated algorithms, it is literally impossible for them to fully protect end consumers from sketchy companies,” says Oleg Donets, co-founder and chief marketing officer for Real Estate Bees, a marketing platform for the real estate industry. “Most of the time, the responsibility of vetting advertisers falls on the shoulders of end customers.”

But how do you know which brands to trust? These five steps will help you separate the gems from the fakes.

1. SEARCH FOR INDEPENDENT REVIEWS, COMPLAINTS

Reviews on a company’s website can be cherry-picked, or worse, completely fabricated. So look for customer feedback on independent sites, like Trustpilot and Google My Business, and search for complaints on the Better Business Bureau’s scam tracker.

You can also tap friends, family and your broader social network for insight. They’ve likely been served the same ads as you, and odds are good that someone pulled the trigger and can tell you if the product is as advertised.

“I have friends who have had success ordering clothing via (Instagram) ads, so I go to them for recommendations on which brands they trust,” says Andrea Woroch, a consumer savings expert based in Bakersfield, California.

Not finding any reviews? Consider that a red flag.

2. RESEARCH THE DOMAIN HISTORY

One clue to a business’s legitimacy is how long its website has been around. To find out when a website was created, simply plug the URL into the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers’ lookup tool.

Sketchy companies pop up and disappear faster than the moles in the arcade game, creating a new domain name every time they resurface, so be wary of any sites created in the past year. Companies with an established web presence are more likely to be legitimate, but you’ll still want to check reviews and return policies.

3. TEST OUT CUSTOMER SUPPORT

Take the brand’s customer service on a test drive before buying. Reach out to the company through its official channels, such as a support email or phone number, as well as by direct message on the social media platform.

Donets suggests doing this multiple times to get a true sense of the company’s responsiveness.

“In my experience, this strategy works 90% of the time,” Donets says. “In most cases, a shady company will answer one or maximum two questions, and then they would stop replying.”

4. TRIPLE-CHECK THE RETURN POLICY

Make sure you’re crystal clear on the return policy before tapping the “buy” button. If you’re unhappy with the item, how many days do you have to return it? Does the site allow for a full refund or will you be issued a credit? Does the company even allow returns?

“I fell into this trap and bought a ring with my daughters’ names on it,” Woroch says. “It did not look like the picture in the ad, and unfortunately I overlooked the no-return policy. So basically I threw away \$40.”

5. PAY WITH A CREDIT CARD

You can do all the research in the world and still fall victim to a glossy Instagram ad. And if you paid from a checking account or with cryptocurrency, you have little recourse to get your money back.

But credit cards have an extra layer of protection. If an item isn’t as advertised and the brand’s customer service doesn’t come through and resolve the issue, you can initiate a chargeback through your credit card company and have the charge reversed.

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Disappearing shorts



A television screen on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange shows the rate decision of the Federal Reserve, Wednesday, Nov. 3. gone missing. As the stock market surges to record after record, activity has dwindled to a nearly two-decade low for the traders known as short sellers, who make their money betting stocks will fall.

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As stocks soar, skeptics surrender

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK

The skeptics on Wall Street have gone missing. As the stock market has surged to records — unbowed by recession, pandemic or warnings of a dangerous bubble — activity has dwindled to a nearly two-decade low for the traders known as short sellers, who make their money betting stocks will fall.

This saddens nearly no one. From small-fry investors to members of Congress, critics paint short sellers as merchants of pain. People around the world celebrated early this year when GameStop’s stock suddenly hurtled higher, causing billions of dollars in losses for short sellers. Many called it a long-due comeuppance.

But academics and short sellers themselves say they provide an important service suited for just this moment: pushing back against stock prices that may be rising too high, too fast. Despite concerns about the pace of the economic recovery and high inflation, the S&P 500 has set 65 all-time highs so far this year, with the latest coming on Monday.

Some critics say stocks look overly expensive, with some broad measures of value close to historical highs. Fewer short sellers in the market means there’s less selling pressure tugging downward on those prices. It can also mean fewer investors looking for overvalued stocks or ferreting out fraud.

“This is the thing that short sellers do, they lean against the wind,” said Charles Jones, a finance professor at Columbia University’s business school, who has researched short selling. “If you have short sellers who are not afraid to do that, you will not get prices that are too high or too low, which is what I think we want when we are allocating capital.”

Jones’ research of Wall Street in the late 1920s and

early 1930s, for example, looked at a group of stocks that were particularly expensive to short, which discouraged short sellers from targeting them. They went on to have returns that were 1% to 2% lower per month than other stocks of similar size, suggesting that they had been overvalued.

When investors short a stock, they borrow the shares from someone else and sell them. Later, if the stock falls as the short seller expects, they can buy the shares, return them to the lender and pocket the difference in price.

So it’s no surprise that short sellers regularly get blamed for driving stock prices artificially low. During the 2008 financial crisis, a few days after the collapse of Lehman Brothers, U.S. regulators temporarily banned the shorting of financial stocks, fearing short sellers would undermine already weak trust in them and trigger a run on the system.

Nearly four years later, though, a study by a New York Fed economist and professors at Notre Dame suggested the ban did little to slow the decline in bank stocks, which fell anyway. The restrictions also gummed up trading for bank stocks, raising trading costs in the stock and options markets by more than an estimated \$1 billion.

Shorting activity has been trending down since July 2008, a few months before that temporary ban. Then, it was nearly twice the force it is now, accounting for 2.61% of all the shares in S&P 500 companies. Just 1.35% of all the shares in S&P 500 companies were sold short in August, according to data compiled by FactSet.

The stock market’s mostly relentless rise since 2009 has prompted investors to pull dollars out of short-selling funds, helping to thin the ranks of the contrarians. Why go short when everything is rising?

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BUSINESS DIGEST

LIVE UNITED 365 Small Business Circle



Special to the Chronicle

Meghan Pitzer, left, United Way of Citrus County CEO, is pictured with Missy and Bobby Slanker, owners of Sound Decisions. They are three-year members of the LIVE UNITED 365 Small Business Circle of the United Way of Citrus County. To learn more about the program, call the United Way at 352-795-5483.

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Free Enterprise Celebration

Mark and Kathy Garlock of Garlock Enterprises just got back from Free Enterprise Celebration. This year the Entrepreneurial Development Group held its 49th annual celebration of achievement at Cornelious, North Carolina.

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SHORTS

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“You have to look at what is causing the market to reach all-time highs,” said Carson Block, founder of Muddy Waters Research and one of the industry’s best-known short-sellers. “It is most definitely not that humanity is at our all-time greatest state.”

Instead, he said a big reason is the ultralow interest rates set by the Federal Reserve to resuscitate the economy. Those low rates have sent waves of cash into the stock market, and critics say they’re pushing up prices indiscriminately and allowing weak companies to hold on.

Block specializes in rooting out fraud, and one of his earliest victories came with Sino-Forest, a company that was once Canada’s most valuable publicly traded forestry business. Block released a report in 2011 calling the company a “multi-billion dollar ponzi scheme” that was overstating how much it had in timber investments.

Its shares quickly fell as the report reverberated, and the company pushed back on the accusations. But it ultimately collapsed in what an Ontario securities regulator called “one of the largest corporate frauds in Canadian history.”

Short sellers have also been credited with helping to publicize financial practices at Enron and Tyco International, two of the biggest U.S. corporate fraud cases, in the early 2000s.

Of course, short sellers also get it wrong sometimes. Tesla was a favorite target for years, with short sellers betting founder Elon Musk’s visions for the electric-vehicle company were overly grandiose. Tesla recently posted a record quarterly profit and is one of the few companies in the world worth \$1 trillion.

Not all short investors are betting only on stocks to fall.

Consider Marc Regenbaum, a portfolio manager at the Neuberger Berman Long Short fund. Most of the mutual fund’s investments do well when stock prices rise, but it reserves some of its holdings for shorter-term short sales.

Regenbaum acknowledges the frustration that comes after identifying seemingly good candidates to short and then watching their prices climb. A rising tide has sent nearly 90% of S&P 500 stocks higher over the last year. But he said he still believes shorting some stocks can help manage the fund’s risk and offer steadier returns during turbulent markets.

“Everyone thinks of shorting as this element of speculation and making absolute returns, as opposed to hedging things out and offering a smoother ride for the underlying investors,” he said.

Doug Ramsey, chief investment officer of the Leuthold Group, says the average stock in the market recently looked more expensive than it did at the height of the 2000 dot-com bubble, based on several measures. The Leuthold Grizzly Short fund has roughly halved in size in three years, down to \$51.3 million in assets at the end of June.

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SHORTS

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Ramsey said the stock performance between good companies and bad ones could separate once again, offering better rewards for short sellers, after the Federal Reserve pulls back on its support for markets.

Short sellers need the help. The average stock mutual fund that reserves some of its portfolio for shorting has returned an annualized 7.2% over the last five years, less than half the return of an S&P 500 fund, according to Morningstar.

The year-to-year difference can be even more stark. Consider 2013, when the S&P 500 returned 32.4%. Hedge funds with a bias for shorting lost 18.6%

that year, according to research firm HFR.

But the Fed earlier this month announced it's paring back on its monthly purchases of bonds. Many investors expect it to begin raising short-term interest rates, which would be the more momentous move, next year.

Block, the activist short seller at Muddy Waters who sometimes spars with his critics and haters on Twitter, said he's not anticipating quitting.

At least, not as long as he thinks he sees the economy and markets being mismanaged by people he considers fraudsters.

"I think this is the right thing for me," he said. "It's a way to try to monetize my constant state of alarm, my constant state of dissatisfaction at the dystopia unfolding all around us."

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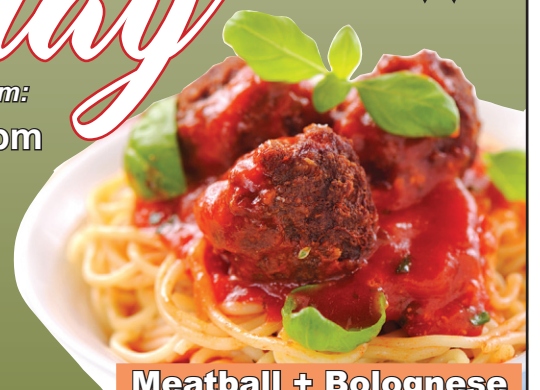
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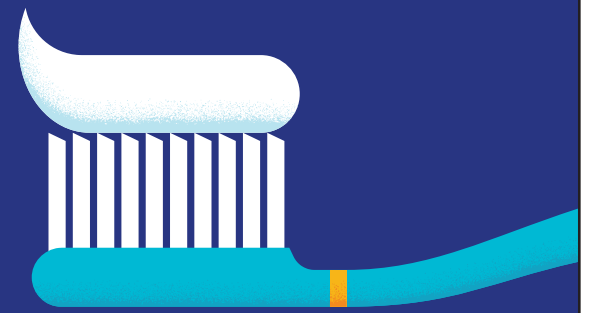
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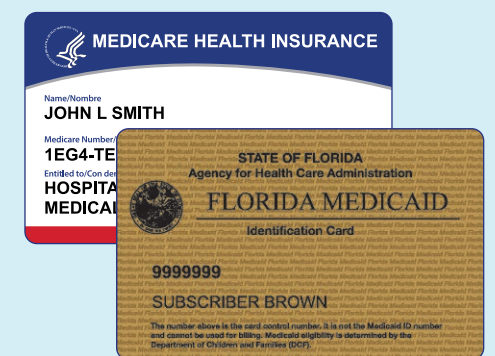
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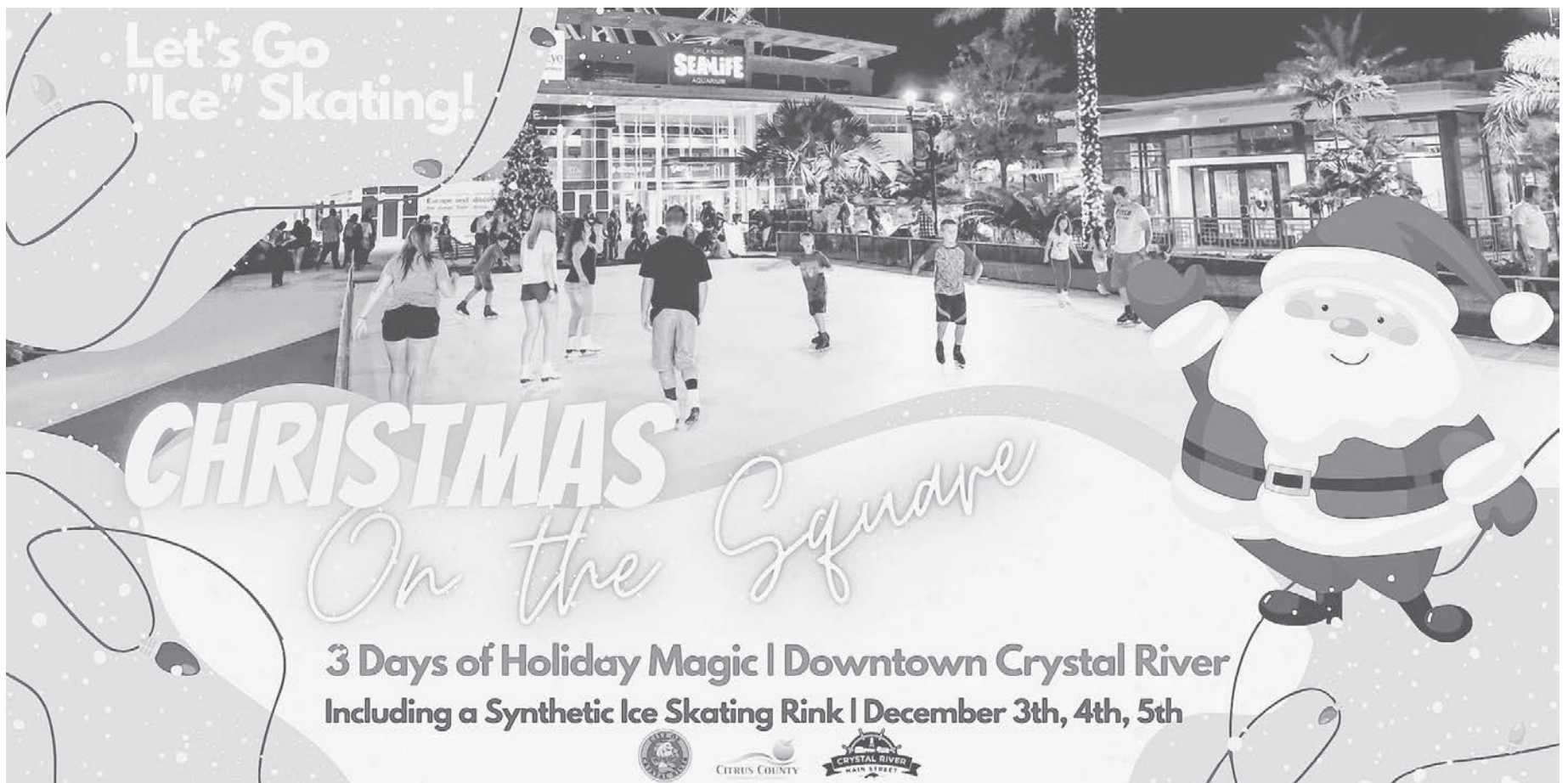
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This week, host Jade White, Chamber Public Relations & Communication Coordinator, talks with Bud Osborne & Cindy Oswald of Citrus Sertoma about their upcoming golf tournament and how it benefits hearing disadvantaged children in our community. Also joining Jade is Alex Fresonke, General Manager of Ag-Pro - Crystal River, with an update on their business and their holiday specials. Finally, Kelli Cohen, Owner of Mary Jane Wellness Clinic, discusses the services they offer, the benefits and uniqueness of their services, and the great holiday specials they are offering. Chamber Report is your ticket to the many happenings in Citrus County!

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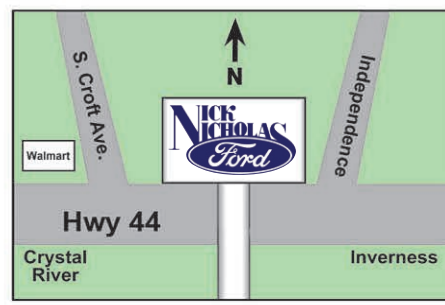
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Jane's Garden

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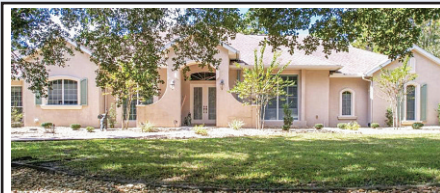
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Keeping wood dry is more easily said than done, and you are almost certain to discover it somewhere at some point around your house. With luck, you will discover it before it's so bad that the wood must be replaced. If so, there are wonderful products available that allow you to replace the rotted wood with a filler that you can paint or stain.

However, please note that repair products like this are not meant for structural repairs. If the rotting wood is part of a beam, or of a column that supports one end of a beam, you need to make the repair with a piece of wood that will have the strength to support the weight above it.

Four years ago, I traveled 3,000 miles to help a really good friend with quite a few items on his honey-do list. This friend invests his time every now and then to ensure my websites are running smoothly, and it was time for me to reciprocate. Fortunately, he lives in Southern California and the weather was perfect for my visit.

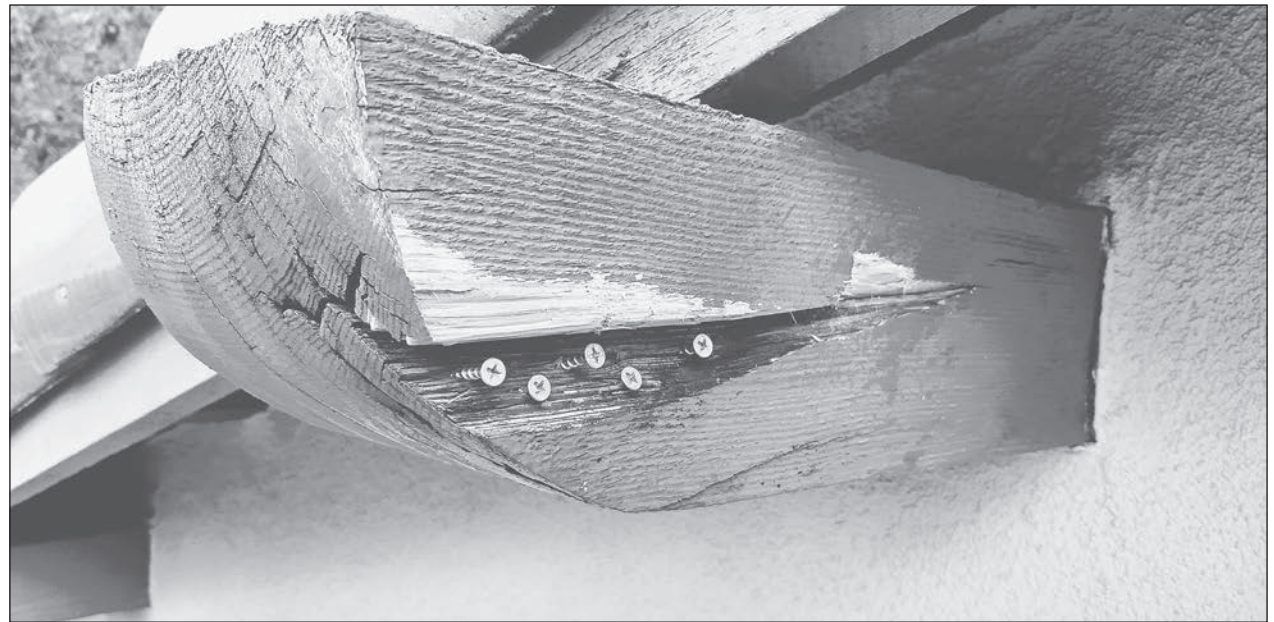
My friend lives in an

association where the houses all have a distinct Southwestern look with some fake beams that protrude from under the roof overhangs. When installing the beams years ago, the original builder made a mistake. Even though Southern California doesn't get much rain, rain does fall on these beams. One of these faux beams was showing signs of significant rot.

The rot could have been prevented if the builder or carpenter had formed a simple cap on top of the beam using a piece of aluminum flashing. The aluminum would have acted as a roof on top of the decorative wood beam, deflecting any rain to the ground instead of allowing it to sit on top of the flat beam. Installed correctly, the edges of this flashing would have been visible only to a trained eye. Most people would have thought nothing of it.

I share this with you because I want you to think of what went wrong at your home. What mistake did the builder make that caused your wood rot? You need to be able to remedy this after you make the repair so your repair work is not done in vain.

My friend's faux beam had a large piece of wood missing from one side. There were also cracks and holes on top of the beam and on the end that had to be filled. I decided to use a waterproof epoxy product that can be sanded and painted once cured. This two-part epoxy is affordable and



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This wood beam rotted because it had no flashing on top. Wood epoxy and a new flashing will save it.

easy to work with.

There are exterior spackling compounds that can be used that require no mixing. I've tried one of the newest ones at my own home in the past two years, and it failed miserably.

I had some deep gouges in the handrail that is part of the steps leading down to my dock. I knew the spackling would fill the

low spots, but I was concerned about the holding or adhesive quality of the spackling compound. Sure enough, after just 18 months, the spackling could be scraped off with your fingernail. This would have never happened had I used the epoxy I installed four years ago in California!

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Five design choices to make your home easier to clean

Living SPACE

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Decorate your way to a cleaner house.

Typically, we design and decorate our homes to fit our sense of style — and then those decor choices dictate our cleaning routines. We dust our open shelving weekly, and wipe down the marble countertop daily. But what if the process was reversed? What if we designed our homes to make them as easy to clean as possible? If your goal is a low-maintenance home that requires very little time spent cleaning, here are the decor choices to make. Go ahead, design your way to a quicker cleaning routine.

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Antique room dividers aren't as popular as in the past

Dear John: This large antique room divider is in a climate-controlled storage unit. The two photographs show an example of one panel front and back. These are the best possible photos we could get due to tight conditions. There are 10 panels in the screen that when completely open totals 10 feet wide. Each panel is seven feet tall. It has been given to us by a relative. They had lost the appraisal that was done in the 1990s when it was appraised at \$7,500.



John Sikorski
SIKORSKI'S
ATTIC

We plan on using it in our home but wonder how old it is and what it is worth now. Thank you for any help you can provide. — I.B., internet

Dear I.B.: You have a good looking intaglio decorated and hand-painted screen. I think it was made in China and exported to the United States not earlier than the 1920s. The condition appears to be excellent. Room dividers like the one you have become a decorator's delight during the late 20th century and prices

skyrocketed. Now demand has dropped, as well as prices. Currently I think it would sell in the \$2,500 range, perhaps more on a lucky day.

Dear John: I have a Mickey Mouse wristwatch and the original box it came in. It was given to my mother, and she never used it. The hands go around and tell the time. It has Mickey Mouse Ingersoll on the dial. I am thinking of giving it to my daughter and wanted to know if it has any value other than sentimental. Thank you for any information you can give me on the watch and your interesting column. — L.R., internet



Special to the Chronicle

These room dividers were likely made in China sometime after the 1920s and exported to America. While dividers like these were very popular in the late 20th century, interest and prices have dropped in recent years.

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Dear L.R.: The Mickey Mouse wristwatch made its debut at the 1933 Chicago Worlds Fair. By 1935, 2.5 million Mickey Mouse wristwatches had sold. There are collectors worldwide who collect Mickey Mouse wristwatches.

If your Mickey Mouse watch was made prior to World War II, it could sell for more than \$1,000. It is rare to have one in the original box and never used.

Dear John: We took a short vacation up North to see relatives before the cold weather sets in. A small box was given to us that contains a few wristwatches. My husband and I have no interest in keeping them and wonder how to go about

selling them. Is it something you can help us with or is there a resource we can contact? Thank you for any help you can provide. — F.M., internet

Dear F.M.: Yes, I can advise you on selling the wristwatches. Antique and vintage wristwatches are very collectable. In order to help you, I need good clear photographs of the front and back of the watches.

Look closely at the dial and back for any notations and record that information along with the photographs. I look forward to your photographs; clocks and watches are one of my favorite categories.

John Sikorski has been a professional in the antiques business for 30 years. Send questions to Sikorski's Attic, P.O. Box 2513, Ocala, FL 34478 or asksikorski@aol.com.



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Florida's sandy scrub land

November is a cool month with occasional rain, but Florida's summer torrential rainy season is over. In Ocala (the middle of Central Florida) November averages 2 inches of rain spread over 15 days, and average daytime temperature is 75°F with 55°F overnight. The curious can ask the internet for average rainfall for any location in any month. Temperature and rainfall determine which flowers can bloom in autumn.



Jane Weber
JANE'S GARDEN

On a recent day trip around, through and within our 672.57-square mile Ocala National Forest, I saw several native plants and shrubs in flower — and several young black bears foraging along the roadsides. Although listed as a recovered species, black bears are legally protected in Florida. I stopped to investigate what the half-grown bears were eating. They were snuffling around one-leaf-tall palms with curved costapalmate leaves about 3 feet wide with smooth leaf petiole stems 3 feet long, and no trunk. Ripe and dried berry fruits hung from 2 to 3 foot long inflorescent flower stems below the leaves. The palms are endemic, evergreen dwarf Scrub Palmettos, *Sabal etonia*. Endemic species evolved only in Florida and nowhere else on Earth.

Back behind the roadside border of trees and dense shrubs, some sections had 30 to 60 foot tall leaning native Sand Pines, *Pinus clausa*. Ocala National Forest is Florida's largest stand of this short-needled evergreen pine tree. Sand Pine



JANE WEBER/Special to the Chronicle

Florida Scrub-jay, *Aphelocoma coerulescens*, is Florida's only endemic bird species. Just 15 bird species are endemic to continental U.S. As a distinct species, Florida scrub-jays evolved at least 2 million years ago. They need fire-dominated oak scrub on well-drained sandy soil. Listed as threatened, there are between 7,700 and 9,300 Florida scrub-jays left in Florida. Decline is mainly due to fire suppression and habitat destruction by humans. Managed habitats are critical to prevent extinction of this social endemic bird.

grows in Alabama as well as Florida, so is not endemic. It grows on well-drained, infertile, acidic sandy soils in areas called Sand Pine Scrubs. As there were very few Longleaf Pines, *Pinus palustris*, that indicate habitat for the endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker, I guessed the cleared Sand Pines made way for scrub oaks to grow and create habitat for endemic and declining Florida Scrub-jay birds.

Florida Scrub-jay, *Aphelocoma coerulescens*, is one of three species of scrub-jay

native to the U.S. It is Florida's only endemic bird species. Just 15 bird species are endemic to continental U.S. As a distinct species, Florida Scrub-jays evolved at least 2 million years ago.

Territorial family groups eat insects much of the year, but a single scrub-jay may gather and cache 6-8,000 acorns in the fall to eat during winter and spring. This special bird needs fire-dominated oak scrub on well-drained sandy soil. Listed as threatened, there are between 7,700 and 9,300 Florida

scrub-jays left in Florida. Decline is mainly due to fire suppression and habitat destruction by humans. Managed habitats are critical to prevent extinction of this social endemic bird.

Rainbow Springs State Park in southwest Marion County has a recently restored scrub-jay habitat on Southwest 180th Avenue east of the Rainbow River. Another restored and intensively managed scrub habitat is the 246-square-mile Withlacoochee State Forest, south of State Road 44

surrounding the Citrus County landfill. Bald Eagles and a dozen other bird species forage in the landfill site, which has a designated 1.5-mile birding trail the public can drive. One entry to drivable trails 13 and 10 in the Citrus Tract is south from S.R. 44 east of Central Landfill.

Longleaf Pines painted with a wide white band indicate endangered Red-cockaded Woodpeckers live nearby. Goethe State Forest and Cedar Key State Preserve, Levy County, also have restored woodpecker and scrub-jay scrub habitat.

In November, Florida's endemic *Garberia* shrubs are in full bloom. Their pollen and nectar feed many species of butterflies, bees, wasps and other creatures. Birds and predators feed on the smaller creatures. *Garberia heterophylla* is the only species in the *Garberia* genus in the Asteracea family. Although *Garberia* has no ray florets, the showy terminal clusters of light pink-lilac-colored flowers are stand-out attractions.

In November, other wildflowers seen during the day trip included yellow Solidago goldenrod, tall white-flowered Verbena frostweed, bushes of Baccharis saltbush, spikes of Liatris blazing star, golden aster, panicles of Carphophorus Florida paintbrush, Pityopsis silk grass and other native plant species.

Day trips are easy and pleasant ways to see nature, Florida's special habitats, birds, trees and wildflowers. Plug-in the electric or hybrid vehicle the night before as there are no charging stations in our forests. Families, friends or solo nature lovers can pack a cooler with a picnic to explore what is left of fascinating natural Florida.

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Tips to spiff up an unfortunate yard

Dear Gardener Gal: I have brought it up to them, really need some suggestions on how to improve my parents' front yard.

It is really bad. I'm embarrassed for them every time I go over to visit. They have all these cement statues and little bushes and weeds. Even the grass looks bad even though they pay a company to come spray. (You can see the sign in the picture.) I



Leslie Derrenbacher
GARDENER GAL

but they say that it's fine and they don't really care what it looks like. What is an easy and cheap fix for this yard?
—Miranda

P.S. They don't live in Citrus County so will never see this letter. **Dear Miranda:** I was all set to just write you privately and not publish your letter, but then you shared that your parents won't see it.

I'm happy to make suggestions, but ultimately this is not your yard; it is your parents'. I'm going to also assume you are willing to pitch in and help/do the work that needs to be done.

So: I totally get why you would wince when you pull up to your parent's house. It sort of looks as though they are selling these little people and creatures. There is no apparent theme, other than they like things made of cement.

I personally love hardscape in a garden bed, but this is too much. Since

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Garlic vine is a beautiful addition to a landscape, and Gardener Gal's came with a back story.



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these may be gifts your parents received, don't be surprised if they don't want to get rid of them. Gently suggest relocating most of them to backyard. The two large statues are a pair and could possibly fit on either side of the front door? Maybe a thickly potted plant in front of each one to soften the effect. The birdbath could stay where it is and maybe put a small trellis behind it. Plant a low maintenance vine on it as a visual backdrop and a safe place for birds.

I can't quite tell what kind of shrubs have been planted, but looks like they haven't been there long. Your parents obviously are not into yard work, so I'd remove all but the back row and plant something stupid simple like Liriope or Aztec

grass. These will never need to be trimmed. I'd plant LOTS of them so it will eventually form a carpet that doesn't need weeding.

Don't waste the shrubs you remove. Just plant somewhere else with a good distance between them for future growth. Mulch the front bed heavily (3 inches) and, "Voila!"

These are only suggestions, of course. Once your parents agree to changing things around, listen to their input. In the end it may still not be voted "Yard of The Year," but be happy with small steps towards improvement.

Dear Gardener Gal: A while back you had a column on a garlic plant of some kind. It was beautiful with purple blooms. I've asked around at garden centers and they keep showing me society garlic. The plant you pictured was much larger and shrub-like.

Please remind me what it was called. I believe you wrote that you had one? Hope this makes sense. —
Lisa in Inverness

Dear Lisa: I'll bet you are thinking of my garlic vine. It is shrub-like, though considered a vine. I can't remember if I've ever seen one for sale in a garden center. You could try a privately owned nursery or definitely can order online.

They are gorgeous when blooming; just don't expect it to bloom all the time. Well worth the wait when it does!

My plant was found by my father floating down a salt-water canal. I inherited it and it now sits next to a large rock that memorializes my dad.

Hope I've been of help.
"Gardener Gal" *Leslie Derrenbacher is a Master Gardener and native Floridian. Send your questions to askgardenergal@gmail.com.*

LIVING

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1. Opt for elevated furniture. When shopping for sofas, credenzas, side tables and really all types of furniture, look for those elevated on legs. Even better: cabinets that attach directly to the wall and levitate off the ground. This way, you'll be able to easily vacuum or sweep underneath them. For a hands-free cleaning routine, invest in a robotic vacuum that can do all the cleaning for you.

2. Choose the right paint finish. If you have messy pets or young kids who are likely to get smudgy fingerprints and errant crayon marks on the walls, avoid matte paint finishes. Instead, opt for the smoothest, shiniest paint finish

that will look good—typically eggshell for walls and semi-gloss for trim. On these glossy surfaces, dirt and grime can be more easily wiped away.

3. Select a durable sofa. When you're searching for an easy-clean sofa, the upholstery makes all the difference. Leather is easy to wipe clean — just be sure to sop up spills right away and condition it once per year.

If you prefer fabric sofas, look for those with stain-repellent treatments or stain-resistant microfiber. Otherwise, choose a slip-covered sofa, so you can toss the cover in the washing machine whenever it needs a refresh. Consider that darker colors will hide stains better, but it might not be the best option if you have a pet with white fur.

4. Skip the open shelving. Elegantly styled

shelves look enviable on Instagram, but in reality, they require a lot of extra dusting. For a speedier cleaning routine, stick with glass-front cabinets so you can show off your favorite items while keeping them dust-free.

5. Opt for patterned rugs. That solid-colored rug might look great in the catalog, but lint, pet hair and other everyday messes will be immediately obvious. Go for a brightly patterned, busy floor covering if you want to go a few days between vacuuming it; you'll know it needs a vacuum, but probably no one else will notice if your muddy pup took a nice long nap on your multicolored rug right before all of your guests arrived.

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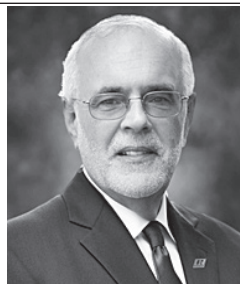
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Tropic Shores Realty is proud to announce that **Sandra Oller Deem** has earned the nationally recognized Seniors Real Estate Specialist designation from the SRES Council of the National Association of Realtors.

Sandra joins more than 15,000 real estate professionals in North America who have earned the SRES designation. All were required to successfully complete a comprehensive course in understanding the needs, considerations and goals of real estate buyers and sellers ages 55 and older.

Sandra Oller Deem can be reached at 352-634-0712.

Alexander Real Estate agents cross milestones

Alexander Real Estate Inc. of Crystal River is pleased to announce that **BreAnna Curtis** and **Ann DeLage** have both become multi-million dollar producers for 2021.

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Ann has qualified as a multi-million dollar producer while also performing exceptionally in her full time role as property manager at the company. Alexander Real Estate is proud to have BreAnna and Ann as part of its talented team of dedicated Realtors.

Hannigan gets Senior Real Estate accreditation

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Brenda Hannigan can be reached at 352-795-6811 in the Crystal River office of ERA American Suncoast Realty.

DIGEST PHOTOS

Headshots of real estate agents and associates submitted for the Real Estate Digest are kept on file in the Chronicle Editorial Department. It is the responsibility of the individuals submitting news notes to ensure headshots have been sent to the newsroom.

BUILDER

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Once I removed all the soft, rotted wood from the sides and top of my friend's beam, it was time to reinforce the wood. We had an assortment of galvanized coarse-threaded drywall screws at our disposal. I drove several long ones into the hole. These would act like steel rebar inside of concrete.

I then used some short screws in the large side hole. I drove these so the heads would be below the finished surface of the wood but well exposed within the hole. These would help hold the epoxy in place and act as

The epoxy I used had plenty of work time. It was easy to force it into the holes and cracks. I used a variety of small and wide putty knives to get it as smooth as possible. The smoother you get it at the start, the less sanding you need to do to once it cures.

anchors when completely surrounded by the epoxy. The bugle shape of the screw head would guarantee the epoxy would not fall from the hole.

If you don't want to use screws as I did, then you need to excavate the wood so the bottom of the hole is larger than the top.

Dentists employ this simple trick so fillings don't pop out of your teeth. Road crews should do the same, but almost never do, to ensure asphalt doesn't pop out of potholes.

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the holes and cracks. I used a variety of small and wide putty knives to get it as smooth as possible. The smoother you get it at the start, the less sanding you need to do to once it cures.

You can watch a video of me doing parts of this repair at Askthebuilder.com. You'll be able to see the epoxy I used, how simple it is to mix and apply, and how to use the putty knives.

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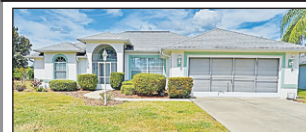
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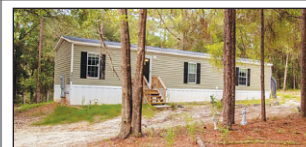
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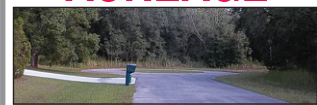
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Answer:
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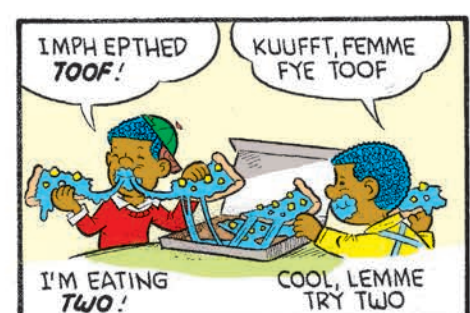
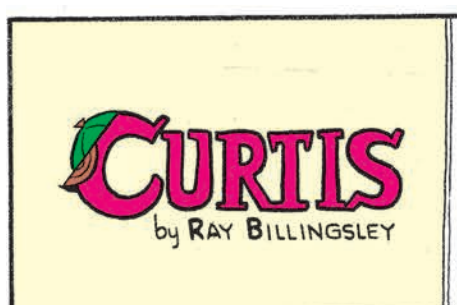
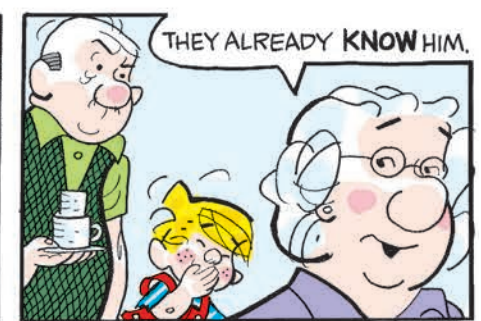
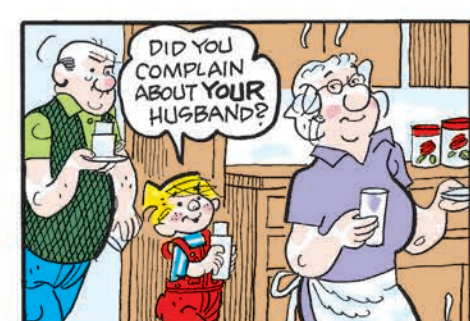
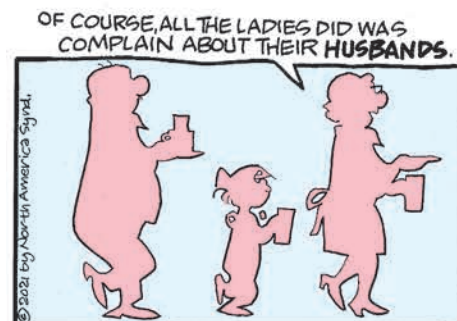
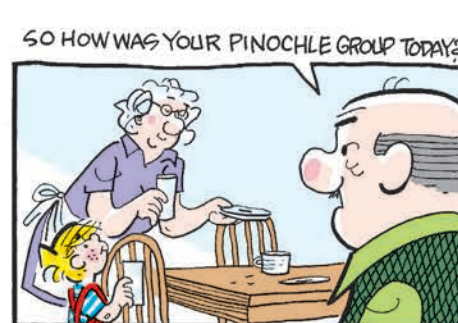
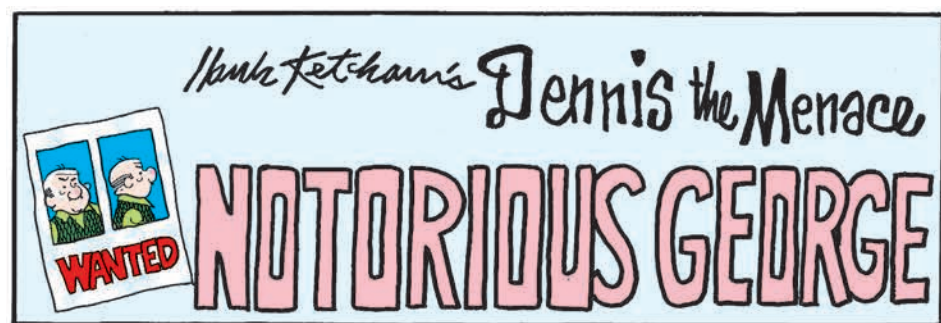
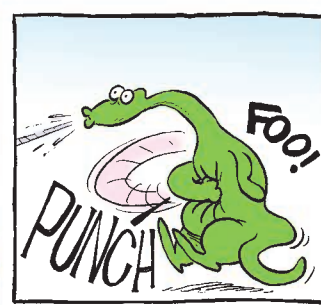
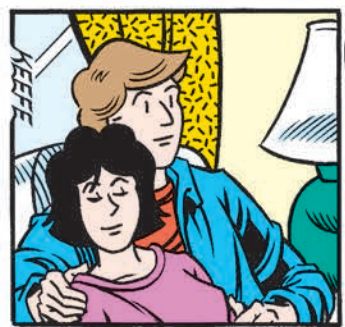
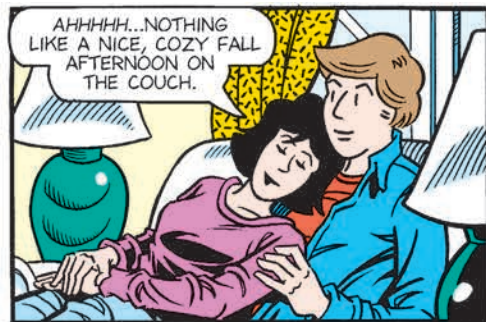
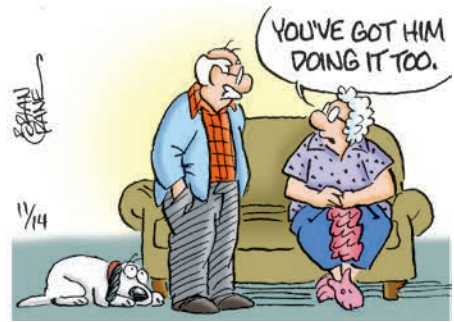
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 UNROLL DIVINE PROVEN
 She didn't love the waitressing job,
 but for now, it would ---
 SERVE HER
 PURPOSE

BARNEY GOOGLE and SNEEZY SMITH
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Mort Walker's beetle bailey

THE FAMILY CIRCUS
By **BIL KEANE**

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LOOK WHAT I FOUND: MY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CAP!

WOW! I CAN ACTUALLY FEEL THE YOUTHFUL OPTIMISM THAT FLOURISHED UNDER THIS CAP ALL THOSE YEARS AGO!

WHAT ABOUT THE HAIR?

WAY TO KILL THE BUZZ

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HAGGAR
the horrible
by DIK BROWNE

TIME TO WEIGH ANCHOR, LUCKY EDDIE!

HOW CAN I DO THAT? IT'S ON THE BOTTOM!

USUALLY, ONE USES THE ROPE, BUT IN YOUR CASE, I'D SAY DIVE DOWN AND PICK IT UP!

YAY!

YAY!

LAND HO!

WE'RE FINALLY HOME!

JUST HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN AWAY?

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Wizard of Id
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YEP

YOU PAINTED THAT ON YOURSELF?

WHY?

STREET CRED

I SEE YOU LEARNED YOUR LESSON FROM THE LAST TIME YOU PAINTED SOMETHING

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BLONDIE
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BUMSTEAD, CLEAN OUT YOUR DESK! YOU'RE FIRED!!

I'M WHAT?!

BUMSTEAD, I MEAN IT THIS TIME! YOU'RE FIRED!!

YOU CAN'T FIRE ME, BOSS

WHY NOT?!

SUPPOSE YOU FOUND A REAL CRACKERJACK OFFICE MANAGER TO TAKE MY PLACE

AND SUPPOSE HE WAS REALLY SMART AND REALLY AGGRESSIVE

SUPPOSE HE WAS SO SMART AND AGGRESSIVE THAT ONE DAY HE ORGANIZED A HOSTILE TAKEOVER AND TOOK YOUR COMPANY FROM YOU!

ANYTHING HAPPEN AT WORK TODAY, DEAR?

YEAH! THE BOSS TOOK ME OUT TO LUNCH AT HIS FAVORITE RESTAURANT!

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Hi and Lois
by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

LOIS, SWEETHEART, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

I HAVE TO GO SHOW A HOUSE.

OKAY.

I'M GOING TO RALPHIE'S.

HAVE FUN!

I'M GOING OVER TO LILLY'S, DAD.

BYE.

I GOTTA GO TO BAND PRACTICE.

CIAO!

EVERYBODY'S GOING SOMEWHERE.

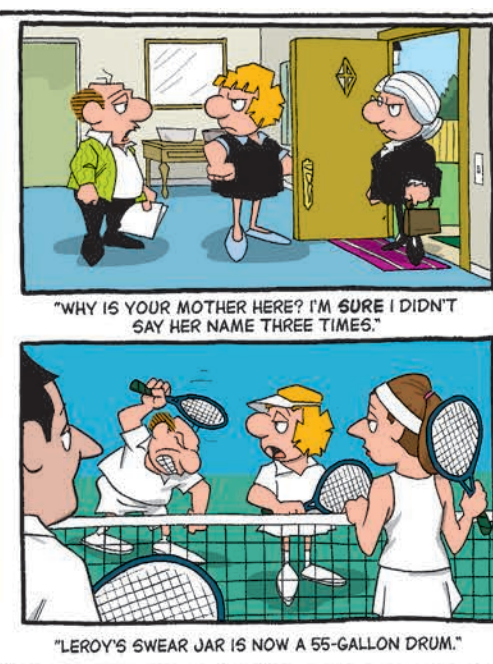
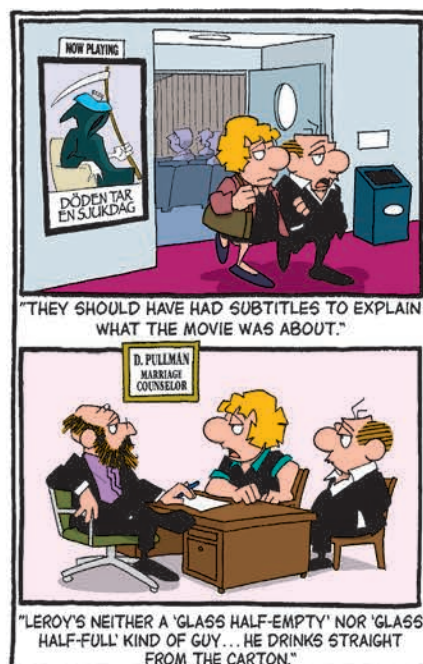
I GUESS IT'S JUST YOU AND ME, TRIxie!

I'M SORRY, BUT IF I COULD GO SOMEWHERE, I WOULD.

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THE LOCKHORNS

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Paws & claws

9 fun facts about pets

Domesticated animals are more interesting than you might realize. Whether you have a dog, cat, hamster, reptile or rabbit, these nine fun facts about pets are sure to surprise and delight you.

1. Hamsters are most active at night. While you're asleep, they can run more than seven kilometres on their rodent wheel.
2. Most cats don't have eyelashes, but they do have an extra eyelid that lubricates and protects their eyes.
3. Geckos don't have eyelids. Instead, they have a transparent membrane that covers and protects their eyeballs.
4. Rabbits can see behind their head. The lateral placement of their eyes gives them a near 360-degree field of vision.
5. Chameleons' tongues are nearly twice as long as their bodies. That's why they're so good at catching their prey.
6. Greyhounds are the fastest breed of dog. They can reach speeds of up to 30 kilometres per hour.
7. Horses can drink an average of 30 litres of water per day. This amount increases with activity.



8. Rats laugh when tickled. However, the frequency of their laughter is too low (50 kHz) to be heard by the human ear.
9. Like a snowflake or fingerprint, no two dog noses are the same. They all have unique patterns and creases.

Now, go give your pet a treat or snuggle to reward them for being so interesting.

Dogs are notorious for getting dirty, and once in a while, they need a good bath. While you might be tempted to use whatever products you keep in your shower, human soaps and shampoos can irritate a dog's sensitive skin. Luckily, there are hundreds of pet-friendly shampoos on the market. Here's how to choose the right one for your dog.

SKIN TYPE

If your dog has dry, sensitive skin, look for shampoos with soothing and moisturizing agents like oatmeal and honey.



Opt for products that are labelled hypoallergenic, and avoid anything with fragrance.

COAT

Is your dog's coat smooth and silky or coarse and curly? Many dog shampoos are tailored to different types of coats. If your dog's fur is prone to mats and tangles, opt for a detangling shampoo. If your canine companion has white fur, choose a product with whiteners that will brighten their fur and reduce discoloration.

MEDICATED SHAMPOOS

If your dog has fleas, ticks or dandruff, they'll most likely need a medicated shampoo with active ingredients (such as sulphur, hydrocortisone or coal tar) that work to treat the root cause of the issue. A vet can prescribe the proper shampoo for your dog's condition.

To help keep your dog's coat healthy and shining, follow the shampoo with a quality conditioner and a thorough brushing.

When in doubt about bathing your pet, reach out to a veterinarian or professional groomer for advice.

Why do cats like high places?

Is your cat constantly trying to climb your furniture? If so, this behaviour isn't surprising. After all, felines like to perch in high places. Here are some things to know about your cat's fondness for heights.

REASONS CATS LIKE HEIGHTS

Animals need to adapt to their surroundings to survive in the wild. They develop instincts to help keep them safe. These instincts persist even when they're domesticated. Seeking high places is part of a cat's natural behaviour. Being up high gives your pet a good vantage point to observe what's going on around them, target their prey and spot any potential danger. This makes them feel safe and secure. It also gives them a place to retreat to when they don't want to be part of the action below.

CREATING VERTICAL SPACES

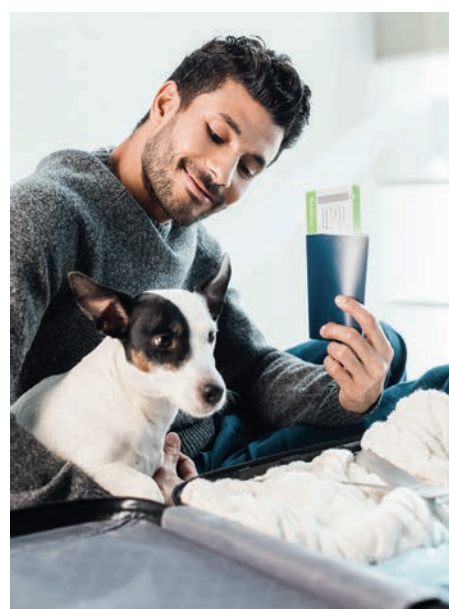
Providing cat-friendly vertical areas will help keep your feline friend off your furniture. Here are some simple and affordable ways to create vertical space for your cat:

- Purchase or build a cat tree or climbing post.
- Mount shelves for your cat to climb.
- Add a window perch to your cat's favourite window.

To help keep your cat safe at all times, make sure that any perches you build or buy are secured and mounted with the necessary anchors.



Does my pet need a passport to travel?



If you're planning to travel internationally and you want to bring your pet with you, you'll need to make sure you have specific documentation. Here's what you need to know about pet passports.

REQUIREMENTS BY COUNTRY

The documentation that's required varies depending on the country you visit. You may also be asked to provide an international health certificate from your country of origin, or you may be asked to obtain a health certificate when you arrive at your destination. Other common requirements include:

- Proof of vaccination
- Microchip details
- Proof of ownership
- Treatment records
- A description of the animal

A pet passport contains most or all of the required information listed above. A pet passport is needed to travel through Europe and several other countries. If you travel frequently with your pet, you'll want to consider getting one.

Each country has different requirements depending on the type of pet you have (e.g. dog, cat, parrot, snake, etc.). Some exotic species require a specific permit from the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) in order to travel.

Talk to your veterinarian about your travel plans as soon as possible. And don't forget to check your airline's pet policy before you book your flight.

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