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Local mental health talks pick up steam

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff writer

Gene McGee has attended more than a few of these meetings. Meetings where the powers-that-be sit around

a long conference table discussing the ills of their world, all with blank faces on how to proceed. Wednesday's meeting was different, he said. Far different. "It was the most

productive and meaningful meeting I've attended in discussing mental health in this county," the Lecanto resident declared. McGee, a Tallahassee lobbyist and advocate for

mental-health programs, had facilitated a meeting of stakeholders at the United Way of Citrus County office. Attendees included Jon Cherry, chief executive officer of Leesburg-based

Lifestream Behavioral Center Inc., which on Monday was announced as Citrus County's new provider of mental health and drug/alcohol addiction treatment services. McGee also invited Jay

Reeve, CEO of The Apalachee Center, which provides services for Leon and eight other counties, and Heather Flynn, professor and vice chair of

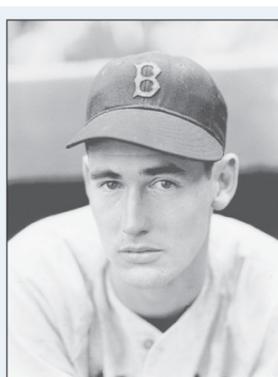
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'Teddy Ballgame' at 100



Associated Press

In this April 18, 1960, file photo, Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox knocks the ball out of the park for a home run in the second inning against the Washington Senators. The Washington catcher is Earl Battey.



Theodore Samuel Williams

- **Born:** Aug. 30, 1918.
- **MLB debut:** April 20, 1939.
- **Last game:** Sept. 28, 1960.
- **Hall of Fame Induction:** 1966.
- **Died:** July 5, 2002.
- **By the numbers:** .344 career batting average with 521 home runs and 1,839 RBI.
- **American League MVP:** 1946 and 1949.
- **Triple Crown seasons:** 1942 and 1947.
- **Six-time AL Batting Champion:** 1941 (.406); 1942 (.356); 1947 (.343); 1948 (.369); 1957 (.388); 1958 (.328).



Mike Arnold
GUEST COLUMN

I love baseball.

I've been a student of the game as long as I can remember. I've played it, coached it and pored for hours over seemingly insignificant statistical details. Nothing compares to a Sunday afternoon outside by the pool listening to the Tampa Bay Rays radio broadcast.

Logically, by extension, I revere the stars of the game. One of the brightest would have turned 100 today — "Teddy Ballgame." Ted Williams, who patrolled left field for 19 years in a Boston Red Sox uniform, was known for his hitting prowess. The statistician in me could drone on about how he was the last player to hit over .400, or that he won two Triple Crowns,

two MVPs, was a 17-time All Star or that at the age of 40 he led the league in batting average. While baseball fans like me can debate endlessly about why Williams could be considered the greatest hitter of all time, there is much more in terms of the legacy he left, especially in Citrus County. In 1994, Williams, who had

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FWC patrols cite hunters, speeders

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Boaters speeding by snorkelers, a bowman hunting out of season and men using dogs to hunt hogs in a closed management area were among the

people cited by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) officers over the past couple of weeks. Details were released Tuesday in a roundup of

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Man allegedly hit victim, stole pills

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

An Inverness man who told deputies he was craving prescription pills is now facing battery and robbery charges for allegedly striking another man and stealing his medications. Allen Marion Roberts Jr. was jailed Sunday on

charges of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and armed robbery, according to his arrest report released Wednesday by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office (CCSO). His bond was set at \$20,000 and the 30-year-old is still in custody, according to the Citrus County Detention Facility.

CCSO investigators first met with Roberts' alleged victim and acquaintance on the evening of Aug. 24 — about a half-hour after Roberts stopped by the man's Inverness home, Roberts' arrest report states. Roberts asked the man if



Allen Roberts Jr. bond set at \$20,000.

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TALKS

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research for Florida State University's College of Medicine. Together they have used research and practical experience in developing the model of community-based mental health programs, McGee said.

Over the course of two hours, Citrus County's business and political leaders—including Commissioner Jeff Kinnard, Sheriff Mike Prendergast and Superintendent of Schools Sandra "Sam" Himmel—learned what they needed to do to create and sustain programs to treat the mentally ill and addicted.

Reeve said the key to providing mental-health services is learning the community's needs and responding to them.

"If we wanted some direction, we'd have to do that ourselves," he said.

Cherry, CEO at Lifestream since 2000, said the organization's budget has grown from \$13 million to \$52 million. It provides programs in Lake and Sumter counties with a contract with Lutheran Services of Florida, which contracts with providers on the state's behalf.

Cherry promised Citrus will receive the same benefits that Lifestream has provided in Lake and Sumter counties, including a counseling team that is available in the schools.

"We will be part of the Citrus County community," he said.

As he did in an interview with the Chronicle earlier this week, Cherry said his top focus would be helping the county develop a Baker Act facility, also known as crisis stabilization unit.

"We will come up with a plan for you however long it takes," he said. "That is our No. 1 goal."

Lifestream takes over the contract from The Centers on Oct. 1. However, there will be a transition time of about six months.

Stakeholders zeroed in on some of what they see as problems, topped by having places to take mentally ill patients who need treatment immediately.

"The most heartbreaking thing is the loved one is ready for something and there is no something," Josh Wooten, CEO of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, said.

George Mavros, chief operating officer at Citrus Memorial Hospital, said there is normally at least one Baker Act patient in the hospital every day, someone who was admitted with a medical problem but doctors determine has mental illness.

When it's time to discharge the patient, the staff tries unsuccessfully to find a place to refer him.

"That's sad," Mavros said. "That's really sad."

The group agreed it would continue to meet monthly with Cherry as the county continues to hone in on how best to provide services for the mentally ill and drug/alcohol addicted.

Cherry said he is looking forward to the partnership.

"We welcome all of your comments," he said. "If things aren't going right, we want to know."

FWC

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enforcement actions by the agency spanning the period from Aug. 3 to Aug. 16.

■ During a patrol detail in scallop grounds off Crystal River, FWC cited seven boaters for traveling above idle speed within 300 feet of another vessel flying a dive flag.

FWC stopped one boat that had sped within 40 feet of a vessel with snorkelers in the water.

Seven citations were also issued for a variety of boating-safety violations.

■ An FWC officer cited a Tampa man for off-season bow hunting in a state wildlife management area

(WMA) in southeast Citrus County.

According to FWC and court documents, the FWC officer spotted an unoccupied truck parked in the woods next to the Flying Eagle WMA. Inside on the back seat—and in plain view—was an empty bow case.

The officer tracked and found 28-year-old Anthony John Lajoie wearing camouflage and carrying a compound bow armed with hunting broadhead arrows.

Archery season at Flying Eagle is from Sept. 29 through Oct. 2, and from Oct. 5 to Oct. 9, according to FWC.

Lajoie admitted to hunting wild hogs, his court-filed citation shows.

Lajoie was cited with a second-degree misdemeanor of hunting in a closed area or during a closed season. He was adjudicated

guilty and paid a \$318 fine, court records show.

■ FWC cited five men for using dogs to hunt in lands closed off to hunting.

While patrolling near the Two Mile Prairie, property owned by the Southwest Florida Water Management District in northeast Citrus County, a pair of FWC officers spotted the men running dogs in their hunt for hogs.

FWC issued citations to Hunter McPherson, 21, of Hernando; Tara Currington, 31, of Hernando; Joseph Moffett, 30, of Charleston, South Carolina; Daniel Born, 24, of Beverly Hills; and 26-year-old Robert Rankin of Hernando.

They each paid a \$318 fine for violating district land regulations, court records show.

ARREST

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he could stay, but the man said no.

Roberts called for a ride to pick him up, and the man went back inside his home to prepare for a doctors appointment by putting cash and his prescription bottles of methadone and hydromorphone in his pockets.

A car later arrived to pick up Roberts, who again approached the man, this time asking for gas money. Roberts then

picked up a wooden walking cane that was resting against a wall and struck the man on his head, causing him to fall, according to Roberts' arrest report.

Roberts allegedly put his knee on the man's chest and grabbed the medications and about \$100 from his pockets before running away and leaving in his ride. Police noted injuries to the man's

face from the alleged struggle with Roberts.

On Aug. 26, deputies questioned Roberts, who said he was at the man's house on Aug. 24 because he owed the man some money. Later, Roberts changed his story and said he was "dope sick" and was trying to get pills from the man, his arrest report states.

Roberts denied striking or robbing the man, saying

he ran out of the house when the man tried to hit him with the cane, according to his arrest report.

Roberts was also charged Tuesday on unrelated charges of resisting an officer without violence and possessing drug paraphernalia.

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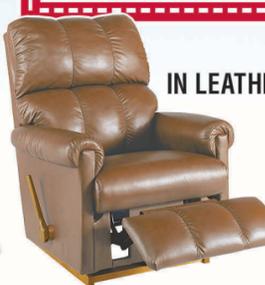


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County offices close for holiday

Citrus County government offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

■ The Citrus County Central Landfill will be closed.

■ All branches of the Citrus County Library System will be closed on Monday. Normal hours will resume the next day.

■ Citrus County Transit will be closed.

■ Animal Services will be closed.

■ Veterans Services Office will be closed.

Irrigation class offered

Citrus County Utilities Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program is offering a free gardening workshop on Tuesday, Sept. 4, from 2-3:30 p.m. Landscape irrigation is supplemental, but often uses 50-70 percent of total residential water consumption.

Irrigation practices such as seasonal scheduling, catch can calibration and selection of drought-tolerant plants are essential to creating a sustainable and water conserving landscape.

The classes will be at the Citrus County Extension Service building, 3650 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto.

Please contact Steven Davis at 352-527-5708 to confirm participation or register at ccuffiprogram.eventbrite.com.

Trump club to meet in Lecanto

The Citrus County President Trump Republican Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the Citrus County Board of Realtors building, 714 S Scarborough Ave., Lecanto. Come early to socialize.

The guest speaker will be Armando Escalante, Florida field coordinator for the John Birch Society.

He will speak on key issues that are not widely known or reported, and how they relate to President Trump's efforts and how his supporters can help him achieve his America First policies.

For more information, call Billy Cayce at 352-322-3097 or email bcayce2001@yahoo.com.

— From staff reports

CLARIFICATION

Headlines accompanying a story on Page A1 of Wednesday's edition, "School board OKs SRO contracts, police department job description" and, "Chairman Dodd votes against both," have created some confusion. Dodd supports, and voted in favor of, the school resource officer contract with the sheriff's office. At Tuesday's school board meeting he voted against creating job descriptions for a school district police chief and school district police officers.

Readers can alert the Citrus County Chronicle to any errors in news articles by emailing newsdesk@chronicleonline.com or by calling 352-563-5660.

Inclement weather flips plane

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Tuesday's gusty thunderstorms almost took an airplane on an unscheduled

flight at a local runway. Winds were able lift and flip a small single-engine prop plane that was tied down at the Inverness Airport off U.S. 41, according

to the Citrus County Sheriff's Office. No injuries were reported.

A National Weather Service (NWS) radar

station at the airport measured wind speeds topping out at 39 mph at 4:15 p.m., but subsequent readings were disrupted by technical problems,

according to a NWS meteorologist. Contact Chronicle reporter Buster Thompson at 352-564-2916 or bthompson@chronicleonline.com.

Team Gray heads to Chicago



Special to the Chronicle

Three local moms have joined forces to run as a team in the upcoming Chicago Marathon on Oct. 7. Cortney Pulley, Janie Funk-Pearce and Courtney Tobin are Team Gray, named after Tobin's youngest son, Gray, who passed away in 2014 after a long battle with kidney and brain issues. They are running to raise awareness and funds for the Ronald McDonald House Charities, an organization that allows families to stay in their facilities to be near their sick children in the hospital. The Tobin family stayed in three Ronald McDonald Houses over the course of their son's treatments. Team Gray is hosting a bake sale at Tractor Supply Co. in Dunnellon on Friday, Aug. 31, from 2 to 6 p.m. You can also read more about their team and donate online at: support.rmhc.org/goto/bethegood.

Runners travel in memory of child, to benefit RMHC

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

In his short lifetime, Gray Tobin ran his race with a laid-back, peaceful calm.

He spent five of his eight months of life at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg fighting a rare congenital nephrotic syndrome.

He died May 18, 2014, while awaiting a kidney transplant.

Since his death, the Tobin family has been supporting causes that touch other families of critically ill and dying children.

The weekend Gray died, friends and family put on a fundraising "Have a Gray Run" virtual 5K and 10K run.

The following year, the Gray Run raised \$2,321.88 to benefit Herry's Kids at Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast.

They've also had benefit concerts and bake sales.

This year, Team Gray — Gray's mom Courtney Tobin and her friends Cortney Pulley and Janie Funk-Pearce — are running as part of Team RMHC (Ronald McDonald House Charities) in the Chicago Marathon on Oct. 7.

Mrs. Tobin, 40, said the Ronald McDonald House in St. Petersburg was home to her, her husband Randall and their two boys, Evan and Miles, from Dec. 23, 2013, until May 18, 2014, when Gray died, and the family is forever grateful.

"You become like a family with the other families who stay there, because you're all going through the same thing," she said. "It will always be home to me, although I hope I never need it again."



In 2014, barely 6 months old, baby Gray Tobin, shown with his mother, Courtney Tobin, was at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg after having both kidneys removed Jan. 29. He had congenital nephrotic syndrome, a rare kidney disease. He died May 18, 2014, awaiting a kidney transplant.

A Ronald McDonald House provides housing for families of children facing a serious medical crisis so they can be close by their hospitalized child at little to no cost — including meals and all the amenities of home.

"It's nice to have a place

where your kids can play in a playroom filled with toys and you can sit down to eat dinner and talk to other parents," she said.

Team RMHC is the biggest fundraising team of the Chicago Marathon with 1,000 members. Team Gray is part of the

larger Team RMHC.

Currently, they are fundraising, needing to raise \$1,500 each, which directly benefits Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Team Gray will be at Tractor Supply Co. in Dunnellon from 2 to 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, selling baked goods.

You can also read more about their team and donate online at: support.rmhc.org/goto/bethegood.

Meanwhile, between now and October, the women are in training. Tobin has never run a full marathon, only half-marathons and other, shorter races. The other two women have run races of varying lengths, but all three have been running for quite a while.

"Our goal is to finish in five or five-and-a-half hours," Mrs. Tobin said. "I just want to have fun and survive it and enjoy the crowd."

She added, "Gray was always so peaceful, so calm — unnervingly calm, no matter how bad things got...and he loved his brothers. They were 5 and 7, now they're 9 and 11. We still talk about him all the time. He'll always be a huge part of our family...We went through it as a family, and it changed our lives. He was a calm little fighter."

In 2015, Mrs. Tobin told the Chronicle, "Gray finished his race here on Earth the same day as the first Gray Run. Psalm 139 says, 'Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.' God knew how many days Gray had, and now we want to live a life of thanks for him and celebrate every day he was with us."

Tax collector's Inverness office being redesigned

Special to the Chronicle

The Inverness office of Citrus County Tax Collector Janice A. Warren will be undergoing a floor plan redesign beginning Aug. 28. The office is located in the Courthouse Annex building at 210 N. Apopka Ave.

The tax collector moved into the building in May of 2003. Since that time, it has added numerous

services including driver licenses, certified Florida birth certificates, SunPass transponders, and concealed weapons licenses. This has increased the amount of customer traffic in the building. The redesign will improve customer flow and service, according to a news release.

The office will provide the following services at the Inverness drive-thru

window: Tag renewals, license plate surrenders, disabled parking permits, tax payments and SunPass transponder purchases. The tax department, phone center, and concealed weapons area will be open as usual. Dealers and title companies will drop off and pick up their work at the drive-thru window. The project is expected to last approximately two weeks.

All services including title work, driver license, hunting and fishing license, and state of Florida certified birth certificate services will be available at the Meadowcrest Tax Collector's Office located at 1540 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River.

Please visit www.citrustc.us or call 352-341-6500 for updated information.

The Property

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If you have any questions, you may access the website <http://www.citruspa.org>, email ccpaweb@citruspa.org or call 352-341-6600 or 352-564-7130. The customer service staff will be happy to take your call.

Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthdays — Indulge in something that excites you this year. Whether you plan a trip or sign up to learn something new, it will enrich your life and motivate you to bring about healthy changes that promote friendships with people who have something to offer.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Rearrange your schedule to include something that brings you joy. A lifestyle change will encourage you to make an even bigger shift.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A personal change may not be your choice, but accepting the inevitable will lead to benefits.
Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — An interesting concept will get you thinking about different ways to use your money to bring about favorable changes.
Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Use your intelligence to come up with an alternative that will work to your benefit. Don't give in to someone trying to pressure you.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Look over your personal papers, negotiate contracts or invest your money in something concrete. Refuse to give in to emotional spending.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — A change proposed by others will not live up to expectations. Take the smart route and wait for evidence that supports the promises being made.
Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — You'll receive the help you need if you ask for it. Much can be accomplished if you are disciplined and ready to implement the changes required.
Aries (March 21-April 19) — Take a moment to digest what's happening. Problems with peers, relatives or an employer should be dealt with.
Taurus (April 20-May 20) — You are ready to take on the world. Stand tall, trust in your abilities and don't for a minute let someone else take over your interests.
Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Changes are taking place behind closed doors. Consider what's happening and refuse to be left out.
Cancer (June 21-July 22) — How you help others will make a difference. You can let someone take advantage of you or you can set the standard and ensure that you are treated fairly.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Beware of anyone pushing you to make an abrupt change. Offer only what you can afford.

ENTERTAINMENT

Guillermo del Toro passionately pushes for gender equality

VENICE, Italy — Guillermo del Toro says a push for gender equality in Hollywood "is beyond a gesture, it's a need."

The Mexican director behind the Oscar-winning "The Shape of Water" was speaking Wednesday at the Venice International Film Festival, where he is head of this year's jury. In a passionate speech during the jury press conference, de Toro said: "The goal has to be clear and has to remain to be 50/50 by 2020."

"It's a real problem we have in the culture in general. Many of the voices that should be heard, need to be heard," he said. "It needs to be solved in every one of our pertinent departments with strength and resolve."

This year's jury consists of five women and four men in an effort to readdress the imbalance that has occurred in previous years.

Australian actress Naomi Watts is on the panel — an experience she hopes will be "life altering."

"To sit in a disciplined way and spend the next 10 days watching two to three films a day is extraordinary and I have just never had that opportunity. And to be amongst this group of people on this panel and with Guillermo leading it, I think it's going to be a really unique and really new experience."

Fellow jury member, New Zealand comedy director Taika Waititi, joked that while comedy was his field of expertise, he was the right man for the job. "I have a very sensitive meter for tragedy and I like to think of myself sort of like the Tchaikovsky of comedy," he said.



Actress Vanessa Redgrave receives the Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement in Cinema Wednesday at the opening Ceremony of the 75th edition of the Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy.

Also on this jury is Taiwanese actress Sylvia Chang, Danish actress Trine Dyrholm, Polish filmmaker Malgorzata Szumowska, French actress Nicole Garcia, Italian filmmaker Paolo Genovese and Austrian actor Christoph Waltz.

Ed Sheeran plays himself in Danny Boyle's next film

LOS ANGELES — Ed Sheeran plays himself in Danny Boyle's next film, his first significant role on the big screen.

In the movie written by Richard Curtis, former "EastEnders" star Himesh Patel plays a singer-songwriter who wakes up one day as the only person in the world who remembers the Beatles.

"And then I discover him and take him on tour. Then he gets much, much bigger than me through doing stuff. Yeah, it's very clever," Sheeran said in an interview this week. "I got to actually kind of learn how to act. ... With the 'Game of Thrones' thing, that was literally me popping in for a day and making a cameo. Or 'Bastard Executioner' was me popping in for a day. But this was like full days on set, like full 12-hour days."

Sheeran completed his part of production earlier this year, in the middle of his latest tour. The as-yet-untitled movie is set for release in September 2019.

"They shot it around loads of my gigs. So it was a very intense two months. Because I would have four days of gigging and then three days of shooting a film," Sheeran said. "I was playing myself, so I don't think I was that bad. There wasn't much to (mess) up."

The 27-year-old British pop star says his long-term goal in Hollywood is to make a movie musical in the vein of the 2007 Irish romance "Once."

"I want to make something like that. Something like that where songs dictate the film in a way," he said. "I can't see myself playing an Avenger, you know? I don't really want to be actor."

— From wire reports

Today in HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Aug. 30, the 242nd day of 2018. There are 123 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight: On Aug. 30, 1963, the "Hot Line" communications link between Washington and Moscow went into operation.

On this date: In 1967, the Senate confirmed the appointment of Thurgood Marshall as the first black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1989, a federal jury in New York found "hotel queen" Leona Helmsley guilty of income tax evasion, but acquitted her of extortion. (Helmsley ended up serving 18 months behind bars, a month at a halfway house and two months under house arrest.)

Ten years ago: Hurricane Gustav slammed into Cuba as a monstrous Category 4 storm, damaging 100,000 homes and causing billions of dollars in damage, but no reported fatalities.

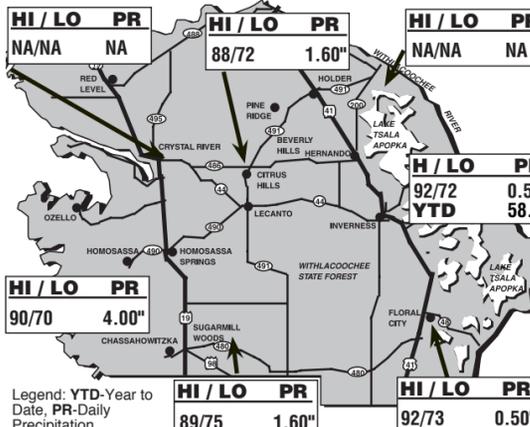
Five years ago: Indonesia's highest court upheld a death sentence for Lindsay Sandiford, a British woman convicted of smuggling \$2.5 million worth of cocaine into the resort island of Bali.

One year ago: The former Hurricane Harvey completed a U-turn in the Gulf of Mexico and rolled ashore for the second time in six days, hitting southwestern Louisiana as a tropical storm with heavy rains and winds of 45 miles an hour.

Today's Birthdays: Cartoonist R. Crumb is 75. Comedian Lewis Black is 70. Actor Michael Chiklis is 55. Actress Cameron Diaz is 46. Rock singer-musician Aaron Barrett (Reel Big Fish) is 44. Actor Raul Castillo is 41. Actor Michael Gladis is 41. Rock musician Matt Taul (Tantric; Days of the New) is 40. Tennis player Andy Roddick is 36. Singer Rachael Price (Lake Street Dive) is 33. Rock musician Ryan Ross is 32.

Thought for Today: "Walk on air against your better judgement." — Seamus Heaney (1939-2013).

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



Legend: YTD-Year to Date, PR-Daily Precipitation
THREE DAY OUTLOOK
TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
FRIDAY & SATURDAY MORNING
SATURDAY & SUNDAY MORNING

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

Table with columns: City, H, L, F'cast, City, H, L, F'cast. Lists temperatures for various Florida cities.

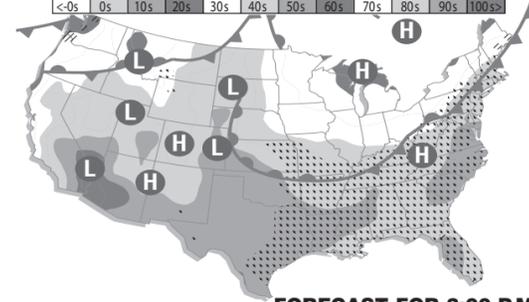
MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: East winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Isolated thunderstorms.
Tonight: East winds 5 to 10 knots increasing to around 15 knots after midnight. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop.

LAKE LEVELS table with columns: Location, WED, TUE, Full. Lists water levels for various Florida lakes.

Levels reported in feet above sea level. Flood stage for lakes are based on 2.33-year flood, the mean-annual flood which has a 43-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any one year.

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. THURSDAY

Table with columns: City, WED H L Pcp., THU H L Fcst, City, WED H L Pcp., THU H L Fcst. Lists weather forecasts for various cities across the country.

ALMANAC table with columns: TEMPERATURE, DEW POINT, HUMIDITY, POLLEN COUNT, AIR QUALITY. Lists daily weather statistics.

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

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK table with columns: SUNSET TONIGHT, SUNRISE TOMORROW, MOONRISE TODAY, MOONSET TODAY. Lists moon phases and times.

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

WATERING RULES
Lawn watering is limited to twice-per-week unless your city or county has a different schedule or stricter hours.

Under the Southwest Florida Water Management District's year-round measures, even addresses may water on Thursday and/or Sunday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. and odd addresses may water on Wednesday and/or Saturday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

Questions, concerns or reporting violations, call City of Inverness at 352-726-2321; City of Crystal River at 352-795-4216, Ext. 313; unincorporated Citrus County at 352-527-7669.

TIDES table with columns: City, High, Low. Lists tide times for various locations.

KEY TO CONDITIONS: c-cloudy; dr-drizzle; f-fair; h-hazy; pc-partly cloudy; r-rain; rs-rain/snow mix; s-sunny; sh-showers; sn-snow; ts-thunderstorms; w-windy.

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Division of Elections...A6, A7, A8, A9
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WILLIAMS

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retired to Citrus Hills years earlier, opened the Ted Williams Museum, fittingly on Feb. 9. Williams wore No. 9 throughout his career. In case anyone visiting the museum failed to catch the significance, a giant No. 9 statue reminded them. The stars and celebrities who attended the two-day red-carpet and black-tie affair were a who's who of celebrity at the time. Attending the museum's dedication were, among others: Muhammad Ali, Joe DiMaggio, Bob Feller, Tom Seaver, Bobby Orr, Curt Gowdy and singer Lee Greenwood. You knew you were someplace special when ESPN's Peter Gammons announced on air "Reporting from the Ted Williams Museum in Hernando, Florida."

The ceremony the following year, in February 1995, was even bigger and came at an opportune time for baseball. In 1994, the players' strike ended the season in August and the World Series was canceled. With baseball still on strike, Williams' induction of the 20 greatest hitters of all time into his Hitters Hall of Fame was just what baseball needed, and Citrus County was once again at the center of the baseball universe.

The list of attendees to the 1995 induction grew to include former president George Bush and his wife Barbara, Bob Costas and 37 Hall of Fame baseball players — including the legendary Mickey Mantle.

Sporting News and Williams exhaustively researched baseball statistics to come up with the greatest hitters in baseball history — minus one: Ted Williams. Williams, though considered to be one of the greatest hitters in history by all accounts, refused to put himself on the list.

Every year after that the museum grew as more Hall of Fame names attended and were added to the Hitters Hall of Fame. Williams, who despised pitchers, also created a Walk of Fame in 1997 and began inducting pitchers.

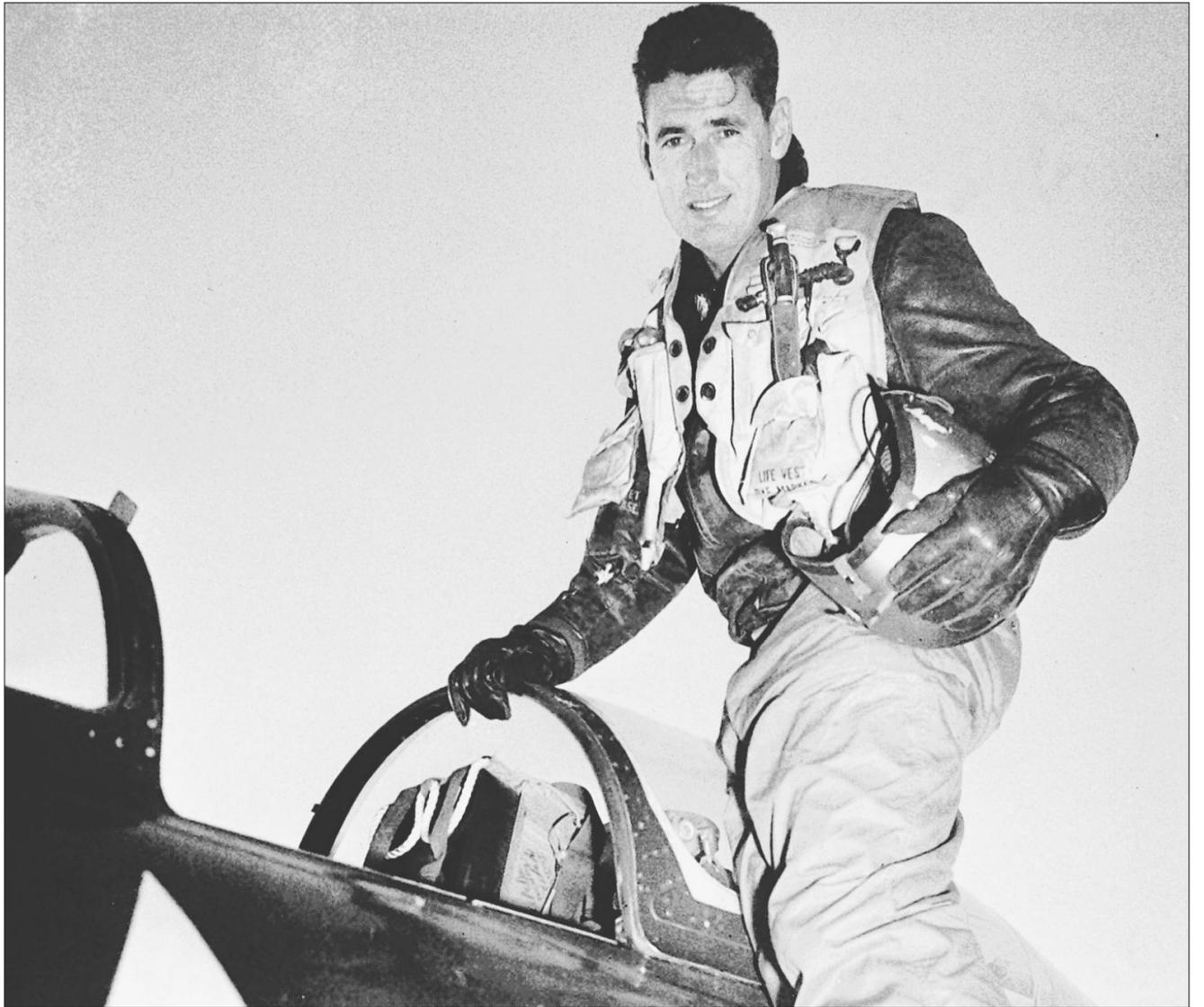
Unfortunately for Citrus County, two years after Williams' death in July of 2002, the Museum was relocated to Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, where to this day it still holds annual induction ceremonies.

Williams was truly an ambassador for the game he loved, but there was another side many did not know about.

Twice during his career Williams left baseball to serve as a fighter pilot; first in World War II and then again in the Korean War. In the latter deployment, he flew 39 combat missions, including one as John Glenn's wingman. Williams took a hit that day and landed his crippled aircraft at the airbase just moments before it burst into flames.

Williams was also an expert fisherman. The museum in Hernando dedicated a section of it to his love and exploits in the fishing world. In 2000, he was inducted into the International Game Fish Association Hall of Fame.

As a player, Williams was known for his combative style and constant



FRED WATERS/Associated Press

Capt. Ted Williams poses atop an airplane at a Marine air base in Korea after he crash landed his jet at an advance airbase Feb. 15, 1953, on his first combat mission over North Korea against enemy targets.

TED WILLIAMS MUSEUM TIMELINE

■ **1994:** Museum is dedicated with a \$1,500-a-plate dinner and ceremony. Attendees included Muhammad Ali, Shaquille O'Neal, Joe DiMaggio, Rollie Fingers, Al Kaline and Curt Gowdy.

"This is an emotional day for me, for sure." — Ted Williams

■ **1995:** First Hitters Hall of Fame induction ceremony attracts the largest crowd of athletes and celebrities. Athletes included: Brooks Robinson, Whitey Ford, Red Schoendienst, Bob Feller, Stan Musial, Steve Carlton, Willie Mays, Gaylord Perry, Bob Lemon, George Kell, Enos Slaughter, Frank Robinson and Mickey Mantle. Others: Former President George Bush, emcee Bob Costas, Gregory Peck, Henny Youngman, Michael Bolton and Eddie Fisher.

"Ted Williams, to me, is the epitome of what baseball is all about." — Ralph Kiner

"We were such good friends and we still are. It's always an honor to be where Ted is." — Feller

"Ted worked out a very complicated system. I can't explain it." — Costas

"A rebel, a legend and Gibraltar. John Wayne in a baseball uniform." — President Bush

■ **1996:** Players included Al Kaline, Harmon Killebrew, Willie McCovey, Dante Bichette, Barry Bonds, Albert Belle, Edgar Martinez and Pee Wee Reese. Costas was emcee.

"As a hitter, there is no greater honor than being chosen by the man himself." — McCovey, on his induction into the Hitters Hall of Fame.

■ **1997:** Players inducted into the Hitters Hall of Fame included Mike Piazza, Gary Sheffield, Alex Rodriguez, and Mo Vaughn. Mark McGwire was given the Splendid Splinter award. This was the first year pitchers were honored. Don Larsen, the only pitcher to pitch a perfect game in the World Series, and Johnny Vander Meer, the only man to pitch back-to-back no hitters, were elected into the Walk of Fame.

■ **1998:** Former Los Angeles Dodgers

Manager Tommy Lasorda was emcee. Players included Reggie Jackson, Eddie Matthews, Warren Spahn and Monte Irvin.

"Ted Williams is baseball. He's right up there with Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, the immortals, the greatest to ever play the game." — Jackson

■ **1999:** Lasorda again was emcee. Players included Al Kaline, Yogi Berra, Willie Stargel and Carl Yastrzmski.

■ **2000:** Players included Wade Boggs, George Brett, Robin Yount, Carlton Fisk and Johnny Bench, plus radio broadcaster Ernie Harwell.

"I say he's the best ambassador baseball has today." — Lasorda

■ **2001:** Williams was hospitalized and missed the event, which was emceed by Boston sportscaster Bob Lobel. Players included Robin Yount, Dave Winfield, Dom DiMaggio, Jim Rice and Tom Seaver. The ceremony occurred as baseball scrimmages were taking place on ballfields provided by the museum.

"Very few have made the impact on baseball the way Ted Williams has. How great this is. Here we are accepting awards like this in here and there's kids right out there playing baseball." — Yount

■ **2002:** Players included Cal Ripken Jr., Derek Jeter, Don Mattingly and Gaylord Perry. Williams, who was battling health problems and not expected to attend, surprised the crowd when he showed up for about 20 minutes.

"As a player, there is nothing else that makes you prouder than Ted Williams thinking you can hit." — Mattingly

■ **2003:** The first ceremony since Williams' death in July 2002. Players included Wade Boggs, Jim Thome, Bob Feller and Nomar Garciaparra.

"Ted was an innovator and pioneer in the world of hitting. He gave hitting a new meaning and called it science." — Boggs

It was the last ceremony in Citrus Hills. Museum directors moved the ceremony in 2004 to Fort Myers, spring training home of the Boston Red Sox.

feuds with press and fans. Nothing played more against that reputation than his work with the Jimmy Fund, something visitors to the Museum learned about first hand. In the late 1940s, Williams began to contribute financially and emotionally to

the organization that researches cures for children's cancer. Williams spent decades visiting sick children and doing his part to help cure childhood cancers.

One of Williams' fondest wishes was to be known as the greatest

hitter who ever lived. But he was much more than that. He had a big heart that belied his feisty nature. He cared about children and he cared about preserving the history of baseball — and Citrus County was a beneficiary of that part of his legacy.



Associated Press

In this July 8, 1941, file photo, Joe DiMaggio, right, of the New York Yankees, congratulates Boston Red Sox slugger Ted Williams, whose ninth inning homer defeated the National League All Stars, 7-5, in Detroit, Mich.

THE GREATEST HITTERS OF ALL TIME

The following are the 20 Greatest Hitters of All Time as selected by Ted Williams and Sporting News. They were inducted into the Ted Williams Hitters Hall of Fame in 1995.

Hank Aaron, Ty Cobb, Joe DiMaggio, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Jimmie Foxx, Rogers Hornsby, Stan Musial, Joe Jackson, Willie Mays, Hank Greenberg, Mickey Mantle, Tris Speaker, Al Simmons, Johnny Mize, Mel Ott, Harry Heilmann, Frank Robinson, Mike Schmidt and Ralph Kiner. For a full list, visit www.tedwilliamsmuseum.com.

At the Ninth Annual Ted Williams Museum and Hitters Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, Williams was not expected to attend. His health was failing, he had trouble speaking and was confined to a wheelchair. But he still found enough strength to attend and his appearance stole the show. It was amazing to see the reverence the Cal Ripkens, Don Mattinglys, Gaylord Perrys and Jason Giambis of the game had for Williams that day.

Perhaps former Boston Red Sox right fielder Dwight Evans said it best: "As I stand here today, it is clear to me that Ted Williams is a true American hero in every sense of the word."

Happy 100th birthday, "Teddy Ballgame."

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS FOR THE 2018 GENERAL ELECTION

I, Ken Detzner, Secretary of State for Florida, do hereby give notice that the following proposed amendments and revisions to the Florida Constitution will be presented in each county on the 2018 General Election ballot. The language for these amendments may also be found at FloridaPublicNotices.com, at DOS.Elections.MyFlorida.com/initiatives, and at this newspaper's website.

**NO. 1
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6
ARTICLE XII, SECTION 37**

BALLOT TITLE:
Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption

BALLOT SUMMARY:
Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to increase the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all levies other than school district levies. The amendment shall take effect January 1, 2019.

FULL TEXT:
ARTICLE VII
FINANCE AND TAXATION
SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—
(a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, and on the assessed valuation greater than one hundred thousand dollars and up to one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entireties, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.
(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.
(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.
(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant either or both of the following additional homestead tax exemptions:
(1) An exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to a person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, who has attained age sixty-five, and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars; or
(2) An exemption equal to the assessed value of the property to a person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate with a just value less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, as determined in the first tax year that the owner applies and is eligible for the exemption, and who has maintained thereon the permanent residence of the owner for not less than twenty-five years, who has attained age sixty-five, and whose household income does not exceed the income limitation prescribed in paragraph (1).
The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant these additional exemptions, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.
(e) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection is self-executing and does not require implementing legislation.
(f) By general law and subject to conditions and limitations specified therein, the Legislature may provide ad valorem tax relief equal to the total amount or a portion of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property to:
(1) The surviving spouse of a veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces.
(2) The surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty.
(3) A first responder who is totally and permanently disabled as a result of an injury or injuries sustained in the line of duty. Causal connection between a disability and service in the line of duty shall not be presumed but must be determined as provided by general law. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "disability" does not include a chronic condition or chronic disease, unless the injury sustained in the line of duty was the sole cause of the chronic condition or chronic disease.
As used in this subsection and as further defined by general law, the term "first responder" means a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic, and the term "in the line of duty" means arising out of and in the actual performance of duty required by employment as a first responder.

**ARTICLE XII
SCHEDULE
SECTION 37. Increased homestead exemption.—This section and the amendment to Section 6 of Article VII increasing the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all levies other than school district levies shall take effect January 1, 2019.**

**NO. 2
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE XII, SECTION 27**

BALLOT TITLE:
Limitations on Property Tax Assessments

BALLOT SUMMARY:
Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to permanently retain provisions currently in effect, which limit property tax assessment increases on specified nonhomestead real property, except for school district taxes, to 10 percent each year. If approved, the amendment removes the scheduled repeal of such provisions in 2019 and shall take effect January 1, 2019.

FULL TEXT:
ARTICLE XII
SCHEDULE
SECTION 27. Property tax exemptions and limitations on property tax assessments. —
(a) The amendments to Sections 3, 4, and 6 of Article VII, providing a \$25,000 exemption for

tangible personal property, providing an additional \$25,000 homestead exemption, authorizing transfer of the accrued benefit from the limitations on the assessment of homestead property, and this section, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at a special election authorized by law to be held on January 29, 2008, shall take effect upon approval by the electors and shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2008, or, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election, shall take effect January 1 of the year following such general election. The amendments to Section 4 of Article VII creating subsections (a)(f) and (b)(g) of that section, creating a limitation on annual assessment increases for specified real property, shall take effect upon approval of the electors and shall first limit assessments beginning January 1, 2009, if approved at a special election held on January 29, 2008, or shall first limit assessments beginning January 1, 2010, if approved at the general election held in November of 2008. Subsections (f) and (g) of Section 4 of Article VII are repealed effective January 1, 2019; however, the legislature shall by joint resolution propose an amendment abrogating the repeal of subsections (f) and (g), which shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the general election of 2019 and, if approved, shall take effect January 1, 2019.
(b) The amendment to subsection (a) abrogating the scheduled repeal of subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of Article VII of the State Constitution as it existed in 2017, shall take effect January 1, 2019.

**NO. 3
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE X, SECTION 29**

BALLOT TITLE:
Voter Control of Gambling in Florida

BALLOT SUMMARY:
This amendment ensures that Florida voters shall have the exclusive right to decide whether to authorize casino gambling by requiring that in order for casino gambling to be authorized under Florida law, it must be approved by Florida voters pursuant to Article XI, Section 3 of the Florida Constitution. Affects articles X and XI. Defines casino gambling and clarifies that this amendment does not conflict with federal law regarding state/tribal compacts.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:
The amendment's impact on state and local government revenues and costs, if any, cannot be determined at this time because of its unknown effect on gambling operations that have not been approved by voters through a constitutional amendment proposed by a citizens' initiative petition process.

FULL TEXT:
ARTICLE X. FLORIDA CONSTITUTION, is amended to include the following new section: Voter Control of Gambling in Florida.
(a) This amendment ensures that Florida voters shall have the exclusive right to decide whether to authorize casino gambling in the State of Florida. This amendment requires a vote by citizens' initiative pursuant to Article XI, section 3, in order for casino gambling to be authorized under Florida law. This section amends this Article, and also affects Article XI, by making citizens' initiatives the exclusive method of authorizing casino gambling.
(b) As used in this section, "casino gambling" means any of the types of games typically found in casinos and that are within the definition of Class III gaming in the Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq. ("IGRA"), and in 25 C.F.R. §502.4, upon adoption of this amendment, and any that are added to such definition of Class III gaming in the future. This includes, but is not limited to, any house banking game, including but not limited to card games such as baccarat, chemin de fer, blackjack (21), and pai gow (if played as house banking games); any player-banked game that simulates a house banking game, such as California blackjack; casino games such as roulette, craps, and keno; any slot machines as defined in 15 U.S.C. 1171(a)(1); and any other game not authorized by Article X, section 15, whether or not defined as a slot machine, in which outcomes are determined by random number generator or are similarly assigned randomly, such as instant or historical racing. As used herein, "casino gambling" includes any electronic gambling devices, simulated gambling devices, video lottery devices, internet sweepstakes devices, and any other form of electronic or electromechanical facsimiles of any game of chance, slot machine, or casino-style game, regardless of how such devices are defined under IGRA. As used herein, "casino gambling" does not include pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing, dog racing, or jai alai exhibitions. For purposes of this section, "gambling" and "gaming" are synonymous.
(c) Nothing herein shall be deemed to limit the right of the Legislature to exercise its authority through general law to restrict, regulate, or tax any gaming or gambling activities. In addition, nothing herein shall be construed to limit the ability of the state or Native American tribes to negotiate gaming compacts pursuant to the Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act for the conduct of casino gambling on tribal lands, or to affect any existing gambling on tribal lands pursuant to compacts executed by the state and Native American tribes pursuant to IGRA.
(d) This section is effective upon approval by the voters, is self-executing, and no Legislative implementation is required.
(e) If any part of this section is held invalid for any reason, the remaining portion or portions shall be severed from the invalid portion and given the fullest possible force and effect.

**NO. 4
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4**

BALLOT TITLE:
Voting Restoration Amendment

BALLOT SUMMARY:
This amendment restores the voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions after they complete all terms of their sentence including parole or probation. The amendment would not apply to those convicted of murder or sexual offenses, who would continue to be permanently barred from voting unless the Governor and Cabinet vote to restore their voting rights on a case by case basis.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:
The precise effect of this amendment on state and local government costs cannot be determined, but the operation of current voter registration laws, combined with an increased number of felons registering to vote, will produce higher overall costs relative to the processes in place today. The impact, if any, on state and local government revenues cannot be determined. The fiscal impact of any future legislation that implements a different process cannot be reasonably determined.

FULL TEXT:
Article VI, Section 4. Disqualifications.—
(a) No person convicted of a felony, or adjudicated in this or any other state to be mentally incompetent, shall be qualified to vote or hold office until restoration of civil rights or removal of disability. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, any disqualification from voting arising from a felony conviction shall terminate and voting rights shall be restored upon completion of all terms of sentence including parole or probation.
(b) No person convicted of murder or a felony sexual offense shall be qualified to vote until restoration of civil rights.
(c) No person may appear on the ballot for reelection to any of the following offices:
(1) Florida representative,
(2) Florida senator,
(3) Florida Lieutenant governor,
(4) any office of the Florida cabinet,
(5) U.S. Representative from Florida, or
(6) U.S. Senator from Florida

if, by the end of the current term of office, the person will have served (or, but for resignation, would have served) in that office for eight consecutive years.

**NO. 5
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VII, SECTION 19**

BALLOT TITLE:
Supermajority Vote Required to Impose, Authorize, or Raise State Taxes or Fees

BALLOT SUMMARY:
Prohibits the legislature from imposing, authorizing, or raising a state tax or fee except through legislation approved by a two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature in a bill containing no other subject. This proposal does not authorize a state tax or fee otherwise prohibited by the Constitution and does not apply to fees or taxes imposed or authorized to be imposed by a county, municipality, school board, or special district.

FULL TEXT:
ARTICLE VII
FINANCE AND TAXATION
SECTION 19. Supermajority vote required to impose, authorize, or raise state taxes or fees.—
(a) SUPERMAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED TO IMPOSE OR AUTHORIZE NEW STATE TAX OR FEE. No new state tax or fee may be imposed or authorized by the legislature except through legislation approved by two-thirds of the membership of each house of the legislature and presented to the Governor for approval pursuant to Article III, Section 8.
(b) SUPERMAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED TO RAISE STATE TAXES OR FEES. No state tax or fee may be raised by the legislature except through legislation approved by two-thirds of the membership of each house of the legislature and presented to the Governor for approval pursuant to Article III, Section 8.
(c) APPLICABILITY. This section does not authorize the imposition of any state tax or fee otherwise prohibited by this Constitution, and does not apply to any tax or fee imposed by, or authorized to be imposed by, a county, municipality, school board, or special district.
(d) DEFINITIONS. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
(1) "Fee" means any charge or payment required by law, including any fee for service, fee or cost for licenses, and charge for service.
(2) "Raise" means:
a. To increase or authorize an increase in the rate of a state tax or fee imposed on a percentage or per mill basis;
b. To increase or authorize an increase in the amount of a state tax or fee imposed on a flat or fixed amount basis; or
c. To decrease or eliminate a state tax or fee exemption or credit.
(e) SINGLE-SUBJECT. A state tax or fee imposed, authorized, or raised under this section must be contained in a separate bill that contains no other subject.

**NO. 6
CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION
ARTICLE I, SECTION 16
ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 8 AND 21
ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION**

BALLOT TITLE:
Rights of Crime Victims; Judges

BALLOT SUMMARY:
Creates constitutional rights for victims of crime, requires courts to facilitate victims' rights; authorizes victims to enforce their rights throughout criminal and juvenile justice processes. Requires judges and hearing officers to independently interpret statutes and rules rather than deferring to government agency's interpretation. Raises mandatory retirement age of state justices and judges from seventy to seventy-five years; deletes authorization to complete judicial term if one-half of term has been served by retirement age.

FULL TEXT:
ARTICLE I
DECLARATION OF RIGHTS
SECTION 16. Rights of accused and of victims.—
(a) In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall, upon demand, be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, and shall be furnished a copy of the charges, and shall have the right to have compulsory process for witnesses, to confront at trial adverse witnesses, to be heard in person, by counsel or both, and to have a speedy and public trial by impartial jury in the county where the crime was committed. If the county is not known, the indictment or information may charge venue in two or more counties conjunctively and proof that the crime was committed in that area shall be sufficient; but before pleading the accused may elect in which of those counties the trial will take place. Venue for prosecution of crimes committed beyond the boundaries of the state shall be fixed by law.
(b) To preserve and protect the right of crime victims to achieve justice, ensure a meaningful role throughout the criminal and juvenile justice systems for crime victims, and ensure that crime victims' rights and interests are respected and protected by law in a manner no less vigorous than protections afforded to criminal defendants and juvenile delinquents, every victim is entitled to the following rights, beginning at the time of his or her victimization:
(1) The right to due process and to be treated with fairness and respect for the victim's dignity.
(2) The right to be free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse.
(3) The right, within the judicial process, to be reasonably protected from the accused and any person acting on behalf of the accused. However, nothing contained herein is intended to create a special relationship between the crime victim and any law enforcement agency or officer absent a special relationship or duty as defined by Florida law.
(4) The right to have the safety and welfare of the victim and the victim's family considered when setting bail, including setting pretrial release conditions that protect the safety and welfare of the victim and the victim's family.
(5) The right to prevent the disclosure of information or records that could be used to locate or harass the victim or the victim's family, or which could disclose confidential or privileged information of the victim.
(6) A victim shall have the following specific rights upon request:
a. The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of, and to be present at, all public proceedings involving the criminal conduct, including, but not limited to, trial, plea, sentencing, or adjudication, even if the victim will be a witness at the proceeding, notwithstanding any rule to the contrary. A victim shall also be provided reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any release or escape of the defendant or delinquent, and any proceeding during which a right of the victim is implicated.
b. The right to be heard in any public proceeding involving pretrial or other release from any form of legal constraint, plea, sentencing, adjudication, or parole, and any proceeding during which a right of the victim is implicated.
c. The right to confer with the prosecuting attorney concerning any plea agreements, participation in pretrial diversion programs, release, restitution, sentencing, or any other disposition of the case.
d. The right to provide information regarding the impact of the offender's conduct on the victim and the victim's family to the individual responsible for conducting any presentence investigation or compiling any presentence investigation report, and to have any such information considered in any sentencing recommendations submitted to the court.
e. The right to receive a copy of any presentence report, and any other report or record relevant to the exercise of a victim's right, except for such portions made confidential or exempt by law.
f. The right to be informed of the conviction,

sentence, adjudication, place and time of incarceration, or other disposition of the convicted offender, any scheduled release date of the offender, and the release of or the escape of the offender from custody.
g. The right to be informed of all postconviction processes and procedures, to participate in such processes and procedures, to provide information to the release authority to be considered before any release decision is made, and to be notified of any release decision regarding the offender. The parole or early release authority shall extend the right to be heard to any person harmed by the right to the offender.
h. The right to be informed of clemency and expungement procedures, to provide information to the governor, the court, any clemency board, and other authority in these procedures, and to have that information considered before a clemency or expungement decision is made, and to be notified of such decision in advance of any release of the offender.
(7) The rights of the victim, as provided in subparagraph (6)a., subparagraph (6)b., or subparagraph (6)c., that apply to any first appearance proceeding are satisfied by a reasonable attempt by the appropriate agency to notify the victim and convey the victim's views to the court.
(8) The right to the prompt return of the victim's property when no longer needed as evidence in the case.
(9) The right to full and timely restitution in every case and from each convicted offender for all losses suffered, both directly and indirectly, by the victim as a result of the criminal conduct.
(10) The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay, and to a prompt and final conclusion of the case and any related postjudgment proceedings.
a. The state attorney may file a good faith demand for a speedy trial and the trial court shall hold a calendar call, with notice, within fifteen days of the filing demand, to schedule a trial to commence on a date at least five days but no more than sixty days after the date of the calendar call unless the trial judge enters an order with specific findings of fact justifying a trial date more than sixty days after the calendar call.
b. All state-level appeals and collateral attacks upon judgment must be complete within two years from the date of appeal in non-capital cases and within five years from the date of appeal in capital cases, unless a court enters an order with specific findings as to why the court was unable to comply with this subparagraph and the circumstances causing the delay. Each year, the chief judge of any district court of appeal or the chief justice of the supreme court shall report on a case-by-case basis to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate all cases where the court entered an order regarding inability to comply with this subparagraph. The legislature may enact legislation to implement this subparagraph.
(11) The right to be informed of these rights, and to be informed that victims can seek the advice of an attorney with respect to their rights. This information shall be made available to the general public and provided to all crime victims in the form of a card or by other means intended to effectively advise the victim of their rights under this section.
(c) The victim, the retained attorney of the victim, a lawful representative of the victim, or the office of the state attorney upon request of the victim, may assert and seek enforcement of the rights enumerated in this section and any other right afforded to a victim by law in any trial or appellate court, or before any other authority with jurisdiction over the case, as a matter of right. The court or other authority with jurisdiction shall act promptly on such a request, affording a remedy by due course of law for the violation of any right. The reasons for any decision regarding the disposition of a victim's right shall be clearly stated on the record.
(d) The granting of the rights enumerated in this section to victims may not be construed to deny or impair any other rights possessed by victims. The provisions of this section apply throughout criminal and juvenile justice processes, are self-executing, and do not require implementing legislation. This section may not be construed to create any cause of action for damages against the state or a political subdivision of the state, or any officer, employee, or agent of the state or its political subdivisions.
(e) As used in this section, a "victim" is a person who suffers direct or threatened physical, psychological, or financial harm as a result of the commission or attempted commission of a crime or delinquent act or against whom the crime or delinquent act is committed. The term "victim" includes the victim's lawful representative, the parent or guardian of a minor, or the next of kin of a homicide victim, except upon a showing that the interest of such individual would be in actual or potential conflict with the interests of the victim. The term "victim" does not include the accused. The terms "crime" and "criminal" include delinquent acts and conduct "involving of crime or their lawful representatives, including the next of kin of homicide victims, are entitled to the right to be informed to be present, and to be heard when relevant, at all crucial stages of criminal proceedings; to the extent that these rights do not interfere with the constitutional rights of the accused."

FULL TEXT:
ARTICLE V
SECTION 8. Eligibility.—No person shall be eligible for office of justice or judge of any court unless the person is an elector of the state and resides in the territorial jurisdiction of the court. No justice or judge shall serve after attaining the age of seventy-five years except upon temporary assignment or to complete a term, one-half of which has been served. No person is eligible for the office of justice of the supreme court or judge of a district court of appeal unless the person is, and has been for the preceding ten years, a member of the bar of Florida. No person is eligible for the office of circuit judge unless the person is, and has been for the preceding five years, a member of the bar of Florida. Unless otherwise provided by general law, no person is eligible for the office of county court judge unless the person is, and has been for the preceding five years, a member of the bar of Florida. Unless otherwise provided by general law, a person shall be eligible for election or appointment to the office of county court judge in a county having a population of 40,000 or less if the person is a member in good standing of the bar of Florida.
SECTION 21. Judicial interpretation of statutes and rules.—In interpreting a state statute or rule, a state court or an officer hearing an administrative action pursuant to general law may not defer to an administrative agency's interpretation of such statute or rule, and must instead interpret such statute or rule de novo.

**ARTICLE XII
SCHEDULE
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**NO. 7
CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION
ARTICLE IX, SECTIONS 7 AND 8
ARTICLE X, NEW SECTION**

BALLOT TITLE:
First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits; Public Colleges and Universities

BALLOT SUMMARY:
Grants mandatory payment of death benefits and waiver of certain educational expenses to qualifying survivors of certain first responders and military members who die performing official duties. Requires supermajority votes by university trustees and state university system board of governors to raise or impose all

legislatively authorized fees if law requires approval by those bodies. Establishes existing state college system as constitutional entity; provides governance structure.

FULL TEXT:
ARTICLE IX
EDUCATION

SECTION 7. State University System.—
(a) PURPOSES. In order to achieve excellence through teaching students, advancing research and providing public service for the benefit of Florida's citizens, their communities and economies, the people hereby establish a system of governance for the state university system of Florida.
(b) STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. There shall be a single state university system comprised of all public universities. A board of trustees shall administer each public university and a board of governors shall govern the state university system.
(c) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each local constituent university shall be administered by a board of trustees consisting of thirteen members dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The board of governors shall establish the powers and duties of the boards of trustees. Each board of trustees shall consist of six citizen members appointed by the governor and five citizen members appointed by the board of governors. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of five years as provided by law. The chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the president of the student body of the university shall also be members.
(d) STATEWIDE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. The board of governors shall be a body corporate consisting of seventeen members. The board shall operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible for the management of the whole university system. These responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, defining the distinctive mission of each constituent university and its articulation with free public schools and community colleges, ensuring the well-planned coordination and operation of the system, and avoiding wasteful duplication of facilities or programs. The board's management shall be subject to the powers of the legislature to appropriate for the expenditure of funds, and the board shall account for such expenditures as provided by law. The governor shall appoint to the board fourteen citizens dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of seven years as provided by law. The commissioner of education, the chair of the advisory council of faculty senates, or the equivalent, and the president of the Florida student association, or the equivalent, shall also be members of the board.
(e) FEES. Any proposal or action of a constituent university to raise, impose, or authorize any fee, as authorized by law, must be approved by at least nine affirmative votes of the members of the board of trustees of the constituent university, if approval by the board of trustees is required by general law, and at least twelve affirmative votes of the members of the board of governors, if approval by the board of governors is required by general law, in order to take effect. A fee under this subsection shall not include tuition.

SECTION 8. State College System.—
(a) PURPOSES. In order to achieve excellence and to provide access to undergraduate education to the students of this state; to originate articulated pathways to a baccalaureate degree; to ensure superior commitment to teaching and learning; and to respond quickly and efficiently to meet the demand of communities by aligning certificate and degree programs with local and regional workforce needs, the people hereby establish a system of governance for the state college system of Florida.
(b) STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM. There shall be a single state college system comprised of all public community and state colleges. A local board of trustees shall govern each state college system institution and the state board of education shall supervise the state college system.
(c) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each state college system institution shall be governed by a local board of trustees dedicated to the purposes of the state college system. A member of a board of trustees must be a resident of the service delivery area of the college. The powers and duties of the boards of trustees shall be provided by law. Each member shall be appointed by the governor to staggered 4-year terms, subject to confirmation by the senate.
(d) ROLE OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. The state board of education shall supervise the state college system as provided by law.

**ARTICLE X
MISCELLANEOUS
Death benefits for survivors of first responders and military members.—
(a) A death benefit shall be paid by the employing agency when a firefighter, a paramedic, an emergency medical technician, a law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer, or a member of the Florida National Guard, while engaged in the performance of their official duties, is:
(1) Accidentally killed or receives accidental bodily injury which results in the loss of the individual's life, provided that such killing is not the result of suicide and that such bodily injury is not intentionally self-inflicted; or
(2) Unlawfully and intentionally killed or dies as a result of such unlawful and intentional act or is killed during active duty.
(b) A death benefit shall be paid by funds from general revenue when an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces is:
(1) Accidentally killed or receives accidental bodily injury which results in the loss of the individual's life, provided that such killing is not the result of suicide and that such bodily injury is not intentionally self-inflicted; or
(2) Unlawfully and intentionally killed or dies as a result of such unlawful and intentional act or is killed during active duty.
(c) If a firefighter, a paramedic, an emergency medical technician, a law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer, or an active duty member of the Florida National Guard or United States Armed Forces is accidentally killed as specified in paragraphs (a)(1) and (b)(1), or unlawfully and intentionally killed as specified in paragraphs (a)(2) and (b)(2), the state shall waive certain educational expenses that the child or spouse of the deceased first responder or military member incurs while obtaining a career certificate, an undergraduate education, or a postgraduate education.
(d) An eligible first responder must have been working for the State of Florida or any of its political subdivisions or agencies at the time of death. An eligible military member must have been a resident of this state or his or her duty post must have been within this state at the time of death.
(e) The legislature shall implement this section by general law.
(f) This section shall take effect on July 1, 2019.**

**ARTICLE X
MISCELLANEOUS**

SECTION 8. Eligibility.—No person shall be eligible for office of justice or judge of any court unless the person is an elector of the state and resides in the territorial jurisdiction of the court. No justice or judge shall serve after attaining the age of seventy-five years except upon temporary assignment or to complete a term, one-half of which has been served. No person is eligible for the office of justice of the supreme court or judge of a district court of appeal unless the person is, and has been for the preceding ten years, a member of the bar of Florida. No person is eligible for the office of circuit judge unless the person is, and has been for the preceding five years, a member of the bar of Florida. Unless otherwise provided by general law, no person is eligible for the office of county court judge unless the person is, and has been for the preceding five years, a member of the bar of Florida. Unless otherwise provided by general law, a person shall be eligible for election or appointment to the office of county court judge in a county having a population of 40,000 or less if the person is a member in good standing of the bar of Florida.

**NO. 8
CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION
ARTICLE IX, SECTION 4, NEW SECTION
ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION**

BALLOT TITLE:
School Board Term Limits and Duties; Public Schools

BALLOT SUMMARY:
Creates a term limit of eight consecutive years for school board members and requires the legislature to provide for the promotion of civic literacy in public schools. Currently, district school boards have a constitutional duty to operate, control, and supervise all public schools. The amendment maintains a school board's

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duties to public schools it establishes, but permits the state to operate, control, and supervise public schools not established by the school board.

FULL TEXT:

ARTICLE IX

EDUCATION

SECTION 4. School districts; school boards. –

(a) Each county shall constitute a school district; provided, two or more contiguous counties, upon vote of the electors of each county pursuant to law, may be combined into one school district. In each school district there shall be a school board composed of five or more members chosen by vote of the electors in a nonpartisan election for appropriately staggered terms of four years, as provided by law. A person may not appear on the ballot for re-election to the office of school board if, by the end of the current term of office, the person would have served, or but for resignation would have served, in that office for eight consecutive years.

(b) The school board shall operate, control, and supervise all free public schools established by the district school board within the school district and determine the rate of school district taxes within the limits prescribed herein. Two or more school districts may operate and finance joint educational programs.

SECTION. Civic literacy. – As education is essential to the preservation of the rights and liberties of the people, the legislature shall provide by law for the promotion of civic literacy in order to ensure that students enrolled in public education understand and are prepared to exercise their rights and responsibilities as citizens of a constitutional republic.

ARTICLE XII

SCHEDULE

Limitation on terms of office for members of a district school board. – This section and the amendment to Section 4 of Article IX imposing term limits for the terms of office for members of a district school board shall take effect on the date it is approved by the electorate, but no service in a term of office which commenced prior to November 6, 2018, will be counted against the limitation imposed by this amendment.

NO. 9 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION ARTICLE II, SECTION 7 ARTICLE X, SECTION 20

BALLOT TITLE:

Prohibits Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling; Prohibits Vaping in Enclosed Indoor Workplaces

BALLOT SUMMARY:

Prohibits drilling for the exploration or extraction of oil and natural gas beneath all state-owned waters between the mean high water line and the state's outermost territorial boundaries. Adds use of vapor-generating electronic devices to current prohibition of tobacco smoking in enclosed indoor workplaces with exceptions; permits more restrictive local vapor ordinances.

FULL TEXT:

ARTICLE II GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 7. Natural resources and scenic beauty. –

(a) It shall be the policy of the state to conserve and protect its natural resources and scenic beauty. Adequate provision shall be made by law for the abatement of air and water pollution and of excessive and unnecessary noise and for the conservation and protection of natural resources.

(b) Those in the Everglades Agricultural Area who cause water pollution within the Everglades Protection Area or the Everglades Agricultural Area shall be primarily responsible for paying the costs of the abatement of that pollution. For the purposes of this subsection, the terms "Everglades Protection Area" and "Everglades Agricultural Area" shall have the meanings as defined in statutes in effect on January 1, 1996.

(c) To protect the people of Florida and their environment, drilling for exploration or extraction of oil or natural gas is prohibited on lands beneath all state waters which have not been alienated and that lie between the mean high water line and the outermost boundaries of the state's territorial seas. This prohibition does not apply to the transportation of oil and gas products produced outside of such waters. This subsection is self-executing.

ARTICLE X MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 20. Workplaces without tobacco smoke or vapor. –

(a) PROHIBITION. As a Florida health initiative to protect people from the health hazards of second-hand tobacco smoke and vapor, tobacco smoking and the use of vapor-generating electronic devices are prohibited in enclosed indoor workplaces. This section does not preclude the adoption of ordinances that impose more restrictive regulation on the use of vapor-generating electronic devices than is provided in this section.

(b) EXCEPTIONS. As further explained in the definitions below, tobacco smoking and the use of vapor-generating electronic devices may be permitted in private residences whenever they are not being used commercially to provide child care, adult care, or health care, or any combination thereof; and further may be permitted in retail tobacco shops, vapor-generating electronic device retailers, designated smoking guest rooms at hotels and other public lodging establishments; and stand-alone bars. However, nothing in this section or in its implementing legislation or regulations shall prohibit the owner, lessee, or other person in control of the use of an enclosed indoor workplace from further prohibiting or limiting smoking or the use of vapor-generating electronic devices therein.

(c) DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this section, the following words and terms shall have the stated meanings:

(1) "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, carrying, or possessing any lighted tobacco product, including cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, and any other lighted tobacco product.

(2) "Second-hand smoke," also known as environmental tobacco smoke (ETS), means smoke emitted from lighted, smoldering, or burning tobacco when the smoker is not inhaling; smoke emitted at the mouthpiece during puff drawing; and smoke exhaled by the smoker.

(3) "Work" means any person's providing any employment or employment-type service for or at the request of another individual or individuals or any public or private entity, whether for compensation or not, whether full or part-time, whether legally or not. "Work" includes, without limitation, any such service performed by an employee, independent contractor, agent, partner, proprietor, manager, officer, director, apprentice, trainee, associate, servant, volunteer, and the like.

(4) "Enclosed indoor workplace" means any place where one or more persons engages in work, and which place is predominantly or totally bounded on all sides and above by physical barriers, regardless of whether such barriers consist of or include uncovered openings, screened or otherwise partially covered openings; or open or closed windows, jalousies, doors, or the like. This section applies to all such enclosed indoor workplaces without regard to whether work is occurring at any given time.

(5) "Commercial" use of a private residence means any time during which the owner, lessee, or other person occupying or controlling the use of the private residence is furnishing in the private residence, or causing to be furnished in the private residence, child care, adult care, or health care, or any combination thereof, and receiving or expecting to receive compensation therefor.

(6) "Retail tobacco shop" means any enclosed indoor workplace dedicated to or predominantly for the retail sale of tobacco, tobacco products, and accessories for such products, in which the sale of other products or services is merely incidental.

(7) "Designated smoking guest rooms at public lodging establishments" means the sleeping rooms and directly associated private areas, such as bathrooms, living rooms, and kitchen areas, if any, rented to guests for their exclusive transient occupancy in public lodging establishments including hotels, motels, resort condominiums, transient apartments, transient lodging establishments, rooming houses, boarding houses, resort dwellings, bed and breakfast inns, and the like; and designated by the person or persons having management authority over such public lodging establishment as rooms in which smoking may be permitted.

(8) "Stand-alone bar" means any place of business devoted during any time of operation predominantly or totally to serving alcoholic beverages, intoxicating beverages, or intoxicating liquors, or any combination thereof, for consumption on the licensed premises; in which the serving of food, if any, is merely incidental to the consumption of any such beverage; and that is not located within, and does not share any common entryway or common indoor area with, any other enclosed indoor workplace including any business for which the sale of food or any other product or service is more than an incidental source of gross revenue.

(9) "Vapor-generating electronic device" means any product that employs an electronic, a chemical, or a mechanical means capable of producing vapor or aerosol from a nicotine product or any other substance, including, but not limited to, an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or other similar device or product, any replacement cartridge for such device, and any other container of a solution or other substance intended to be used with or within an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or other similar device or product.

(10) "Vapor-generating electronic device retailer" means any enclosed indoor workplace dedicated to or predominantly for the retail sale of vapor-generating electronic devices and components, parts, and accessories for such products, in which the sale of other products or services is merely incidental.

(d) LEGISLATION. In the next regular legislative session occurring after voter approval of this section or any amendment to this section, the Florida legislature shall adopt legislation to implement this section in a manner consistent with its broad purpose and stated terms, and having an effective date no later than July 1 of the year following voter approval. Such legislation shall include, without limitation, civil penalties for violations of this section; provisions for administrative enforcement; and the requirement and authorization of agency rules for implementation and enforcement. This section does not Nothing herein shall preclude the legislature from enacting any law constituting or allowing a more restrictive regulation of tobacco smoking or the use of vapor-generating electronic devices than is provided in this section.

NO. 10 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION ARTICLE III, SECTION 3 ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 4 AND 11 ARTICLE VIII, SECTIONS 1 AND 6

BALLOT TITLE:

State and Local Government Structure and Operation

BALLOT SUMMARY:

Requires legislature to retain department of veterans' affairs. Ensures election of sheriffs, property appraisers, supervisors of elections, tax collectors, and clerks of court in all counties; removes county charters' ability to abolish, change term, transfer duties, or eliminate election of these offices. Changes annual legislative session commencement date in even-numbered years from March to January; removes legislature's authorization to fix another date. Creates office of domestic security and counterterrorism within department of law enforcement.

FULL TEXT:

ARTICLE III LEGISLATURE

SECTION 3. Sessions of the legislature. –

(a) ORGANIZATION SESSIONS. On the fourteenth day following each general election the legislature shall convene for the exclusive purpose of organization and selection of officers.

(b) REGULAR SESSIONS. A regular session of the legislature shall convene on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each odd-numbered year, and on the second first Tuesday after the first Monday in January March, or such other date as may be fixed by law, of each even-numbered year.

(c) SPECIAL SESSIONS.

(1) The governor, by proclamation stating the purpose, may convene the legislature in special session during which only such legislative business may be transacted as is within the purview of the proclamation, or of a communication from the governor, or is introduced by consent of two-thirds of the membership of each house.

(2) A special session of the legislature may be convened as provided by law.

(d) LENGTH OF SESSIONS. A regular session of the legislature shall not exceed sixty consecutive days, and a special session shall not exceed twenty consecutive days, unless extended beyond such limit by a three-fifths vote of each house. During such an extension no new business may be taken up in either house without the consent of two-thirds of its membership.

(e) ADJOURNMENT. Neither house shall adjourn for more than seventy-two consecutive hours except pursuant to concurrent resolution.

(f) ADJOURNMENT BY GOVERNOR. If, during any regular or special session, the two houses cannot agree upon a time for adjournment, the governor may adjourn the session sine die or to any date within the period authorized for such session; provided that, at least twenty-four hours before adjourning the session, and while neither house is in recess, each house shall be given formal written notice of the governor's intention to do so, and agreement reached within that period by both houses on a time for adjournment shall prevail.

ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE

SECTION 4. Cabinet. –

(a) There shall be a cabinet composed of an attorney general, a chief financial officer, and a commissioner of agriculture. In addition to the powers and duties specified herein, they shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by law. In the event of a tie vote of the governor and cabinet, the side on which the governor voted shall be deemed to prevail.

(b) The attorney general shall be the chief state legal officer. There is created in the office of the attorney general the position of statewide prosecutor. The statewide prosecutor shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the state attorneys to prosecute violations of criminal laws occurring or having occurred, in two or more judicial circuits as part of a related transaction, or when any such offense is affecting or has affected two or more judicial circuits as provided by general law. The statewide prosecutor shall be appointed by the attorney general from not less than three persons nominated by the judicial nominating commission for the supreme court, or as otherwise provided by general law.

(c) The chief financial officer shall serve as the chief fiscal officer of the state, and shall settle and approve accounts against the state, and

shall keep all state funds and securities.

(d) The commissioner of agriculture shall have supervision of matters pertaining to agriculture except as otherwise provided by law.

(e) The governor as chair, the chief financial officer, and the attorney general shall constitute the state board of administration, which shall succeed to all the power, control, and authority of the state board of administration established pursuant to Article IX, Section 16 of the Constitution of 1885, and which shall continue as a body at least for the life of Article XII, Section 9(c).

(f) The governor as chair, the chief financial officer, the attorney general, and the commissioner of agriculture shall constitute the trustees of the internal improvement trust fund and the land acquisition trust fund as provided by law.

(g) The governor as chair, the chief financial officer, the attorney general, and the commissioner of agriculture shall constitute the agency head of the Department of Law Enforcement. The Office of Domestic Security and Counterterrorism is created within the Department of Law Enforcement. The Office of Domestic Security and Counterterrorism shall provide support for prosecutors and federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies that investigate or analyze information relating to attempts or acts of terrorism or that prosecute terrorism, and shall perform any other duties that are provided by law.

SECTION 11. Department of Veterans' Affairs. – The legislature, by general law, shall provide for a may provide for the establishment of the Department of Veterans' Affairs and prescribe its duties. The head of the department is the governor and cabinet.

ARTICLE VIII LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SECTION 1. Counties. –

(a) POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS. The state shall be divided by law into political subdivisions called counties. Counties may be created, abolished or changed by law, with provision for payment or apportionment of the public debt.

(b) COUNTY FUNDS. The care, custody and method of disbursing county funds shall be provided by general law.

(c) GOVERNMENT. Pursuant to general or special law, a county government may be established by charter which shall be adopted, amended or repealed only upon vote of the electors of the county in a special election called for that purpose.

(d) COUNTY OFFICERS. There shall be elected by the electors of each county, for terms of four years, a sheriff, a tax collector, a property appraiser, a supervisor of elections, and a clerk of the circuit court; except when provided by county charter or special law approved by vote of the electors or pursuant to Article V, section 16, the clerk of the circuit court shall be ex officio clerk of the board of county commissioners, auditor, recorder and custodian of all county funds. Notwithstanding subsection 6(e) of this article, a county charter may not abolish the office of a sheriff, a tax collector, a property appraiser, a supervisor of elections, or a clerk of the circuit court; transfer the duties of those officers to another officer or office; change the length of the four-year term of office; or establish any manner of selection other than by election by the electors of the county.

(e) COMMISSIONERS. Except when otherwise provided by county charter, the governing body of each county shall be a board of county commissioners composed of five or seven members serving staggered terms of four years. After each decennial census the board of county commissioners shall divide the county into districts of contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practicable. One commissioner residing in each district shall be elected as provided by law.

(f) NON-CHARTER GOVERNMENT. Counties not operating under county charters shall have such power of self-government as is provided by general or special law. The board of county commissioners of a county not operating under a charter may enact, in a manner prescribed by general law, county ordinances not inconsistent with general or special law, but an ordinance in conflict with a municipal ordinance shall not be effective within the municipality to the extent of such conflict.

(g) CHARTER GOVERNMENT. Counties operating under county charters shall have all powers of local self-government not inconsistent with general law, or with special law approved by vote of the electors. The governing body of a county operating under a charter may enact county ordinances not inconsistent with general law. The charter shall provide which shall prevail in the event of conflict between county and municipal ordinances.

(h) TAXES; LIMITATION. Property situated within municipalities shall not be subject to taxation for services rendered by the county exclusively for the benefit of the property or residents in unincorporated areas.

(i) COUNTY ORDINANCES. Each county ordinance shall be filed with the custodian of state records and shall become effective at such time thereafter as is provided by general law.

(j) VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES. Persons violating county ordinances shall be prosecuted and punished as provided by law.

(k) COUNTY SEAT. In every county there shall be a county seat at which shall be located the principal offices and permanent records of all county officers. The county seat may not be moved except as provided by general law. Branch offices for the conduct of county business may be established elsewhere in the county by resolution of the governing body of the county in the manner prescribed by law. No instrument shall be deemed recorded until filed at the county seat, or a branch office designated by the governing body of the county for the recording of instruments, according to law.

SECTION 6. Schedule to Article VIII. – (a) This article shall replace all of Article VIII of the Constitution of 1885, as amended, except those sections expressly retained and made a part of this article by reference.

(b) COUNTIES; COUNTY SEATS; MUNICIPALITIES; DISTRICTS. The status of the following items as they exist on the date this article becomes effective is recognized and shall be continued until changed in accordance with law: the counties of the state; their status with respect to the legality of the sale of intoxicating liquors, wines and beers; the method of selection of county officers; the performance of municipal functions by county officers; the county seats; and the municipalities and special districts of the state, their powers, jurisdiction and government.

(c) OFFICERS TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE. Every person holding office when this article becomes effective shall continue in office for the remainder of the term if that office is not abolished. If the office is abolished the incumbent shall be paid adequate compensation, to be fixed by law, for the loss of emoluments for the remainder of the term.

(d) ORDINANCES. Local laws relating only to unincorporated areas of a county on the effective date of this article may be amended or repealed by county ordinance.

(e) CONSOLIDATION AND HOME RULE. Article VIII, Sections 9, 10, 11 and 24, of the Constitution of 1885, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect as to each county affected, as if this article had not been adopted, until that county shall expressly adopt a charter or home rule plan pursuant to this article. All provisions of the Metropolitan Dade County Home Rule Charter, heretofore or hereafter adopted by the electors of Dade County pursuant to Article VIII, Section 11, of the Constitution of 1885, as amended, shall be

valid, and any amendments to such charter shall be valid; provided that the said provisions of such charter and the said amendments thereto are authorized under said Article VIII, Section 11, of the Constitution of 1885, as amended.

(f) DADE COUNTY; POWERS CONFERRED UPON MUNICIPALITIES. To the extent not inconsistent with the powers of existing municipalities or general law, the Metropolitan Government of Dade County may exercise all the powers conferred now or hereafter by general law upon municipalities.

(g) SELECTION AND DUTIES OF COUNTY OFFICERS. –

(1) Except as provided in this subsection, the amendment to Section 1 of this article, relating to the selection and duties of county officers, shall take effect January 5, 2021, but shall govern with respect to the qualifying for and the holding of the primary and general elections for county constitutional officers in 2020.

(2) For Miami-Dade County and Broward County, the amendment to Section 1 of this article, relating to the selection and duties of county officers, shall take effect January 7, 2025, but shall govern with respect to the qualifying for and the holding of the primary and general elections for county constitutional officers in 2024.

(h)(g) DELETION OF OBSOLETE SCHEDULE ITEMS. The legislature shall have power, by joint resolution, to delete from this article any subsection of this Section 6, including this subsection, when all events to which the subsection to be deleted is or could become applicable have occurred. A legislative determination of fact made as a basis for application of this subsection shall be subject to judicial review.

NO. 11 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 ARTICLE X, SECTIONS 9 AND 19

BALLOT TITLE:

Property Rights; Removal of Obsolete Provision; Criminal Statutes

BALLOT SUMMARY:

Removes discriminatory language related to real property rights. Removes obsolete language repealed by voters. Deletes provision that amendment of a criminal statute will not affect prosecution or penalties for a crime committed before the amendment; retains current provision allowing prosecution of a crime committed before the repeal of a criminal statute.

FULL TEXT:

ARTICLE I

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

SECTION 2. Basic rights. – All natural persons, female and male alike, are equal before the law and have inalienable rights, among which are the right to enjoy and defend life and liberty, to pursue happiness, to be rewarded for industry, and to acquire, possess and protect property; except that the ownership, inheritance, disposition and possession of real property by aliens ineligible for citizenship may be regulated or prohibited by law. No person shall be deprived of any right because of race, religion, national origin, or physical disability.

ARTICLE X MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 9. Repeal of criminal statutes. – Repeal or amendment of a criminal statute shall not affect prosecution or punishment for any crime previously committed before such repeal.

SECTION 19. Repealed High-speed ground transportation system. – To reduce traffic congestion and provide alternatives to the traveling public, it is hereby declared to be in the public interest that a high-speed ground transportation system consisting of a monorail, fixed guideway or magnetic levitation system, capable of speeds in excess of 120 miles per hour, be developed and operated in the State of Florida to provide high-speed ground transportation by innovative, efficient and effective technologies consisting of dedicated rails or guideways separated from motor-vehicular traffic that will link the five largest urban areas of the State as determined by the Legislature and provide for access to existing air and ground transportation facilities and services. The Legislature, the Cabinet and the Governor are hereby directed to proceed with the development of such a system by the State and/or by a private entity pursuant to state approval and authorization, including the acquisition of right-of-way, the financing of design and construction of the system, and the operation of the system, as provided by specific appropriation and by law, with construction to begin on or before November 1, 2065.

NO. 12 CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION ARTICLE II, SECTION 8 ARTICLE V, SECTION 13 ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION

BALLOT TITLE:

Lobbying and Abuse of Office by Public Officers

BALLOT SUMMARY:

Expands current restrictions on lobbying for compensation by former public officers; creates restrictions on lobbying for compensation by serving public officers and former justices and judges; provides exceptions; prohibits abuse of a public position by public officers and employees to obtain a personal benefit.

FULL TEXT:

ARTICLE II

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 8. Ethics in government. – A public office is a public trust. The people shall have the right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse. To assure this right:

(a) All elected constitutional officers and candidates for such offices and, as may be determined by law, other public officers, candidates, and employees shall file full and public disclosure of their financial interests. (b) All elected public officers and candidates for such offices shall file full and public disclosure of their campaign finances. (c) Any public officer or employee who breaches the public trust for private gain and any person or entity inducing such breach shall be liable to the state for all financial benefits obtained by such actions. The manner of recovery and additional damages may be provided by law. (d) Any public officer or employee who is convicted of a felony involving a breach of public trust shall be subject to forfeiture of rights and privileges under a public retirement system or pension plan in such manner as may be provided by law. (e) No member of the legislature or statewide elected officer shall personally represent another person or entity for compensation before the government body or agency of which the individual was an officer or member for a period of two years following vacation of office. No member of the legislature shall personally represent another person or entity for compensation during term of office before any state agency other than judicial tribunals. Similar restrictions on other public officers and employees may be established by law. (f)(1) For purposes of this subsection, the term "public officer" means a statewide elected officer, a member of the legislature, a county commissioner, a county officer pursuant to Article VIII or county charter, a school board member, a superintendent of schools, an elected municipal officer, an elected special district officer in a special district with ad valorem taxing authority, or a person serving as a secretary, an executive director, or other agency head of a department of the executive branch of state government.

(2) A public officer shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before the

federal government, the legislature, any state government body or agency, or any political subdivision of this state, during his or her term of office.

(3) A public officer shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement for a period of six years after vacation of public position, as follows:

a. A statewide elected officer or member of the legislature shall not lobby the legislature or any state government body or agency.

b. A person serving as a secretary, an executive director, or other agency head of a department of the executive branch of state government shall not lobby the legislature, the governor, the executive office of the governor, members of the cabinet, a department that is headed by a member of the cabinet, or his or her former department.

c. A county commissioner, a county officer pursuant to Article VIII or county charter, a school board member, a superintendent of schools, an elected municipal officer, or an elected special district officer in a special district with ad valorem taxing authority shall not lobby his or her former agency or governing body.

(4) This subsection shall not be construed to prohibit a public officer from carrying out the duties of his or her public office.

(5) The legislature may enact legislation to implement this subsection, including, but not limited to, defining terms and providing penalties for violations. Any such law shall not contain provisions on any other subject.

(g)(f) There shall be an independent commission to conduct investigations and make public reports on all complaints concerning breach of public trust by public officers or employees not within the jurisdiction of the judicial qualifications commission.

(h)(1)(g) A code of ethics for all state employees and nonjudicial officers prohibiting conflict between public duty and private interests shall be prescribed by law.

(2) A public officer or public employee shall not abuse his or her public position in order to obtain a disproportionate benefit for himself or herself, his or her spouse, children, or employer, or for any business with which he or she contracts, in which he or she is an officer, a partner, a director, or a proprietor, or in which he or she owns an interest. The Florida Commission on Ethics shall, by rule in accordance with statutory procedures governing administrative rulemaking, define the term "disproportionate benefit" and prescribe the requisite intent for finding a violation of this prohibition for purposes of enforcing this paragraph. Appropriate penalties shall be prescribed by law.

(i)(h) This section shall not be construed to limit disclosures and prohibitions which may be established by law to preserve the public trust and avoid conflicts between public duties and private interests.

(i)(4) Schedule. – On the effective date of this amendment and until changed by law:

(1) Full and public disclosure of financial interests shall mean filing with the custodian of state records by July 1 of each year a sworn statement showing net worth and identifying each asset and liability in excess of \$1,000 and its value together with one of the following:

a. A copy of the person's most recent federal income tax return; or b. A sworn statement which identifies each separate source and amount of income which exceeds \$1,000. The forms for such source disclosure and the rules under which they are to be filed shall be prescribed by the independent commission established in subsection (g) (f), and such rules shall include disclosure of secondary sources of income.

(2) Persons holding statewide elective offices shall also file disclosure of their financial interests pursuant to paragraph (1) subsection (i)(4).

(3) The independent commission provided for in subsection (g) (f) shall mean the Florida Commission on Ethics.

ARTICLE V JUDICIARY

SECTION 13. Ethics in the judiciary. Prohibited activities. –

(a) All justices and judges shall devote full time to their judicial duties. A justice or judge shall not engage in the practice of law or hold office in any political party.

(b) A former justice or former judge shall not lobby for compensation on issues of policy, appropriations, or procurement before the legislative or executive branches of state government for a period of six years after he or she vacates his or her judicial position. The legislature may enact legislation to implement this subsection, including, but not limited to, defining terms and providing penalties for violations. Any such law shall not contain provisions on any other subject.

ARTICLE XII

SCHEDULE

Prohibitions regarding lobbying for compensation and abuse of public position by public officers and public employees. – The amendments to Section 8 of Article II and Section 13 of Article V shall take effect December 31, 2022; except that the amendments to Section 8(h) of Article II shall take effect December 31, 2020, and:

(a) The Florida Commission on Ethics shall, by rule, define the term "disproportionate benefit" and prescribe the requisite intent for finding a violation of the prohibition against abuse of public position by October 1, 2019, as specified in Section 8(h) of Article II.

(b) Following the adoption of rules pursuant to subsection (a), the legislature shall enact implementing legislation establishing penalties for violations of the prohibition against abuse of public position to take effect December 31, 2020.

NO. 13

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION ARTICLE X, NEW SECTION ARTICLE XII, NEW SECTION

BALLOT TITLE:

Ends Dog Racing

BALLOT SUMMARY:

Phases out commercial dog racing in connection with wagering by 2020. Other gaming activities are not affected.

FULL TEXT:

ARTICLE X

MISCELLANEOUS

Prohibition on racing of and wagering on greyhounds or other dogs. – The humane treatment of animals is a fundamental value of the people of the State of Florida. After December 31, 2020, a person authorized to conduct gaming or pari-mutuel operations may not race greyhounds or any member of the Canis Familiaris subspecies in connection with any wager for money or any other thing of value in this state, and persons in this state may not wager money or any other thing of value on the outcome of a live dog race occurring in this state. The failure to conduct greyhound racing or wagering on greyhound racing after December 31, 2018, does not constitute grounds to revoke or deny renewal of other related gaming licenses held by a person who is a licensed greyhound permit holder on January 1, 2018, and does not affect the eligibility of such permit holder, or such permit holder's facility, to conduct other pari-mutuel activities authorized by general law. By general law, the legislature shall specify civil or criminal penalties for violations of this section and for activities that aid or abet violations of this section.

ARTICLE XII

SCHEDULE

Prohibition on racing of or wagering on greyhounds or other dogs. – The amendment to Article X, which prohibits the racing of or wagering on greyhound and other dogs, and the creation of this section, shall take effect upon the approval of the electors.

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PROPUESTAS DE ENMIENDAS Y REVISIONES CONSTITUCIONALES PARA LA ELECCION GENERAL DEL 2018

Yo, Ken Detzner, Secretario de Estado de la Florida, por el presente notifico que las siguientes enmiendas constitucionales propuestas y revisiones estarán presentes en la papeleta de las elecciones generales en cada condado de la elección general del 2018.

El lenguaje para estas enmiendas también se puede encontrar en FloridaPublicNotices.com, en DOS.Elections.MyFlorida.com/initiatives, y en el sitio web de este periódico.

N.º 1 ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO VII, SECCIÓN 6 ARTÍCULO XII, SECCIÓN 37

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Aumento de la Exención sobre los Impuestos a la Propiedad de la Vivienda Familiar (Homestead)

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

Se propone una enmienda a la Constitución del Estado con el fin de aumentar la exención fiscal de la vivienda familiar mediante la exención de la tasación fiscal de la propiedad de la vivienda familiar superior a \$100.000 y hasta \$125.000 para todos los gravámenes, a excepción de los gravámenes para distritos escolares. La enmienda entrará en vigencia el 1 de enero de 2019.

TEXTO COMPLETO:

ARTÍCULO VII FINANZAS Y TRIBUTACIÓN SECCIÓN 6 Exenciones fiscales para la vivienda familiar. —

(a) Todas las personas que tengan titularidad legal o equitativa sobre bienes raíces y mantengan en los mismos la residencia permanente del propietario, u otra que dependa legal o naturalmente del propietario, quedarán exentos de la tributación sobre los mismos, a excepción de las imposiciones para beneficios especiales, hasta la tasación fiscal de veinticinco mil dólares y, respecto a todos los otros gravámenes a excepción de los gravámenes para distritos escolares, sobre la tasación fiscal superior a cincuenta mil dólares y hasta setenta y cinco mil dólares, y sobre la tasación fiscal superior a cien mil dólares y hasta ciento veinticinco mil dólares, una vez que se establezca el derecho sobre estos según lo prescribe la ley. La titularidad sobre los bienes raíces podrá ser legal o equitativa, mancomunada, solidaria, en común, como condominio, o indirectamente mediante la tenencia de acciones o la participación que representen el derecho del propietario o socio en una sociedad que tenga el dominio o los derechos de arrendamiento que inicialmente superen noventa y ocho años. La exención no se aplicará respecto a ningún registro de evaluación hasta que primero un organismo estatal designado por la ley general determine que dicho registro cumple las disposiciones de la Sección 4. Esta exención se revocará en la fecha de entrada en vigencia de cualquier enmienda a este Artículo que disponga la tasación de la propiedad de la vivienda familiar a un valor inferior al valor justo. (b) No le permitirá más de una exención a ninguna persona o unidad familiar respecto a ninguna unidad residencial. Ninguna exención superará el valor de los bienes raíces tasables al propietario o, en caso de posesión mediante acciones o participación en una sociedad, el valor de la proporción que devengue de la membresía en la corporación sobre el valor tasado de la propiedad. (c) De conformidad con la ley general y con sujeción a las condiciones que se especifican en la misma, el Poder Legislativo podrá entregarles a los arrendatarios que sean residentes permanentes una reducción fiscal ad valorem sobre todos los gravámenes fiscales ad valorem. Dicha reducción fiscal ad valorem se establecerá de la forma y en el monto que disponga la ley general. (d) El poder legislativo podrá, de conformidad con la ley general, permitirles a los condados o municipios, para efectos de sus gravámenes fiscales respectivos y con sujeción a las disposiciones de la ley general, conceder cualquiera de las siguientes exenciones fiscales adicionales para la vivienda familiar o ambas: (1) La exención que no supere cincuenta mil dólares para una persona que tenga titularidad legal o equitativa sobre bienes raíces y mantenga en los mismos la residencia permanente del propietario, que haya cumplido la edad de sesenta y cinco años, y cuyos ingresos del hogar, según lo define la ley general, no superen veinte mil dólares; o (2) Una exención equivalente al valor tasado de la propiedad para una persona que tenga titularidad legal o equitativa sobre los bienes raíces con un valor justo inferior a doscientos cincuenta mil dólares, según se determine en el primer año fiscal que aplique el propietario y que cumpla los requisitos para la exención, y que haya mantenido en los mismos la residencia permanente del propietario durante al menos veinticinco años, que haya cumplido la edad de sesenta y cinco años, y cuyos ingresos del hogar no superen la limitación sobre ingresos que se prescribe en el párrafo (1). La ley general debe permitirles a los condados y municipios conceder dichas exenciones adicionales, dentro de los límites que se prescriben en esta subsección, mediante una ordenanza que se adopte de la manera que lo prescribe la ley general, y debe disponer el ajuste periódico de la limitación sobre ingresos que se prescribe en esta subsección respecto a los cambios en el costo de vida. (e) Cada veterano que tenga 65 años o más y que se encuentre total o parcialmente discapacitado recibirá un descuento del monto del impuesto ad valorem que se adeude sobre la propiedad de la vivienda familiar que posea el veterano y donde el mismo residía si la discapacidad hubiera sido causada por el combate y el veterano hubiera sido dado de baja con honor tras retirarse del servicio militar. El descuento se expresará en un porcentaje equivalente al porcentaje de la discapacidad permanente vinculada al servicio del veterano, según lo determine el Departamento de Asuntos de los Veteranos de los Estados Unidos. Para optar al descuento que concede esta subsección, el solicitante debe presentarle al tasador de propiedades del condado, a más tardar el 1 de marzo, una carta oficial del Departamento de Asuntos de los Veteranos de los Estados Unidos mediante la que se indique el porcentaje de la discapacidad vinculada al servicio del veterano y las pruebas que demuestren de manera razonable que la discapacidad fue causada por el combate, así como también una copia de la baja honorable del veterano. Si el tasador de propiedades rechaza la solicitud de descuento, el tasador debe notificarle al solicitante por escrito los motivos del rechazo, y el veterano podrá volver a realizar la solicitud. El Poder Legislativo podrá, de conformidad con la ley general, ceder del requerimiento anual de solicitudes en los años posteriores. Esta subsección tiene efecto inmediato y no necesita legislación de implementación. (f) De conformidad con la ley general y con sujeción a las condiciones y limitaciones que se especifican en la misma, el Poder Legislativo podrá entregarle una deducción fiscal ad valorem equivalente al monto total o una parte del impuesto ad valorem que se adeude sobre la propiedad de la vivienda familiar a: (1) La cónyuge sobreviviente de un veterano que haya muerto durante su servicio activo en calidad de miembro de las Fuerzas Armadas de los Estados Unidos. (2) La cónyuge sobreviviente de un miembro de primeros auxilios que haya muerto en acto de servicio. (3) Un miembro de primeros auxilios que se encuentre total o parcialmente discapacitado discapacitado a causa de una lesión o lesiones que haya sufrido en acto de servicio. La conexión causal entre una discapacidad y el acto de servicio no debe presumirse, sino que debe determinarse según lo dispone la ley general. Para efectos de este párrafo, el término "discapacidad" no incluye una condición crónica o enfermedad crónica, a menos que la lesión que se haya sufrido en acto de servicio hubiera sido la única causa de la condición crónica y la enfermedad crónica. Según se usa en esta subsección y según lo define más extensamente la ley general, el término "miembro de primeros auxilios" hace referencia a un oficial de la policía, un oficial correlacional, un bombero, un técnico médico de emergencia o un paramédico, y el término "en servicio activo" significa que surge a raíz del desempeño real del servicio que sea necesario en virtud del trabajo como miembro de primeros auxilios.

ARTÍCULO XII ANEXO SECCIÓN 37 Aumento de exención fiscal para la vivienda familiar. —

Esta sección y la enmienda a la Sección 6 del Artículo VII mediante las que se aumenta la exención fiscal para la vivienda familiar a través de la exención de la tasación fiscal de la propiedad de la vivienda familiar superior a \$100.000 y hasta \$125.000 para todos los gravámenes, a excepción de los gravámenes para distritos escolares, entrarán en vigencia el 1 de enero de 2019.

del Estado con el fin de conservar de manera permanente las disposiciones actualmente vigentes, las que limitan el aumento de las tasaciones fiscales sobre las propiedades en propiedades determinadas específicas que no sean destinadas a la vivienda familiar, a excepción de los gravámenes para distritos escolares, a un 10% anual. Si se aprueba, la enmienda eliminará la revocación programada de dichas disposiciones para el 2019 y entrará en vigencia el 1 de enero de 2019.

TEXTO COMPLETO:

ARTÍCULO XII ANEXO SECCIÓN 27. Exenciones fiscales sobre las propiedades y limitaciones sobre las tasaciones fiscales sobre las propiedades. —

(a) Las enmiendas a las Secciones 3, 4 y 6 del Artículo VII, que disponen una exención de \$25.000 para los bienes muebles tangibles, que disponen una exención fiscal adicional para la propiedad de la vivienda principal de \$25.000, que autorizan el traspaso de los beneficios acumulados de las limitaciones sobre la tasación de la propiedad de la vivienda familiar, y esta sección, si se le presenta a los electores de este estado para su aprobación o rechazo en una elección especial que la ley autorizó que se realizara el 29 de enero de 2008, entrarán en vigencia con la aprobación de los electores y operarán de manera retroactiva hasta el 1 de enero de 2008 o, si se le presentan a los electores de este estado para su aprobación o rechazo en la próxima elección general, entrarán en vigencia el 1 de enero del año posterior a dicha elección general. Las enmiendas a la Sección 4 del Artículo VII mediante las que se crean las subsecciones (a) y (b) (g) de dicha sección, mediante las que se crea una limitación sobre el aumento de la tasación anual para las propiedades determinadas específicas, entrarán en vigencia con la aprobación de los electores y primero limitarán las tasaciones a partir del 1 de enero de 2009, si se aprueban en una elección especial que se realice el 29 de enero de 2008, o primero limitarán las tasaciones a partir del 1 de enero de 2010, si se aprueban en la elección general que se realice en noviembre de 2008. Las subsecciones (f) y (g) de la Sección 4 del Artículo VII se revocan con fecha 1 de enero de 2019. Sin embargo, el poder legislativo, mediante resolución conjunta, propondrá una enmienda mediante la que se abroga la revocación de las subsecciones (f) y (g) de la que se le presentará a los electores de este estado para su aprobación o rechazo en la elección general de 2018 y, si se aprueba, entrará en vigencia el 1 de enero de 2019. (b) La enmienda a la subsección (a) mediante la que se abroga la revocación programada de las subsecciones (g) y (h) de la Sección 4 del Artículo VII de la Constitución del Estado que existía en 2017 entrará en vigencia el 1 de enero de 2019.

N.º 3 ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO X, SECCIÓN 29

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Control de Apuestas en Florida por parte de los Volantes

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

La presente enmienda garantiza que los volantes de Florida tengan el derecho exclusivo a decidir si autorizar o no las apuestas en casinos, exigiendo que para que estas sean autorizadas conforme a la ley de Florida, deban ser primero aprobadas por los volantes de Florida de conformidad con el Artículo XI, Sección 3 de la Constitución de Florida. Afecta los artículos X y XI. Define las apuestas en casinos y aclara que la presente enmienda no discrepa con la ley federal respecto a los convenios entre tribus y el estado.

DECLARACIÓN DE IMPACTO FINANCIERO:

El impacto de la enmienda en los ingresos públicos y costos del gobierno estatal y local, si los hubiere, no pueden determinarse en este momento. Esto debido a que se desconoce su efecto en las operaciones de apuestas que no hayan sido aprobadas por los volantes mediante una enmienda constitucional propuesta a través de un proceso de petición de iniciativa por parte de los ciudadanos.

TEXTO COMPLETO:

ARTÍCULO X DE LA CONSTITUCIÓN DE FLORIDA se enmienda para que incluya la siguiente nueva sección:

Control de Apuestas en Florida por parte de los Volantes.

(a) La presente enmienda garantiza que los volantes de Florida tengan el derecho exclusivo a decidir si autorizar o no las apuestas en casinos en el Estado de Florida. La presente enmienda requiere del voto mediante una iniciativa de los ciudadanos de conformidad con el Artículo XI, Sección 3, para que las apuestas en casinos sean autorizadas conforme a la ley de Florida. Esta sección enmienda el presente Artículo, y además afecta al Artículo XI, al hacer que las iniciativas de los ciudadanos sean el método exclusivo de autorizar las apuestas en casinos. (b) Según se utiliza en la presente sección, "apuestas en casinos" hace referencia a cualquiera de los tipos de juegos que suelen encontrarse en los casinos y que se ajustan a la definición de juegos Clase III de la Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act [Ley Federal de Regulación de Juegos entre la Población Indígena], 25 U.S.C. § 2701 y ss. ("IGRA"), y en el 25 C.F.R. §502.4 una vez que se adopte la presente enmienda, y cualquiera que se agregue a dicha definición de juegos Clase III en el futuro. Esto incluye, sin limitación, cualquier juego donde la casa participe y pueda jugar, lo que incluye, sin limitación, juegos de cartas como bacará, chemin de fer, blackjack (21), y pai gow (si se practican como juegos donde la casa participe), cualquier juego bancario por los jugadores, que simule un juego donde la casa participe, como el black jack de California; juegos de casino como la ruleta, el pase inglés y el keno; cualquier máquina tragamonedas según se definen en 15 U.S.C. 1171(a)(1); y cualquier otro juego no autorizado por el Artículo X, Sección 15, ya sea si se define como una máquina tragamonedas o no, en el que los resultados sean determinados por un generador de números aleatorios o se asignen de manera similar al azar, como instant o historical racing. Según se utiliza en el presente, "apuestas en casinos" incluye dispositivos electrónicos de apuestas, dispositivos de apuestas simuladas, dispositivos de video lotería, dispositivos de concursos por Internet, y cualquier otra forma de réplica electrónica o electromecánica de cualquier juego de azar, máquina tragamonedas, o juego de casino, independientemente de la manera en que dichos dispositivos sean definidos conforme a la IGRA. Según se utiliza en el presente, "apuestas en casinos" no incluye apuestas mutuas en carreras de caballos, carreras de perros o exhibiciones de cesta punta. Para efectos de la presente sección, "apuestas" y "juegos" son sinónimos. (c) Ninguna disposición aquí empleada se considerará como que limita el derecho del pueblo a ejercer su libertad a través de la ley general para restringir, regular o gravar cualquier actividad de apuestas o juegos. Además, ninguna disposición aquí empleada se interpretará como que limita la capacidad del estado o de las tribus americanas nativas de negociar convenios en materia de juegos de conformidad con la Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act con el fin de realizar apuestas en casinos en tierras tribales, o de afectar las apuestas existentes en tierras tribales de conformidad con los convenios formalizados por el estado y las tribus americanas nativas según establece la IGRA. (d) La presente sección tiene vigencia una vez aprobada por los volantes, tiene efecto inmediato y no se requiere ninguna legislación de implementación. (e) Si cualquier parte de la presente sección se considera inválida por cualquier razón, la parte o partes restantes serán separadas de la parte inválida y se les asignará la mayor vigencia posible.

N.º 4 ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO VI, SECCIÓN 4

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Enmienda de Restablecimiento de Derechos al Voto

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

La presente enmienda restablece los derechos de votación de los Floridianos que han sido condenados por delitos graves después de que cumplan todos los términos de su sentencia, lo que incluye la libertad condicional o provisional. La enmienda no regiría para aquellos condenados por homicidio o delitos sexuales, a quienes se les seguiría prohibiendo de manera permanente votar, a menos que el Gobernador y el Gabinete volaran para restablecer sus derechos de votación según cada caso en particular.

DECLARACIÓN DE IMPACTO FINANCIERO:

Los efectos precisos de la presente enmienda entre los costos del gobierno estatal y local no pueden determinarse. Sin embargo, la vigencia de las leyes actuales de inscripción de votantes, así como el mayor número de personas condenadas por delitos graves que se inscriban para votar, producirá mayores costos generales en relación a los procesos que existen actualmente. El impacto, si lo hubiere, en los ingresos públicos del gobierno estatal y local no puede determinarse. El impacto fiscal de cualquier legislación futura que implemente un proceso distinto no puede determinarse de manera razonable.

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TEXTO COMPLETO:

Artículo VI, Sección 4. Descalificación. (a) Ninguna persona que haya sido condenada por un delito grave, o que haya sido declarada mentalmente incompetente en este o cualquier otro estado, estará habilitada para votar u ocupar un cargo público hasta que se restablezcan sus derechos civiles o hasta que desaparezca su discapacidad. Salvo que se disponga en la subsección (b) de la presente sección, cualquier descalificación votar que surja a raíz de una condena por delito grave se extinguirá, y los derechos de votación se restablecerán, una vez que se cumplan todos los términos de la sentencia, incluyendo la libertad condicional o provisional. (b) Ninguna persona que haya sido condenada por homicidio o por un delito sexual grave estará habilitada para votar hasta que se restablezcan sus derechos civiles. (H)(c) Ninguna persona podrá ser candidata a la reelección para ninguno de los siguientes cargos:

- (1) Representante de Florida,
- (2) Senador de Florida,
- (3) Vicegobernador de Florida,
- (4) Cualquier cargo del gabinete de Florida,
- (5) Representante de EE. UU. de Florida, o
- (6) Senador de EE. UU. de Florida Si, al término del período de su cargo, la persona ha ocupado (o, si no fuera por renuncia, hubiera ocupado) dicho cargo por ocho años consecutivos.

N.º 5 ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO VII, SECCIÓN 19

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Autor Mayoritario Requerido para Imponer, Aumentar o Aumentar los Impuestos o Tasas Estatales

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

Se prohíbe al sistema legislativo imponer, autorizar o aumentar los impuestos o tasas estatales, a excepción de cuando dos tercios de la membresía de cada casa del sistema legislativo hayan aprobado la legislación a través de una ley que no contenga ninguna otra materia. Esta propuesta no autoriza un impuesto o tasa estatal que esté prohibido por la Constitución y no aplica a ningún impuesto o tasa impuesta por, o autorizada para su imposición por, un condado, municipalidad, junta escolar o distrito especial.

TEXTO COMPLETO:

ARTÍCULO VII FINANZAS Y TRIBUTACIÓN SECCIÓN 19. Para imponer, autorizar o elevar los impuestos o tasas estatales se requiere una mayoría calificada de votos. —

(a) VOTO MAYORITARIO REQUERIDO PARA IMPONER O AUTORIZAR NUEVOS IMPUESTOS O TASAS ESTATALES. Ningún impuesto o tasa estatal pueden ser impuestos o autorizados por el sistema legislativo, a excepción de cuando dos tercios de la membresía de cada casa del sistema legislativo hayan aprobado la legislación y la misma haya sido presentada al Gobernador para su aprobación de acuerdo con lo establecido en el Artículo III, Sección 8. (b) VOTO MAYORITARIO REQUERIDO PARA AUMENTAR LOS IMPUESTOS O TASAS. Ningún impuesto o tasa estatal pueden ser aumentados por el sistema legislativo, a excepción de cuando dos tercios de la membresía de cada casa del sistema legislativo hayan aprobado la legislación y la misma haya sido presentada al Gobernador para su aprobación de acuerdo con lo establecido en el Artículo III, Sección 8. (c) APPLICABILIDAD. Esta sección no autoriza la imposición de ningún impuesto o tasa estatal que estén prohibidos por la Constitución, y no aplica a ningún impuesto o tasa impuesta por, o autorizada para su imposición por, un condado, municipalidad, junta escolar o distrito especial. (d) DEFINICIONES. Conforme serán utilizados en esta sección, los siguientes términos contarán con los siguientes significados; (1) "Tasa" se refiere a cualquier cobro o pago requerido por la ley, incluyendo tasas de servicio, tasas o costos de emisión de licencias, y cargos por servicios. (2) "Aumento" se refiere a: a. Aumentar o autorizar el aumento en la tasa de un impuesto estatal o una tasa impuesta sobre una base porcentual o por cada mil; b. Aumentar o autorizar el aumento en la cantidad de impuestos o tasas estatales que son calculados sobre una base plana o fija; o c. Disminuir o eliminar una exención o crédito sobre un impuesto o tasa estatal. (e) MATERIA ÚNICA. Los impuestos o tasas estatales impuestos, autorizados o aumentados bajo esta sección deben estar contenidos en una ley separada que no contenga ninguna otra materia.

N.º 6 REVISIÓN CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO I, SECCIÓN 16 ARTÍCULO V, SECCIONES 8 Y 21 ARTÍCULO XII, NUEVA SECCIÓN

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Derechos de las Víctimas de Delitos; Jueces

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

Establece derechos constitucionales para las víctimas de delitos; exige que los tribunales faciliten los derechos de las víctimas; autoriza a las víctimas a hacer respetar sus derechos durante los procesos penales y de justicia juvenil. Exige que los jueces y los oficiales de audiencia interpreten de manera independiente los estatutos y las reglas en lugar de deferir a la interpretación de la agencia gubernamental. Aumenta la edad obligatoria de jubilación de jueces y magistrados estatales desde setenta y setenta y cinco años; elimina la autorización para completar el término judicial si la mitad del plazo se ha cumplido antes de la edad de jubilación.

TEXTO COMPLETO:

ARTÍCULO I DECLARACIÓN DE DERECHOS SECCIÓN 16. Derechos del acusado y de las víctimas. —

(a) En todos los procesamientos penales, el acusado deberá, bajo pedido, ser informado de la naturaleza y causa de la acusación, así como se le proporcionará una copia de los cargos, y tendrá derecho a tener medidas compulsivas para la comparecencia de testigos, a enfrentar testigos adversos en el juicio, a ser escuchado en persona, por un abogado, o en un juicio rápido y público imparcial por un jurado imparcial en el condado donde se cometió el crimen. Si no se conoce el condado, la acusación o información podrá cobrar lugar en dos o más condados de manera conjunta y la prueba de que el crimen fue cometido en esa área será suficiente; sin embargo, antes de declararse, el acusado podrá elegir en cuál de estos condados se llevará a cabo el juicio. El lugar para el enjuiciamiento de los delitos cometidos fuera de los límites del estado será fijado por la ley. (b) Para preservar y proteger el derecho de las víctimas de delitos a alcanzar la justicia, garantizar a las víctimas de delitos un papel significativo en todos los sistemas de justicia penal y juvenil, y asegurar que los derechos e intereses de las víctimas de delitos sean respetados y protegidos por la ley de una manera no menos vigorosa que las protecciones otorgadas a los acusados penales y delincuentes juveniles, toda víctima tendrá los siguientes derechos, a partir del momento de su victimización: (1) El derecho al debido proceso y a ser tratado con rectitud y respeto por la dignidad propia. (2) El derecho a ser libre de intimidación, acoso y abuso. (3) El derecho, dentro del proceso judicial, de estar razonablemente protegido del acusado y de cualquier persona que actúe en nombre del acusado. Sin embargo, nada de lo contenido en esta sección tiene la intención de crear una relación especial entre la víctima del delito y cualquier agencia u oficina de aplicación de la ley que no tenga una relación o deber especial según lo defina la ley de la Florida. (4) El derecho a tener en cuenta la seguridad y el bienestar de la víctima y de la familia de la víctima al establecer la fianza, incluyendo el establecimiento de condiciones de libertad provisional que protejan la seguridad y el bienestar de la víctima y de la familia de la víctima. (5) El derecho a evitar la divulgación de información o registros que puedan ser utilizados para localizar o acosar a la víctima o

la familia de la víctima, o que puedan revelar información confidencial o privilegiada de la víctima.

(6) Una víctima tendrá los siguientes derechos específicos bajo pedido:

- a. El derecho a recibir una notificación razonable, precisa y oportuna, y a estar presente en todos los procedimientos públicos que involucren la conducta delictiva, incluidos, entre otros: juicio, declaración de culpabilidad, sentencia, o adjudicación, incluso si la víctima será un testigo en el procedimiento y a pesar de cualquier regla en lo contrario. A la víctima también se le proporcionará una notificación razonable, precisa y oportuna de cualquier liberación o escape del acusado o del delincuente, y de cualquier procedimiento durante el cual algún derecho de la víctima esté implicado.
- b. El derecho a ser escuchado en cualquier procedimiento público que implique la libertad provisional u otro tipo de liberación de cualquier forma de restricción legal, declaración de culpabilidad, sentencia, adjudicación o libertad condicional, y en cualquier procedimiento durante el cual algún derecho de la víctima esté implicado.
- c. El derecho de consultar con el fiscal sobre cualquier acuerdo de culpabilidad, participación en programas alternativos previos al juicio, liberación, restitución, sentencia o cualquier otra disposición del caso.
- d. El derecho a proporcionar información sobre el impacto de la conducta del delincuente sobre la víctima y la familia de la víctima a la persona responsable de llevar a cabo cualquier investigación previa a la sentencia, a cumplir cualquier informe de investigación previo a la sentencia, y a hacer consideraciones para la información de este tipo en cualquier recomendación de sentencia presentada al tribunal.
- e. El derecho a recibir una copia de cualquier informe previo a la sentencia y cualquier otro informe o registro relevante para el ejercicio del derecho de la víctima, a excepción de aquellas partes que sean confidenciales o estén exentas por ley.
- f. El derecho a ser informado de la condena, sentencia, adjudicación, lugar y tiempo de encarcelamiento u otra disposición del delincuente convicto, así como de cualquier fecha programada para la excarcelación del delincuente, y de la liberación o el escape del delincuente de la custodia.
- g. El derecho a ser informado de todos los procesos y procedimientos posteriores a la condena, a participar en tales procesos y procedimientos, a proporcionar información a la autoridad de liberación para que sea considerada antes de que se tome una decisión de liberación, y a ser notificado de cualquier decisión de liberación con respecto al delincuente. La autoridad de libertad condicional o de libertad anticipada extenderá el derecho a ser escuchado a cualquier persona perjudicada por el delincuente.
- h. El derecho a ser informado de los procedimientos de indulto y expurgo, a proporcionar información al gobernador, al tribunal, a cualquier junta de indulto y otras autoridades en estos procedimientos, a que esa información se considere antes de que se tome una decisión de clemencia o expurgo, y a ser notificado de tal decisión antes de cualquier liberación del delincuente.
- i. Los derechos de la víctima, según lo dispuesto en el subpárrafo (6) a., subpárrafo (6) b., o subpárrafo (6) c., que apliquen a cualquier primer procedimiento de comparecencia se cumplirán mediante un intento razonable por parte de la agencia competente para notificar a la víctima y transmitir las opiniones de la víctima al tribunal.
- (8) El derecho a la pronta devolución de la propiedad de la víctima cuando ya no sea necesaria como evidencia en el caso.
- (9) El derecho a la restitución completa y oportuna en cada caso, por parte de cada delincuente condenado, por motivo de todas las pérdidas sufridas por la víctima como resultado de la conducta delictiva, tanto directa como indirectamente.
- (10) El derecho a procedimientos sin demoras irrazonables, y a una pronta y final conclusión del caso y de cualquier procedimiento posterior al juicio.
- a. El abogado del estado podrá presentar una demanda de buena fe para un juicio rápido, y el tribunal de primera instancia deberá celebrar una audiencia de señalamientos o bajo previo aviso, dentro de los quince días de la presentación de la demanda, para programar un juicio que comience en una fecha de no menos cinco días pero no más de sesenta días después de la fecha de la llamada del calendario, a menos que el juez de primera instancia presente una orden con determinaciones de hecho que justifiquen una fecha de prueba más de sesenta días después de la audiencia de señalamientos.
- b. Todas las apelaciones a nivel estatal y los ataques colaterales sobre cualquier sentencia deberán completarse dentro de los dos años posteriores a la apelación en casos que no sean capitales y dentro de los cinco años posteriores a la apelación en casos capitales, a menos que un tribunal dicte una orden con conclusiones específicas acerca de por qué dicho término de tiempo no se aplica al subpárrafo y las circunstancias que causaron el retraso. Cada año, el juez principal de cualquier tribunal de apelación del distrito o el presidente de la Suprema Corte informará caso por caso al presidente de la Cámara de Representantes y al presidente del Senado de todos los casos en que dicho tribunal introdujo una orden con respecto a la incapacidad de cumplir con este subpárrafo. La legislatura podrá promulgar legislación para implementar este subpárrafo.
- (11) El derecho a ser informado de estos derechos, y a ser informado de que las víctimas pueden buscar el consejo de un abogado con respecto a sus derechos. Esta información se pondrá a disposición del público en general y se proporcionará a todas las víctimas de delitos en forma de una tarjeta o por otros medios destinados a informar efectivamente a la víctima de sus derechos en virtud de esta sección. (c) La víctima, el abogado retenido de la víctima, un representante legal de la víctima o la oficina del procurador del Estado, a petición de la víctima, pueden hacer valer y solicitar el cumplimiento de los derechos enumerados en esta sección y cualquier otro derecho otorgado a una víctima por ley en cualquier juicio o tribunal de apelación, o ante cualquier otra autoridad con jurisdicción sobre el caso, como cuestión de derecho. El tribunal u otra autoridad con jurisdicción actuará con prontitud sobre dicha solicitud, ofreciendo una solución jurídica de acuerdo con la ley por la violación de cualquier derecho. Las razones de cualquier decisión con respecto a la disposición del derecho de una víctima se indicarán claramente en el registro. (d) El otorgamiento de los derechos enumerados en esta sección a las víctimas no puede interpretarse como denegación o menoscabo de otros derechos que poseen las víctimas. Las disposiciones de esta sección se aplican a todos los procesos penales y de justicia juvenil, son autoejecutables y no requieren una legislación de implementación. Esta sección no podrá ser interpretada para crear cualquier causa de acción por daños o perjuicio en general y se proporcionará una revisión política del estado, o contra cualquier funcionario, empleado o agente del estado o sus subdivisiones políticas. (e) Como se usa en esta sección, una "víctima" es una persona que sufre daño físico, psicológico o financiero directo o amenazado como resultado de la perpetración o intento de perpetración de un delito o acto delictuencial o contra quien el delito o acto delictuente es cometido. El término "víctima" incluye al representante legítimo de la víctima, al padre o tutor de un menor o al familiar de una víctima de homicidio, excepto cuando se demuestre que el interés de dicho individuo estaría en conflicto real o potencial con los intereses de la víctima. El término "víctima" no incluye a las víctimas de delitos y "delincuente" incluyen conducta y actos delictivos. Las víctimas del crimen o sus representantes legítimos, incluidos los familiares de las víctimas de homicidios, tienen derecho a ser informados, a estar presentes, y a ser escuchados cuando sea pertinente, en todas las etapas cruciales de los procedimientos penales, en la medida en que estos derechos no interfieran con los derechos constitucionales del acusado.

ARTÍCULO X MISCELÁNEO SECCIÓN 8. Elegibilidad de magistrados y jueces. —

La enmienda a la Sección 8 del Artículo V, que aumenta la edad a la que un juez o magistrado ya no es elegible para servir en un cargo judicial excepto por asignación temporal, entrará en vigencia el 1 de julio de 2019.

N.º 7 REVISIÓN CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO IX, SECCIONES 7 Y 8 ARTÍCULO X, NUEVA SECCIÓN

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Beneficios para los Sobrevivientes de Miembros de Primeros Auxilios y Miembros Militares; Colegios y Universidades Públicas

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

Concede el pago obligatorio de beneficios por fallecimiento y la exención de ciertos gastos de educación a los sobrevivientes calificados de ciertos miembros de primeros auxilios y miembros militares que muieran realizando tareas oficiales. Exige una supermayoría de votos de los administradores universitarios y de la junta de gobernadores del sistema universitario estatal para recaudar o imponer todas las tarifas autorizadas legislativamente si la ley requiere la aprobación de dichos organismos. Establece el sistema de colegios estatales existente como una entidad constitucional; proporciona estructura de gobierno.

TEXTO COMPLETO:

ARTÍCULO IX EDUCACIÓN SECCIÓN 7. Sistema Universitario Estatal. —

(a) PROPÓSITOS. Con el fin de lograr la excelencia a través de la enseñanza de los estudiantes, de avanzar la investigación y de proveer servicios públicos para el beneficio de los ciudadanos de la Florida, sus comunidades y economías, el pueblo de la Florida establece un sistema de gobierno para el sistema universitario del estado de la Florida. (b) SISTEMA UNIVERSITARIO ESTATAL. Habrá solo un sistema universitario estatal que incluirá todas las universidades públicas. Una junta de fideicomisarios administrará cada universidad pública y una junta de gobernadores gobernará el sistema universitario del estado. (c) JUNTAS DE FIDEICOMISARIOS LOCALES. Cada universidad constituyente local será administrada por una junta de fideicomisarios constituida por tres miembros dedicados a los fines del sistema universitario estatal. La junta de gobernadores establecerá las facultades y los deberes de la junta de fideicomisarios. Cada junta de fideicomisarios consistirá de seis ciudadanos miembros nombrados por el gobernador y cinco ciudadanos miembros nombrados por la junta de gobernadores. Los miembros nombrados deberán ser confirmados por el Senado y servirán por períodos escalonados de cinco años como provisto por ley. El presidente del senado de la facultad, o su equivalente, y el presidente del cuerpo estudiantil de la universidad también serán miembros. (d) JUNTA ESTATAL DE GOBERNADORES. La junta de gobernadores será un organismo empresarial consistente de diecisiete miembros. La junta deberá operar, regular, controlar, y ser plenamente responsable por el manejo de todo el sistema universitario. Estas responsabilidades incluyen, sin limitación, la definición de la misión propia de cada universidad constituyente y su articulación con escuelas gratuitas públicas y centros de formación profesional, asegurando la coordinación, buena planificación, y funcionamiento del sistema, y la evitación de la duplicación excesiva de instalaciones o programas. La dirección de la junta estará sujeta a los poderes de la legislatura de asignar los gastos de los fondos, y la junta rendirá cuentas sobre esos gastos conforme a lo previsto por ley. El gobernador nombrará a la junta cuatro ciudadanos dedicados a los fines del sistema universitario estatal. Los miembros nombrados deberán ser confirmados por el Senado y servirán términos escalonados de siete años como dispuesto por ley. El comisionado de la educación, el presidente del consejo asesor del senado de la facultad, o su equivalente, y el presidente de la asociación de estudiantes de la Florida, o su equivalente, serán también miembros de la junta. (e) TARIFAS. Cualquier propuesta o acción de una universidad constituyente para recaudar, imponer o autorizar cualquier tarifa, según lo autoriza la ley, debe ser aprobada por al menos nueve votos afirmativos de los miembros del consejo directivo de la universidad constituyente, en caso de que la aprobación de la junta derivativa sea requerida por la ley general, y al menos doce votos afirmativos de los miembros de la junta de gobernadores, en caso de que la ley general exija la aprobación de la junta de gobernadores, para que entre en vigencia. Una tarifa bajo esta subsección no incluirá la matrícula.

SECCIÓN 8. Sistema de Colegios Estatales. —

(a) PROPÓSITOS. Con el fin de lograr la excelencia y proporcionar acceso a la educación universitaria a los estudiantes de este estado, de originar caminos articulados para un grado de bachillerato, de garantizar un compromiso superior con la enseñanza y el aprendizaje, y de responder de manera rápida y eficiente a la demanda de las comunidades mediante la alineación de los certificados y programas de grado con las necesidades locales y regionales de la fuerza de trabajo, el pueblo de la Florida, en virtud de este acto, establece un sistema de gobierno para el sistema de colegios estatales de la Florida. (b) SISTEMA DE COLEGIOS ESTATALES. Habrá un sistema de colegios estatales único compuesto por todos los institutos de formación profesional y colegios estatales públicos. Una junta directiva local deberá gobernar cada institución del sistema de colegios estatales y la junta de educación del estado deberá supervisar el sistema de colegios estatales según lo estipule la ley.

ARTÍCULO X MISCELÁNEO SECCIÓN 8. Elegibilidad de magistrados y jueces. —

(a) La agencia empleadora pagará un beneficio por fallecimiento cuando un bombero, un paramédico, un técnico médico de emergencia, un policía, un oficial de correccional, un oficial de libertad condicional, o un miembro de la Guardia Nacional de Florida, mientras participan en el desempeño de sus deberes oficiales, sea: (1) Accidentalmente asesinado o reciba lesiones corporales accidentales que resulten en la pérdida de la vida de la persona, siempre que tal asesinato no sea el resultado de un suicidio y que tal lesión corporal no sea auto infligida intencionalmente; o (2) Muera o sea asesinado ilícita e intencionalmente como resultado de tal acto ilícito e intencional o sea asesinado durante el servicio activo. (b) Un beneficio por fallecimiento se pagará con fondos provenientes de los ingresos

ARTÍCULO X MISCELÁNEO SECCIÓN 8. Elegibilidad de magistrados y jueces. —

La enmienda a la Sección 8 del Artículo V, que aumenta la edad a la que un juez o magistrado ya no es elegible para servir en un cargo judicial excepto por asignación temporal, entrará en vigencia el 1 de julio de 2019.

ARTÍCULO XII ANEXO SECCIÓN 21. Interpretación judicial de estatutos y reglas. —

Al interpretar un estatuto o norma estatal, un tribunal estatal o un funcionario atendiendo a una acción administrativa de conformidad con la ley general no podrá deferir a la interpretación de la agencia administrativa de tal estatuto o regla, y deberá, por el contrario, interpretar dicho estatuto o regla por segunda vez.

ARTÍCULO XII ANEXO SECCIÓN 21. Interpretación judicial de estatutos y reglas. —

Al interpretar un estatuto o norma estatal, un tribunal estatal o un funcionario atendiendo a una acción administrativa de conformidad con la ley general no podrá deferir a la interpretación de la agencia administrativa de tal estatuto o regla, y deberá, por el contrario, interpretar dicho estatuto o regla por segunda vez.

N.º 7 REVISIÓN CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO IX, SECCIONES 7 Y 8 ARTÍCULO X, NUEVA SECCIÓN

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Beneficios para los Sobrevivientes de Miembros de Primeros Auxilios y Miembros Militares; Colegios y

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generales cuando un miembro en servicio activo de las Fuerzas Armadas de los Estados Unidos sea:

(1) Accidentalmente asesinado o reciba lesiones corporales accidentales que resulten en la pérdida de la vida de la persona, siempre que tal asesinato no sea el resultado de un suicidio y que tal lesión corporal no sea autoinfligida intencionalmente; o

(2) Muera o sea asesinado ilícita e intencionalmente como resultado de tal acto ilícito e intencional o sea asesinado durante el servicio activo.

(c) Si un bombero, un paramédico, un técnico médico de emergencia, un policía, un oficial correccional u oficial de libertad condicional; o un miembro de servicio activo de la Guardia Nacional de la Florida o las Fuerzas Armadas de los Estados Unidos es asesinado accidentalmente como se especifica en los párrafos (a)(1) y (b)(1) o asesinado ilícita e intencionalmente según lo especificado en los párrafos (a)(2) y (b)(2), el estado deberá exonerar ciertos gastos educativos que el niño o el cónyuge del miembro de primeros auxilios o militar fallecido incurra al obtener un certificado vocacional, una educación de pregrado o una educación de posgrado.

(d) Un miembro de primeros auxilios elegible debe haber estado trabajando para el Estado de Florida o cualquiera de sus subdivisiones políticas o agencias en el momento de su muerte. Un miembro militar elegible debe haber sido residente de este estado o que su puesto de trabajo haya pertenecido al mismo en el momento de su muerte.

(e) La legislación implementará esta sección por ley general.

(f) Esta sección entrará en vigencia el 1 de julio de 2019.

N.º 8 REVISIÓN CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO IX, SECCIÓN 4, NUEVA SECCIÓN ARTÍCULO XII, NUEVA SECCIÓN

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Límites y Deberes del Termino de la Junta Escolar; Escuelas Públicas

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Establece un límite de mandato de ocho años consecutivos para los miembros de la junta escolar y requiere que la legislación provea fondos para la promoción de la alfabetización cívica en las escuelas públicas. Actualmente, las juntas escolares del distrito tienen el deber constitucional de operar, controlar y supervisar todas las escuelas públicas. La enmienda mantiene los deberes de una junta escolar a las escuelas públicas que establezca, pero permite que el estado opere, controle y supervise las escuelas públicas no establecidas por la junta escolar.

TEXTO COMPLETO: ARTÍCULO IX EDUCACIÓN SECCIÓN 4. Distritos escolares; juntas escolares. — (a) Cada condado constituirá un distrito escolar; sin embargo, dos o más condados contiguos, con el voto de los electores de cada condado conforme a ley, podrán ser combinados en un distrito escolar. En cada distrito escolar habrá una junta escolar compuesta de cinco o más miembros electos por el voto de los electores en una elección no-partidista, para mandatos de cuatro años apropiadamente escalonados, según lo dispuesto por ley. Una persona no puede aparecer en la boleta para la reelección a la oficina de la junta escolar si, para el final del mandato actual, la persona hubiese servido o hubiese servido si no fuese por su renuncia, durante ocho años consecutivos.

(b) La junta escolar deberá operar, controlar, y supervisar todas las escuelas gratuitas públicas establecidas por la junta escolar del distrito dentro del distrito escolar y deberá determinar la tasa de impuestos del distrito escolar dentro de los límites establecidos en este documento. Dos o más distritos escolares podrán operar y financiar programas educativos comunes.

SECCIÓN. Alfabetización cívica. — Como la educación es esencial para la preservación de los derechos y las libertades de las personas, la legislación deberá proveer fondos por ley para la promoción de la alfabetización cívica con el fin de garantizar que los estudiantes matriculados en la educación pública comprendan y estén preparados para ejercer sus derechos y responsabilidades como ciudadanos de una república constitucional.

ARTÍCULO XII APÉNDICE Limitación del mandato para los miembros de una junta escolar del distrito. - Esta sección y la enmienda a la Sección 4 del Artículo IX que imponen límites a los términos de los mandatos de los miembros de la junta escolar del distrito entrarán en vigor en la fecha en que sean aprobadas por el electorado, pero ningún servicio en un mandato que comenzó antes del 6 de noviembre de 2018, se contará en contra de la limitación impuesta por esta enmienda.

N.º 9 REVISIÓN CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO II, SECCIÓN 7 ARTÍCULO X, SECCIÓN 20

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Prohibición de la Perforación de Petróleo y Gas en Alta Mar; Prohibición del Fumado de Cigarillos Electrónicos en Lugares de Trabajo Encerrados.

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Prohíbe la perforación para la exploración o extracción de petróleo y gas natural debajo de todas las aguas estatales entre la línea de media alta y los límites territoriales más alejados del estado. Agrega, con excepciones, el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor a la prohibición actual de consumo de tabaco en lugares de trabajo encerrados; permite ordenanzas locales de vapor más restrictivas.

TEXTO COMPLETO: ARTÍCULO II DISPOSICIONES GENERALES SECCIÓN 7. Recursos naturales y belleza escénica. — (a) Será la política de este estado conservar y proteger sus recursos naturales y belleza escénica. La ley establecerá disposiciones adecuadas para la reducción de la contaminación del aire y el agua y del ruido excesivo e innecesario y para la conservación y protección de los recursos naturales.

(b) Aquellos en el Área Agrícola de los Everglades que causen contaminación del agua dentro del Área de Protección de los Everglades o el Área Agrícola de los Everglades serán los principales responsables de pagar los costos de la reducción de esa contaminación. Para propósito de esta subsección, los términos "Área Agrícola de los Everglades" y "Área Protegida de los Everglades" tendrán la misma definición como las definiciones contenidas en las leyes en efecto el 1 de enero de 1996.

(c) Para proteger a la población de Florida y su entorno, la perforación para exploración o extracción de petróleo o gas natural está prohibida en tierras debajo de todas las aguas estatales que no se hayan alienado y que se encuentren entre la línea de media alta y los límites exteriores de los mar territoriales del estado. Esta prohibición no aplica al transporte de productos de petróleo y gas producidos fuera de dichas aguas. Esta subsección es autoejecutable.

ARTÍCULO X MISCELÁNEO SECCIÓN 20. Lugares de trabajo sin humo o vapor de tabaco. —

(a) PROHIBICIÓN. Como una iniciativa de salud para proteger a las personas de los riesgos de salud del humo y del vapor de tabaco de segunda mano, el consumo de tabaco y el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor están prohibidos en cualquier lugar de trabajo encerrados dentro del estado de Florida. Esta sección no excluye la adopción de ordenanzas que impongan una regulación más restrictiva sobre el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor que la proporcionada en esta sección.

(b) EXCEPCIONES. Como se explica en las definiciones siguientes, se puede permitir el consumo de tabaco y el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor en residencias privadas siempre que no se utilicen comercialmente para proporcionar cuidado infantil, cuidado de adultos, atención médica, o cualquier combinación de los mismos; y, además, puede permitirse en tiendas minoristas de tabaco, minoristas de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor, habitaciones designadas para fumadores en hoteles y otros establecimientos públicos de alojamiento; y en bares independientes. Sin embargo, nada en esta sección o en su legislación de aplicación o reglamento, le prohíbe al propietario, arrendatario u otra persona en el control de la utilización de un lugar de trabajo encerrado el derecho de imponer prohibiciones o limitaciones más estrictas con respecto a fumar o usar dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor en el lugar.

(c) DEFINICIONES. A los fines de esta

sección, las siguientes palabras y términos tendrán los significados indicados:

(1) "Fumar" significa inhalar, exhalar, quemar, transportar o poseer cualquier producto de tabaco encendido, incluidos cigarrillos, habanos, tabaco para pipa y cualquier otro producto de tabaco encendido.

(2) "Humo de segunda mano", también conocido como humo de tabaco ambiental (HTA), significa humo emitido por el tabaco encendido, humeante o en combustión cuando el fumador no está inhalando; humo emitido en la boquilla durante el soplo; y humo exhalado por el fumador.

(3) "Trabajo" significa cualquier empleo o servicio de empleo proveído por una persona a petición de otra persona o personas o de cualquier entidad pública o privada, ya sea pago o no, ya sea a tiempo completo o parcial, ya sea legal o no. "Trabajo" incluye, sin limitaciones, cualquier servicio realizado por un empleado, contratista independiente, agente, socio, propietario, gerente, funcionario, director, aprendiz, pasante, asociado, servidor, voluntario y similares.

(4) "Lugar de trabajo encerrado" significa cualquier lugar donde una o más personas se dediquen al trabajo, cuyo espacio esté predominantemente o totalmente delimitado por barreras físicas en todos los lados y por encima, independientemente de si tales barreras constituyen o incluyen aberturas descubiertas, aberturas parcialmente cubiertas o con pantallas; ventanas abiertas o cerradas, persianas, puertas o similares. Esta sección aplica a todos los lugares de trabajo encerrados sin importar si el trabajo se está produciendo en un momento dado.

(5) El uso "Comercial" de una residencia privada significa cualquier período durante el cual el propietario, arrendatario u otra persona que ocupe o controle el uso de la residencia privada esté suministrando o permitiendo que se suministre: cuidado de niños, cuidado de adultos mayores, atención médica, o cualquier combinación de los mismos en la residencia privada, y que reciba o espere recibir una compensación por ello.

(6) "Tienda minorista de tabaco" significa cualquier lugar de trabajo encerrado dedicado principalmente a la venta al por menor de tabaco, productos de tabaco y accesorios para tales productos, en el cual la venta de otros productos o servicios sea meramente incidental.

(7) "Habitaciones designadas para fumadores en establecimientos públicos de alojamiento" significa los dormitorios y áreas privadas directamente asociadas, tales como baños, salas de estar y áreas de cocina, si las hay, alquiladas a huéspedes para su ocupación transitoria exclusiva en establecimientos públicos de alojamiento, incluyendo hoteles, moteles, condominios de resorts, apartamentos transitorios, establecimientos de alojamiento transitorio, casas de hospedaje, pensiones, viviendas de complejos turísticos, posadas de alojamiento y desayuno y similares; que sean designadas por la persona o personas que tienen autoridad de gestión sobre el establecimiento de alojamiento público como habitaciones en las que se permite fumar.

(8) "Bar independiente" se refiere a un lugar de negocios dedicado, durante cualquier momento de su operación, en mayor parte o totalmente a servir bebidas alcohólicas, bebidas embriagantes, licores embriagantes, o cualquier combinación de los mismos para su consumo en las instalaciones autorizadas; en el cual el servicio de alimentos, si lo hay, es meramente secundario al consumo de tales bebidas; y que no se encuentra dentro, ni comparte, cualquier entrada o área interior común con ningún otro lugar de trabajo encerrado que incluya cualquier negocio para el cual la venta de alimentos o cualquier otro producto o servicio sea más que una fuente incidental de ingresos brutos.

(9) "Dispositivo electrónico generador de vapor" significa cualquier producto que emplee un medio electrónico, químico o mecánico capaz de producir vapor o aerosol a partir de un producto de nicotina o cualquier otra sustancia, incluidos, entre otros, un cigarrillo electrónico, cigarro electrónico, pipa electrónica u otro dispositivo o producto similar, cualquier cartucho de recambio para dicho dispositivo y cualquier otro recipiente de una solución u otra sustancia destinada a ser utilizada con o dentro de un cigarrillo electrónico, cigarro electrónico, pipa electrónica u otro dispositivo o producto similar.

(10) "Minorista de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor" se refiere a cualquier lugar de trabajo encerrado dedicado principalmente a la venta al por menor de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor, y componentes y accesorios para tales productos, en el que la venta de otros productos o servicios sea meramente incidental.

(d) LEGISLACIÓN. En la próxima sesión legislativa regular que se produzca después de la aprobación de esta sección o cualquier enmienda a esta sección aprobada por parte de los votantes, la Legislatura de Florida aprobará legislación para implementar esta sección y cualquier enmienda a esta sección enmienda de una manera consistente con su objetivo general y términos establecidos, y con una fecha de vigencia a más tardar del 1 de julio del año siguiente de la aprobación de los votantes. Dicha legislación deberá incluir, sin limitaciones, sanciones civiles por violaciones de esta sección; disposiciones para la aplicación de medidas administrativas; y el requisito y autorización de las reglas de la agencia para su implementación y cumplimiento. Esta sección no Neda de la contenido le prohíbe a la Legislatura promulgar una ley que constituya o que permita una regulación más restrictiva sobre el consumo de tabaco y el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor que la proporcionada en esta sección.

N.º 8 REVISIÓN CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO IX, SECCIÓN 4, NUEVA SECCIÓN ARTÍCULO XII, NUEVA SECCIÓN

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Límites y Deberes del Termino de la Junta Escolar; Escuelas Públicas

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TEXTO COMPLETO: ARTÍCULO IX EDUCACIÓN SECCIÓN 4. Distritos escolares; juntas escolares. — (a) Cada condado constituirá un distrito escolar; sin embargo, dos o más condados contiguos, con el voto de los electores de cada condado conforme a ley, podrán ser combinados en un distrito escolar. En cada distrito escolar habrá una junta escolar compuesta de cinco o más miembros electos por el voto de los electores en una elección no-partidista, para mandatos de cuatro años apropiadamente escalonados, según lo dispuesto por ley. Una persona no puede aparecer en la boleta para la reelección a la oficina de la junta escolar si, para el final del mandato actual, la persona hubiese servido o hubiese servido si no fuese por su renuncia, durante ocho años consecutivos.

(b) La junta escolar deberá operar, controlar, y supervisar todas las escuelas gratuitas públicas establecidas por la junta escolar del distrito dentro del distrito escolar y deberá determinar la tasa de impuestos del distrito escolar dentro de los límites establecidos en este documento. Dos o más distritos escolares podrán operar y financiar programas educativos comunes.

SECCIÓN. Alfabetización cívica. — Como la educación es esencial para la preservación de los derechos y las libertades de las personas, la legislación deberá proveer fondos por ley para la promoción de la alfabetización cívica con el fin de garantizar que los estudiantes matriculados en la educación pública comprendan y estén preparados para ejercer sus derechos y responsabilidades como ciudadanos de una república constitucional.

ARTÍCULO XII APÉNDICE Limitación del mandato para los miembros de una junta escolar del distrito. - Esta sección y la enmienda a la Sección 4 del Artículo IX que imponen límites a los términos de los mandatos de los miembros de la junta escolar del distrito entrarán en vigor en la fecha en que sean aprobadas por el electorado, pero ningún servicio en un mandato que comenzó antes del 6 de noviembre de 2018, se contará en contra de la limitación impuesta por esta enmienda.

N.º 9 REVISIÓN CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO II, SECCIÓN 7 ARTÍCULO X, SECCIÓN 20

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Prohibición de la Perforación de Petróleo y Gas en Alta Mar; Prohibición del Fumado de Cigarillos Electrónicos en Lugares de Trabajo Encerrados.

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Prohíbe la perforación para la exploración o extracción de petróleo y gas natural debajo de todas las aguas estatales entre la línea de media alta y los límites territoriales más alejados del estado. Agrega, con excepciones, el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor a la prohibición actual de consumo de tabaco en lugares de trabajo encerrados; permite ordenanzas locales de vapor más restrictivas.

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(b) Aquellos en el Área Agrícola de los Everglades que causen contaminación del agua dentro del Área de Protección de los Everglades o el Área Agrícola de los Everglades serán los principales responsables de pagar los costos de la reducción de esa contaminación. Para propósito de esta subsección, los términos "Área Agrícola de los Everglades" y "Área Protegida de los Everglades" tendrán la misma definición como las definiciones contenidas en las leyes en efecto el 1 de enero de 1996.

(c) Para proteger a la población de Florida y su entorno, la perforación para exploración o extracción de petróleo o gas natural está prohibida en tierras debajo de todas las aguas estatales que no se hayan alienado y que se encuentren entre la línea de media alta y los límites exteriores de los mar territoriales del estado. Esta prohibición no aplica al transporte de productos de petróleo y gas producidos fuera de dichas aguas. Esta subsección es autoejecutable.

ARTÍCULO X MISCELÁNEO SECCIÓN 20. Lugares de trabajo sin humo o vapor de tabaco. —

(a) PROHIBICIÓN. Como una iniciativa de salud para proteger a las personas de los riesgos de salud del humo y del vapor de tabaco de segunda mano, el consumo de tabaco y el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor están prohibidos en cualquier lugar de trabajo encerrados dentro del estado de Florida. Esta sección no excluye la adopción de ordenanzas que impongan una regulación más restrictiva sobre el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor que la proporcionada en esta sección.

(b) EXCEPCIONES. Como se explica en las definiciones siguientes, se puede permitir el consumo de tabaco y el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor en residencias privadas siempre que no se utilicen comercialmente para proporcionar cuidado infantil, cuidado de adultos, atención médica, o cualquier combinación de los mismos; y, además, puede permitirse en tiendas minoristas de tabaco, minoristas de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor, habitaciones designadas para fumadores en hoteles y otros establecimientos públicos de alojamiento; y en bares independientes. Sin embargo, nada en esta sección o en su legislación de aplicación o reglamento, le prohíbe al propietario, arrendatario u otra persona en el control de la utilización de un lugar de trabajo encerrado el derecho de imponer prohibiciones o limitaciones más estrictas con respecto a fumar o usar dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor en el lugar.

(c) DEFINICIONES. A los fines de esta

sección, las siguientes palabras y términos tendrán los significados indicados:

(1) "Fumar" significa inhalar, exhalar, quemar, transportar o poseer cualquier producto de tabaco encendido, incluidos cigarrillos, habanos, tabaco para pipa y cualquier otro producto de tabaco encendido.

(2) "Humo de segunda mano", también conocido como humo de tabaco ambiental (HTA), significa humo emitido por el tabaco encendido, humeante o en combustión cuando el fumador no está inhalando; humo emitido en la boquilla durante el soplo; y humo exhalado por el fumador.

(3) "Trabajo" significa cualquier empleo o servicio de empleo proveído por una persona a petición de otra persona o personas o de cualquier entidad pública o privada, ya sea pago o no, ya sea a tiempo completo o parcial, ya sea legal o no. "Trabajo" incluye, sin limitaciones, cualquier servicio realizado por un empleado, contratista independiente, agente, socio, propietario, gerente, funcionario, director, aprendiz, pasante, asociado, servidor, voluntario y similares.

(4) "Lugar de trabajo encerrado" significa cualquier lugar donde una o más personas se dediquen al trabajo, cuyo espacio esté predominantemente o totalmente delimitado por barreras físicas en todos los lados y por encima, independientemente de si tales barreras constituyen o incluyen aberturas descubiertas, aberturas parcialmente cubiertas o con pantallas; ventanas abiertas o cerradas, persianas, puertas o similares. Esta sección aplica a todos los lugares de trabajo encerrados sin importar si el trabajo se está produciendo en un momento dado.

(5) El uso "Comercial" de una residencia privada significa cualquier período durante el cual el propietario, arrendatario u otra persona que ocupe o controle el uso de la residencia privada esté suministrando o permitiendo que se suministre: cuidado de niños, cuidado de adultos mayores, atención médica, o cualquier combinación de los mismos en la residencia privada, y que reciba o espere recibir una compensación por ello.

(6) "Tienda minorista de tabaco" significa cualquier lugar de trabajo encerrado dedicado principalmente a la venta al por menor de tabaco, productos de tabaco y accesorios para tales productos, en el cual la venta de otros productos o servicios sea meramente incidental.

(7) "Habitaciones designadas para fumadores en establecimientos públicos de alojamiento" significa los dormitorios y áreas privadas directamente asociadas, tales como baños, salas de estar y áreas de cocina, si las hay, alquiladas a huéspedes para su ocupación transitoria exclusiva en establecimientos públicos de alojamiento, incluyendo hoteles, moteles, condominios de resorts, apartamentos transitorios, establecimientos de alojamiento transitorio, casas de hospedaje, pensiones, viviendas de complejos turísticos, posadas de alojamiento y desayuno y similares; que sean designadas por la persona o personas que tienen autoridad de gestión sobre el establecimiento de alojamiento público como habitaciones en las que se permite fumar.

(8) "Bar independiente" se refiere a un lugar de negocios dedicado, durante cualquier momento de su operación, en mayor parte o totalmente a servir bebidas alcohólicas, bebidas embriagantes, licores embriagantes, o cualquier combinación de los mismos para su consumo en las instalaciones autorizadas; en el cual el servicio de alimentos, si lo hay, es meramente secundario al consumo de tales bebidas; y que no se encuentra dentro, ni comparte, cualquier entrada o área interior común con ningún otro lugar de trabajo encerrado que incluya cualquier negocio para el cual la venta de alimentos o cualquier otro producto o servicio sea más que una fuente incidental de ingresos brutos.

(9) "Dispositivo electrónico generador de vapor" significa cualquier producto que emplee un medio electrónico, químico o mecánico capaz de producir vapor o aerosol a partir de un producto de nicotina o cualquier otra sustancia, incluidos, entre otros, un cigarrillo electrónico, cigarro electrónico, pipa electrónica u otro dispositivo o producto similar, cualquier cartucho de recambio para dicho dispositivo y cualquier otro recipiente de una solución u otra sustancia destinada a ser utilizada con o dentro de un cigarrillo electrónico, cigarro electrónico, pipa electrónica u otro dispositivo o producto similar.

(10) "Minorista de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor" se refiere a cualquier lugar de trabajo encerrado dedicado principalmente a la venta al por menor de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor, y componentes y accesorios para tales productos, en el que la venta de otros productos o servicios sea meramente incidental.

(d) LEGISLACIÓN. En la próxima sesión legislativa regular que se produzca después de la aprobación de esta sección o cualquier enmienda a esta sección aprobada por parte de los votantes, la Legislatura de Florida aprobará legislación para implementar esta sección y cualquier enmienda a esta sección enmienda de una manera consistente con su objetivo general y términos establecidos, y con una fecha de vigencia a más tardar del 1 de julio del año siguiente de la aprobación de los votantes. Dicha legislación deberá incluir, sin limitaciones, sanciones civiles por violaciones de esta sección; disposiciones para la aplicación de medidas administrativas; y el requisito y autorización de las reglas de la agencia para su implementación y cumplimiento. Esta sección no Neda de la contenido le prohíbe a la Legislatura promulgar una ley que constituya o que permita una regulación más restrictiva sobre el consumo de tabaco y el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor que la proporcionada en esta sección.

N.º 8 REVISIÓN CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO IX, SECCIÓN 4, NUEVA SECCIÓN ARTÍCULO XII, NUEVA SECCIÓN

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Límites y Deberes del Termino de la Junta Escolar; Escuelas Públicas

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Establece un límite de mandato de ocho años consecutivos para los miembros de la junta escolar y requiere que la legislación provea fondos para la promoción de la alfabetización cívica en las escuelas públicas. Actualmente, las juntas escolares del distrito tienen el deber constitucional de operar, controlar y supervisar todas las escuelas públicas. La enmienda mantiene los deberes de una junta escolar a las escuelas públicas que establezca, pero permite que el estado opere, controle y supervise las escuelas públicas no establecidas por la junta escolar.

TEXTO COMPLETO: ARTÍCULO IX EDUCACIÓN SECCIÓN 4. Distritos escolares; juntas escolares. — (a) Cada condado constituirá un distrito escolar; sin embargo, dos o más condados contiguos, con el voto de los electores de cada condado conforme a ley, podrán ser combinados en un distrito escolar. En cada distrito escolar habrá una junta escolar compuesta de cinco o más miembros electos por el voto de los electores en una elección no-partidista, para mandatos de cuatro años apropiadamente escalonados, según lo dispuesto por ley. Una persona no puede aparecer en la boleta para la reelección a la oficina de la junta escolar si, para el final del mandato actual, la persona hubiese servido o hubiese servido si no fuese por su renuncia, durante ocho años consecutivos.

(b) La junta escolar deberá operar, controlar, y supervisar todas las escuelas gratuitas públicas establecidas por la junta escolar del distrito dentro del distrito escolar y deberá determinar la tasa de impuestos del distrito escolar dentro de los límites establecidos en este documento. Dos o más distritos escolares podrán operar y financiar programas educativos comunes.

SECCIÓN. Alfabetización cívica. — Como la educación es esencial para la preservación de los derechos y las libertades de las personas, la legislación deberá proveer fondos por ley para la promoción de la alfabetización cívica con el fin de garantizar que los estudiantes matriculados en la educación pública comprendan y estén preparados para ejercer sus derechos y responsabilidades como ciudadanos de una república constitucional.

ARTÍCULO XII APÉNDICE Limitación del mandato para los miembros de una junta escolar del distrito. - Esta sección y la enmienda a la Sección 4 del Artículo IX que imponen límites a los términos de los mandatos de los miembros de la junta escolar del distrito entrarán en vigor en la fecha en que sean aprobadas por el electorado, pero ningún servicio en un mandato que comenzó antes del 6 de noviembre de 2018, se contará en contra de la limitación impuesta por esta enmienda.

N.º 9 REVISIÓN CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO II, SECCIÓN 7 ARTÍCULO X, SECCIÓN 20

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Prohibición de la Perforación de Petróleo y Gas en Alta Mar; Prohibición del Fumado de Cigarillos Electrónicos en Lugares de Trabajo Encerrados.

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Prohíbe la perforación para la exploración o extracción de petróleo y gas natural debajo de todas las aguas estatales entre la línea de media alta y los límites territoriales más alejados del estado. Agrega, con excepciones, el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor a la prohibición actual de consumo de tabaco en lugares de trabajo encerrados; permite ordenanzas locales de vapor más restrictivas.

TEXTO COMPLETO: ARTÍCULO II DISPOSICIONES GENERALES SECCIÓN 7. Recursos naturales y belleza escénica. — (a) Será la política de este estado conservar y proteger sus recursos naturales y belleza escénica. La ley establecerá disposiciones adecuadas para la reducción de la contaminación del aire y el agua y del ruido excesivo e innecesario y para la conservación y protección de los recursos naturales.

(b) Aquellos en el Área Agrícola de los Everglades que causen contaminación del agua dentro del Área de Protección de los Everglades o el Área Agrícola de los Everglades serán los principales responsables de pagar los costos de la reducción de esa contaminación. Para propósito de esta subsección, los términos "Área Agrícola de los Everglades" y "Área Protegida de los Everglades" tendrán la misma definición como las definiciones contenidas en las leyes en efecto el 1 de enero de 1996.

(c) Para proteger a la población de Florida y su entorno, la perforación para exploración o extracción de petróleo o gas natural está prohibida en tierras debajo de todas las aguas estatales que no se hayan alienado y que se encuentren entre la línea de media alta y los límites exteriores de los mar territoriales del estado. Esta prohibición no aplica al transporte de productos de petróleo y gas producidos fuera de dichas aguas. Esta subsección es autoejecutable.

ARTÍCULO X MISCELÁNEO SECCIÓN 20. Lugares de trabajo sin humo o vapor de tabaco. —

(a) PROHIBICIÓN. Como una iniciativa de salud para proteger a las personas de los riesgos de salud del humo y del vapor de tabaco de segunda mano, el consumo de tabaco y el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor están prohibidos en cualquier lugar de trabajo encerrados dentro del estado de Florida. Esta sección no excluye la adopción de ordenanzas que impongan una regulación más restrictiva sobre el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor que la proporcionada en esta sección.

(b) EXCEPCIONES. Como se explica en las definiciones siguientes, se puede permitir el consumo de tabaco y el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor en residencias privadas siempre que no se utilicen comercialmente para proporcionar cuidado infantil, cuidado de adultos, atención médica, o cualquier combinación de los mismos; y, además, puede permitirse en tiendas minoristas de tabaco, minoristas de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor, habitaciones designadas para fumadores en hoteles y otros establecimientos públicos de alojamiento; y en bares independientes. Sin embargo, nada en esta sección o en su legislación de aplicación o reglamento, le prohíbe al propietario, arrendatario u otra persona en el control de la utilización de un lugar de trabajo encerrado el derecho de imponer prohibiciones o limitaciones más estrictas con respecto a fumar o usar dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor en el lugar.

(c) DEFINICIONES. A los fines de esta

sección, las siguientes palabras y términos tendrán los significados indicados:

(1) "Fumar" significa inhalar, exhalar, quemar, transportar o poseer cualquier producto de tabaco encendido, incluidos cigarrillos, habanos, tabaco para pipa y cualquier otro producto de tabaco encendido.

(2) "Humo de segunda mano", también conocido como humo de tabaco ambiental (HTA), significa humo emitido por el tabaco encendido, humeante o en combustión cuando el fumador no está inhalando; humo emitido en la boquilla durante el soplo; y humo exhalado por el fumador.

(3) "Trabajo" significa cualquier empleo o servicio de empleo proveído por una persona a petición de otra persona o personas o de cualquier entidad pública o privada, ya sea pago o no, ya sea a tiempo completo o parcial, ya sea legal o no. "Trabajo" incluye, sin limitaciones, cualquier servicio realizado por un empleado, contratista independiente, agente, socio, propietario, gerente, funcionario, director, aprendiz, pasante, asociado, servidor, voluntario y similares.

(4) "Lugar de trabajo encerrado" significa cualquier lugar donde una o más personas se dediquen al trabajo, cuyo espacio esté predominantemente o totalmente delimitado por barreras físicas en todos los lados y por encima, independientemente de si tales barreras constituyen o incluyen aberturas descubiertas, aberturas parcialmente cubiertas o con pantallas; ventanas abiertas o cerradas, persianas, puertas o similares. Esta sección aplica a todos los lugares de trabajo encerrados sin importar si el trabajo se está produciendo en un momento dado.

(5) El uso "Comercial" de una residencia privada significa cualquier período durante el cual el propietario, arrendatario u otra persona que ocupe o controle el uso de la residencia privada esté suministrando o permitiendo que se suministre: cuidado de niños, cuidado de adultos mayores, atención médica, o cualquier combinación de los mismos en la residencia privada, y que reciba o espere recibir una compensación por ello.

(6) "Tienda minorista de tabaco" significa cualquier lugar de trabajo encerrado dedicado principalmente a la venta al por menor de tabaco, productos de tabaco y accesorios para tales productos, en el cual la venta de otros productos o servicios sea meramente incidental.

(7) "Habitaciones designadas para fumadores en establecimientos públicos de alojamiento" significa los dormitorios y áreas privadas directamente asociadas, tales como baños, salas de estar y áreas de cocina, si las hay, alquiladas a huéspedes para su ocupación transitoria exclusiva en establecimientos públicos de alojamiento, incluyendo hoteles, moteles, condominios de resorts, apartamentos transitorios, establecimientos de alojamiento transitorio, casas de hospedaje, pensiones, viviendas de complejos turísticos, posadas de alojamiento y desayuno y similares; que sean designadas por la persona o personas que tienen autoridad de gestión sobre el establecimiento de alojamiento público como habitaciones en las que se permite fumar.

(8) "Bar independiente" se refiere a un lugar de negocios dedicado, durante cualquier momento de su operación, en mayor parte o totalmente a servir bebidas alcohólicas, bebidas embriagantes, licores embriagantes, o cualquier combinación de los mismos para su consumo en las instalaciones autorizadas; en el cual el servicio de alimentos, si lo hay, es meramente secundario al consumo de tales bebidas; y que no se encuentra dentro, ni comparte, cualquier entrada o área interior común con ningún otro lugar de trabajo encerrado que incluya cualquier negocio para el cual la venta de alimentos o cualquier otro producto o servicio sea más que una fuente incidental de ingresos brutos.

(9) "Dispositivo electrónico generador de vapor" significa cualquier producto que emplee un medio electrónico, químico o mecánico capaz de producir vapor o aerosol a partir de un producto de nicotina o cualquier otra sustancia, incluidos, entre otros, un cigarrillo electrónico, cigarro electrónico, pipa electrónica u otro dispositivo o producto similar, cualquier cartucho de recambio para dicho dispositivo y cualquier otro recipiente de una solución u otra sustancia destinada a ser utilizada con o dentro de un cigarrillo electrónico, cigarro electrónico, pipa electrónica u otro dispositivo o producto similar.

(10) "Minorista de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor" se refiere a cualquier lugar de trabajo encerrado dedicado principalmente a la venta al por menor de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor, y componentes y accesorios para tales productos, en el que la venta de otros productos o servicios sea meramente incidental.

(d) LEGISLACIÓN. En la próxima sesión legislativa regular que se produzca después de la aprobación de esta sección o cualquier enmienda a esta sección aprobada por parte de los votantes, la Legislatura de Florida aprobará legislación para implementar esta sección y cualquier enmienda a esta sección enmienda de una manera consistente con su objetivo general y términos establecidos, y con una fecha de vigencia a más tardar del 1 de julio del año siguiente de la aprobación de los votantes. Dicha legislación deberá incluir, sin limitaciones, sanciones civiles por violaciones de esta sección; disposiciones para la aplicación de medidas administrativas; y el requisito y autorización de las reglas de la agencia para su implementación y cumplimiento. Esta sección no Neda de la contenido le prohíbe a la Legislatura promulgar una ley que constituya o que permita una regulación más restrictiva sobre el consumo de tabaco y el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor que la proporcionada en esta sección.

N.º 8 REVISIÓN CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO IX, SECCIÓN 4, NUEVA SECCIÓN ARTÍCULO XII, NUEVA SECCIÓN

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Límites y Deberes del Termino de la Junta Escolar; Escuelas Públicas

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Establece un límite de mandato de ocho años consecutivos para los miembros de la junta escolar y requiere que la legislación provea fondos para la promoción de la alfabetización cívica en las escuelas públicas. Actualmente, las juntas escolares del distrito tienen el deber constitucional de operar, controlar y supervisar todas las escuelas públicas. La enmienda mantiene los deberes de una junta escolar a las escuelas públicas que establezca, pero permite que el estado opere, controle y supervise las escuelas públicas no establecidas por la junta escolar.

TEXTO COMPLETO: ARTÍCULO IX EDUCACIÓN SECCIÓN 4. Distritos escolares; juntas escolares. — (a) Cada condado constituirá un distrito escolar; sin embargo, dos o más condados contiguos, con el voto de los electores de cada condado conforme a ley, podrán ser combinados en un distrito escolar. En cada distrito escolar habrá una junta escolar compuesta de cinco o más miembros electos por el voto de los electores en una elección no-partidista, para mandatos de cuatro años apropiadamente escalonados, según lo dispuesto por ley. Una persona no puede aparecer en la boleta para la reelección a la oficina de la junta escolar si, para el final del mandato actual, la persona hubiese servido o hubiese servido si no fuese por su renuncia, durante ocho años consecutivos.

(b) La junta escolar deberá operar, controlar, y supervisar todas las escuelas gratuitas públicas establecidas por la junta escolar del distrito dentro del distrito escolar y deberá determinar la tasa de impuestos del distrito escolar dentro de los límites establecidos en este documento. Dos o más distritos escolares podrán operar y financiar programas educativos comunes.

SECCIÓN. Alfabetización cívica. — Como la educación es esencial para la preservación de los derechos y las libertades de las personas, la legislación deberá proveer fondos por ley para la promoción de la alfabetización cívica con el fin de garantizar que los estudiantes matriculados en la educación pública comprendan y estén preparados para ejercer sus derechos y responsabilidades como ciudadanos de una república constitucional.

ARTÍCULO XII APÉNDICE Limitación del mandato para los miembros de una junta escolar del distrito. - Esta sección y la enmienda a la Sección 4 del Artículo IX que imponen límites a los términos de los mandatos de los miembros de la junta escolar del distrito entrarán en vigor en la fecha en que sean aprobadas por el electorado, pero ningún servicio en un mandato que comenzó antes del 6 de noviembre de 2018, se contará en contra de la limitación impuesta por esta enmienda.

N.º 9 REVISIÓN CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO II, SECCIÓN 7 ARTÍCULO X, SECCIÓN 20

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Prohibición de la Perforación de Petróleo y Gas en Alta Mar; Prohibición del Fumado de Cigarillos Electrónicos en Lugares de Trabajo Encerrados.

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN: Prohíbe la perforación para la exploración o extracción de petróleo y gas natural debajo de todas las aguas estatales entre la línea de media alta y los límites territoriales más alejados del estado. Agrega, con excepciones, el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor a la prohibición actual de consumo de tabaco en lugares de trabajo encerrados; permite ordenanzas locales de vapor más restrictivas.

TEXTO COMPLETO: ARTÍCULO II DISPOSICIONES GENERALES SECCIÓN 7. Recursos naturales y belleza escénica. — (a) Será la política de este estado conservar y proteger sus recursos naturales y belleza escénica. La ley establecerá disposiciones adecuadas para la reducción de la contaminación del aire y el agua y del ruido excesivo e innecesario y para la conservación y protección de los recursos naturales.

(b) Aquellos en el Área Agrícola de los Everglades que causen contaminación del agua dentro del Área de Protección de los Everglades o el Área Agrícola de los Everglades serán los principales responsables de pagar los costos de la reducción de esa contaminación. Para propósito de esta subsección, los términos "Área Agrícola de los Everglades" y "Área Protegida de los Everglades" tendrán la misma definición como las definiciones contenidas en las leyes en efecto el 1 de enero de 1996.

(c) Para proteger a la población de Florida y su entorno, la perforación para exploración o extracción de petróleo o gas natural está prohibida en tierras debajo de todas las aguas estatales que no se hayan alienado y que se encuentren entre la línea de media alta y los límites exteriores de los mar territoriales del estado. Esta prohibición no aplica al transporte de productos de petróleo y gas producidos fuera de dichas aguas. Esta subsección es autoejecutable.

ARTÍCULO X MISCELÁNEO SECCIÓN 20. Lugares de trabajo sin humo o vapor de tabaco. —

(a) PROHIBICIÓN. Como una iniciativa de salud para proteger a las personas de los riesgos de salud del humo y del vapor de tabaco de segunda mano, el consumo de tabaco y el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor están prohibidos en cualquier lugar de trabajo encerrados dentro del estado de Florida. Esta sección no excluye la adopción de ordenanzas que impongan una regulación más restrictiva sobre el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor que la proporcionada en esta sección.

(b) EXCEPCIONES. Como se explica en las definiciones siguientes, se puede permitir el consumo de tabaco y el uso de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor en residencias privadas siempre que no se utilicen comercialmente para proporcionar cuidado infantil, cuidado de adultos, atención médica, o cualquier combinación de los mismos; y, además, puede permitirse en tiendas minoristas de tabaco, minoristas de dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor, habitaciones designadas para fumadores en hoteles y otros establecimientos públicos de alojamiento; y en bares independientes. Sin embargo, nada en esta sección o en su legislación de aplicación o reglamento, le prohíbe al propietario, arrendatario u otra persona en el control de la utilización de un lugar de trabajo encerrado el derecho de imponer prohibiciones o limitaciones más estrictas con respecto a fumar o usar dispositivos electrónicos generadores de vapor en el lugar.

(c) DEFINICIONES. A los fines de esta

sección, las siguientes palabras y términos tendrán los significados indicados:

(1) "Fumar" significa inhalar, exhalar, quemar, transportar o poseer cualquier producto de tabaco encendido, incluidos cigarrillos, habanos, tabaco para pipa y cualquier otro producto de tabaco encendido.

(2) "Humo de segunda mano", también conocido como humo de tabaco ambiental (HTA), significa humo emitido por el tabaco encendido, humeante o en combustión cuando el fumador no está inhalando

Obituaries



David Bujese
HOMOSASSA

David Patrick Bujese, of Homosassa, made his earthly transition on August 27, 2018.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Thursday, August 30, at 11:00am at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church.

David was born and raised in Bergen County, New Jersey. He graduated from Park Ridge High School, where he was known as "The Rock" on the football team. After serving for four years in the United States Air Force, he earned an engineering degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University, and used his innovation and ingenuity to design computers before they became permanent fixtures in our lives.



David Bujese

His feisty and independent nature led him to form his own company, "Copy Research," where he designed xerographic photocopiers. He later sold his company to Pitney Bowes, but continued inventing and consulting, eventually earning over thirty patents for his work in xerography.

He and his wife, Jean, met each other exactly fifty years ago this week. Between the two of them, they had six children: Howard, Richard, Debra, David, Carolyn, and Sandra, and many loving grandchildren.

David was not one to ever truly retire, so he worked tirelessly to help his church and community. He served as an usher for St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, and helped raise thousands of dollars for St. Vincent De-Paul through its annual golf tournaments. He and Jean also enjoyed bringing food and friendship to needy families.

He was also a proud member of the American Legion, the Elks, and the Crime Watch of Sugar Mill Woods.

He will be sorely missed. Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.



Charles Harvey, 81
INVERNESS

Charles Ralph Harvey, 81, of Inverness, FL passed away August 12, 2018 at Arbor Trail Rehab & Nursing in Inverness. He was born in St. Augustine, FL on October 17, 1936 to the late Merrell Augustus and Ella Fair (Griner) Harvey. Charles was a retail store manager and a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict, achieving the rank of Specialist 5th Class.



Charles Harvey

He arrived in this area in 2012, coming from Orlando, FL, and was a Methodist by faith. Charles was a member of the VFW Post #4337, Inverness, as well as the American Legion and Loyal Order of Moose. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Bernice E. Harvey in 1991. Survivors include his companion Betty L. Doran of Inverness; daughters, Lisa Ogle and her husband Mike of Pelican Bay, TX, and Denise McClanahan of Woodlands, TX; brothers Mel Harvey and Wayne Harvey; and 3 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister Merrell Edwards.

Services for Charles are scheduled for Tuesday, September 4, 2:30 PM. at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donation's in Charles's memory to Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast, P.O. Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL 34464. Private cremation arrangements under the care of Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, FL.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Virginia Meyer, 94
LECANTO

The Service of Remembrance for Mrs. Virginia Meyer, age 94, of Lecanto, Florida, will be held 10:30 AM, Saturday, September 1, 2018 at the St. Scholastica Catholic Church, Lecanto, Florida.

She was born May 11, 1924 in Ft. Wayne, IN, daughter of the late George and Ileatha (Shea) Schlumbohm. She died August 28, 2018 in Lecanto, FL. Mrs. Meyer moved to



Virginia Meyer

Lecanto, Florida from Dayton in 1989 and then to Homosassa in March of 2018. Her hobbies included sewing, gardening and cooking. She was a good Mom.

Mrs. Meyer was preceded in death by her parents, and 2 sisters, JoAnna Zerkel and Carolyn McFarland. Survivors include her husband of 73 years, Richard E. Meyer of Lecanto, FL, 2 sons, Daniel E. (Cindy) Meyer of Cincinnati, OH, and Philip G. (Christine) Meyer of Cleveland, OH, 2 daughters, Christine L. (Dennis) Vigiotta of East Moriches, NY, and Janet L. Meyer of Basel, Switzerland, a brother, James Schlumbohm of Spring Hill, FL, 14 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

The family requests expressions of sympathy take the form of memorial donations to Fernside Center for Grieving Children, 4360 Cooper Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45242 or at www.fernside.org or to Spastic Paraplegia Foundation at www.sp-foundation.org. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Homosassa Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory.

Edward 'Sam' Sawyer Sr., 88

On August 19, 2018, after a valiant ten year struggle with Alzheimer's, Edward L. (Sam) Sawyer, Sr. passed away peacefully in his sleep enroute to eternity. He was 88 years young.



Edward 'Sam' Sawyer Sr.

He was born on October 9, 1929 and was the oldest son of David Russell Sawyer and Ruby Elliott Sawyer, both deceased. Although brothers David, Jr., Ulysses and Preston preceded him to the land of Kings, he is survived by brothers Daniel Sawyer of Inverness, FL, Willie C. Sawyer and Emmitt Sawyer of St. Petersburg, FL, Herman Sawyer of Memphis, TN, and sisters Wilhelmina (Sawyer) Pittman and Norma Dee (Sawyer) Williams of West Palm Beach, FL.

Sam, as he was affectionately known, met and married the ever beautiful Albula Frazier from Monticello, FL. Together they built both a community legacy and a loving family. Their children are: Horace James Sawyer (deceased) of Toledo, OH, Anita Ann Owens of Zephyrhills, FL, Kenisher Rose (Sawyer) Edwards of Crystal River, FL, Edward Lee (Saleem) Sawyer, Jr. of Beverly Hills, FL, Gregory Russell Sawyer of Virginia Beach, VA, Arelene Veronica Sawyer of Beverly Hills, FL, Douglas Louis Sawyer of Inverness, FL, Steven David Sawyer of Beverly Hills, FL, Jerry Lee Sawyer, Sr. of Crystal River, FL, Carustella (Sawyer) Glass of Citrus Springs, FL, Vicki Jeanette (Sawyer) Lindo of Ocala, FL, Cheryl Kay (Sawyer) Cooper of Crystal River, FL, and Anthony Michael Sawyer of Columbia, SC. There are 38 grandchildren and an ever growing multitude of great-grandchildren.

Sam retired from the Plantation Hotel and Inn after more than 50 years of dedicated service. Quiet and unassuming, he had a presence that was larger-than-life to his friends, his co-workers and his family. He was a very proud Dad who loved his family immeasurably. This much loved son, brother, husband, father, uncle, grandfather, great-grandfather, cousin, and friend will be truly missed.

A Funeral Service and Tribute is scheduled for 1:00 pm on Saturday, September 1, 2018, at the Crystal River Church of God, 2180 NW 12th Ave, Crystal River, FL 34428. Family and friends are invited. A public viewing will be held from 5:00 - 7:00 pm on Friday, August 31, 2018, at New Serenity Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Inc., 713 N.E. 5th Terrace, Crystal River, FL 34428, (352) 563-1394. A headstone will be placed at the Sawyer Family plot in Inverness, FL at a date to be determined.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to New Serenity Memorial Funeral Home at <https://www.newserenityfuneralandcremation.com/>. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, <https://alz.org>.



Willard SESCO, 90
LECANTO

Sesco, Willard, 90, of Lecanto Florida went home to be with his Lord on August 23, 2018. Willard was born on April 25, 1928 in Pikesville, Kentucky to the late Tilden and Goldie (Maynard) Cesco.



Willard SESCO

Willard married Vaguel Wagner in Lebanon, Virginia in April of 1957. Willard and Vaguel were parried till her passing in 1991. He went on to remarry Lorene Richards, in 2001 until her passing in 2014. Willard served his county in the U.S. Army and was awarded the Bronze Service Star. He loved to study the Bible and had great passion for both teaching and music. Willard also had a great love for gardening and yardwork.

Willard is survived by his sister Betty Brooks as well as several nieces and nephews on her side. He is also survived by his step-daughter Sharon (Fred) Corban as well as 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Willard is predeceased by his sister Myrtle Collins, brother Frasier McGuire, and grand-daughter Robin Chamberlain.

Willard was a parishioner of Lecanto Baptist Church, for over 15 years, and was known as a good friend to all.

Words of condolence may be written at www.ferofuneralhome.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Fero Funeral Home 5955 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills, FL.

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Christos Xenophon, 58
INVERNESS

Christos Xenophon, 58, Inverness passed away suddenly August 27, 2018 at Citrus Memorial Hospital. Chris was born in Queens, NY on December 25, 1959 to the late Nicos and Edna (McBride) Xenophon and came to Inverness in 1980. He was a professional chef and finished his career as a General Manager of Cracker Barrel. Many will remember him working at the Town House Restaurant in Inverness with his family. He was particularly known for his deserts and pastry creations. Chris had a love for flying and held a private pilots license as well as being a volunteer firefighter when first moving to Inverness. He had a passion for knowledge which showed through his hobbies such as building computers, airplanes, cars, and even utilizing 3-D printing to make fidget spinners for his grandchildren. He was a founding member of the Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church in Lecanto, FL. With all the interests throughout his life, family was always his greatest love and devotion.



Christos Xenophon

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 38 years, Lori Boyle Xenophon; 2 sons, Paul M. Xenophon of Gainesville, FL and Mark P. Xenophon and his wife Caroll of Tallahassee; 1 brother, Nicos Xenophon, Jr.; 6 sisters: Debra Helm, Rosemary Maisel and her husband, John; Georgette Klein and her husband, Bob; Laura Clark, Donna Xenophon, and Patricia Valez and her husband Raymond; 3 grandchildren: Leia, Lila, and Cohen. He was preceded in death by his father, Nicos on Oct 24, 2010, his mother, Edna on March 12, 1986, and his step-mother, Maria on November 6, 2017.

A Celebration of Life Service is scheduled for Saturday, Sept 1, 2018 at 2:00 PM from the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home.

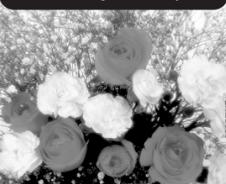
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THREATS FROM NATURE AND MAN

Manatees having a tough time

We still have four months to go in 2018, but already the number of manatee deaths has exceeded the count from 2017.

Florida's terrible red tide this year has been responsible for many of those deaths, about 18 percent of the total 540 manatee deaths through mid-August. Except for 2013, a very bad year for manatees, this year's figures are the worst in a decade, according to the Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

THE ISSUE:

Manatee deaths already top 2017's tally.

OUR OPINION:

It's not all nature's fault; humans bear some of the blame.

news/florida-red-tide.

The website notes that Florida red tides develop 10 to 40 miles offshore, away from human-contributed nutrient sources. However, "once red tides are transported to shore, they are capable of using human-contributed nutrients for their growth." When red tide blooms move this way, Mote says, nutrients flowing from land to sea — including both natural and human-contributed nutrients carried by stormwater runoff — can provide food for red tide

growth.

That's bad news for any creature that depends on clean water, and another reason to stay focused on cleanup and preservation efforts.

Red tide isn't the only culprit in the numerous manatee deaths. A significant number have resulted from boat strikes — purely human — and the past winter imposed extraordinary cold stresses on manatees — Mother Nature again.

Actions on behalf of manatees agreed to by federal and state wildlife agencies, law enforcement, local communities and industry include reducing boater impacts and increasing manatee access to protected warmer waters during cold periods. They should also include safeguarding water quality. "Threatened" still means the manatee population is at risk and cannot sustain events that annually put some 10 percent of the population in the crosshairs.

Help Trump keep America great

It is becoming increasingly important to support Republicans in the upcoming election. With all the left's efforts to destroy our current president, it would be disastrous to allow Democrats to gain any control. The left's only goal is to destroy President Trump. They have indicated no other goal for the past two years, so they would do nothing to make our country better.

So much good has occurred in the past two years, we must not reverse all of it purely due to hatred and dismay over a failed and unsatisfactory presidential candidate.

I cannot deny my disappointment with our Congress's inability to function. However, if Republicans can maintain firm control, they might possibly start acting responsibly and join President Trump in his efforts to "right the ship."

Robert E. Hagaman
 Homosassa

Give support to Amendment 4

A felon in Florida loses his civil rights immediately upon conviction. After completing all the terms of his court-ordered sentence, including prison time, parole or probation, he must wait five to seven years to petition the Executive Clemency Board (the governor and his cabinet) to have his civil rights restored. If denied, he must wait two years before starting the restoration process all over again.

Florida has the nation's highest disenfranchisement rate, with more than 1.5 million citizens having lost their right to vote due to past felony convictions.

On Feb. 1, U.S. District Court Judge Mark Walker ruled Florida's process for the restoration of felons' voting rights unconstitutional, citing violations of the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution

Florida Amendment 4, Voting Rights Restoration for Felons initiative, is on the Nov. 6 ballot as an initiated constitutional amendment.

A "yes" vote supports this amendment to automatically restore the right to vote for people with prior felony convictions, except those convicted of murder or felony sexual offenses, upon completion of their sentences, including prison, parole, and probation. A Florida constitutional amendment requires a 60 percent vote of voters to be approved.

A "no" vote opposes this amendment.

Only Florida, Iowa, Kentucky and Virginia have state constitutions that permanently disenfranchise citizens with prior felony convictions.

Shall our state persist in shutting the door to democracy in the face of Floridians who made serious mistakes, fulfilled their sentence requirements and are now asking us for an opportunity to stand side by side with us as full-fledged Florida citizens?

LETTERS to the Editor

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a year with a guaranteed 6 percent annual raise! His guaranteed raise of \$420,000 is obscene in and of itself. We're talking about a sports coach with memory problems here, folks. Gimme a break!

Thomas Fallon
 Lecanto

Seniors can become 'elder orphans'

I never planned to live this long, but even so, we all want to live our lives in a comfortable and safe place we call our own. Self-reliance has taught us that we can do everything alone; however, the changes in our physical and mental capabilities force us to accept that we cannot rely on willpower alone to battle the high risks of immobility, confusion and dependence that come with aging.

The number of seniors who are aging alone is growing. Experts on geriatrics call them "elder orphans" — seniors with uninterested adult children or relatives, deceased spouses or no support groups to rely on. Twenty-two percent of Americans 65 years and older are aging alone and lacking family or support to take care of them. More than half of them women.

Older adults aging alone may find themselves isolated and lonely and are more likely to find it difficult to accomplish daily tasks, thereby increasing their risk of cognitive decline, cardiovascular diseases and clinical depression, which has been proven to increase medical health issues. They become dehydrated, malnourished, depressed and are isolated from the world. Relatives stop contacting them because they are too depressing, too difficult to deal with, too inconvenient or require too much care. Hospitals can't or won't handle beneficial treatments, so they are then passed on to horrible nursing homes to wait the rest of their lives with bedsores, feeding tubes and adult diapers just to make it easier for the nurses, who are so overwhelmed by the lack of help and the sheer numbers of "elder orphans."

Some seniors are robbed, beaten, bullied or worse by caregivers because no one is looking out for them. According to research and articles on "elder orphans," everybody is at risk of becoming one. Yes, even you.

Social Security in no way allows seniors to exist, much less thrive. This year alone, property taxes doubled, because we now have paved roads. Utilities went up 40 percent because the government approved rate increases — and don't get me started on the cost of health care.

We did everything we were supposed to do to be able to retire in comfort and now we basically have to work until we die — if we are able. If not, well, you are just plain out of luck. We are all at risk for becoming isolated and becoming "elder orphans." Even if you're married.

Esther Kirkland
 Brooksville

Can we find it in our hearts to give them a second chance?

The American Correctional Association, American Probation and Parole Association, Association of Paroling Authorities International, and the National Black Police Association have passed resolutions supporting automatic restoration of voting rights, reflecting their belief that disenfranchisement laws are antithetical to the fundamental principles of our democracy, and do nothing to protect public safety.

Let's reject the unforgiving stigmatization of persons who committed criminal acts in the past and resolve instead to encourage their efforts to become responsible, productive citizens in the world we all share. Let us begin by restoring to them the most basic and cherished civil right guaranteed in a democratic society — the right to vote.

Let us support Florida Amendment 4 on Nov. 6.

Mary Perry
 Inverness

Urban Meyer story is a fiasco

In these times of liars, political connivers and local goofballs, it is almost refreshing for my mind to latch on to a different type of obscenity in the news — one that is more understandable and easy for me to apply my profound disdain.

I am referring to the scandal surrounding Ohio State football coach Urban Meyer. Here is a man who, with rather convincing evidence of his underling's wrongdoing, ignored or covered it up in direct opposition to his own sanctimonious constant preaching. Here is a man whose defense includes the statements that he has had "significant memory issues (and has) periodically taken medicine that can negatively impair his memory, concentration and focus." Pretty lame excuses, if you ask me, but they evidently were good enough to get him only a three-game suspension.

But here is the real obscenity: This guy makes, and I won't say "earns," \$7.6 million

Deal was a giant scam on taxpayers

Another cruel joke put on the taxpayers by the county commissioners and our sheriff. Oh, the commissioner claims it all worked out like he knew it would and the sheriff is happy. Well, yeah, all you have to do is throw \$2.4 million at him and all of a sudden they can do the job they should do anyway. It's a travesty. There should have been no negotiations. There should have been orders issued. Have an officer at every school every day the school's open. It's just that simple. It doesn't cost an extra \$2.4 million. And I'll remind you this is

all feel-good stuff anyway. If a shooter wants to go in there, he's going in there. Parkland had a sheriff's deputy onsite. What good did that do? He



didn't even enter the building. So let's quit making ourselves feel good and patting everybody on the back for securing the schools when we haven't secured the schools. We just wasted a ton of taxpayers' money and the sheriff is happy. Well, no kidding. Bigger, bigger budget every year — a couple million dollars more.

More flooding ahead, it seems

I just noticed a pond emerging at the site of the new Wawa in Crystal River. I was

wondering what sort of wetland protection laws we have and have they been enforced as far as that specific site? It seems that we fill in wetlands and then complain about flooding because we have eliminated all of the natural sponges that absorb the actual flood itself.

Maybe they should volunteer

The school district is looking for money to offset the cost of the SROs, I guess. One thing they really, really should consider is, for the most part, making the school board volunteer. That would save quite a bit of money and you could probably get four SRO officers out of that money. And if you've got to pay them at all, pay them by the hour because I don't think they put that many hours in, OK?

Hot Corner: DOGS IN STORES

■ I was in the food business of making food and selling it and I'd like to know why the health department down here has done nothing about these animals in restaurants, stores, any of that stuff. That was a big thing that was not allowed ever and I want to know why it isn't held to a standard down here in this state. It's disgusting with all these dogs and stuff in grocery stores and in restaurants that are not in there because they're needed to help people. That's bull crap. They need to stop this and the health department needs to get involved. These dogs are not service dogs.

■ To the person wondering

about cats in grocery stores: The reason you don't see it is because cat owners have more sense and apparently we are better balanced because we don't need comfort "Fluffy" in order to face the terrifying aisles of (stores).

■ I am so sick of people complaining about dogs in stores. A lot of you same people reek of smoke. I happen to be allergic to cigarette smoke. So you should stay out of the stores for my sake. I happened to have four fluffy dogs that I don't take to stores, but I hug them quite a bit so my clothes are probably covered in dog hair. Are you going to throw me out? Have a good day.

LETTERS to the Editor

Article V convention needlessly reckless

I've found that there are several groups on both the left and the right that are working very hard to persuade states to pass resolutions asking Congress under Article V of the Constitution to call a "convention of states." It might surprise you — even as we move from one partisan confrontation to another — that there are groups that think that this is a good time to call for such a convention. Persuading state legislatures to take the country into the uncharted territory of an Article V convention is the wrong move at this time.

To call for a "convention of states," especially at this divisive moment in our nation's political history, is most reckless. There is nothing in Article V which authorizes Congress, state legislatures or anyone else to limit the agenda of such a convention. The Supreme Court has also made it clear that the process of amending the Constitution is a "political question" into which the courts would not intervene.

Article V of the Constitution provides for a two methods of adopting amendments. First, Congress may by a two-thirds majority vote in both chambers of Congress propose amendments to the states. Second, if two-thirds of the states ask Congress to call a "convention of states," Congress is required to do so. You will find that every amendment to date has been

proposed and ratified through the first method.

If delegates are ever convened, they will be answerable only to themselves, and the end product that emerges could be radically different from what many of the delegates may have envisioned. There is a chance that such a convention could veer in dangerous and unpredictable directions — especially in today's toxic political atmosphere. This leaves us with a real possibility for a runaway Article V convention!

There is just too much at risk to call for a convention of states at this time. Furthermore, the left must never be given, slight as it may be, any opportunity to rewrite the Constitution in their own image. This door must remain closed — the rule of law (our Constitution) must be allowed to remain intact!

Bill Claustre
Inverness

Suffocated by gov't regulations

The current "newsy" one-size-fits-all requirements regarding the number of chickens on private property reminds me of more important regulatory issues.

There are extremely limiting "regulations" intended to enhance the "formality" of how the world's nuclear power plants conduct their daily operations and maintenance. These are indeed "one size fits all" basic requirements of great importance.

They also result in a lot of whining and moaning about the "chicken regs."

Despite the complaints, nuclear plant operators toe the line, and violations are highly unusual. The big difference, of course, is that nuclear power plant dictums are highly stringent for a very real safety reason. It was also worth the cost of enforcement to avoid risk to the public and to avoid potentially unrecoverable damage to the nuclear plant.

As for elected officials and their regulators regulating chickens (and banning roosters) in your backyard, elected officials do need to find something (anything) to give them regulatory satisfaction and to "show progress" during their tenure. Yet, it is just too easy for local officials to vote away your freedoms one slice at a time. The officials get credit for doing something, at least in the minds of the NIMBY majority.

That is why regulations proliferate endlessly, piling new ones onto old ones until the mountain of regulations gets unwieldy and suffocates everyone. I suppose we will also have a "chicken poop limit per acre" soon enough. Chickens in the back yard is just one more thing where we need to hire inspectors to be "successful," growing the size and cost of government so that, eventually, no one will be annoyed about anything — and no one will be doing anything potentially annoying.

In addition to inhibiting private property owners, government regulations at any

level inhibit new enterprises and business development. By the time you get through reading all the regulations, complying with the requirements, getting inspected and correcting "findings," there is no time, energy, or money left to accomplish the original objective. Thus, Donald Trump is getting credit for how many regulations he gets rid of, not for generating new ones.

Simply providing "guidelines" instead of "regulations" could eliminate much of regulatory overreach. If not really critical, just set expectations. It is not up to elected officials to make your neighbors happy. It is up to you.

Charles R. Jones
Hernando

Where is this alleged heartless treatment?

Among the current maelstrom of events, I find one political issue particularly disturbing: Trumped up demagoguery that alien children were traumatized when separated from their parents on U.S. illegal entry. Emphatically and especially untrue as to traumas — nursing mothers and tots have been held together, though in caring custody, and treated very well in ways never realized south of the border.

Held as mostly teens, youngsters are now enjoying much-needed relief and respite from a torturous trek south of the border, some with blistered feet, illness and a diet of gruel

with a whiny cry of "why?"; they arrive to thank and relish their safe haven in our custody, with three square meals and snacks, a clean bed, TV and meaningful social interactions with peers and staff. Compare how we humanely treat our Gitmo detainees.

Plucking the marshmallow heartstrings, the hateful lies of popular media ought to be condemned for inflaming an ill-informed public when, in fact, these juveniles most probably have never been better off.

Shame on the incredulity on the press, the Democrats and leftist commentators for what they falsely disseminate, for we soberly ask: Show us the proof of the alleged heartless mistreatment.

Consider we are a nation of laws and borders to respect, with no intent to punish illegal entries — excepting, of course, the criminal elements.

Sam Raffa
Citrus Springs

Officials should look into this

Another thing that is very noticeable is when you're riding along some areas, like with a lot of woods, there is a very bad odor: Let's hope that they haven't made this their ground to empty their trucks there. Maybe this matter should be turned over to officials for health and environmental reasons.

Mary Sue Lindquist
Crystal River

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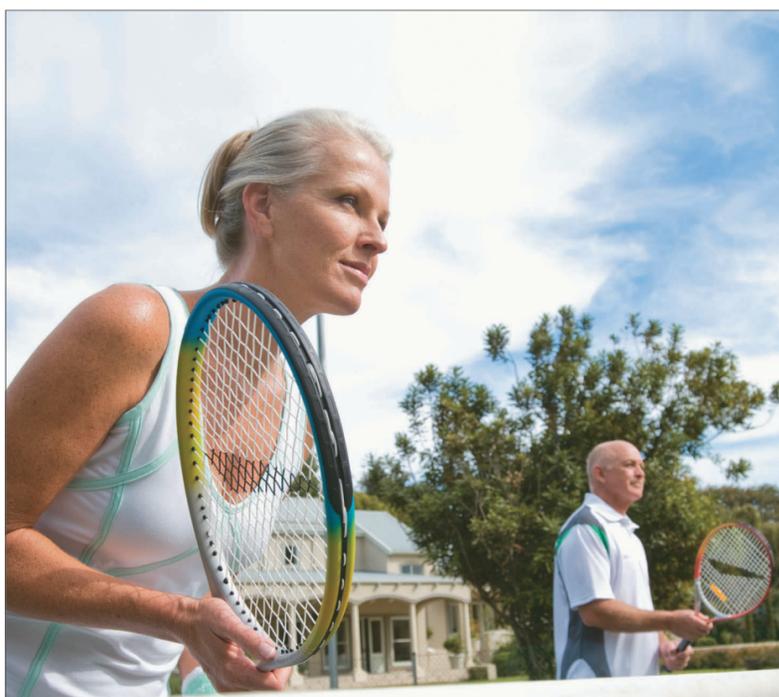
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Economy growing briskly
At 4.2 pct. annual rate last quarter

MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP economics writer

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy grew at a strong 4.2 percent annual rate in the April-June quarter, the best showing in nearly four years, as growth stayed on track to produce its strongest full-year gain in more than a decade. Strength in business investment offset slightly slower consumer spending.

The Commerce Department on Wednesday revised up its growth estimate for last quarter from an initial estimate of a 4.1 percent annual rate. The second quarter marked a sharp improvement from a 2.2 percent gain in the January-March period, though some of the strength last quarter came from temporary factors, including a surge in U.S. exports before tariffs were to take effect.

Economists expect growth to slow to a still solid 3 percent annual rate the rest of the year, resulting in full-year growth of 3 percent for 2018. It would be the best performance since 2005, two years before the Great Recession began.

The 4.2 percent annual growth that the government estimated for last quarter is the strongest such figure since a 4.3 percent annual gain in the third quarter of 2014. The expectation of 3 percent growth for 2018 as a whole would be up from gains of 1.6 percent in 2016 and 2.2 percent last year.

Since the recovery began in mid-2009, growth has been sub-par, with annual gains averaging just 2.2 percent, making it the weakest recovery in the post-war period.

President Donald Trump often pointed to that fact during the 2016 presidential campaign to attack the economic record of the Obama administration. He has touted the pickup in growth, as measured by the gross domestic product, as evidence that his economic program of tax cuts, deregulation and tougher enforcement of trade agreements is working. Last month, Trump proclaimed that the GDP figure showed that the United States was now the "economy envy of the world."

While forecasting solid growth of around 3 percent this year, economists contend that this performance is being pumped up for now by the \$1.5 trillion tax cut Trump pushed through Congress last year, along with increased government spending. Many analysts say they think that those factors will begin to fade starting next year and that by 2020, growth may even slow enough to edge the economy close to a possible recession.

Gus Faucher, chief economist at PNC, said he foresees GDP growth this year of 3.4 percent, which he thinks will slow to 2.4 percent in 2019 and 1.6 percent in 2020 "as the fiscal stimulus from tax cuts and spending fades."

McCain honored



A former U.S. Marine salutes near the casket during a memorial service for Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. at the Arizona Capitol on Wednesday in Phoenix.

Crowds brave Arizona heat

MELISSA DANIELS AND TERRY TANG
Associated Press

PHOENIX — At least 1,500 people paid their respects to U.S. Sen. John McCain on Wednesday, standing for hours in the broiling Arizona sun before filing past the flag-draped casket that his tearful wife, Cindy, lovingly pressed her face against after a ceremony for the former North Vietnam prisoner of war who represented Arizona for decades.

Former military members in shorts and T-shirts stopped and saluted the closed casket flanked by National Guard members at the Arizona Capitol. Families with small children came by, and several people placed their hand over their heart or bowed, including Vietnamese residents who traveled from Southern California.

The private service held earlier marked the first appearance of McCain's family since the Republican senator died Saturday of brain cancer. It also began two days of official mourning in Arizona before his body is taken to Washington for a viewing at the U.S. Capitol, followed by burial at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

At the emotional private



Military personal carry the casket of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., into the Capitol rotunda for a memorial service as Cindy McCain and her son Jack McCain follow.

ceremony in Arizona, Gov. Doug Ducey remembered McCain as an internationally known figure and "Arizona's favorite adopted son" on what would have been his 82nd birthday. He was born in the Panama Canal Zone while his father, who went on to become an admiral, served in the military.

"Imagining an Arizona without John McCain is like picturing Arizona without the Grand Canyon," Ducey said.

Former Arizona Sen. Jon Kyl said he had been with McCain across the world and he had better instincts on when to assert U.S. power than anyone else he knew.

"I will miss him as a friend, and a strong force

for America, and the world," Kyl said.

Sen. Jeff Flake offered the benediction, expressing gratitude "for his life and for his sacrifice" and "that John made Arizona his home."

By the time the ceremony ended, crowds had gathered to wait for the public viewing of McCain's closed casket, seeking shelter from Phoenix's summer heat under tents with coolers filled with ice and water bottles.

The line snaked down streets even as a continuous flow of people flowed past the casket. The visitation was to continue as long as people waited in line, said Rick Davis, McCain's former presidential campaign manager.

Some people traveled for hours, including a group of Vietnamese-born residents of Orange County, California, who arrived on two buses and wore yellow T-shirts reading, "We salute our hero Senator John McCain."

On Thursday morning, a procession through Phoenix will bring the casket to a memorial service at a Baptist church, with the public invited to line the route along a highway. Former Vice President Joe Biden will speak.

McCain will then depart Arizona for another viewing Friday at the U.S. Capitol, with a final memorial service at the Washington National Cathedral, followed by burial at the academy.

First salvo fired along battle lines of Pope's cover-up crisis

NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The author of the bombshell accusation of sex abuse cover-up against Pope Francis denied Wednesday he acted out of revenge or anger, breaking his silence as his claims continued to divide a Catholic Church already polarized under Francis' reformist agenda.

While the Vatican is no stranger to scandal, leaks or plots, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano's j'accuse has weakened a papacy already under fire for Francis' poor record on dealing with sex abuse cases, and has intensified a long-simmering ideological battle between right and left for the soul of the Catholic Church.

Vigano told an Italian journalist he was "serene and at peace" after publishing his allegation-laden declaration,



Pope Francis arrives for his weekly general audience on Wednesday at the Vatican.

albeit saddened by subsequent attempts to undermine his credibility.

"I spoke out because by now the corruption has arrived at the top of the church hierarchy," Vigano was quoted as saying.

For the church's conservatives, Vigano's 11-page manifesto, published on Sunday, is a courageous denunciation of sex abuse

cover-up and corruption. For Francis' reformist supporters, it's an angry diatribe from a homophobic bishop embittered that he never got the cardinal's red hat he so craved.

Both sides, however, agree Vigano's accusations require a response given that, as the former chief Vatican diplomat in the U.S., he was in a

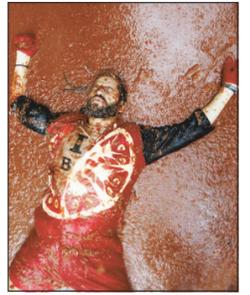
position to know certain information. Francis' decision to punt — "I won't say a word on this," he declared Sunday — hasn't helped his cause or satisfied the faithful.

"I do think this is a crisis in trust and authority that comes really close to the Lutheran Reformation in the early 16th century," said Christopher Bellitto, church historian at Kean University in New Jersey. "It's like a marriage: When trust is questioned you can go forward, but it's not the same."

In his letter Vigano accused a long list of U.S. and Vatican officials — including Popes Benedict XVI and Francis — of covering up for ex-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, the retired archbishop of Washington, whose penance for sleeping with seminarians was apparently an open secret in some church circles for over a decade.

Nation & World BRIEFS

Tomato



A reveler has tomatoes thrown at him during the annual "Tomatina" tomato fight fiesta, in the village of Bunol, outside Valencia, Spain, on Wednesday. At the annual "Tomatina" battle, that has become a major tourist attraction, trucks dumped 160 tons of tomatoes for some 20,000 participants, many from abroad, to throw during the hour-long morning festivities.

White House Counsel McGahn leaving; key man in legal storms

WASHINGTON — White House Counsel Don McGahn, a consequential insider in President Donald Trump's legal storms and successes and a key figure in the administration's handling of the Russia investigation, will be leaving in the fall, the president announced Wednesday.

McGahn's exit continues the churn of top officials as the administration sets records for turnover and the White House struggles to fill key vacancies.

Unlike some less-amiable separations, however, Trump praised McGahn as "a really good guy" who has done "an excellent job."

Trump said McGahn's departure had nothing to do with his interviews with the special counsel investigating possible Trump campaign collusion with Russia in the 2016 election.

Pressed by reporters, Trump said he had approved the attorney's interviews and was unconcerned about anything McGahn might tell prosecutors.

UN: Nicaraguan gov't behind widespread repression

MEXICO CITY — A United Nations report released Wednesday on four months of unrest in Nicaragua describes a comprehensive effort of repression by the government that extends from the streets to the courts.

The report by the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights calls on the government of President Daniel Ortega to immediately halt the persecution of protesters and disarm the masked civilians who have been responsible for many of the killings and arbitrary detentions.

More than 300 people have been killed in violence since mid-April in this Central American nation. Neighboring Costa Rica has been flooded with thousands of requests for asylum by people fleeing Nicaragua.

The report describes illegal arrests, torture and closed trials. Doctors, professors and judges who have spoken out or protested have been dismissed from their jobs to discourage people from participating in or supporting the protests.

"The level of persecution is such that many of those who have participated in the protests, defended the rights of the protesters, or simply expressed dissenting opinion, have been forced to hide, have left Nicaragua or are trying to do so," according to the U.N. report.

—From wire reports

THE NUMBER:

25

Times sisters Serena and Venus Williams have met in tennis majors. Friday will be No. 26 after both won at the US Open.



Serena Williams

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UCF brings 13-game win streak into tonight

No. 21 Knights open at UConn

PAT EATON-ROBB
AP sports writer

STORRS, Conn. — No. 21 UCF comes into its season opener at UConn tonight with the nation's longest winning streak at 13 games, a bit of swagger and a lot more attention than it had a year ago.



Junior quarterback McKenzie Milton, the reigning American Athletic Conference player of the year, says that after last year's undefeated season and a self-declared national championship the Knights are anxious to show they remain one of the nation's top programs.

"We want people to be watching us," Milton said as his team prepared for the Huskies. "We want the spotlight, not just for us as individuals, not just us as a team, but for this university. They've been good for a really

long time and it's about time that we started getting some national recognition."

Milton, eighth in the Heisman voting a year ago, has a chance to put up some big numbers early in this year's race. After throwing for 4,037 yards and 37 touchdowns in 2017, he will face a Connecticut secondary that starts three sophomores and a true freshman.

Randy Edsall's UConn team went 3-9 in 2017, his first year back as head coach. He says he's not focusing on wins and losses right now and is just hoping his young team improves week-to-week.

"The big thing is that we allow them to go out and play as fast as they can and that there's not too much thinking going on," he said. "We're going to be a work in progress as we continue to move through the season."

Here are some things to watch tonight:

NEW COACH, SIMILAR STYLE

Josh Heupel takes over from Scott Frost, who turned UCF from an 0-12 team in 2015 into a 13-0 team last year before leaving for Nebraska. Don't expect the team's fast-paced style to change much. UCF averaged 48.2 points and 530 yards while running Frost's high-octane offense last season. Heupel was offensive

coordinator at Missouri, which scored 37.5 points and put up 502 yards a game.

RETURNING POINTS

The Knights return players who accounted for 62 percent of the team's points last season. Running backs Adrian Killins Jr. (790 yards and 10 TDs), Taj McGowan (235 yards and eight touchdowns) and Otis Anderson (494 yards rushing, 351 receiving and seven total TDs) are all back. Anderson, who scored twice against UConn last year, is expected to again see time both at running back and receiver.

YOUNG HUSKIES

UConn plans to start eight or nine freshmen and has 30 freshmen and sophomores on its offensive and defensive two-deep roster for the season opener. The Huskies also will start either a freshman or sophomore punter, kick returner and holder on special teams.

"We still may need to get some techniques and assignments cleaned up, but nobody is scared," said defensive end Caleb Thomas, a redshirt freshman. "That's the thing I'm most proud about. Nobody is shaking that UCF is coming."

Sister act is set



Associated Press

Venus Williams returns the ball Wednesday to Camila Giorgi during the second round of the U.S. Open in New York. Williams won in straight sets.

Venus and Serena win at US Open, will meet in third round

HOWARD FENDRICH
AP tennis writer

NEW YORK — Get ready for the latest Grand Slam installment of Williams vs. Williams. One big difference this time: The superstar siblings will be meeting in the third round at the U.S. Open, their earliest showdown at a major tournament in 20 years.

Serena Williams set up the highly anticipated matchup at Flushing Meadows by hitting 13 aces and overwhelming 101st-ranked Carina Witthoef of Germany 6-2, 6-2 in a little more than an hour in Arthur Ashe Stadium on Wednesday night. Hours earlier, across the way at Louis Armstrong Stadium, Venus Williams did her part with another straight-set victory, eliminating 40th-ranked Camila Giorgi of Italy 6-4, 7-5.

"I hope," Venus said after her match,

"we get to play."

Serena made sure of it.

They will play Friday, and it is going to be their 30th tour-level encounter — plus, of course, all those times when they traded shots from across the net as kids in California, then on practice courts all around the world. It's also the soonest the sisters have played each other at any Grand Slam since their very first tour match, all the way back at the 1998 Australian Open. Venus won that one. But since then, it's been the younger Serena who's grown dominant.

The reason this match comes so early is that their rankings are not what they've been in the past. Serena is No. 26, playing in only the seventh tournament since she was off the tour for more than a year while having a baby. Even though the U.S. Tennis Association bumped her seeding up to reflect

her past success, it still placed her at No. 17. Venus, meanwhile is No. 16.

"It's so young in the tournament," Serena said. "We would have rather met later."

She leads the series 17-12, including 10-5 at majors.

Both have been ranked No. 1. They have won a combined 30 Grand Slam singles trophies, 23 by Serena. They own eight U.S. Open singles championships, six by Serena.

They've played each other in the finals of all four Slams, including at the U.S. Open in 2001 (when Venus won) and 2002 (when Serena did).

"It's incredible what they've done. I mean, amazing really. Obviously there's been other siblings that have had fantastic careers in tennis, but none anywhere close to what they've managed to achieve," said three-time major

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College football selections

RALPH D. RUSSO
AP college football writer

After a quiet offseason in college football, the final month leading up to kickoff was dominated by scandals.

The season starts with its traditional marathon holiday weekend schedule, a fair amount of which will be nothing more than scrimmages. At least a few games are thankfully appointment viewing.

The picks:

TODAY

No. 21 UCF (minus 23) at UConn
The other defending national champions open on the road ... UCF 42-24.

FRIDAY

Western Kentucky (plus 35½) at No. 4 Wisconsin

Badgers start with two suspended receivers, but TB Jonathan Taylor and that massive o-line should be enough for now ... WISCONSIN 48-14.

Utah State (minus 23½) at No. 11 Michigan State

Experienced Aggies are good enough to make the Spartans work into the fourth quarter ... MICHIGAN STATE 31-13.

San Diego State (plus 14) at No. 13 Stanford

Aztecs pulled the upset last year of the Cardinal ... STANFORD 34-17.

SATURDAY

No. 1 Alabama (minus 24½) vs. Louisville at Orlando

Tua or Jalen? Does it really matter? ... ALABAMA 45-17.

Oregon State (plus 38) at No. 5 Ohio State

Game one of three without Urban Meyer on the sideline. Whatever issues that might cause the Buckeyes, it's doubtful the Beavers will be able to exploit them ... OHIO STATE 56-10.

No. 6 Washington (plus 1½) vs. No. 9 Auburn at Atlanta

After 1-8 bowl season the Pac-12 can really use this one ... AUBURN 27-20.

FAU (plus 21) at No. 7 Oklahoma

Lane Train can't keep up with the Sooner Schooner ... OKLAHOMA 55-21, BEST BET.

Appalachian State (plus 23½) at No. 10 Penn State

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns: EAST DIVISION, CENTRAL DIVISION, WEST DIVISION. Sub-columns: TEAM, W, L, PCT., GB, WCGB, L10, STR, HOME, AWAY.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns: EAST DIVISION, CENTRAL DIVISION, WEST DIVISION. Sub-columns: TEAM, W, L, PCT., GB, WCGB, L10, STR, HOME, AWAY.

ROUNDUP/MATCHUPS

Cubs 2, Mets 1, 11 innings, 1st game; Mets 10, Cubs 3, 2nd game; Washington 67, Yankees 14, 1st game; Pittsburgh 64, Yankees 14, 2nd game; New York 59, Yankees 14, 3rd game; Miami 53, Yankees 14, 4th game.

Allen in the seventh inning. Phillies 8, Nationals 6: Carlos Santana hit a grand slam and Jose Bautista had the go-ahead RBI single in the seventh inning. Dodgers 3, Rangers 1: Alex Wood pitched seven shutout innings for the Dodgers. Padres 8, Mariners 3: Hunter Renfroe homered and drove in four runs, helping the Padres sweep a two-game set. Royals 9, Tigers 2: Adalberto Mondesi hit a two-run homer and had four RBIs. Orioles 10, Blue Jays 5: Adam Jones hit his second career grand slam.

BOX SCORES

Box score for CUBS 2, METS 1, 11 INN. COMPLETION OF SUSP. GAME. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding statistics for both teams.

Box score for MINNESOTA 001 010 200 - 4 9 1 CLEVELAND 200 010 000 - 3 8 0. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding statistics for both teams.

TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

Table with columns: NATIONAL LEAGUE, AMERICAN LEAGUE. Sub-columns: TEAMS, PITCHERS, TIME, W-L, ERA, REC, W-L, IP, ERA.

KEY: TEAM REC-Team's Record in games started by today's pitcher.

Table with columns: TUESDAY'S GAMES, FRIDAY'S GAMES. Lists game times and locations for various teams.

THIS DATE IN BASEBALL

AUG. 30 1905: Ty Cobb went his major league debut, hitting a double off Jack Chesbro of the New York Highlanders in the Tigers' 5-3 victory. 1910: Tom Hughes of the New York Yankees pitched a no-hitter for 9 1-3 innings before giving up a single to Harry Niles of the Cleveland Indians. The Yankees lost 5-0, with Hughes giving up seven hits in 11 innings. 1912: Earl Hamilton of the St. Louis Browns pitched a 5-1 no-hitter against the Tigers at Detroit. 1916: Dutch Leonard of the Boston Red Sox pitched a no-hitter against the St. Louis Browns for a 4-0 victory. 1918: The New York Giants beat the Brooklyn Dodgers 1-0 in a game that took 57 minutes to play. 1941: Lon Warneke of the St. Louis Cardinals pitched a 2-0 no-hitter against the Cincinnati Reds. Only three balls were hit to the outfield. It is Warneke's 15th victory of the season and, with the Dodgers' doubleheader loss to the Giants, St. Louis moved into first place by two percentage points. 1953: In the opening game of a doubleheader, rookie Jim Pendleton hit three of the Braves major-league record eight homers in a 19-4 win over Pittsburgh. The Braves hit four more homers in the second game, an 11-5 win, to set a major-league record for a doubleheader. 1960: Pete Runnels went 6-for-7 as the Boston Red Sox edged the Detroit Tigers in 15 innings of a doubleheader opener. Runnels added three hits in the second 1966: Pete Rose homered from both sides of the plate to lead Cincinnati to a 6-4 win over St. Louis. 1969: Washington Senators second baseman Tim Cullen tied a major-league record with three consecutive errors in the eighth inning of an 11-3 win over the Oakland A's. 1969: Baltimore's Merv Rettenmund drove in three runs to lead the Orioles to a 6-3 win over the Angels. The Orioles scored their last run on a single by Brooks Robinson in the seventh and three consecutive passed balls by Joe Azcue which tied the American League record. 1986: Tommy John, 43, and Joe Niekro, 41, pitched a doubleheader for the New York Yankees against Seattle to become the first 40-plus teammate combo to start a doubleheader since Sept. 13, 1933, when the Chicago Cubs' Sad Sam Jones, 41, and Red Faber, 44, pitched against the Philadelphia Athletics. John lost the opener and Niekro won the second game, 3-0. 1987: Minnesota's Kirby Puckett went 6-for-6 with four RBIs and connected for two homers and two doubles to lead the Twins to a 10-6 victory over the Milwaukee

SCOREBOARD

PRO BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

All times Eastern

EAST DIVISION	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	92	42	.687	—
New York	84	49	.632	7½
Tampa Bay	70	62	.530	21
Toronto	60	73	.451	31½
Baltimore	40	94	.299	52

CENTRAL DIVISION	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	75	57	.568	—
Minnesota	62	70	.470	13
Chicago	53	80	.398	22½
Detroit	53	80	.398	22½
Kansas City	42	91	.316	33½

WEST DIVISION	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	82	51	.617	—
Oakland	80	54	.597	2½
Seattle	74	59	.556	8
Los Angeles	64	69	.481	18
Texas	58	76	.433	24½

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 5, Chicago White Sox 4
 Baltimore 12, Toronto 5
 Boston 8, Miami 7
 Cleveland 8, Minnesota 1
 Atlanta 9, Tampa Bay 5
 L.A. Dodgers 8, Texas 4
 Oakland 4, Houston 3
 Kansas City 6, Detroit 2
 Colorado 3, L.A. Angels 2
 San Diego 2, Seattle 1
Wednesday's Games
 Houston 5, Oakland 4
 Kansas City 9, Detroit 2
 San Diego 8, Seattle 3
 Boston 14, Miami 6
 Chicago White Sox 4, N.Y. Yankees 1
 Baltimore 10, Toronto 5
 Minnesota 4, Cleveland 3
 L.A. Dodgers 3, Texas 1
 Tampa Bay at Atlanta, late
Today's Games
 Minnesota (Dorizzzi 5-8) at Cleveland (Clevinger 9-7), 1:10 p.m.
 Detroit (Liriano 3-9) at N.Y. Yankees (Happ 15-6), 7:05 p.m.
 Boston (Porcello 15-7) at Chicago White Sox (Giolito 10-9), 8:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Heaney 7-8) at Houston (Verlander 13-8), 8:10 p.m.
 Seattle (LeBlanc 7-3) at Oakland (Montas 5-3), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

All times Eastern

EAST DIVISION	W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	74	57	.565	—
Philadelphia	71	62	.534	4
Washington	67	67	.500	8½
New York	59	74	.444	16
Miami	53	81	.396	22½

CENTRAL DIVISION	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chicago	78	54	.591	—
St. Louis	74	58	.561	4
Milwaukee	73	60	.549	5½
Pittsburgh	64	68	.485	14
Cincinnati	57	75	.432	21

WEST DIVISION	W	L	PCT.	GB
Arizona	72	60	.545	—
Colorado	72	60	.545	—
Los Angeles	72	61	.541	½
San Francisco	67	67	.500	6
San Diego	52	83	.385	21½

Tuesday's Games

Washington 5, Philadelphia 4
 Boston 8, Miami 7
 Cincinnati 9, Milwaukee 7
 Atlanta 9, Tampa Bay 5
 L.A. Dodgers 8, Texas 4
 St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 2
 Colorado 3, L.A. Angels 2
 San Diego 2, Seattle 1
 San Francisco 1, Arizona 0
 N.Y. Mets 1, Chicago Cubs 1, top 10th, susp.
Wednesday's Games
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 N.Y. Mets 10, Chi. Cubs 3, 2nd game
 San Diego 8, Seattle 3
 Boston 14, Miami 6
 Philadelphia 8, Washington 6
 L.A. Dodgers 3, Texas 1
 Milwaukee at Cincinnati, late
 Tampa Bay at Atlanta, late
 Pittsburgh at St. Louis, late
 Arizona at San Francisco, late
Today's Games
 Milwaukee (Miley 2-2) at Cincinnati (Reed 0-1), 12:35 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Musgrove 5-7) at St. Louis (Gant 5-5), 7:15 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 4-4) at Atlanta (Foltynewicz 10-8), 7:35 p.m.
 Arizona (Ray 3-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Hill 6-4), 10:10 p.m.
 Colorado (Marquez 11-9) at San Diego (Richard 7-11), 10:10 p.m.

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL PRESEASON

All times Eastern

AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
New England	2	1	0	.667	77	62
Buffalo	1	2	0	.333	55	71
N.Y. Jets	1	2	0	.333	46	37
Miami	0	3	0	.000	54	80

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Houston	2	1	0	.667	53	44
Jacksonville	2	1	0	.667	51	40
Indianapolis	2	1	0	.667	61	54
Tennessee	0	3	0	.000	37	77

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Baltimore	4	0	0	1.000	97	52
Cincinnati	3	0	0	1.000	77	53
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667	81	71
Cleveland	2	1	0	.667	42	29

WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Oakland	2	1	0	.667	44	35
Denver	1	2	0	.333	80	83
L.A. Chargers	1	2	0	.333	48	74
Kansas City	1	2	0	.333	58	58

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	2	1	0	.667	62	53
Washington	1	2	0	.333	49	68
Dallas	0	3	0	.000	37	72
Philadelphia	0	3	0	.000	34	73

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Carolina	3	0	0	1.000	80	57
New Orleans	2	1	0	.667	75	47
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	86	71
Atlanta	0	3	0	.000	20	62

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Minnesota	2	1	0	.667	73	62
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	88	64
Chicago	2	2	0	.500	94	90
Detroit	1	2	0	.333	60	76

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L.A. Rams	2	1	0	.667	47	68
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Seattle	0	3	0	.000	51	64

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Today's Games
 New England at N.Y. Giants, 7 p.m.
 N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Cleveland at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 7 p.m.
 Miami at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
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 Buffalo at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Minnesota at Tennessee, 8 p.m.
 Green Bay at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
 Denver at Arizona, 10 p.m.
 Oakland at Seattle, 10 p.m.
 L.A. Chargers at San Francisco, 10 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

THE AP TOP 25 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern
WEEK 2
Today's Game
 No. 21 UCF at UConn, 7 p.m.
Friday's Games
 No. 4 Wisconsin vs. Western Kentucky, 9 p.m.
 No. 13 Stanford vs. San Diego State, 9 p.m.
Saturday's Games
 No. 1 Alabama vs. Louisville at Orlando, 8 p.m.
 No. 2 Clemson vs. Furman, 12:20 p.m.
 No. 3 Georgia vs. Austin Peay, 3:30 p.m.

No. 5 Ohio State vs. Oregon State, noon
 No. 6 Washington vs. No. 9 Auburn at Atlanta, 3:30 p.m.
 No. 7 Oklahoma vs. FAU, noon
 No. 10 Penn State vs. Appalachian State, 3:30 p.m.
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 No. 12 Notre Dame vs. No. 14 Michigan, 7:30 p.m.
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 No. 18 Mississippi State vs. Stephen F. Austin, 7:30 p.m.
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 No. 23 Texas at Maryland, noon
 No. 24 Oregon vs. Bowling Green, 8 p.m.
Sunday's Game
 No. 8 Miami vs. No. 25 LSU at Arlington, Texas, 7:30 p.m.
Monday's Game
 No. 19 Florida State vs. No. 20 Virginia Tech, 8 p.m.

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 Bowie St. at Wagner, 6 p.m.
 Rhode Island at Delaware, 7 p.m.
 New Hampshire at Maine, 7 p.m.
 UCF at UConn, 7 p.m.
SOUTH
 Chowan at Campbell, 7 p.m.
 Tennessee Tech at Chattanooga, 7 p.m.
 Morehead St. at E. Kentucky, 7 p.m.
 Kennesaw St. at Georgia St., 7 p.m.
 S. Illinois at Murray St., 7 p.m.
 Shorter at Samford, 7:30 p.m.
 SE Louisiana at Louisiana-Monroe, 8 p.m.
 Wake Forest at Tulane, 8 p.m.
 Savannah St. at UAB, 8 p.m.
MIDWEST
 CCSU at Ball St., 7 p.m.
 Quincy at Indiana St., 7 p.m.
 New Mexico St. at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
 MSU at North Dakota, 7:30 p.m.
 Northwestern at Purdue, 8 p.m.
SOUTHWEST
 Missouri St. at Oklahoma St., 8 p.m.
 Northwestern St. at Texas A&M, 8:30 p.m.
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How to make the most of fall turkey season

For most hunters taking to the woods this fall, turkey hunting is a bit of an afterthought. Since turkeys are available and occasionally walk by a tree-stand, a few bowhunters take advantage of the chance encounter. It's a happy coincidence that fall turkey season runs parallel to the state archery hunting season, which opens Sept. 15 in our zone. And when it comes to fall turkeys, a few of us get after it a bit harder.



Toby Benoit
REBEL YELL OUTDOORS

Personally, I was one of the target-of-opportunity hunters for a while and would take a shot at one if it presented itself. Then one day while killing time, I stumbled into a flock of birds feeding beneath a canopy of live oaks and spooked them. They putted and flew off in alarm, headed in every direction. I knew they would be hoping to regroup as a flock, took a seat and made a few calls with my voice and a pair of jakes walked back in. Once I had one of them short-beards step into a clear line of sight, my arrow flew an invitation to dinner his way.

Way back then, I didn't know that "busting a flock" was an ancient tactic of Native American turkey hunters and is exactly how it sounds. The goal is simple, find a naturally

feeding flock and charge in, scattering them in all directions, then sit and wait until they begin calling to regroup. Just get in as close as possible before starting your charge. If you start your rush from too far out, all of the birds will scatter in the same direction, but, if you get inside 50 yards or so and then start to run, you'll get a much better scatter. Be careful to watch for the loner or duo that takes off in the opposite direction of the majority of birds, they'll be the first to return and offer a shot.

One myth I've heard for many years is that fall turkeys don't vocalize. Fall turkeys will make every sound they can when they feel the need, but mostly their talk is of a social nature. There's no urgency to their calling as in the spring with hormones raging. Fall birds are more concerned with finding food, dusting and entertaining as much company as they can. Take advantage of that with assembly yelps, just remember to imitate a tom, not a hen. Toms have a deeper tone with a slower cadence to the calling. And if on the ground, don't forget scratching in the leaf litter about you to further sound like a feeding bird.

Another thing to consider

is that turkeys in general can be territorial and since fall turkeys are locked onto food sources, they are usually quick to defend their turf. A solo jake decoy positioned where a flock wants to feed usually won't be tolerated and they'll stomp in and throw spurs at the interloper. For best results, toss out some kee-kee calls from time to time sounding like a lonely and lost young jake. An older, mature flock of toms may just swing by to either pick him up or run him off. Either way, it will bring them into range.

Speaking of the kee-kee call, it's a call you really want to familiarize yourself with. Not only is it a call you need to learn to imitate, but to recognize in the woods. If you hear a lost jake out in the woods kee-keeing — crying out to the world that he's lost and desperate for a friend — you can call him in with ease by kee-keeing right back.

Callers in the fall are usually a bit less complex than those we use in the spring. A simple single or double reed diaphragm, slate with mushroom tipped striker or a wingbone call are preferred. In fact, I haven't missed a fall season yet when I haven't gone to the woods with my wingbone caller in tow. It's the perfect call for me and there are a good many turkey which have graced my table because of it.

As always, feel free to reach out to me at RebelYellOutdoors@gmail.com. God bless and good hunting!

The latest bite report

Let's get right to the bite report that I've been hooking into for the past week starting up north at Crystal River, working our way down.

Schools of baitfish continue to be seen acting real nervous around the spoilbanks, with the sportfish hungry on their tails. Species like jacks, macks, ladyfish, a few snook, and reds, are being caught. And the BIG "spotted tails" should be making their present reeel soon. Anchor up with a chum bag and cast spoons, catch 2000's, weighted white jerkbaits, plastic shrimps, even rattle traps, live shrimp, and live or cut pinfish, as well as cut ladyfish work well weighted on the bottom for the bait side.



Rick Burns
FISHING REPORT

Other places like Crystal Bay around the oyster bars are giving up numerous trout. A lot of shorts mind ya, but some legal-size keepers in the mix. Don't always think you have to go on a half-day expedition before you can get into some fish. You can get into fishing off the Fort Island ramp area in a boat and never lose sight of the beach.

Gomez rocks area is giving up some trout catches, but mostly on the week-days, because of the weekend scallop traffic. Which, by the way, we still have a good three weeks left to take advantage of the good scallop season. This is a lot of fun and an awesome experience if you've never done it. If you have, you know what I'm talking about. And yes, we're still getting good harvests.

Back to the bite. The back side of Mangrove Point is hooking up with some reds as well. The backcountry of Ozello is a good place for the reds, too. You can put in at Pirates Cove and never fire up the kicker, and get into some red heat just trolling around the island points and banks.

The St. Martins Keys are a good place for the reds this time of the season. Work that incoming tide for best success.



Special to the Chronicle

Plenty of scallops still to be had.

Crustaceans and critters alike are flushed out of their hidey holes with the rising tides, and the reds know it. If steaks, ribs, and yes, even fried chicken was continually passed by you for the taking, you would eventually take up on the offer as well.

Utilize the moving tides and be throwing your best lure.

Decent-size trout to 20 inches are being caught around the bird rack scallop grass flats.

Get out there early (right at first light, you got the rest of your life to sleep), and utilize your favorite topwater lures, if the floating grass isn't too bad. If you're being fouled up by the grass, immediately switch to weedless rigged jerk baits, or a plastic "Saltwater Assassin" 3-inch "paddle tail mullet" in white, or electric chicken colors under a Cajun, for better results.

Further south, another area giving up some decent trout reports is the mouth around Chassowitzka River, and the hole around Black Rock. Try a rattle trap, or lipped crank bait in the holes.

A lot of ladyfish sometimes school up in these holes in the summer and they can be a lot of fun, especially on the fly rod.

Be safe, and good fishing.

Capt. Rick Burns runs Reel Burns Charters out of Homosassa. He can be contacted at 352-201-6111 or visit his website at www.homosassafishingguide.com.

Citrus County FISHING REPORTS

FRESHWATER

WITHLACOOCHEE/RAINBOW/LAKE ROUSSEAU — Captain Bob Jewett out of Angler's Resort in Dunnellon reports anglers are doing well on the Rainbow, where there's lots of bluegill and bass biting on artificial worms in watermelon red and green pumpkin, topwater frogs and wild or domestic shiners. Bass are also biting where the two rivers meet. On the Withlacoochee, bluegill and crappie are hitting, and catfish are being caught using dead shiners.

LAKE ROUSSEAU — Bill Burgess of Lake Rousseau RV and Fishing reports the water in the lake has turned black, almost decimating the bass fishing. Some bluegill are hitting on crickets and wiggler worms, in 9-10 feet of water next to the channels. There's a few catfish being caught on hot dogs and crickets.

SALTWATER

WITHLACOOCHEE — Hook-Line and Sinker Bait and Tackle in Inglis

reports redfish and snook fishing is going well, and flounder is being caught around the islands. Mud minnows and shrimp are the baits of choice.

CRYSTAL RIVER/BARGE CANAL — Ed's Tackle Shop reports red-fishing is going well near the outside islands using live shrimp.

HOMOSSASSA RIVER — Bill Korade of Blue Water Bait and Tackle said redfish are still holding steady in darker water. Cut bait works best, but gold spoons or light-colored jerk baits can also be effective. Find snook by the outer islands in the clearer water. Trout fishing is holding in 10 feet of water; use live shrimp on a jig head bouncing off the bottom or dark-colored plastics. There's a few grouper in 30-35 feet of water, but also some nice mangrove snapper.

SALT RIVER — Twin Rivers Marina in Crystal River reports trout and a lot of redfish are being caught, as well as mangrove snapper. Shrimp has been the most effective bait. Check out water

conditions by visiting www.twinriversmarina.com to view a live video feed.

AROUND CITRUS

Captain William Toney (352-422-4141) said, "Going into the month of September makes me happy because the fishing gets very good and archery season opens up on the Nature Coast. Checking up on our family's hunting camp this week I saw some good game trails and dropping water levels from a wet summer. When I was a kid I remember the ditches on the way to our camp being filled with bream, bass and catfish. As in my youth it holds true now, the mosquitoes are not as bad being so much water. I think Mother Nature's cycles help keep things in check; the many fish in the freshwaters help eat all the mosquitoes hatched, plus the many insects like dragonflies.

"Look for a great mangrove snapper bite over the many rocks and structures in our near-shore areas. Free-lined live shrimp on a chartreuse

1/8th-ounce jig head is the best way to target them. The near-shore rocks will also start to get better with keeper-sized gag grouper hitting shallow-running plugs and live pinfish. Sea trout will be congregating in the many rock-grass forests growing on the hard bottom. These areas are easy to spot on low tide because the thick grass will

float on the surface. On a high outgoing or incoming tide target these rock grass flats with popping corks and jigs or weedless jerk baits. Redfish will start to form schools on the outer keys with the incoming tide.

"Scalloping is as good as it's going to get. The meat is big and crowds will be limited to this Labor Day

weekend. High incoming tide will be early morning and late evening this weekend."

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Tide charts

	Chassahowitzka*		Crystal River**		Homosassa***		Withlacoochee*	
	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low
THURS 8/30	9:18 a.m. 9:52 p.m.	4:12 a.m. 4:10 a.m.	7:37 a.m. 8:03 p.m.	1:59 a.m. 2:14 p.m.	8:42 a.m. 9:25 p.m.	3:19 a.m. 3:35 p.m.	4:30 a.m. 4:52 p.m.	11:30 a.m. 11:44 p.m.
FRI 8/31	10:03 a.m. 10:39 p.m.	4:30 a.m. 5:21 p.m.	8:16 a.m. 8:53 p.m.	2:31 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	8:13 a.m. 8:44 p.m.	3:02 a.m. 3:09 p.m.	4:57 a.m. 5:40 p.m.	12:11 p.m.
SAT 9/1	10:53 a.m. 11:30 p.m.	4:38 a.m. 6:42 p.m.	9:00 a.m. 9:50 p.m.	3:03 a.m. 3:56 p.m.	9:18 a.m. 10:14 p.m.	3:43 a.m. 4:01 p.m.	5:29 a.m. 6:41 p.m.	1:03 p.m.
SUN 9/2	11:48 a.m. —	4:43 a.m. 8:07 p.m.	9:49 a.m. 10:49 p.m.	3:39 a.m. 5:06 p.m.	10:02 a.m. 11:17 p.m.	4:14 a.m. 4:42 p.m.	6:09 a.m. 8:01 p.m.	1:04 a.m. 2:10 p.m.
MON 9/3	12:29 a.m. 12:50 p.m.	4:51 a.m. 9:26 p.m.	10:42 a.m. 11:55 p.m.	4:29 a.m. 6:24 p.m.	10:53 a.m. —	4:52 a.m. 8:54 p.m.	7:02 a.m. 9:40 p.m.	2:00 a.m. 3:36 p.m.
TUES 9/4	1:35 a.m. 1:56 p.m.	5:10 a.m. 10:34 p.m.	11:40 a.m. —	5:48 a.m. 7:38 p.m.	2:25 a.m. 1:08 p.m.	6:38 a.m. 11:26 p.m.	8:16 a.m. 11:08 p.m.	3:13 a.m. 5:06 p.m.
WED 9/5	2:49 a.m. 3:03 p.m.	5:49 a.m. 11:32 p.m.	1:12 a.m. 12:48 p.m.	7:15 a.m. 8:41 p.m.	12:44 a.m. 11:55 a.m.	5:39 a.m. 10:25 p.m.	9:50 a.m. —	4:39 a.m. 6:21 p.m.

*From mouths of rivers. **At Kings Bay. ***At Mason's Creek.

SISTER

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champion Andy Murray, whose first major since hip surgery ended with a four-set loss to No. 31 Fernando Verdasco. "I'd be surprised if anything like that ever happens again."

Seeded women who advanced on another day with the temperature topping 95 degrees included No. 7 Elina Svitolina, No. 8 Karolina Pliskova, No. 15 Elise Mertens, No. 19 Anastasiya Sevastova and No. 23 Barbora Strycova, all in straight sets. Past men's champions Juan Martin del Potro, who beat Dennis Kudla of the U.S., and Stan Wawrinka won, as did 2017 runner-up Kevin Anderson, and No. 11 seed John Isner.

During her post-victory news conference, which came long before Serena set foot on court against Witthoef, Venus clearly had little interest in entertaining questions about the possible all-in-the-family match.

"It's early in the tournament, so both of us are going to be looking forward to continuing to play better," Venus said. "Obviously, it's definitely a tough draw."

She was ever-so-slightly more forthcoming during her on-court interview, joking, "The last time we played, at the Australian, it was two against one," a reference to the fact that Serena was pregnant when she beat Venus in the 2017 Australian Open final.

"At least this time," Venus told the crowd, "it'll be fair." Serena looked much more impressive Wednesday than her sister did, but the levels of competition were also different.

Of the 82 points that went Venus' way, only 13 came via her own winners. Giorgi had 29 winners, but also 41 unforced errors and 28 forced errors.

Serena, meanwhile, put together a 30-10 edge in winners.

"Normally, I would say cheer for me," she told spectators afterward. "But whoever you're feeling like — me or Venus — it'll work."

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Gloria Yoder
THE AMISH COOK

Yummy Amish 'Stuff'

While ago I received a letter from a reader with a unique question. After thinking it over, I decided that maybe I should share the answers with all of you!

Thanks to Mrs. Moore from Ohio who inquired, "What five things do you enjoy the most about the Amish way of life?"

First, I will say that there really are more different types of Amish that I can count and not all Amish are alike. Second, just because I have come to love our culture, I do not view it better than all others. May you all be blessed as you seek God where He calls you.

What I appreciate the most about my heritage is really quite near and dear to my heart. Thankfully, it is not limited to the Amish, yet it really is the very core of our lives. It is to be taught about our Savior, Jesus Christ. Only because of his death and resurrection are we washed free from all sin and guilt and have a connection with God as our father. This alone gives us joy and peace regardless of what we face.

Other things I do enjoy about our way of life is having a "quieter" life without radios, television or other social media. Recently, I became appreciative of this aspect in a new way. After we had supper together, Daniel sat on the rocking chair with baby Jesse, singing song after song for Jesse as his big blue eyes gazed trustingly into Daniel's. It was one of those moments you just wanted to freeze forever.

The other children and I joined them in the living room, where we sat in front of the crackling fire in the fireplace. Everything just felt so quiet and peaceful, I savored every moment.

Third, while we do not have vehicles, (which really are convenient in many ways) I am thankful for the more laid-back lifestyle of driving a horse and buggy. Some of my favorite family times are Sunday mornings after everyone is dressed up in Sunday best and we all climb into our buggy and clip down the road to church as together we sing our Sunday morning favorite, "Lord I Lift Your Name on High."

With not having vehicles, we also tend to stay home more and simply have more time together at home.

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RIGHT: Jimmy T's New York Deli serves only Boar's Head meats for their sandwiches, such as this traditional Reuben.



FAR RIGHT: This traditional gyro includes beef and lamb, wrapped in a pita with onions, lettuce, tomato and sauce and served with fries and a pickle.



Destination: Delicious

Jimmy T's New York Deli is a hidden gem

JULIANNE MUNN
 Chronicle food writer

"This is my dream," said Jimmy Toromanides with a sweeping gesture toward the interior of Jimmy T's New York Deli near Hernando.



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Kitchen and restaurant staff at Jimmy T's New York Deli in Hernando include in back, from left: Joseph Fay, Harry Toromanides and owner Jimmy Toromanides; in front, from left: Jenifer Elliott, April Bliss, owner Maria Toromanides and Gail Fay.

Perhaps the ongoing success of this eatery — a destination for loyal patrons for the past 20 years — has something to do with his motto: "We carry the best products because we have the best customers."

But maybe the real secret of longevity for this almost hidden gem of a deli and restaurant is the love for life show by the owners, Toromanides and his wife, Maria, and the delicious soups, salads, sandwiches, breakfasts and special dinners they serve.

And that's just for starters, with more raves reserved for the much-in-demand homemade rice and bread pudding desserts.

Jimmy T's is a bit of a surprise for first timers. It's tucked into the Donovan Square shopping plaza just west of Hernando and the unpretentious exterior opens up to a spacious dining room and counter with seating for up to 32 customers.

Just outside is a patio with picnic tables for those who like to lunch al fresco.

They visit daily for the Greek salad over a scoop of potato salad, the breakfast specials that include Belgian waffles, variety bagels, Boar's Head meats and cheeses on hot and cold subs, Maria's homemade olive spread, gyros, panini — and the onion rings one customer declared "are the best in the county!" during a recent visit.

The affection the couple has for their patrons is evident on a wall filled with snapshots of the regulars for the past two decades.

The Toromanides opened their business in 1998 after moving to the Pine Ridge area from Westchester, New York, after owning a deli there and with a desire to offer their favorite New York items as well as traditional Southern selections.

"We eventually put sausage gravy on the breakfast menu," Maria Toromanides said, "after many customer requests. It wasn't something we had in our previous deli."

The bagels were a given, as part of their Northeastern heritage.

Another addition was the iced tea requested by a customer on opening day, she recalled, noting that was not something they had thought of, but scrambled to make some and included it on the list of beverages ever since.

Toromanides is a native of Greece, coming to the United States in 1970, and Maria's Italian family is from the Bronx. They have six children and 10 grandchildren, some of whom eventually moved to Citrus County and help out at the restaurant.

Unique at Jimmy T's is the once-weekly four-course dinner on Tuesdays served by reservation only at 5 p.m. It includes soup, salad, entree and dessert for \$15. The dinner is a chef's choice and includes an entree such as roast pork or roast beef and trimmings.

"They arrive about 4:15 for a social hour before dinner and everyone has a good time," he said.

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Feta cheese tops this traditional Greek salad that includes a variety of fresh vegetables.

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AMISH

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Aspect No. 4 includes that of having a lower level of expenses in areas such as not having any vehicle expenses or not sending our children to college. No, we don't go to college for degrees to get a job. Instead, we try to teach our sons basic concepts of building houses, cabinets, furniture or farming, doing masonry and such.

When an individual has a particular interest in a specific area at times, they start up their own

business or work for another Amish person who owns a business with that occupation. Let me hasten to add that we are deeply grateful for those of you who have college degrees allowing you to be doctors and many pursue many other careers that are a tremendous blessing for us plain people!

Probably the thing that I appreciate the most about having minimal expenses is that I get to be a stay-at-home mother with our five little darlings.

Lastly, I do appreciate what has been handed down to me in that of being taught how to cook,

bake, clean, garden, sew and other essential things around the house. When I was a young girl, I had a job a day or two a week and I really didn't want to work more than that, knowing that I really wanted to stay home with Mom and my younger siblings and learn more details about housekeeping.

OK, please don't start getting the idea that I'm the perfect cook or have all the information about housekeeping. I'm continually looking for more ideas and shortcuts to be utilized around here. Any advice? I'd love to hear from you!

Perhaps this week I'll

share the first casserole recipe that Mom taught me how to make. It's easy enough for anyone to make and tasty enough to serve to anyone. We just call it "Stuff."

AMISH STUFF CASSEROLE

■ 1.5 pounds of hamburger, sausage or

- venison
- Potatoes
- Cabbage
- Carrots
- Peas
- Onions
- Cheese and or gravy

In a large skillet, brown the meat. Layer sliced, raw veggies on top of meat. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Spread gravy or

cheese over the top. Cover and simmer on low until veggies are tender.

Gloria Yoder is a traditional Amish wife and mother. She took over The Amish Cook column in July 2014 at age 24. Readers may write Gloria directly at: Gloria Yoder, 10510 E. 350th Ave., Flat Rock, IL 62427.

DELICIOUS

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He can't stop talking about and praising his customers, saying his appreciation for their loyalty is without bounds, that they "are part of our family."

"We have a lady, Margaret, who usually comes for breakfast on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and sings old favorite songs and then she leads a sing-along," he said with a chuckle, "Some call it Jimmy T's breakfast club."

Just some of the tempting menu items include all traditional breakfast favorites such as omelettes, hash, home fries, fruit, muffins, pancakes, French toast, oatmeal, grits and more.

Plus, for anytime, such go-to subs as Mama's Italian with Cappicola, salami, pepperoni and provolone (\$7.95 for a large), hot and cold pastrami and corned beef, tuna, chicken and egg salad, ham, turkey and roast beef.

Hot subs include meatballs Parmesan, roast pork, pressed Cuban, sausage and peppers and Philly cheese steak, with none costing more than \$8.15 for the large size.

The Citrus Hills Combo for \$6.75 is a specialty with roast beef, pastrami, salami and provolone topped with Maria's olive spread, and there are wraps and



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A chef salad, foreground, is topped with turkey, ham, salami and provolone cheese. At back, a meatball parmesean sandwich is a popular menu item. Owner Jimmy Toromanides says all of the meatballs for their meals are handmade at the deli.

grilled specials, too, such as burgers, Reubens and Rachels, BLTs, and club sandwiches, to name a few.

You cannot go away hungry from Jimmy T's. The eatery is not only affordable and brimming with good eats, it's a fun place to dine or carry out and the hosts are a major part of the ambiance.

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(A&E)		54	48	54	25	27	The First 48 "Deadly Premonition" '14'	The First 48 (In Stereo) '14' PG	The First 48 (N) (In Stereo) '14' PG	The First 48 (N) (In Stereo) '14' PG	Nightwatch Nation "Not Today" (N) '14'	Nightwatch Nation "Not Today" (N) '14'	Nightwatch Nation (In Stereo) '14' PG										
(AMC)		55	64	55			** "Uncle Buck" (1989, Comedy) John Candy, Amy Madigan. 'PG' PG	** "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" (1971, Children's) Gene Wilder, Jack Albertson. 'G' PG	** "The Great Outdoors" (1988) Dan Aykroyd. 'PG' PG														
(ANI)		52	35	52	19	31	Lone Star Law (In Stereo) '14' PG	Lone Star Law (In Stereo) '14' PG	Lone Star Law: Uncuffed The wardens patrol by land and air. (N) (In Stereo) '14'	Lone Star Law: Uncuffed The wardens patrol by land and air. (N) (In Stereo) '14'	Northwest Law (N) (In Stereo) '14'	Lone Star Law: Uncuffed '14'											
(BET)		96	71	96			** "Daddy's Little Girls" (2007) 'PG-13'	** "Madea's Family Reunion" (2006, Comedy) Tyler Perry. A matriarch must keep the peace through family strife. 'PG-13'															
(BRAVO)		254	51	254			Shahs of Sunset '14'	Shahs of Sunset '14'	Shahs of Sunset '14'	Shahs of Sunset '14'	Shahs of Sunset '14'	Below Deck	Watch	Green M									
(CC)		27	61	27		33	The Office "Diwali" (In Stereo) '14' PG	The Office '14' PG	The Office '14' PG	The Office '14' PG	The Office '14' PG	The Office '14' PG	The Office '14' PG	The Office '14' PG	The Office '14' PG	The Office '14' PG	The Office '14' PG	The Office '14' PG					
(CMT)		98	45	98	28	37	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders	Bachelorette Weekend (N) PG									
(CNN)		40	29	40	41	46	Situation Room	Erin Burnett OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	Cuomo Prime Time	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight									
(ESPN)		33	27	33	21	17	SportsCenter (N)	Football Countdown	College Football Northwestern at Purdue. (N) (Live)	College Football Northwestern at Purdue. (N) (Live)													
(ESPN2)		37	28	34	43	49	U.S. Open	2018 U.S. Open Tennis	Second Round. (N) (Live)	Second Round. (N) (Live)													
(FBN)		106	149	106	99	41	Making Money	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Kennedy (N) PG	Strange	Strange	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Lou Dobbs Tonight									
(FLIX)			118	170			** "The Punisher" (2004, Action) Thomas Jane, John Travolta. (In Stereo) 'R' PG	** "Deuces Wild" (2002) Stephen Dorff. (In Stereo) 'R' PG	** "Deuces Wild" (2002) Stephen Dorff. (In Stereo) 'R' PG	** "Deuces Wild" (2002) Stephen Dorff. (In Stereo) 'R' PG	** "Deuces Wild" (2002) Stephen Dorff. (In Stereo) 'R' PG	** "Deuces Wild" (2002) Stephen Dorff. (In Stereo) 'R' PG	** "Deuces Wild" (2002) Stephen Dorff. (In Stereo) 'R' PG	** "Deuces Wild" (2002) Stephen Dorff. (In Stereo) 'R' PG	** "Deuces Wild" (2002) Stephen Dorff. (In Stereo) 'R' PG	** "Deuces Wild" (2002) Stephen Dorff. (In Stereo) 'R' PG	** "Deuces Wild" (2002) Stephen Dorff. (In Stereo) 'R' PG	** "Deuces Wild" (2002) Stephen Dorff. (In Stereo) 'R' PG					
(FNC)		44	37	44		32	Special Report	The Story	Tucker Carlson	Hannity (N) PG	The Inghram Angle	Fox News Night	Fox News Night	Fox News Night									
(FOOD)		26	56	26			Food Truck Race	Food Truck Race	Food Truck Race	Food Truck Race	Food Truck Race	Food Truck Race	Food Truck Race	Food Truck Race									
(FREEFORM)		29	52	29	20	28	How I Met ... "Space Jam" (1996, Children's) Sven Plate. 'PG' PG	How I Met ... "Space Jam" (1996, Children's) Sven Plate. 'PG' PG	How I Met ... "Space Jam" (1996, Children's) Sven Plate. 'PG' PG	How I Met ... "Space Jam" (1996, Children's) Sven Plate. 'PG' PG	How I Met ... "Space Jam" (1996, Children's) Sven Plate. 'PG' PG	How I Met ... "Space Jam" (1996, Children's) Sven Plate. 'PG' PG	How I Met ... "Space Jam" (1996, Children's) Sven Plate. 'PG' PG	How I Met ... "Space Jam" (1996, Children's) Sven Plate. 'PG' PG	How I Met ... "Space Jam" (1996, Children's) Sven Plate. 'PG' PG	How I Met ... "Space Jam" (1996, Children's) Sven Plate. 'PG' PG	How I Met ... "Space Jam" (1996, Children's) Sven Plate. 'PG' PG	How I Met ... "Space Jam" (1996, Children's) Sven Plate. 'PG' PG					
(FS1)		732	112	732			NASCAR Race Hub	NASCAR	Ftball	College Football Missouri State at Oklahoma State. (N) (Live) PG	College Football Missouri State at Oklahoma State. (N) (Live) PG	College Football Missouri State at Oklahoma State. (N) (Live) PG	College Football Missouri State at Oklahoma State. (N) (Live) PG	College Football Missouri State at Oklahoma State. (N) (Live) PG	College Football Missouri State at Oklahoma State. (N) (Live) PG	College Football Missouri State at Oklahoma State. (N) (Live) PG	College Football Missouri State at Oklahoma State. (N) (Live) PG	College Football Missouri State at Oklahoma State. (N) (Live) PG					
(FS2)			806				Horse Rc	UFC Ten	UFC	UFC	NHRA	Drag Racing	Monster Jam PG	Monster Jam PG									
(FSNFL)		35	39	35			Xolos: Tijuana's	Triathlon	In Magic	In Magic	Bundesliga Soccer	World Poker	World Poker	World Poker									
(FX)		30	60	30		51	** "Furious 7" (2015) Vin Diesel.	** "Straight Outta Compton" (2015) O'Shea Jackson Jr. N.W.A. revolutionizes music and pop culture in 1988. 'R' PG	** "Straight Outta Compton" (2015) O'Shea Jackson Jr. N.W.A. revolutionizes music and pop culture in 1988. 'R' PG	** "Straight Outta Compton" (2015) O'Shea Jackson Jr. N.W.A. revolutionizes music and pop culture in 1988. 'R' PG	** "Straight Outta Compton" (2015) O'Shea Jackson Jr. N.W.A. revolutionizes music and pop culture in 1988. 'R' PG	** "Straight Outta Compton" (2015) O'Shea Jackson Jr. N.W.A. revolutionizes music and pop culture in 1988. 'R' PG	** "Straight Outta Compton" (2015) O'Shea Jackson Jr. N.W.A. revolutionizes music and pop culture in 1988. 'R' PG	** "Straight Outta Compton" (2015) O'Shea Jackson Jr. N.W.A. revolutionizes music and pop culture in 1988. 'R' PG	** "Straight Outta Compton" (2015) O'Shea Jackson Jr. N.W.A. revolutionizes music and pop culture in 1988. 'R' PG	** "Straight Outta Compton" (2015) O'Shea Jackson Jr. N.W.A. revolutionizes music and pop culture in 1988. 'R' PG	** "Straight Outta Compton" (2015) O'Shea Jackson Jr. N.W.A. revolutionizes music and pop culture in 1988. 'R' PG	** "Straight Outta Compton" (2015) O'Shea Jackson Jr. N.W.A. revolutionizes music and pop culture in 1988. 'R' PG					
(GOLF)		727	67	727			Golf Central (N) 'G'	LPGA Tour Golf Cambia	Portland Classic, First Round. (N) PG	PGA Web.com	PGA Web.com	PGA Web.com	PGA Web.com	PGA Web.com									
(HALL)		59	68	39	45	54	** "Chance at Romance" (2013, Romance-Comedy) Erin Krakow. 'NR' PG	** "Harvest Wedding" (2017, Romance) Jill Wagner, Victor Webster. 'NR' PG	** "Harvest Wedding" (2017, Romance) Jill Wagner, Victor Webster. 'NR' PG	** "Harvest Wedding" (2017, Romance) Jill Wagner, Victor Webster. 'NR' PG	** "Harvest Wedding" (2017, Romance) Jill Wagner, Victor Webster. 'NR' PG	** "Harvest Wedding" (2017, Romance) Jill Wagner, Victor Webster. 'NR' PG	** "Harvest Wedding" (2017, Romance) Jill Wagner, Victor Webster. 'NR' PG	** "Harvest Wedding" (2017, Romance) Jill Wagner, Victor Webster. 'NR' PG	** "Harvest Wedding" (2017, Romance) Jill Wagner, Victor Webster. 'NR' PG	** "Harvest Wedding" (2017, Romance) Jill Wagner, Victor Webster. 'NR' PG	** "Harvest Wedding" (2017, Romance) Jill Wagner, Victor Webster. 'NR' PG	** "Harvest Wedding" (2017, Romance) Jill Wagner, Victor Webster. 'NR' PG					
(HBO)		302	201	302	2	2	** "The Hitman's Bodyguard" (2017, Action) Michael Fassbender, Samuel L. Jackson. 'R' PG	The Shop 'PG'	VICE News	Drew Michael (In Stereo) 'MA' PG	** "Logan" (2017, Action) Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart. (In Stereo) 'R' PG	The Deuce "Pilot" (In Stereo) 'MA' PG	The Deuce "Pilot" (In Stereo) 'MA' PG	The Deuce "Pilot" (In Stereo) 'MA' PG	The Deuce "Pilot" (In Stereo) 'MA' PG	The Deuce "Pilot" (In Stereo) 'MA' PG	The Deuce "Pilot" (In Stereo) 'MA' PG	The Deuce "Pilot" (In Stereo) 'MA' PG					
(HBO2)		303	202	303			** "Barbershop" (2002, Comedy) Ice Cube. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' PG	The Shop 'PG'	24/7 Canelo	VICE '14' PG	** "Father Figures" (2017, Comedy) Ed Helms. Premiere. (In Stereo) 'R' PG	** "Last House" (2017, Comedy) Ed Helms. Premiere. (In Stereo) 'R' PG	** "Last House" (2017, Comedy) Ed Helms. Premiere. (In Stereo) 'R' PG	** "Last House" (2017, Comedy) Ed Helms. Premiere. (In Stereo) 'R' PG	** "Last House" (2017, Comedy) Ed Helms. Premiere. (In Stereo) 'R' PG	** "Last House" (2017, Comedy) Ed Helms. Premiere. (In Stereo) 'R' PG	** "Last House" (2017, Comedy) Ed Helms. Premiere. (In Stereo) 'R' PG	** "Last House" (2017, Comedy) Ed Helms. Premiere. (In Stereo) 'R' PG					
(HGTV)		23	57	23	42	52	Flip or Flop 'G'	Flip or Flop 'G'	Flip or Flop 'G'	Flip or Flop 'G'	Flip or Flop 'G'	Flip or Flop 'G'	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Rustic Rehab 'G'	House Hunters							
(HIST)		51	54	51	32	42	Pawn Stars 'PG'	Pawn Stars 'PG'	Mountain Men "Battle Lines" 'PG'	Mountain Men 'PG' (DVS)	Mountain Men (N) 'PG' (DVS)	American Pickers: Bonus Buys (N) 'PG'	American Pickers: Bonus Buys (N) 'PG'	American Pickers: Bonus Buys (N) 'PG'	American Pickers: Bonus Buys (N) 'PG'	American Pickers: Bonus Buys (N) 'PG'	American Pickers: Bonus Buys (N) 'PG'	American Pickers: Bonus Buys (N) 'PG'					
(LIFE)		24	38	24		21	Grey's Anatomy (In Stereo) '14' PG	Grey's Anatomy (In Stereo) '14' PG	Bring It! (N) 'PG' PG	Bring It! "Three's a Crowd" (N) 'PG'	Bring It! (N) 'PG' PG	Bring It! "Three's a Crowd" 'PG' PG	Bring It! "Three's a Crowd" 'PG' PG	Bring It! "Three's a Crowd" 'PG' PG	Bring It! "Three's a Crowd" 'PG' PG	Bring It! "Three's a Crowd" 'PG' PG	Bring It! "Three's a Crowd" 'PG' PG	Bring It! "Three's a Crowd" 'PG' PG					
(LIFEMOV)		119	50	119			** "Deadly Daycare" (2014, Drama) Kayla Ewell, Christy Carlson Romano. 'NR' PG	** "The Archer" (2016, Action) Bailey Noble, Jeanine Mason. Premiere. 'NR' PG	** "Overexposed" (2018, Suspense) Mary McCormack. 'NR' PG	** "Overexposed" (2018, Suspense) Mary McCormack. 'NR' PG	** "Overexposed" (2018, Suspense) Mary McCormack. 'NR' PG	** "Overexposed" (2018, Suspense) Mary McCormack. 'NR' PG	** "Overexposed" (2018, Suspense) Mary McCormack. 'NR' PG	** "Overexposed" (2018, Suspense) Mary McCormack. 'NR' PG	** "Overexposed" (2018, Suspense) Mary McCormack. 'NR' PG	** "Overexposed" (2018, Suspense) Mary McCormack. 'NR' PG	** "Overexposed" (2018, Suspense) Mary McCormack. 'NR' PG	** "Overexposed" (2018, Suspense) Mary McCormack. 'NR' PG					
(MSNBC)		42	41	42			The Beat With	Hardball Matthews	All In With Chris	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The 11th Hour	The 11th Hour	The 11th Hour									
(NBCSN)		448	26	730			NASCAR Racing	Professional Fighters League Atlantic City.	Professional Fighters League Atlantic City. (N) (Live)	Professional Fighters League Atlantic City. (N) (Live)	Professional Fighters League Atlantic City. (N) (Live)	Professional Fighters League Atlantic City. (N) (Live)	Professional Fighters League Atlantic City. (N) (Live)	Professional Fighters League Atlantic City. (N) (Live)									
(NGEO)		109	65	109			The Getaway 'PG' PG	Big Sur: Wild California	Drain the Bermuda Triangle 'G' PG	Drain the Bermuda Triangle 'G' PG	Drain the Bermuda Triangle 'G' PG	Titanic: 20 Years Later	Drain the Bermuda Triangle 'G' PG										
(NICK)		28	36	28	35	25	Loud	Loud	SpongeBob SquarePants 'Y7'	"SpongeBob Movie"	"SpongeBob Movie"	"SpongeBob Movie"	"SpongeBob Movie"	"SpongeBob Movie"	"SpongeBob Movie"	"SpongeBob Movie"	"SpongeBob Movie"	"SpongeBob Movie"					
(OWN)		125	24	103			20/20 on ID '14'	20/20 on OWN '14'	20/20 on ID '14'	20/20 on ID '14'	20/20 on ID '14'	20/20 on ID '14'	20/20 on ID '14'	20/20 on ID '14'	20/20 on ID '14'	20/20 on ID '14'	20/20 on ID '14'	20/20 on ID '14'					
(OKY)		123	44	123			NCIS '14' PG	NCIS '14' PG	NCIS "Cloak" '14'	NCIS "Dagger" '14'	NCIS "Dagger" '14'	NCIS 'PG' PG	NCIS '14' PG	NCIS '14' PG	NCIS '14' PG	NCIS '14' PG	NCIS '14' PG	NCIS '14' PG					
(PARMT)		37	43	37	27	36	Mom '14' PG	Mom '14' PG	Friends 'PG'	Friends 'PG'	Friends 'PG'	Friends 'PG'	** "Hitch" (2005) Will Smith, Eva Mendes. A smooth-talker helps a shy accountant woo an heiress. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' PG	** "Hitch" (2005) Will Smith, Eva Mendes. A smooth-talker helps a shy accountant woo an heiress. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' PG	** "Hitch" (2005) Will Smith, Eva Mendes. A smooth-talker helps a shy accountant woo an heiress. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' PG	** "Hitch" (2005) Will Smith, Eva Mendes. A smooth-talker helps a shy accountant woo an heiress. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' PG	** "Hitch" (2005) Will Smith, Eva Mendes. A smooth-talker helps a shy accountant woo an heiress. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' PG	** "Hitch" (2005) Will Smith, Eva Mendes. A smooth-talker helps a shy accountant woo an heiress. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' PG					
(SEC)		745	72				The Paul Finebaum Show (N) (Live)	SEC Nation (N) (Live)	College Football Northwestern State at Texas A&M. From Kyle Field in College Station, Texas. (N) (Live)	College Football Northwestern State at Texas A&M. From Kyle Field in College Station, Texas. (N) (Live)	College Football Northwestern State at Texas A&M. From Kyle Field in College Station, Texas. (N) (Live)	College Football Northwestern State at Texas A&M. From Kyle Field in College Station, Texas. (N) (Live)	College Football Northwestern State at Texas A&M. From Kyle Field in College Station, Texas. (N) (Live)	College Football Northwestern State at Texas A&M. From Kyle Field in College Station, Texas. (N) (Live)	College Football Northwestern State at Texas A&M. From Kyle Field in College Station, Texas. (N) (Live)	College Football Northwestern State at Texas A&M. From Kyle Field in College Station, Texas. (N) (Live)	College Football Northwestern State at Texas A&M. From Kyle Field in College Station, Texas. (N) (Live)	College Football Northwestern State at Texas A&M. From Kyle Field in College Station, Texas. (N) (Live)					
(SHOW)		340	241	340			** "School Ties" (1992, Drama) Brendan Fraser. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' PG	** "Captain Fantastic" (2016) Viggo Mortensen. (In Stereo) 'R' PG	Who Is America?	Who Is America?	** "The Girl on the Train" (2016)	** "The Girl on the Train" (2016)	** "The Girl on the Train" (2016)	** "The Girl on the Train" (2016)	** "The Girl on the Train" (2016)	** "The Girl on the Train" (2016)	** "The Girl on the Train" (2016)	** "The Girl on the Train" (2016)					
(STARZ)		370	271	370			** "Dear John" (2009) Dwayne Johnson.	** "Race to Witch Mountain" (200															



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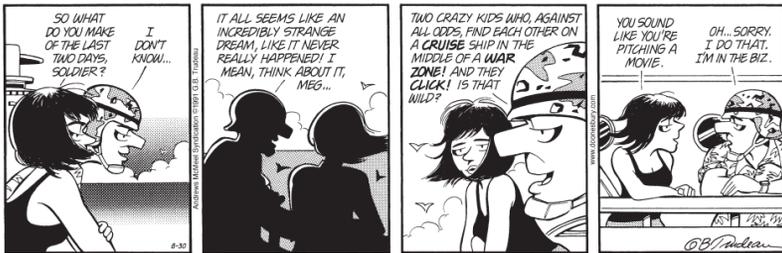
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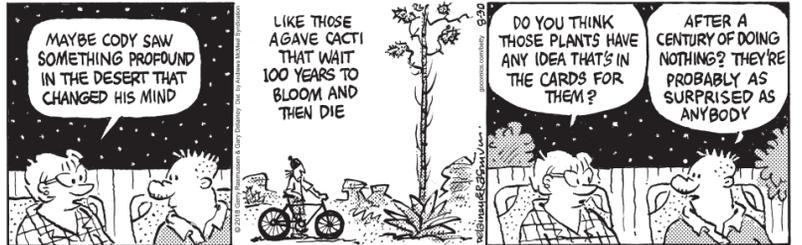
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Alpha (PG-13) 1:50, 7:35 p.m.
Mile 22 (R) 1:40, 4:30, 7:40 p.m.
Crazy Rich Asians (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10 p.m.
Slender Man (PG-13) 1, 3:55, 6:50 p.m.
The Meg 3D (PG-13) 4:20 p.m.
The Meg (PG-13) 1:30, 7:20 p.m.
Christopher Robin (PG) 1:15, 4:05, 7:05 p.m.
Mission: Impossible - Fallout (PG-13) 12:45, 3:40, 6:40 p.m.

Citrus Cinemas 6 Inverness; 844-462-7342 Code 187
The Happytime Murders (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:30 p.m.
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The Meg (PG-13) 12:50, 7 p.m.
Christopher Robin (PG) 1, 4, 7:10 p.m.
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Valerie Theatre, Inverness; 352-341-7850; 3 p.m. Sundays; 7:30 p.m. second Friday, \$6; Sept. 2 - Mary Poppins (G)
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CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

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

Today's clue: Y equals W

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YCZMG EDBE EDMA PCCLMI RMEEMW
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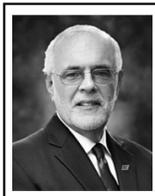
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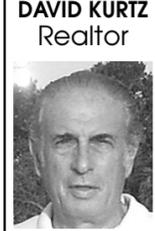
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ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WITH BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this Notice is August 23, 2018.

Personal Representative: Ernestine M. Ziack, 18 Maidenbush Circle, Homosassa, FL 34446 Attorney for Person Representative: Michael Mounjoy, Esquire Florida Bar Number: 157310 BRADSHAW & MOUNTJOY, P.A. 209 Courthouse Square, Inverness, FL 34450 Telephone: (352) 726-1211

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5958-0830 FCRN LaPlante, Robert James 2018 CP 000517 Notice to Creditors IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE CASE NO. 2018 CP 000517

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ROBERT JAMES LAPLANTE Deceased. Personal Representative: Ernestine M. Ziack, 18 Maidenbush Circle, Homosassa, FL 34446

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Robert James LaPlante, deceased, whose date of death was June 9, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, File Number 2018-CP-000517; the address of which is 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this Notice is August 23, 2018.

Personal Representative: Ashley Blaine Hodgkins, 5775 West Pine Circle, CrystalRiver, FL 34429 Attorney for Personal Representative: Thomas M. VanNess, Jr., Esq. Florida Bar No. 0857750 VanNess & VanNess, P.A. 1205 North Meeting Tree Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429 352-795-1444 tmv@vannesspa.com bl@vannesspa.com

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5962-0906 THCRN Lemon, Irene McGrath 2018 CP 000534 Notice to Creditors IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2018 CP 000534

IN RE: ESTATE OF IRENE MCGRATH LEMON, DECEASED. Personal Representative: Ashley Blaine Hodgkins, 5775 West Pine Circle, CrystalRiver, FL 34429 Attorney for Personal Representative: Thomas M. VanNess, Jr., Esq. Florida Bar No. 0857750 VanNess & VanNess, P.A. 1205 North Meeting Tree Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429 352-795-1444 tmv@vannesspa.com bl@vannesspa.com

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5963-0906 THCRN Gloddy, Maud, 2018-CP-559 Notice to Creditors IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITRUS COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. 2018-CP-559

IN RE: ESTATE OF MAUD GLODDY F/K/A MAUD SKINNER, DECEASED, Personal Representative: Garrett LeMon 436 N Harvey Avenue Oak Park, IL 60302

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE: You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the Estate of MAUD GLODDY, deceased, File Number 2018-CP-559, by the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450; that the decedent's date of death was April 10, 2018; that the total value of the estate is \$14,500.00 and that the names and address of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are: Eileen F. Groome, 255 Vreeland Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110 Kathleen Groome, 3007 Inverness Dr., Tom's River, NJ 08724 Amy Groome, 658 Valley Road E1, Montclair, NJ 07043 Michael Groome, 1242 Isadora Court, Brick, NJ 08724 Susan Brino, 842 Lincoln Avenue, Maywood, NJ 07067 Michael Scarpa, 30 Tyska Street, Sayreville, NJ 08872 Geraldine Russell, 4 Spinnaker Drive, Spencer, MA 01562

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Personal Representative: Eileen F. Groome, 255 Vreeland Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110 Attorney for Person Representative: Michael Mounjoy, Esquire Florida Bar Number: 157310 BRADSHAW & MOUNTJOY, P.A. 209 Courthouse Square, Inverness, FL 34450 Telephone: (352) 726-1211

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A matter of mind over your mattress



Georgi Davis
UP THE CLOTHES CHUTE

Before we went to Ohio, I made a trip to the doctor because I was having a burning feeling in my back, especially after playing golf. I knew it wasn't anything major, but I thought I should check it out before we left. I didn't want to get way up north and find out I needed a specialist or some doctor help.

The doctor sent me for an x-ray which revealed that I have calcium deposits in my spine. The doctor told me it was nothing major, and if I was in pain to take a pain reliever. That sounded okay with me, so along with all my clothes and toiletries, I packed a bottle of pain medicine. It was there if I needed it, which I hoped I wouldn't because I am just not good at taking pills. I'm allergic to so many of them that I avoid them like you would a rattlesnake.

We journeyed the many miles north. I soon discovered that the burning sensation in my back had disappeared. I was very happy about that, because who wants to be in discomfort? The doctor had also told me that this might all go away in a month's time. I didn't bother to ask why, I just hoped she was correct.

At any rate, while on the trip we slept in many different beds with many different mattresses. Most were much firmer than the one we had at home.

I rode in the car, played golf and sat a lot with friends. Still, the burning sensation did not return. I decided the doctor was correct and that this feeling had gone away.

To my utter dismay, when we arrived back in Florida so did the feeling in my back. Who would have figured?

So being the problem solver that I am, I sat and tried to decide just what was different about being at home and being up north.

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September shines a spotlight on vultures



Pictured is a black vulture. Vultures will be the focus of the month at the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. Special to the Chronicle

Wildlife Park hopes to shed the bird's bad rep

KATE SPRATT
Park Services Specialist

Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park invites you to learn all about vultures during the month of September. These magnificent birds truly have a "bad reputation," and we would like to help raise awareness to the many benefits vultures hold.

The park's monthly themes feature Florida's natural and cultural resources with special displays and programs. Learn about vultures through exhibits in the Visitor Center and in the Discovery Center. A special program will also be offered on "Vulture Awareness" by Park Services Specialist

and vulture advocate, Andrea Junkunc.

Learn about vultures

A special program raising vulture awareness will be presented by Andrea Junkunc at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, in the Florida Room at the Park's main entrance and Visitor Center. There will be no charge to attend this program.

Andrea Junkunc, a Homosassa resident and vulture enthusiast, will offer a program on vultures. Andrea Junkunc was born and raised in McHenry, Illinois. Throughout her childhood she was an

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Pictured is a turkey vulture. Vultures will be the focus of the month at the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. A special program raising vulture awareness will be presented by Andrea Junkunc at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, in the Florida Room at the Park's main entrance and Visitor Center.



Citrus Garden Club announces new season, new agenda

On Thursday, Sept. 6, the Citrus Garden Club will begin a new and exciting 2018-19 season. A warm welcome is extended to everyone, so please join us at this first meeting.

The club will meet at the Whispering Pines

Recreational Building with the social beginning at 9 a.m. President Linda Fernandez will call the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The program will begin approximately 10:45 a.m.

The program for this month is inspired by fairy gardens. Denise Garcia

from Tampa will do a presentation showing us how to create such a garden using your pots, baskets and even a teacup. There will be items available for sale so you may create your very own. Fairy gardens are basically microgardens, so very little space is needed for you to create your own magical and

mysterious garden.

Hospitality Chairman Susan Nadeau will greet all members and guests with freshly made coffee and a table containing a selection of palate-pleasing morsels. While sipping your coffee, take time to look over the Ways & Means table that Chairman Pamela Noel has

arranged with pretty items for sale.

Many exciting topics are offered at these meetings, all intended to be educational and entertaining, so come and join in the fun. Jerry Lubowiecki, Master Gardener, will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about your

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Cutest Pet

Photo with the most votes will win a gift basket from our sponsors.

Enter your photo August 1-15, then come back to Vote August 16-30

Photo Contest

Go to www.chronicleonline.com/contests/ to enter

CITRUS COUNTY SENIOR DINING PROGRAM * SEPTEMBER 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
WE WILL BE CLOSED LABOR DAY 3	Homestyle Meatloaf w/ Onion Gravy 4 Mashed Potatoes Green Peas & Red Pepper Whole Grain Bread Citrus Fruit	Krab Salad 5 Tossed Salad Beet & Onion Salad Whole Grain Roll Fresh Fruit	Hamburger 6 Baked Beans Tater Tots Mixed Fruit Chocolate Milk	Baked Chicken Thigh w/ Lemon Pepper Sauce 7 Spinach Black eye Peas Corn Muffin Grape Juice
Pork Chop Patty w/ Country Pepper Gravy 10 Potato Onion Soufflé Succotash Whole Grain Bread Pineapple	Tuna Pasta Salad 11 Carrot Salad w/Raisins Tossed Salad Whole Grain Bread Applesauce Chocolate Milk	Sliced Smoked Sausage and BBQ Red Beans 12 Brown Rice Yellow Corn Garlic Roll Orange Pineapple Juice	Chicken w/ Coq au Vin Sauce 13 Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Italian Bread Pears	Beef Stroganoff Casserole 14 Green Peas Carrot Coins Whole Wheat Bread Mixed Fruit
Chili Dog 17 Three Bean Chilli w/Cheese Yellow Corn Fresh Fruit	NY Charbroiled Beef Strip, Marsala Sauce 18 Mashed Potatoes Greens Bean Whole Grain Bread Mandarin Oranges	Chicken w/ Teriyaki Sauce 19 Brown Rice Oriental Blend Vegetables Pineapple Whole Grain Roll Fortune Cookie	Turkey Apple Cranberry Pasta Salad 20 Beet & Onion Salad Three Bean Salad White Bread Chocolate Milk	Meatballs w/ Parmesan Sauce 21 Rotini Noodles w/Marinara Tuscan Blend Vegetables Dinner Roll Peaches
Breaded Pollack 24 Cheese Grits Stewed Tomatoes Whole Grain Bread Fresh Fruit	Turkey Sausage Broccoli Alfredo 25 Flat Beans Carrot Coins Whole Wheat Bread Mixed Fruit Cup	Chicken Fajitas 26 Cheesy Pinto Beans Spanish Rice Whole Wheat Flour Tortilla Blended Juice <i>Birthday Dessert</i> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION	BBQ Pork Riblet 27 Mashed Potatoes Green Peas Whole Grain Bread Applesauce	Mixed Green Salad 28 Creamy Broccoli Salad Whole Grain Bread Whole Grain Graham Crackers Chocolate Milk

CENTRAL CITRUS COMMUNITY CENTER 527-5993

WEST CITRUS COMMUNITY CENTER 795-3831
INVERNESS COMMUNITY CENTER 726-1009

EAST CITRUS COMMUNITY CENTER 344-9666

Advance NOTICE

Trivia set at Kellner auditorium

Test your knowledge while enjoying socializing with friends. Come join us on Tuesday, Sept. 4, in Kellner Auditorium at 92 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills (behind Beth Sholom Synagogue Building) for monthly trivia night. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Game begins at 7 p.m.
Cost is \$10 per person. There will be light snacks, water and iced tea provided. Feel free to BYOB!
Prizes to first and second place teams will be a percentage of money taken in. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.
For reservations or information, contact Sherry Wilson at 352-270-3339 or sherrywilson088@gmail.com.
Everyone is invited to participate.

Lions Club to host card tournament

Inglis Yankeetown Lions Club will host a Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament beginning at noon Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Inglis Yankeetown Lions Clubhouse, 22 59th Street, Yankeetown.
Cost is \$30 to buy in. Food and a cash bar will be available. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.
Download registration form at www.facebook.com/pg/Inglis-Yankeetown-Lions-Club or contact Lion Al Becker at 352-257-1388.

Flotilla 15-01 to offer skills course

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 15-01 will offer the comprehensive Boating Skills and Seamanship course from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 10-28. The course runs for three weeks — Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
Cost is \$45 which includes a book, hands-on experiences (not on the water), numerous handouts and instruction by certified USCG Auxiliary instructors. The course will be at the DAV/USCG Auxiliary building, 501 SE Seventh Ave., Crystal River, one block south of Cody's restaurant off U.S. 19.
After successfully completing the course, participants will be issued the Florida Safe Boater's card. All paperwork is handled by the USCG Auxiliary. Those born after Jan. 1, 1988, are required to take a Safe Boater's course and obtain a Safe Boater's card in order to legally operate a vessel with a 10 hp or greater motor. To register, call Linda at 352-503-6199 or email ljones1501@gmail.com.

Spanish American Club sets Valerie concert

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage month, the Spanish American Club of Citrus County will host a fundraising event from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Valerie Theatre, 207 Courthouse Square, Inverness. Doors open at 5 p.m.
The event will feature "El Festival del Cuatro" featuring

Orlando Santiago El Mostro del Cuatro with his ensemble Group Natividad. Tickets are \$25 per person.
Tickets are available at the Valerie box office open noon to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Tickets can also be purchased at www.valerietheatre.org. For information, call 352-341-7850.

Bike at annual Rails to Trails ride

The 24th annual Rails to Trails Bike Ride will be Sunday, Oct. 7, on the Withlacoochee State Trail.
Registration is \$40 for adults until Oct. 3, then the fee rises to \$45. Children 12 and younger, who must be accompanied by an adult during the ride, may register for just \$15. This includes a commemorative tech T-shirt, swag bag, continental breakfast and hot lunch in Inverness, plus fully-stocked rest stops along the route.
The ride begins and ends at the Inverness Trailhead (by the red caboose at 315 N. Apopka Ave.), and riders may choose the distance they ride, from one to 100 miles. Helmets are required. There is no mass start; riders may begin any time between 7 and 9 a.m.
To register, visit www.rtwst.org/annual-bike-ride-rails-to-trails.php, or you may download and print out the form to mail it in.

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landscape. Then, Shelby Jordan, Master Gardener, will have selected a native plant or flower to "show & tell." Member Mary Smalley will choose and inform us about a topic from one of "Natures Nuggets."

It will be a surprise to find out what two members have volunteered to make a floral design for our pleasure and also to be critiqued by our own artist and designer, Vicky Ross.
Our club is very active in civic and environmental duties each month.
The Whispering Pines Butterfly Garden, chaired by Judith Thomason, has a clean-up planned for

8:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 10. The butterflies will be so happy to see your helping hands and smiling face.
Sandra Hume, 1st vice president, program chairman and Master Gardener has planned a Fairy Garden Workshop between 1 and 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, at the Lakes Region Library. Mark your calendars for this fun activity.
Pamela Noel, Ways &

Means chairman, has planned a bus trip for everyone on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018, to Kanapaha Botanical Gardens in Gainesville. The cost of this trip includes the gardens, access to the Gainesville Orchid Society Judged Show and also the opportunity to purchase plants and accessories from 50 vendors. Please join the club for this fun packed day and

call Pamela Noel at 352-249-6970 for details on your reservation.
Your 2018-19 yearbook, edited and produced by Sandi Smith, will be available at this September meeting.
We will continue to collect nonperishable food items for the food banks of Citrus County, and supplies/food for the animals at the citrus County

Animal Shelter are always appreciated.
Any questions about the club should be directed to President Linda Fernandez at 352-634-2173.

Judy Morris submits publicity for the Citrus Garden Club. Contact her at 352-341-0954; rrmorris117@tampabay.rr.com.

VULTURE

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active member of many avian organizations along with her mother. A love of nature led Andrea to her first job at a small reptile zoo near Wisconsin.
Wanting more experience with wildlife, she moved to Florida in 2001 where she pursued

further education in the areas of animal care and psychology with an emphasis in animal behavior and training. In 2002 she enrolled in a hands-on animal husbandry course. In 2003, Andrea was hired at Silver Springs Attraction. Her career there started with caring for and doing programs with alligators, snakes and many species of parrots. Eight months later she had an opportunity to

make a department move to the free-flighted birds of prey show. She was thrilled to be working with exotic and native eagles, falcons and hawks, along with many species of owls and Andrea's personal favorite, the vultures. She went on to become leader of that department and then supervisor of all ambassador animals and show development.
Currently, Andrea

Junkunc is a Park Services Specialist at Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park in the Wildlife Care Department. She works closely with all the park's animals, coordinates training plans, and animal enrichment programs.
Her presentation will consist of an explanation of the importance of vultures.

Did you know

Vultures decrease the spread of disease. Vulture's strong stomach acid destroys harmful bacteria, including Cholera and Anthrax. In many countries, the decline of vultures has increased the threat of rabies and Bubonic plague. There are 23 species of vultures, 14 of which are threatened with extinction, causing ecological and public health crisis in

many countries.
Vultures are internationally celebrated, on the first Saturday of every September, during "International Vulture Awareness Day."
We encourage you to visit Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park to learn about the importance of Florida's wildlife including Vultures. For more information, call Kate Spratt at 352-628-5445.

CHUTE

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My first thought was the chair I sit on when I am on my lanai. We had just purchased those and paid a good penny for them. They were supposed to have lumbar support, so I decided to dismiss the chairs.
My husband told me it was the heat and humidity in Florida. I readily agreed and said that in that case, if he really loved me, he would move us back north.
That thought went over like a lead balloon. He said he didn't want to go back there especially in the winter. He wondered just what would he do when it was too cold to

play golf. I told him he could shovel snow which would be good exercise, or he could do his crossword puzzles like he does here in the south when he has nothing else to do.
That was not what he wanted to hear, and I didn't see any "for sale" sign in our front yard, so I went back to pondering.
And then I thought about our mattress that sinks when I crawl into it. The cat, who likes to sleep with me, weighs about thirteen pounds which only makes the mattress sag some more. The mattresses we slept on during our trip were much firmer. One was even hard as a rock, on which I slept very well.
With this thought in mind, I called the doctor

and asked if my mattress could be adding to the burning sensation in my back. She replied that indeed it could.
The next morning I awoke determined to go to the mattress store. I told my husband my intention. His reply was that he still thought it was the heat and humidity and we didn't need to spend the money on a new mattress. I told him that it was move north or go look for mattresses. He decided that buying a new mattress would be cheaper than moving north. Of course, playing golf year-round also went into his decision.
So, off to the mattress store we went. I was going with great expectations. He was going to more or

less show me he cared, I think.
We tried out several mattresses. The salesman at the store was very knowledgeable and helped us with our decision. He told me that since I was a side sleeper, I needed something a little firm to hold my spine in place, but not so firm that it would alter it even further.
My husband kept insisting that he could sleep on anything. He told the salesman he was a back sleeper. I told the salesman that since he is so thin, when he is laying on his back I couldn't even find him. The salesman made me feel better by saying that back sleepers can sleep on just about any mattress with no

stress to their body. So my husband suggested that I start sleeping on my back. I told him it had taken many years of training to sleep on my side and I wasn't about to change now.
After that discussion, I finally found a mattress that I thought would fit the bill or my spine. My husband laid down on it and said he thought it would be okay because he didn't think it would hurt his elbows. I looked at him and said, "Your choice of mattress depends on how it affects your elbows?" The salesman just shook his head. He told us to be sure to give our bodies time to adjust to the new feel, but that we had four months to see if it worked for us.

That was good news.
We completed the deal and I was delighted to know the mattress would arrive the next day. That morning, before the mattress arrived, we played a round of golf. I was sure that sleeping on the new mattress that night that I would have no pain in the morning. Unfortunately, I was wrong. I guess I'm still adjusting.
I'll give the mattress four months. By then the heat and humidity will be gone and so will I if I still have a burning back!

Georgi Davis, a transplant from Ohio and a retired teacher, is enjoying her second life in Homosassa. Contact her at ritenow69@gmail.com.

Upcoming EVENTS

Saturday, September 1

Sample craft beers at Beerfest

The second annual Nature Coast Beerfest will be from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at the Crystal River Armory, 8551 W. Venable St., Crystal River.

More than 40 craft beer vendors, a cigar bar, food, music, silent and live auctions will be on site.

Proceeds benefit Citrus County Blessings.

General admission is \$20; \$40 for VIP. General admission includes unlimited beer samples. VIP allows access into the event at 5:30 p.m., food, bigger cups and VIP area.

For information and tickets, call 352-746-9596.

Sunday, September 2

Eat BBQ at Labor Day fundraiser

A Labor Day Weekend BBQ celebration and fundraiser will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish beginning at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 2, at 1401 W. Country Club Blvd., Citrus Springs.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children. Children under age 5 are free. The menu includes burgers, hot dogs, pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad, drinks and desserts. Wine and beer are available for a contribution.

Celebrate Labor Day with IR-RU

The IR-RU Family Social Club will celebrate Labor Day on Sunday, Sept. 2.

A hamburger plate with potato salad and baked beans will be available for \$5. Food will be served from 3-6 p.m. Entertainment will be provided from 3-7 p.m. by Semmes and Shaw.

The club will have its monthly meeting at 12:15 p.m.

The club is at 922 U.S. 41 South, Inverness. Call 352-637-5118 for more information. Guests are always welcome.

Tuesday, September 4

Citrus Area Stamp Club to meet

The Citrus Area Stamp Club meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the VFW post 4252, 3190 State Road 200, Hernando.

Doors open at 11 a.m. with meeting starting at 1 p.m.

For information, contact Sheldon Rogg at 727-364-6897 or h.rogg@verizon.net.

Optimize your irrigation systems

Citrus County Utilities Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program is offering a free gardening workshop from 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, at the Citrus County Extension Service building, 3650 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto.

Landscape irrigation is supplemental, but often uses 50-70 percent of total residential water consumption. Irrigation practices such as seasonal scheduling, catch can calibration and selection of drought tolerant plants are essential to creating a sustainable and water conserving landscape.

Call Steven Davis at 352-527-5708 to confirm your participation or register at <https://ccuffiprogram.eventbrite.com>.

Citrus Model Railroad Club to meet

The Citrus Model Railroad Club will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, in the Horticulture Hall of the Citrus County Fairgrounds. The program will be a presentation of programming locomotives on a DCC control system using Engine Driver and Raspberry Pi programming.

For further information, contact Joel Best at 352-753-4030.

Trivia set at Kellner auditorium

Test your knowledge while enjoying socializing with friends. Come join us on Tuesday, Sept. 4, in Kellner Auditorium at 92 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills (behind Beth Shalom Synagogue Building) for monthly trivia night. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Game begins at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$10 per person. There will be light snacks, water and iced tea provided. Feel free to BYOB!

Prizes to first and second place teams will be a percentage of money taken in. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

Form your own team (4 to 10 people). If you don't have a team, let us know when you make your reservation and we will help you create one.

For reservations or information, contact Sherry Wilson at 352-270-3339 or sherrywilson088@gmail.com.

Everyone is invited to participate.

Native Plant Society meeting set

The Citrus Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society's first meeting on the season will be at 7 p.m. on Sept. 4 at Crystal Oaks Civic Center, 4958 W. Crystal Oaks Drive in Lecanto. Stop by early at 6:15 p.m. for "Barbara's Bits," the monthly gardening program and enjoy refreshments. The meeting will be their annual Garden Party. The event is a great way to learn more about what native plants can be grown in Citrus County.

Every meeting includes a "Native Plant of the Month" presentation, a segment on "What's Blooming" and a drawing at the end of the evening for a chance to take home some native plants.

For additional information, email citrusnps@gmail.com.

Wednesday, September 5

Talk palms with Master Gardeners

Picture a perfect palm swaying in the breeze and giving off sweet sounds as the fronds gently move. If your dream is this picture and one of the reasons why you moved to Citrus County, you can achieve this dream. All it takes is to understand palms and how to plant and care for them. The September UF/IFAS Citrus County Master Gardener free Library Plant Seminars will discuss what it takes to have a perfect palm. The

schedule for these free seminars is:

- At 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, at the Floral City Library
- At 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the Lakes Region Library in Inverness

- At 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the Central Ridge Library in Beverly Hills

- At 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at the Coastal Region Library in Crystal River

- At 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19 at the Citrus Springs Library

- At 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25 at the Homosassa Library

We welcome any and all questions on plants or other gardening concerns. You can also contact the UF/Citrus County Extension anytime during business hours at 352-527-5700 (ask for any on-duty Master Gardener) or email Citrus County Master Gardeners at MasterG1@citrusbocc.com.

Friday, September 7

Become a Hospice volunteer

Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast will provide General Orientation for individuals who are interested in learning more about Hospice volunteer opportunities from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Sept. 7, at the Wings Education Center located at 3280 W. Audubon Park Path in Lecanto.

The orientation provides an overview of Hospice philosophy and history. Participants will become acquainted with services provided for patients and families, the concept of palliative care and learn the importance of confidentiality. Attendees will also receive information regarding a variety of volunteer roles.

For additional information or to reserve a seat, call 352-527-2020.

Stay updated on driving education

Florida is a mandated state and any insurance company doing business in Florida must give a discount to those completing an AARP Smart Driver Course, open to all age 50 and older. Contact your agent for discount amounts.

Update yourself to earn a discount and get newly enacted motor vehicle and traffic laws. Course fee is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for all others.

Upcoming classes include:

- An AARP Driver Safety Class will be held from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at the Central Ridge Library at 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills.

- An AARP Driver Safety Class will be held from 10:45 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, at the Homosassa Library, 4100 S. Grandmarch Ave. Contact instructor Phillip Mulrain at 352-628-7633 to register.

- An AARP Driver Safety Class will be held from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at the Central Ridge Library at 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills.

Call 352-513-5566 to register for the class.

Beverly Hills Irish American Social Club

The first meeting of the new year for the Beverly Hills Irish American Social Club will be Friday, Sept. 7, at the Central Ridge Community Center, 77 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills.

There will be no speaker. Members will tell of the things they have done while on summer break. The calendar of upcoming outings for September and October will be discussed. We will also be celebrating the 101st birthday of one of our members.

Any person wishing to attend, please do. We are an active group and try to give back to our community.

You do not need to be Irish to join. You only need to want to learn of Irish culture, of giving to others and having fun with friends. We meet the first Friday of each month September through May.

For information, contact Janet Berek at 616-648-1242 or janet.berek@yahoo.com.

Saturday, September 8

Veterans Coalition continues yard sales

The Citrus County Veterans Coalition will continue its monthly yard sales on the second Saturday of each month, September through May. The sales are at the Our Lady of Fatima Church grounds in Inverness on U.S. 41 south.

Vendors are asked to contact Richard Floyd at 352-400-8952 to reserve space and confirm their location on the grounds for the Sept. 8 sale.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the coalition of saleable goods, in working condition, can also call for information on how to get the goods to the coalition to be sold.

9/11 Remembrance Ride set Sept. 8

Smoke Divers Firefighters Motorcycle Club will sponsor a 9/11 Remembrance Event/Ride on Saturday, Sept. 8, beginning and ending at Crystal Harley-Davidson.

The ride is free. Each rider/passenger will receive a free raffle ticket. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with staging at 9 a.m. and kickstands up at 10 a.m.

Ride route: U.S. 19/Venable/State Road 44/Apopka to Inverness Liberty Park with parking at Boys & Girls Club/back to S.R. 44/U.S. 19 to Crystal Harley-Davidson.

The stop at Liberty Park (286 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness) will feature a Lecanto High School Honor Guard presentation.

The ride ends at Crystal Harley-Davidson where there will be a free raffle drawing at 3 p.m. Participants must be present to win.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/smokediversmc.

Sunshine Poets to meet

Join the Sunshine Poets' monthly meeting/poetry reading at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Coastal Region Library in Crystal River.

Bring your poems to share, or just listen. The optional homework assignment is to write a poem to, about, or in the persona of a Native American. If you'd like the members to critique, bring several copies on which we can write suggestions. Join us afterward for lunch at a local restaurant.

Lions Club to host card tournament

Inglis Yankeetown Lions Club will host a Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament beginning at noon Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Inglis Yankeetown Lions Clubhouse, 22 59th Street, Yankeetown.

Cost is \$30 to buy in. Food and a cash bar will be available. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

Download registration form at www.facebook.com/pg/Inglis-Yankeetown-Lions-Club or contact Lion Al Becker at 352-257-1388.

All proceeds benefit Inglis Yankeetown Lions Club charities.

View styles at fashion show

The Florida Sewing Sew-Ciety (FSS) will present – a unique Fashion Show beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the YMCA, 4127 W. County Road 486, Lecanto.

All of the fashions to be modeled are designed and constructed by FSS members. The program emcee is Judy Kessinger of FitNice in Louisville, Kentucky. Judy is a nationally-known sewing educator.

Light refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$10 each.

Tickets are available from FSS members and at the Beyond the Stitches shop in the Airport Plaza on U.S. 19. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

For information, call Dee at 352-527-8229. Please leave a message.

Wildlife Puppeteers' to host monthly show

The Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park will be hosting monthly showings of the Wildlife Puppeteers' new play "Build A Better Brain" beginning in September. In the play, animal puppets such as Lu the hippo, Beary, Valentine the fox, Yuma and Sakata the panthers, and other animals tell about the enrichment program at the state park.

You will learn what enrichment is, hear from a world-famous brain researcher, and enjoy hearing and participating in the songs in the play. Whether you are very young or a little older, there is something for you. They will be performing the play on the following dates:

- Saturday, Sept. 8, at 1 p.m.

- Saturday, Oct. 13, at 1 p.m.

- Saturday, Nov. 10 at 1 p.m.

The shows will be held in the Florida Room at the Visitor Center located on U.S. 19. There is no charge to attend this event. For more information, please contact Kate Spratt at 352-628-5445.

Dine, dance with social club

The Citrus American & Italian Social Club at 4325 S. Little Al Point, Inverness, invites the public to a Sept. 8 dinner dance.

Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. On the menu are pork chops, roasted potatoes, veggie, salad and dessert. Music by Fred Campbell.

Call Debbie at 352-419-5252 or Joanne at 352-637-7184 for tickets (\$17). BYOB. The event raises money to provide food baskets for Thanksgiving.

Sunday, September 9

Eat breakfast, support veterans

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 155 will host their monthly breakfast from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River.

Menu includes made to order eggs, omelets, biscuits and gravy, bacon, sausage, ham, home fries, grits and pancakes with coffee and orange juice at cost of \$6 per person and \$4 for children age ten and under.

All proceeds support the veteran and community programs of the auxiliary. For information, call 352-795-6526.

Eat breakfast to support charities

The St. Scholastica Knights of Columbus, Council 14485, will host their monthly breakfast from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, in the Parish Center behind St. Scholastica Church at 4301 W. Homosassa Trail in Lecanto.

The donation is just \$6. Join us for a delicious breakfast, while helping us to support Citrus County Charities.

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Gypsy is a fun-loving girl with lots of energy. She is housebroken and is very sweet. She's learning leash manners, but is a smart girl who wants to please. Gypsy is a terrier mix. Gypsy is spayed, microchipped, heartworm tested and vaccinated. She is ready to come home. ID No. 38860207.



Precious is a low-energy girl, a little bit reserved, and very calm and polite. She is a real sweetheart. She loves people and loves attention. She may be a senior, but she still loves to play. She comes when called, listens well and wants to obey. Come meet this lovely senior. ID No. 38894917.



Nala is a sweetheart! She loves people, is great on leash and is very housebroken. She may be a senior, but she still loves to play. She comes when called, listens well and wants to obey. She's kenneled with another dog and doesn't react badly to others. Nala is a terrier mix. ID No. 38894934.



Cute little Alice is a young black female kitten with some Maine Coon mix. She's got a wonderful demeanor about her, is very sweet, and quite inquisitive. A bit shy when she first meets you, she quickly warms up and likes attention. Alice will make a great companion. ID No. 39126446.



Cuddles is a pretty black female, probably less than a year old. Cuddles is ready and hoping for her forever home. ID No. 39186279.



Lizzy is a pretty dilute calico girl who is approximately 2 years old. You won't be disappointed in Lizzy. ID No. 39257594.

Citrus County Animal Services, 4030 S. Airport Road, Inverness, behind the fairgrounds.
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A matter of mind over your mattress



Georgi Davis
UP THE CLOTHES CHUTE

Before we went to Ohio, I made a trip to the doctor because I was having a burning feeling in my back, especially after playing golf. I knew it wasn't anything major, but I thought I should check it out before we left. I didn't want to get way up north and find out I needed a specialist or some doctor help.

The doctor sent me for an x-ray which revealed that I have calcium deposits in my spine. The doctor told me it was nothing major, and if I was in pain to take a pain reliever. That sounded okay with me, so along with all my clothes and toiletries, I packed a bottle of pain medicine. It was there if I needed it, which I hoped I wouldn't because I am just not good at taking pills. I'm allergic to so many of them that I avoid them like you would a rattlesnake.

We journeyed the many miles north. I soon discovered that the burning sensation in my back had disappeared. I was very happy about that, because who wants to be in discomfort? The doctor had also told me that this might all go away in a month's time. I didn't bother to ask why, I just hoped she was correct.

At any rate, while on the trip we slept in many different beds with many different mattresses. Most were much firmer than the one we had at home.

I rode in the car, played golf and sat a lot with friends. Still, the burning sensation did not return. I decided the doctor was correct and that this feeling had gone away.

To my utter dismay, when we arrived back in Florida so did the feeling in my back. Who would have figured?

So being the problem solver that I am, I sat and tried to decide just what was different about being at home and being up north.

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September shines a spotlight on vultures



Pictured is a black vulture. Vultures will be the focus of the month at the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. Special to the Chronicle

Wildlife Park hopes to shed the bird's bad rep

KATE SPRATT
Park Services Specialist

Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park invites you to learn all about vultures during the month of September. These magnificent birds truly have a "bad reputation," and we would like to help raise awareness to the many benefits vultures hold.

The park's monthly themes feature Florida's natural and cultural resources with special displays and programs. Learn about vultures through exhibits in the Visitor Center and in the Discovery Center. A special program will also be offered on "Vulture Awareness" by Park Services Specialist

and vulture advocate, Andrea Junkunc.

Learn about vultures

A special program raising vulture awareness will be presented by Andrea Junkunc at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, in the Florida Room at the Park's main entrance and Visitor Center. There will be no charge to attend this program.

Andrea Junkunc, a Homosassa resident and vulture enthusiast, will offer a program on vultures. Andrea Junkunc was born and raised in McHenry, Illinois. Throughout her childhood she was an

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Pictured is a turkey vulture. Vultures will be the focus of the month at the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. A special program raising vulture awareness will be presented by Andrea Junkunc at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, in the Florida Room at the Park's main entrance and Visitor Center.



Citrus Garden Club announces new season, new agenda

On Thursday, Sept. 6, the Citrus Garden Club will begin a new and exciting 2018-19 season. A warm welcome is extended to everyone, so please join us at this first meeting.

The club will meet at the Whispering Pines

Recreational Building with the social beginning at 9 a.m. President Linda Fernandez will call the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The program will begin approximately 10:45 a.m.

The program for this month is inspired by fairy gardens. Denise Garcia

from Tampa will do a presentation showing us how to create such a garden using your pots, baskets and even a teacup. There will be items available for sale so you may create your very own. Fairy gardens are basically microgardens, so very little space is needed for you to create your own magical and

mysterious garden.

Hospitality Chairman Susan Nadeau will greet all members and guests with freshly made coffee and a table containing a selection of palate-pleasing morsels. While sipping your coffee, take time to look over the Ways & Means table that Chairman Pamela Noel has

arranged with pretty items for sale.

Many exciting topics are offered at these meetings, all intended to be educational and entertaining, so come and join in the fun. Jerry Lubowiecki, Master Gardener, will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about your

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Advance NOTICE

Trivia set at Kellner auditorium

Test your knowledge while enjoying socializing with friends. Come join us on Tuesday, Sept. 4, in Kellner Auditorium at 92 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills (behind Beth Sholom Synagogue Building) for monthly trivia night. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Game begins at 7 p.m.
Cost is \$10 per person. There will be light snacks, water and iced tea provided. Feel free to BYOB!
Prizes to first and second place teams will be a percentage of money taken in. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.
For reservations or information, contact Sherry Wilson at 352-270-3339 or sherrywilson088@gmail.com.
Everyone is invited to participate.

Lions Club to host card tournament

Inglis Yankeetown Lions Club will host a Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament beginning at noon Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Inglis Yankeetown Lions Clubhouse, 22 59th Street, Yankeetown.
Cost is \$30 to buy in. Food and a cash bar will be available. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.
Download registration form at www.facebook.com/pg/Inglis-Yankeetown-Lions-Club or contact Lion Al Becker at 352-257-1388.

Flotilla 15-01 to offer skills course

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 15-01 will offer the comprehensive Boating Skills and Seamanship course from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 10-28. The course runs for three weeks — Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
Cost is \$45 which includes a book, hands-on experiences (not on the water), numerous handouts and instruction by certified USCG Auxiliary instructors. The course will be at the DAV/USCG Auxiliary building, 501 SE Seventh Ave., Crystal River, one block south of Cody's restaurant off U.S. 19.
After successfully completing the course, participants will be issued the Florida Safe Boater's card. All paperwork is handled by the USCG Auxiliary. Those born after Jan. 1, 1988, are required to take a Safe Boater's course and obtain a Safe Boater's card in order to legally operate a vessel with a 10 hp or greater motor. To register, call Linda at 352-503-6199 or email ljoness1501@gmail.com.

Spanish American Club sets Valerie concert

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage month, the Spanish American Club of Citrus County will host a fundraising event from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Valerie Theatre, 207 Courthouse Square, Inverness. Doors open at 5 p.m.
The event will feature "El Festival del Cuatro" featuring

Orlando Santiago El Mostro del Cuatro with his ensemble Group Natividad. Tickets are \$25 per person.

Tickets are available at the Valerie box office open noon to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Tickets can also be purchased at www.valerietheatre.org. For information, call 352-341-7850.

Bike at annual Rails to Trails ride

The 24th annual Rails to Trails Bike Ride will be Sunday, Oct. 7, on the Withlacoochee State Trail.
Registration is \$40 for adults until Oct. 3, then the fee rises to \$45. Children 12 and younger, who must be accompanied by an adult during the ride, may register for just \$15. This includes a commemorative tech T-shirt, swag bag, continental breakfast and hot lunch in Inverness, plus fully-stocked rest stops along the route.
The ride begins and ends at the Inverness Trailhead (by the red caboose at 315 N. Apopka Ave.), and riders may choose the distance they ride, from one to 100 miles. Helmets are required. There is no mass start; riders may begin any time between 7 and 9 a.m.
To register, visit www.rtwst.org/annual-bike-ride-rails-to-trails.php, or you may download and print out the form to mail it in.

GARDEN

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landscape. Then, Shelby Jordan, Master Gardener, will have selected a native plant or flower to "show & tell." Member Mary Smalley will choose and inform us about a topic from one of "Natures Nuggets."

It will be a surprise to find out what two members have volunteered to make a floral design for our pleasure and also to be critiqued by our own artist and designer, Vicky Ross.
Our club is very active in civic and environmental duties each month.
The Whispering Pines Butterfly Garden, chaired by Judith Thomason, has a clean-up planned for

8:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 10. The butterflies will be so happy to see your helping hands and smiling face.
Sandra Hume, 1st vice president, program chairman and Master Gardener has planned a Fairy Garden Workshop between 1 and 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, at the Lakes Region Library. Mark your calendars for this fun activity.
Pamela Noel, Ways &

Means chairman, has planned a bus trip for everyone on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018, to Kanapaha Botanical Gardens in Gainesville. The cost of this trip includes the gardens, access to the Gainesville Orchid Society Judged Show and also the opportunity to purchase plants and accessories from 50 vendors. Please join the club for this fun packed day and

call Pamela Noel at 352-249-6970 for details on your reservation.
Your 2018-19 yearbook, edited and produced by Sandi Smith, will be available at this September meeting.
We will continue to collect nonperishable food items for the food banks of Citrus County, and supplies/food for the animals at the citrus County

Animal Shelter are always appreciated.
Any questions about the club should be directed to President Linda Fernandez at 352-634-2173.

Judy Morris submits publicity for the Citrus Garden Club. Contact her at 352-341-0954; rmorris117@tampabay.rr.com.

VULTURE

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active member of many avian organizations along with her mother. A love of nature led Andrea to her first job at a small reptile zoo near Wisconsin.
Wanting more experience with wildlife, she moved to Florida in 2001 where she pursued

further education in the areas of animal care and psychology with an emphasis in animal behavior and training. In 2002 she enrolled in a hands-on animal husbandry course. In 2003, Andrea was hired at Silver Springs Attraction. Her career there started with caring for and doing programs with alligators, snakes and many species of parrots. Eight months later she had an opportunity to

make a department move to the free-flighted birds of prey show. She was thrilled to be working with exotic and native eagles, falcons and hawks, along with many species of owls and Andrea's personal favorite, the vultures. She went on to become leader of that department and then supervisor of all ambassador animals and show development.
Currently, Andrea

Junkunc is a Park Services Specialist at Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park in the Wildlife Care Department. She works closely with all the park's animals, coordinates training plans, and animal enrichment programs.
Her presentation will consist of an explanation of the importance of vultures.

Did you know

Vultures decrease the spread of disease. Vulture's strong stomach acid destroys harmful bacteria, including Cholera and Anthrax. In many countries, the decline of vultures has increased the threat of rabies and Bubonic plague. There are 23 species of vultures, 14 of which are threatened with extinction, causing ecological and public health crisis in

many countries.
Vultures are internationally celebrated, on the first Saturday of every September, during "International Vulture Awareness Day."
We encourage you to visit Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park to learn about the importance of Florida's wildlife including Vultures. For more information, call Kate Spratt at 352-628-5445.

CHUTE

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My first thought was the chair I sit on when I am on my lanai. We had just purchased those and paid a good penny for them. They were supposed to have lumbar support, so I decided to dismiss the chairs.
My husband told me it was the heat and humidity in Florida. I readily agreed and said that in that case, if he really loved me, he would move us back north.
That thought went over like a lead balloon. He said he didn't want to go back there especially in the winter. He wondered just what would he do when it was too cold to

play golf. I told him he could shovel snow which would be good exercise, or he could do his crossword puzzles like he does here in the south when he has nothing else to do.
That was not what he wanted to hear, and I didn't see any "for sale" sign in our front yard, so I went back to pondering.
And then I thought about our mattress that sinks when I crawl into it. The cat, who likes to sleep with me, weighs about thirteen pounds which only makes the mattress sag some more. The mattresses we slept on during our trip were much firmer. One was even hard as a rock, on which I slept very well.
With this thought in mind, I called the doctor

and asked if my mattress could be adding to the burning sensation in my back. She replied that indeed it could.
The next morning I awoke determined to go to the mattress store. I told my husband my intention. His reply was that he still thought it was the heat and humidity and we didn't need to spend the money on a new mattress. I told him that it was move north or go look for mattresses. He decided that buying a new mattress would be cheaper than moving north. Of course, playing golf year-round also went into his decision.
So, off to the mattress store we went. I was going with great expectations. He was going to more or

less show me he cared, I think.
We tried out several mattresses. The salesman at the store was very knowledgeable and helped us with our decision. He told me that since I was a side sleeper, I needed something a little firm to hold my spine in place, but not so firm that it would alter it even further.
My husband kept insisting that he could sleep on anything. He told the salesman he was a back sleeper. I told the salesman that since he is so thin, when he is laying on his back I couldn't even find him. The salesman made me feel better by saying that back sleepers can sleep on just about any mattress with no

stress to their body. So my husband suggested that I start sleeping on my back. I told him it had taken many years of training to sleep on my side and I wasn't about to change now.
After that discussion, I finally found a mattress that I thought would fit the bill or my spine. My husband laid down on it and said he thought it would be okay because he didn't think it would hurt his elbows. I looked at him and said, "Your choice of mattress depends on how it affects your elbows?" The salesman just shook his head. He told us to be sure to give our bodies time to adjust to the new feel, but that we had four months to see if it worked for us.

That was good news.
We completed the deal and I was delighted to know the mattress would arrive the next day. That morning, before the mattress arrived, we played a round of golf. I was sure that sleeping on the new mattress that night that I would have no pain in the morning. Unfortunately, I was wrong. I guess I'm still adjusting.
I'll give the mattress four months. By then the heat and humidity will be gone and so will I if I still have a burning back!

Georgi Davis, a transplant from Ohio and a retired teacher, is enjoying her second life in Homosassa. Contact her at ritenow69@gmail.com.

Upcoming EVENTS

Saturday, September 1

Sample craft beers at Beerfest

The second annual Nature Coast Beerfest will be from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at the Crystal River Armory, 8551 W. Venable St., Crystal River.

More than 40 craft beer vendors, a cigar bar, food, music, silent and live auctions will be on site.

Proceeds benefit Citrus County Blessings.

General admission is \$20; \$40 for VIP. General admission includes unlimited beer samples. VIP allows access into the event at 5:30 p.m., food, bigger cups and VIP area.

For information and tickets, call 352-746-9596.

Sunday, September 2

Eat BBQ at Labor Day fundraiser

A Labor Day Weekend BBQ celebration and fundraiser will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish beginning at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 2, at 1401 W. Country Club Blvd., Citrus Springs.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children. Children under age 5 are free. The menu includes burgers, hot dogs, pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad, drinks and desserts. Wine and beer are available for a contribution.

Celebrate Labor Day with IR-RU

The IR-RU Family Social Club will celebrate Labor Day on Sunday, Sept. 2.

A hamburger plate with potato salad and baked beans will be available for \$5. Food will be served from 3-6 p.m. Entertainment will be provided from 3-7 p.m. by Semmes and Shaw.

The club will have its monthly meeting at 12:15 p.m.

The club is at 922 U.S. 41 South, Inverness. Call 352-637-5118 for more information. Guests are always welcome.

Tuesday, September 4

Citrus Area Stamp Club to meet

The Citrus Area Stamp Club meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the VFW post 4252, 3190 State Road 200, Hernando.

Doors open at 11 a.m. with meeting starting at 1 p.m.

For information, contact Sheldon Rogg at 727-364-6897 or h.rogg@verizon.net.

Optimize your irrigation systems

Citrus County Utilities Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program is offering a free gardening workshop from 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, at the Citrus County Extension Service building, 3650 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto.

Landscape irrigation is supplemental, but often uses 50-70 percent of total residential water consumption. Irrigation practices such as seasonal scheduling, catch can calibration and selection of drought tolerant plants are essential to creating a sustainable and water conserving landscape.

Call Steven Davis at 352-527-5708 to confirm your participation or register at <https://ccuffprogram.eventbrite.com>.

Citrus Model Railroad Club to meet

The Citrus Model Railroad Club will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, in the Horticulture Hall of the Citrus County Fairgrounds. The program will be a presentation of programming locomotives on a DCC control system using Engine Driver and Raspberry Pi programming.

For further information, contact Joel Best at 352-753-4030.

Trivia set at Kellner auditorium

Test your knowledge while enjoying socializing with friends. Come join us on Tuesday, Sept. 4, in Kellner Auditorium at 92 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills (behind Beth Shalom Synagogue Building) for monthly trivia night. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Game begins at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$10 per person. There will be light snacks, water and iced tea provided. Feel free to BYOB!

Prizes to first and second place teams will be a percentage of money taken in. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

Form your own team (4 to 10 people). If you don't have a team, let us know when you make your reservation and we will help you create one.

For reservations or information, contact Sherry Wilson at 352-270-3339 or sherrywilson088@gmail.com.

Everyone is invited to participate.

Native Plant Society meeting set

The Citrus Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society's first meeting on the season will be at 7 p.m. on Sept. 4 at Crystal Oaks Civic Center, 4958 W. Crystal Oaks Drive in Lecanto. Stop by early at 6:15 p.m. for "Barbara's Bits," the monthly gardening program and enjoy refreshments. The meeting will be their annual Garden Party. The event is a great way to learn more about what native plants can be grown in Citrus County.

Every meeting includes a "Native Plant of the Month" presentation, a segment on "What's Blooming" and a drawing at the end of the evening for a chance to take home some native plants.

For additional information, email citrusnps@gmail.com.

Wednesday, September 5

Talk palms with Master Gardeners

Picture a perfect palm swaying in the breeze and giving off sweet sounds as the fronds gently move. If your dream is this picture and one of the reasons why you moved to Citrus County, you can achieve this dream. All it takes is to understand palms and how to plant and care for them. The September UF/IFAS Citrus County Master Gardener free Library Plant Seminars will discuss what it takes to have a perfect palm. The

schedule for these free seminars is:

- At 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, at the Floral City Library
- At 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the Lakes Region Library in Inverness

- At 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the Central Ridge Library in Beverly Hills

- At 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at the Coastal Region Library in Crystal River

- At 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19 at the Citrus Springs Library

- At 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25 at the Homosassa Library

We welcome any and all questions on plants or other gardening concerns. You can also contact the UF/Citrus County Extension anytime during business hours at 352-527-5700 (ask for any on-duty Master Gardener) or email Citrus County Master Gardeners at MasterG1@citrusbocc.com.

Friday, September 7

Become a Hospice volunteer

Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast will provide General Orientation for individuals who are interested in learning more about Hospice volunteer opportunities from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Sept. 7, at the Wings Education Center located at 3280 W. Audubon Park Path in Lecanto.

The orientation provides an overview of Hospice philosophy and history. Participants will become acquainted with services provided for patients and families, the concept of palliative care and learn the importance of confidentiality. Attendees will also receive information regarding a variety of volunteer roles.

For additional information or to reserve a seat, call 352-527-2020.

Stay updated on driving education

Florida is a mandated state and any insurance company doing business in Florida must give a discount to those completing an AARP Smart Driver Course, open to all age 50 and older. Contact your agent for discount amounts.

Update yourself to earn a discount and get newly enacted motor vehicle and traffic laws. Course fee is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for all others.

Upcoming classes include:

- An AARP Driver Safety Class will be held from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at the Central Ridge Library at 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills.

- An AARP Driver Safety Class will be held from 10:45 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, at the Homosassa Library, 4100 S. Grandmarch Ave. Contact instructor Phillip Mulrain at 352-628-7633 to register.

- An AARP Driver Safety Class will be held from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at the Central Ridge Library at 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills.

Call 352-513-5566 to register for the class.

Beverly Hills Irish American Social Club

The first meeting of the new year for the Beverly Hills Irish American Social Club will be Friday, Sept. 7, at the Central Ridge Community Center, 77 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills.

There will be no speaker. Members will tell of the things they have done while on summer break. The calendar of upcoming outings for September and October will be discussed. We will also be celebrating the 101st birthday of one of our members.

Any person wishing to attend, please do. We are an active group and try to give back to our community.

You do not need to be Irish to join. You only need to want to learn of Irish culture, of giving to others and having fun with friends. We meet the first Friday of each month September through May.

For information, contact Janet Berek at 616-648-1242 or janet.berek@yahoo.com.

Saturday, September 8

Veterans Coalition continues yard sales

The Citrus County Veterans Coalition will continue its monthly yard sales on the second Saturday of each month, September through May. The sales are at the Our Lady of Fatima Church grounds in Inverness on U.S. 41 south.

Vendors are asked to contact Richard Floyd at 352-400-8952 to reserve space and confirm their location on the grounds for the Sept. 8 sale.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the coalition of saleable goods, in working condition, can also call for information on how to get the goods to the coalition to be sold.

9/11 Remembrance Ride set Sept. 8

Smoke Divers Firefighters Motorcycle Club will sponsor a 9/11 Remembrance Event/Ride on Saturday, Sept. 8, beginning and ending at Crystal Harley-Davidson.

The ride is free. Each rider/passenger will receive a free raffle ticket. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with staging at 9 a.m. and kickstands up at 10 a.m.

Ride route: U.S. 19/Venable/State Road 44/Apopka to Inverness Liberty Park with parking at Boys & Girls Club/back to S.R. 44/U.S. 19 to Crystal Harley-Davidson.

The stop at Liberty Park (286 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness) will feature a Lecanto High School Honor Guard presentation.

The ride ends at Crystal Harley-Davidson where there will be a free raffle drawing at 3 p.m. Participants must be present to win.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/smokediversmc.

Sunshine Poets to meet

Join the Sunshine Poets' monthly meeting/poetry reading at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Coastal Region Library in Crystal River.

Bring your poems to share, or just listen. The optional homework assignment is to write a poem to, about, or in the persona of a Native American. If you'd like the members to critique, bring several copies on which we can write suggestions. Join us afterward for lunch at a local restaurant.

Lions Club to host card tournament

Inglis Yankeetown Lions Club will host a Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament beginning at noon Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Inglis Yankeetown Lions Clubhouse, 22 59th Street, Yankeetown.

Cost is \$30 to buy in. Food and a cash bar will be available. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

Download registration form at www.facebook.com/pg/Inglis-Yankeetown-Lions-Club or contact Lion Al Becker at 352-257-1388.

All proceeds benefit Inglis Yankeetown Lions Club charities.

View styles at fashion show

The Florida Sewing Sew-Ciety (FSS) will present – a unique Fashion Show beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the YMCA, 4127 W. County Road 486, Lecanto.

All of the fashions to be modeled are designed and constructed by FSS members. The program emcee is Judy Kessinger of FitNice in Louisville, Kentucky. Judy is a nationally-known sewing educator.

Light refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$10 each. Tickets are available from FSS members and at the Beyond the Stitches shop in the Airport Plaza on U.S. 19. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

For information, call Dee at 352-527-8229. Please leave a message.

Wildlife Puppeteers' to host monthly show

The Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park will be hosting monthly showings of the Wildlife Puppeteers' new play "Build A Better Brain" beginning in September. In the play, animal puppets such as Lu the hippo, Beary, Valentine the fox, Yuma and Sakata the panthers, and other animals tell about the enrichment program at the state park.

You will learn what enrichment is, hear from a world-famous brain researcher, and enjoy hearing and participating in the songs in the play. Whether you are very young or a little older, there is something for you. They will be performing the play on the following dates:

- Saturday, Sept. 8, at 1 p.m.

- Saturday, Oct. 13, at 1 p.m.

- Saturday, Nov. 10 at 1 p.m.

The shows will be held in the Florida Room at the Visitor Center located on U.S. 19. There is no charge to attend this event. For more information, please contact Kate Spratt at 352-628-5445.

Dine, dance with social club

The Citrus American & Italian Social Club at 4325 S. Little Al Point, Inverness, invites the public to a Sept. 8 dinner dance.

Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. On the menu are pork chops, roasted potatoes, veggie, salad and dessert. Music by Fred Campbell.

Call Debbie at 352-419-5252 or Joanne at 352-637-7184 for tickets (\$17). BYOB. The event raises money to provide food baskets for Thanksgiving.

Sunday, September 9

Eat breakfast, support veterans

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 155 will host their monthly breakfast from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at 6585 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River.

Menu includes made to order eggs, omelets, biscuits and gravy, bacon, sausage, ham, home fries, grits and pancakes with coffee and orange juice at cost of \$6 per person and \$4 for children age ten and under.

All proceeds support the veteran and community programs of the auxiliary. For information, call 352-795-6526.

Eat breakfast to support charities

The St. Scholastica Knights of Columbus, Council 14485, will host their monthly breakfast from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, in the Parish Center behind St. Scholastica Church at 4301 W. Homosassa Trail in Lecanto.

The donation is just \$6. Join us for a delicious breakfast, while helping us to support Citrus County Charities.

For information, call 352-503-2653.

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Gypsy is a fun-loving girl with lots of energy. She is housebroken and is very sweet. She's learning leash manners, but is a smart girl who wants to please. Gypsy is a terrier mix. Gypsy is spayed, microchipped, heartworm tested and vaccinated. She is ready to come home. ID No. 38860207.



Precious is a low-energy girl, a little bit reserved, and very calm and polite. She is a real sweetheart. She loves people and loves attention. She may be a senior, but she still loves to play. She comes when called, listens well and wants to obey. Come meet this lovely senior. ID No. 38894917.



Nala is a sweetheart! She loves people, is great on leash and is very housebroken. She may be a senior, but she still loves to play. She comes when called, listens well and wants to obey. She's kenneled with another dog and doesn't react badly to others. Nala is a terrier mix. ID No. 38894934.



Cute little Alice is a young black female kitten with some Maine Coon mix. She's got a wonderful demeanor about her, is very sweet and quite inquisitive. A bit shy when she first meets you, she quickly warms up and likes attention. Alice will make a great companion. ID No. 39126446.



Cuddles is a pretty black female, probably less than a year old. Cuddles is ready and hoping for her forever home. ID No. 39186279.



Lizzy is a pretty dilute calico girl who is approximately 2 years old. You won't be disappointed in Lizzy. ID No. 39257594.

Citrus County Animal Services, 4030 S. Airport Road, Inverness, behind the fairgrounds.
View adoptable pets at citruscritters.com. Call 352-746-8400.

Unless otherwise noted, all dogs are spayed/neutered, microchipped, heartworm tested and current on vaccinations.

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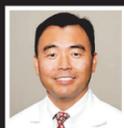
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