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BURGLARY, THEN ROBBERY

With gun to his head, local biz owner victimized again

Nokomis biz was burglarized, then robbed in two weeks time

CHLOE NELSON
STAFF WRITER

NOKOMIS — Less than a month after being looted during Hurricane Helene, a local business was hit by more criminal activity.

This time, its owners and others were present for it.

KC Key Beach Market co-owners Saba Ali and Neil Patel, along with Ali's sister, were cleaning after Hurricane Milton on Oct. 11.

Just like the first one, a criminal pounced at night.

After finishing around 10 p.m., Ali and Patel turned off the lights and were beginning to close up for the next day's reopening when an armed robbery happened.

Patel went to shut the backdoor, which had been open to help with the cleaning process.

Shortly after Patel walked to the back, Ali said, he returned with a man holding a gun to Patel's head.

The man was in a black jacket, gloves and wearing a mask.

Ali, who was counting money from the cash register, said she was stunned.

"This is so crazy, because it's never happened before," Ali said. "I couldn't believe my own eyes."

The armed robber stopped in front of Ali to demand she give him the cash, which Ali said amounted to more than \$3,000, she said.

"I was literally frozen," Ali said. "I didn't know what to do, because he took the money from my hand."

The man ran to the back door to escape, a robbery Ali said lasted under a minute.

Police, K-9s and even a helicopter came to investigate. Because of the hurricane damage to barrier islands, two squad cars were about two blocks from the market blocking the entrance of Casey Key at the Albee Road Bridge.

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FILE PHOTO
After suffering \$70,000 in losses from a break-in into during Hurricane Helene, KC Key Beach Market was hit again, this time by a gunmen as owners were cleaning up from Hurricane Milton on Oct. 11.



FILE PHOTO

Hurricane Milton deposited boats in random locations, like next to Edgewater Drive in Port Charlotte.

'I've never seen anything like this in my career'

Hurricanes made waters unsafe; hundreds of boats will be salvaged

BOB MUDGE
Senior Writer

VENICE — Master Officer Paul Joyce of the Venice Marine Patrol summed up what's being found in area waters in the aftermath of hurricanes Helene and

Milton in one word: Everything.

The storms displaced boats, felled trees, uprooted docks and carried away whatever was loose in people's yards, he said.

People are reporting finding boats that don't belong to them on their property, sometimes looking like they were placed there on purpose, Joyce said.

"I've never seen anything like this in my career," he said.

He's been with VPD since 1991 and

on the Marine Patrol since 2006.

Craig Marcum, owner of Sea Tow of Venice, has never seen anything like it, either. His franchise extends from Midnight Pass to the Boca Grande Causeway.

He grew up in Venice and first worked for the company when he was in high school, acquiring the franchise about 10 years ago.

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**Schools want
more security,
safer dismissal
system**

New risk assessment shows Sarasota County officials what students, staff need next

CHLOE NELSON
STAFF WRITER

SARASOTA — According to a new quarterly state-mandated risk assessment, Florida school districts must prove their security plan works.

While Sarasota County Schools continually passes its state checkups, recent district polls revealed schools want even more protection.

HB 1473 — a school safety bill signed into law by Gov. Ron DeSantis in May and made effective on July 1 — requires quarterly inspections, school compliance visits and safe school officer checks.

Only nine school safety officer checks have been conducted during the current school year, though officials said the absence of state inspections in Sarasota is a good thing.

Jason Overbay, director of safety and security, said focus has shifted to under-performing districts, as all 62 Sarasota schools passed state inspections.

All schools have been checked in the last three years with no major safety or security violations, Overbay said, and the county was visited "extensively" in the last quarter of the 2023-24 school year.

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Louisianans cook 'pastalaya' for Milton victims

Traveled to Venice bearing food, supplies, gift card

BOB MUDGE
Senior Writer

VENICE — Why has a group of firefighters and civilians from Livingston Parish, Louisiana been in Venice serving food and distributing cleaning supplies this week?

Because they weren't doing it in Greenville, Florida.

There's more to the story.

Livingston Parish is no stranger to hurricanes. In 2021, Hurricane Ida caused devastating flooding in the area, Springfield Fire Chief Brian Drury said.

Firefighters come from all over to provide assistance when his hometown suffers, he said, so his team likes to give back.

As does Southern Boyz Outdoors, a company started by Kinion Bankston.

SBO is "a group of outdoor enthusiasts from Southeast Louisiana that document their adventures to bring you their way of life in Louisiana," according to its website.

It also partners with the Livingston Parish firefighters to travel to disaster sites to feed people and help them recover.

They've been to Texas, Kentucky and Mississippi in addition to Florida, and take care of people at home as well, Bankston said.



PHOTO BY KINION BANKSTON

Paul LeBlanc stirs a 30-gallon pot of "pastalaya" at Wellfield Park Wednesday morning, preparing to feed a hot meal to people who may not have had one since Hurricane Milton struck.

SBO served 24,000 meals after Ida, he said, and it regularly prepares meals for shut-ins at the request of churches that pick up and deliver the food.

After Hurricane Helene made landfall in Florida's Big Bend in late September, Drury said it bothered him that they were sitting around not helping.

"We could have just sat there and watched the news like everybody else," he said, but that's not their mindset.

He reached out to Bankston and they made plans to go to Greenville, in Madison County.

But then Milton developed, and officials

in Greenville said not to come, in case the area was going to get hit again.

So the focus shifted to Tampa ... until officials in Tampa said not to go there, either, just hours before the crew's 5 a.m. Monday departure time.

Drury said he reached out to Venice Fire Chief Frank Giddens, who said they'd be welcome here.

'PASTALAYA'

They set up a food station in Wellfield Park where they've been cooking 30-gallon pots of jambalaya and "pastalaya" — jambalaya made with pasta instead of rice, Bankston said.

The main dish is boxed with bread, a snack and a

fork, put in three-serving packages and handed out to anyone who shows up for food.

While the first batch is being made by head cook Paul LeBlanc, Dallas "Preacher" Stewart preps chicken, pork and sausage — no seafood — for the next batch in a 20-gallon pot.

"We brought a preacher with us because you always need to bring a preacher," Bankston said.

The second batch is packaged and delivered in the community, including to linemen working to restore power who have been subsisting on sandwiches.

Altogether, they can get more than 500 meals out of



SUN PHOTO BY BOB MUDGE
The crew from Louisiana boxes servings of "pastalaya" for people seeking of a hot meal after Hurricane Milton. Kinion Bankston, second from right, said that some people who pick up food might not truly be in need, but it's OK as long

two batches, he said.

The team is also handing out cleaning supplies in a bucket that includes a Bible and \$25 gift cards.

About 300 buckets had already been handed out by Wednesday morning, Bankston said, with the remaining 50 or so headed to the Englewood area later in the day.

The team was scheduled to head home Thursday morning.

fundraisers.

"If you're doing the right thing, it will take care of itself," he said.

The entire operation is self-sustaining, Drury said.

"We could have slept in this park," he said.

Instead, the Venice Fire Department put everyone up at Fire Station 3.

"It was nice to be able to take a shower," Drury said.

Gesturing at his T-shirt, he said, "this Maltese Cross (the symbol of firefighters) doesn't have a state line. Wherever you see this cross, it's family."

Giddens said he'd spent the last three days with the folks from Louisiana and couldn't say enough about them.

They've been through crises like Milton, so they know what it's like, he said.

Having them come to Venice to feed people and reassure them that everything will be OK was "a demonstration of the goodness of the human heart," he said.

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Career/from A1

Sea Tow of Venice was tasked with clearing the main Intracoastal Waterway channel after Helene and was "knee-deep" in that job when Milton hit, he said.

The company had salvaged about 30 boats and pulled about 50 tons of debris out of the water, including docks, pilings, picnic tables, benches, palm trees and "things we couldn't identify," he said.

There was so much debris in the water that an area would get clogged again almost as soon as it had been cleared, he said.

Then, Milton made everything worse.

STACKED

Sea Tow has commitments to salvage more than 100 boats and probably will recover 250-300 by the time all the vessels set free by the hurricanes are accounted for.

The process is likely to take months, if not a year, if the aftermath of Hurricane Ian is any guide, Marcum said.

The good news, West Coast Inland Navigation District Executive Director Justin McBride said, is that Milton displaced hundreds of boats compared to thousands by Ian.

WCIND includes Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte and Lee counties.

"Thank God we don't see what we saw with Ian," he said.

There are several complications to the recovery effort, Marcum said.

One is the condition of the boats. Few look as though they can be repaired, he said, and a boat that won't float is harder to salvage.

One boat Seat Tow attempted to salvage had been split in two, he said, and a pontoon boat had had one of its pontoons broken off, with two others just hanging on.

He was at the site of a salvage effort Thursday at Deep Lagoon Seafood and Oyster House in Osprey, where a boat that had rolled over was jammed between two pilings.

There were two more boats there to recover, and each was going to need a different method, he said.

"That's what we do — we problem solve," he said.

Then there are the boats where they shouldn't be, such as in people's yards — or pools.

One boat had gone through a pool cage to find a berth in the pool. The cage had to be removed before the boat could be, he said.

They found three boats stacked on top of one each other at another house, and the one they had an assignment for was the one on the bottom, Marcum said.

They couldn't do anything without permission to deal with the top two boats first, he said.

On the other hand, Joyce said, one boat got stuck on a sandbar and just needed to have the tide come in to float it off.

A boat's owner is responsible for the cost of removal, Marcum said. Boat insurance usually covers 100% of Sea Tow's fee, which can run as high as \$500 per foot if a crane has to be brought in on a barge to do the job, he said.

Boat insurance is cheap, Joyce said, and everyone should have it.

STAY DOCKED

Marcum and Joyce both urged people to stay off the water until conditions stabilize, to avoid damage to their boats and injury to themselves.

There's still lots of debris present — some visible, some not. Visibility at Deep Lagoon was about a foot Thursday, Marcum said.

Many navigation markers are damaged or missing, especially in Charlotte and Lee



FILE PHOTO

A boat washed ashore during Hurricane Milton sits near basketball courts at Gilchrist Park in Punta Gorda.

counties, McBride said.

Docks that look safe might be treacherous, Marcum said, and drawbridges aren't operating on their normal schedules.

Both storms affected channels and moved enough sand to change depths in a number of areas.

The recreational area of Roberts Bay is about 2 feet deep now, compared to 5 feet pre-Milton, Marcum said, and the channel in Lyons Bay has been significantly altered.

Most notably, Milton reopened Midnight Pass, which Joyce said now has a channel about 60 feet wide and 9 feet deep. The "pass" was about negative 6 feet deep before Milton, Marcum said.

"It's really changed the footprint up there," Joyce said.

And there's a new pass — unofficially named Milton Pass — north of Stump Pass that's about five times wider and 12 feet deep, he said.

Another threat is the presence of vibrio vulnificus, the so-called flesh-eating bacteria, in the water, Marcum said. There's a risk of exposure just from sea spray if someone has an open wound, he said.

Joyce said he understands that some people want to take their boats out to get a break from dealing with what the hurricanes caused. Anyone who does should take someone with them to help launch it; travel slower than usual; and have the people on board acting as spotters, he said.

'UN-CHARTERED'

Sea Tow is running three crews of its own and has help from Sea Tow operations in other areas, Marcum said. They're working seven days a week daylight to sundown, coming off the water then because the work is even more dangerous in the dark, he said.

Plus, they need to rest and avoid burnout, he said.

They're a lot busier than charter operations that depend on being able to run boats to take people fishing or diving.

It's a typically slow time of year for them, Marcum said, so they're not expecting to be busy. But they want to get their boats in the water, so many of them are doing personal trips out, because the fish are reported to be

Whom to call

To report issues on the water, call the Venice Marine Patrol on VHF channel 16, or the Venice Police nonemergency number, 941-882-7549.

All calls are responded to, Master Officer Paul Joyce said.

For help on the water, call Sea Tow of Venice at 941-484-4183.

To report missing or damaged navigation aids, call the U.S. Coast Guard at 866-881-1392.

biting.

Some captains who sail from Venice have gone out recently and had good luck, said Tyler DeGraff, captain of Fin Seeker Fishing Charters, but he's lying low for the foreseeable future, like an estimated 75% of his colleagues.

"My boat is in perfect condition, and I want to keep it that way," he said.

Besides, he said, since the hurricanes he's been working full time for Sea Tow.

Also, Manasota Key Marina, in Englewood, which he sails out of, was devastated by Milton, which destroyed the building, the docks and the fuel tanks, he said.

He was able to find his custom filet table, he added.

Reef Raider, a tourist charter boat that also operates from the marina, was carried across Beach Road and deposited in mangroves near a condominium complex, he said. A heavy-duty crane will be needed as part of a "creative" removal the vessel will require, he said.

It will likely be months before the project is undertaken, complicated by power lines, the road and the condos, he said.

But he's optimistic that he'll be fishing before Thanksgiving, when business usually starts to pick up.

There's no red tide, visibility is improving and lots of boaters are helping with debris removal, he said.

While the effort is making a difference, people engaged in "disaster tourism" could be putting themselves at risk, and might divert resources from the recovery effort to a rescue, he said.

Fortunately, there have been no incidents so far, he said.

Gun/from A1

Ali said the proximity of authorities did not scare off the criminal.

As of Friday, there have been no updates to those responsible for

either of the crimes committed in the KC Key Beach Market.

Ali thinks the crimes are connected.

"To me, it looks like it's a same hit person who hit us again," Ali said.

Though the criminal element remains at large, she said she was glad she and Patel were with her sister.

If the person responsible is caught, Ali said the KC Key Beach Market owners will sue for

damages and penalties in civil court.

"It's already a devastated area, and we just got flooded two times, you know?" Ali said. "We were just trying to clean to open the doors for the community again."

Schools/from A1

The school district must also comply with the Florida Safe School Assessment Tool, which stems from the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act in 2018 and SB 7030 in 2019.

The state law requires schools districts to use the FSSAT to self-assess the success of their safety and security practices — also known as the School Security Risk Assessment.

Results from the risk assessment are then used by state officials to assign grant funding to fill holes in a school district's security plan.

Though a leader in school safety in Florida, officials said meeting the state's standards "is not enough."

Overbay proposed a list of security upgrades using available hardened funds to mirror the suggestions polled from schools district-wide.

According to the poll results shared during Tuesday's school workshop presentation, 31.5% of schools feel fencing improvements are needed.

With recent damage from hurricanes Helene and Milton, officials estimated need for additional fencing has risen even more.

But during Tuesday's Board meeting, some residents disagreed with the suggestion.

Logan Lopez, former Sarasota High student, said open spaces around campus helped

him feel more confident he could escape school grounds during an emergency.

"With these big fences up, the students — when seconds count — the students can't get out," Lopez said.

Plans for perimeter fencing also intersected with school dismissal problems.

According to the poll, schools want more efficient student pickup systems, with 38.5% pushing for traffic calming and dismissal systems to improve student safety.

Overbay said fencing assists security staff with tracking the movement and locations of students for safety and efficiency purposes.

"It's kind of a combination of everything," Overbay said. "And we're trying to find that tool that meets all those needs."

Michael Kemp, assistant superintendent, said the two biggest requests to alleviate dismissal congestion were vehicle stacking for entry and exit lanes and speed bumps.

On the first day of school, a Booker Middle School student was airlifted to a nearby hospital with critical injuries after being struck by her parent's vehicle during morning drop off.

The number of safety risk tips for Sarasota County has gone up on FortifyFL since last month's school shooting and three local arrests made after threats to North Port High.

According to the safety assessment poll, 64% of schools feel more school-assigned security personnel is needed.

Many schools feel communication needs enhancement, with 66% stating Wi-Fi or LTE signal boosters would improve communication and student learning.

During Tuesday's Board workshop, Jacob Ruiz, school district police chief, said communication is the biggest issue faced during emergencies on campus.

During the assessment review, the district announced it has received grant funding to remap every school in the district, including charter schools.

The mapping will be provided to all emergency responders so they can access school maps during an emergency without going through a district-owned system.

Board member Tom Edwards questioned why the communication with first responders was not already in place through a multi-million dollar deal with Motorola Solutions.

Overbay said the plan is still in phase two of training police officers due to increasing turnover on the county level.

Though he said SCS has already exceeded the state requirement for school shooting trained officers, Overbay said he wants to extend the learning opportunity to county staff who could benefit from the emergency training.

"The system is functioning, we are not adding anything," Overbay said. "It's just an area that we never want to say we're done in."

A Life Remembred

Obituaries & Memoriams

John P. Sherron

John P Sherron, of Venice, Florida, Ocean City, New Jersey, formerly of Yardley, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully at the age of 84 on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, after a short illness.

Devoted husband for 43 years of Sally (nee Danch) beloved father of Lynne Sherron, Carol Vernon, John P "Jay" (Nancy) Sherron III, and Todd Haring. Adoring grandfather of Blake (Kristina) Vernon, Parker Vernon, John P IV, and Luke Sherron. Brother of George (Ivy) Sherron.

He will be remembered with love and missed by his brother-in-law, Jonathan, sisters-in-law Jill and Bonnie, and many nieces and nephews, and special friends DeeDee Apalategui and Jim Vernon.

John and Sally met on a blind date arranged by two nieces. The story is that John fell in love on that first date, but it took Sally until their second date. They married in 1981 and moved to Yardley, PA, where they enjoyed raising their blended family and making lifelong friendships.

Later in life John and Sally escaped the cold and headed to Venice, FL. To avoid the heat, summers were spent in Ocean City, NJ. John enjoyed getting out on his bicycle daily. "The Mayor" (as Sally called him) would pass by the bay and cycle 40+ blocks to meet friends at the library in Ocean City. In Venice, he greeted everyone as he ventured alongside roads in their community and neighboring communities.

His passions were his country and watching and talking sports. He was a devoted fan of the Philadelphia Eagles and Phillies. He was happiest when surrounded by family. John and Sally enjoyed traveling to visit their families in California, Texas, and South Carolina, or hosting them and many others at their home.

John is remembered as a generous and kind husband, father, Pop-Pop, uncle, and friend. He was always ready to lend a hand, carry something, drive anywhere, mix a drink, or man the grill. John enjoyed a quiet conversation in a noisy room, asked questions, and was interested in what was going on in your world. He always had a ready smile and a genuine laugh.

Interment of ashes will be in the Memorial Garden of the Venice Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 16, at 11:00AM.

In lieu of flowers, charitable donations in John's name can be made for the Memorial Garden at Venice Presbyterian Church (incl. garden in memo field) 825 The Rialto, Venice FL 34285 or the Ocean City Free Public Library, 1735 Simpson Avenue, Ocean City NJ, 08226 Attn: Becky Green.

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Our enduring gratitude goes out to everyone who offered aid, assistance or shelter, including the SMH Team who stayed at their posts throughout the hurricane, away from families and loved ones so they could care for the most vulnerable among us.

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CITY PHOTOS

Crowder Gulf, the city's contract hauler, is collecting debris from hurricanes Helene and Milton daily from sunrise to sundown.

Jetties inspected; debris being collected

BOB MUDGE

Senior Writer

VENICE — The Army Corps of Engineers was in town this week to inspect the damage to the North and South jetties and to do a survey of Casey's Pass — the Venice Inlet, which runs between them.

After the results are reported, they'll be communicated to the local congressional delegation in an effort to fund the restoration of the jetties, said West Coast Inland Navigation District Executive Director Justin McBride.

The ACOE was already working on a plan to harden the jetties before they were devastated by hurricanes Debby, Helene and Milton in the span of about two months.

The South Jetty had been closed for nearly a year after being damaged by Hurricane Idalia in 2023.

Debby passed by as a tropical storm in early August, undoing some of the work that had been done.

The city's Public Works Department replaced rocks Debby dislodged but Director Rick Simpson made the decision not to lay asphalt because a system to the southwest that developed into Hurricane Helene looked potentially ominous.

Helene hammered the jetty so hard that it left parts of the original construction dating back to the 1930s exposed.

Less than two weeks later, Milton compounded the damage.

U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio,



After the double whammy of hurricanes Helene and Milton, restoring the South Jetty will be a major undertaking.

R-Florida, visited the area Tuesday and promised to help the city with the restoration of the South Jetty.

COLLECTION

The city remains under a local state of emergency as the recovery from Milton continues.

Crowder Gulf, the city's contract hauler, has been collecting debris from both Helene and Milton since Wednesday, and will be operating sunrise to sunset seven days a week, according to the city's latest update.

Completing the task could take 90 days or more, it says.

The company is making multiple passes, starting on the island and working east, it says.

The process is complicated by the need to meet Federal Emergency Management Agency standards for ensuring the city is eligible for reimbursement, it says.

Vegetative debris can be dropped off at the Jackson Road Transfer Station, 250 S. Jackson Road, Venice, at no charge.

POWERING UP

Friday afternoon, Florida Power & Light reported that only 490 customers in Sarasota County were still without electricity.

The number in Charlotte County was down to 658, with just 15 customers in DeSoto County still waiting for the power to come back on.

While the city's parks and beaches remain closed, the Childrens Interactive Fountain at Centennial Park was turned back on Friday morning. It runs 9:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. daily.

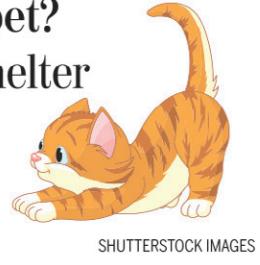
The city's neighborhood point of distribution at the Venice Community Center and the Starlink internet connection are no longer operating.

However, a comfort station is available at VFW Post 8118, 832 E. Venice Ave., with restrooms, hot showers, laundry facilities (bring your own supplies), Wi-Fi and cell phone assistance.

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POLICE BEAT

The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests:

■ Jhonatan Fernandes Lessa, 27, 11900 block of Granite Woods Loop, Venice. Charge: petit theft. Bond: \$500.

■ Charles Cogan Farnsworth, 41, 300 block of S. Quincy Road, Venice. Charge: domestic battery. Bond: \$1,000.

■ Francisco Gomez Perez, 32, Plaza Mayor, Venice. Charges: DUI with a blood-alcohol level of 0.15 or higher or a person under 18 in the vehicle, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, failing to notify the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles of a change of address. Bond: \$800.

■ Todd Andrew Rohrer, 56, 500 block of Summerfield Way, Venice. Charge: failure to stop or remain at a crash involving an injury other than a serious bodily injury. Bond: \$2,500.

■ Sean Christian Hennick, 46, 2800 block of Myakka Road, Venice. Charge: domestic battery. Bond: none.

■ Samuel Lee Bowersock, 52, Nokomis. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, use or possession of manufacturing paraphernalia to transport drugs. Bond: none.

■ John D. Baker, 54, 800 block of Colonia Lane, Nokomis. Charges: DUI, DUI with damage to property or person of another, DUI with a blood-alcohol level of 0.15 or higher or a person under 18 in the vehicle. Bond: \$3,500.

■ Michael Lee Lykins, 40, 1900 block of Scotties Place, Nokomis. Charges: unarmed burglary of an unoccupied structure during a state of emergency, criminal mischief during a state of emergency, possession of burglary tools with intent to use during a state of emergency, three counts of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of drug equipment. Bond: \$5,500.

■ Molly Lynn Godoy, 52, 100 block of Castile St., North Port. Charge: two counts of possession of a controlled substance (fentanyl, carisoprodol) without a prescription, possession of drug equipment. Bond: \$10,000.

■ Frank P. Dietrich Jr., 52, 5600 block of Stephens Road, Venice. Charge: contempt of court for failure to appear for criminal case management. Bond: \$12,000.

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■ Jessica Ashley Haltinner, 36, 900 block of Riviera St, Venice. Charges: domestic battery, criminal mischief. Bond: no bond on battery charge: \$500 on remaining charge.

■ Bobby Eugene Boydston, 49, 200 block of Winson Ave., Englewood. Charge: possession of a controlled substance (meth) without a prescription. Bond: none.

■ Randall Wayne Wagner, 58, 2600 block of Roxbury Circle, North Port. Charges: two counts of possession of a controlled substance (meth, clonazepam) without a prescription, driving while license suspended. Bond: \$5,150.

■ Kenneth Matthew Jarus, 53, 2000 block of White Feather Lane, Bond: no bond on violation of probation and possession charges; \$500 on remaining charge.

■ Jalexis Shrell Jenkins,

30, 1900 block of S. Tamiami Trail, Venice. Charge: violation of probation (original charge of accessory after the fact to the fraudulent use of a personal ID). Bond: none.

■ Keith William Ripich, 53, 900 block of Jacinto, Venice. Charges: two counts of violation of probation (original charges of battery; felony DUI — fourth or subsequent offense; driving while license permanently revoked). Bond: none.

■ Rachel Monee Giammona, 38, 900 block of Cumberland Road, Venice. Charge: battery by a person detained in a prison or jail facility. Bond: \$5,000.

■ Nicole Georgi Serbeck, 53, 500 block of Kenwood Ave., Nokomis. Charges: possession of a controlled substance (meth) without a prescription, possession of a chemical weapon by a convicted felon, driving while license suspended. Bond: no bond on weapons possession charge; \$2,650 on remaining charges.

■ Lesley Jean Blaney, 59, 100 block of Grove Ave., Nokomis. Charge: violation of probation (original charge of fraudulent use of a personal ID). Bond: none.

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Nokomis. Charges: DUI, possession of drug equipment. Bond: \$1,000.

■ Todd Leslie Peters, 46, 100 block of Orange Grove Ave., Nokomis. Charge: Lee County warrant for violation of probation (original charge of domestic battery). Bond: none.

Criminal registrations:
■ Aaron James Cartwright, 30, 400 block of R and F Ranch Road, Nokomis.

■ Charles Thomas McDermott, 43, 200 block of Periwinkle Road, Venice.

■ Christopher Thomas Coats, 44, 300 block of Glen Oaks Road, Venice.

Compiled by Bob Mudge

Tilted stop sign damages six school bus windows

STAFF REPORT

NOKOMIS — A school bus turning a corner in Nokomis scraped up against a half-downed stop sign that damaged six of the bus windows Thursday.

The driver and the two passengers were not injured. One was a student and the other was a school employee. The student's parents were notified.

The sign had been knocked partially over by Hurricane Milton, according to a news release from the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office.



SARASOTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

This school bus scraped up against a tilted stop sign that damaged six of the bus windows.

The crash happened at 8:33 a.m. Thursday as the bus traveled north on Aquila Street before

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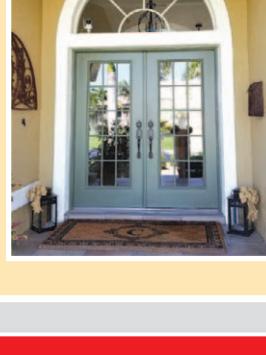
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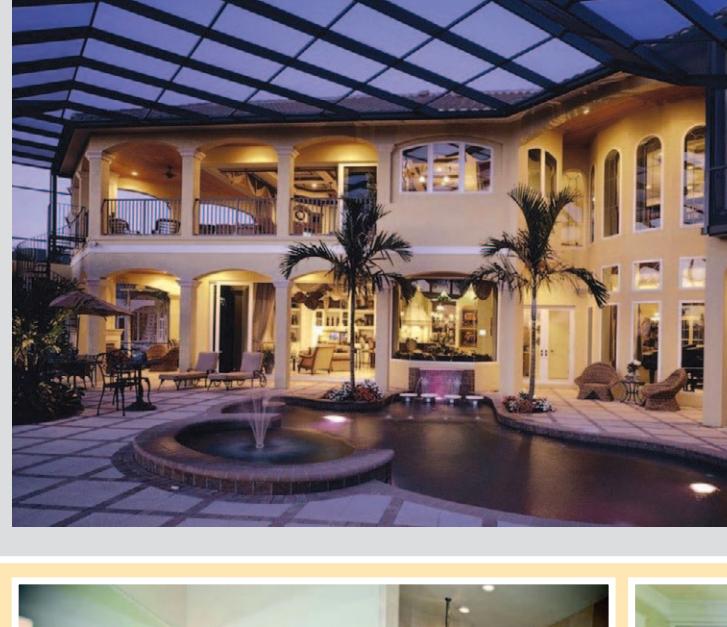
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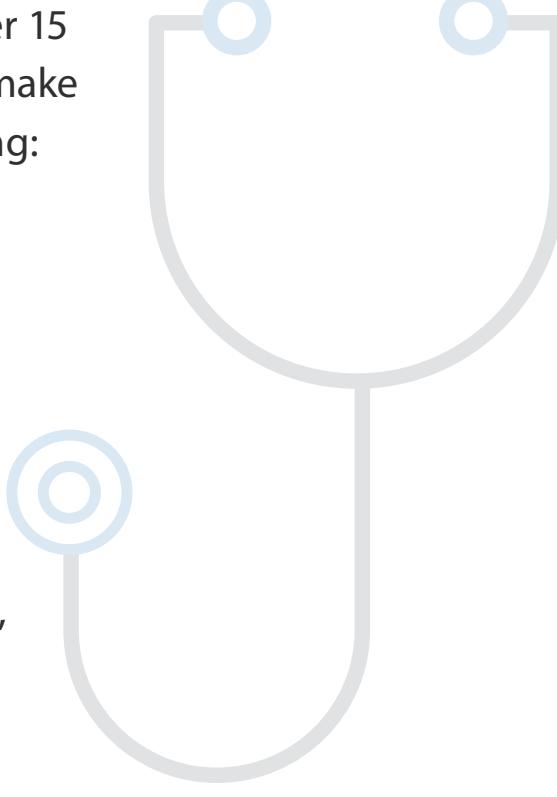
It's Time to Give Your MEDICARE COVERAGE A CHECKUP

To help people with Medicare make informed decisions for the coming year, Sarasota Memorial offers this information about Medicare Open Enrollment, now taking place through December 7.

This year, Medicare's Open Enrollment Period runs from October 15 through December 7. During this time, Medicare recipients can make changes to their health and prescription drug coverage, including:

- returning to Original Medicare (also known as Traditional Medicare)
- joining a Medicare Advantage Plan or switching from one plan to another
- joining or changing prescription drug plans

Health and prescription drug plans can change from year to year, so it's important to review your coverage during Open Enrollment to ensure it meets your needs. Any changes made during Open Enrollment will go into effect on January 1, 2025.



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If you have already made your Medicare selections for the coming year, you can make additional changes through December 7, 2024.



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Makeup session Tuesday for Venice City Council

PUD amendment recommendations top delayed agenda

BOB MUDGE
Senior Writer

VENICE — If the agenda for Tuesday's City Council meeting looks familiar, it should: Most of the same matters were up for consideration at the Oct. 8 meeting, which was canceled as Hurricane Milton approached.

There are a few additions, and one deletion: Thanks to Hurricane Milton, a proposal to designate the 500 to 700 blocks of West Venice Avenue as a canopy road was pulled from consideration.

The most notable item is still a presentation by special counsel Alison Yurko and Planning and Zoning Director Roger Clark regarding a process for amending a planned unit development.

Yurko was hired to suggest options for a PUD amendment process because the land-use regulations the city adopted two years ago didn't have one.

The issue became a point of dispute during consideration of a rezoning in North Venice sought by developer Pat Neal in order to build a shopping center.

Yurko's recommendation is to classify proposed amendments as either major or minor, and base what's required to support the requested amendment on the stage of

development of the PUD.

The Council will also consider a related resolution declaring that any changes to the LDR that might be adopted based on the recommendations wouldn't run afoul of a state law imposing a moratorium on amendments that impose tighter development standards.

A significant new item on the agenda is a petition for a height exception for a training tower proposed for new Fire Station 2, 1545 E. Venice Ave.

The exception would allow the tower to go up to 57 feet where the height-by-right limit is 35 feet.

The Planning Commission voted 5-1 earlier this month to recommend approval, with Commissioner Robert Young opposed, saying the tower isn't necessary.

OTHER BUSINESS

Also on Tuesday, the Council is scheduled to:

- Consider approving a \$90 million bond issue on behalf of Village On The Isle. The city assumes no financial obligation under the terms of the deal.

- Consider approving the write-off of \$454,164 in uncollectible bad debt. The vast majority of the amount — \$419,189 — is for unpaid EMS fees. The city has a collection rate of about 80%, according to a memo by Finance Director Linda Senne.

- Consider adopting an amended cybersecurity policy.

- Hear first reading of an

ordinance amending code provisions regarding naming or renaming a city-owned facility or park.

- Hear a presentation on the Gulf View Historic Structures Report.
- Vote on the city's centennial logo.
- Discuss a provision of the land development code that allows the Planning and Zoning director to approve an alternative parking plans.
- Consider approving the addition of \$3.6 million in park impact fees to the Northeast Venice Park budget to cover the now \$6.35 million construction cost.

- Proclaim October 2024 "Domestic Violence Awareness Month."

- Proclaim Oct. 6-12, 2024, "Fire Prevention Week."
- Proclaim October 2024 2024 "Florida Native Plant Month."

- Proclaim October 2024 "Head Start Awareness Month."
- Proclaim Nov. 20, 2024, as "GIS Day" and Nov. 11-15, 2024, as "Geography Awareness Week."

- Proclaim Oct. 25-Nov. 2, 2024, as "Mobility Week."

- Proclaim Oct. 21-27, 2024, as "City Government Week."
- Recognize the retirement of Bob Moroni, Solid Waste and Recycling superintendent.

The City Council meets at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, in Council Chambers at City Hall, 401 W. Venice Ave. The agenda is at VeniceGov.com at the "Meetings" button.

Early voting starts Monday

Thousands of people have already turned in mail-in ballots

FRANK DIFIORE

Staff Writer

Early voting begins Monday in Sarasota County and runs through Sunday, Nov. 3.

Early voting hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at any one of 10 early voting locations:

- Sarasota elections office, 2001 Adams Lane, Sarasota.
- Venice elections office, 4000 S. Tamiami Trail, Room 114, Venice.

North Port elections office, 13640 Tamiami Trail, North Port.

- North Sarasota Library, 2801 Newtown Blvd.
- Fruitville Library, 100 Apex Road, Sarasota.

- Colonial Oaks Park, 5300 Colonial Oaks Blvd., Sarasota.
- Gulf Gate Library, 7112 Curtiss Ave., Sarasota.

- Osprey Library, 337 N Tamiami Trail, Osprey.
- Venice Library, 300 Nokomis Ave. S.

- Shannon Staub Library, 4675 Career Lane. In mail-in voting in Sarasota County, about 20,000 out of its 333,531 voters have mailed back their ballots. About 100,000 were requested.

The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot be mailed to you is 5 p.m. Oct. 24.

Voters may return their ballot by mail or by taking it to the secure ballot intake station inside the Sarasota, Venice or North Port elections office during business hours.

The Supervisor of Elections office must receive a voter's ballot in the elections office by 7 p.m. on election day for it to be counted

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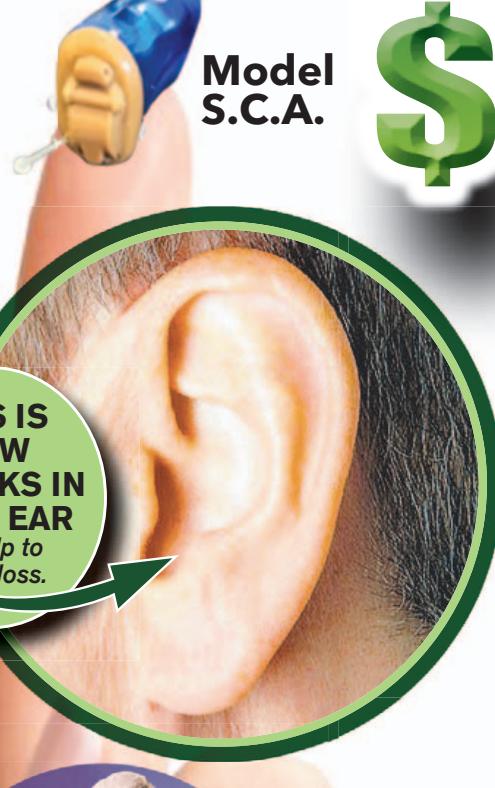
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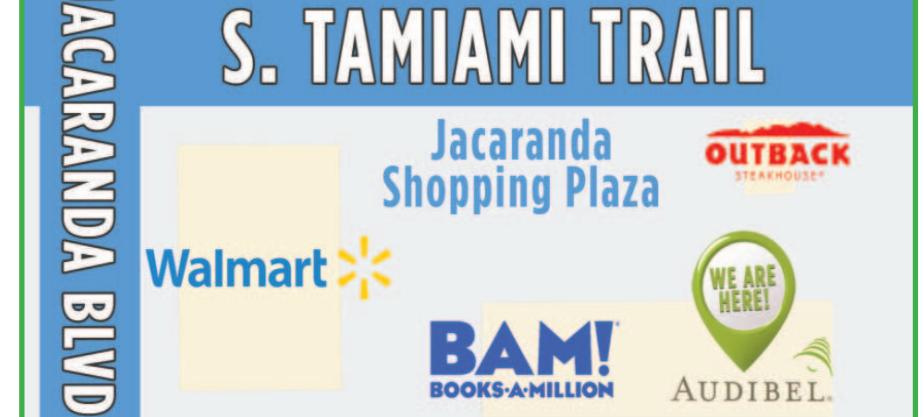
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London-bound VHS band invites community to event

Students raising money for their overseas trip

CHLOE NELSON
Staff Writer

VENICE — With plans to march through the streets of London on New Year's Day, Venice High Marching Band is asking the community for some support to get there.

The high school band is set to host one of this season's Music Performance Assessment, a competition that assesses the skillset and spirit of a band's presentation.

The event — the first of its kind for VHS with 13 bands coming from neighboring counties — is from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 26 at 1 Indian Ave., Venice.

The event is open to the community to attend.

Bands from Bayshore, Manatee, Palmetto, Parrish Community, Port Charlotte, Southeast, Sarasota, Lemon Bay, Braden River, Charlotte, North Port, Lakewood Ranch, Riverview and Venice will participate.

The entry cost is \$10 and \$5 for parking, all of which goes back to support the Marching Indians, band director David Wind said.

The event will also have food trucks from Chick-N-Nooga, GitChewSum Bbq, Island Softee, Bergy's Coffee and concession stands snacks.

The money will help fund the band's trip to London, where they will march in a New Year's Day parade and show off their musical talent in the European city.

"The excitement is in the air, that's for sure," David said.

While the competition will help fund the trip, the band also has to fine tune its performance.

This year's show is titled "Royalty and Revelations," a nod to London's longstanding history with royalty.



PHOTOS BY CHLOE NELSON

The Marching Indians are set to perform at their first competition on Saturday, Oct. 19, and host their first competition of the season at Venice High School on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Logan Morrison, a senior and drum major, said the Class 5A band, which holds 150 kids, poses its challenges for cleanliness but its sound and spirit makes up for it.

"It's pretty incredible what we've gotten done in such little time," Morrison said. "Especially with two hurricanes coming through, I'm extremely proud of each and every one of them."

Logan, who has been with the Marching Indians since his freshman year, said the London trip sparks a new record for the band's geographical reach.

According to Logan, the team has only traveled as far as Tennessee for events.

After marching band season concludes in November, the Indians will have just over a month to practice for their London debut.

For some Indians, that means giving up a few hours and days of their upcoming holiday breaks to practice.

Tomas Wolcott, a senior trombone player, said he's excited to show off how far the band has come from start of the season to New Year's Day.



The Venice High Marching Band color guard show off their royal pink and yellow flags for this year's show titled "Royals and Redemptions."

"There's always this kind of thrill when you're performing, and there's going to be a bunch of people watching for this," Wolcott said. "For a senior trip, it's going to be one hell of a senior trip."

Aspen Paul, color guard co-captain, said she's excited to show off some Venice flag flair during the London trip.

"American marching band is way different than marching bands," Paul said. "With our visual elements, I'm excited to show them something new."

Venice plan board OK's 264-unit development

Laurel at Venice will have two three-story and four four-story buildings

BOB MUDGE
Senior Writer

VENICE — The Planning Commission unanimously approved the site-and-development plan for a 264-unit multifamily development at 3590 and 3600 Laurel Road E. Tuesday.

Laurel at Venice will be a market-rate complex of two three-story buildings closest to Laurel Road and four four-story buildings set back on the 21-acre property.

It will include a clubhouse amenity center; a tot lot; a heritage oak deck amenity area; a dog park; outdoor exercise station areas around the stormwater retention pond; an internal sidewalk network; gated entry and exit; and parking garage structures, according to the staff presentation.

A comprehensive plan amendment adopted a year ago increased the maximum density of the property from nine dwelling units per acre to 13. At 12.37 units per acre, Laurel at Venice is just under the maximum, attorney Jackson Boone said.

It's also lower density than other multifamily developments in or planned for the area, he added.

The three-story buildings will be 34 feet tall, while the four-story buildings will top out at 45 feet.

A redesign made a contemplated height exception unnecessary, he said.

To fit in with the

common design theme in the area, all the buildings will be in the city's Northern Italian style, though it's not required, he said.

The plan takes the pending widening of Laurel Road into consideration, Boone said. The setback from a wider Laurel Road will still be about 110 feet, he said, far more than the city's minimum, and the closest four-story buildings will be more than 400 feet back.

Turning lanes east and west off Laurel Road will be part of the project, he said.

The only issue any commissioner had with the plan was about its proposed white plastic fence.

Commissioner Jerry Jasper said he recognized that the fence complies with the city's standards but it just isn't compatible with the area.

Commission Chair Barry Snyder said a different kind of fence "would really complete the picture out there."

Boone said he'd bring the comments up with his client.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Commission also unanimously approved a preliminary plat

amendment for Venice Crossing, 82 acres north of Laurel Road for which several development petitions have been approved.

The amendment was to get permission to resize the two planned stormwater ponds, move a proposed lift station and add three potential points of access to Twin Laurel Boulevard to the east.

As road access is always considered a major amendment, the staff report says, it required Planning Commission approval.

Andrew Pepper, who lives east of Twin Laurel Boulevard, was denied affected party status to participate in the proceeding but testified that he was concerned the changes to the plat might worsen the flooding his property experiences.

Bill Conerer, senior project manager with Kimley-Horn, said that drainage on the property is being directed away from the boulevard, so the development of the property will probably help Pepper.

The Commission was also supposed to conduct its annual review of the city's capital improvement schedule but Planning and Zoning Director Roger Clark said the item had to be pulled over a notice issue.

Washed ashore boat stolen from front yard

Woman's worries of vessel theft prove true after boat washes up on front yard during Milton

CHLOE NELSON
Staff Writer

VENICE — Just when Sara Weece thought her week after Hurricane Milton couldn't get any worse, it did.

The Venice homeowner, who currently resides in Connecticut, had been dealing with the removal of a washed up boat from the storm with little to no luck.

After contacting FWC, Weece was told they had only had jurisdiction over boats in the water, advising her to make a police report.

When Sarasota County law enforcement told her she couldn't claim the boat for herself due to no state salvage laws, Weece was then left with two options.

Weece could either pay up to \$600 to find the owner or wait for the county to give her the title of the boat if the owner didn't claim ownership in 30 days.

That is, until the boat was stolen Friday morning. Weece said she suspects a nearby worker is to blame for the crime.

The native Floridian, who grew up in Tampa, said her tree trimmer told her the man working on her neighbor's house across the street approached him with a plan to sell the boat and split the profit with him.

The tree trimmer said no, Weece said, even after the handyman — who was described as an older man with long, gray hair — tried claiming it was his boat to begin with.

Weece said the man came back to her yard repeatedly to look at the boat with a woman earlier this week, opening ports in the boat and inspecting the damage to it.

Thanks to her tree trimmer's truck cameras, Weece said authorities now have images of the suspect's license plate to help identify the alleged boat thief.

Weece confirmed FWC was able to identify the owner of the boat through the registration number, though no one has come forward to claim it.

After reporting the theft, Weece hopes she will not be prosecuted over the now stolen derelict vessel.

If the boat is found, Weece also hopes the police won't return the boat to her front yard, making it her legal responsibility again.

"It would be a pain but no one in their right mind could assign responsibility to me," Weece said. "I have no obligation to have a guard by a boat on my part-time property."

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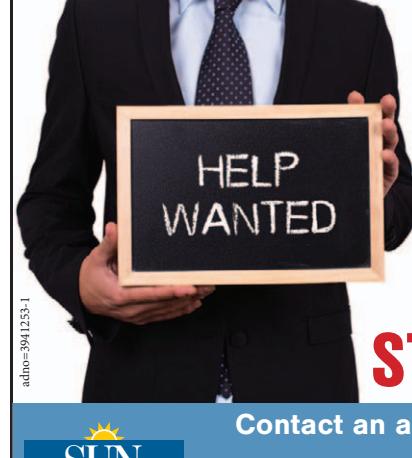
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Opinion

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR'S NOTE: Because of the volume of letters we have received, the editorial page today is solely devoted to Letters to the Editor.

The deadline for submitting letters to the editor about the Nov. 5 elections is Oct. 23. Letters cannot be longer than 250 words, and exclamation points should be avoided. Be civil in such letters.

Let's look at Trump's 'mental impairments'

Editor:
I almost fell off my chair laughing when I read that Trump said Vice President Harris was "mentally impaired." Really?

If any politician is "mentally impaired," Trump wins hands down. Just ask Rex Tillerson, John Kelly, Rupert Murdoch and others.

While we are on the subject of impairments, Trump is "morally impaired," perhaps the most immoral president ever. Found liable for sexual abuse of E. Jean Carroll, Judge Kaplan clarified, "what the jury found Trump did was in fact rape, as commonly understood."

And who can forget Trump's Access Hollywood hot mic audio bragging about his sexual abuse of women, or the photos of Trump smiling with child molester Jeffrey Epstein, or the payoffs of women in at least two extramarital affairs?

I guess his evangelical supporters have selective memories or just don't care.

Trump is certainly the most "ethically impaired" president of all time with over 30,000 documented falsehoods to his credit while in office. And who can forget his conduct on January 6?

As a businessman, Trump was found liable by a court for falsifying business records. While he casts himself as a protector of workers and jobs, hundreds of people — carpenters, dishwashers, painters, lawyers — say Trump and his businesses didn't pay them for their work.

Finally, Trump is the only "criminally impaired" convicted felon ex-president in history. But with a SCOTUS majority and a Florida federal judge in his pocket, he may never face the music.

George Myers
Venice

How does he get away with it?

Editor:
Why is it that Donald Trump can tell a liar of a story that results in creating such damaging chaos, that draws rioters who raise havoc as in Springfield, causes the further spread of hatred and violence and gets away with it?

This is tantamount to yelling "fire" in a crowded theater, which is a criminal offense. It causes great hurt and strife to innocent people, upsets lives and leaves fear in its wake.

And today, on Meet the Press, J.D. Vance changed "cats and dogs" to geese — I assume to soften the offense. But the damage is already done, J.D.

Citizens of Springfield are living in a hell caused by the carelessness of your running mate. And you are perpetuating it!

Lee Richardson
Venice

Venice can elect 3 strong conservatives

Editor:
This November, Venice can elect three strong conservative candidates who will fight for Venice: Tom Knight for County Commission, Jim Boldt for Venice City Council, and Kevin Engelke for Venice City Council.

Venice needs a true advocate for our area on the County Commission, and former sheriff Tom Knight will bring that. He has a

Venice resident Olivia Whittaker created this editorial cartoon about the proposed Venice Charter Amendment to change the way city council members are elected.



strong record of supporting our neighborhoods, and I have no doubt he will protect our tax dollars and be a conservative champion on the County Commission.

Jim Boldt has given back to Venice tremendously with his service as our vice mayor. He has led with common sense and balance on a slew of issues. Jim and I don't always agree on the dais — but I know he has Venice's best interest in mind as he serves. We are fortunate to have him.

Kevin Engelke is exactly what we need on our City Council — 40-plus years of business experience, service-minded, and a motor. He's knocked on thousands of doors in Venice and wants to preserve Venice as the town we know and love. He loves this city.

All three of these men have my full support, and I hope they have yours on November 5th.

Rachel Frank
Venice

Vote for the dictator, or for uplifting candidate

Editor:
Received my ballot in the mail today, and, man, I'm struggling. Do I vote for the angry orange dictator wannabe who owes \$83 million to a woman he assaulted, sat for three hours watching his thugs beat up Capitol Police over an election he now admits he lost, stole classified documents putting our national security at risk, botched the Covid response at a cost of thousands of lives, regularly threatens the most vulnerable among us, is a 34-count convicted fraudster (who also paid out \$25 million for running a crooked business school), can't choose between a shark bite and a battery zap, thinks windmills cause cancer, and tariffs are paid by other countries, denies climate

change while our country floods and burns, and plans to imprison political opponents and turn the Justice Department into his own criminal protection agency?

Or do I vote for the uplifting candidate who puts public service above selfish-service. I have a lot to think about before I fill in the little circles.

Larry Richardson
Venice

Look at candidates' voting records

Editor:
Instead of watching ads and listening to speeches, I looked up the voting records of our senator and representative, easily done on the internet.

Senator Rick Scott has only voted a few times in six years. Most votes were yes/no on judges.

Representative Greg Stuebe has voted no on the following: Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, Preventing Maternal Deaths Reauthorization Act of 2023, Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2021, Paycheck Fairness Act, Women's Health Protection Act, Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act of 2021, Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act, Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act, Protecting Our Kids Act (not selling guns to minors), Recovering America's Wildlife, Meat and Poultry Special Investigator Act of 2022, Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance and Rehabilitation Act of 2023, Wastewater Infrastructure Pollution Prevention and Environmental Safety (WIPES) Act, Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021, Guns

Federal Extreme Risk Protection Order Act of 2021, VA Employee Fairness Act of 2021, Delivering Optimally Urgent Labor Access

for Veterans Affairs Act of 2022 (DOULA for VA Act of 2022)

Please keep this in mind before voting.

Kathleen Champion
Venice

I have questions, Mr. Scott

Editor:

An article says Rick Scott had a helicopter tour of the area. Did he see anything? How about his house? Any leaks?

What was it? No global warming? And no socialism? Just steal from the government? Scottism?

Frederick Varricchio

Venice

Who benefits from changing Venice elections?

Editor:

Your article of Sept. 25 about the new group, ironically named VOTE, left me with more questions than answers. This group is trying to persuade Venice City voters to give up their right to vote every year.

But who would benefit?

The chairperson of the group stated she was recruited by an associate of developer Pat Neal, a political powerhouse who seems to bulldoze his way through any local opposition to his development plans.

They then received \$35,000 in contributions from out-of-town development and real estate interests. The group is even registered at a Tallahassee address.

Their chairperson further inferred that the current yearly election system, that has been in place for decades and is supported by four past Venice mayors, makes it easier to defeat council members who no longer represent the interests of the folks who voted for them in the first place.

Isn't that the whole point of elections, though? Why would we want to make it harder to defeat problematic council members?

If this scheme to change the way Venice votes should pass, the only ones to benefit will be the developers and those council members who support them.

Please vote no on the Venice city charter amendment and SAVE annual elections.

Randy Mineo
Venice

Let's look at facts of Trump's visit to Arlington

Editor:

In reading Roger Roess letter about Trump's visit to Arlington Cemetery, I was struck by his response to several facts.

FACT: Arlington Cemetery does not allow filming for any purpose, and a fallen soldier's family cannot change that. Trump's past comments about "suckers & losers," "What was in it for them?" clearly shows his disdain for the military.

For Trump to stand over a fallen soldier's grave at Arlington Cemetery, giving a thumbs up, is atrocious enough but for the fallen soldier's family to encourage it is the greatest disrespect of all.

Trump's visit to Arlington Cemetery was a photo op for him. He "honored" those families for his own political purposes.

FACT: Trump arranged the disastrous Afghanistan withdrawal in early 2020, which was done to score political points prior to the election.

FACT: Trump arranged to have 5,000 Taliban prisoners released ahead of the withdrawal.

FACT: Trump ordered the early withdrawal of 11,000 American troops, leaving the withdrawal process vulnerable to the Taliban, who were already attacking our troops using their 5,000 repatriated fighters.

FACT: Trump negotiated all this directly with the Taliban, excluding the Afghan government completely.

FACT: There is no question about needing to exit Afghanistan, but Trump set it up for failure and Trump is just as responsible for the deaths of those 13 soldiers.

If Mr. Roess wants to talk about leadership and character, Donald Trump is clearly not a good example of either of those traits.

And it's not even close.

Robert Newport
Venice

Let's provide truly equal protection

Editor:
Equal Protection?

In Florida, harming or disturbing sea turtle nests or eggs is a felony, punishable by a stiff fine and/or imprisonment.

As the debate over our abortion laws rages on, I recently saw a T-shirt that had a sketch of an unborn baby nesting in its mother's womb, with the caption "Pretend I'm a sea turtle. Protect me."

Out of the mouths of babes, even unborn ones!

John Mullin
Venice

Sometimes, we need expert advice

Editor:
A moment during the Vice-Presidential debate struck me. JD Vance (doesn't the guy have a first name?) said that Trump will get back to "common-sense wisdom" instead of relying on the advice of experts.

As if commonsense wisdom is an adequate and preferable replacement for expert advice.

There seems to be a backlash against "experts" and "elites" these days. There is an every-man(-woman) emotional appeal to the idea that we're smarter than some pointy head elites.

We all like to feel that we are as smart as the next person. But there are many topics that are very complicated and require years of study that the average person doesn't have the time or the inclination or maybe the ability to accomplish.

We were all born with different strengths.

Do you want someone to rely on commonsense wisdom when they design your next iPhone?

Do you want to pull someone with commonsense wisdom off the street to treat and operate on your cancer?

Do you want to rely on a common sense person to predict and warn us about the path of the next hurricane?

I'll take the expert opinion.

In the movie "Magnum Force," Dirty Harry says to one of his superiors, "A good man always knows his limitations."

There are topics appropriate to common sense. There are topics appropriate to expert advice. The person with true commonsense wisdom knows which is which and knows when to yield.

Richard Herrema
Venice

HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

Letters are welcome on virtually any subject but we do have some rules. Letters to the Editor should be kept to 250 words or less. Letters will be edited to length as well as grammar, spelling and Associated Press style. All letters must be signed with a full name. An address and telephone number must be included but will not be published. Due to the number of letters received, we only run one letter per person per month.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

FOUR-WARD

Charlotte picks up its fourth consecutive district crown

CHUCK BALLARO

Sports Writer

PUNTA GORDA — After the Charlotte volleyball team played like they hadn't practiced in two weeks against Gateway (because they hadn't), the Tarpons were good and ready for their District 6A-12 championship game against Ida Baker at the Wally Keller Gymnasium.

The Tarpons got big nights from Ava Hall, Sammy Vega and

Haven Hickox as they rolled over the Bulldogs in three sets (25-11, 25-10, 25-10). In the process, they won their fourth straight district title, a first in the program's history.

Charlotte coach Michelle Dill said after Tuesday's semifinal match, where the Tarpons somehow dropped the second set, some tough practices got them back in order.

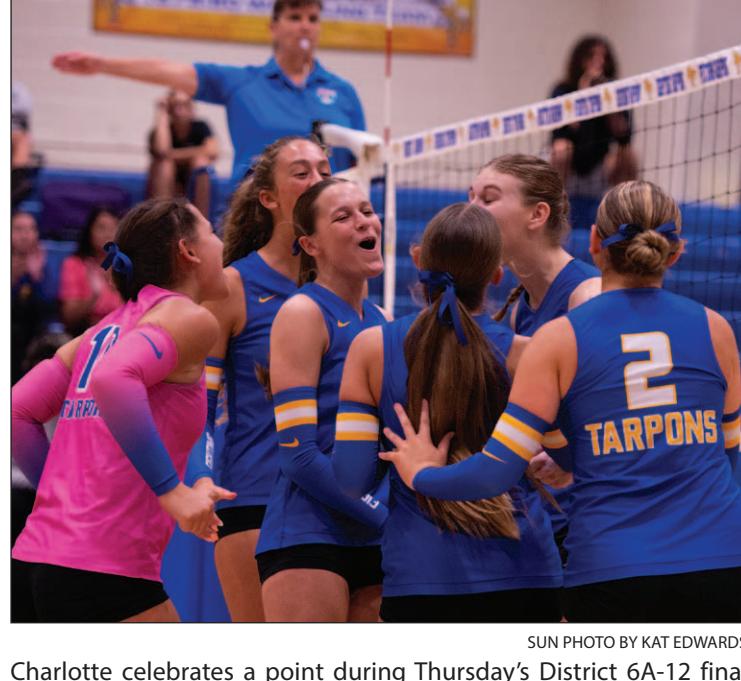
"They came in a well-oiled machine. They passed well, we were swinging and were focused on making some history in getting our first four-peat," Dill said. "We practiced a lot and tonight they came in focused."

Hall had perhaps one of the best games of her career, especially in the first set when she took over, getting eight of her game-high 12 kills to help get the Tarpons (17-8) on track.

Hall said it was important for them to come out strong, and Hall certainly helped on that end.

"We've struggled with that in the past, but tonight we had a lot of energy. A lot of kills will get everyone excited," Hall said. "We've had a few practices after not practicing for two weeks because of the hurricane, so we came out a lot stronger."

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SUN PHOTO BY KAT EDWARDS

Charlotte celebrates a point during Thursday's District 6A-12 final against Ida Baker at Charlotte High

PREP VOLLEYBALL

CHAMPIONSHIP MINDSET



Venice striker Summer Kohler celebrates with teammates after making a kill against Lehigh on Thursday during the team's district semifinal.

Venice lays it on Lehigh in 7A-12 district semifinals to advance to district title

EVAN LEPAK
Sports Writer

VENICE — Fifteen days passed between matches for Venice volleyball, but you wouldn't necessarily know that with the way head coach Jay Lanham's team played during Thursday's 7A-12 district semifinal against Lehigh.

"This was only our third day back in this gym since our last game," Lanham said.

The Indians and their talented brand of play overwhelmed district foe Lehigh, sweeping the Lightning in three sets (25-5, 25-18, 25-6) to move on to the district championship on

Saturday afternoon.

"When we had our main group out there, we played well and were consistent," Lanham said. "At times, we missed serves and made some mistakes, and that'll make any volleyball game look closer than it should've been like in that second set. But it's all good. A lot of these kids had rust to shake off [Thursday]."

The Indians (11-9) quickly shook off any lingering rust in the first set of the district semifinal victory, overwhelming Lehigh (13-9) from the first serve.

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Venice senior Brighton Ferguson celebrates with her team after scoring against Lehigh High School during Thursday night's district semifinals at Venice High.

PREP FOOTBALL

PICTURING THE PLAYOFFS

Breaking down the postseason picture for the Sun Preps region

VINNIE PORTELL
Sun Correspondent

This story was published prior to Friday's slate of football games

The next four weeks will either make or break seasons for several high school football teams in the Sun Preps area.

One month from today, some teams will be completing final preparations for their first playoff game while others will be reminiscing on seasons cut short.

But which teams will still be practicing in mid November?

There's a path to the postseason for every team in the Sun Preps area, though some are much more challenging than others.

To make the Florida High School Athletic Association playoffs, a team must either win its district or receive an at-large berth by finishing the season ranked as one of the top eight teams in its region.

The math can be hard to predict.

If a team outside of the top eight wins its district, it will steal an at-large berth and muddy the picture.

If a team currently ranked outside the top eight gets hot and wins out, it could bump teams out of the playoff race.

Keeping those anomalies in mind, here's what each team in the Sun Preps region needs to do to make the postseason:

PLAYOFF FAVORITES

Venice (6-1)
Overall ranking: 7th in FL
Class ranking: 1st in 7A
Region ranking: 1st in Region 7A-2

It's possible that Venice could lose out the rest of the way and still make the Region 7A-2 playoffs.

The Indians are the top team in their region, and would have to fall eight spots to

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL | WEEK 8 VIEWING GUIDE

Georgia-Texas on tap

JOEY KNIGHT
Tampa Bay Times

Lamest time window: The slate is pretty bleak from 8 p.m. on, giving the MLB playoffs center stage for the evening. But trust us, the earlier time windows more than compensate for the evening lull.

Noon: No. 6 Miami, survivor of back-to-back close calls against Virginia Tech and Cal, could be in for a white-knuckle trifecta at Louisville (ABC). Meantime, South Carolina's trip to beleaguered Oklahoma (SEC Network) appears intriguing, considering the Gamecocks have taken LSU and Alabama to the brink.

Nebraska is more than capable of bringing No. 16 Indiana — 6-0 for the first time since 1967 — back to Earth (ABC).

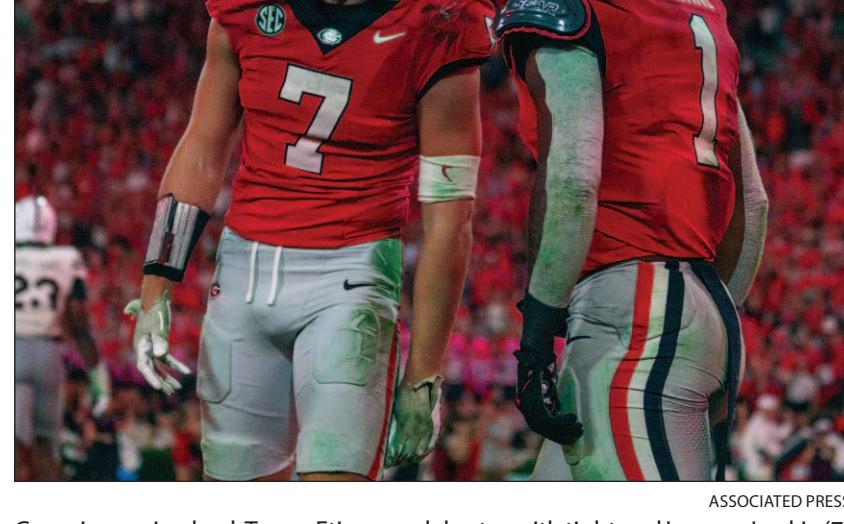
3:30: Fortunately for purists, SEC expansion didn't infringe on the third Saturday in October, traditional date of the Alabama-Tennessee clash (ABC). Tide fans begrudgingly are accepting the likelihood that their team will be fighting for its life nearly every weekend. Meantime, No. 24 Michigan travels to No. 22 Illinois (CBS), and No. 12 Notre Dame has a stern test at Georgia Tech (ESPN), which earns bowl eligibility with a win.

7: A week after rallying in the waning moments to upset

Ole Miss, No. 8 LSU travels to Arkansas (ESPN). We don't believe in trap games in this era of parity and portals, but if we did this would qualify as one.

7:30: For ebb and flow and excessive hype, we don't see the top-five matchup of Georgia and Texas (ABC) matching the Bulldogs-Bama clash of mid-September, but that won't stop the entire college football universe from tuning in. Texas has won four of the five previous meetings against the Dawgs (5-1), who haven't lost two games in a season since 2020.

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Georgia running back Trevor Etienne celebrates with tight end Lawson Luckie (7) after scoring a touchdown during a game against Mississippi State on Oct. 12.

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The roof of the Tropicana Field is damaged the morning after Hurricane Milton hit the region on Thursday.

Durham takes itself off list for Rays' potential 2025 home

MARC TOPKIN

Tampa Bay Times

If the damage to Tropicana Field forces the Rays to need a new home for the full 2025 season, they won't be playing in Durham, North Carolina.

The Rays' longtime Triple-A affiliate put out a statement Thursday saying scheduling conflicts and "other logistical challenges" would be problematic to host the parent team for the full season.

The Rays are hoping to get a sense in the next few weeks of how extensively Tropicana Field was damaged by Hurricane Milton, and when, or if, they could return. They are expected to at least start the 2025 season in an interim home, with the potential to play up to three years elsewhere until the planned 2028 opening of their new stadium adjacent to the Tropicana Field site.

The Rays have not said what sites they are considering, nor when they will make a decision. But for many reasons sooner will be better.

Other sites likely to be considered include spring training/minor-league stadiums in Clearwater, Dunedin and Tampa; St. Petersburg's Al Lang Stadium; the Disney complex; the Rays' Port Charlotte spring site; a sharing arrangement with the Marlins; the Omaha, Nebraska, site of the College World Series; Montreal; and cities with expansion aspirations (and

Triple-A teams) such as Charlotte and Nashville.

A group seeking an expansion team for Raleigh, which is near Durham, has made social media posts in the last few days about the possibility of the Rays playing in what is known as the Triangle area, which also includes Chapel Hill.

The Carolina Journal went as far as quoting area politicians on the potential impact of the move, which may have led to the statement from the Bulls.

"I have no doubt Durham could step up to the plate," State Sen. Mike Woodward told the Journal. "The Bulls have built a great franchise and a great fan experience, before, during and after the games. It would be wonderful to showcase that on a major-league level. Sign me up!"

Per the Journal, the Raleigh expansion bid is counting on support from Jim Goodman, who owns the Bulls and Capital Broadcasting.

Here is the full statement from the Durham team, which does seem to leave open the possibility of the Rays making a brief stay:

"As the proud Triple-A affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays, we are always ready to support our parent club. Currently, there have been no discussions about hosting them in Durham, and we do not anticipate hosting them for a full season due to schedules overlapping and other logistical challenges."

Mindset/

from A14

Venice started on a 9-0 run — behind a steady dose of points from Zoe O'Leary and Summer Kohler — before the Lightning earned their first point.

The eight-point lead continued to grow as the opening set went on, with the Indians opening up a 20-3 advantage at one point. While O'Leary and Kohler continued their strong play, Tien Murray, Brooke Gruhl and Ali Estis all contributed to the Venice offensive frenzy.

Eventually, an ace from Gruhl secured the 25-5 set win.

In the second set, Lanham emptied his bench and gave some of the younger players a chance to get some playoff experience.

Addie Lariviere, Hena Patel and Mikayla Foss all made plays for Venice, but the less experienced lineup also helped Lehigh make things interesting in the second frame.

A possession put out of bounds by Jacey McReynolds moved Lehigh to within 14-12 midway through the set, forcing Lanham to burn a timeout.

Out of the stoppage, Venice had its starting lineup back out there and the Indians made the most of it.

Lanham's squad out-scored the Lightning, 11-6, down the stretch to help Venice outlast the visitors, 25-18.

In the third set, Venice didn't mess around, putting away Lehigh from the jump.

The Lightning did have a 1-0 lead to start, but



SUN PHOTO BY JUSTIN FENNELL

Venice's Zoe O'Leary spikes a ball against Lehigh High School during Thursday night's district semifinal.

eventually, Venice led 6-1 and that mini run set the tone.

Gruhl's five aces and Estis's three kills during the frame stood out during Venice's 25-6 set — and match — securing win.

On the stat sheet, Kohler led with nine kills, O'Leary finished with seven and Murray spiked five on the other side of the net.

Ten players had at least one dig, with Brighton Ferguson finishing with a team-high six. Kohler was second on the team with four.

Also, the Indians racked up 22 aces on the night, and Gruhl was tops with six. Kohler had five and McReynolds and Lariviere each finished with four.

In addition to the

exciting sweep, Venice had the opportunity to recognize and honor its five seniors in Estis, Kohler, O'Leary, Ferguson and Kyla Freddolino.

"This has been a special, special group," said Lanham of the seniors. "I've known all of these girls for a long, long time as either an assistant or their club team coach, and they've all been a part of this program here at Venice for years. Most of them were on the last state championship team too. They love this program, and they've made my life a whole lot easier with the way they lead. I couldn't be happier for them, and I was glad we got to honor them."

Saturday's district title for Venice will be against Riverview at Venice High at 11 a.m.



SUN PHOTOS BY KAT EDWARDS

Charlotte poses with their fourth consecutive district title trophy after sweeping Ida Baker on Thursday.

Four/

from A14

It was Vega, a sophomore, who took center stage in the second set. Moving to the right-side hitter position, she flourished with five of her six kills, which allowed Charlotte to win its second straight wire-to-wire set.

Vega, who added 12 digs, said she liked hitting from the right side.

"I liked it because it made things easier for the setters. It's so much fun to play with these girls," Vega said. "It's sad this is coming to an end soon. I hope we can win it all."

Hickox, another sophomore, helped put the match to bed in the third set as she served up a 7-0 run which included four aces (seven in total) to break things open after Ida Baker (9-10) tried to hang in there.

Abbie Willis was her usual steady self with 10 kills. Keira Vazquez had 17 digs and three aces, while Juliet Hurley dished out 27 assists for Charlotte.

Charlotte will host at least one playoff game on Wednesday and could potentially host a second match on Saturday (provided they win) if the stars align.

"We aren't going to know much because two other districts are having their tournaments tonight, Friday and Saturday," Dill said.

GIRLS GOLF

Charlotte County Championship

Charlotte County Champion-

ship: Lemon Bay junior Rachel Gillis shot an 83 on Wednesday to run away with medalist honors during Charlotte County girls golf championship at Punta Gorda's St. Andrews South Golf Club.

The Mantas cruised to the team title, routing Charlotte by 44 strokes, 381-425. Port Charlotte did not field a team.

Gillis shot a 42 and 41 as the teams played the course's par-35 front nine twice, due to post-storm course conditions. Manta sophomores Savannah Pope and Makaila Lindsey followed with 94 and 101, respectively and senior Lea Maday rounded out Lemon Bay's scoring with a 103.

Charlotte was led by junior Madison Poitras, who carded a 103. Sophomore Jayden Hall (106 and seniors Makayla Chupka (106) and Bailey Cates (115) accounted for Charlotte's scoring.

Gillis, Pope, Lindsey, Poitras, Lea Maday and Alaina Maday earned All-County honors.

BOYS GOLF

Lemon Bay 164, Hardee 185: A



Charlotte's Juliet Hurley sets the ball during Thursday's District 6A-12 final at Charlotte

red-hot Lemon Bay golf squad made quick work of a decent Hardee squad Thursday at The Palms.

Wyatt Seckel fired and even-par 36 to take medalist honors, outpacing teammate Noah Hale by three strokes for the win. Benjamin Trevino was close behind Hale with a 41 to lead Hardee. Lemon Bay's Robert Lee matched Trevino's score.

Vance Shea capped Lemon Bay's scoring with a 43.

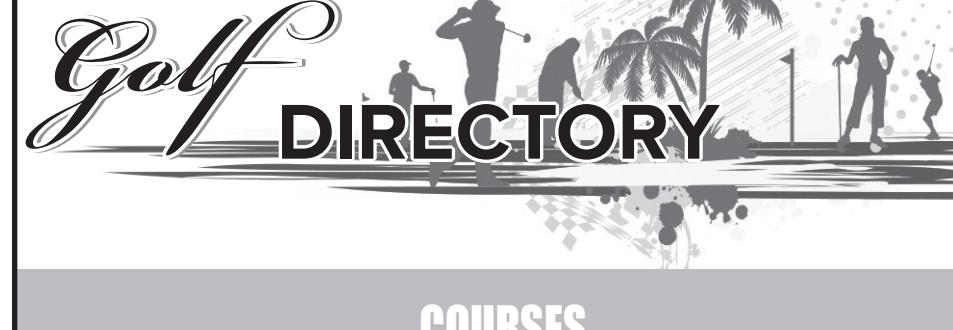
The Mantas improved to 12-1 on the season and will be back in action Tuesday against North Port and DeSoto County.

Charlotte 174, Port Charlotte 174:

At Twin Isles Country Club in Punta Gorda on Wednesday, county rivals Charlotte and Port Charlotte played to a tie, both individually and team-wise.

Charlotte's Tanner White and Port Charlotte's Carlisle Mitchell shared individual medalist honors with 38s. Charlotte's Miguel Guzman shot a 43, following by Port Charlotte's Marcus Tiseo, who fired a 44.

Port Charlotte's Zackary Parker shot a 45, one stroke better than Charlotte's Cooper McLaughlin (46). Charlotte's Mason Chrome and Port Charlotte's Mason Taylor each carded 47s to forge the team scoring tie.



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Bolts' TV home to be rebranded

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Tampa Bay Times

TAMPA — When Lightning fans tune in to the local television broadcast for Monday's game against the Maple Leafs, the regional sports network that carries the team's games will have a new name.

The Bally Sports networks will be rebranded as FanDuel Sports Network, a change that is important to the RSN conglomerate's parent company, Diamond Sports, as it navigates Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings that began nearly 19 months ago.

Instead of Bally Sports Sun, the TV home of Lightning hockey will be known as FanDuel Sports Network Sun.

Here's what you need to know.

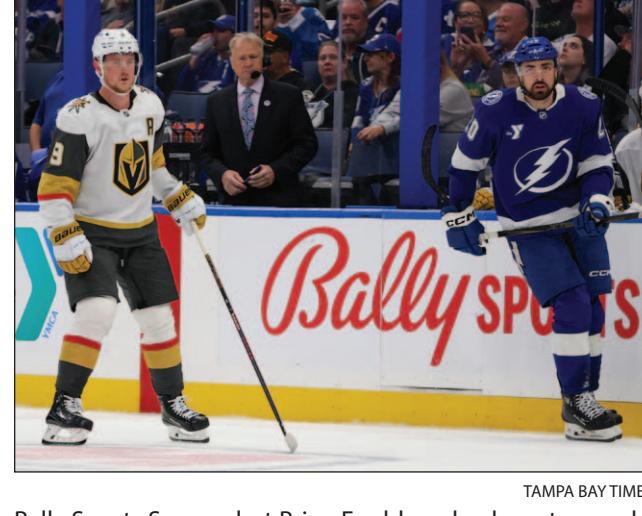
HOW WILL THE BROADCAST CHANGE?

Other than the FanDuel logo replacing the Bally logo, not much initially.

The production of the broadcast will remain the same, and the TV crew of play-by-play man Dave Randolph, color analyst Brian Engblom and rinkside reporter Gabby Shirley will stay the same. Paul Kennedy will continue to host the pregame, intermission and postgame reports, along with an analyst crew that includes Dave Andreychuk, Adam Hall and Braydon Coburn.

Fans will find the newly named network at the same channel on their cable/streaming listings, and there will continue to be two in-state FanDuel networks. Bally Sports Florida will become FanDuel Sports Network Florida.

On Monday, the Bally Sports app will transition to the FanDuel Sports Network app. Users who have automatic updates will see the change automatically. Those who don't will be prompted to update the app. Login credentials will remain the



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Bally Sports Sun analyst Brian Engblom, back center, works from between the benches during Thursday's game against the Golden Knights.

same, and subscriptions purchased through Bally Sports will remain active.

The rebranding won't mean the networks will be more readily available on cable and/or streaming providers.

WILL THERE BE OTHER CHANGES?

Bally and the Lightning have been readying for the change for weeks, if not months, so all parties have been prepared. On Tuesday, Diamond Sports filed an emergency motion in federal bankruptcy court seeking approval of the agreement with FanDuel, and on Friday a judge granted it. The timing — early in the NHL season and before the NBA season begins — comes at a good time.

Materially, nothing will change at first with respect to the networks' other programming. More content from FanDuel TV, which produces a popular NFL interview show called "Up and Adams" hosted by Kay Adams as well as a stable of horse racing programming, could be integrated over time, but it would not interfere with game broadcasts.

The rebranding does nothing to impact any future with the Rays. Diamond halted its contract with the team after jousting with Major League Baseball over coverage plans, so

the team will have to either renegotiate with Diamond to stay on for lower rights fees or arrange for coverage elsewhere.

WHY FANDUEL?

FanDuel is the largest sportsbook in the United States, and having such a lucrative financial backer will help provide faith to Diamond's debtors that it can emerge from bankruptcy and be sustainable long term. Though financial details were not disclosed, the deal provides a huge source of committed revenue to Diamond.

Working with FanDuel, which had existing partnerships with MLB, NBA and the NHL, also brings brand recognition. The partnership is a huge get in Diamond's go-forward business model as it hopes to have a reorganization plan completed and approved by next month.

To be clear, FanDuel did not purchase Diamond's RSNs. The agreement is a partnership between the two that includes naming rights. According to court documents, FanDuel will have the ability to purchase up to 10% of Diamond's equity if the deal leads to financial success. FanDuel will be granted access to sell subscriptions to Diamond's streaming services, which gives the company an interest in its future.

Picturing/from A14

miss out on the playoff picture.

Currently, the eighth-seeded team is Alonso, a 4-2 team with a strength of schedule nowhere close to that of Venice's.

However, all of this regional ranking nonsense can be avoided rather easily. If Venice defeats Riverview and Sarasota — its two remaining district opponents — it will win its district and qualify for the playoffs with an automatic berth.

As far as regional seeding is concerned, this week's game against Clearwater Central Catholic is monumental. If the Indians defeat the Marauders and win its two district games, it would retain its No. 1 seed in the region and host games throughout the regional playoffs.

Port Charlotte (4-2)

Overall ranking: 74th in FL

Class ranking: 11th in 4A

Region ranking: 3rd in 4A-Region 3

As it stands now, it would be easy to assume that Port Charlotte is a virtual lock to make it to the Region 4A-3 playoffs.

However, the path ahead is treacherous.

Port Charlotte could remove any reliance on regional rankings by winning its district, but that won't be easy, with district games left against Dunbar (No. 43 in FL) and Naples (No. 46 in FL) — the two top-seeded teams in the region.

Winning the district would not only give the Pirates an automatic berth for the regional playoffs, but could also catapult them to the region's No. 1 seed.

If the Pirates do not win their district, they would have to finish as a top-eight team in Region 4A-3. Since they are currently

sitting as the No. 3 seed, that means they would have to fall six spots to not make it.

Currently, the No. 8 team in the region is Osceola — a 4-2 team with a low strength of schedule. The No. 9 team is South Fort Myers, a district opponent that Port Charlotte hammered, 56-3, earlier this season.

If the Pirates can win at least two of their remaining four games (Dunbar, Naples, Zephyrhills and Charlotte), there's a good chance they will be playing past the regular season.

Of any Sun Preps team, the Pirates have the most to gain (or lose) over the season's final stretch.

Charlotte (4-2)

Overall ranking: 107th in FL

Class ranking: 18th in 5A

Region ranking: 6th in Region 5A-3

The Tarpons made their path to a district championship almost impossible with a loss to Cape Coral, but that doesn't mean they can't make it to the regional playoffs.

If the season ended today, Charlotte would be a playoff team. However, that current playoff positioning is precarious.

Charlotte currently sits at No. 6 in its region and is just slightly ahead of No. 7 Pinellas Park (No. 112 in FL) and No. 8 Immokalee (No. 121 in FL) with some cushion ahead of the No. 9 team in the region, East Lee County (No. 159 in FL).

That means a strong finish is essential — especially if Charlotte wants to avoid facing a No. 1 or No. 2 seed in the opening round of the playoffs.

Charlotte's next two games — Mariner (2-4) and Ida Baker (0-6) — aren't automatic wins,

but are winnable.

Then, the most important games of the season against North Fort Myers (5-1) and Port Charlotte (4-2) await.

Winning those games — or at least one of them — would not only give Charlotte a strong chance to make the playoffs, but would also give it a much more manageable opening matchup.

Babcock (2-6)

Overall: 25th in FL (8-man football)

The Trailblazers will make the Sunshine State Athletic Conference playoffs no matter what happens, but they can improve their seeding before that arrives.

Babcock has one game remaining on Oct. 25 against Geneva Classical Academy (6-2), giving it a chance to finish its first-ever regular season with three wins.

SO YOU'RE SAYING THERE'S A CHANCE**Lemon Bay (1-4)**

Overall ranking: 347th in FL

Class ranking: 46th in 3A

Region ranking: 14th in Region 3A-4

Sitting at 14th of 16 teams in its region, Lemon Bay would have to jump ahead of six teams in its region to make the postseason if it doesn't win the district.

The Mantas' loss to Island Coast was devastating for its district hopes, but there is still an outside shot they could win the district.

Lemon Bay would have to win its remaining district games — against Estero and Cypress Lake — and have Cypress Lake defeat Island Coast to have a chance at winning the district via a rankings tiebreaker.

If that doesn't happen, the Mantas would still need to win out.

ASSOCIATED PRESS
Virginia quarterback Anthony Colandrea (10) defends the ball from Louisville defensive back M.J. Griffin during a game on Oct. 12.**Tap/**from A14

7:45: Billy Napier's figurative seat fires up again if the Gators (3-3, 1-2 SEC) lose at home to Kentucky (SEC Network). A third consecutive loss to the 'Cats (3-3, 1-3), and Napier may not survive the ensuing bye week.

THE RETURN OF JALEN KITNA

The state's most controversial story line will surface in Tampa, where UAB quarterback Jalen Kitna returns to Florida — as a possible starter against USF — for the first time since exiting Gainesville in disgrace two years ago.

A former Gators backup, Kitna was dismissed from UF following his arrest on five felony child pornography charges in the fall of 2022. He was admitted to UAB late last year after serving six months' probation as part of a plea deal that included dismissal of the five charges.

He has started UAB's last two games, both lopsided defeats. His status for Saturday likely depends on the health of opening-day starter Jacob Zeno (shoulder).

"Initial headlines can be hard to get past, even if they don't hold up to the scrutiny of the legal process over time," Blazers coach Trent Dilfer said in a statement to ESPN in December.

"UAB and the Department of Athletics have performed extensive due diligence, and I have personally looked at the facts of this case and the thorough investigation, and I've had candid conversations with Jalen and his parents. I firmly believe Jalen learned valuable lessons and will carry himself well and show great character as a member of our community. Otherwise, he would not be at UAB."

LOCAL OF THE WEEK**Anthony Colandrea, Virginia**

Arguably one of the nation's most improved quarterbacks, this Lakewood High alumnus totaled 363 yards

with a passing touchdown and no turnovers in Virginia's 24-20 loss to Louisville last week. On Saturday, Colandrea leads his resurgent team (4-2, 2-1 AAC) into an emotional cauldron; Cavaliers coach and Clemson alumnus Tony Elliott makes his first return to his alma mater since stepping down as Tigers co-offensive coordinator after the 2021 season. If Virginia can ride emotion and its quarterba (64.4% completion rate, nine TDs, four INTs) to an upset, it would be — by far — the biggest win of the Elliott era and move the Cavaliers to within a victory of bowl eligibility.

LET'S PLAY TWO?

How's this for a surreal scenario: College football could be treated to two Army-Navy games this year, on consecutive weekends. If the two unbeaten academies, ranked in the same week for the first time since 1960, finish atop the American Athletic Conference standings, they would play in the conference title game (site TBD) on Dec. 6, then meet again in the traditional Army-Navy game the following week in Landover, Maryland. Army joined the AAC earlier this year (Navy joined as a football-only member in 2015), making such a twin bill plausible.

BY THE NUMBERS

7: Years since Miami began a season 7-0. The sixth-ranked Hurricanes can reach that mark with a win today at Louisville.

10: Consecutive wins for Army (dating to last season), the nation's longest current win streak

57: Consecutive AP polls in which Georgia has been ranked in the top 10. That streak will be challenged Saturday, when the No. 5 Dawgs visit top-ranked Texas.

67.8: Alabama quarterback Jalen Milroe's completion rate (116 of 171) in seven games against top-25 teams over the last two seasons. The Tide play at No. 11 Tennessee on Saturday

SUN PHOTO BY CHRIS BLAKE
Port Charlotte's Logan Flaherty runs for a touchdown against Venice during a game last month. Both Port Charlotte and Venice seem to be region playoff locks with seeding being their only concern.

Currently, the No. 8 seed in the region, Stranahan (No. 290 in FL), is within reach, but there's no guarantee that a 3-0 finish would leapfrog Lemon Bay into playoff positioning.

DeSoto County (1-5)

Overall ranking: 452nd in FL

Class ranking: 63rd in 3A

Region ranking: 14th in Region 3A-3

DeSoto County is more than 100 overall spots behind the No. 8 seed in its region, Tampa Robinson (No. 340 in FL), which means its path to the playoffs will likely have to come via a district title.

That's not out of the question, as the Bulldogs have yet to play a district game.

With only two other teams in its district, wins over Mulberry and Hardee would give DeSoto County the district championship.

That won't be easy, especially considering that Mulberry (6-0,

No. 100 in FL) is the No. 1 seed in the region, but the Bulldogs can't be counted out.

BOWLING**North Port (4-3)**

Overall: 339th in FL (per MaxPreps)

The Bobcats are ineligible for the FHSAA playoffs because they have played an independent schedule this season.

However, a second straight winning season (and a second straight bowl game) isn't off the table, and that's something worth fighting for.

North Port would need to win at least two of its remaining three games — against Hardee, Mulberry and Lemon Bay — to avoid a losing season and reach the six-win threshold for a bowl game.

Though Mulberry will be a challenge, Hardee (2-4, No. 371 in FL) and Lemon Bay are teams that North Port will have a good chance to defeat.

From high school to hurricane shelter



SUN PHOTO BY DANIEL FINTON

Residents taking refuge were placed in building 5 classrooms, according to North Port High School staff.



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Classrooms are cleared and opened up for those needing shelter.

North Port facility used for residents hunkering down

DANIEL FINTON
Staff Writer

Editor's Note: Venice High School cannot be used as a hurricane shelter because it is on the actual island of Venice. But neighboring North Port High School can.

This story is from the *Venice Gondolier* sister paper, *The Daily Sun*, about how the high school transforms itself into a shelter, sometimes in less than a day. This story was written after Hurricane Helene hit.

A short time later, the school would open again for Hurricane Ian.



SUN PHOTO BY FRANK DIFIORE

Park employee Mark Ainscoe takes down the flag at Harold Avenue Regional Park for preservation ahead of Hurricane Helene; he previously rode out Hurricane Ian while working at the same building in 2022.



SUN PHOTO BY DANIEL FINTON

North Port High School was a storm shelter for Hurricane Helene.



SUN PHOTO BY FRANK DIFIORE

Harold Avenue Regional Park served as one of two shelters for Port Charlotte-area residents to weather Hurricane Helene's fringes.



SUN PHOTO BY FRANK DIFIORE

County staff set up cots at the Harold Avenue Regional Park building to help facilitate the temporary shelter there during Hurricane Helene.

NORTH PORT — Turning a school into a storm shelter is a team effort.

North Port High School Principal Shannon Fusco said she and other team members will work day and night to prepare and staff one of the largest storm shelters in the region for Hurricane Helene, which is expected to bring strong winds and rain as it moves through the Gulf of Mexico off Florida's west coast Wednesday night and Thursday.

NPHS welcomes people from all over the region due to its immense size. Most come from North Port or Charlotte County.

NOT NPHS' FIRST STORM

"Unfortunately, this is not our first time," Fusco said on Wednesday afternoon.

But because of that experience with storms, staff at NPHS know what they are doing.

In fact, setting up the shelter does not take as long as you would think, according to Fusco — even though school was just in session Tuesday afternoon, the day before setup.

She said North Port team members came in at 7 a.m. to get to work. County team members came in later to assist. By 11 a.m. on Wednesday, I's were being dotted and T's crossed. The stage, or shelter was set.

They opened their doors to those in need at noon.

In the past, Fusco said, the school has welcomed thousands of people and pets. Larger storms, of course, means more people.

The hopes for Helene are that many will not have to utilize the assistance of NPHS or other shelters.

But if need be, the facilities are there.

NPHS, for one, accommodates around 2,600 students, according to Fusco, so a high volume of people can be handled by the school.

Fusco told *The Daily Sun* about NPHS' system to keep everything in order.

When a storm is smaller, they try to keep things in one building, consolidating people into a smaller area so there is less to clean after the fact.



SUN PHOTO BY DANIEL FINTON

Roy Maldonado is the first to arrive at the North Port High School shelter.

Longer cleanups can cause delays to the school going back in session.

But to give people their own space, assigned spots are staggered — one party or person goes to one classroom, then the next person will be sent to another in the same building. That gives people as much personal space they can have, while still keeping people in as few areas as possible.

NPHS first opened Building 5 and the classrooms in it. That building is close to the gymnasium.

If building 5 fills, they will then make efforts to keep people on the same side of campus, in efforts to consolidate.

The gym and the Performing Arts Center on campus are actually not used as shelter space anymore, according to Fusco.

So instead, people are sent to the sturdier classrooms. In them, they will be next to desks and chairs stacked up against a wall to preserve floor space for people to sprawl.

People are required to bring their own supplies. But Fusco said NPHS helps



FILE PHOTO

More than 500 cyclists signed up for the 2023 Tour de North Port. The event is an annual fundraiser for People for Trees.

13th annual Tour de North Port set for Oct. 20

STAFF REPORT

NORTH PORT — The 13th annual Tour de North Port is set for Oct. 20.

Mayor Alice White released the following information through a press release.

The event is a bicycling tour of North Port's nature, including Florida pine flat woods, and the parks that border the Myakkahatchee Creek.

The Tour de North Port is not a race, but instead a "scenic, on-road bicycle ride." Options for riders include rides of 15, 35, or 65 miles.

Breakfast, catered lunch, and desserts including homemade pies will also be offered.

"Fully-stocked rest stops" with homemade snacks will be featured as well.

Full mobile support and gear will be

The 13th Annual Tour de North Port

Doors will open at 7 a.m. for breakfast and check-in. Group starts will begin at 8 a.m., at Imagine School, 2757 Sycamore St., North Port. For additional information or to register, visit peoplefortrees.com.

provided by Louie's Bicycles in North Port, and Real Bikes of Venice. On-site assistance will be provided by Bicycles International of Venice.

Doors will open at 7 a.m. for breakfast and check-in.

Registration is \$60 until Oct. 18; and \$65 at the door. Early registrations close Oct. 18 at midnight and group discounts are available.

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Imagine School, 2757 Sycamore St.

Riders can pick up their registration packet, T-shirt and check-in, from 10 a.m. to noon Oct. 19 at the City Center Green, during the North Port Fall Festival. At

which point, in-person registrations will

also be accepted, costing \$65.

Last year, more than 500 cyclists signed up.

The fundraiser sponsored by People for Trees, a non-profit native tree advocacy group since 1997.

Shelter/ from B1

where it can.

"We will make every effort," she said.

All Faiths Food Bank chipped in at NPHS and various shelters in Sarasota County, bringing food for people taking refuge, including ready-to-eat meals, or MREs.

Other than that, though, people more or less have to fend for themselves.

One of those people doing so was Roy Maldonado.

'WE'VE HAD ENOUGH'

Maldonado had his belongings in two trash bags. He carried them to Building 5.

One of them had a pillow of his. He was the first to arrive around 1 p.m., and is the only member of his family who took refuge at a shelter.

That's because the rest of his family



SUN PHOTO BY FRANK DIFIORE

Charlotte County deputies were on hand to provide security at Kingsway Elementary School, both after school and after the temporary storm shelter opened

actually left the state, escaping to New Hampshire.

"After what we went through with Ian, I don't want to do it again," he said.

But he stayed in town to keep an eye on the house from a couple miles away as opposed to more than 1,000. An app on his phone lets him. If something of

concern comes up, he can go and address it.

But in the meantime, he will be safely tucked away in Building 5.

As Ian raged on outside of their home, located in an area off Sumter Boulevard, Maldonado and his family hid in a walk-in closet for 10 hours straight.

A hole in their ceiling allowed them to see the wrath of Ian above them.

Maldonado said he has post-traumatic stress disorder and anxiety. They are worsened from the storms.

He said he and his family are done with storms and are going to put their house on the market when Helene is over with.

"We've just had enough," he said.

LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE

Meanwhile in Charlotte County, two shelters were opened in the Port Charlotte area as residents awaited tropical force

winds and possible storm surge.

One was located at Kingsway Elementary School on Quasar Boulevard, where students were dismissed at noon.

Staff began unloading supplies less than a half-hour after students were gone.

The other shelter is at the Harold Avenue Recreation Center, with the building being transitioned to a temporary living space for county staff and shelter residents.

Mark Ainscoe, a park employee, made certain to take down the building's U.S. flag and store it ahead of the storm.

He said he felt prepared for what was coming, especially after seeing tiles fly off the roof of the building during Hurricane Ian two years ago.

"Pretty scary," he said.

Both shelters began taking in county residents around 1 p.m. Wednesday.

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Pain come in many shapes and sizes. One of the most debilitating being the burning and tingling that comes with peripheral neuropathy. A disease that comes with years of shooting, stabbing pain that gradually ends in numbness, balance problems, and on occasion, amputations. A disease that was once classified as irreparable.

David R. of Venice, FL was facing such a fate.

"I stopped golfing. I wasn't taking walks on the beach with my wife."

I was living on gabapentin and antidepressants and everywhere I went; my doctor, the specialists, the pain institute, told me there was no cure. How are you supposed to live your life knowing that everyday brings pain and suffering?

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making it almost impossible for those diagnosed to even wear shoes, much less enjoy life.

"It was like walking on sharp river rocks. I barely left my recliner," shares David, whose experience is not uncommon for those diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy.

That is until he found Lauren Milligan of Sage Point Acupuncture & Integrative Medicine. Dr. Milligan and her staff have pioneered a cutting edge, medical solution to treat neuropathy, eliminate or greatly reduce its symptoms and give people their lives back. And they're doing it without the use of prescription medications and invasive surgeries.

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Three months later David is thrilled with his progress,

"I can walk barefoot on the beach again!"

Success stories like David's are not atypical for the staff at Sage Point AIM. "We have a 87% success rate in treating neuropathy," shares Dr. Milligan.

The number of treatments needed to allow the nerves to fully recover will vary from person to person and can only be determined after a detailed neurological and vascular evaluation. So long as you have not sustained more than 90% nerve damage Sage Point AIM offers hope where there once was none.

While David's peripheral neuropathy was idiopathic, meaning the cause is unknown, Dr. Milligan's treatments can also help people whose neuropathy is caused by diabetes or chemotherapy.

"We have seen tremendous success in treating neuropathy of all types through very personalized treatments, specifically tailored to treat each individual case."

To schedule a consultation and complete evaluation, call **(941) 451 - 8154** but do so quickly because Sage Point AIM is taking a limited number of new neuropathy patients. For more information and to take advantage of their new patient offer visit SagePointAcu.com.

Andrew Lipke leads the audience through a musical séance

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Special to Go!

FORT MYERS — Philadelphia-based multi-instrumentalist, vocalist, composer, arranger, producer, conductor, storyteller and educator Andrew Lipke opens audiences' ears to new ways of listening.

This multitalented medium now promises to materialize the spirits of rock stars who sparkled, then faded into the afterlife.

Lipke will lead the Southwest Florida Symphony in "Rock Star Séance" on Oct. 24.

Many rock stars' lives were cut tragically short, but what better time to bring them back than the week before Halloween, in a nonstop 90-minute multimedia musical séance.

"Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Amy Winehouse, Jim Morrison, Kurt Cobain. All these artists are connected to music I loved as a kid," said Lipke.

Not just a séance, the concert also has all the cobwebby trappings of Halloween, making it the perfect October event for Southwest Florida Symphony.

"What I love about Halloween is the embracing of extremes, people doing things they wouldn't normally do, like having a 30-foot skeleton in their yard!" Lipke said.

"And I'm drawn to the dark and dangerous energy of scary music."

So, intermingled with a musical séance where you never know whose spirit will materialize, Lipke will conjure up dark classical and cinematic themes including Mussorgsky's "A Night on Bald Mountain" and the theme from "Psycho."

Vocalist/guitarists Naeemah



PHOTO PROVIDED

Celebrate Halloween at a special concert led by Andrew Lipke, where he and "spirit host" vocalists will channel legendary rock stars.

Maddox and Malia Civetz will embody the dead, encouraging their spirits to return that night. And Lipke himself might find himself possessed now and then.

Guests are encouraged to dress up as their favorite departed rock stars.

"It's not a costume contest per se," Lipke said. "But I'll definitely recognize those who put in an extra effort to get in that Halloween spirit."

'Rock Star Séance' with Andrew Lipke

7:30 p.m. Oct. 24 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, 13350 FSW Parkway, Fort Myers. For tickets or additional information about the Southwest Florida Symphony and upcoming season performances, visit swflso.org or call 239-418-1500.

Van Wezel cancels shows through December due to damage from Hurricane Milton

STAFF REPORT

SARASOTA — The Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall sustained significant water intrusion, with some areas experiencing up to 4-feet of storm surge, as a result of Hurricane Milton, a news release stated.

The orchestra pit, kitchen, dressing rooms and production offices had flooding. The electrical wiring was also impacted by water intrusion and the roof sustained damage. The docks, sidewalks and surrounding areas have also been impacted, the release states.

Performances through December have been canceled, and they anticipate reopening Jan. 1.

Ticket buyers with tickets to shows October-December will be refunded to the original point of purchase.

"I'm heartbroken to see the damage sustained to our beautiful Van Wezel," Executive

Updates

Future updates on shows and productions can be found on the Van Wezel's website and social media accounts:

www.VanWezel.org

www.facebook.com/VANWEZELPAH

twitter.com/VanwezelPAH

www.instagram.com/vanwezelphah

Director Mary Bensel stated in the news release. "We had such a wonderful season planned and we were so excited to welcome everyone to these fabulous productions. We are already working to remove the water and repair the building. We will come back stronger, and we look forward to the day we can welcome you back to the hall."

Tickets for 2025 shows are available at VanWezel.org.



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COMMENTARY

Worrying about Nov. 5? Give your anxiety to God

Is your world going to come to an end on Nov. 5?

Anxiety is something that affects millions of people around the country and can manifest in various ways, such as feelings of worry, fear and unease.

It can be debilitating and overwhelming, making it difficult to live a peaceful and fulfilling life. But as Christians, we have the promise of God's peace and comfort to help us overcome our anxieties.

In the Bible, Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:25-34, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the



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body more than clothes?

"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable

than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father

knows that you need them.

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

When we are consumed with anxiety, it can be easy to forget that God is in control of all things. He can use both good leaders and bad leaders for His purposes. We need to trust in His plan and His timing, knowing that He will provide for us and take care of our needs.

It is important to turn to God in prayer when we are feeling anxious, asking Him for peace and strength to overcome our fears.

As it says in Philippians 4:6-7, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Have you lifted your anxiety to God so that no matter what the election outcome, He is still in control, still on the throne, and will forever reign?

In addition to prayer, we can surround ourselves with a support system of like-minded believers and friends who can provide encouragement and understanding. This is especially true

in a church congregation, where people can stand on their faith together.

Remember that God is our refuge and strength, our very present help in times of trouble (Psalm 46:1). He will never leave us nor forsake us, and He is always there to comfort us and guide us through our struggles.

Let us lean on Him in times of anxiety, knowing that His love and grace are more than sufficient to carry us through.

May we find peace and rest in the arms of our loving and faithful God.

Bob Haley is executive pastor of Christ Venice Church.

Study finds travel can reduce impacts of premature aging

It can give you a boost mentally and physically

MIA TAYLOR
TravelPulse (TNS)

While travel junkies probably don't need another reason to justify their wanderlust, it seems there's new research out showing that being a globetrotter can be a great way to prevent premature aging.

A study published by Science Daily shows that leisurely travel activities can help alleviate chronic stress, reduce overactivation of the immune system and even promote the healthy functioning of the body's self-defense system.

"Forget about retinol night creams, researchers from Edith Cowan University believe travel could be the best way to defy premature aging," says the publication.

Science Daily goes on to point out that for the first time "an interdisciplinary study has applied the theory of entropy to tourism, finding that travel could have positive health benefits, including slowing down the signs of aging."

What took them so long to confirm what we all know?

For those not familiar with the term entropy, it is classified as the general trend of the universe towards death and disorder, says Science Daily.

And it seems that the entropy research suggests tourism could trigger entropy changes, including positive travel experiences mitigating entropy and enhancing health.

Conversely, negative experiences may contribute to entropy increase and compromise health, per the study.

"Aging, as a process, is irreversible. While it can't be stopped, it can be slowed down," says Edith Cowan University PhD candidate and study leader Fangli Hu.

Hu also pointed out that positive travel experiences can potentially enhance one's physical and mental wellness through exposure to novel environments, engagement in physical activities and social interaction. And as an added bonus, travel can foster positive emotions.

"Tourism isn't just about leisure and recreation. It could also contribute to people's physical and mental health," Hu added.

Travel as anti-aging therapy

Let's take a deeper dive into the good news from the study.

It seems travel therapy can actually serve as a "groundbreaking health intervention when viewed through an entropy lens" says Hu.

"As an important aspect of the environment, positive travel experiences may

help the body sustain a low-entropy state by modulating its four major systems," she says.

That's because tourism typically exposes globetrotters to new surroundings and if all goes well, also to relaxing activities.

These settings, it seems, can stimulate stress responses and elevate metabolic rates, positively influencing metabolic activities and the body's self-organizing capabilities. These things may also trigger an adaptive immune system response.

All of this "improves the body's ability to perceive and defend itself against external threats," explained Hu.

"Put simply, the self-defense system becomes more resilient. Hormones conducive to tissue repair and regeneration may be released and promote the self-healing system's functioning" says Hu.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Some of the healthiest forms of travel include physical activities such as hiking, climbing, walking and cycling.

This physical exertion can boost metabolism, energy expenditure, and material transformation — and all of this is good for you.

Participating in these activities could enhance the body's immune function and self-defense capabilities, bolstering its hardness to external risks," Hu continued. "Physical exercise may also improve blood circulation, expedite nutrient transport, and aid waste elimination to collectively maintain an active self-healing system."

Moderate exercise is also beneficial to the bones, muscles, and joints, in addition to supporting the body's anti-wear-and-tear system.

Of course, it's not all rainbows, butterflies and anti-aging when one travels. We've all had a travel setback or two. And in those cases, your body may not be getting the full anti-aging benefits revealed by Hu's study.

The research has pointed out that tourists could face challenges such as infectious diseases, accidents, injuries, violence, water and food safety issues and concerns related to inappropriate tourism engagement.

Conversely, tourism can involve negative experiences that potentially lead to health problems, paralleling the process of promoting entropy increase," said Hu. "A prominent example is the public health crisis of COVID-19."

But on balance it seems, there's even more reasons to travel the world when you can.

COMMENTARY

Do you have an attitude like this man's?

Michael is the kind of guy you love to hate. He is always in a good mood and always has something positive to say.

When someone would ask him how he was doing, he would reply, "If I were any better, I would be twins!" He was a natural motivator.

If an employee was having a bad day, Michael was there telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation.

Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up to Michael and asked him, "I don't get it! You can't be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?" Michael replied.

"Each morning I wake up and say to myself, you have two choices today. You can choose to be in a good mood or ... you can choose to be in a bad mood.

"I choose to be in a good mood. Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or ... I can choose to learn from it. I choose to learn from it.

"Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or ... I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life.

"Life is all about choices. When you cut

away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people affect your mood.

You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. The bottom line: It's your choice how you live your life."

Several years later, Michael was involved in a serious accident, falling some 60 feet from a communications tower. After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, Michael was released from the hospital with rods placed in his back.

Six months after the accident, when asked how he was, he replied, "If I were any better, I'd be twins!" When asked what had gone through his mind as the accident took place, he said,

"The first thing that went through my mind was the well-being of my soon-to-be-born daughter," Michael replied.

"Then, as I lay on the ground, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live or I could choose to die. I chose to live.

"The paramedics were great. They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But

when they wheeled me into the ER and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read "he's a dead man."

"I knew I needed to take action. Well, there was a big burly nurse shouting questions at me. She asked if I was allergic to anything. Yes, I replied. The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply.

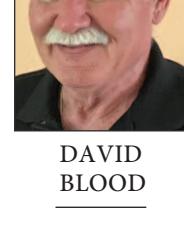
I took a deep breath and yelled, 'Gravity.' Over their laughter, I told them, 'I am choosing to live. Operate on me as if I am alive, not dead.'

Michael lived, thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude. Everyday, we have the choice to live fully. Attitude, after all, is everything.

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." — Matthew 6:34.

After all, today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday. Are you like Michael?

The Rev. David Blood is with One Christ Won City.



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Central Florida Explorer Patrick Connolly stands with his girlfriend Karissa in front of Exit Glacier within Kenai Fjords National Park in Alaska on July 13.

Postcards from Alaska

Escape the sweltering summer heat for the last frontier

PATRICK CONNOLLY
Orlando Sentinel (TNS)

Greetings from Alaska! There's nothing quite like escaping the sweltering dog days of summer in the Lower 48 to experience the land of the midnight sun and temperatures that helped me regain my chill.

It was just by luck that my girlfriend, Karissa, invited me on this epic expedition several months ago, prompting my immediate and enthusiastic "Yes!" Our adventure-filled itinerary included breathtaking views on hikes in Denali National Park, a soothing dip in natural hot springs and an icy trek on the Matanuska Glacier.

Two other friends joined for the excursion, which featured a rental camper van for driving and sleeping.

The trip of a lifetime began in Anchorage, where we caught Alaska Railroad's Coastal Classic Train to Seward on a route ranked among the top 10 train rides in North America by National Geographic.

On the way to the quaint waterfront town that's bordered by Resurrection Bay and Kenai Fjords National Park, we gazed in awe at mountains towering over the train, cascading waterfalls and glaciers off in the distance.

During our time in the small town of less than 3,000, we embarked on a sea kayaking trip to see otters and bald eagles in their natural habitat and spent an afternoon hiking the Harding Icefield Trail, which overlooks Exit Glacier.

Flatlanders be warned: Hiking up hundreds or thousands of feet of elevation gain during a hike proves challenging when all you have to train with are flights of stairs in parking garages.

After soaking in the waterfront views from Seward and a picturesque return trip on the train, it was time to pick up a rental 2023 Mercedes-Benz Sprinter van. The van was decked out with a queen bed, a sink (with a hot water heater!) and plenty of storage.

The adventure van included an awning, solar power and all-terrain tires for wherever our travels took us.

We dashed off to Denali National Park, which had just reopened after the Riley fire near the park's entrance. During our two-night stay there, we were able to behold only a mere fraction of the massive 6.1-million-acre expanse, which serves as home to North America's highest peak.

On several hikes, we stood amazed at sweeping views of mountains and valleys in front of us, also enjoying some lower elevation hikes through scenic forests, along lakeshores and next to rushing creeks.

The fresh mountain air proved to be just what the doctor ordered, and it felt like everything was much bigger and open in Alaska.

Our aching legs needed a reprieve after a few hard hikes, so our next stop was Chena Hot Springs, a refreshing oasis an hour outside of Fairbanks.

While the property is a



Chena Hot Springs is a natural oasis where visitors can take a dip about an hour outside of Fairbanks, Alaska, on July 17. First discovered in the early 1900s, the spring has a source temperature of more than 150 degrees but is cooled to just over 100 degrees for visitors.



A MICA Guides tour shows the unique icy landscape of the 27-mile-long Matanuska Glacier in Alaska on July 20, 2024. Deep holes, flowing glacial streams, ice canyons and blue pools of water define this cold and beautiful landscape.

destination for seeing the northern lights during the winter months, we enjoyed a "fire and ice" sort of experience with a soak in the more than 100-degree water and a visit to the on-site Aurora Ice Museum, an indoor building filled with ice sculptures where guests can sip apple juice served in carved-ice martini glasses.

Every stop on our journey benefited from long days when the sun didn't set until almost midnight, allowing us to fit many activities into a single day.

After a unique dining experience at the Alaska Salmon Bake in Fairbanks and a quick stop at North Pole, Alaska — where we snapped photos with a towering Santa statue — it was time to head south on the Richardson Highway.

Running for several hundred miles through Alaska's interior, the scenic drive is where we camped for a night and hiked to the Castner Glacier ice cave. Along the way, we spotted a mama and baby moose in a pond right next to the road, just a few dozen feet away.

The end of our grand Alaskan adventure featured one of the trip's biggest highlights: a full-day excursion onto the Matanuska Glacier, which is 27 miles long and 4 miles wide.

Led by guides Samantha and Julian, our group of four learned how to use crampons for the first time for traction on ice, then used harnesses and ropes to scale

ice walls and repel down frozen canyons.

The landscape felt surreal and was certainly a welcome way to enjoy some crisp temperatures far away from the heat at home in Florida.

Determined to squeeze as much as we could into the final portion of our trip, we sprinted in the van down to the Homer Spit, a narrow finger of land that extends for 4.5 miles into Kachemak Bay.

There, we watched a full moonrise after the sun finally set around 11 p.m., then woke the next day to find our first hot shower in days at a nearby campground before feasting on fresh salmon and halibut for lunch.

Before hitting the road to catch flights home in Anchorage, we visited the famous Salty Dawg Saloon, established in 1957 and housed in a cabin built in 1897.

The building formerly served as the town's post office, a railroad station, a grocery store and a coal mining office for 20 years.

While the trip seemed to end too soon, I know we made many new memories in the 49th state and relished every second of our time there.

Whenever Florida's heat indexes soar into the triple digits, all I have to do is close my eyes and picture myself back on that glacier to find my chill once again.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Puzzles
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SOLUTION TO TODAY'S 7 LITTLE WORDS

Saturday's Answers: 1. APPAREL 2. WESTMINSTER 3. ENTRANCE 4. AUTOGYRO 5. SERGEI 6. NOIR 7. SEGWAY

SOLUTION TO TODAY'S JUMBLE

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SOLUTION TO TODAY'S CRYPTOQUIP

Saturday's Cryptoquip: WANTING TO BULK UP HIS MUSCLES MUCH MORE, THE WHITE ARCTIC BEAR STARTED TAKING POLAR-ROIDS.

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SOLUTION TO GOREN BRIDGE

Q 1 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
Q 4 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
▲ 8 7 7 ♠ K 9 8 6 5 ♦ 8 6 ♣ A 8 Right-hand opponent opens 1D. What call would you make?
A - Your goal with this hand is to interfere with their auction, not to buy the contract. Bid 2H, not 1H.
Q 2 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
▲ J 2 ♠ K 7 6 5 ♦ A J 8 ♣ K 9 7 Right-hand opponent opens 1H. What call would you make?
A - There is no attractive bid and you are not forced to act with 14 points. Pass.
Q 6 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
▲ 9 8 ♠ Q J 8 7 5 ♦ A K 6 ♣ A Q 10 Partner opens 1D and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?
A - This hand might be worth a bid, even vulnerable, but the spade suit isn't. Pass.
Q 3 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
▲ ♦ Void ♠ Q K 7 5 ♦ A 9 7 2 ♣ Q 10 8 6 5 Partner opens 1D and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?
A - Accept your partner's invitation and show your fifth heart at the same time. Bid 3H, which is forcing to 3NT or 4H.

Hiding in the library bookshelves

People are playing a weird, whimsical game

TODD MARTENS
Los Angeles Times (TNS)

LOS ANGELES — Imagine that your local public library is inhabited by an undiscovered race of tiny people. They've hidden themselves in the racks, tucked behind books and magazines, amidst history and fiction, new media and old.

If you're lucky, you might spy them — or at least their tiny homes, which are filled with minuscule beds, microscopic stools, itty-bitty flowers and furniture fashioned out of found objects such as board game pieces and one-use spice bottles.

And these little folks need help. You have been cast as a "Teeny Tiny Beings Residential Specialist," charged with finding the micro-humans new homes. It appears the librarians — giants, like us, at least to the microscopic persons — have been moving things around.

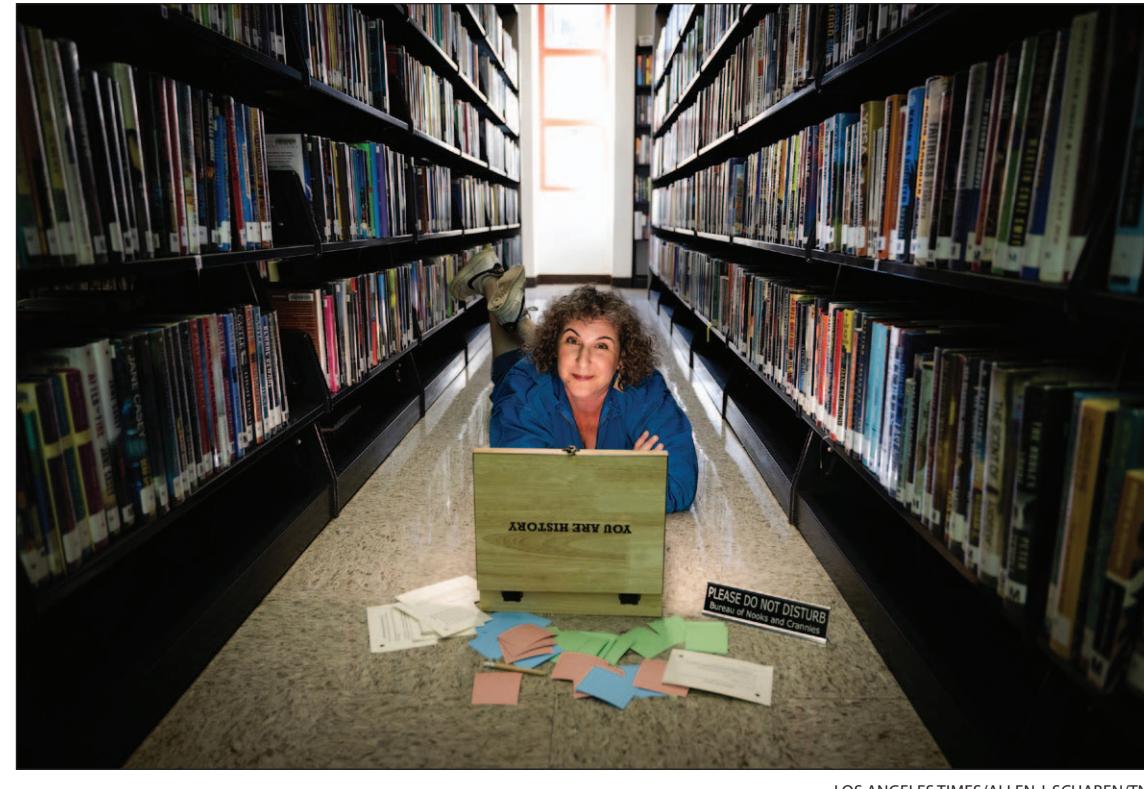
Welcome to the Bureau of Nooks and Crannies, a new exploration-focused, play-inspired experience found inside the Lincoln Heights branch of the Los Angeles Public Library system.

It is but one of many, as the Bureau of Nooks and Crannies soon will be found in libraries in Atwater Village, Baldwin Hills, Chatsworth, Pacoima and Vernon, each location home to a different game-like endeavor designed to get guests to view their local libraries — and the world outside of them — a little more imaginatively.

If in Lincoln Heights we're tasked with lending a hand to hidden, fictional mini-humans, in Atwater Village we're asked to fantasize that we're ghosts, friendly haunts who treat books as entryways for thoughtful, personal reflections.

As I moved through the Atwater branch pretending to be a spirit, I was instructed to shut my eyes and trace my fingers along a shelf. Then, I was to open a random book and let my fingers land on a page.

The beauty of Andy Crocker's installations is their open-ended nature, which comes from centering them around prompts rather than puzzles.



Puzzle designer Andy Crocker, a local game designer/theatrical director, with the immersive puzzle at the Atwater Village branch library in Los Angeles on Aug. 3.

Without looking at the cover, I found I settled on a passage about finding emotional balance. I wrote it down, knowing I would need it later.

All Bureau of Nooks and Crannies experiences spring from the mind of Andy Crocker, an L.A.-based artist who specializes in theatrical, experience-driven entertainment, having previously collaborated with the likes of Walt Disney Imagineering and Cedar Fair's theme parks. Guests check out a box filled with instructions and ephemera, such as magnifying glasses, and explore a fanciful tale.

While the boxes can't leave the library, the quests, geared for all

reading ages, can be completed in less than an hour. None are difficult; we're simply tasked with being creative.

Some ask us to find books and passages that can inspire us. Others lead us to hollowed-out encyclopedias, home to ghostly index cards full of contemplative prompts that compel us to compose a life's story in a few sentences.

That's where that passage I jotted down came in handy. To Crocker, each is an individual art piece, and each aims to place us into a meditative state.

"I love puzzles and I love games," Crocker says. "But this, in particular, I was really trying to design an experience as art. The world is very stressful."

The library makes me feel at peace and curious and in control of my time. I love that it's a public space where I can also have a private moment. We can be alone together. To me, that is sacred."

MOMENTS OF DELIGHT

They're games — mostly. But we're more like mischievous researchers rather than puzzle solvers, tasked to wander a library and hunt for camouflaged narratives, each one prodding us to pause, ponder and pretend.

Some branches tackle big-picture themes — looking decades into the future or grappling with lost loves. Moments will delight us, such as finding a not-so-hidden illuminated mail drop.

Others inspire introspection.

We may be prompted, for instance, to consider what makes a good home, or challenged to imagine how we may perish.

In Lincoln Heights, I suggested a residence be hidden behind a section on Eastern philosophy — dreaming the pocket-sized humans would find the history gratifying, and sensing the thick I Ching book could hide a fancy mini-pad.

In Atwater, my ghost in its mortal form had a melancholic ending, dying of a broken heart but finding solace in the wonder

of thousands of books.

I was out in the world and among company, but with a chill and inventive task, especially one with an invented history, I felt a calming sense of community. This is the power of play.

"It's guided meditation through play," Crocker says. "I can't meditate, but

I can find a sense of serenity and presence when I'm in a playful state. It's a guided meditation through imagination. I really believe that play is one of the most accessible entry points to presence, and I believe that presence is important to caring about the world."

The Bureau of Nooks and Crannies is part of a residency program the library established in partnership with the nonprofit Library Foundation of Los Angeles. Participants receive a \$20,000 honorarium.

Crocker's work is guaranteed to run at least through early December, although Todd Lerew, the foundation's director of special projects, says branches are free to leave the experiences up longer.

OTHER PROJECTS

Crocker also has created two audio installations, one dedicated to downtown's Central Library and another that works with all 72 branches. The

audio portion is a soothing, slow guided walk through the libraries, a meditation that asks us to look and touch rather than breathe deeply.

Her projects, says Lerew, are designed for guests to rediscover a "sense of wonder."

Completists will discover that Crocker's six installations are a connected world. The imagined Bureau is dedicated simply to items — or emotions or creatures — that hide in plain sight, be it a small unseen population, a ghost or a lost love.

The tiny folks of Lincoln Heights, for instance, send letters to the itty-bitty residences of the Pacoima branch. Crocker notes some during playtesting have gone deep when analyzing her hidden dioramas.

"It's very whimsical and sweet, but folks who have played it have asked if it's asking questions about gentrification or who is invisible in the world or how we use our privilege to help others," Crocker says. "Some people are just like, 'Whee! Tiny things!' Both are 100% acceptable."

The beauty of Crocker's installations is their open-ended nature, which comes from centering them around prompts rather than puzzles. Her inspiration was twofold.

"Some people are just like, 'Whee! Tiny things!'"

Andy Crocker, artist

One, watching her young daughter wander the library with wide eyes and wanting adults to remember that surprise. And two, as she was creating the experiences she was reading the work of author and professor Ruha Benjamin, specifically the recent "Imagination: A Manifesto."

"She talks about how if you can't imagine a better world, we're in big trouble," Crocker says. "Working your imagination muscles in a comforting, energizing way, I think, is important. One of the threads among all my work, whether it's for thousands of people at a time at a theme park, or one person at a time at a library, my goal is to offer imagination assistance."

Crocker's Bureau of Nooks and Crannies is a reminder that such aid is freely available. One needs only a library card.



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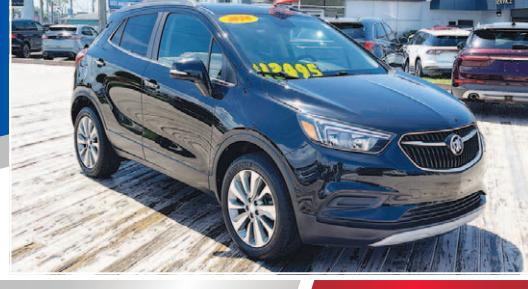
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Possessed with talent

Young Orlando actor is lighting up screens, scary and otherwise

MATTHEW J. PALM
Orlando Sentinel (TNS)

ORLANDO — In "The Deliverance," Anthony B. Jenkins is literally climbing the walls. To be fair, he's possessed by a demonic presence — or rather his character, Andre, is.

In reality, the 12-year-old Apopka actor has been far too busy for climbing the walls, in the colloquial sense.

In just the past few weeks he has been seen in Netflix's "The Deliverance," directed by Oscar nominee Lee Daniels of "The Butler" and "Precious" fame; the Peacock series "Fight Night," in which Kevin Hart plays his dad; and most recently "Never Let Go," which opened Sept. 20 in theaters. In that film, Halle Berry plays his mother.

Working with Berry was a thrill.

"When I found out, I was like, 'Wait! She's Storm in 'X-Men' ... and Catwoman,'" Jenkins enthuses. "It was kind of intimidating. But I played it calm, and let her be my mom."

Working with Berry is the kind of thing, though, that makes for good bragging material with friends. And who could blame him?

"Oh, I did do that," he cheerfully admits.

The son of Anthony C. and Hannah Jenkins, the young actor says his parents encouraged him to try performing as a way to burn off youthful energy.

"I was such an energetic kid," he says. "So my dad said, 'Let's get this kid acting.'"

His first role came at age 4, in a Huggies commercial. He politely waved to a woman who passed by him in the waiting room. When he went into the audition, it turned out she was the director. He booked the gig. See, kids, friendliness



KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES/TNS

Anthony B. Jenkins of Orlando attends the premiere of Netflix's "The Deliverance" at Netflix Tudum Theater on Aug. 28 in Los Angeles.

pays off — his career was under way.

And "it just kept going and going," he says.

Previous roles include characters on NBC's "Chicago Med," The CW's "Roswell, New Mexico," and Netflix's "Florida Man." He also guest starred on ABC's "The Wonder Years," HBO Max's "David Makes Man" and Nickelodeon's "Tyler Perry's Young Dylan."

"The Deliverance" was his first film role, made when he was 9. Released in August, the horror film tells of a family who is fighting its real demons of abuse and poverty when supernatural demons also get in on the action.

Jenkins still remembers the fun of filming his wall-walking scene, which involved being suspended in a harness.

"It was cool," he says, taking a moment to lament the safety precautions that kept the experience from being even more of a thrill: "They were playing it so safe with me."

He also remembers the kindness of Daniels and the actors he worked with, which included Andra Day, Mo'Nique and Glen Close.

"They all helped me become a better actor," he said.

He admits he wasn't a big fan of horror — "I don't like the really gory stuff," he says. "Maybe some jump scares." But that started to shift after working on "The Deliverance" and then "Never Let Go." In that film, he plays part of a family fighting to survive against an unspeakable worldwide evil.

"It's growing on me," he says of the horror genre.

Working with comedian-actor Hart on "Fight Night" wasn't as scary.

"On set he was acting like a real dad," Jenkins recalls. "He was very funny and comforting."

He spent about three months working on the show, which debuted a couple of weeks ago on Peacock and concludes Oct. 10.

"I never get bored," Jenkins says. "Going to set, meeting people, that's cool. When you wrap, that's when it gets really sad."

Jenkins' academic education is coming from Florida Virtual School. It has its own challenges — "especially fractions," he says, echoing many a young student.

When a reporter suggests learning about fractions could help him some day if he was cast as a math teacher in a movie, he's not buying it. "Oh, no," he says decisively.

He'd rather play football, soccer or basketball, visit Walt Disney World or compete against friends on video games such as Fortnite.

Mostly, of course, he'd rather act. And he's continuing to get the chance. When we speak on the phone, he is on location in New Mexico — working on a project he can't announce just yet.

He's full of gratitude for the career he's building, thanking his parents, his agent and one more important being: "I mostly have to thank God," he says, "for giving me these opportunities."

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'Terrifier 3' pushes envelope of bad taste

Threequel is an excruciating night of blood-drenched horror

ADAM GRAHAM

The Detroit News (TNS)

Despite its most concerted efforts, no amount of blood or gore can fill the empty void at the center of "Terrifier 3," the latest exercise in depravity in this horror franchise which seeks only to push the envelope of bad taste — or any sense of taste, for that matter — to its extreme.

Writer, director, producer and editor Damien Leone sets this chapter in his series at Christmas, so as to check one more item off his naughty list.

And within minutes the "Terrifier" series mascot, Art the Clown, is chopping children to pieces with his swinging ax, just to show how far Leone is willing to go to shock the audience. What say you, dear audience member? Are you appalled yet?

Yet the only thing appalling about "Terrifier 3" — and the whole of the "Terrifier" series, which started with the 2016 original and continued with 2022's agonizing "Terrifier 2" — is



David Howard Thornton as Art the Clown in "Terrifier 3."

how uninteresting it all is, and how little it is in service of anything beyond its surface level titillation. Rarely has so much on-screen bloodshed been so lifeless.

It's not Art the Clown's fault. Actor David Howard Thornton, who has played the demented, ax-murdering, silent clown

since the beginning of the series, brings with him a playful sense of insanity to the part.

Art has become a bit of a ham, and Thornton's mimed mannerisms and shocked reactions to his own bloodletting are the only redeeming aspect of the series. Without his facial expressions or feigned laughter at his own

actions, the "Terrifier" movies would just be the goriest pages in Fangoria magazine with nothing in between.

What's worse is the utter stiffness and lack of humanity in the non-kill scenes. Characters, aside from the fact that they're played by actors acting in a film, are not characters, they're simply vessels for empty dialogue that stitch together the scenes in between splatter fests. And there's no sense of levity in Leone's world.

It's the most subterranean, mean-spirited, depressing, ugly picture of life you're likely to find anywhere, and that's not even when Art is chopping up bodies with a chainsaw and showering in the viscera.

The story picks up after the events of the second film, which left Sienna Shaw (Lauren LaVera) and her younger brother Jonathan (Elliot Fullam) dealing with the after-effects of their encounter with Art.

Sienna decapitated Art in the last movie, but that doesn't really matter; Art's mystical lore has no comprehensible explanation — at one point he puts another decapitated head on his own

headless body and carries on as if nothing happened — because getting to the next gore showcase is literally the only reason these movies exist.

And there are plenty of gore showcases on display, one involving an act of domestic terrorism at a mall Santa display. Yay, haha! It would be needlessly alarmist to signal this movie as some sort of symbol of society's decay, like this was some pearl clutching '80s congressional hearing, and the movie doesn't deserve or earn that level of notoriety.

But it does seem to mark a low point in cinematic standards, a blood show with nothing on its mind other than blood and how super awesome it is. At least its late '70s and early '80s splatter-shocker forebears had a sense of ingenuity to them.

If there was a commentary — any commentary, on literally anything at all — at the core of "Terrifier 3," then it would be easier to stomach its vile nature. But its sense of provocation is its only point, and it's a dull one at that.

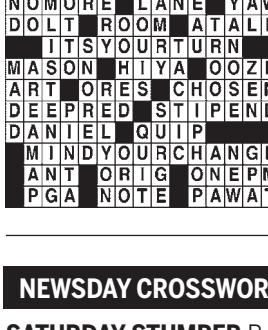
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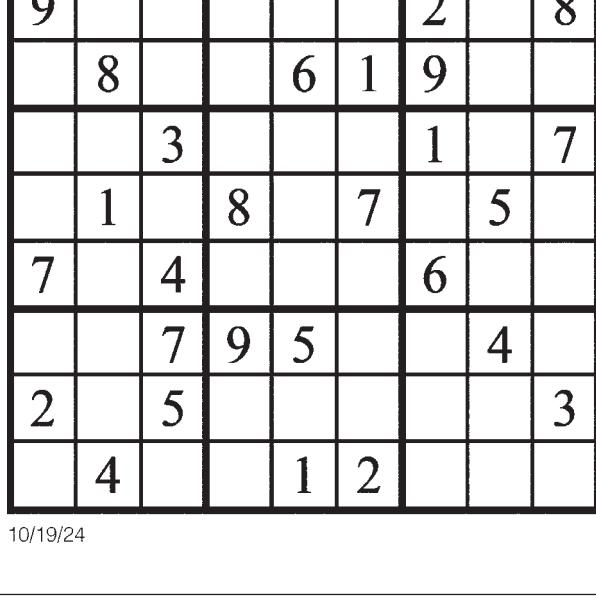
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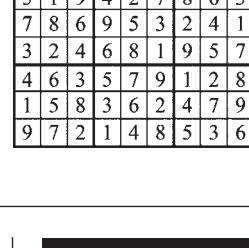


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By Brad Anderson



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NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

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SATURDAY STUMPER By Frank Longo

ACROSS

1 Left-leaning member of the board?

10 Straw-hat weave

15 Handy

16 Tubes to serve

17 Place for some super-fresh herbs

18 Metropolis on the Ganges

19 Sprout

20 "Old" combination

22 Imagine

23 Dig for dirt, maybe

25 Contract

27 Inflation indication:

Abbr.

29 Tarantino called him

"the future of horror"

30 Stubborn sort

33 Table-turning occasion

36 No layman

37 The Bard's venomous fool"

38 Petition

39 Work on the side

40 Tablet maker

41 Put down

42 Hedda Gabler setting

43 Spanish fish dish

45 L'Oréal Paris brand

47 Works with minimal weight

50 Not chilling

54 If not, to Nero

55 Surround closely

57 Word of apprehension

58 Eldest of a literary trio

60 Claustrophobe comforter

62 Lodging place

63 Lender in the S&P

400

64 Some flutes

65 Maleficent and such

DOWN

1 Jumps on, with "out"

2 Like a hawk

3 Ambitious

4 Sprout

5 Cutter cousins

6 Manicuring target

7 Heads of des moines

8 Anteater relative

9 L-shaped key

10 Indication to really tone it down?

11 Premier, e.g.

12 Pair on Namibia's coat of arms

13 Way to coast

14 Snap on a football field, perhaps

21 Quaker State's early headquarters

24 CIA array

26 Museum (San Jose site honoring the boat people)

28 Shut off

30 Bolognese alternative

31 \$50 bill depiction

32 Gravity-defying feat

33 Safety Director

35 SEC investigation target of 2005

38 Draw in an outlet

40 Argentine sports daily

44 Oratorio solo

46 Family Guy prodigy

48 Word that Christian Malaysians don't use

49 Trimming favored by Marie Antoinette

51 Leonardo's assistant in *J. Edgar*

52 What a bell buoy warns of

53 Saarinen collaborator

56 Hardly welcoming

59 Drs. may cross them

61 Prep for dragging

LOS ANGELES TIMES DAILY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Portmanteau for Disney World's wintery mix

6 Puts on screen, perhaps

13 Swinton of "Asteroid City"

14 Power plays?

16 They're not basic

17 Many a Maine newborn

19 Changes for the better

21 Get way ahead of, in a way

22 Copacabana city, casually

23 Frank

24 One who shows up in court with bells on

26 Key compound in a cell's energy cycle: Abbr.

27 First roomie, for some

29 Product with a Frosted Chocolately Chip Pancake variety

30 Animal control?

32 Place to buy a screwdriver

34 Full up

36 Allen who was part of the Celtics "New Big Three"

37 Rover

41 Treadmill-like playground structure

44 Purple-brown

45 Scapegoat

48 Feel unwell

50 Cell service letters

51 Miembro de la familia

52 Shiner

53 Catcher's asset

57 Renaissance

Tour attendees, collectively

58 Marmaduke, for one

61 Airport on Boston Harbor

62 Frank Lloyd Wright estate in Wisconsin

63 Go on the stump

64 Comes to

65 Ebed

DOWN

1 Epic based in part on Kurosawa's "The Hidden Fortress"

2 Feedback sometimes followed by "but"

3 Kalama center

4 Contribute

5 Goes by

6 Some pols

7 Nwodim of "SNL"

8 Combine

9 "Pays the rent"

10 Low-rimmed skillet

Doctors order more sleep on weekends



DRS. ROIZEN AND OZ
Advice Columnists

Q: I don't get more than about five-and-a-half hours of sleep a night during the week, but my wife says I can't hang out in bed on the weekends because we have too much to do. Can you give me some ammunition — I need the rest! — Greg T., Tallahassee, Florida

Your situation is pretty common. Around a third of adults get less than the recommended seven hours of sleep a night. And we have two things to say about your situation. One: Let's explore ways you can get more sleep on weeknights — it is an essential part of living a healthier, happier life. Two: Research shows your instinct to get extra sleep on the weekends is just what the doctor ordered. A study presented at the European Society of Cardiology's meeting recently looked at data on around 19,000 sleep-deprived adults and found that those who had the most catch-up sleep on weekends lowered their risk of developing heart disease by 20%. So, Greg, let your wife in on this good news.

That brings us back to point No. 1: ways to help you get more sleep on weeknights. Even if you work 10-plus hours a day, you have control over your time between getting home and going to bed. You may pitch in around the house, but we're betting you're also spending too much time on screens. You may also be doing things like overeating late at night or exercising in the evenings that make it hard to fall asleep at a reasonable hour. We recommend you get into bed seven to eight hours before you have to get up, lights off, no digital devices or screens, and keep it cool, dark and quiet. Then practice 10 min-

utes of mindful meditation ... and ZZZ.

Q: I'm worried that I have my family's risk for heart disease. I'm just 32, but I want to know if I'm headed for trouble and what to do about it. — Janelle H., Fort Meyers, Florida

There are advances in predicting women's risk for heart disease that make it possible for you to know the likelihood of having a heart attack or stroke decades before it happens (and then make changes that can prevent it). Researchers recently used three readily available, inexpensive blood tests — for levels of lousy LDL cholesterol, high-sensitivity C-reactive protein (CRP), and lipoprotein(a), or LP(a) — to predict a woman's risk for heart disease over the next 30 years. CRP is a biomarker for general levels of inflammation and LP(a) is a marker for a genetic risk for heart disease.

They found that women with a CRP level of 5.18 milligrams or higher were 70% more likely to have a major heart event compared to those with the lowest level and those with LDL above 151 g/dL and an LP(a), above 44 mg/dL, had increased risks of 36% and 33%, respectively. But having all three of those biomarkers at a high level — wow! — that increased a woman's risk for coronary heart disease and stroke by 300%.

In addition to any medication your doctor may recommend, you can reduce your risk of cardiovascular disease by 80% if you get regular physical activity (at least 150-300 minutes a week), adopt a plant-based diet free of heavily processed foods, added sugars, and red and processed meats, and don't smoke anything.

Jazz up plain yogurt with fresh fruit, nuts



HINTS FROM HELOISE
Advice Columnist

DEAR HELOISE: To Libby of Boca Raton, Florida, and other yogurt-averse readers, doctors recommend plain yogurt because of the sugar and chemical additives in prepared flavored yogurts.

Adding fresh fruit, perhaps a little fruit juice, chopped nuts, and/or a dash of cinnamon, could make it more appealing.

If you want to cheat a little with sugar, add homemade fruit sauce or jam. My own favorite is Greek yogurt with rhubarb sauce and chopped walnuts or pecans. — Kris Covey, in New Hampshire

DEAR HELOISE: I had the same issue with my favorite top getting bleach spots. One day, when I was looking for a particular thread color, I noticed iron-on decorative patches, and the butterflies caught my eye. One large, two small, and voila! My favorite top is now new again, and seeing the patches makes me happy. — D.T., in Colorado Springs, Colorado

DEAR HELOISE: I also try to scrape out lotion from the bottle, but I poke a hole in the bottom with the point of scissors, about an inch from the bottom of the bottle. Then I slide the scissors into the bottom and cut all around the

bottom, taking it off completely. Then I cut the side open from the bottom to the top and pry it open. There is a tremendous amount of lotion left in the bottle and in the bottom to use up. — Karen, in California

DEAR HELOISE: I thoroughly enjoy your column in our Santa Maria Times here in the central coast of California. A few years back, I noticed this bird that always flies close to my front door when someone approaches. I found out later that the remains of her nest were in my door wreath. I felt blessed! — C.M., Orcutt, California

DEAR HELOISE: Calling all pet owners! I have a tip: Walk your dogs in your neighborhood. It will make them familiar with their area, and it will make your neighbors more familiar with your pet. It's helpful for your neighbors to recognize them in the event that they get out of their restricted area.

Also, leave a piece of your used clothing at the front door or porch so that pets can smell it and know that they're home. My dog knows all the neighbors and looks forward to a visit every now and then — but on a leash. Thanks! — S.M., via email

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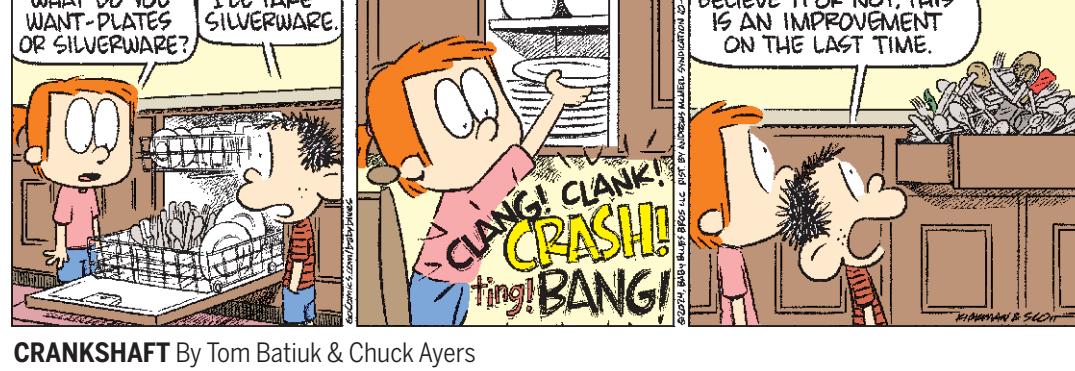
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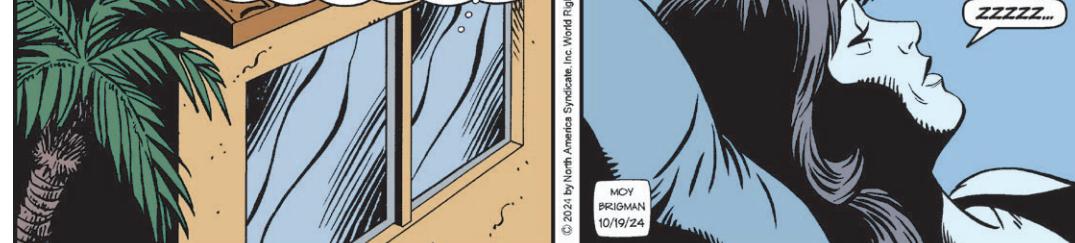
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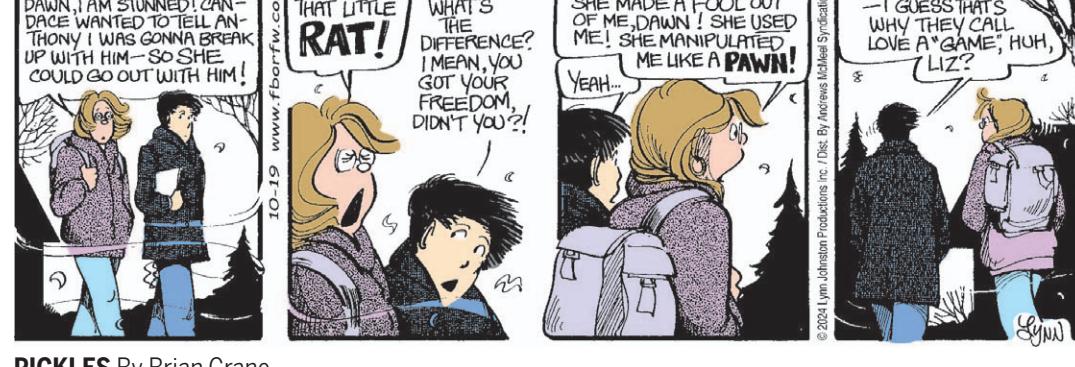
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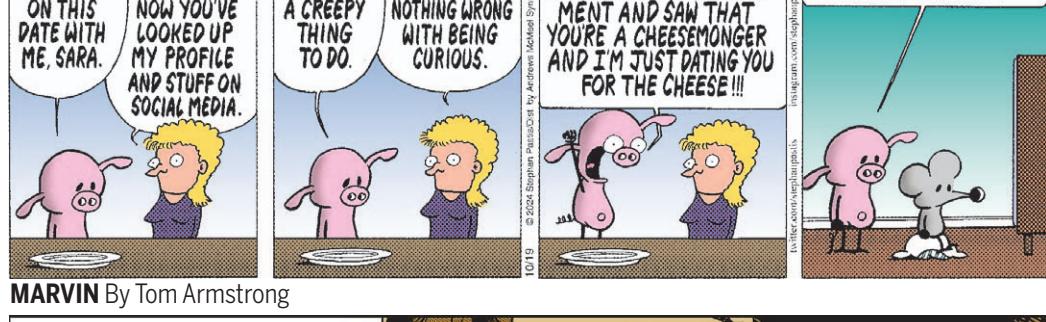
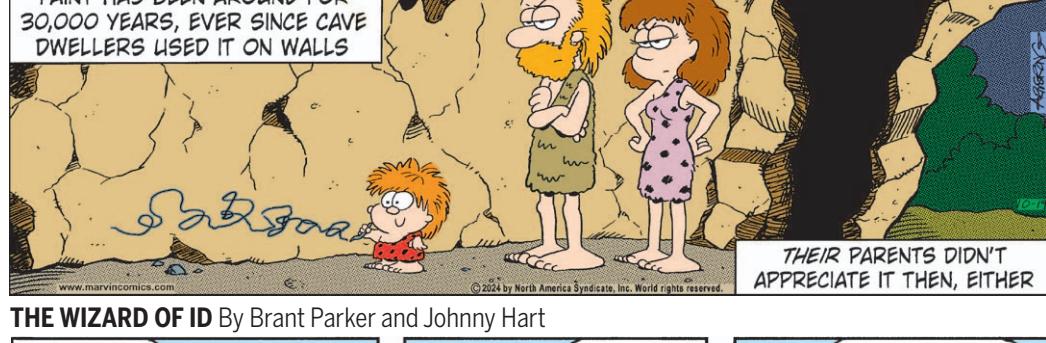
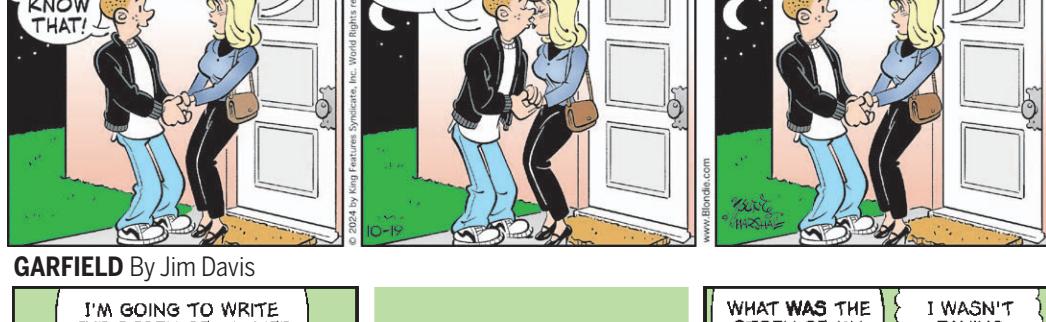
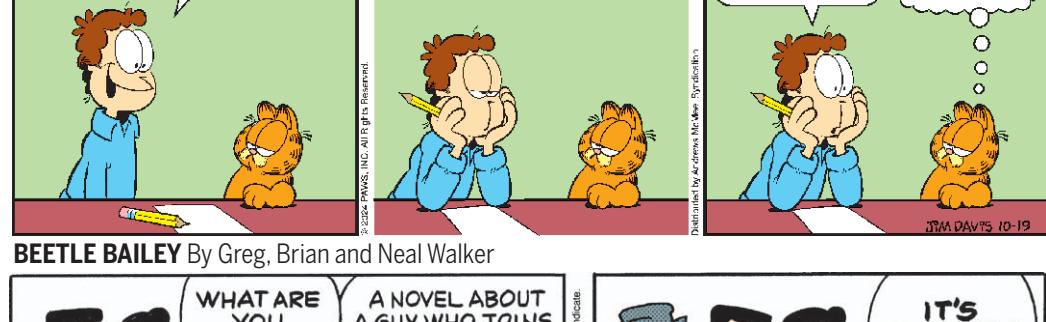


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Boyfriend's difficult son puts damper on romance

DEAR ABBY: After a lonely post-divorce decade, I have found a loving man whom I'll call "Drew." We share many of the same interests and values, and are enjoying this second chance at love and romance. We spend time at each other's homes, and my grown kids like having him around.



DEAR ABBY
Advice Columnist

sure I can manage a future with him if his son comes as a package deal. Should I stay or should I go? — Sees Writing On The Wall

DEAR SEES WRITING: Face it — Drew's mentally

challenged son is part of a package deal. Your boyfriend has no intention of changing the dynamic between him and Adam because, unpleasant as it sometimes is, he won't shoulder the responsibility of being tough enough on him to assign him more responsibility and less gaming time. How sad for all three of you. If you are satisfied with the status quo, you should stay. However, if you would like to be married and move in with Drew, I don't think it's in the cards, and you should step out of the picture.

DEAR ABBY: I really like this guy. He makes me so happy. He told me he is attracted to me, but he doesn't want a relationship with me. When we spend time together, we always have a great time. When I reach out to him, he doesn't always respond right away, but he treats me wonderfully when he does. I really want us to date — not have a "relationship," just date. How can I tell him that? — Falling Hard For Him

DEAR FALLING HARD: This guy may have the same thing in mind as you do. There may be reasons you should be aware of as to why he doesn't always respond to you in a timely fashion. He may need to concentrate on school, his job or another girlfriend. It would be in your best interests to know why. Since you would be willing to date him under the circumstances you described, speak up, and see how he reacts.

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Weekly bridge quiz

Q 1 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♦ 10 8 7 ♠ K J 9 8 6 5 ♦ 8 6 ♣ A 8

Right-hand opponent opens 1D. What call would you make?

Q 2 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ J 10 7 6 4 ♦ Q J 8 6 ♣ K Q 7 6 3

Right-hand opponent opens 1D. What call would you make?

Q 3 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♦ Void ♠ K Q 7 5 ♦ A 9 7 2 ♣ Q 10 8 6 5

Partner opens 1D and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

Q 4 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♦ 8 ♠ Q 9 7 6 4 3 2 ♦ Q 8 6 ♣ 9 4

As dealer, what call would you make?

Q 5 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♦ J 2 ♠ K 7 6 5 ♦ A J 8 ♣ K Q 9 7

Right-hand opponent opens 1H. What call would you make?

Q 6 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♦ 9 ♠ Q J 8 7 5 ♦ A K 6 ♣ A Q 10

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What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20).

Today's pattern is akin to restaurant work where there's a rush, then a lull. You'll learn what you can do in the down times to make the busy times easier for yourself.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 21).

Some people are just harder to read than others, and it's particularly difficult to know what their needs are for closeness or distance. Asking probably won't produce any more clarity.

CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22).

You have questions, and the small group will bring typical answers. Take it to a larger group though, or the universe at large, and you'll love the variety-pack of solutions that comes back.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22).

There's something ferocious in you that will go harder at the target than most would expect of such a kind-hearted person. You'll use all that energy in a different way now.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).

Taking on too much, or the wrong thing, invites dread. You can keep it away with a polite decline of many of today's offers and requests. Most will be informal or implied, and all should be considered as though they written invitations.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 23).

It seems that paradise is locked in a box and someone else holds the key. That someone will appear on the scene today. When the locksmith to paradise shows up, the only thing left to do is Venmo the balance.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 21).

Getting more comfortable with who you are and what you're doing means favorable responses matter less and less to you. You use feedback as information, not as emotional sustenance.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21).

You're attracted to what's right, not what's easy. But then, after the initial attraction, a moment of hesitation has you second-guessing the instinct. The line of questioning will be fruitful, because in the end it's important to feel sure.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19).

Love is a rush accompanied by music only you and your love can hear. Expand the idea to the projects, ideas and activities that stir passion in you. Those don't have eardrums, and yet they will seem to be in perfect sync with you.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18).

Though most times the most prudent answer is not to care about public perception, you can't help but wonder what it's like to love you, see you, converse with you and know you. A little self-consciousness will drop in to positive result.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20).

There were hard-won accomplishments in your past, but not every accomplishment should follow suit. You'll lean into your talent today, and things will get easy for you. Just trust it. Why shouldn't you be in a state of ease?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCT.

19) The Yellow Brick Road is an invitation, a map, a plan, an opportunity and, according to the movie, a linear dance hall to destiny. This year brings the spirit of skipping along. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 21, 19, 40 and 41.

CRYPTOQUIP

10-19

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHICH OF KING ARTHUR'S KNIGHTS DETERMINED HOW BIG THE ROUND TABLE WOULD BE? SIR CUMFERENCE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals U

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Friday's unlisted clue: CREAM

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Saturday's unlisted clue hint: I TRAVELED AROUND THE —

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WHATZIT?

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

**Solution:****Johnny B. Good****7 LITTLE WORDS**

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

1 duds (7)

2 Poets' Corner location (11)

3 start of a maze (8)

4 helicopter-plane mashup (8)

5 composer Prokofiev (6)

6 Dashiell Hammett's genre (4)

7 self-balancing scooter (6)

SOLUTIONS

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Friday's Answers: 1. OKLAHOMAN 2. STRENUOUS 3. RESCUES 4. BETA 5. WRIT 6. TCHAIKOVSKY 7. MESQUITE 10/19

JUMBLE BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NIOGG

GNTEI

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The most charming, handsomest canine at the park was a ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FLUID COUCH UPROOT SWITCH

Answer: When the first amusement park opens on the Moon, it's going to be -- OUT OF THIS WORLD

MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM By Mike Peters**MALLARD FILLMORE** By Bruce Tinsley**ZITS** By Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman**WORDY GURDY** By Tricky Ricky Kane

1. Haul LiMu Emu's TV ad partner (1)

2. Karmic feeling of a journalist (1)

3. Always ingenious (2)

4. Brandish Captain America's defense (1)

5. Luridly lit Louisiana "county" (2)

6. Harden a cuplike breakfast bread (2)

7. Baseball mound ace wound sewer-upper (2)

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

ANSWERS
1. LUG DUG 2. SCRIBE VIBE 3. EVER CLEVER 4. WIELD SHIELD
5. GARRISH PARISH 6. TOUGHEN MUFFIN 7. PITCHER STITCHER
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TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE**ACROSS**

1 Kismet 60 Cousin to a croc

5 Mimicked 64 Actress — Anderson

9 Take suddenly 65 Make into law

13 Visa alternative 68 — bean

14 In a cloak 69 Makes a choice

16 — Croft: Tomb 70 Scoundrel

Raider" 71 Capture

17 Metallic element 72 Platelike object

18 Author Jong 73 Marsh plant

19 Of ears 74 That girl's

20 Failed Ford 75 Stories

22 Child's play 8 Car sticker

24 Photo 9 Looked angrily

26 Bunny hill 10 — -tat-tat

27 Horse opera 11 Seed

31 Mark to shoot at appendage

35 On a pension 12 — to the Future"

(Abbr.) 15 Actress —

36 Brownish 16 — excellence

pigment 7 Stories

39 Ohio's lake 8 Car sticker

40 Song 9 Looked angrily

42 Eau-de-— 10 — -tat-tat

43 Kooky art 11 Seed

movement 12 — appendage

44 Fasteners 15 Actress —

45 Loud sound 16 —

Plaines 21 Fibs

48 — Plains 23 Clean air org.

49 Sofa 25 Dernier —

51 Get — fast 27 Outer garments

53 Muse of lyric poetry 28 Not of this world

56 Connection 29 Be frugal

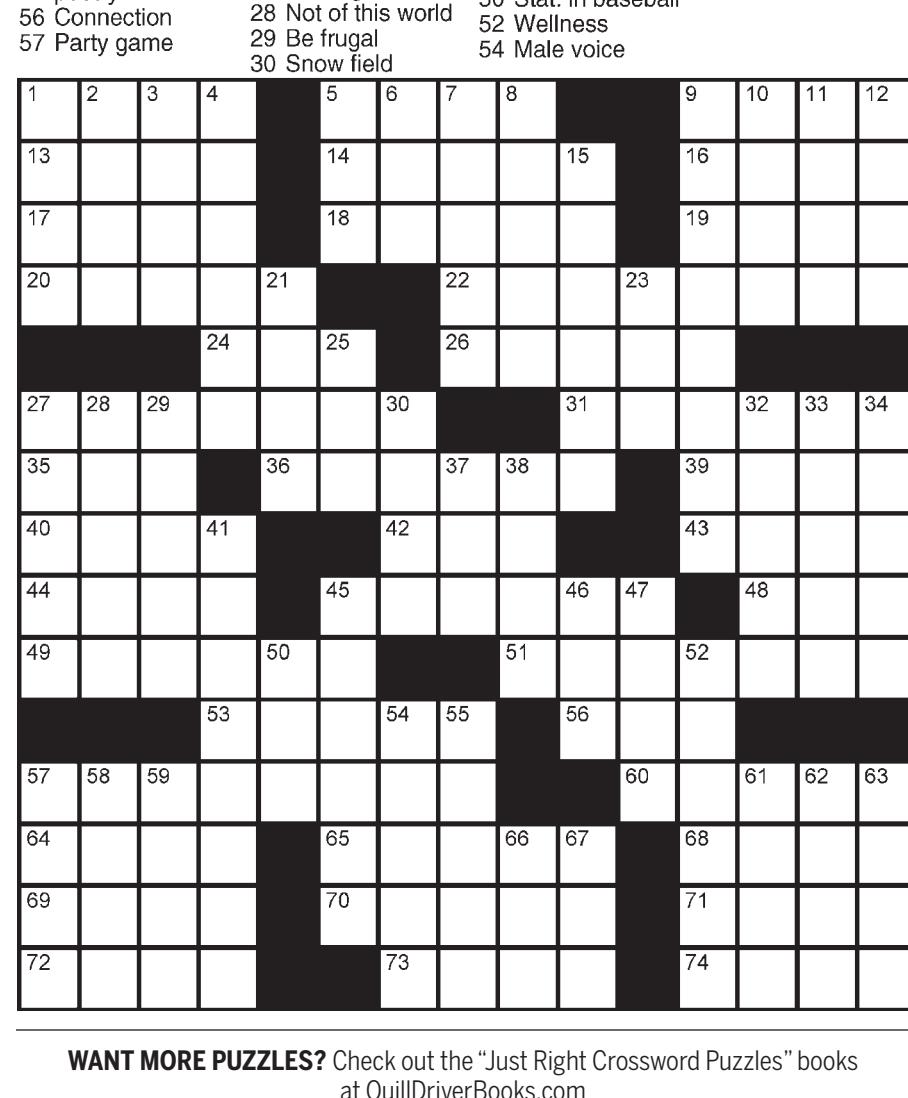
57 Party game 30 Snow field

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

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32 Do a teacher's job 55 — orange
33 Large duck 57 Chunk of dirt
34 Tantalize 58 Western tribe
35 Bit to drink 59 Insects
37 Sign gas 61 Grow weary
38 Star-shaped symbol 62 Khayyam
41 Schoolbook 63 Knocks
46 Decompose 66 Actor's signal
47 Thin branch 67 Anchor — Koppel

50 Stat. in baseball
52 Wellness
54 Male voice



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Christopher Reeve's real superpower

There's a new documentary about the actor who played Superman

EARL HOPKINS

The Philadelphia Inquirer (TNS)

PHILADELPHIA — Princeton, New Jersey-raised actor Christopher Reeve was best known for playing Superman. But his superpower was his fight for advancements in spinal cord injury research and better quality of life for those with paralysis.

It was a cause deeply personal to Reeve, who was paralyzed from the neck down after a near-fatal horse-riding accident in 1995. At 42, he was restricted to a wheelchair and forced to breathe through a ventilator.

At the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation in Marlton, New Jersey, Reeve learned to embrace the challenges his new life presented and established a foundation with his wife Dana to improve the lives of others facing the same obstacles.

He remained resolute in his mission until his death in 2004, due to heart failure.

A new documentary by filmmakers Ian Bonhôte and Peter Ettedgui, "Super/Man: The Christopher Reeve Story," explores Reeve's life as a father, husband, film star, and world changer.

Ahead of the documentary's release, The Inquirer spoke to two of Reeve's children, Alexandra Reeve Givens and Matthew Reeve, about their father's upbringing in South Jersey, his love of extreme sports, and the intimate moments they shared during his recovery.

[This interview has been lightly edited for clarity and length.]

The film didn't really explore your dad's upbringing much. Did you visit Princeton, New Jersey, as kids?

Alexandra Reeve Givens: Yes. Our grandmother



Christopher Reeve speaks during the World Awards at Hamburg's Musikhalle on Oct. 22, 2003, in Hamburg, Germany. There is a new documentary about the actor.

lived in Princeton until a few years ago, so we grew up visiting there. Dad always felt connected there, and Dana was part of the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival for a long time. We both performed in it, and I think Dana was involved on the board. So that always felt like a deep part of our community and our history.

How was it seeing this film for the first time with all your home videos?

ARG: It was amazing to suddenly see your family's story told in this beautiful, artistic way. Looking back on our dad and [Dana Reeve's] life in totality was really powerful. The other thing that's been amazing is seeing how people are connecting to the film. People are having fun revisiting the "Superman" adventure, and they're connecting with it because they've suffered loss in their own lives. They're seeing themselves in this story, and that's really a beautiful thing.

Matthew Reeve: It triggered memories we might have forgotten, like a certain Halloween, Christmas, or family trip. We were lucky that we had

video cameras at home, and even luckier they were used. Dana was certainly the family documentarian when we were younger, and I did a lot of filming later on.

ARG: I loved seeing the footage of him auditioning for "Superman" when he was still super skinny, with big sweat stains under his arms and shoe polish on his head to make him look the part.

How was it looking back at his days at the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation?

ARG: Kessler is one of the premier rehabilitation centers in the country. We still work with them through the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation. We chose it because it was close to home and we had all these family ties to New Jersey.

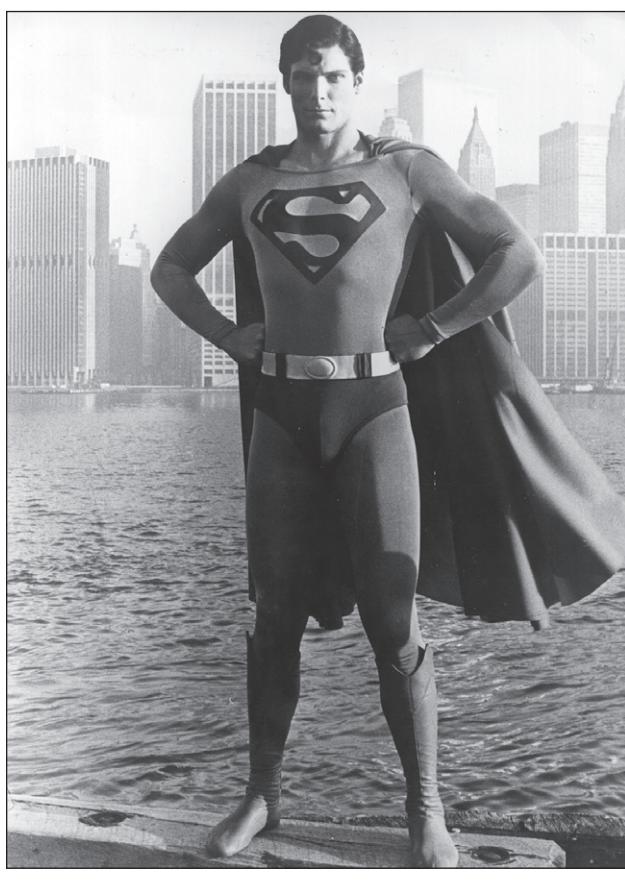
There's no sugarcoating it. It was an incredibly difficult time in our lives coming to grips with his new reality. It was difficult learning about the limitations and strategies needed to overcome those limitations. But what was powerful about it was that he was surrounded by people who were doing the same thing.

He started hearing from people who were going through similar circumstances, who rebuilt their lives, were back working, and were being strong for their families. And that was incredibly inspiring for him. He realized his circumstances had changed, but he was indeed the same person, and our family still needed him. It was physical rehabilitation, but it was really mental rehabilitation.

The Reeve family has been approached for films before. Why did you agree this time?

MR: It usually didn't feel like the right people were approaching us. Most of them wanted to explore a narrative version of this story, which could have become a cheesy, tear-jerky drama. We weren't interested in doing that.

We're excited to get his story to a whole generation of people who may not know who he was, or



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Christopher Reeve stands before the Manhattan skyline dressed as the comic-book hero of the film "Superman."

"Super/Man: The Christopher Reeve Story" explores Reeve's life as a father, husband, film star, and world changer.

reintroduce him to people who remember him. And hopefully, they will come away with a deeper understanding of who our dad was and all the things that he could do.

What overarching message are you hoping the film conveys?

MR: I don't know if I can pinpoint a singular thing. We wanted to show a complete 360 view of who Christopher Reeve was. And for me, I think that included some of the things that he could do before the accident, like flying a plane, playing the piano, scuba diving, and all these other things. And his

determination, resilience, and spirit to do more for a wider community.

I think his larger message was that you don't have to be Superman. The definition of a hero is an ordinary individual who perseveres despite overwhelming obstacles. And I hope people understand that revelation and the meaning of it, which is that everyone can do this.

"Super/Man: The Christopher Reeve Story" opens in theaters. The film will be available on Apple TV at a later date.

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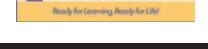


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Anna Kendrick's directorial debut far from perfect

She also stars in 'Woman of the Hour'

MARK MESZROS

The News-Herald (Willoughby, Ohio)
(TNS)

Hollywood doesn't exactly have a surplus of prominent female directors, so it's exciting to see actor Anna Kendrick making her directorial debut with "Woman of the Hour."

Landing on Netflix this week after its debut at the Toronto International Film Festival in September, the truth-based thriller also sees Kendrick portraying a character inspired by a woman who, late in the 1970s, went on "The Dating Game," when one of the three male contestants had been brutalizing and killing women for years.

Disappointingly, Kendrick is a bit better in front of the camera than behind it.

Known for prominent roles in films including "Up in the Air," "The Accountant" and the "Pitch Perfect" flicks, she stepped in to helm the effort as the shooting date drew nearer without a director attached, according to the film's production notes.

Penned by Ian McDonald ("Some Freaks"), "Woman of the Hour" tells the tale of the compulsively violent Rodney Alcala (Daniel Zovatto) from the perspectives of his victims and survivors. While that is laudable, it also leads to the tale lacking a narrative anchor.

Of the women, we spend the most time with Kendrick's Sheryl, said to be a highly fictionalized version of the real "Dating Game" contestant, Cheryl Bradshaw.

DE FACTO MAIN CHARACTER

However, we don't spend THAT much time with her, and, as a result, Rodney becomes the de facto — and certainly

unintentional — main character. (That the long-haired Zovatto, whose film credits include "It Follows" and "The Pope's Exorcist," gives the strongest performance in the film serves only to cement this.)

We meet him in the unnerving opening sequence. It's 1977, and he has lured a young woman into a scenic and, more importantly, remote part of Wyoming under the pretense of taking photos of her. She is vulnerable — her boyfriend has left her — and Rodney makes her feel beautiful.

And then, as we know he will, he attacks her.

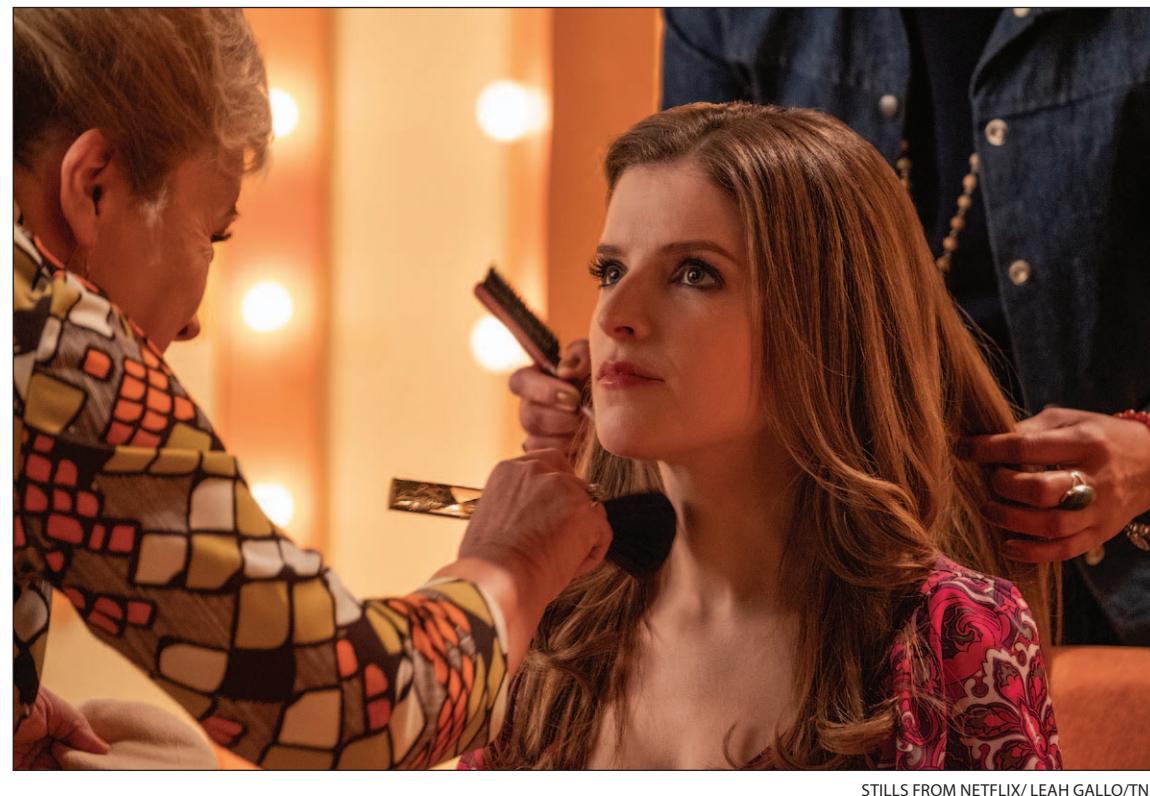
This well-executed slice of "Woman of the Hour" is evidence Kendrick can deliver a tense scene. She shows this again in a nail-biter of a sequence that follows Sheryl's "Dating Game" appearance, after she has grown appropriately wary of Rodney.

Kendrick introduces us to Sheryl as she is struggling to make it as an actor in Los Angeles in 1978. At an audition, when she says she isn't interested in doing nude scenes, one of the two men interviewing her says, "Oh," gesturing toward her with a hand, "I'm sure they're fine."

Sheryl has a neighbor in her building, Pete Holmes' Terry, who's crushing on her and who listens to her, but not much else. She agrees to go on "The Dating Game" because her agent tells her it will be good for exposure.

Kendrick is at her best as Sheryl during the show taping, when the young woman chooses to have fun with the experience and mix it up with the three bachelors who remain out of her sight until she taps one for a date. Frustrating rigid (and fictional) show host Ed Burke (Tony Hale), Sheryl asks the young men high-minded questions such as, "What are girls for?"

Unfortunately, only the confident Rodney, who can come



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Daniel Zovatto as Rodney in "Woman of the Hour."

across as charming and disarming, handles them well.

Throughout "Woman of the Hour," Rodney finds ways to get close to other women, including hip New Yorker Charlie (Kathryn Gallagher) and the

struggling but complex Amy (Autumn Best). (The latter is prominent in the intriguing but somewhat frustrating final few minutes of the film.)

And then there's Laura (Nicolette Robinson), who had gone

to the police after her friend was killed by Rodney, though she wasn't able to identify him.

Laura, coincidentally, is in "The Dating Game" audience as Rodney sits on stage with an opportunity to be alone with another woman. Her subsequent efforts to get someone with the power to do something about this psychopath works as a heart-breaking reminder of how men have been able to get away with doing horrible things to women throughout the years.

While there is much to admire about "Women of the Hour," it ultimately plays like a collection of parts more than a cohesive work, entertaining in spurts and only occasionally gripping.

That said, there's certainly enough good here to make us hope Kendrick finds another chance to sit in the director's chair again sooner rather than later.

"Woman of the Hour" is on Netflix.

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Saturday



Arcadia Fall Rodeo

Oct. 19-20. Mosaic Arena, 2450 N.E. Roan St., Arcadia. www.arcadiarodeo.com

Pumpkin Plunge

9-11 a.m. Participants "pick" their pumpkin from a floating pumpkin patch. Pre-registration is required. \$10 per child with supervising adult complimentary. NorthPortFL.gov/PumpkinPlunge

Fall Home and Garden Show

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 19-20. Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., Punta Gorda. 941-833-5444 or www.charlotteharborecc.com

San Pedro Parish Oktoberfest

11 a.m.-9 p.m. Live music, food, foam party, cornhole, trivia, day-at-the-races, kid's games, raffles and more. 14380 Tamiami Trail, North Port. <https://sanpedrocc.org/octoberfest-2024>

Sunday



'Agnes of God'

Through Oct. 20. This absorbing mystery explores the meaning of faith, the power of love and leads to a compelling climax. Adult content. Venice Theatre, Pinkerton Theatre, 140 Tampa Ave. W., Venice. 941-488-1115 or VeniceTheatre.org.

German-American Social Club of Cape Coral's Oktoberfest

Oct. 18-20 and Oct. 25-27. Three stages, two dance floors with non-stop live bands, food, carnival area for kids, crafts, vendors, exhibits and more. German-American Social Club of Cape Coral, 2101 S.W. Pine Island Road, Cape Coral. 239-283-1400 or capecoraloktoberfest.com

The Florida Philharmonic — 'Changing Seasons'

3:30 p.m. Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda. 941-529-6094 or [www.thefloridaphilharmonic.org](http://thefloridaphilharmonic.org)

Monday

Punta Gorda Charlotte Library Trivia Series

6 p.m. The Punta Gorda Charlotte Library, 401 Shreve St., Punta Gorda, will be hosting a trivia series that dives into the world of television. Registration is recommended. 941-833-5460 or CharlotteCountyFL.gov/libraries

Featured



Memories with Kim, Dave & Chris — 'Living Legends' Tribute Show

Tributes to Dolly Parton, Tom Jones, Barbra Streisand, Johnny Mathis, Engelbert Humperdinck, Linda Ronstadt and more — complete with costumes. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Show at 7 p.m. Nov. 24. Hotel Venezia, 425 US 41 Bypass, North Venice. 941-308-7700 or www.hotelveneziafl.com.

Featured



Caregiver Luncheon

OCEAN'S circus-themed event is a free event to give unpaid caregivers a break. Lunch will be provided. Entertainment and relaxation stations will also be available. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 6 at 24TwentyOne Event Center, 2421 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte. RSVP by emailing Suzanne@discountmeddirect.com or call 941-421-7155.

Common Threads' exhibit

Through Nov. 1. Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St., Punta Gorda. 941-639-8810 or <https://visualartcenter.org>.

'Financing a City: The History of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers' exhibit

Through July 30. The exhibit will feature the story of the creation and growth of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers labor union. Venice Museum, 351 Nassau St., South, Venice. 941-486-2487 or visit VeniceMuseum.org

Tuesday

Dwight Eisenhower and The Blue Suede Review

7:30 p.m. Visani, 2400 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte. 941-629-9191 or www.visani.net.

The Orchid Show

Through Dec. 1. A display of purple orchids with an exhibition of botanical books, prints, photographs and other materials, Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Downtown Sarasota Campus, 1534 Mound St., Sarasota. selby.org



'Expressions of Gratitude' exhibit

Through Nov. 8. Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St., Punta Gorda. 941-639-8810 or <https://visualartcenter.org>

'Florida Modern: The Sarasota School of Architecture in Venice' exhibit

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday until Jan 15. Learn about how many buildings were designed by architects such as Victor Lundy, Paul Rudolph and Ralph Twitchell. Venice Museum, 351 Nassau St. S., Venice. thevenicemainstreet@gmail.com or www.visitvenicefl.org

Featured



German American Friendship Club Dance

The German American Friendship Club Munich Biergarten Dance scheduled for Oct. 19 has been canceled due to Hurricane Ian. The next dance is at 6 p.m. Nov. 9 at the South Venice Yacht Club, 4425 Yacht Club Drive, Venice. Music by Manni Daum. Call 813-319-7941 or email germanamericanclubvenice@gmail.com for reservations.

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13th Annual Tour de North Port

Registration is open for the 13th Annual Tour de North Port, a scenic on-road organized bicycle ride fundraiser sponsored by People for Trees on Oct. 20 from Imagine School, 2757 Sycamore St., North Port. Choose 15/35/65 miles. Breakfast, lunch, fully-stocked rest stops. Breakfast, check-in, on-site registration starts at 7 a.m. Group starts begin at 8 a.m. For additional information or to register, visit www.peoplefortrees.com.



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Friday

Trick or Treat at City Center

5-8 p.m. Bring your own bags. North Port City Hall, 4970 City Hall Blvd., North Port. NorthPortFL.gov/TrickOrTreat



The North Port Fire Rescue Benevolent Association's pumpkin patch

9 a.m.-noon and 4-7 p.m. Oct. 25-27. Fire Station 81, 4980 City Center Blvd., North Port. NorthPortFL.gov/TrickOrTreat

Charlotte High School presents 'Harvey'

6:30 p.m. Oct. 25-26, 2 p.m. Oct. 27. Elwood P. Dowd insists on including his friend Harvey in all of his sister Veta's social gatherings. Trouble is, Harvey is an imaginary six-and-a-half-foot-tall rabbit. Center For Performing Arts, 701 Carmalita St., Punta Gorda. <https://cur8.com/projects/Troupe0922> or 941-505-SHOW

'9 to 5 — The Musical'

Oct. 25-Nov. 24. Three women take control of their lives in a man's world and stand up for friendship and what's right. Venice Theatre, Raymond Center, 140 Tampa Ave. W., Venice. 941-488-1115 or VeniceTheatre.org

Halloween Notte

Oct. 25-27, 31. Toyland Terror haunted house, haunted hayride, Nightmare Under the Big Top show, kids zone, live music, vendors, mechanical bull and more. Charlotte County Fairgrounds, 2333 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte. www.halloweennotte.com



Abba Nova — Tribute to Abba

7 p.m. Troll Music, 628 E. Venice Ave., Venice. 941-484-8765 or www.trollmusic.com

Carpool — Tribute to The Cars

6 p.m. Bert's Back Porch at The Twisted Fork, 2208 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte. 941-235-3675 or <https://twistedfork.net>

Paul Rodriguez

8 p.m. Seminole Casino Hotel Immokalee, Seminole Center, 506 S. 1st St., Immokalee. moreinparadise.com

'Forever Plaid'

Through Oct. 27. When tragedy strikes on the way to their first big gig, four pals Sparky, Smudge, Jinx and Frankie, perform a concert in the afterlife. Florida Repertory Theatre, 2268 Bay St., Fort Myers. 239-332-4488 or [www.floridarep.org](http://floridarep.org)



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Lin Dalton of Team KVB (Keep Venice Beautiful) helps distribute sandbags in Venice at the Seaboard Avenue location. The city of Venice asked Team KVB to step in and give a hand.



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The city of Venice asked Team KVB (Keep Venice Beautiful) to staff the sandbag station on Seaboard Avenue Tuesday, Oct. 8 so city staff could work on Helene cleanup and Milton prep. Pictured above are Edgar St. Pierre, left, and Corky Dalton of Team KVB directing traffic. Twelve team members worked 3-hour shifts handling the operation of the site.

October is "Cybersecurity Awareness Month" in Venice, as proclaimed by the City Council at a recent meeting.



PROVIDED BY JEANA HILLIGOS

START of Sarasota County members assisted Mary Beth Hansen owner of Paradise Grill with distributing a bowl of soup to those in need of a hot meal following Hurricane Milton. Pictured (l-r) are: Mary Beth Hansen, Carolyn Bach, Susan Coleman and Lise Mills.



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Grayson and Aaron, both age 10, set up a lemonade stand along Pinebrook Road in Venice Sunday to help refresh those affected by Hurricane Milton. They also provided sandwiches and chips.

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Luxury Home Market

A Look at Current Trends in the High-End Real Estate Market

Luxury homes continue to attract buyers looking for premium features and exclusive amenities. Current trends in the high-end real estate market highlight the growing importance of wellness, technology and sustainability.

EMPHASIS ON WELLNESS

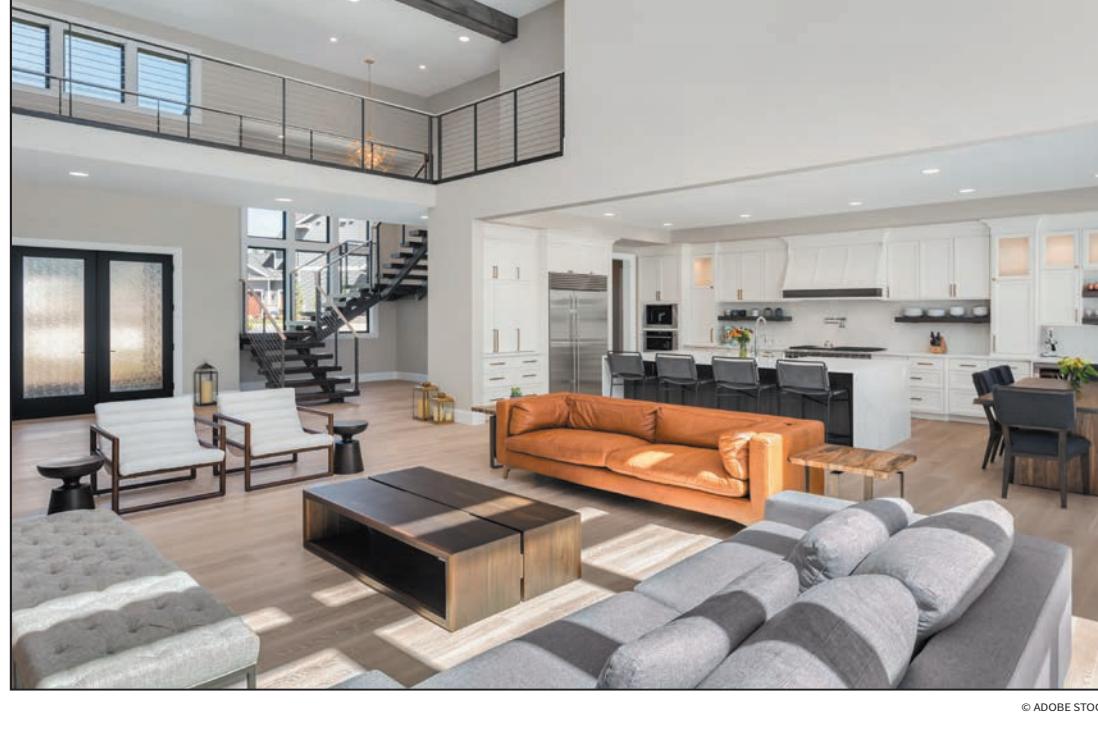
Luxury homebuyers are increasingly prioritizing wellness features in their properties. This includes amenities such as home gyms, spa-like bathrooms, saunas and meditation rooms.

Outdoor spaces are also being designed with wellness in mind, featuring yoga decks, swimming pools and landscaped gardens.

SMART HOME TECHNOLOGY

The integration of smart home technology is a major trend in the high-end real estate market. Buyers are looking for homes equipped with advanced security systems, automated lighting and climate control and high-tech entertainment systems.

Voice-activated assistants and home automation systems that can be controlled



ness and provide ample natural light.

PRIME LOCATIONS

Location remains a key factor in the luxury home market. Properties in prestigious neighborhoods, with proximity to top schools, exclusive shopping districts and cultural attractions, are highly sought after.

Waterfront properties and homes with stunning views also command premium prices.

CUSTOMIZATION AND UNIQUE DESIGN

High-end buyers are looking for unique, customized homes that reflect their personal style and preferences.

This includes bespoke architectural designs, custom finishes, and one-of-a-kind features such as wine cellars, home theaters and art studios.

The ability to tailor a home to fit individual needs and tastes is a significant selling point in the luxury market.

By staying informed about these trends, you can better understand the high-end real estate market and what buyers are looking for in luxury properties.

via smartphone apps are highly desirable features.

SUSTAINABLE LIVING

Sustainability is a growing concern among luxury homebuyers. Eco-friendly features such as solar panels, energy-efficient appliances and green building materials are becoming standard in high-

end properties.

Buyers are also interested in homes with sustainable landscaping, rainwater harvesting systems and electric vehicle charging stations.

OPEN FLOOR PLANS AND EXPANSIVE SPACES

Modern luxury homes often feature open floor plans that

create a sense of spaciousness and flow.

Large living areas that seamlessly connect to kitchens and dining spaces are popular, as they are ideal for entertaining.

Additionally, high ceilings, floor-to-ceiling windows, and indoor-outdoor living spaces enhance the feeling of open-

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C7496010	PORT CHARLOTTE	33952	21280 BRINSON AVE #113	\$79,500	919	\$72,500	10/4/2024	Community	2	2	0	1974	Condominium	Cash	86.51	0.91	78.89
N6134063	PUNTA GORDA	33980	22375 EDGEWATER DR #159	\$99,900	959	\$75,000	10/4/2024	Community	2	1	0	1974	Condominium	Cash	104.17	0.75	78.21
D6138134	PORT CHARLOTTE	33952	3163 KEY LN	\$115,000	1,452	\$146,000	10/11/2024	Private	3	2	0	1959	Single Family Residence	Cash	79.2	1.27	94.07
A4620402	PORT CHARLOTTE	33980	1999 KINGS HWY #11B	\$137,000	1,032	\$131,000	10/3/2024	Community	2	2	0	1981	Condominium	Conventional	132.75	0.96	126.94
C7497335	PORT CHARLOTTE	33952	21354 GLENDALE AVE	\$139,500	1,060	\$140,000	10/3/2024	None	3	1	0	1961	Single Family Residence	Cash	131.6	1	86.47
TB8304591	PUNTA GORDA	33980	24540 HARBORVIEW RD #A2	\$145,999	937	\$145,999	9/30/2024	Community	2	2	0	1985	Condominium	Cash	155.82	1	155.82
T3504685	PORT CHARLOTTE	33980	1999 KINGS HWY #21C	\$149,000	1,032	\$135,000	9/30/2024	Community	2	2	0	1981	Condominium	Cash	144.38	0.91	130.81
C7497821	NORTH PORT	34287	6348 SOONER ST	\$149,005	884	\$139,000	10/3/2024	None	2	1	0	1968	Single Family Residence	Assumed	168.56	0.93	100.07
C7497173	PORT CHARLOTTE	33952	2441 EDNOR ST	\$150,000	988	\$133,500	10/1/2024	None	2	1	0	1960	Single Family Residence	Cash	151.82	0.89	79.28
J981332	PUNTA GORDA	33983	25225 RAMPART BLVD #601	\$169,000	886	\$169,000	9/30/2024	Community	2	2	0	1984	Condominium	Cash	190.74	1	190.74
A4622401	NORTH PORT	34287	6593 KENWOOD DR	\$169,900	923	\$165,000	10/2/2024	None	3	2	0	1982	Single Family Residence	Cash	184.07	0.97	106.38
D6137481	ENGLEWOOD	34223	430 HARVARD ST	\$170,000	724	\$120,000	10/3/2024	None	2	1	0	1946	Single Family Residence	Cash	234.81	0.71	165.75
C7497692	PORT CHARLOTTE	33952	20980 CORNELL AVE	\$180,000	2,066	\$175,000	10/4/2024	None	2	2	0	1979	Single Family Residence	Cash	87.12	0.97	61.82
T3550438	NORTH PORT	34291	2590 DE GARMO ST	\$185,900	1,252	\$196,000	10/7/2024	None	3	2	0	2000	Single Family Residence	Cash	148.48	1.05	117.22
C7496598	PORT CHARLOTTE	33952	2268 ABCOTT ST	\$198,800	900	\$213,000	10/2/2024	Private	2	2	0	1980	Single Family Residence	FHA	220.89	1.07	146.29
A4617284	PUNTA GORDA	33983	2456 TRITON TER	\$199,000	1,563	\$205,000	10/2/2024	Private	3	4	0	2006	Single Family Residence	Cash	127.32	1.03	102.6
C7492796	PORT CHARLOTTE	33952	21335 MIDWAY BLVD	\$199,900	1,038	\$165,000	10/11/2024	None	2	2	0	1961	Single Family Residence	Cash	192.58	0.83	128.11
C7497747	PORT CHARLOTTE	33948	345 LAMBERT ST	\$200,000	924	\$190,000	10/4/2024	None	2	2	0	1988	Single Family Residence	Cash	216.45	0.95	205.63
C7497047	PORT CHARLOTTE	33952	22417 OCEANSIDE AVE	\$209,900	1,206	\$209,900	10/2/2024	None	3	2	0	1971	Single Family Residence	Cash	174.05	1	105.16
C7495748	PT CHARLOTTE	33952	20308 GENTRY AVE	\$210,000	1,436	\$185,000	9/30/2024	None	3	2	0	1973	Single Family Residence	Cash	146.24	0.88	83.94
O6200563	NORTH PORT	34287	213 GRANADA BLVD	\$215,000	863	\$212,000	10/1/2024	None	2	2	0	1973	Single Family Residence	FHA	249.13	0.99	245.65
C7489116	PORT CHARLOTTE	33948	18390 WAYNE AVE	\$222,000	904	\$219,000	9/30/2024	None	2	1	0	1984	Single Family Residence	Conventional	245.58	0.99	133.37
C7497481	PUNTA GORDA	33980	3310 LOVELAND BLVD #808	\$224,000	1,265	\$205,000	10/3/2024	Community	3	2	0	1990	Condominium	Cash	177.08	0.92	162.06
C7497117	PORT CHARLOTTE	33952	2448 STARLITE LN	\$224,900	1,193	\$210,000	10/1/2024	None	2	1	0	1966	Single Family Residence	Cash	188.52	0.93	126.51
C7497201	PORT CHARLOTTE	33954	20344 PEACHLAND BLVD	\$235,000	971	\$224,000	10/11/2024	None	2	2	0	1985	Single Family Residence	VA	242.02	0.95	156.86
C7491878	NORTH PORT	34287	3801 LULLABY RD	\$235,000	1,176	\$230,000	10/2/2024	Community	3	2	0	1978	Single Family Residence	Conventional	199.83	0.98	143.3
A4597944	NORTH PORT	34287	6748 MIRO CT	\$247,500	1,176	\$253,500	9/30/2024	None	2	2	0	1979	Single Family Residence	FHA	210.46	1.02	159.43
C7491652	PORT CHARLOTTE	33953	12227 CHANCELLOR BLVD	\$249,900	1,336	\$254,000	10/1/2024	None	3	2	0	1983	Single Family Residence	Conventional	187.05	1.02	131.61
O6217756	NORTH PORT	34287	5845 SPEARMAN CIR	\$254,000	904	\$255,000	10/9/2024	None	2	1	0	1983	Single Family Residence	FHA	280.97	1	213.93
C7491200	PUNTA GORDA	33955	13308 WEDGEWOOD DR	\$255,000	962	\$255,000	10/1/2024	None	2	1	1	2024	Single Family Residence	FHA	265.07	1	183.85
C7482178	PUNTA GORDA	33950	3851 ALBACETE CIR #48	\$255,000	1,451	\$255,000	10/1/2024	Community	2	2	0	2006	Condominium	Conventional	175.74	1	175.74
C7497095	PORT CHARLOTTE	33952	1525 ALTON RD	\$260,000	1,558	\$255,000	10/9/2024	None	2	2	0	1985	Single Family Residence	Cash	166.88	0.98	104.42
C7497842	PORT CHARLOTTE	33952	1089 E CORKTREE CIR	\$269,900	923	\$269,900	9/30/2024	None	3	2	0	1985	Single Family Residence	Conventional	292.42	1	200.52
C7498665	PUNTA GORDA	33955	3 PIRATES LN #34C	\$275,000	1,436	\$275,000	10/1/2024	Community	2	2	0	1979	Condominium	Cash	191.5	1	165.66
D6137491	NORTH PORT	34286	2335 PENGUIN LN	\$289,000	1,172	\$285,000	9/30/2024	None	3	2	0	2002	Single Family Residence	Conventional	246.59	0.99	128.38
C7489140	PORT CHARLOTTE	33952	1321 ALTON RD	\$290,000	1,247	\$250,000	10/1/2024	None	2	2	0	1985	Single Family Residence	Cash	232.56	0.86	123.64
C7493338	PUNTA GORDA	33982	7441 AUSTRIAN BLVD	\$295,000	1,400	\$300,000	10/8/2024	None	3	3	0	2004	Single Family Residence	Conventional	210.71	1.02	110.38
C7495525	NORTH PORT	34287	6721 MARIUS RD	\$298,800	1,580	\$290,000	10/3/2024	None	3	2	0	1962	Single Family Residence	Cash	189.11	0.97	114.9
C7496037	ENGLEWOOD	34224	11021 OCEANSpray BLVD	\$299,000	1,518	\$292,000	10/1/2024	None	3	2	0	2022	Single Family Residence	Conventional	196.97	0.98	157.84
A4610392	PORT CHARLOTTE	33952	21500 EDGEWATER DR	\$299,900	1,971	\$299,900	9/30/2024	Private	4	2	0	1961	Single Family Residence	VA	152.16	1	114.38
O6185472	PORT CHARLOTTE	33980	23312 GOLDCOAST AVE	\$299,900	1,566	\$299,900	9/30/2024	None	4	2	0	2024	Single Family Residence	Conventional	191.51	1	

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N6131592	NORTH PORT	34287	3936 WHISPERING OAKS DR	\$547,500	1,802	\$517,000	10/4/2024	Private	3 2 0	2004	Single Family Residence	Conventional	303.83	0.94	207.13
C7495236	PUNTA GORDA	33950	2224 PALM TREE DR	\$550,000	1,527	\$540,000	10/4/2024	None	2 2 0	1968	Single Family Residence	Conventional	360.18	0.98	215.57
N6134528	NORTH PORT	34288	3676 MARSHALL RD	\$559,000	2,107	\$545,000	10/3/2024	Private	4 3 0	2004	Single Family Residence	Conventional	265.31	0.97	186.52
C7489034	PUNTA GORDA	33950	2750 RIO CT	\$599,900	1,818	\$590,000	10/4/2024	None	3 2 0	1977	Single Family Residence	Cash	329.98	0.98	209.96
C7497169	PUNTA GORDA	33950	92 COLONY POINT DR	\$599,999	1,380	\$595,000	10/3/2024	Private	3 2 0	1975	Single Family Residence	Conventional	434.78	0.99	297.5
D6137653	ENGLEWOOD	34223	164 CLEAR LAKE DR	\$645,000	2,269	\$630,000	10/1/2024	Private	3 2 0	2005	Single Family Residence	Cash	284.27	0.98	199.87
C7484444	PUNTA GORDA	33955	7512 S BLUE SAGE	\$650,000	2,280	\$612,000	9/30/2024	Private	3 2 1	2017	Single Family Residence	Cash	285.09	0.94	177.29
C7497440	PUNTA GORDA	33955	24319 CONTRA COSTA LN	\$699,900	2,620	\$699,900	9/30/2024	Private	4 2 1	2015	Single Family Residence	Cash	267.14	1	205.85
C7495672	PUNTA GORDA	33983	1196 RICARDO LN	\$699,900	2,396	\$655,000	10/7/2024	Private	3 2 0	1988	Single Family Residence	Conventional	292.11	0.94	218.77
C7491791	PUNTA GORDA	33950	1750 JAMAICA WAY #114	\$699,900	2,103	\$650,000	9/30/2024	Community	3 3 0	1988	Condominium	Cash	332.81	0.93	309.08
C7486498	PUNTA GORDA	33950	2411 SIERRA LN	\$749,900	2,164	\$690,000	9/30/2024	Private	3 2 0	1987	Single Family Residence	Cash	346.53	0.92	219.82
C7497417	PUNTA GORDA	33950	1630 VIA BIANCA	\$750,000	1,929	\$750,000	10/4/2024	Private	3 2 0	1999	Single Family Residence	Cash	388.8	1	282.59
C7497222	PUNTA GORDA	33950	2527 RIO PLATO DR	\$750,000	1,824	\$745,000	10/8/2024	Private	4 3 0	1983	Single Family Residence	Cash	411.18	0.99	262.32
C7497145	PUNTA GORDA	33950	2830 MAGDALINA DR	\$774,900	2,019	\$750,000	9/30/2024	Private	3 2 0	2002	Single Family Residence	Cash	383.8	0.97	307.5
A4611038	NORTH PORT	34291	6679 TIDWELL ST	\$839,999	2,935	\$810,000	10/3/2024	Private	4 3 0	2003	Single Family Residence	Conventional	286.2	0.96	209.84
C7486733	PUNTA GORDA	33950	1224 GORDA CAY LN	\$860,000	1,858	\$810,000	9/30/2024	Private	3 2 0	2017	Single Family Residence	Conventional	462.86	0.94	293.8
D6137215	ENGLEWOOD	34223	27409 HOLE IN ONE PL	\$875,000	2,560	\$845,000	10/4/2024	Private, Community	3 3 0	2016	Single Family Residence	Conventional	341.8	0.97	224.02
D6136385	ENGLEWOOD	34223	2380 N BEACH RD #211	\$899,000	2,059	\$825,000	10/9/2024	Community	3 3 1	1995	Condominium	Conventional	436.62	0.92	354.99
C7479569	PUNTA GORDA	33950	3507 SAINT FLORENT CT	\$975,000	3,065	\$975,000	10/7/2024	Private	3 3 0	1996	Single Family Residence	Cash	318.11	1	205.61
C7479768	PUNTA GORDA	33950	1102 TREASURE CAY CT	\$1,295,000	4,243	\$1,140,000	9/30/2024	Private	3 3 1	2000	Single Family Residence	Conventional	305.21	0.88	209.67
C7493770	PUNTA GORDA	33982	40720 HORSESHOE RD	\$1,450,000	2,397	\$1,275,000	10/4/2024	Private	3 2 0	1985	Single Family Residence	Conventional	604.92	0.88	203.32
A4618178	ENGLEWOOD	34223	2727 BAYSHORE DR	\$1,480,000	2,452	\$1,440,000	10/2/2024	None	3 2 0	1986	Single Family Residence	Cash	603.59	0.97	265.58
C7487510	PUNTA GORDA	33950	2750 RYAN BLVD	\$2,400,000	9,953	\$1,750,000	10/1/2024	Private	5 4 2	1991	Single Family Residence	Cash	241.13	0.73	141.62

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C7496160	180 CADDY RD	ROTONDA WEST	33947	ROTONDA W OAKLAND HILLS	1,438	\$199,500	2 2 0	1980	None	Single Family Residence	Cash	10/11/2024	\$146.04	\$138.73	0.95
D6138034	117 CADDY RD	ROTONDA WEST	33947	ROTONDA W OAKLAND HILLS	1,559	\$272,000	2 2 0	1973	None	Single Family Residence	Cash	10/7/2024	\$182.81	\$174.47	0.95
A4609937	6322THORMAN RD	PORT CHARLOTTE	33981	PORT CHARLOTTE SEC 095	1,655	\$335,000	3 2 0	2005	Private, Com	Single Family Residence	Cash	10/11/2024	\$211.48	\$202.42	0.96
C7487131	103 CADDY RD	ROTONDA WEST	33947	ROTONDA W OAKLAND HILLS	1,743	\$344,700	3 2 0	1974	Private	Single Family Residence	Conventional	10/11/2024	\$197.76	\$197.76	1
A4618774	17445 OPAL SAND DR #103	VENICE	34293	WELLEN PARK GOLF & COUNTRY	1,366	\$355,000	2 2 0	2024	Community	Condominium	Cash	10/11/2024	\$267.20	\$259.88	0.97
C7494366	6145 SEAPORT ST	PORT CHARLOTTE	33981	PORT CHARLOTTE SEC 063	1,808	\$370,000	3 2 0	1999	None	Single Family Residence	Conventional	10/11/2024	\$221.18	\$204.65	0.93
T3546966	8652 COCO BAY BLVD	ENGLEWOOD	34224	COCO BAY	2,032	\$498,205	4 3 0	2024	Private, Com	Single Family Residence	Conventional	10/11/2024	\$245.18	\$245.18	1
A4622062	5201 FORBES TER	PORT CHARLOTTE	33981	PORT CHARLOTTE SEC 054	1,664	\$499,900	4 2 0	1978	Private	Single Family Residence	Conventional	10/7/2024	\$300.42	\$300.42	1
D6137905	213 ROTONDA BLVD N	ROTONDA WEST	33947	ROTONDA WEST PINEHURST	1,662	\$579,000	3 2 0	2020	Private	Single Family Residence	Cash	10/7/2024	\$348.38	\$348.38	1
D6136385	2380 N BEACH RD Unit#211	ENGLEWOOD	34223	SURF CLUB ON GULF	2,059	\$825,000	3 3 1	1995	Community	Condominium	Conventional	10/9/2024	\$436.62	\$400.68	0.92

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N6132575	433 CERROMAR LN #339	ROTONDA WEST	33947	ROTONDA W OAKLAND HILLS	1,438	\$199,500	2 2 0	1980	None	Single Family Residence	Cash	10/8/2024	\$177,659	\$138.73	0.95
N6134654	51 MACEWEN DR #13	ROTONDA WEST	33947	ROTONDA W OAKLAND HILLS	1,559	\$272,000	2 2 0	1973	None	Single Family Residence	Cash	10/7/2024	\$182.81	\$174.47	0.95
A4578189	2567 CORTENOVA CT	ROTONDA WEST	33947	ROTONDA W OAKLAND HILLS	1,743	\$344,700	3 2 0	1974	Private	Single Family Residence	Conventional	10/11/2024	\$211.48	\$202.42	0.96
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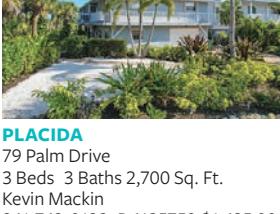
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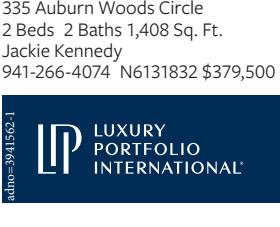
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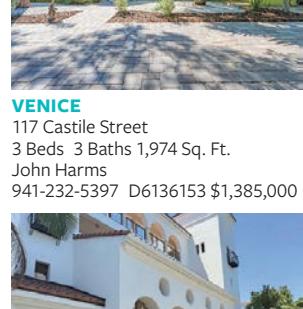


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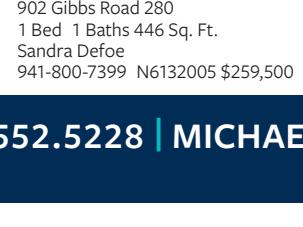
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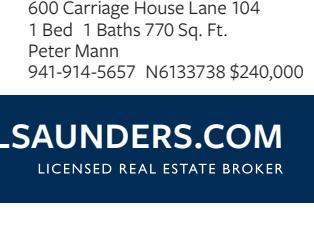
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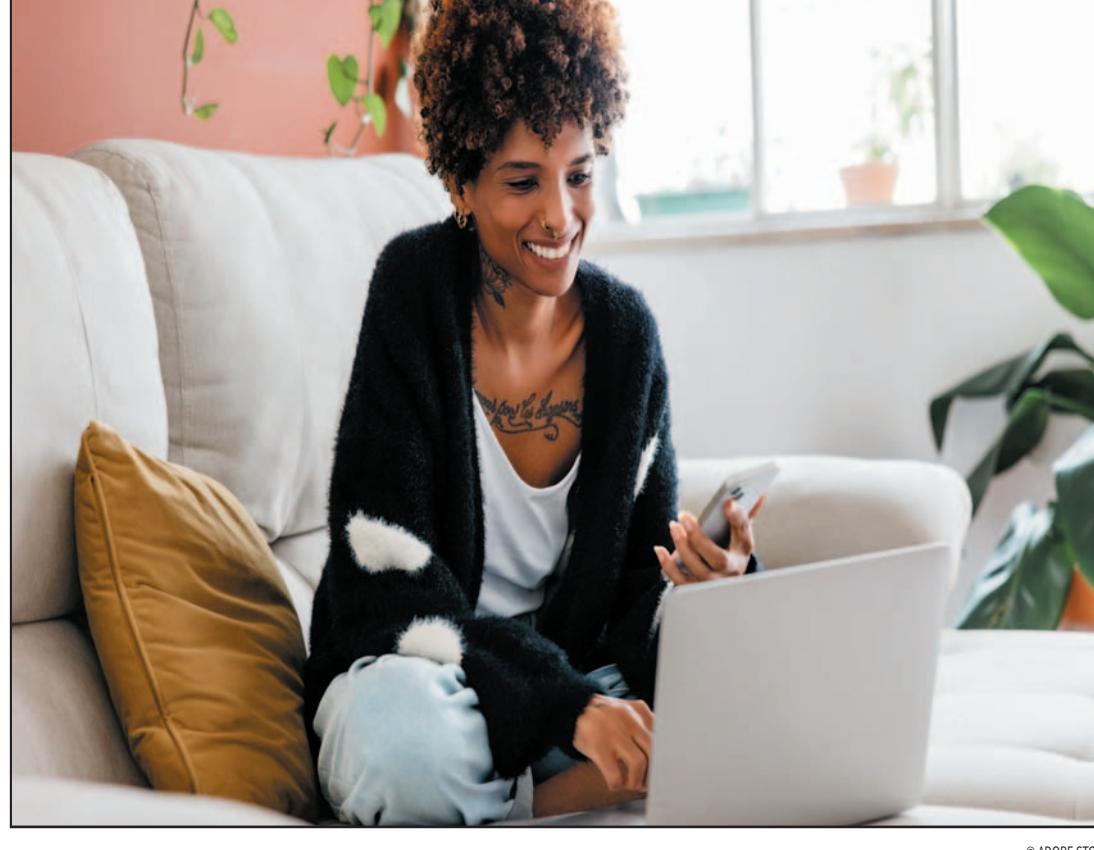
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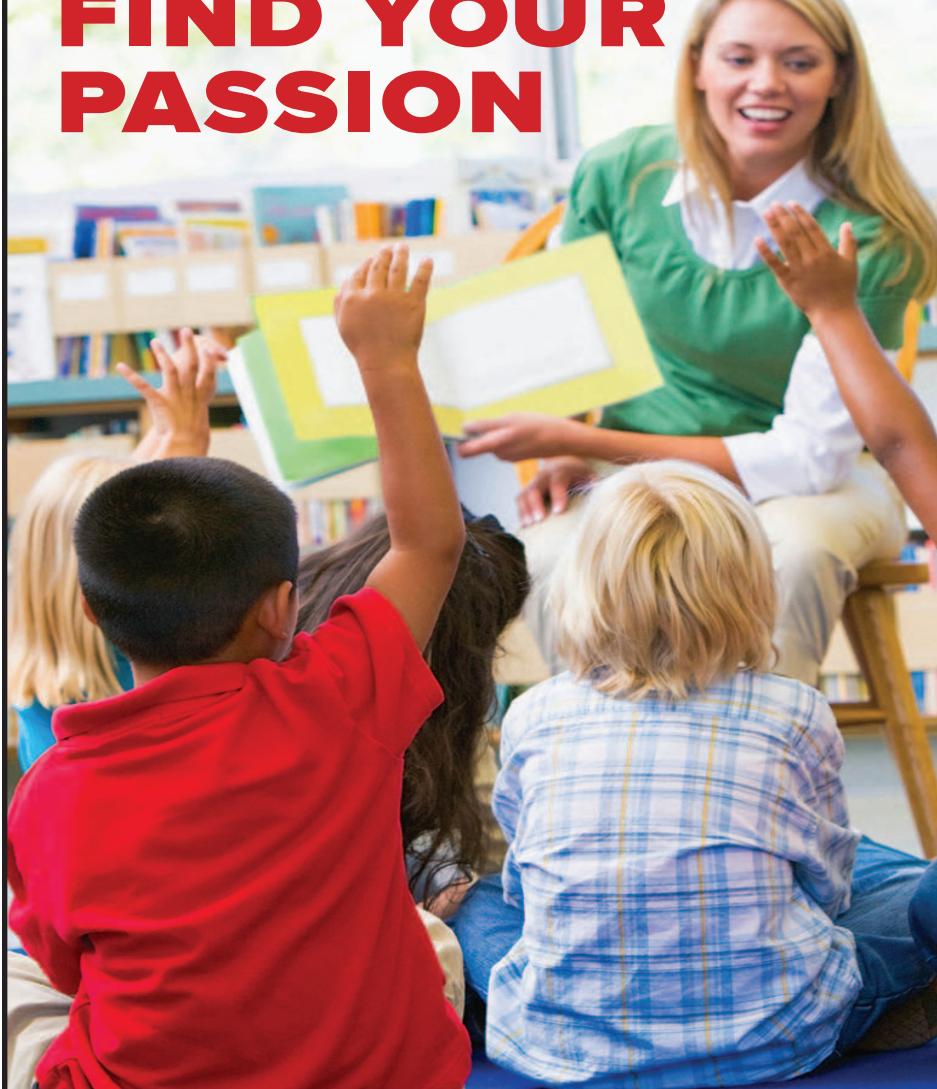
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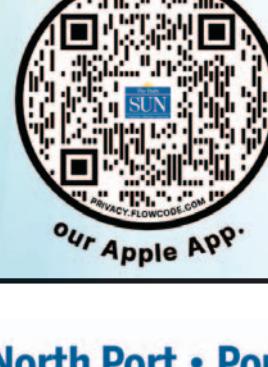
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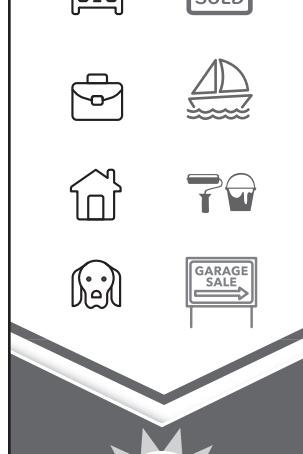
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Spouse eager to put foot down about shoes in home

DEAR ABBY: My wife continually dirties the floors in our home because she refuses to stop wearing shoes in the house. She'll be out all day — at work, running errands, etc. — and then come home and



DEAR ABBY
Advice Columnist

keep her same shoes on. She has even done yard work and then come inside wearing those same shoes!

It's a family trait for her — her mother does the same thing in her house.

We recently visited her aunt and uncle — both of whom were wearing outdoor shoes indoors! How do I convince my wife that our house is dirty specifically because of this? — IN

MY SLIPPERS

DEAR SLIPPERS: According to the August 2024 issue of Consumer Reports, half of household dust is tracked or carried into homes from outside. The soles of our shoes can also carry viruses as well as other unhealthy and unpleasant substances. Instituting an indoor/outdoor policy might help to keep your house cleaner, but the habits of a lifetime are hard to break, and your wife may have trouble changing. A workable compromise might be to have a doormat outside for scraping dust and debris off shoes. Suggest it to her as a possible solution.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are drafting our wills. Our sticking point is my son's wife. She has had affairs and spends money like crazy that they don't have. Is there any way we can shelter from her any inheritance he might receive from us? We

considered hiring a private investigator but wouldn't know what we'd do should a current affair be discovered. We couldn't tell our son. Please help us decide. —

TACTFUL IN TEXAS

DEAR TACTFUL: Because

the laws vary from state to state, the person who should answer this question would be your attorney or your CPA. They can advise you on how to word your wills and estate plans.

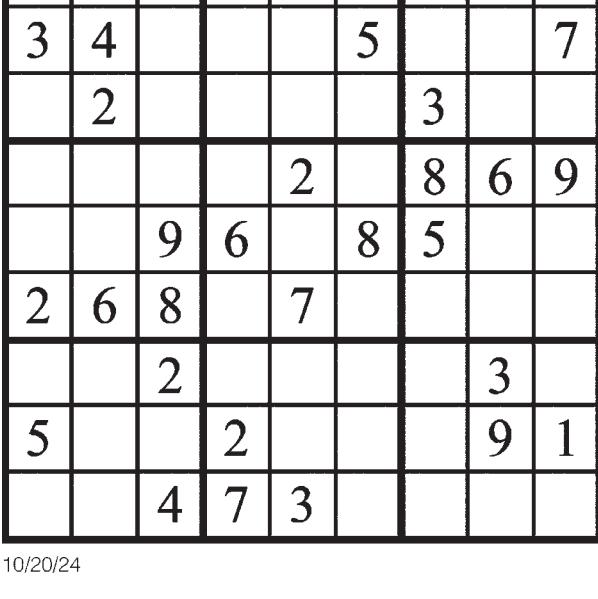
P.S. Because your daughter-in-law has a history of infidelity, if you hire a P.I. and he or she finds evidence that she's cheating again, you should let your son know and the context in which the discovery was made.

DEAR ABBY: My stepson has invited my husband and me to his home for Thanksgiving this year. After agreeing to go, I found out that the meal will consist of vegetarian lasagna. I feel this is inconsiderate of my stepson and his wife because they know my husband and I have always enjoyed traditional Thanksgiving (including the Thanksgiving meal of roasted turkey). Please, what is your opinion? I feel like it's just not Thanksgiving without the turkey. —

WANTING A FEAST IN THE SOUTH

DEAR WANTING: I'm so glad you asked. The Thanksgiving celebration is a tradition in which families and friends join together to give thanks for being together and enjoy food, friendship and the freedoms we are privileged to have in this country. If you need protein, have some before you go.

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Rating: BRONZE

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and the process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver (medium) to Gold (hardest).

Solution to 10/20/24

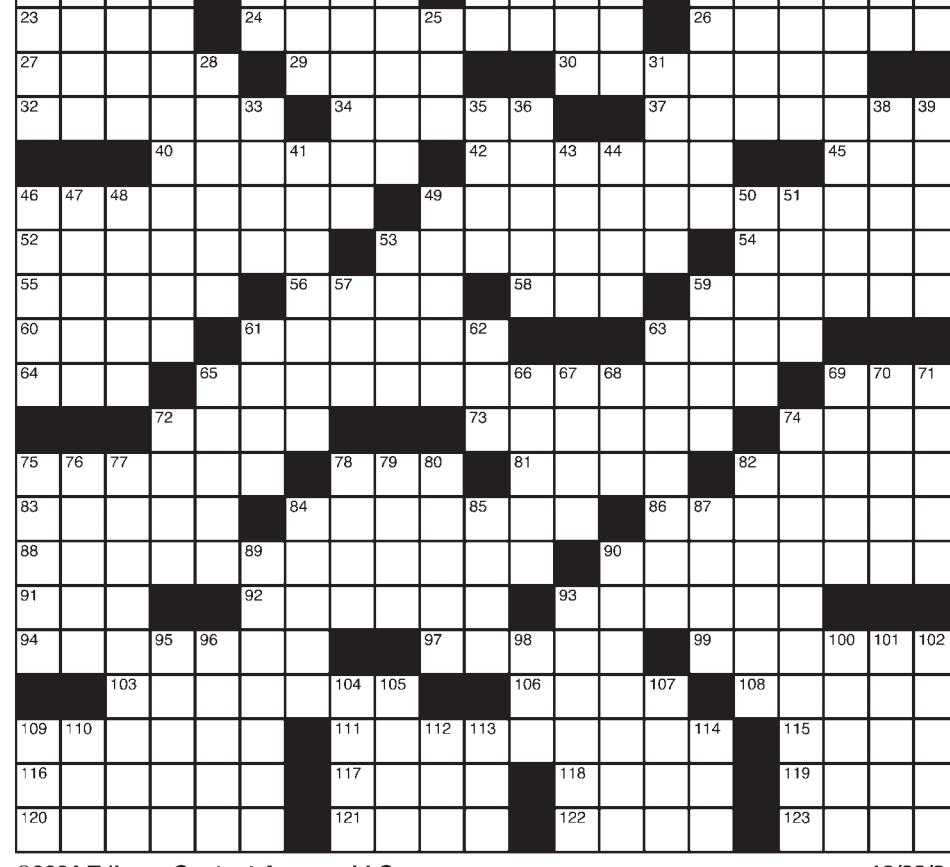
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CRYPTOGRAMS

OCTOBER 20 2024 BY MYLES MELLOR

1. " X H G D A D G M I F T B W D M H B N G D

N T C G M M H B J H V D V F U W M V D O H T Y V

H X E N K K F T D V V . " - G N J K E Z N J Y H

D I D G V H T

2. " E M T P R I C V N R N I T T G I U M N Q I R

F I D D G I R Q F V G W I P V Q F V X C W X S L R

N D Q M U V . " - I U C I F I W T X S B M T S

3. " E G I J K J B S F G Z M M C E S U U Q Z T J

I O G J B F G Z M M C . " - Z P P J Y B Z P T

4. " B J R C V F R U V W W A O Y A O H K R M X B P

A O B J R J X D K G R Q B B J A O H Q D M E R Q

J V D R J M C C P M O Y G A W R G V S R G P . " -

G V X A Q M D M P M G T V B B

GOREN BRIDGE WITH BOB JONES

GOOD CARD READING

North-South vulnerable, South deals

NORTH

♦ 7 5 3 2
♥ K 10 7 6
◊ A 9 4
♣ K 5

WEST

♠ K J 9 8 6
♥ 2
◊ Q J 10 2
♣ Q 10 2

EAST

♠ Q
♥ 8 5
◊ 8 6 5 3
♣ J 9 8 7 6 3

SOUTH

♠ A 10 4
♥ A Q J 9 4 3
◊ K 7
♣ A 4

The bidding:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ 1♠ 2♠* Pass

4NT Pass 5♦** Pass

6♦ All pass

*Heart raise, invitation or better

**2 key cards, among the 4 aces and the king of hearts

Opening lead: Queen of ♦

South probably overbid his hand by a little, but North might have had a much better hand than he did. South won the opening diamond lead

in hand with the king and paused to plan his play. The dummy was a disappointment, and he did not like his chances, but he asked himself why West had not led a spade. He would surely have led a spade if he held the king-queen-jack. As West had shown at least five spades with his overcall, it was likely that East had a singleton spade honor. South found a line of play that would take advantage of that.

South drew trumps in two rounds, led a diamond to dummy's ace, and ruffed a diamond. The ace and then the king of clubs eliminated the minor suits from each hand. South led a low spade from the board and was happy to see the queen from East. South played low from hand and the defense was helpless. Should East win the trick, he would have to yield a ruff-sluff. West could overtake the queen with the king, but he would be in the same boat, with the additional option of leading a spade away from his jack. Very nicely played!

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent to Tribune Content Agency, LLC., 16650 Westgrove Dr., Suite 175, Addison, TX 75001.)

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ACROSS	74 Behind	6 "Sure, why not"	61 Shelled out
1 Delicacy	75 Like corduroy	7 Hello Fresh offering	62 Yodeler's peak
5 _mater	78 Mumbai honorific	8 Home Depot work apparel	63 Eroded
9 Tablet that uses AirPlay	81 _-Cola	9 Post-OR area	65 Annie Dillard's "Pilgrim at Tinker "
13 Mine corridors	82 Comics read from right to left	10 _-Man	66 Caf con _
19 Hybrid tangelo	83 Battery terminal	11 Sacred synagogue cabinets	67 God with wings
20 Page	84 Shouts of triumph	12 Pigeonhole's place	68 Premium film network
21 Part of TLC	86 In a fog	13 The whole _	69 First Soviet leader
22 Jean of "Bombshell"	88 Means for Bambi's friend Flower?	14 Sports	70 Birdie topper
23 "Ozma of Oz"	90 Slick tricks	15 "Star Wars" droid nickname	71 Pictures of health?
novelist L. Frank	91 Brain scan letters	16 Rent money?	72 PC scrolling key
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32 Winter gear with lots of buckles	99 Hothouse flower	31 Idiotic	78 Fruit-flavored juice brand
33 Joints with caps	103 Breaks apart	33 "By that logic ... "	79 Steals from
34 Minuscule machine	106 Reps	35 Town across the Thames from Windsor	80 Choleric
35 Presidential candidate Kamala	108 Schussing spot	36 Handled	82 Takes a drive
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41 Tell the truth now!"	118 Morales of "La Bamba"	46 "WandaVision" star Elizabeth	93 Thames landmark
42 Tehran currency	119 Common gum flavor	47 "Cool beans"	95 Many a navel
43 Barracks boss	120 Recycling bundlers	48 "The Goldfinch" writer Donna Tartt	96 Theater employee
44 Day saver	121 Loaves that may be seeded	49 "Heck yeah!"	98 Blob of gum
45 Home of the NCAA's Buckeyes	122 "Blue Bloods" org. Elizabeth	50 Rosey of football's "Fearsome Foursome"	100 Dawg
46 Nada	123 Salty bodies of water	51 Purges (of)	101 Bucky Beaver's toothpaste
47 Kin of -ule		52 "Rats"	102 Shoulder muscles, briefly
48 Fruit in a tropical smoothie		53 "Heck yeah!"	104 Lyf rival
49 College town north of Des Moines		54 Purges (of)	105 Latitude
50 _ too shabby!"		55 "Rats"	107 Lose one's cool
51 Written request for financial aid?		56 Prefix with dermal refinement	109 Blubber
52 Supervillain Luthor		57 Contacted privately, briefly	110 Spy-fi org.
53 _-dieu		58 Core muscles	111 Add- : extras
54 Made curly			114 Rib

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19). You're compelled at times toward stoicism and tapping exclusively into inner resources, though it can be just as right to lean on the people you trust. They need to feel needed, too.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20). It will be up to you to set yourself up for success. Don't just plan it but go through the motions of the plan. Be like a drummer, setting up a rhythm for life to follow. A good beat will command the dance.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 21). You think about exciting possibilities and impossibilities. Dreams can be limitless, so why limit them? Then you turn the dream into a plan with plenty of limits.

CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22). You've felt the kind of pain, excitement or need that someone close to you is now experiencing and are filled with recognition and knowing. Sensing the inner world of others is a gift, an opportunity, a power and a responsibility.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22). Don't overthink it. Sometimes, the more you try to figure everything out, the more tangled it gets. Your heart knows what matters. Let it lead and everything else will fall into place. Feel your way forward, step by step.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22). You will pay better attention to the stories you're telling yourself. Are they true? Are they serving you? Don't obsess about whether someone likes you. Do you like them? Pay attention to your heart's narrative.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 23). It's easy to get caught up in everyone else's opinions, but the real story is yours to write. Are you taking enough time to process the world the way only you can? Likely, it's going to happen through a creative or self-care practice.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 21). Remember when you and your dear friend were just two strangers hoping to stumble upon some common ground? As you move through the fresh faces, keep in mind that one of them could be your next good friend.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21). To understand what's not working, you have to hear the noise, feel the friction or experience the frustration of being stuck. These incongruent parts are ultimately the keys to getting everyone and everything moving in the same direction.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19). Even though your clever mind can make any number of useful associations, you are also wise enough to realize that not everything has to be about something. Some things just are.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18). It's beautiful when people support you through hard times and celebrate you through good times. The second kind of supporter is harder to find in competitive worlds, and when that golden friend comes along, don't let them go.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20). Someone will mold their thoughts and deeds around your influence. It's a responsibility you didn't ask for directly, but you readily accept it as part of what comes with sharing your world.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCT. 20). You are boldly yourself -- an optimist who believes in love, friendship and second chances. Your investment in hope will pay off for you, not always directly, but always beautifully. More highlights: You'll accept a promotion. You'll forge exceptionally close relationships. An impromptu road trip will make your personal history as a top 10 favorite adventure. Virgo and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 18, 33, 12 and 16.

Try this two-in-one coconut oil hint

DEAR HELOISE: Here's how to deter mosquitoes and moisturize your skin at the same time: coconut oil.

Living in South Louisiana, where the mosquito is considered the state bird, I pay attention to any way I can become less appetizing. One suggestion was coconut-scented soap because they are supposedly repelled by this scent. I chose to be more aggressive by covering all of my exposed body and face parts with the coconut oil I use for cooking.

Now I can grill after dusk or even take an evening walk. No bites, plus a cheap, organic moisturizer that is quickly absorbed into the skin, with no need to wash off!

My previous use for this oil was to rub it over fork-pierced sweet potatoes that were baked at 400 F for an hour. (Excess oil on my hand was massaged into my husband's dry arms and legs.) Slice open the potatoes, scoop it out, and add to a bowl with one pat of butter per potato, plus salt. Whip this into mashed sweet potatoes. Keep it simple! — *Kathleen Bierman, via email*

DEAR HELOISE: I'm writing in response to "Desperate Debbie," who mentioned bleach spots on her favorite top. I simply find a magic marker that is the same color of the damaged item and dab it over the bleach spot. Permanent markers work best and will last for a couple of washings. Of course, if the clothing item is an odd color, this won't work.

I have done this for years and have saved some of my favorite clothes this way. With regular markers, you may have to redo the



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process every time you wear the item. But it only takes a minute, and you can still wear it! — *C.B., in California*

DEAR HELOISE: While I like most flavors of ice cream, I found that

I am really partial to a Dr. Pepper ice cream float. My mother loved Dr. Pepper and drank it all her life. She would have loved this ice cream. It is also good with some Dr. Pepper added and mixed into a shake. — *Norma, in Texas*

DEAR HELOISE: After years of trying to find gifts for my family and having most of them just tell me what they wanted, I decided to do something different. At Thanksgiving, I gave each \$100. They were to buy something they would typically ask for and bring it to Christmas dinner, wear it, or tell us what it was. Married couples could pool their money together and put it toward something more expensive.

This worked out so well! Everyone was interested in what the others had picked out. We had quite a fashion show, and everyone was a winner. I didn't have to shop and wrap gifts. Everyone got what they wanted, which was the correct size, color, etc. They all liked the new plan and asked to do it again. I plan to do the same thing for birthdays for next year.

Several friends liked my idea and are going to adopt it as well. — *Carolyn, A Reader of the Dayton Daily News, in Beavercreek, Ohio*

DEAR READERS: Brush the top of fresh homemade bread with white or cider vinegar just before it's done, then return it to the oven for the last few minutes. This will give your crust a beautiful shine. — *Heloise*

KEN KEN THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER

EASY

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TODAY'S ANSWERS

1	3	6	5	4	2
3	5	4	2	6	1
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• Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

CHALLENGER

DIRECTIONS:

Fill each square with a number, one through nine.

- Horizontal squares should add to the totals on right.
- Vertical squares should add to the totals on bottom.
- Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right.

THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE SOLUTION.

Today's Challenge

Time 5 Minutes

13 Seconds

Your Working

Time Minutes

Seconds

25 19 22 24 18

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Saturday's Challenger Answers

solution	10-19	23
2	9	8
3	5	4
7	8	2
4	6	3
16	28	17
21	30	17

JUMBLE BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREL

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

1 secondhand (8)

2 in a New York minute (7)

3 rush-hour problem (7)

4 call it a day (6)

5 Newsweek, for example (8)

6 tenant's monthly payment (4)

7 year-round (10)

SOLUTIONS

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Today's Answers: 1. RECESSION 2. PROW

TEACHER'S MARKS

BY JOHN KUGELMAN / EDITED BY JOEL FAGLIANO

John Kugelman, of Gainesville, Va., is a software engineer and musician. He dedicates this puzzle to his sister Julie Buffington, a.k.a. "Mrs. B.," a second-grade teacher at nearby Haymarket Elementary. For authenticity, she provided all of the red-pen marks in this puzzle's original submission.

ACROSS

- 1 Remained under cover?
- 8 John Singer Sargent portrait that scandalized Paris in 1884
- 15 Just peachy
- 18 "Time to start the day!"
- 20 What Beyoncé Knowles goes by
- 21 Tournament pass
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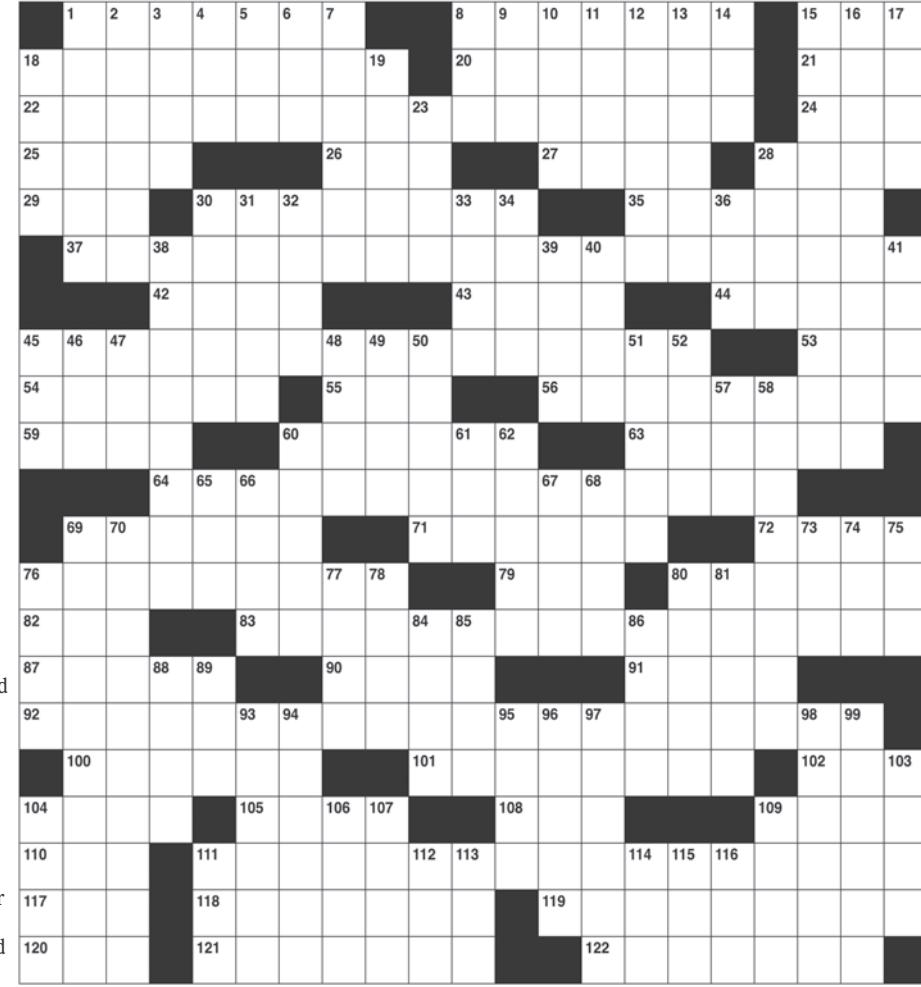
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Becoming a Millionaire

Q How can I use stocks to become a millionaire before I retire? — D.B., Las Cruces, New Mexico

A Becoming a millionaire is possible — if you have enough time and money. You'll need to sock away significant sums regularly for many years.

And you'll need to invest effectively, such as in a low-fee S&P 500 index fund.

If you can invest \$500 per month into the stock market and you earn its historical average annual return of roughly 10%, you'll be a millionaire in about 30 years. It will take about 21 years if you invest \$1,250 per month.

There's no guaranteed return for stocks, so if you average less than 10%, it will take longer. Still, even if you fall short of a million dollars, you can amass a lot by investing well and for a long time.

Q How is inflation measured? — A.F., West Palm Beach, Florida

A The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is the most widely used measure of inflation. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the CPI is "a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services."

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The index shows that if you paid for such items and services 25 years ago (in 1999) for \$100, in 2024 they would cost you around \$188. Some CPI variations exclude

particularly volatile categories such as food and energy. Learn more at BLS.gov/cpi.

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Shrink Your Tax Bill

Tax season is still a few months away, but if you want to shrink your tax bill, there are things you should be doing throughout the year, not just in April. Here are some tips:

- Be organized: Save receipts for any expense you'll want to deduct or may have to prove one day, perhaps in a shoebox or folder.

- Be thorough: When preparing your tax return, aim to be comprehensive, reporting all income and taking all deductions and credits for which you qualify. Failing to report some income might trigger an audit. Note that if you're sent a 1099 form reporting some income, the IRS gets a copy of it, too.

- Use tax-advantaged retirement accounts: If you have earned income, you can contribute to an IRA account — up to \$7,000 for 2024, plus an extra \$1,000 "catch-up" contribution for those 50 or older. Company 401(k) accounts sport fatter contribution limits —

\$23,000 for 2024, plus \$7,500 for those 50 and older. Traditional IRAs and 401(k)s give you an up-front tax break, shrinking your taxable income by the amount of your contribution; with Roth accounts, there's no up-front tax break, but if you follow the rules, withdrawals in the future can be tax-free.

- Take your required minimum distributions (RMDs) on time:

Traditional IRAs and 401(k)s and some other retirement accounts (though not Roth accounts) require you to take annual RMDs starting the year you turn 73. Read up on the rules, and don't be late taking your RMDs, because the penalty is hefty.

- Get an extension if you need to: Just realize that your tax payments, as best as you can estimate them, are still due in April. The extension simply allows you to file your return later.

- Consider filing your taxes online: It can speed up processing and can also help you identify tax breaks while minimizing math errors.

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Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 2011, when I was spun off from my parent company. Today,

based in Deerfield, Illinois, and with a recent market value near \$11 billion, I'm a specialist in the home products, security and commercial building markets.

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Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.



My Smartestest Invesent

A Comfortably Retired Teacher

In 1971, my schoolteacher's salary had reached \$10,000, and it was time to get started saving for retirement in the 403(b) tax-advantaged account available to public employees.

A tax-sheltered annuity featuring a 4% rate of return was popular at the time. In 1985, I rolled it into a tax-sheltered mutual fund averaging an 8.25% rate of return. This doubled my projected portfolio value when I retired 10 years later. My retirement funds now are largely in an index fund. In my late 80s, the required minimum distribution (RMD) produced by it increases my teacher's pension by 70%. — D.H., online

The Fool Responds: You were smart to make good use of that 403(b) account.

(For public and some other employees, 403(b) accounts are similar to the 401(k) accounts available to workers at many private companies.) Various kinds of

annuities can serve some categories of people well, but not always.

Those with decades before they retire may be best served investing long-term dollars in the stock market — perhaps via a low-fee S&P 500 index fund.

- You're in an index fund now,

- which can make good sense even for people in retirement. Keep your long-

- term money there, but move money you'll need within five or even 10

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A Semiconductor Gem

ASML (Nasdaq: ASML), a Dutch company, is the leading maker of lithography systems, machines that use light to make semiconductors. Extreme ultraviolet (EUV) machines have become the state-of-the-art industry standard for semiconductor production, and ASML is still the only company that manufactures them. (It does have competitors that make less advanced deep ultraviolet (DUV) machines.)

EUV machines are expensive to make, and ASML has unmatched intellectual property, a long history of research and development, and key supplier and customer relationships in the industry.

ASML has built a formidable, highly profitable business, and it is on track for more than \$30 billion in revenue this year. However, it does face challenges. The industry is emerging from a cyclical downturn. And in response to U.S. demands, the Dutch government has restricted ASML from exporting its most advanced systems to China, which could impact its revenue.

However, the company expects strong sales growth next year. Additionally, the foundry industry is on the verge of a construction boom. That could mean a bright future for ASML over the next five years, as it faces no current competition in EUV machines.

(The Motley Fool owns shares of and recommends ASML.)

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to 1927, when I was founded in Augusta, Georgia, as a hardwood lumber wholesaler. By 1938 I had five sawmills in the South, and I expanded to the West Coast in 1947. I was listed on the New York Stock Exchange in 1949, but I've since been taken private, so you can't buy stock in me. I'm a top global maker and seller of bath tissue, paper towels and napkins, tableware, paper-based packaging, cellulose and building products. My brands include Angel Soft, Brawny, Dixie, enMotion, Quilted Northern, Sparkle and Vanity Fair. Who am I? (Answer: Georgia-Pacific)

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Trump, Harris seek Arab American votes in Michigan in effort to shore up support in battleground states

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Kamala Harris insisted it was time to “end the suffering” in the Middle East while Donald Trump visited one of the nation’s only Muslim-majority cities on Friday as the dueling presidential contenders fought for a small but pivotal bloc of Arab American voters in swing-state Michigan.

In a rare reference to Israel’s fight against Hamas and Hezbollah, Harris said, “This year has been very difficult, given the scale of death and destruction in Gaza and given the civilian casualties and displacement in Lebanon.” She said the death of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar “can and must be a turning point.”

“Everyone must seize this opportunity to finally end the war in Gaza, bring the hostages home and end the suffering once and for all,” she said.

Trump, meanwhile, avoided any specifics about his plans for the Middle East, but he said he didn’t think the Arab American community would vote for Harris “because she doesn’t know what she’s doing.”

Later, he fought through technical glitches that silenced his microphone for almost 20 minutes at a rally in Detroit.

Michigan is one of three “blue wall” states that, along with Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, will help decide the election on Nov. 5. Diverse voting blocs are key to winning virtually any swing state, but Michigan is unique with its significant Arab American population, which has been deeply frustrated by the Biden administration’s support for Israel’s offensive in Gaza following Hamas’ Oct. 7, 2023, attack on Israel.

Trump, who instituted a travel ban targeting Muslim countries while in office and has vowed to expand the ban to include refugees from Gaza if elected again, is trying to capitalize on the community’s frustration with the Democratic administration, despite his well-documented history of hostile rhetoric and policies.

There were modest signs Friday that he may be making progress.

The Republican nominee visited a new campaign office in Hamtramck, one of the nation’s only Muslim-majority cities, and was joined there by Mayor Amer Ghalib, a Democrat who has endorsed Trump. Meanwhile, three city council members in the same town have endorsed Harris.

“His visit today is to show respect and appreciation to our community,” said Ghalib, who presented Trump with a framed certificate of appreciation.

Trump’s allies have held meetings for months with community leaders in the state, which Biden carried by less than 3 points in 2020. Asked about the Hamtramck mayor’s endorsement, Trump said: “I mean, frankly, it’s an honor. I’ve got a lot of endorsements, Arab Americans, from a lot of people.”



Democratic presidential nominee Vice President Kamala Harris arrives to speak at a campaign rally in Riverside Park, Friday, Oct. 18, 2024, in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Trump has held 15 separate events in Michigan dating back to April, when Biden was still the presumed Democratic nominee. Including a scheduled Saturday event in Detroit, Harris will have visited Michigan 11 times since she became the nominee, according to AP tracking of the campaigns’ public events.

And while foreign policy rarely sways U.S. elections, the war in the Middle East is a critical concern for many of Michigan’s Arab American voters.

Trump said Sinwar “was not a good person” when asked about the Hamas leader’s death. Sinwar, one of the architects of the Oct. 7 attack, was killed Wednesday by Israelis.

“That’s my reaction. That’s sometimes what happens,” Trump told reporters at the airport in Detroit.

Even as he reached out to disillusioned Arab American voters, Trump suggested he would end efforts to encourage Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to restrain military operations that have killed tens of thousands of Palestinians.

Even though Biden “is trying to hold him back ... he probably should be doing the opposite, actually,” Trump said.

Harris highlighted her support from the Arab American community as well.

On Friday, 52 Lebanese Americans endorsed Harris and her running mate, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, saying in a letter that the voice of their community “will be heard” under the ticket’s leadership.

The letter reiterated calls for a ceasefire, and it cited a recent decision by the Department of Homeland Security to extend temporary legal status to Lebanese citizens in the U.S. Such status is made available to people from certain countries marred by war, turmoil or natural disasters.

But Harris has also faced demonstrators protesting U.S. support of Israel in the conflict. During a closed-door meeting Thursday with students at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, she

was confronted by a protester, according to a video posted by a pro-Palestinian student group on social media.

According to the video, as Harris was telling students she was invested in them, a protester interrupted her, asking, “And in genocide, right? Billions of dollars in genocide?”

A phalanx of Democratic governors — Maura Healey of Massachusetts, Wes Moore of Maryland, Tony Evers of Wisconsin, Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan, Josh Shapiro of Pennsylvania and Kathy Hochul of New York — campaigned with Harris earlier Friday.

Longtime Michigan Sen. Debbie Stabenow, a Democrat, emphasized that the army of top Democrats descending on the state was not a sign of panic, stating, “We have to run like we’re behind.”

“A lot of people have always said we’re a blue state. She knows we’re not. And she’s not taking us for granted,” Stabenow told the AP ahead of a rally for Harris in Oakland County.

Both Trump and Harris also made a push for union workers and Black voters as they worked every angle for support.

At an appearance at the United Auto Workers Local 652 hall in Lansing, Harris offered a direct message to union members: “I will always have your back.”

She warned that Trump would undermine collective bargaining and worker protections.

“We’ve got to get the word out to all the brothers and sisters in labor to remind them what this dude does,” she said before the campaign played a clip of Trump saying it’s not hard to build a car. “We could have our child doing it,” he said.

Meanwhile, Trump talked up his own support among labor unions and criticized the rise of electric cars during a rival event in Oakland County ahead of his evening rally in Detroit.

While visiting a campaign office, Trump said the head of the United Auto Workers — who has endorsed Harris

Trump fights back after Harris questions whether he is ‘exhausted’

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Donald Trump’s energy level emerged as a flash-point on Friday as the Republican nominee and Democrat Kamala Harris scrambled across battleground Michigan with Election Day looming.

Harris told reporters that Trump was “unfit,” “unstable” and “a danger to our democracy” ahead of an afternoon rally. But she appeared to touch a nerve with her Republican rival when she mentioned a report that Trump was “exhausted.”

Harris’ attack comes as she seeks to raise doubts about Trump’s health over the final days of the campaign. Trump, at 78, would be the oldest person in U.S. to become the president if he wins. But he’s refused to release his medical records or other health details, breaking decades of tradition in presidential politics.

Trump, who has been campaigning at a breakneck pace as well, fired back later in the day when asked by reporters about Harris’ comment.

“She’s a loser. She doesn’t go to any events,” Trump charged hours before a rally in Detroit as he ticked down his to-do list for the day. He said he was on “Fox & Friends” at 7 a.m., had two other appearances and then made “about 15 phone calls.”

“I’ve gone 48 days now without a rest. And I’ve got that loser, who doesn’t have the energy of a rabbit,” Trump said. “Tell me when you’ve seen me take even a little bit of a rest. Not only am I not—I’m not even tired. I’m really exhilarated.”

— doesn’t have a clue.

“I’ve saved Michigan,” he said, telling the crowds he would bring back more manufacturing. “We’ll end up having those plants built over here instead of in other countries.”

Later, he called Teamsters President Sean O’Brien “a great guy.” O’Brien spoke at the Republican National Convention, and his union decided not to endorse Harris, which was viewed as a victory for Trump, given the union’s past support for Democrats.

“I think it’s been many decades before they endorsed a Republican. I think they’ll start very soon,” Trump said.

Trump’s Detroit event was his first there since insulting the city last week. While warning what will happen if Harris is elected, he said that “our whole country will end up being like Detroit.” The city spent years hemorrhaging residents and businesses, plunging into deep financial problems, before rebounding in recent years.

“We love Detroit,” Trump said Friday night as the crowd erupted. “We’re going to make Detroit great again.”

US to probe Tesla’s ‘Full Self-Driving’ system after pedestrian killed in low visibility conditions



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The logo of Tesla car is pictured at the Paris Auto Show, in Paris, Monday, Oct. 14, 2024.

TOM KRISHER

AP Auto Writer

DETROIT — The U.S. government’s road safety agency is investigating Tesla’s “Full Self-Driving” system after getting reports of crashes in low-visibility conditions, including one that killed a pedestrian.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said in documents that it opened the probe on Thursday after the company reported four crashes when Teslas encountered sun glare, fog and airborne dust.

In addition to the pedestrian’s death, another crash involved an injury, the agency said.

Investigators will look into the ability of “Full Self-Driving” to “detect and respond appropriately to reduced roadway visibility conditions, and if so, the contributing circumstances for these crashes.”

The investigation covers roughly 2.4 million Teslas from the 2016 through 2024 model years.

A message was left Friday seeking comment from Tesla, which has said the system cannot drive itself and human drivers must be ready to intervene at all times.

Last week Tesla held an event at a Hollywood studio to unveil a fully autonomous robotaxi without a steering wheel or pedals. Musk, who has promised autonomous vehicles before, said the company plans to

have autonomous Models Y and 3 running without human drivers next year. Robotaxis without steering wheels would be available in 2026 starting in California and Texas, he said.

The investigation’s impact on Tesla’s self-driving ambitions isn’t clear. NHTSA would have to approve any robotaxi without pedals or a steering wheel, and it’s unlikely that would happen while the investigation is in progress. But if the company tries to deploy autonomous vehicles in its existing models, that likely would fall to state regulations. There are no federal regulations specifically focused on autonomous vehicles, although they must meet broader safety rules.

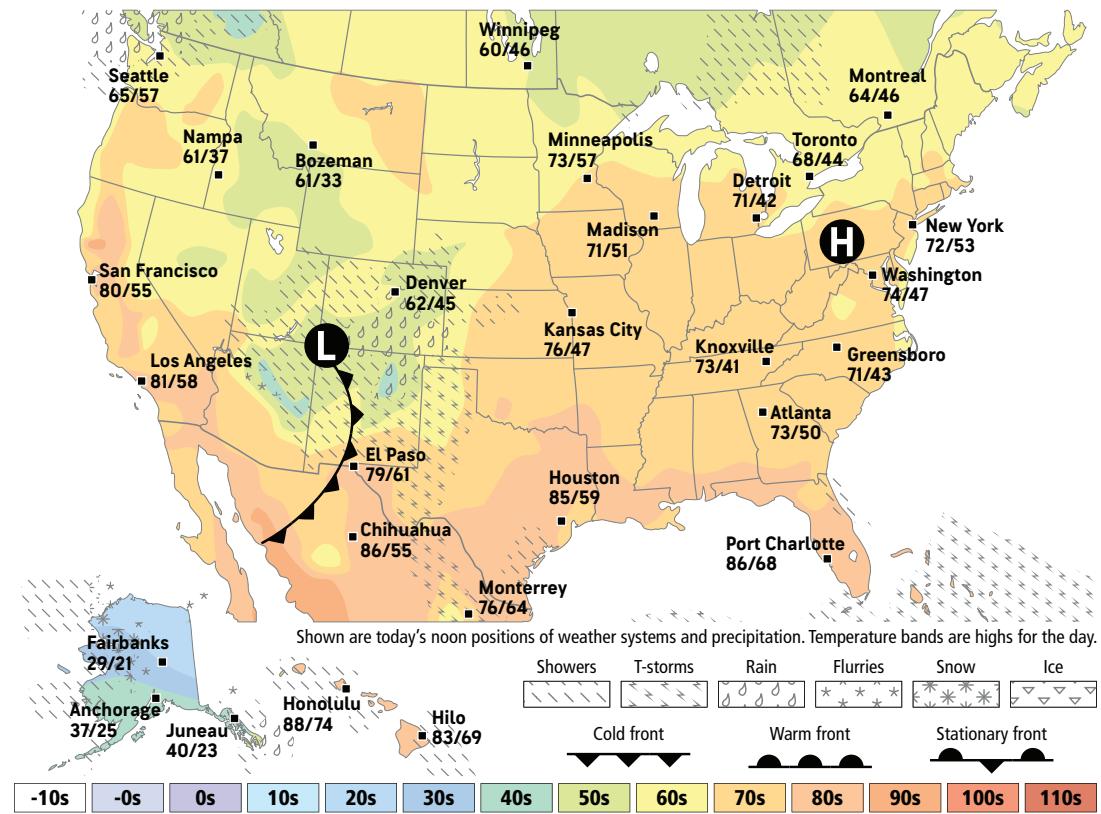


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Alcoa, TN	74	42	s	4	50	Dallas, TX	79	56	s	5	64	Gladwin, MI	71	39	s	3	50
Antigo, WI	67	45	pc	3	41	Dayton, TN	75	37	s	4	49	Glenive, MT	67	42	s	3	30
Apple Valley, MN	73	55	pc	3	85	Denver, CO	62	45	r	2	33	Grand Rapids, MN	63	47	pc	1	39
Ashland, WI	66	51	pc	1	42	Detroit, MI	71	42	s	3	51	Greenville, TN	71	35	s	4	50
Athens, OH	78	32	s	4	55	Dillon, MT	60	34	s	3	33	Greenville, NC	73	48	s	4	45
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Beloit, WI	76	46	s	3	64	Easton, MD	72	43	s	4	51	Helena, MT	67	41	s	3	29
Big Timber, MT	66	42	s	3	30	Eau Claire, WI	73	53	pc	3	47	Hertford, NC	73	48	s	4	39
Boone, NC	67	36	s	4	52	Eden Prairie, MN	73	54	c	1	81	Hickory, NC	71	42	s	4	52
Boston, MA	70	49	s	3	51	Edenton, NC	73	50	s	4	40	Hillsville, VA	69	41	s	4	51
Bozeman, MT	61	33	s	3	32	Elizabeth City, NC	72	53	s	4	35	Honolulu, HI	88	74	sh	6	32
Buffalo, NY	67	46	s	3	50	Elk River, MN	68	51	c	1	77	Idaho Falls, ID	58	29	s	3	50
Caledonia, MN	73	52	pc	3	44	Elkton, MD	73	39	s	4	52	Isle, MN	63	50	c	1	45
Cambridge, MN	66	49	c	1	68	Ellensburg, WA	68	42	pc	2	33	Janesville, WI	74	47	s	3	59
Casper, WY	62	34	pc	4	45	El Paso, TX	79	61	s	5	25	Kenansville, NC	72	47	s	4	43
Charlotte, NC	74	45	s	4	51	Emmett, ID	61	37	s	3	53	Key West, FL	83	76	t	2	45
Cheyenne, WY	57	40	c	3	40	Fargo, ND	63	49	pc	3	35	King, NC	73	40	s	4	51
Chicago, IL	73	51	s	3	60	Fairbault, MN	73	55	pc	2	66	Klamath Falls, OR	66	32	s	4	51
Cincinnati, OH	73	44	s	4	52	Flagstaff, AZ	47	30	sn	2	111	Kuna, ID	62	38	s	3	53
Cleveland, OH	69	44	s	3	51	Forest Lake, MN	70	52	c	1	75	Lake Mills, WI	72	49	s	3	54
Columbus, MT	68	38	s	3	32	Forsyth, MT	71	43	s	3	38	Lakeview, OR	67	27	s	4	51
Columbus, OH	74	43	s	4	54	Fort Atkinson, WI	72	48	s	3	57	La Plata, MD	73	39	s	4	52

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice. The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. 0-2 Low; 3-5 Moderate; 6-7 High; 8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme. Air Quality Index (AQ): 0-50, Good; 51-100, Moderate; 101-150, Unhealthy for sensitive groups; 151-200, Unhealthy; 201-300, Very unhealthy; 301-500, Hazardous.

North Carolina early voters, still recovering from Helene, top turnout in 2020

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RALEIGH, N.C. — More North Carolina residents turned out to cast ballots on the first day of early voting this year than in 2020, even as residents from the mountainous western portion of the state continued to recover from the devastating effects of Hurricane Helene.

Preliminary data shows a record 353,166 people cast ballots at more than 400 early voting sites statewide on Thursday, compared to 348,599 on

the first day in October 2020, the State Board of Elections said Friday.

As North Carolina's population and voter registration continues to grow, Thursday's total as a percentage of the current number of registered voters in the state was slightly lower compared to the percentage of the electorate four years ago, according to data provided by the board. Thursday's number was 4.54% of the state's 7.78 million voters, while the 2020

first-day figure was 4.78% of the 7.29 million registrants at the time.

The number of ballots that were cast and voters who were registered as of Thursday is expected to increase as county election boards continue to upload data, board spokesperson Pat Gannon said.

Lines and full parking lots were common on Thursday at voting sites in highly populated Piedmont counties and in the mountainous region where historic flooding three weeks ago destroyed homes, roads and bridges

and knocked out power and water systems. The board said Friday it had received no reports of significant issues or voting problems.

Thursday's turnout "is a clear sign that voters are energized about this election, that they trust the elections process, and that a hurricane will not stop North Carolinians from exercising their right to vote," state board Executive Director Karen Brinson Bell said in a news release. Clear, sunny weather on

Thursday likely aided the turnout, according to election officials.

Helene was the deadliest hurricane to hit the U.S. mainland since Katrina in 2005, decimating remote towns throughout Appalachia and killing at least 246 people, with a little over half of the storm-related deaths in North Carolina.

While electricity has nearly been fully restored in western North Carolina, tens of thousands lack access to clean running water. Still, all but four of the 80 early voting sites initially planned for the 25 western counties hardest hit by the



A supporter for former President Trump walks past political signs outside the Rutherford County Annex Building, an early voting site, Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024 in Rutherfordton, N.C.

storm were open on Thursday.

"Obviously, any time you have something this cataclysmic, it's going to disrupt people's lives," early voter Bill Whalen, 75, of Asheville, said Thursday, but "at least in my neighborhood, there's a widespread understanding of the importance of this election and how important it is to vote."

The early-vote period, which continues through Nov. 2 in all 100 counties, is extremely popular in North Carolina. More than 3.6 million ballots — 65% of all ballots — were cast during early voting in the 2020 general election. Voters

can simultaneously register to vote and cast a ballot during the 17-day period.

Traditional absentee balloting began several days before Helene reached the state. More than 75,000 ballots were received from in-state, military and overseas voters through Thursday, the board said.

In addition to president, the North Carolina ballot also includes races for governor, attorney general and several other statewide positions. All U.S. House and General Assembly seats also are up for reelection.

WEATHER HISTORY

On Oct. 19, 1961, heavy, wet snow fell on trees still in leaf in southern West Virginia. The snow snapped millions of branches, causing the worst forest disaster since the fires of 1952 and 1953.

WEATHER TRIVIA™

Q: When did the last ice age end?

A: Approximately 10,000 years ago

FRIDAY'S EXTREMES

NATIONAL (for the 48 contiguous states)

High temperature

Low temperature

Precipitation

INTERNATIONAL

High temperature

Low temperature

Precipitation

INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	TODAY			SUN.			City	TODAY			SUN.		
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Athens	70	62	c	71	61	c	Moscow	47	34	s	49	37	s
Auckland	66	51	pc	68	49	pc	Nairobi	76	62	t	76	61	t
Beijing	58	31	pc	52	36	c	Nassau	85	77	t	85	76	pc
Berlin	67	49	pc	64	53	c	New Delhi	94	72	s	93	72	pc
Bogota	69	49	sh	69	49	r	Paris	59	51	sh	64	56	c
Buenos Aires	80	65	s	80	71	pc	Rio de Janeiro	75	68</td				



Head of the Hamas political bureau, Ismail Haniyeh, left, and Hamas leader in the Gaza Strip Yahya Sinwar attend a protest in Gaza City on June 26, 2019.

What's next for Hamas after its leader Yahya Sinwar's death?

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BEIRUT — The killing of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar by Israeli forces in Gaza this week leaves the militant group considering new leadership for the second time in less than three months.

Will Hamas now turn away from its hard-line wing or will it double down, and what will it mean for the group's future and for the revival of cease-fire and hostage exchange negotiations between Hamas and Israel?

Sinwar replaced Hamas' previous leader, Ismail Haniyeh, after Haniyeh was killed in July in a blast in Iran that was widely blamed on Israel.

As an architect of the Oct. 7, 2023, attack in southern Israel that sparked the war in Gaza, Sinwar was a defiant choice at a time when some expected the militant group to take a more conciliatory approach and seek to end the conflict.

Sinwar's killing appeared to be a chance front-line encounter with Israeli troops on Wednesday.

SINWAR'S DEATH HAS LITTLE IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON HAMAS

Killing Sinwar marked a major symbolic victory for Israel in its yearlong war against Hamas in Gaza. But it has also allowed Hamas to claim him as a hero who was killed in the battlefield, not hiding in a tunnel.

While the group is on the defensive and has been largely forced underground in Gaza, it continues to fight Israeli forces in the enclave and to exert political influence.

Bassem Naim, a Qatar-based member of the group's political bureau, said in a statement that Israel had killed other Hamas leaders, including its founding leader, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, and his successor, Abdel Aziz Rantisi, who were killed by airstrikes in 2004.

"Hamas each time became stronger and more popular, and these leaders became an icon for future generations," he said.

The impact of Sinwar's death on military operations in Gaza remains to be seen. But Sadeq Abu Amer, head of the Turkey-based think tank Palestinian Dialogue Group, said that "there will be no significant impact on the

political structure of Hamas."

When Sinwar was appointed, "the situation was basically arranged so that Hamas could manage its political affairs and manage the organization independently of Sinwar" because of the difficulties of communication between Sinwar and Hamas' political leaders outside of Gaza, he said.

Most matters were managed by "collective leadership" between the head of the group's Shura Council and officials in charge of the West Bank, Gaza and regions abroad, he said. The notable exception: Sinwar controlled all matters related to Israeli hostages in Gaza.

THE SEARCH FOR A REPLACEMENT

Sinwar's term was a temporary one and would have expired in the second half of 2025.

"Hamas will not move urgently at the present time to choose a head of the political bureau," Thabet al-Amour, a political analyst in Gaza, said. He noted that Khalil al-Hayya, Sinwar's deputy based in Qatar, was already managing executive affairs and can continue to do so.

Abu Amer agreed that Hamas might opt to keep running with the current "formula of collective leadership." Another possibility, he said would be the election of one of the three regional leaders: al-Hayya, who is in charge of Gaza; Zaher Jibril, in charge of the West Bank; or Khaled Mashaal, in charge of areas outside of the Palestinian territories.

The group also might select a leader without publicly announcing the name "for security reasons," he said.

WHO ARE THE CONTENDERS?

If Hamas names a replacement for Sinwar, Khaled Mashaal and Khalil al-Hayya, both members of Hamas' political leadership based in Qatar, are widely considered the most likely contenders.

Al-Hayya had served as Sinwar's deputy and as the head of the group's delegation in cease-fire negotiations, both in the current war and during a previous conflict in 2014. He is a longtime official with the group and survived an Israeli airstrike that hit his home in Gaza in 2007, killing several of his family members.

AROUND THE WORLD

Hundreds ordered to evacuate from fast-moving Northern California fire, official says

SAN FRANCISCO — Hundreds of Northern California residents have been ordered to evacuate from their homes in an Oakland neighborhood following a fast-moving fire. That's according to an Oakland Fire Department spokesperson. The blaze grew to 10 acres on Friday afternoon and more than 80 firefighters were working to control the flames. Friday's fire comes as forecasters have issued red flag warnings for fire danger until Saturday across a large swath of the state. It was not immediately clear what caused the Oakland blaze.

Cuba's grid goes offline amid a massive blackout and after a major power plant fails

HAVANA — Cuba's electrical grid has gone offline after one of the island's major power plants failed and as a massive blackout swept across the Caribbean island. Cuba's energy ministry said that the grid had gone down hours after it said the Antonio Guiteras plant had ceased operations, at about 11 a.m. local time. Authorities said at the time it was only offline temporarily. Hours earlier, Prime Minister Manuel Marrero had sought to assuage concerned citizens about the outage that began Thursday evening. Millions of Cubans were left without power, prompting the government Friday to implement emergency measures to slash demand, including suspending classes, shutting down some state-owned workplaces and canceling non-essential services.

Russia flaunts its many doomsday weapons to keep the West from ramping up support for Ukraine

This year has seen President Vladimir Putin repeatedly brandish the nuclear sword, reminding everyone that Russia has the world's largest atomic arsenal in order to deter the West from ramping up support for Ukraine. He ordered his military to hold drills involving battlefield nuclear weapons with ally Belarus. He announced Russia will start producing ground-based intermediate range missiles that were outlawed by a now-defunct U.S.-Soviet treaty in 1987. And last month, he lowered the threshold for using that arsenal by revising the country's nuclear doctrine.

What's a 'Jezebel spirit'? Some Christians use the term to paint Harris with a demonic brush

Christian nationalist leaders are telling followers that Vice President Kamala Harris is under the influence of a "Jezebel spirit." The term has deeply racist and misogynistic roots that is setting off alarm bells for religious and political scholars. It is inspired by the biblical story of the evil Queen Jezebel, who persecuted prophets and was punished with a horrible death. The term "Jezebel" was also used during slavery and throughout U.S. history to describe Black women, casting them as overtly sexual and untrustworthy. Scholars say the term is coded language to communicate that the person — a woman, usually a Democrat, Black or multiracial — is not Christian and not an acceptable candidate.

Judge unseals redacted trove of evidence in Trump's 2020 election interference case

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WASHINGTON — The judge overseeing Donald Trump's 2020 election interference case made public Friday a heavily redacted trove of documents that provide a small glimpse into the evidence prosecutors will present if the case ever goes to trial.

The nearly 1,900 pages of documents collected by special counsel Jack Smith's team were initially filed under seal to help U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan decide what allegations can proceed to trial following the Supreme Court opinion in July that conferred broad immunity on former presidents for official acts they take in office.

The information that could be seen in the redacted version released Friday appeared to be material that for the most part had already been made public, including screenshots of Trump social media posts about the 2020 election and a transcript of the video statement he made on Jan. 6, 2021 in, which he told the rioters attacking the Capitol

to go home, but added: "we love you" and "you're very special."

The overwhelming majority of the pages released Friday were whited-out. The redacted files are believed to include things like transcripts of grand jury testimony, which remain under wraps because of grand jury secrecy rules.

Other information visible to the public includes passages from former Vice President Mike Pence's book, excerpts of testimony provided by several witnesses to the House committee that investigated the Jan. 6 riot and a transcript of Trump's phone call pressuring Georgia election officials to "find" enough votes to reverse his election loss in the state to Democrat Joe Biden.

Other documents include fundraising emails from Trump's 2020 campaign and Pence's letter telling Congress on Jan. 6 that he could not claim "unilateral authority to determine which electoral votes should be counted and which should not."

The filing was submitted as a series of



This image from security video of Michael Daniele, a retired New Jersey State Police trooper, seen in the Crypt in the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, was contained in the Justice Department affidavit and complaint in support of the arrest of Daniele.

appendices to a 165-page brief unsealed this month in which prosecutors disclosed new evidence against Trump to support their argument that the former president is not entitled to immunity from prosecution.

Trump's lawyers objected to the

unsealing of the filing so close to next month's presidential election, but Chutkan on Thursday rejected their bid to postpone the material from becoming public until after the election. She said it would be inappropriate to take the political calendar into account.

BUSINESS

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A shopper carries bags in Pittsburgh on June 3, 2024.

Wealthier Americans are driving retail spending and powering US economy

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WASHINGTON — It's a trend that has surprised many: Why, despite being squeezed by high prices, have Americans kept spending at retail stores and restaurants at a robust pace?

One key reason is a relatively simple one: Wealthier consumers, boosted by strong gains in income, home equity and stock market wealth, have increasingly driven the spending.

That trend, documented by Federal Reserve research, represents something of a shift from the pre-pandemic period. And it suggests that consumer spending, the primary driver of the U.S. economy, could help sustain healthy growth this year and next.

Lower-income consumers, by contrast, have been disproportionately squeezed by higher-priced rent, groceries and other necessities, leaving them less able to spend on discretionary items, like electronics, entertainment and restaurant meals, than they were before the pandemic. Though their spending is starting to rebound as inflation-adjusted incomes rise, it could be years before their finances fully recover.

The disparities help explain the gap between gloomy consumer sentiment and widespread evidence of a healthy U.S. economy — a major dynamic in the presidential race that is now in its final weeks. Only a portion of the American population is fueling most of the growth that is evident in government economic data.

The trends also help illustrate how the economy has managed to keep expanding at a solid pace even though the Federal Reserve, until last month, kept its key interest rate at its highest level in more than two decades. Despite the much higher borrowing costs for mortgages, auto loans and credit cards that resulted from the Fed's rate hikes, inflation-adjusted consumer spending rose 3% in 2022 and 2.5% in 2023. And it increased at a 2.8% annual rate in the April-June quarter, the government said last month.

On Thursday, the Commerce Department reported that retail sales in the United States rose 0.4% from August to September, a solid gain that suggested that

shoppers are confident enough in the economy to continue spending freely. Restaurant sales jumped 1%, a particularly encouraging sign because it meant that many people felt they could spend on meals outside the home. The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta now estimates that the economy grew at a strong 3.4% in the July-September quarter.

Higher-income households have been fortified by huge gains in housing and stock market wealth since the pandemic. Home values have marched steadily up, fueled by high demand and an unusually low supply of houses. And the stock market has been consistently hitting new highs, with the S&P 500 index up a sizzling 22.5% for the year. Roughly 80% of stock market value is owned by the richest 10% of U.S. households.

"It speaks to the ongoing strength of those Americans, which is still carrying overall spending," said Michael Pearce, deputy chief U.S. economist at Oxford Economics.

Housing and stock values have soared in particular for the wealthiest one-tenth of Americans over the past four years. The value of their home equity has leapt 70% from the first quarter of 2020 through the second quarter of this year, according to Fed data — to \$17.6 trillion. Their stock and mutual fund wealth has jumped 86%, to just under \$37 trillion. Though inflation has eroded some of those gains, they are still substantial.

Such sharp growth in wealth has reduced the need for affluent Americans to save from their paychecks while still ramping up their spending. A report last week by Fed economists found that before the pandemic, retail spending had been rising for all income groups at roughly the same pace. But about three years ago, the trend shifted: Upper- and middle-income consumers started spending at a much faster pace than lower-earners.

By August 2024, inflation-adjusted spending on retail goods was nearly 17% higher than it was in January 2018 for upper-income households, defined as those earning more than \$100,000. For middle-income households — earning \$60,000 to \$100,000 — their spending rose 13.3% during the same period, the Fed study found. And for those earning less than \$60,000, spending has risen just 7.9% since 2018. It actually fell from mid-2021 through mid-2023.

"Middle- and high-income households have been fueling the strong demand for retail goods," Fed economist Sinem Hacioglu Hoke and two colleagues wrote.

BRIEFCASE

'Kindness' influencers on TikTok give money to strangers. Why is that a controversial topic?

A wave of influencers on TikTok and other social media platforms have started specializing in a trend they call "kindness content," which usually entails recording a charitable act like giving money or goods to strangers in need. Creators like Jimmy Darts have millions of followers they encourage to crowdfund to raise money for their video subjects. But some critics find the content to be problematic, calling into question the ethics of recording strangers and people who are homeless, the lack of regulations these creators have to abide by and the profits the creators make off the millions of views they get online.

CVS Health CEO Lynch steps down as chain struggles to right its path

CVS Health CEO Karen Lynch has stepped down with company shares sinking 19% this year and the health care giant struggling on several fronts. Company shares tumbled again Friday after CVS Health also warned of disappointing third-quarter earnings and said investors should not rely on guidance it laid out in August. Lynch will be replaced by veteran CVS Health executive David Joyner, who will attempt to steer the company through rising costs to its health insurance business, slumping drugstore sales and growing investor pressure. The company has already cut its forecast several times this year.

GOP lawmakers seek investigation of consulting firm over work in China

WASHINGTON — A group of Republican lawmakers is demanding a federal investigation into the U.S. consulting firm McKinsey over its work with the Chinese government and state-owned enterprises. The letter dated Thursday asks the Justice Department to investigate if McKinsey's \$480 million contracts with the Defense Department comply with federal law when the consulting firm also advised China's national and provincial governments and state-controlled businesses. McKinsey declined to comment on the letter but has in the past defended its practices in China. It says it follows the "most rigorous and comprehensive client service policy in our industry" and that it doesn't work for the Chinese Communist Party or the central government.

Judge delays order in antitrust case requiring Google to open up app store

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal judge has delayed an order requiring Google to open up its Android app store to more competition. That's until an appeals court decides whether to block the shake-up because of legal questions surrounding a jury's verdict that branded Google as a monopolist. The delay comes less than two weeks after U.S. District Judge James Donato issued a decision that would have forced Google to begin making sweeping changes to its Play Store for Android smartphones beginning Nov. 1. Donato doesn't believe Google will be able to overturn the jury verdict that led to his ruling, but decided to defer to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Market watch

Oct. 18, 2024

Dow Jones Industrials	36.86
	43,275.91
Nasdaq composite	115.94
	18,489.55
Standard & Poor's 500	23.20
	5,864.67
Russell 2000	-4.76
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NYSE diary	
Advanced:	1,236
Declined:	1,040
Unchanged:	71
Volume:	3.2 b
Nasdaq diary	
Advanced:	1,978
Declined:	1,502
Unchanged:	249
Volume:	4.3 b

STOCK MARKET TODAY

Wall Street sets more records

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NEW YORK — U.S. stocks closed their latest winning week with more records on Friday.

The S&P 500 rose 0.4% to squeak past the all-time high it had set early this week. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 36 points, or 0.1%, to its own record set the day before, and the Nasdaq composite gained 0.6%.

Netflix helped drive the market with a leap of 11.1% after the streaming giant reported stronger profit for the latest quarter than analysts expected. That was despite a slowdown in subscriber growth.

It helped offset a 5.2% drop for CVS Health, which said it's likely to report a profit for the latest quarter that's well below what analysts had

been expecting. The company also said David Joyner, an executive vice president, is taking over as president and CEO for Karen Lynch.

Trading overall on Wall Street remained relatively calm, as the S&P 500 closed its sixth straight winning week. That's its longest such winning streak of 2024.

Solid economic data has boosted hopes the U.S. economy can make a perfect escape from the worst inflation in generations, one that ends without a painful recession that many investors had seen as nearly inevitable. And with the Federal Reserve now cutting interest rates to keep the economy humming, the expectation among optimists is that stocks can rise even further.

A DAY ON WALL STREET

Oct. 18, 2024

Dow Jones industrials

36.86

43,275.91

Pct. change from previous: 0.09%

High 43,325.09

Low 43,036.36

AP

Nasdaq composite

115.94

18,489.55

Pct. change from previous: 0.63%

High 18,524.33

Low 18,454.70

AP

Standard & Poor's 500

23.20

5,864.67

Pct. change from previous: 0.40%

High 5,872.17

Low 5,846.16

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Turbines operate at the Block Island Wind Farm, Dec. 7, 2023, off the coast of Block Island, R.I.

Biden administration races to shell out billions for clean energy as election nears

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WASHINGTON — The Biden administration is shelling out billions of dollars for clean energy and approving major offshore wind projects as officials race to secure major climate initiatives before President Joe Biden's term comes to an end.

Biden wants to establish a legacy for climate action that includes locking in a trajectory for reducing the nation's planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions. Former President Donald Trump has pledged to rescind unspent funds in Biden's landmark climate and health care bill and stop offshore wind development if he returns to the White House in January.

Vice President Kamala Harris, who became the Democratic nominee after Biden dropped from the race this summer, has said she will pursue a climate agenda similar to Biden's, focused on reducing emissions, deploying renewables and creating clean energy jobs.

Announcements of major environmental grants and project approvals have speeded up in recent months as White House Deputy Chief of Staff Natalie Quillian said Biden is "sprinting to the finish" and delivering on promises to promote clean energy and slow climate change.

The Environmental Protection Agency made \$20 billion from a federal "green bank" available this summer for clean energy projects such as residential heat pumps, electric vehicle charging stations and community cooling centers.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management approved the nation's 10th large offshore wind farm, the Maryland Offshore Wind Project, in September, reaching the halfway mark for Biden's goal of 30 gigawatts of offshore wind energy by 2030. On Oct. 1, the agency gave a key approval to an offshore wind farm project in New Jersey.

In the past month alone, the Energy Department has made six announcements of a billion dollars or more, including more than \$3 billion for battery manufacturing projects and a \$1.5 billion loan to restart a nuclear plant in Michigan. And just last week, Biden set a 10-year deadline for cities to replace their lead pipes, with \$2.6 billion available from the EPA to help communities comply.

Besides the climate law, formally known as the Inflation Reduction Act, Biden is seeking to spend billions in projects approved under the bipartisan infrastructure law in 2021 and the 2022 CHIPS and Science Act. The \$1 trillion infrastructure law includes cash for roads, bridges, ports and more, while the CHIPS law aims to reinvigorate the computer chip sector in the United States through tens of billions of dollars in government support.

Energy experts say the rush of announcements is not surprising.

"I'm sure the prospect of a change in the White House, and a change in agency leadership, is creating an increased sense of urgency to get those programs stood up and implemented," said Trevor Houser, a partner at the Rhodium Group research firm.

There's an undeniable pressure to lock in as many energy transition benefits as possible before the end of the year, said Matt Lockwood, vice president of strategic market areas and accounts at DNV, which advises companies on energy issues. It's been

two years since the climate legislation passed, so federal agencies are starting to churn through these transactions at a faster pace, he said.

The climate legislation put the country on a path to cutting greenhouse gas emissions to try to meet targets in the Paris climate accord. The investments are expected to reduce U.S. emissions by about 40% by 2030.

A new analysis by global consultant Baringa found that Trump would stall the transition from fossil fuels, though by how much would depend on whether the House or Senate is controlled by Democrats who could temper climate rollbacks. Trump, if unrestrained, could permanently alter the trajectory of the energy transition by repealing the climate legislation, substantially slowing renewable rollout and leaving the U.S. wedged to coal and gas for far longer, said Caspian Conran, an economist at Baringa who co-authored the analysis published Wednesday.

As vice president, Harris cast the tiebreaking vote on the Inflation Reduction Act, which was approved with only Democratic support. As a senator from California, she was an early sponsor of the Green New Deal, sweeping proposals meant to swiftly move the United States fully to green energy.

At a presidential debate last month, however, Harris boasted that the administration has overseen "the largest increase in domestic oil production in history because of an approach that recognizes that we cannot over-rely on foreign oil."

Trump's policies, meanwhile, could raise emissions by about 12% by 2030 compared to those favored by Harris or Biden, Baringa's report said, equivalent to roughly 660 million tons of carbon dioxide.

"This is a race against time to certain extent," Conran said in an

interview. "So even if you're saying we're delaying the transition (to clean energy) by five years, maybe that doesn't seem like a lot. But actually that's quite profound."

The U.S. is the world's second-largest emitter of planet-warming carbon dioxide. Baringa says Trump's first-term policies caused emissions to rise 9%, while Biden's policies lowered emissions by 11%.

Companies have announced about 340 major clean energy projects across the country in the past two years, according to E2, a nonpartisan environmental research group. Sixty percent of those, representing 82% of the investments and 69% of the jobs, are in Republican congressional districts despite unanimous GOP opposition to the law, E2 said.

Eighteen House Republicans, including several in close races for reelection, told the House speaker in August they want to protect energy tax credits in Biden's climate legislation that are creating jobs. "Energy tax credits have spurred innovation, incentivized investment and created good jobs in many parts of the country — including many districts represented by members of our conference," the lawmakers wrote.

To get the clean energy transition right, the U.S. needs to commit to it across election cycles, from one administration to the next, and through sessions of Congress, said Conrad Schneider, senior director at the Clean Air Task Force, an advocacy group.

"We're trying to publicize the fact that (clean energy) is really beneficial for communities all over the country, whatever political geography," he said. "And so we hope that will mean these programs can be sustained through any combination of electoral outcomes."

SPORTS

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The New York Mets celebrates their win against the Los Angeles Dodgers in Game 5 of a baseball NL Championship Series, Friday, Oct. 18, 2024, in New York.

Mets' season continues with 12-6 win over Dodgers

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NEW YORK — Pete Alonso golfed an early three-run homer and the New York Mets hammered an ineffective Jack Flaherty, extending the National League Championship Series with a 12-6 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers in Game 5 on Friday.

Starling Marte had three doubles, four hits and three RBIs for New York. Francisco Alvarez broke out of a slump with three hits — including an RBI single in a five-run third inning. Francisco Lindor and Jesse Winker each laced an RBI triple.

After getting blown out in three of the first four games, including the past two nights at home, the wild-card Mets saved their season for the second time in these playoffs — both with the help of a three-run shot by Alonso. They trimmed their series deficit to 3-2 and sent the best-of-seven NLCS back to Los Angeles for Game 6 on Sunday.

Sean Manaea is expected to start for New York on five days' rest, while the Dodgers are likely to go with another bullpen game because of a thin rotation

decimated by injuries.

With an opportunity to pitch his hometown team into the World Series, Flaherty flopped. After throwing seven shutout innings of two-hit ball in a Game 1 win, he fell behind 3-0 four batters in when Alonso launched a low slider 432 feet to center field for his fourth homer this postseason.

YANKEES 8, GUARDIANS 6

CLEVELAND — Cleveland All-Star closer Emmanuel Clase gave up two runs in the ninth inning and New York moved closer to another World Series, beating the Guardians to take a 3-1 lead in the American League Championship Series.

Gleyber Torres hit an RBI single and New York scored its go-ahead run as shortstop Brayan Roccio booted Alex Verdugo's grounder for an error.

It was a messy ninth for Clase (0-2) as baseball's best reliever altered for the second night in a row.

New York got three singles in the ninth off the right-hander, who gave up back-to-back homers in the eighth inning of Game 3 but got bailed out when the Guardians got two-run homers in the ninth and the 10th.

Giancarlo Stanton hit a three-run homer and Juan Soto hit a two-run shot for the Yankees, who can advance to their 41st World Series with a win in Game 5 on Saturday night.



Alanna Smith fights through a back injury to help Minnesota Lynx even WNBA Finals

PATRICK DONNELLY

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — It wasn't always pretty, but Alanna Smith fought through a back injury and made a big difference down the stretch on Friday night as the Minnesota Lynx evened the WNBA Finals by beating the New York Liberty.

Smith, Minnesota's 6-foot-4 center, fell hard on her back in Minnesota's Game 3 loss on Wednesday. She returned to play but clearly was in distress, and her status for Friday's Game 4 was uncertain.

But when the starting lineups were announced, there was Smith in her customary spot, right where she was for 39 of Minnesota's 40 regular-season games this year.

The early results were less than promising. Smith missed three layups in the first quarter and appeared hesitant when battling New York's Jonquel Jones and Nyara Sabally. But she ended up giving the Lynx 30 minutes — up from her regular-season average of 26.5 — and her perseverance paid off with 12 points, seven rebounds, two

steals and a blocked shot.

Lynx coach Cheryl Reeve said it's what the team expected from Smith, who was named to the WNBA's all-defensive second team this year.

"All season long (Smith has) been in those positions for us, and we just appreciate her ability to turn around and buck up and do what her team needed to her to do," Reeve said. "It's important for her to be on the floor for us."

After Minnesota led by one at halftime, Smith opened the second half with a 3-pointer on Minnesota's first possession. She added a corner 3 that capped a 6-0 run by the Lynx to tie the game after they fell behind by six midway through the third quarter.

Smith hit another key basket when Courtney Williams found her for an open layup, giving Minnesota a 74-72 lead. And she was a big part of a swarming defense that helped frustrate New York stars Breanna Stewart (5 for 21 from the floor, 0 for 4 on 3-pointers) and Sabrina Ionescu (5 for 15, 0 for 5 beyond the arc).

"She's battling against (Jones) constantly, and JJ's not an easy task for



Minnesota Lynx forward Alanna Smith (8) drives to the basket against New York Liberty forward Breanna Stewart during the second half of Game 4 of a WNBA basketball final playoff series, Friday, Oct. 18, 2024, in Minneapolis.

anybody. And she's a little bit undersized and she battles, makes things as difficult as possible," said Lynx forward

SPORTS IN BRIEF

No. 2 Oregon routs Purdue 35-0 for first road shutout in more than 30 years in Big Ten matchup

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Jordan James ran for two scores and Dillon Gabriel threw for two more, leading No. 2 Oregon to a 35-0 rout at Purdue. The undefeated Ducks showed no signs of a letdown after making a cross-country road trip on a short week following last week's win against Ohio State. The Boilermakers now head into a bye week with six straight losses. Oregon scored on its first three possessions to take a 21-0 half-time lead.

Tony Bennett cites NIL and transfer portal era as reason he's suddenly retiring at Virginia

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — A tearful Tony Bennett has explained he suddenly retired from coaching at Virginia because he wasn't suited to navigate the current landscape of college basketball. Bennett told those gathered at his exit news conference Friday that name, image and likeness money and the transfer portal have brought elements to the job that he's "not great at." He said "the game and college athletics is not in a healthy spot."

Online bidding for Ohtani's historic 50-50 ball up to \$1.8M as litigation for proceeds continues

The online auction for Shohei Ohtani's 50th home run ball has just four days remaining, with the highest bid now at \$1.8 million. The auction has been somewhat overshadowed by the legal situation surrounding the ball. Christian Zacek walked out of Miami's LoanDepot Park with the ball after gaining possession in the left-field stands. Max Matus and Joseph Davidov each claim in separate lawsuits that they grabbed the ball first. Zacek was identified as Chris Belanski in the initial lawsuits. Matus' updated lawsuit changes the defendant's name to Zacek.

49ers rookie Ricky Pearsall will make his debut 50 days after being shot in the chest

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — San Francisco 49ers rookie receiver Ricky Pearsall will be activated and make his NFL debut against Kansas City 50 days after he was shot in the chest. Coach Kyle Shanahan said Pearsall made it through his first week back at practice with no issues and will officially be taken off the non-football injury list. Shanahan didn't know how long Pearsall would take to get up to speed but was pleased with what he saw during the week of practice for him to play Sunday against the defending champion Chiefs at home.

Bridget Carleton, whose two free throws with 2 seconds left broke an 80-80 tie.

NATIONAL SCOREBOARD * All times EDT

BASEBALL

MLB Postseason LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (Best-of-7) American League New York 3, Cleveland 1
 Monday, Oct. 14: New York 5, Cleveland 2
 Tuesday, Oct. 15: New York 6, Cleveland 3
 Thursday, Oct. 17: Cleveland 7, New York 5 (10 innings)
 Friday, Oct. 18: New York 8 Cleveland 6
 Saturday, Oct. 19: New York (Rodón 16-9) at Cleveland (Bibee 12-8), 8:08 p.m. (TBS, truTV, and Max)
 x-Monday, Oct. 21: Cleveland at New York, 5:08 p.m. (TBS, truTV, and Max)
 x-Tuesday, Oct. 22: Cleveland at New York, 7:38 p.m. (TBS, truTV, and Max)

National League Los Angeles 3, New York 2
 Sunday, Oct. 13: Los Angeles 9, New York 0
 Monday, Oct. 14: New York 7, Los Angeles 3
 Wednesday, Oct. 16: Los Angeles 8, New York 0
 Thursday, Oct. 17: Los Angeles 10, New York 2
 x-Friday, Oct. 18: New York 12, Los Angeles 6
 x-Sunday, Oct. 20: New York at Los Angeles, 8:08 p.m. (FOX and FS1)
 x-Monday, Oct. 21: New York at Los Angeles, 8:08 p.m. (FOX and FS1)

BASKETBALL

NBA
Thursday's Games
 Indiana 121, Charlotte 116, OT
 Dallas 109, Milwaukee 84
 Houston 129, San Antonio 107
 Oklahoma City 104, Atlanta 99
 Denver 132, Minnesota 126
 L.A. Lakers 128, Phoenix 122, OT
 L.A. Clippers 113, Sacramento 91

Friday's Games
 Washington 118, New York 117
 Orlando 114, Phila. 99
 Toronto at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
 Cleveland at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Miami at Memphis, 8 p.m.
 Portland 124, Utah 86
 Golden St. 132, L.A. Lakers 74

Saturday's Games
 No games scheduled.

Sunday's Games
 No games scheduled.

Monday's Games
 No games scheduled.

WNBA Playoffs (x-if necessary)
WNBA Finals (Best-of-5)
No. 1 New York 2, No. 2 Minnesota 2

Thursday, Oct. 10: Minnesota 95, New York 93, OT
 Sunday, Oct. 13: New York 80, Minnesota 66
 Wednesday, Oct. 16: New York 80, Minnesota 77
 Friday, Oct. 18: Minnesota 82, New York 80
 x-Sunday, Oct. 20: Minnesota at New York, 8 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NFL AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East	4	2	0	.667	165	126
Buffalo	2	3	0	.400	60	113
N.Y. Jets	2	4	0	.333	113	108
New England	1	5	0	.167	83	143
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	5	1	0	.833	143	135
Indianapolis	3	3	0	.500	139	139
Tenn.	1	4	0	.200	96	110
Jacksonville	1	5	0	.167	113	178
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	4	2	0	.667	177	149
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	124	86
Cincinnati	2	4	0	.333	157	152
Cleveland	1	5	0	.167	95	141
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	5	0	0	1.000	118	85
L.A. Chargers	3	2	0	.600	91	66
Denver	4	3	0	.571	145	106
Las Vegas	2	4	0	.333	109	163

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	4	2	0	.667	178	145
Phila.	3	2	0	.600	106	112
Dallas	3	3	0	.500	126	168
N.Y. Giants	2	4	0	.333	96	121
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	4	2	0	.667	149	135
Tampa Bay	4	2	0	.667	178	141
New Orleans	2	5	0	.286	177	180
Carolina	1	5	0	.167	103	203
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	5	0	0	1.000	139	76
Detroit	4	1	0	.800	151	91
Chicago	4	2	0	.667	148	101
Green Bay	4	2	0	.667	162	121
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Fran.	3	3	0	.500	162	130
Seattle	3	3	0	.500	146	150
Arizona	2	4	0	.333	133	163
L.A. Rams	1	4	0	.200	94	139

Thursday's Game
 Denver 33, New Orleans 10
Sunday, Oct. 20
 New England vs Jacksonville at London, GBR, 9:30 a.m.
 Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
 Detroit at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
 Houston at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
 Miami at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
 Phila. at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
 Seattle at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
 Tenn. at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
 Carolina at Washington, 4:05 p.m.
 Las Vegas at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m.
 Kansas City at San Fran., 4:25 p.m.
 N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh, 8:20 p.m.
 Open: Chicago, Dallas

Monday, Oct. 21
 Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 8:15 p.m.
 L.A. Chargers at Arizona, 9 p.m.

College AP Top 25 Saturday

No. 1 Texas (6-0) vs. No. 5 Georgia (5-1),

SHOT OF THE DAY



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New York Liberty guard Sabrina Ionescu (20) reacts after missing a shot at the buzzer, as Minnesota Lynx guard Courtney Williams (10) celebrates during the second half of Game 4 of a WNBA basketball final playoff series, Friday, Oct. 18, 2024, in Minneapolis. The Lynx won 82-80, forcing a Game 5 in the series.

7:30 p.m.
 No. 6 Miami (6-0) at Louisville (4-2), Noon
 No. 7 Alabama (5-1) at No. 11 Tennessee (5-1), 3:30 p.m.
 No. 8 LSU (5-1) at Arkansas (4-2), 7 p.m.
 No. 9 Iowa St. (6-0) vs. UCF (3-3), 7:30 p.m.
 No. 10 Clemson (5-1) vs. Virginia (4-2), Noon
 No. 12 Notre Dame (5-1) vs. Georgia Tech (5-2) at Atlanta, 3:30 p.m.
 No. 14 Texas A&M (5-1) at Mississippi St. (1-5), 4:15 p.m.
 No. 16 Indiana (6-0) vs. Nebraska (5-1), Noon
 No. 17 Kansas St. (5-1) at West Virginia (3-3), 7:30 p.m.
 No. 19 Missouri (5-1) vs. Auburn (2-4), Noon
 No. 21 SMU (5-1) at Stanford (2-4), 8 p.m.
 No. 22 Illinois (5-1) vs. No. 24 Michigan (4-2), 3:30 p.m.
 No. 23 Army (6-0) vs. East Carolina (3-3), Noon
 No. 25 Navy (5-0) vs. Charlotte (3-3), 3:30 p.m.

Michael Kim
 Patrick Fishburn
 Francesco Molinari
 Taylor Moore
 Daniel Berger
 Davis Riley
 Alejandro Tosti
 Luke List
 K.H. Lee
 Seamus Power
 Zac Blair
 C.T. Pan
 Tyson Alexander
 Trace Crowe
 Ben Griffin
 Nick Taylor
 Austin Eckroat
 Camilo Villegas
 Justin Suh
 Jhonattan Vegas
 Adam Svensson
 Carson Young
 Eric Cole
 Leaderboard

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Taylor Pendarth

Rico Hoey

Doug Ghim

J.J. Spaun

Davis Thompson

Kurt Kitayama

J.T. Poston

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

for tie.

Saturday

Nashville at Chicago, 6 p.m.

Charlotte FC at D.C. United, 6 p.m.

New England at Miami, 6 p.m.

New York City FC at CF Montréal, 6 p.m.

Columbus at Orlando City, 6 p.m.

Atlanta at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Colorado at Austin FC, 9 p.m.

Sporting Kansas City at FC Dallas, 9 p.m.

LA Galaxy at Houston, 9 p.m.

San Jose at Los Angeles FC, 9 p.m.

St Louis City at Minnesota, 9 p.m.

Vancouver at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.

Portland at Seattle, 9 p.m.

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Thursday's Games

New Jersey 3, Ottawa 1

Tampa Bay 4, Vegas 3

Los Angeles 4, Montreal 1

Columbus 6, Buffalo 4

Washington 3, Dallas 2

Vancouver 3, Florida 2, OT

N.Y. Rangers 5, Detroit 2

St. Louis 1, N.Y. Islanders 0, OT

Edmonton 4, Nashville 2

Chicago 4, San Jose 2

Seattle 6, Philadelphia 4

Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 1

Carolina 4, Pittsburgh 1

Winnipeg 8, San Jose 3

Colorado 4, Anaheim 3, OT

Saturdays Games

Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 1 p.m.

Detroit at Nashville, 2 p.m.

Edmonton at Dallas, 4 p.m.

Vegas at Florida, 6 p.m.

Carolina at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Minnesota at Columbus, 7 p.m.

Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.

N.Y. Rangers at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Vancouver at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Washington at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Buffalo at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Boston at Utah, 9 p.m.

Calgary at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Pittsburgh at Winnipeg, 3 p.m.

Did Not Finish

Taylor Pendarth

Rico Hoey

J.T. Poston

Harry Hall

Matt Kuchar

Chad Ramey

Nate Lashley

Scott Piercy

Matti Schmid

Mark Hubbard

Bud Cauley

Ben Silverman

Charley Hoffman

Rickie Fowler

Gary Woodland

Harris English

David Lipsky

Ryan McCormick

Norman Xiong

Ryan Moore

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Thursday's Games

New Jersey 3, Ottawa 1

Tampa Bay 4, Vegas 3

Los Angeles 4, Montreal 1

TODAY IN HISTORY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024



ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTOS

Princess Diana talks with camouflaged-colored combat soldiers when she inspected her Royal Hampshire Regiment in West Berlin on Saturday, Oct. 19, 1985. Princess Diana is a Colonel-in-Chief of the Berlin-based regiment. She holds a box of chocolate and a red rose she was presented with.

Today is Saturday, Oct. 19, the 293rd day of 2024. There are 73 days left in the year.

Today in history:

On Oct. 19, 1987, the stock market crashed as the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 508 points, or 22.6% in value (its largest daily percentage loss ever), to close at 1,738.74 on what came to be known as "Black Monday."

Also on this date:

In 1781, British troops under Gen. Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia, as the American Revolution neared its end.

In 1914, the First Battle of Ypres began in World War I.

In 1960, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was arrested during a sit-down protest at a lunch counter in Atlanta.

In 1977, the supersonic Concorde made its first

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landing in New York City, flying from Toulouse, France, in three hours and 44 minutes.

In 2003, Pope John Paul II beatified Mother Teresa during a ceremony in St. Peter's Square.

In 2005, Saddam Hussein was put on trial by the Iraqi Interim Government, accused of crimes against humanity.

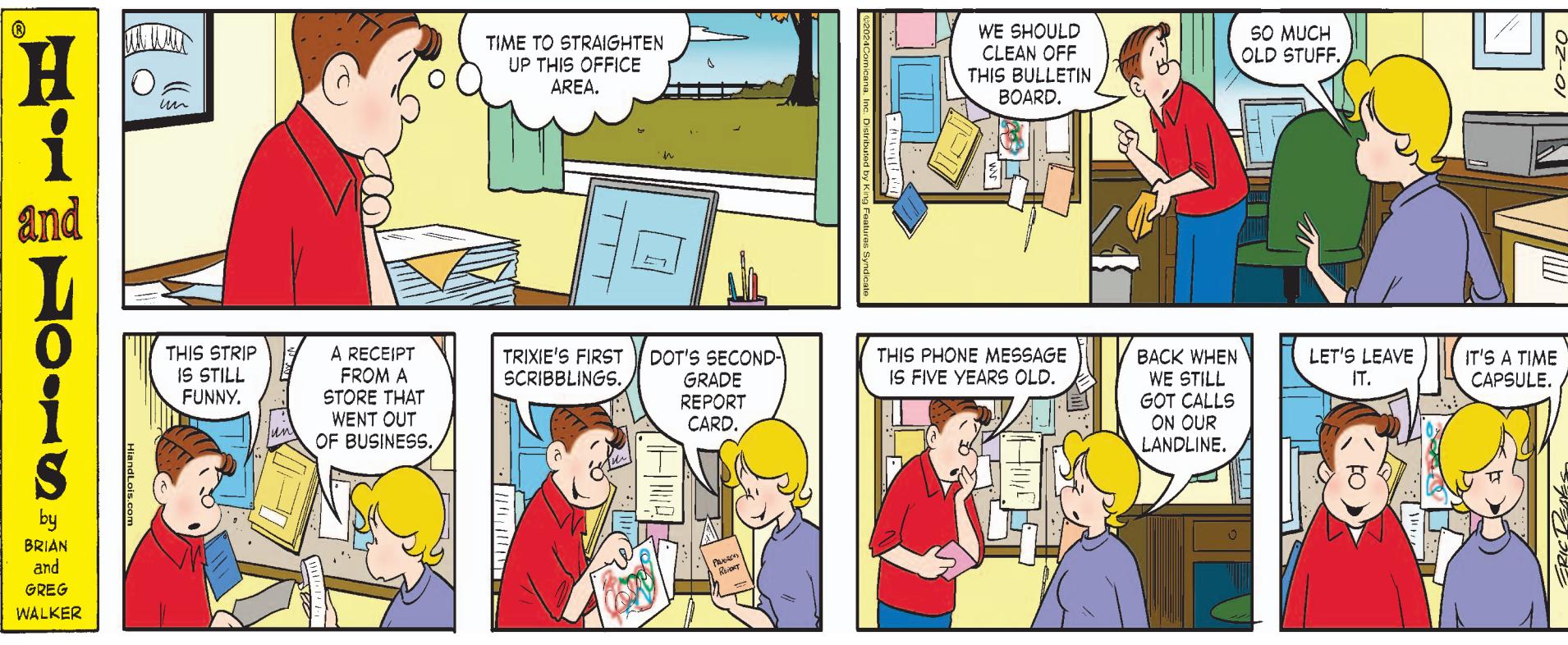
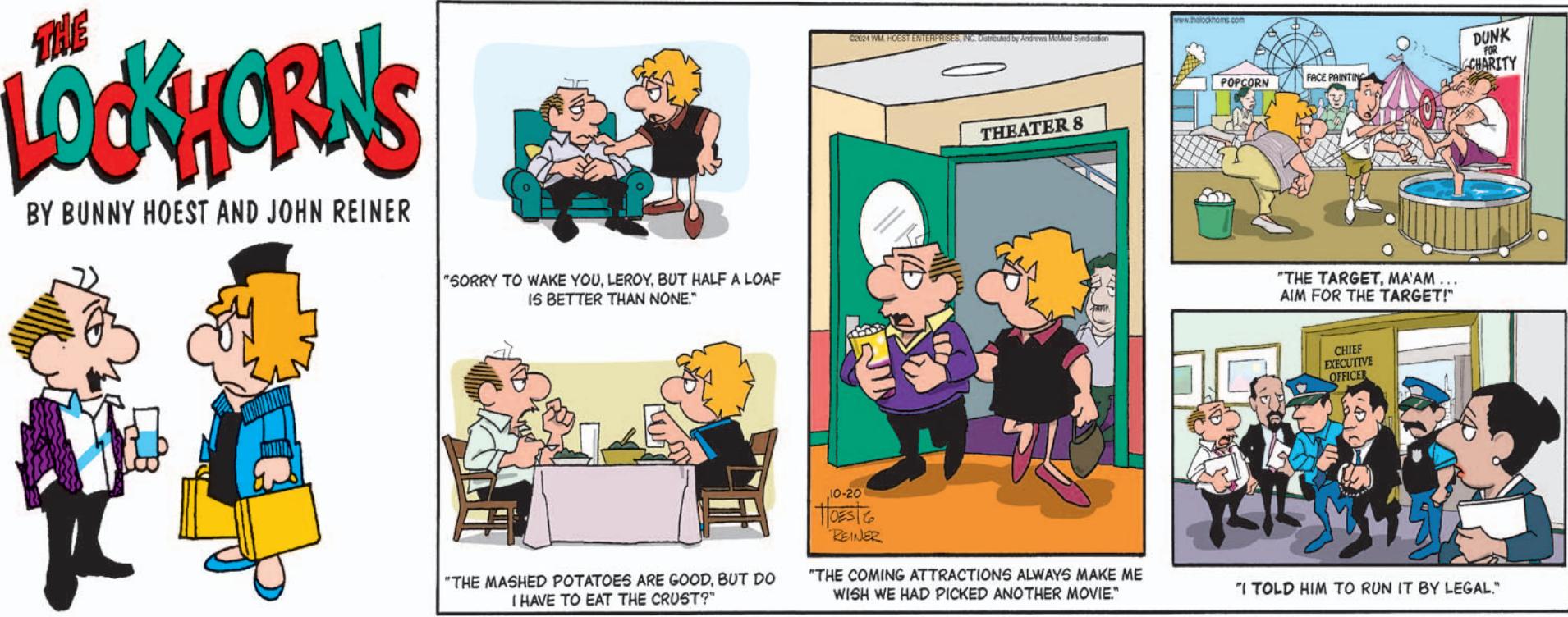
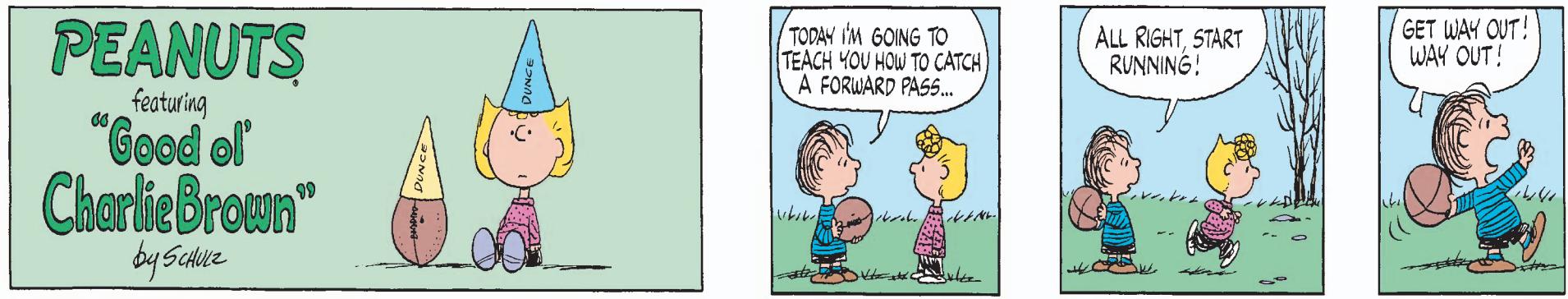
In 2016, in the third and final 2016 presidential debate, Republican Donald Trump refused to say he would accept the results of the election if he were to lose.

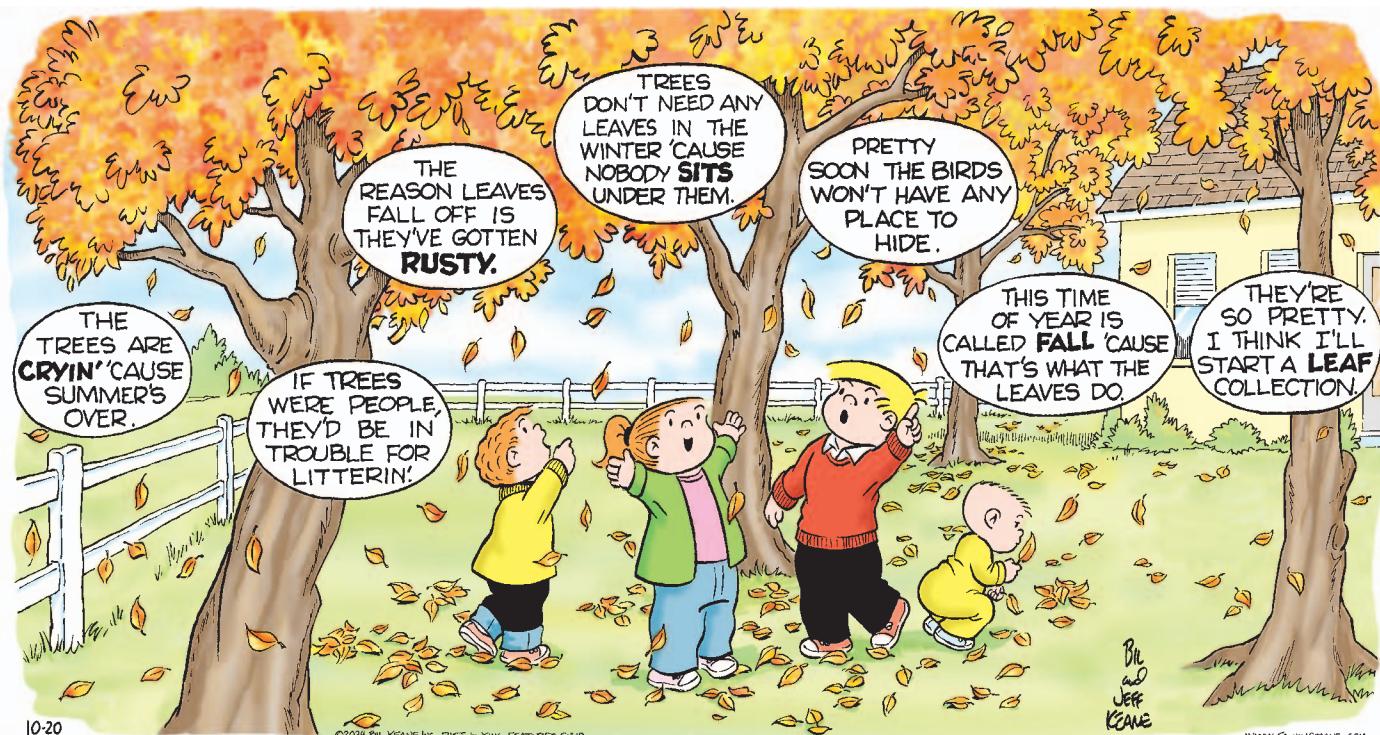
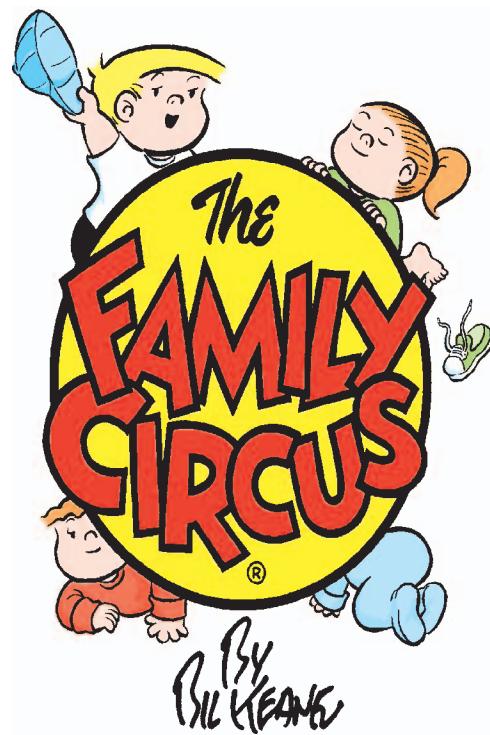
Today's Birthdays: Artist Peter Max is 87. Actor John Lithgow (LIHTH'-goh) is 79. Fox News host Steve Doocy is 68. Singer Jennifer Holliday is 64. Boxing Hall of Famer Evander Holyfield is 62. "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" host Ty Pennington is 60. Filmmaker Jon Favreau is 58. Former first daughter Amy Carter is 57. "South Park" co-creator Trey Parker is 55. Comedian Chris Kattan is 54. Musician Pras Michel (Fugees) is 52. Filmmaker Jason Reitman is 47. Actor Gillian Jacobs is 42. Actor Rebecca Ferguson is 41.

Sea scouts gain part of their training by sailing a reproduction of a Viking ship, which roamed the seas 1,500 years ago, in San Diego on Oct. 19, 1928. The boat was built in Norway from lines of one of the old vessels dug out of the sand. This reproduction crossed the Atlantic under her own sail in 1893; the trip took two months and 10 days. It was later put on exhibition in St. Louis, San Francisco and Seattle. It is now part of the Maritime Museum of San Diego.



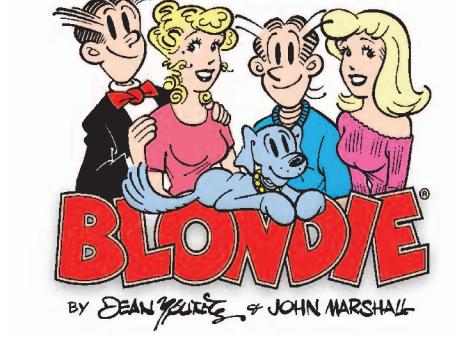
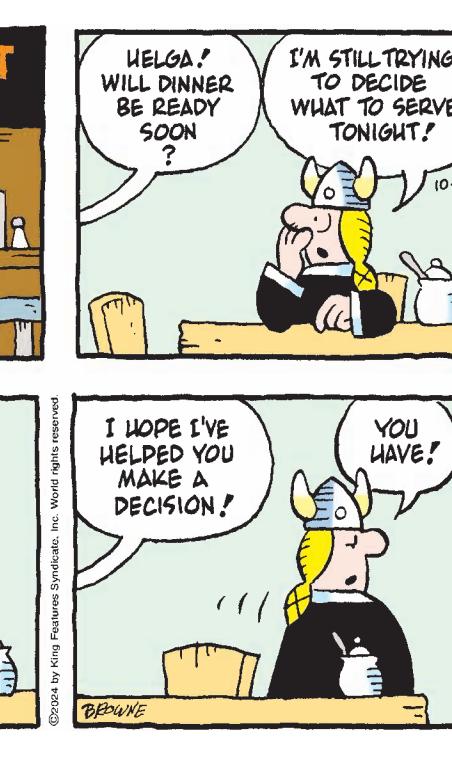
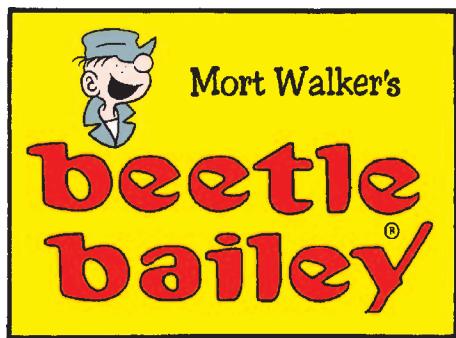
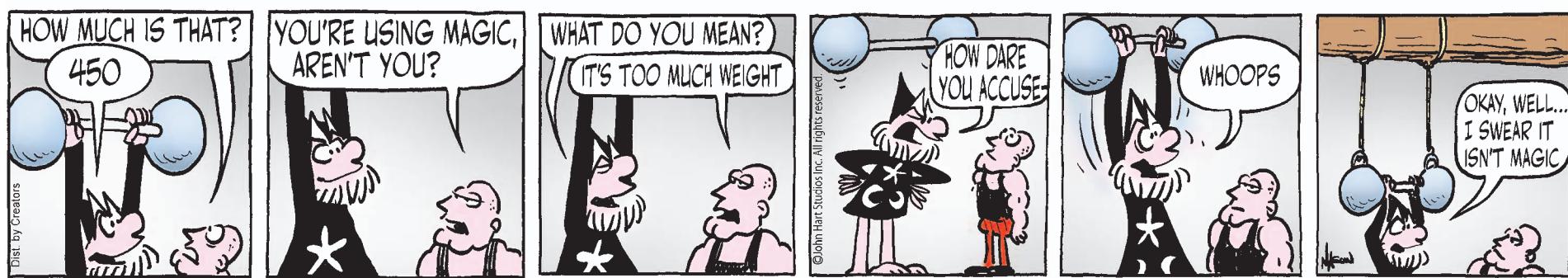
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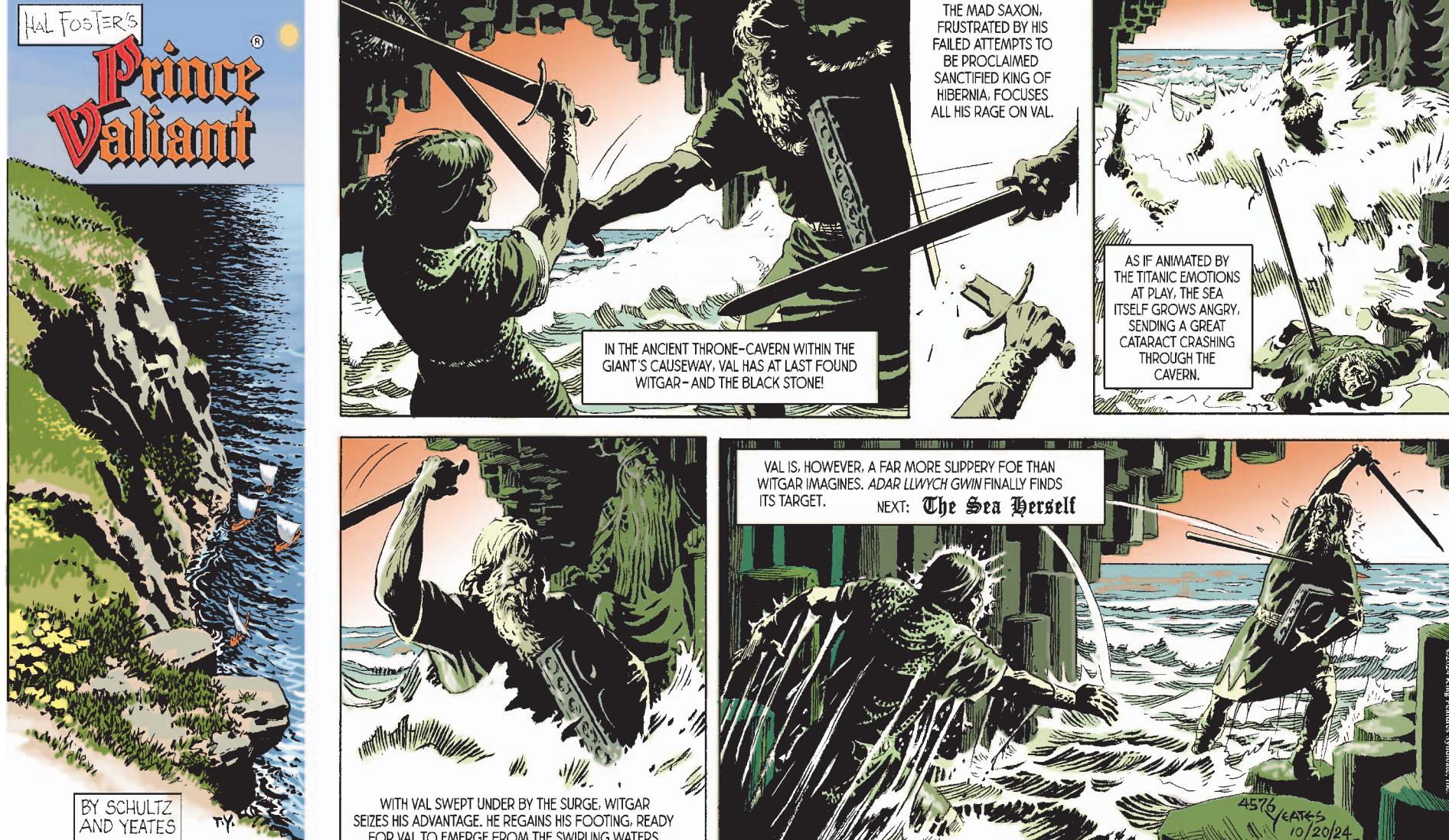
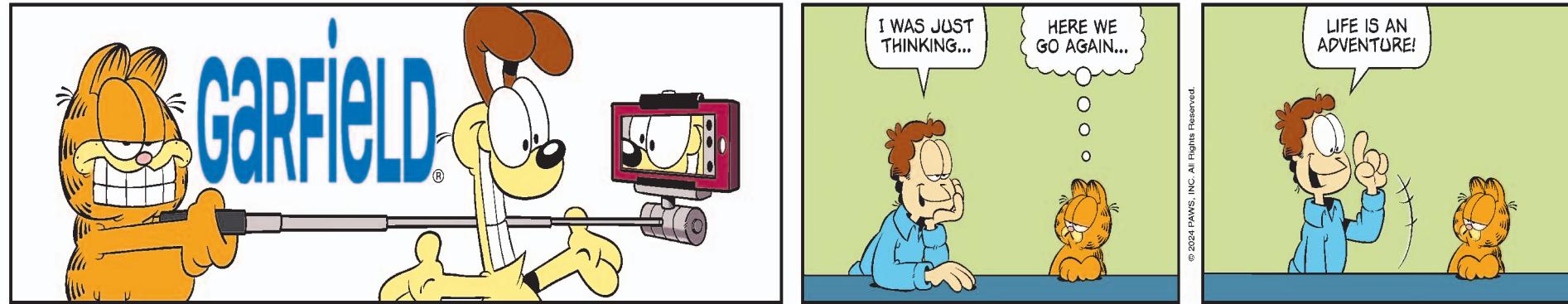
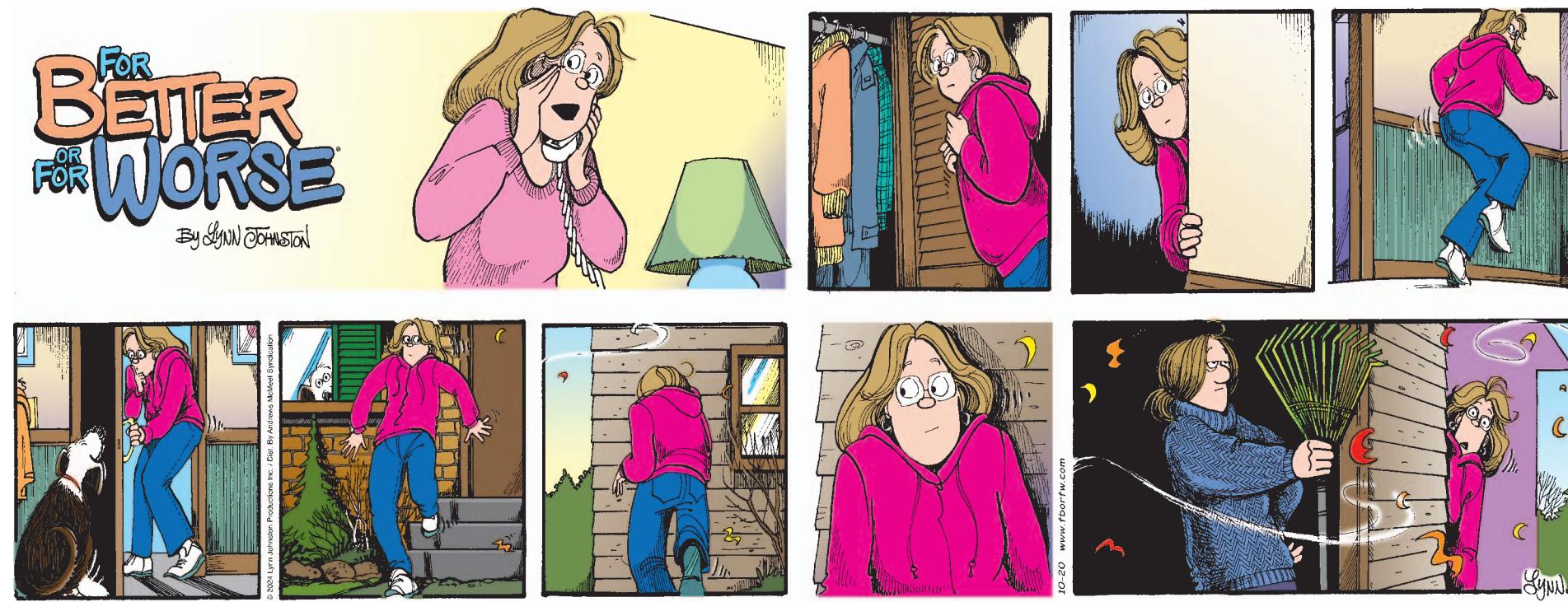




Wizard of Id

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker





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BY BOB WEBER JR.

Wanda Witch stole the Forestville Marathon silver trophy cup after serving iced tea mixed with a magic snoozing potion. She insisted that everyone sip the drink slowly to enjoy her special blend of tea. How does Slylock Fox explain that despite drinking from the same pitcher of tea, Wanda Witch did not fall asleep?

Solution — Wanda put the magic snoozing potion in the ice cubes. Slipping the tea slowly allowed the tea time to melt and release the potion. The witch didn't fall asleep because she didn't put ice in her own tea.

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10-20

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Today's terrific artist is Charlotte, age 9

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a) 5-10
b) 15-20
c) 25-30
d) 35-40
e) 45-50

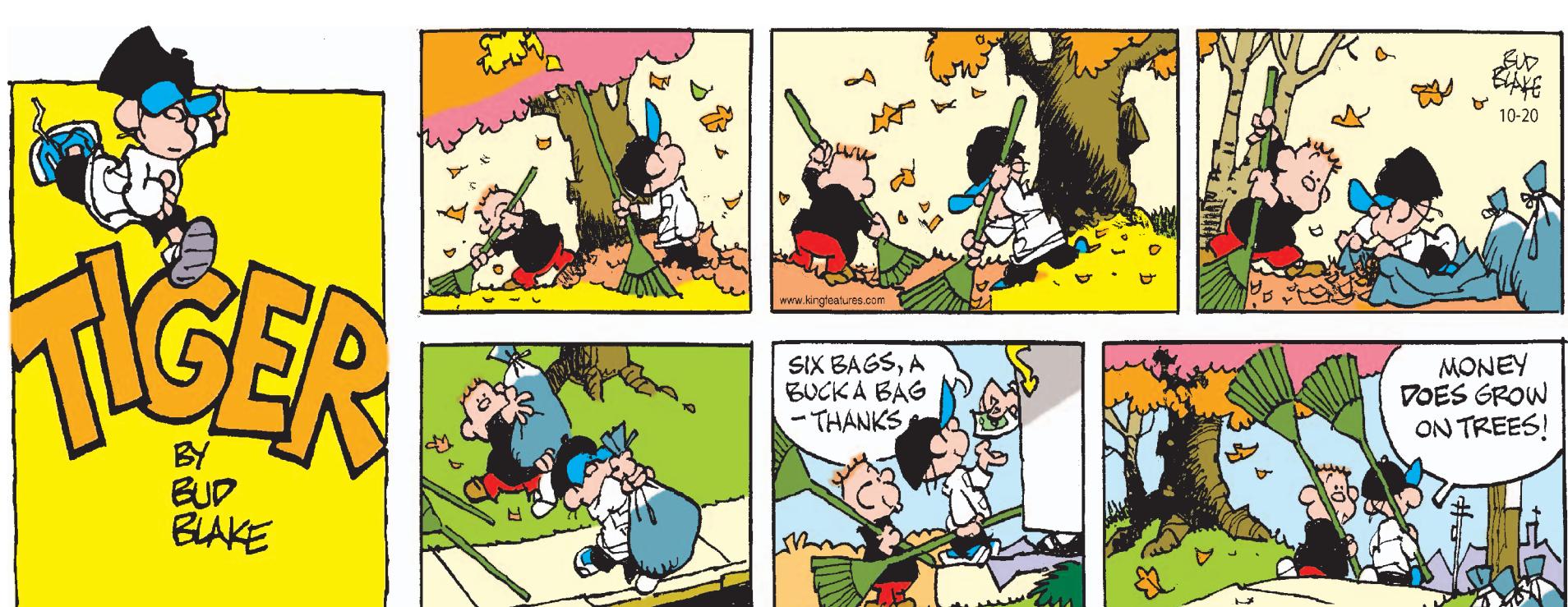
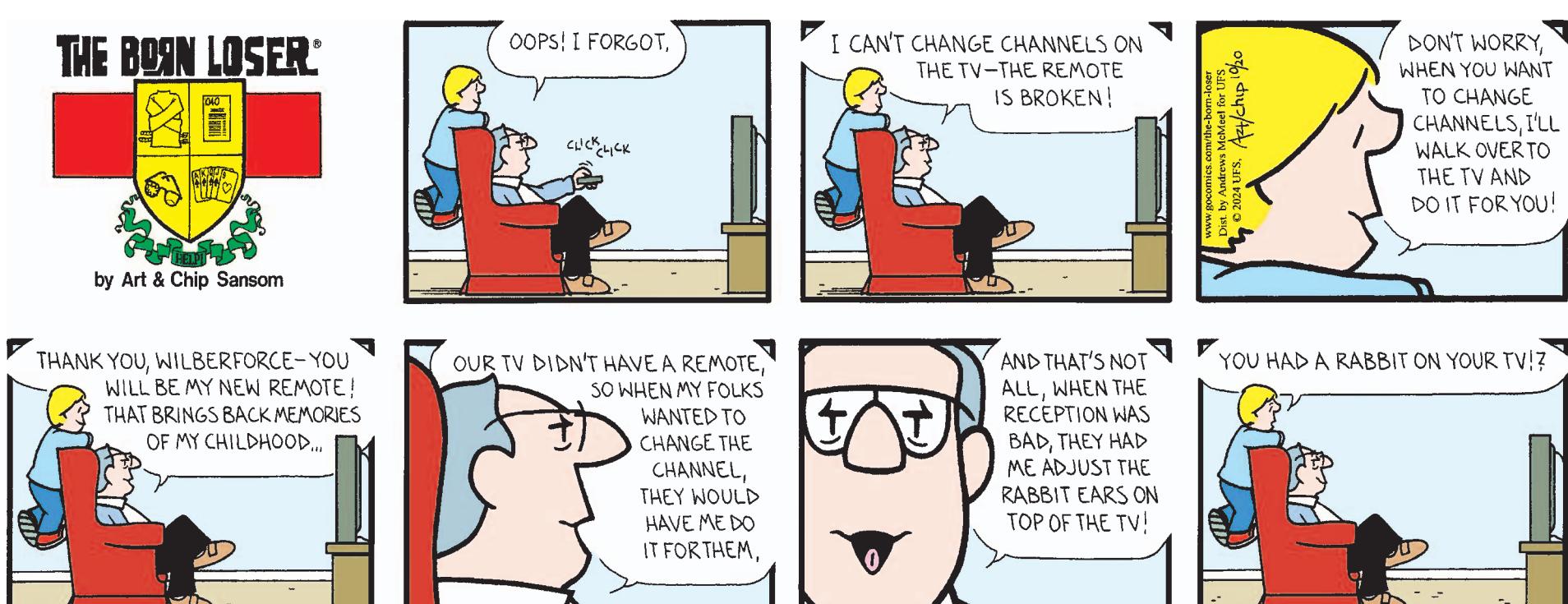
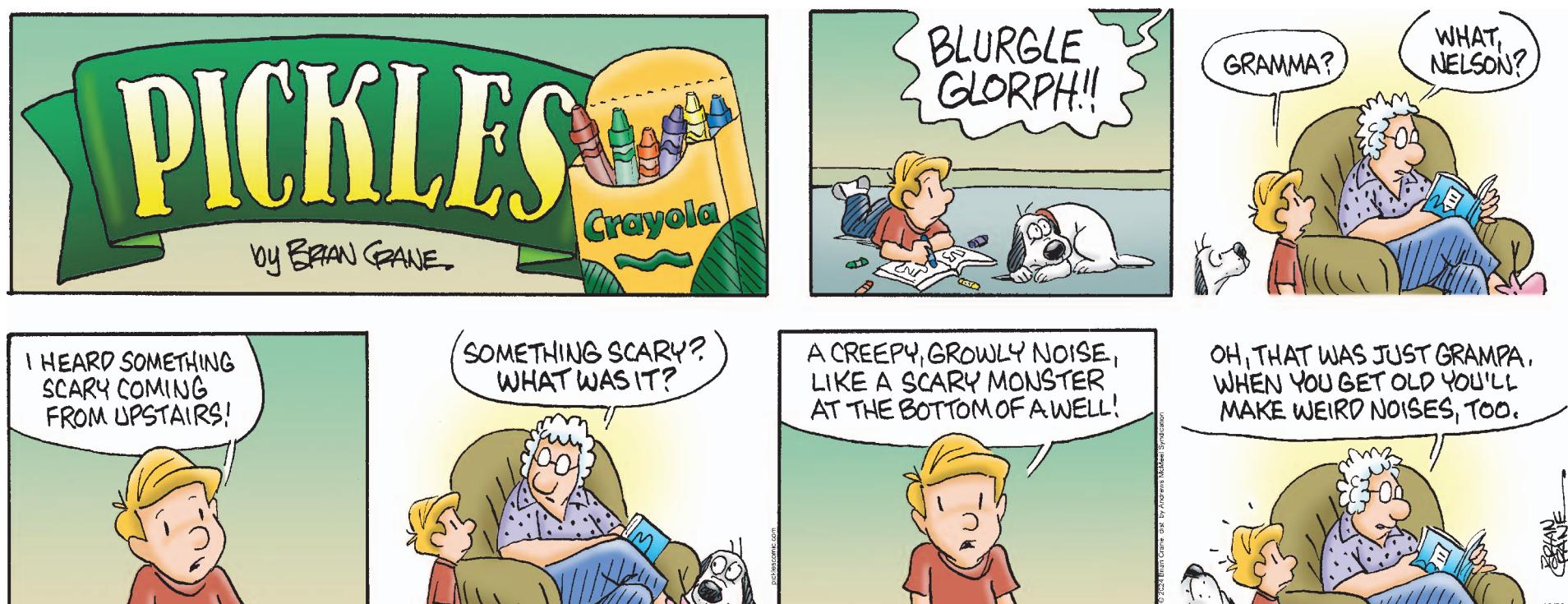
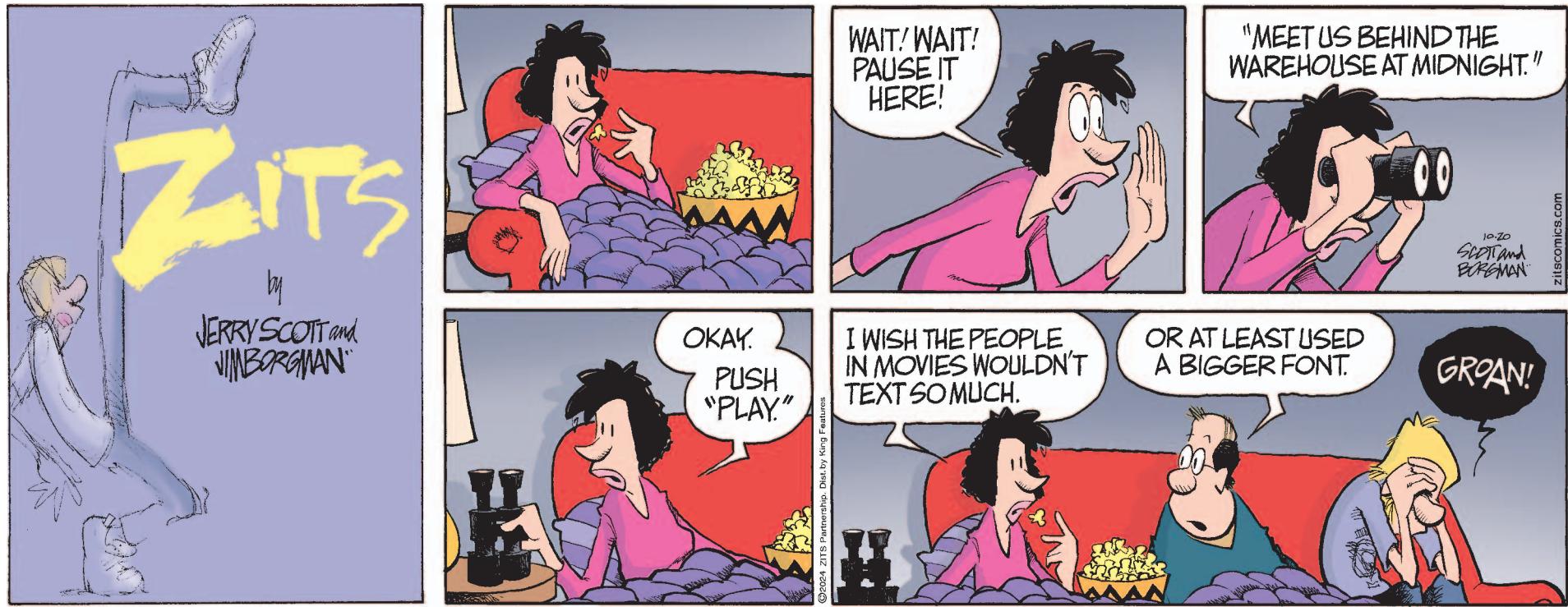
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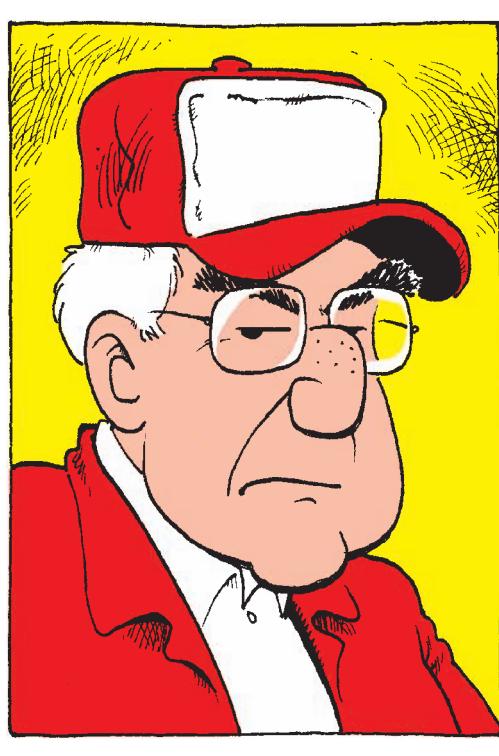
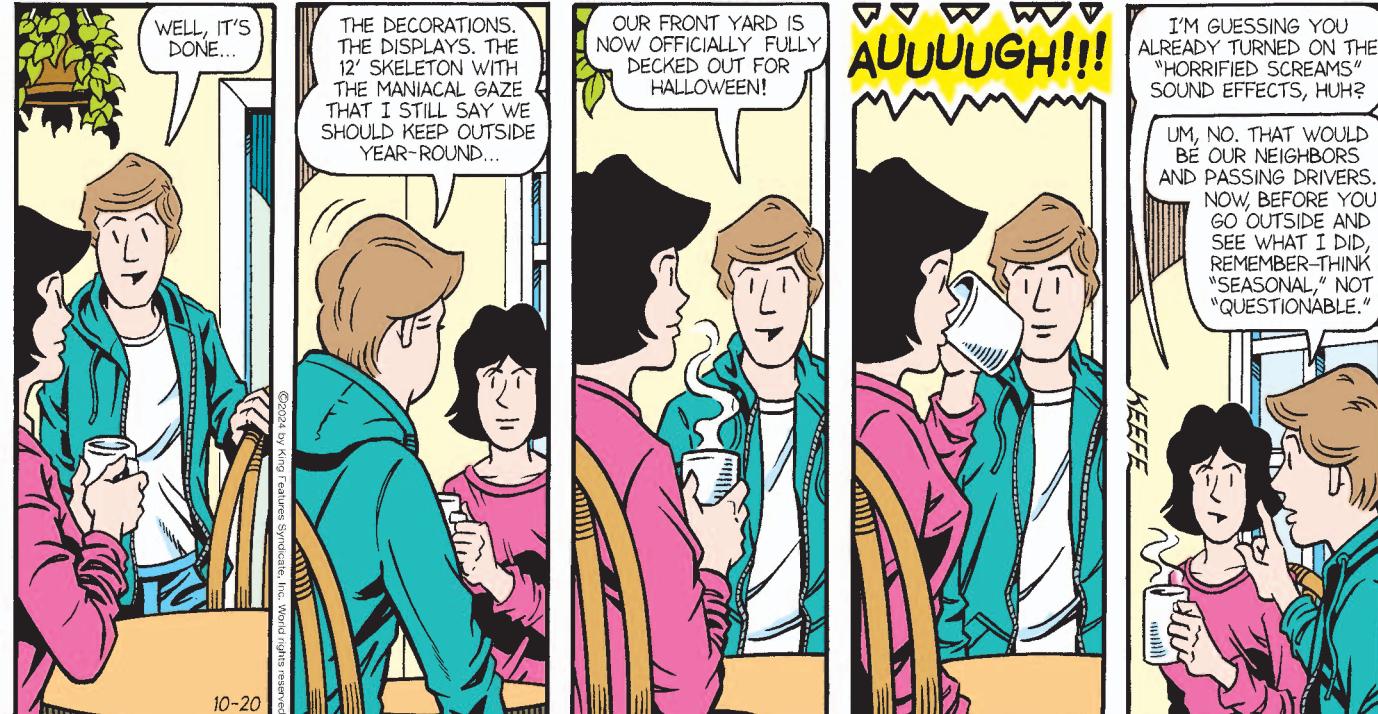
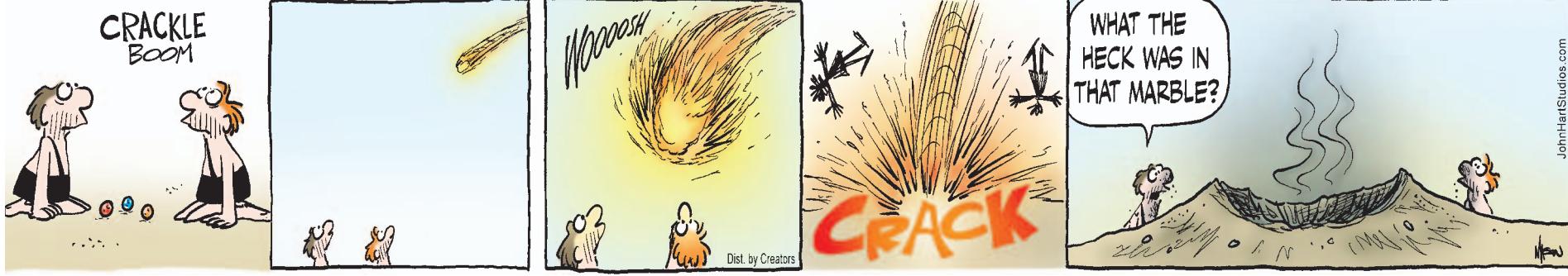
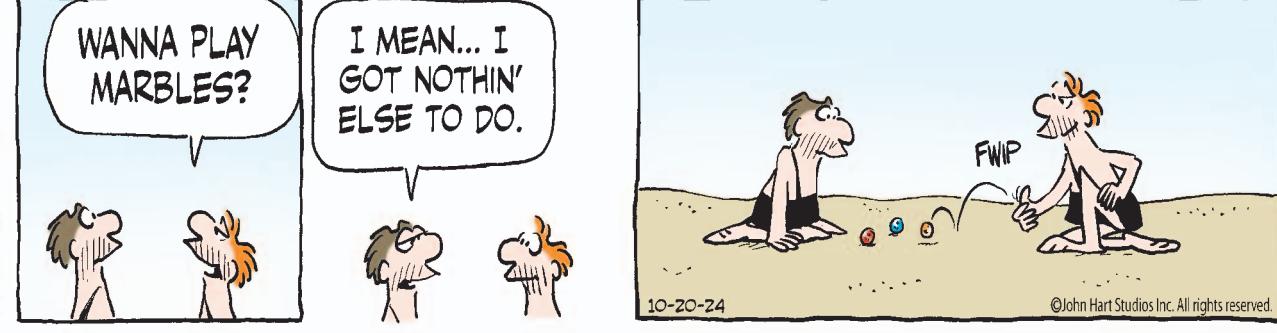
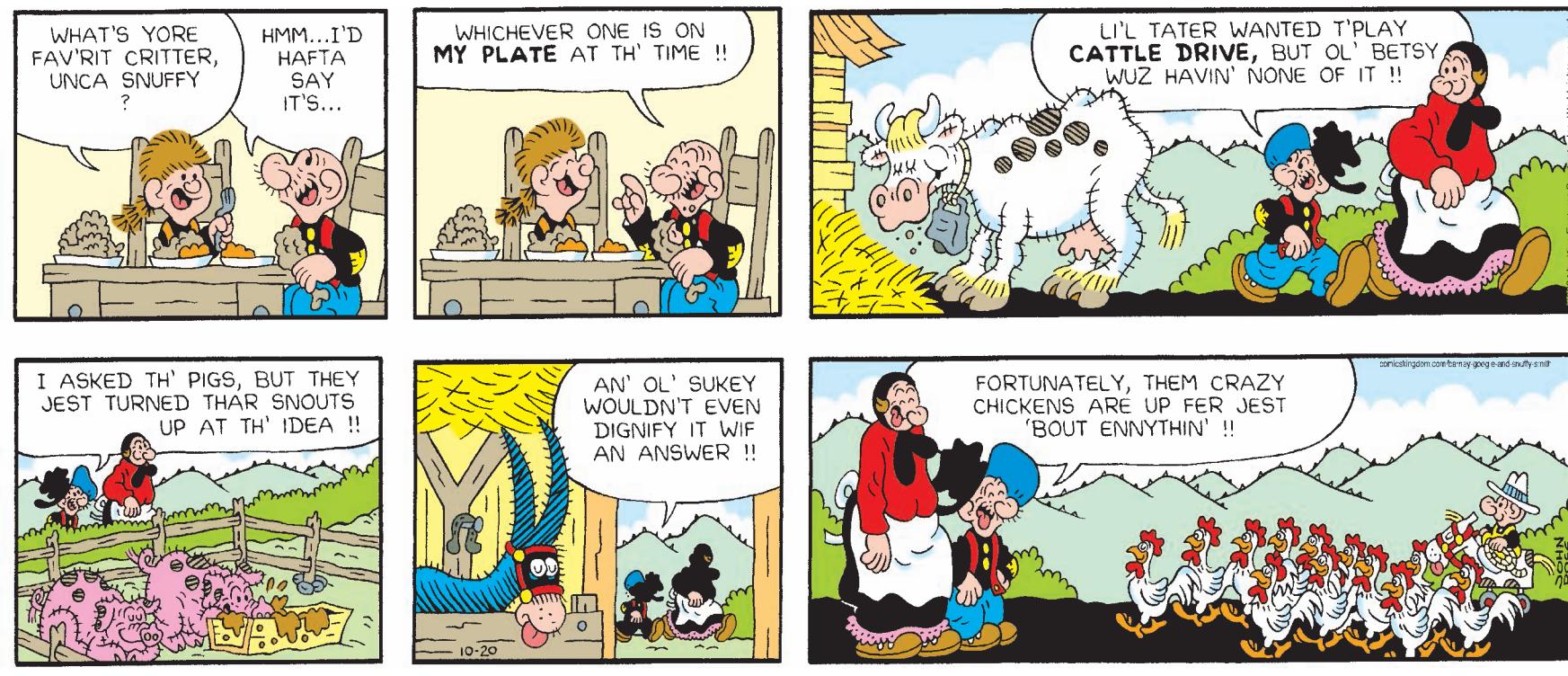
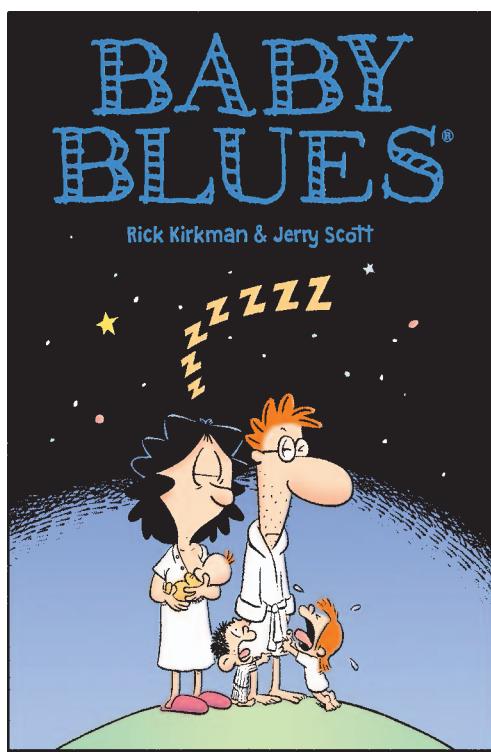
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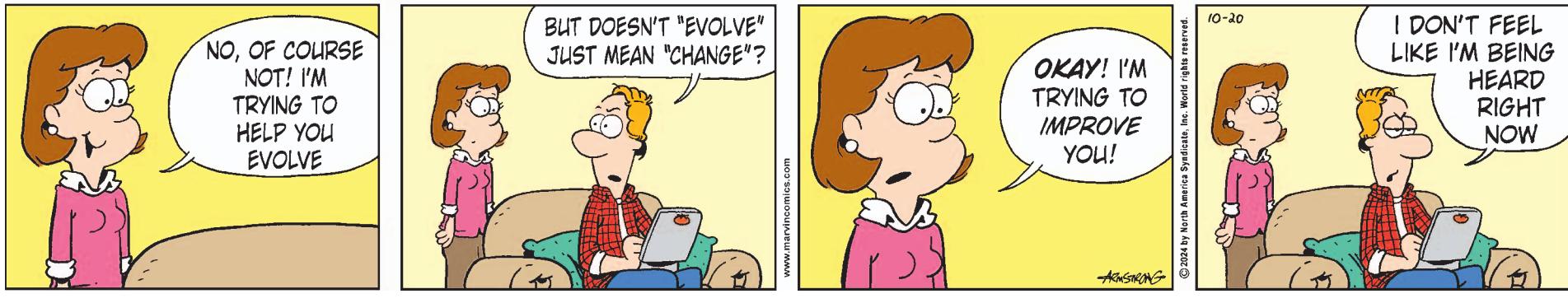
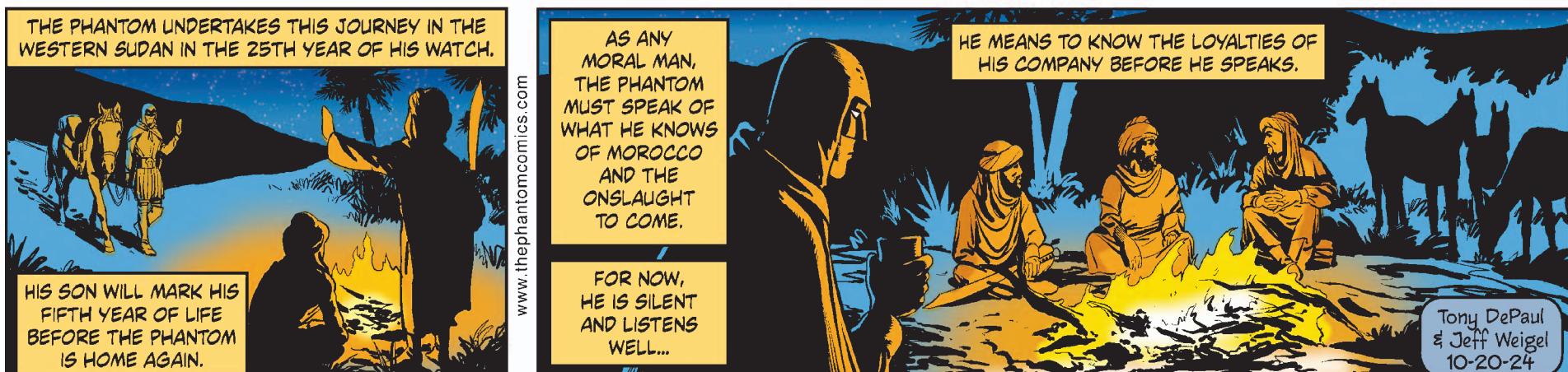
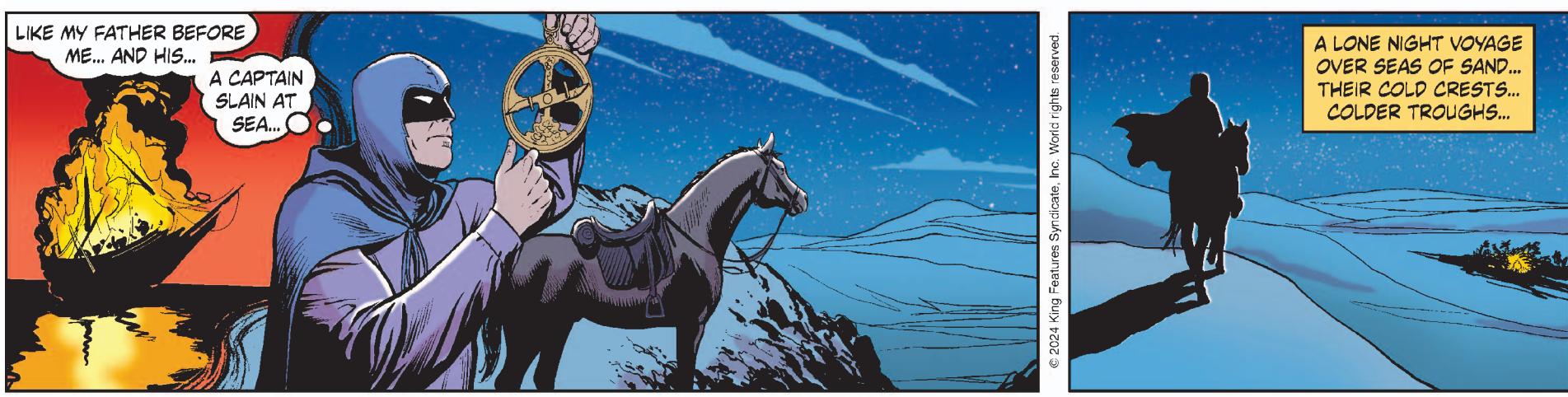
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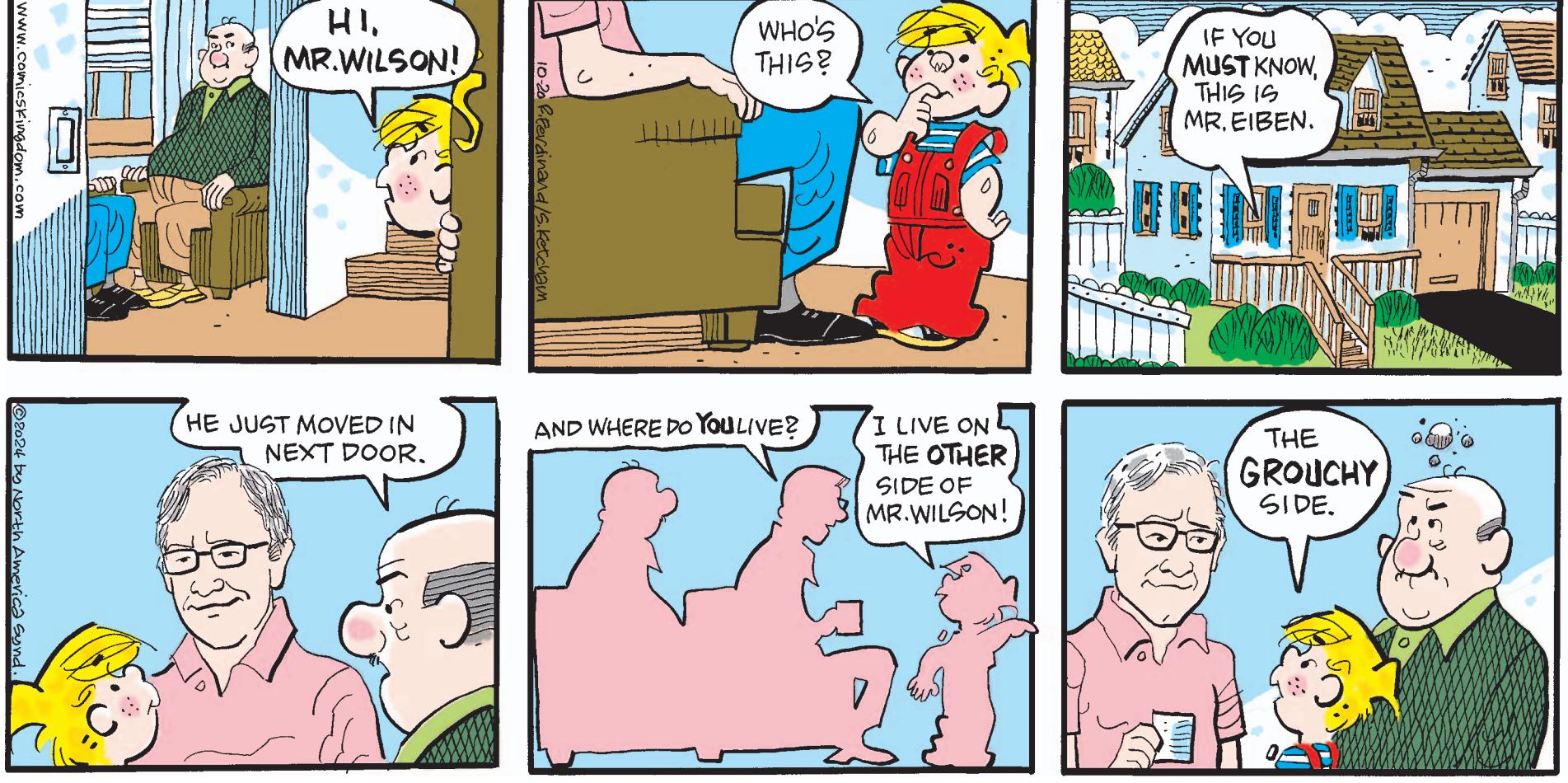


THE PHANTOM

BY LEE FALK

**DENNIS THE MENACE**

BY HANK KETCHAM

**PEARLS BEFORE SWINE**

BY STEPHAN PASTIS

