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Chattahoochee man, 23, killed in fiery crash on Interstate 10

Erin Hill
Gadsden County News Service

A 23-year-old Chattahoochee man was killed Saturday, Oct. 31, when his vehicle struck an overpass pillar and caught fire on Interstate 10 in Gadsden County, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

The single-vehicle crash occurred around 11:50 a.m. in the eastbound lanes of Interstate 10 near mile marker 178.

According to the Highway Patrol, the man was driving a sedan eastbound when, for unknown reasons, the vehicle left the roadway to the left and struck an overpass support pillar.

The vehicle caught fire upon impact. The driver, who was the sole occupant, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Authorities have not released the driver's name. His next of kin has been notified.

The Gadsden County Sheriff's Office, Gadsden County Emergency Medical Services and Gadsden County Fire Rescue assisted the Highway Patrol at the scene.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation.

Chattahoochee officer fired after Taser incident involving man experiencing seizure

Erin Hill
Gadsden County News Service

CHATTAHOOCHEE — A Chattahoochee police sergeant has been fired following an Oct. 25 encounter in which he used a Taser seven times on a man who says he was recovering from a seizure.

The incident, which was recorded on video and circulated on social media, has raised questions about the officer's use of force, treatment of emergency medical personnel and the circumstances surrounding the man's detention.

Chattahoochee Police Chief Michael Miller announced the officer's dismissal Oct. 28 after reviewing the incident and additional video footage showing a confrontation between the officer and an emergency medical services employee.

The officer was identified as Sgt. Price. The man involved, Dwight Jackson, was outside his home on Chattahoochee Street putting up Halloween decorations when he suffered a seizure and collapsed, according to accounts provided by Jackson and his family.

Jackson's brother, Caleb Johns, called for emergency assistance. Johns told WCTV that Jackson's seizure lasted approximately 10 minutes before emergency medical personnel arrived.

Johns said emergency personnel were treating his brother when Price arrived about 45 minutes later. He alleged that the officer pushed past responders, climbed on top of Jackson and used a Taser as Jackson was recovering from the seizure.

Johns recorded part of the encounter on his cellphone. The video was later shared on social media, drawing public attention to the officer's actions.

Miller provided a different account of the circumstances leading to the use of force.

In an Oct. 28 statement, Miller said an officer was dispatched to assist at 600 Chattahoochee St., where fire and emergency medical personnel were having difficulty restraining an individual described as combative.

According to Miller, the responding officer encountered physical resistance when Jackson grabbed and pulled on the officer's body armor. The officer deployed his Taser seven times before Jackson was taken into custody.

Jackson disputed the department's characterization of his behavior, maintaining that he was experiencing a medical emergency rather than intentionally resisting police.

In an interview with WCTV, Jackson described the encounter as frightening and said he feared the officer might seriously injure or kill him.

Miller said Jackson was subsequently taken to the Chattahoochee Police Department, where he experienced another seizure. Emergency medical personnel were contacted, and Jackson was transported to a local hospital for evaluation.

Jackson told WCTV he was never booked into jail and was eventually released.

A search of Gadsden County court records found no criminal case filed against Jackson in connection with the Oct. 25 incident as of Nov. 3. The absence of a court filing does not establish whether a formal arrest occurred.

According to Miller, an initial supervisory review of available body-worn camera footage determined that the original responding officer's use of force appeared consistent with department policy and justified under the circumstances recorded.

However, the review also revealed that the assisting officer had failed to activate his assigned body-worn camera before responding, leaving much of the interaction with fire and emergency medical personnel unrecorded.

Miller said available audio raised concerns about the officer's tone and communication.

On Oct. 27, supervisors became aware of additional videos circulating on Facebook that showed more of the encounter, including a verbal confrontation between Price and an emergency medical services employee.

Miller said the officer's conduct and demeanor were inconsistent with the professionalism and standards expected of department personnel.

The chief emphasized that officers are expected to exercise sound judgment and self-control, even during difficult encounters, and said emergency medical personnel deserve dignity and respect.

Price was separated from the department effective Oct. 28.

Although Miller's statement described the initial use of force as appearing justified, it also identified concerns about the officer's conduct toward emergency responders and his failure to activate his body-worn camera.

The department has not publicly released a termination letter or completed internal investigation findings establishing every factor considered in the dismissal.

It also remains unclear whether the incident has been referred to an outside investigative agency or whether Price could face criminal charges.

Jackson has indicated that he is considering legal action.

The incident has drawn attention beyond Chattahoochee as videos of the encounter continue circulating online.

Miller said the department remains committed to accountability, professionalism and maintaining public trust.

Quincy police chief reinstated as DUI case remains open

Erin Hill
Gadsden County News Service

Quincy Police Chief Brian Alexander returned to duty Monday, Nov. 2, following a three-month unpaid suspension stemming from his July arrest on charges of driving under the influence and refusal to submit to DUI testing.

City Manager Roger Milton announced the reinstatement in a Nov. 1 letter to Mayor Robin Wood and members of the Quincy City Commission. Alexander's return comes as his criminal case remains open in Gadsden County Court, with a case management hearing scheduled for Dec. 2.

In his letter, Milton said he remained confident in Alexander's ability to lead the department despite the circumstances surrounding his arrest.

"Although I believe his momentary lapse in judgment (concerning a personal matter unrelated to his official duties) warranted disciplinary action, I am persuaded that the time has come for the city to move past this most unfortunate situation," Milton wrote.

Milton said a written reprimand would also be placed in Alexander's personnel file.

Alexander was arrested July 10 by the Chattahoochee Police Department after an officer reportedly observed a vehicle traveling on the wrong side of U.S. Highway 90.

Court records show the two charges were filed Aug. 4. On Oct. 23, County Judge Kathy Garner granted a continuance requested by the prosecution, with no objection from the defense. The next case management hearing is set for Dec. 2 at 9 a.m.

The city previously announced Sept. 6 that Alexander had been placed on administrative leave pending an internal administrative matter. Officials declined to elaborate at the time, citing personnel confidentiality, but said the assistant police chief would oversee daily operations without interruption to public safety services.

In his reinstatement letter, Milton acknowledged concerns about department leadership and the importance of maintaining public confidence.

"The City has an obligation to maintain public confidence in its police department, ensure the continued delivery of essential public safety services, and provide our residents with the leadership and stability they expect," Milton wrote.



Milton said Alexander would have the authority to reorganize department personnel to address public safety concerns raised by residents and commissioners.

"Reinstatement will allow the Police Department to move forward with renewed focus on its duties, while making clear that professional judgment, personal accountability, and public trust remain essential expectations of every City employee, particularly those serving in positions of leadership," Milton wrote.

Alexander was sworn in as Quincy's police chief in June. He previously served as police chief in Gretna and spent more than 20 years with the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office.

His reinstatement is a city personnel decision and does not affect the pending criminal proceedings.

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Community Calendar

November

Veterans Day Poppy Wreaths

Tuesday, Nov. 3, through Thursday, Nov. 5

4 to 5:30 p.m.

William A. "Bill" McGill Library, 732 S. Pat Thomas Parkway, Quincy

Participants will create decorative poppy wreaths in honor of veterans and military service members. Registration is required to reserve a spot.

Contact: 850-627-7106.

Florida Talks: Faith and Fraternity

Tuesday, Nov. 10

6 p.m.

William A. "Bill" McGill Library, 732 S. Pat Thomas Parkway, Quincy

Dr. Andrea Howard Oliver will present a program examining how Black Floridians found strength through faith and fraternal organizations. The discussion will explore the role of churches, civic organizations and Masonic orders in providing leadership, financial assistance and community support during periods of oppression.

Junior Chef Event

Saturday, Nov. 14

11 a.m.

Gadsden County Public Library, Quincy

Children are invited to participate in fun, hands-on cooking activities. Registration is required by Thursday, Nov. 12.

Contact: 850-627-7106.

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ORCHARD POND GREENWAY

Tallahassee to Havana Trail from Old Bainbridge Road (C.R. 153) at Ochlockonee River (Leon/Gadsden County line) to the eastern trailhead on the Orchard Pond Greenway.

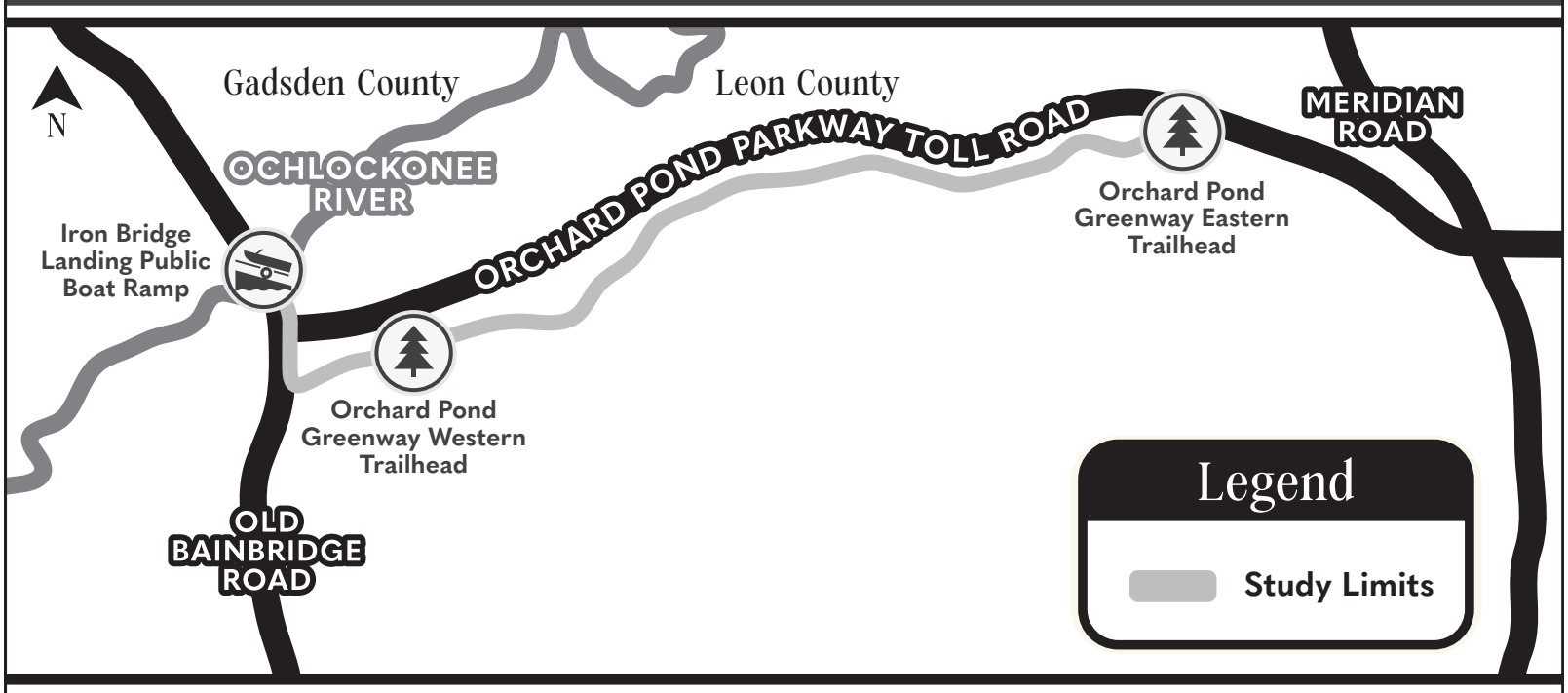
Leon County, Florida

FDOT WORK PROGRAM NUMBER: 455411-1

PUBLIC MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2026 **5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. (EST)** **LAKE JACKSON COMMUNITY CENTER** 3840 NORTH MONROE STREET, TALLAHASSEE

The purpose of this meeting is to present the study results and provide interested persons an opportunity to review the findings and provide input on the recommended alternative. Project maps and exhibits will be on display. CRTPA representatives and project team members will be available to explain proposed improvements, answer questions, and receive comments. Information displayed at the meeting will also be available online beginning Friday, October 16, 2026, at **www.crtpa.org/projects/tallahassee-to-havana-trail-pde-study-leon-county/**



The Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) has conducted an Environmental Impact and Alternatives Study to evaluate existing conditions, identify community needs and potential impacts, and develop conceptual design plans for a paved multi-use trail. The proposed trail would extend along Old Bainbridge Road from the Leon County line to Orchard Pond Road, and along Orchard Pond Road from Old Bainbridge Road to the eastern trailhead of Orchard Pond Parkway in Leon County. The total study length is approximately 4.4 miles. The existing unimproved trail, approximately 3.6 miles, is located between the western and eastern trailheads and accommodates equestrian, pedestrian, and bicycle user groups. The project will improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, increase mobility and recreational opportunities, enhance quality of life, and maintain usability for equestrians, pedestrians and bicycle users between the trailheads. Additionally, it provides a critical link in expanding the regional trail network in the Capital Region and beyond.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

We invite you to participate by providing your comments and ideas on the proposed improvements. You can get involved in various ways—through phone, mail, or email. All comments provided, or postmarked, on or before **Thursday, November 19, 2026**, will become part of the official project record.

CRTPA CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY

Greg Burke, AICP
Planning Manager
Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency
(850) 891-8626 greg.burke@talgov.com
300 S. Adams Street, A-19, Tallahassee, FL 32301

Visit the project webpage

The Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) adheres to the Americans with Disabilities Act and will make reasonable modifications for access to this meeting upon request. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact the CRTPA at (850) 891-8627 or suzanne.lex@talgov.com. For Hearing Impaired, Dial 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), and 1-800-955-8770 (Voice). Requests must be received at least seven days in advance of the meeting in order for the CRTPA to provide the requested service.

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Puzzle Solutions

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NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW

Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Shinkage Inc, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of: Gray Lily Farm, Inc.

Located at: 5775 Fairbanks Ferry Rd Havana FL 32333

In the County of: GADSDEN

In the city of: Havana

State of: Florida

Intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the

Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at QUINCY, Florida, this 30 day October, of 2026.

1t: 11/5

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER
PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MERGER

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that the Town Council of the Town of Havana, Florida, intends, two public hearings at the Town Hall in Havana (located at 711 N Main St), Florida, at 6 o'clock P. M. on the 17 th day of November, 2026, and at 6 o'clock P. M. the 26th day of January, 2027, to consider a lot merger of the following property:

Property Address: 318 Short Ave, Havana FL 32333

Parcel IDs: 2-35-3N-2W-0000-00223-1500 and 2-35-3N-2W-0000-00223-1600

Such application for a lot merger may be inspected by the public at the office of the Town Clerk in the Cecil G. Trippe Municipal Building, located at 711 N Main St, in such Town.

Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed lot merger.

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact the Town Clerk, 850/539-2820, at least 48 hours prior to the proceedings. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 800/955-8770 (voice) or 800/955-8771 (TTY)

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Council with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

This 5 th day of November, 2026.
Submitted by:
Leigh Davis
Town Manager
Town of Havana, Florida

1t: 11/5

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER
ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES

Notice is hereby given that the ordinance, which title hereinafter appears, will be considered for enactment by the Town Council of the Town of Havana, Florida, at a public hearing to be held on November 17, 2026 at 6:00 pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard at the Cecil G. Trippe Municipal Building in Havana, Florida, in the Town Council Meeting Room, located at 711 N Main St.

The titles of said ordinance reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 420

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAVANA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR A PARCEL IDENTIFIED BY PARCEL ID NUMBER 2-27-3N-2W-0000-00123-0100,

CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 4.54 ACRES, TO DESIGNATE IT AS NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION DISTRICT; ESTABLISHING A ZONING DESIGNATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR A PARCEL IDENTIFIED BY PARCEL ID NUMBER 2-27-3N-2W-0000-00123-0100 AS MORE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL, SEVERABILITY, AND CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Such ordinance may be inspected by the public at the office of the Town Clerk in the Cecil G. Trippe Municipal Building in such Town.

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This 5 th day of November, 2026.
Submitted by:
Leigh Davis
Town Manager
Town of Havana, Florida

1t: 11/5

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, GENE OPHEIM, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 2022 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2022

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 337 P 355. COMM AT THE NWC OF SECTION 08-3N-2W AND RUN E 3326 FT., W 207.43 TO BEGIN; THENCE RUN W 171.96 FT., S 105 FT., E 171.96 FT., N 105.0 FT TO THE P.O.B.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-08-3N-2W-0000-00122-1200

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: HEIRS OF LEE B PARKER

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 2ND Day of DECEMBER 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 10TH Day of SEPTEMBER 2026.
NICHOLAS THOMAS
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Gadsden County, Florida
BY: _____
Ann Marie Johns, Deputy Clerk

4t: 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26

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CERTIFICATE NO: 193 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2021

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 39, P. 238; LOTS 18 & 19, BLK. «D», HAMPTON HTS.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-26-3N-2W-0210-0000D-0180

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: PRIMAS JONES, SR AND LULA JONES C/O FAYE LEE DICKEY

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 2ND Day of DECEMBER 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 10TH Day of SEPTEMBER 2026.
NICHOLAS THOMAS
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Gadsden County, Florida
BY: _____
Ann Marie Johns, Deputy Clerk

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CERTIFICATE NO: 576 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2021

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 550 P 1038; OR 548 P 1514 OR 468 P 650. OR 330 P 629, OR 440 P 425 THE S1/2 OF LOT 2, BLK 43 MAP OF GRETNA DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT CONCRETE MONUMENT #2400 MARKING THE NEC OF BLK 63, MAP, OF GRETNA, RUN NORTH 68*00'26» E 69.98 FT , MARKING THE NWC OF BLOCK 53, THENCE N 68*00'26» E 559.81 FT ALONG THE S/LY BNDRY OF A 60 FT R/WAY FOR BEECH ST, THENCE LEAVING SAID

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-32-3N-4W-0430-00043-0021

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: ESTATE ANNIE MAE BROWN

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 2ND Day of DECEMBER 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 10TH Day of SEPTEMBER 2026.
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Clerk of the Circuit Court
Gadsden County, Florida
BY: _____
Ann Marie Johns, Deputy Clerk

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CERTIFICATE NO: 1587 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2021

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 504 P 1524, OR 513 P 881 OR 406 P 456, OR 445 P 1727 OR 286 P 1262 OR 404 P 1196. BEGIN AT SWC OF THE N1/2 OF THE SE1/4 OF SECT 23, RUN E 1158 FT, N 1195 FT, N 125 FT, E 356.70 FT TO POB. E 75 FT, S 125 FT, W 75 FT, N 125 FT TO POB. OR 405 P 1665. OR 409 P 1711.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 3-23-2N-4W-0000-00412-0700

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: EDWIN STARKS

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 2ND Day of DECEMBER 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 10TH Day of SEPTEMBER 2026.

NICHOLAS THOMAS
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Gadsden County, Florida
BY: _____
Ann Marie Johns, Deputy Clerk

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CERTIFICATE NO: 682 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2020

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 799 P 1834 OR 45, P. 464 COMM. AT NEC OF NE1/4 OF SE1/4 RUN S. 522 FT. TO BEGIN, N. 83* 0' W. 152 FT., S. 93 FT., E. 150 FT., N. 75 FT. TO THE P.O.B. IN SECTION 30-3N-4W. OR 743 P 384 OR 743 P 364

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-30-3N-4W-0000-00411-1100

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: WILLIE I BENNETT JR ET AL; OLA MAE BENNETT; DONALD BENNETT

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 2ND Day of DECEMBER 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 12TH Day of AUGUST 2026.
NICHOLAS THOMAS
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Gadsden County, Florida
BY: _____
Ann Marie Johns, Deputy Clerk

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CERTIFICATE NO: 824 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2020

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 274, P. 115 BEGIN AT SEC., RUN W. 1325 FT., N. 6* E. 2130 FT., W. 16 FT. TO BEGIN, RUN W. 240 FT., N. 182 FT., E. 238.5 FT., S/LY TO POB. IN SECTION 28-3N-5W.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-28-3N-5W-0000-00412-0100

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: B H HARDAWAY III ET AL

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 2ND Day of DECEMBER 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 12TH Day of AUGUST 2026.
NICHOLAS THOMAS
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Gadsden County, Florida
BY: _____
Ann Marie Johns, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, GADSDEN COUNTY, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 2419 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2020

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 802 P 1895 BEGIN AT THE NWC OF C O LOCKE & NANCY LOCKE'S RESIDENCE LOT AND RUN SOUTH 50 FT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE RUN SOUTH 50 FT; THENCE EAST 66 FT THENCE NORTH 50 FT; WEST 66 FT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LYING IN SECTION 33-4N-6W. OR 690 P 1422 OR 690 P 1424 OR 689 P 227 OR 540 P 1106 OR 449 P 779, OR 325 P 340 ALSO A STRIP OF LAND COMBINED FROM 33-4-6-22

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 1-33-4N-6W-0000-00224-0200

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: WANDA S SPOONER; BILLY RAY AUSTIN

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 2ND Day of DECEMBER 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 12TH Day of AUGUST 2026.
NICHOLAS THOMAS
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Gadsden County, Florida
BY: _____
Ann Marie Johns, Deputy Clerk

4t: 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, TAX LIEN FUND LP, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE NO: 821 YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2022

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: OR 137 P 636 COMM AT THE INTERSECTION OF N LINE OF SECT 10 AND THE W R/W LINE OF SR #269-A. RUN S 25 DEG E 242.7 FT TO POB. RUN S 25 DEG E 105 FT., W 259.7 FT., N 94.5 FT., E 215 FT TO POB. IN SECTION 10-3N-6W.

PARCEL ID NUMBER: 2-10-3N-6W-0000-00122-0100

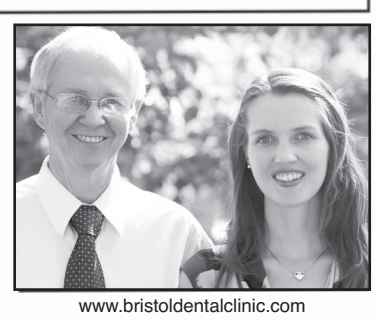
NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: MARIAN GAINER-REDISH (ET AL)

Said Property being in the County of Gadsden, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 2ND Day of DECEMBER 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated this 16th Day of SEPTEMBER 2026.
NICHOLAS THOMAS
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Farm Share Free Food Distribution

Saturday, Nov. 14

9 a.m.

Havana Town Hall, 711 N. Main St., Havana

Blessings of Hope Empowerment Outreach Inc., in partnership with Farm Share, will host a free drive-thru food distribution. Food will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

Make Your Own Wind Chimes for Kids

Tuesday, Nov. 17

6 p.m.

Gadsden County Public Library, Quincy

Children are invited to create and decorate their own wind chimes during a hands-on craft activity. Registration is required by Thursday, Nov. 12.

Contact: 850-627-7106.

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Gadsden County Commission	(850) 875-8650
Gadsden School District	(850) 627-9651
NW FL Water Management	(850) 539-5999
City of Chattahoochee	(850) 663-4046
Town of Greensboro	(850) 442-6215
City of Gretna	(850) 856-5257
Town of Havana	(850) 539-2820
City of Midway	(850) 574-2355
City of Quincy	(850) 618-0300

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Tax Collector

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Nurse Judy's Nook

It Never Ends

Judy Conlin

I was going to have such a happy column to write for you this week. Since my 90th birthday in May, one thing after another, health-wise, kept happening to me. The stress of a play I was in was over. I saw my doctor right after that, and my bloodwork was good, and all other tests were good (well, maybe not good, but good for someone my age). My right leg was finally back to normal, with no pitting edema, and I was able to walk again without a walking stick. I was overjoyed and couldn't help crowing about my good fortune to anyone I met.

As they say, "Pride goeth before a fall," and three days after my good report, I began getting a pain in my right shoulder and upper back area. Ice, heat and extra-strength Tylenol did nothing to alleviate it. I canceled a concert I wanted to go to and thought that staying home and resting would make it go away. It didn't, although I saw three old-time movies, which I enjoyed despite everything.

I worried that I would never be able to go to sleep with this throbbing shoulder of mine. Nevertheless, the time came when I had to go to bed. I lay down on the good shoulder and slept all night. At 6 a.m., I woke up, and that shoulder was still aching. It seemed to get worse as I tried to do my morning

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2027 FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS SERVICES

RFQ 2026-01-ST

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Third-Party Debt Collection & Credit-Bureau Reporting Services

RFP No. 2026-03-DC• Issue Date: November 5, 2026
Proposals Due: November 30, 2026 by 3:00 PM ET

The City seeks one qualified, independent collection agency to recover eligible past-due municipal service accounts on a primarily contingency-fee basis and, where lawful and accepted by consumer reporting agencies, furnish accurate delinquent-account information promptly to major credit bureaus.

Solicitation Contact	[NAME / TITLE / EMAIL / PHONE]
Questions Deadline	November 13, 2026 / 3:00 pm, Eastern
Proposal Delivery	22 Jefferson St, Chattahoochee, FL 32324
Anticipated Term	One Year, with up to two one-year renewals at the City's option
Compensation Preference	Percentage of Funds Actually Recovered; Minimal or No Upfront Fees
City Point of Contact After Award	City Manager or Authorized Designee

Chattahoochee provides electricity, water, wastewater/sewer, natural gas, solid-waste and other municipal services. Some customers leave outstanding balances after billing and applicable City collection efforts. The City seeks a fair, efficient documented process that improves cash recovery, reduces aged accounts receivable, and ensures eligible consumers are held accountable without inaccurate reporting or improper collection practices.

Desired results: (a) maximize net recovery; (b) provide simple, transparent contingency pricing; (c) place accounts into compliant collections promptly; (d) report eligible accounts to the major nationwide consumer reporting agencies as soon as lawful, subject to bureau rules; (e) protect City data and customers; and (f) provide understandable monthly performance reports.

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GADSDEN COUNTY
BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING NOTICE

The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners will virtually host and broadcast their regular meeting on **December 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** Those wishing to provide public testimony will be able to do so by attending the meeting. This meeting may be viewed by accessing the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/GadsdenCountyBOCC. Virtual meeting access details will be posted to the Gadsden County website, www.gadsdencountyfl.gov. Anyone wishing to speak on agenda or non-agenda items virtually should schedule or notify the County Public Information Officer no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting at 850-875-8671 or at media@gadsdencountyfl.gov before attending the meeting and will be asked to follow the Gadsden County Public Meetings Citizens Access Guidelines. Public comment for Commission meetings can be submitted via email to CitizensToBeHeard@gadsdencountyfl.gov until 12:00 p.m. December 1, 2026. Comments submitted after the deadline will be added to the official record, but the County cannot guarantee that Commissioners and staff will have adequate time to review comments prior to the meeting. The proposed agenda will include the following workshop and scheduled public hearing items:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

APC Towers, LLC Fl- 1932 Quincy (Quasi-Judicial Hearing) (SP 2025-06) - Consideration of a conceptual/preliminary site plan to construct a telecommunication tower on Tax Parcel ID # 2-30-3N-3W-0000-00431-0300 located near the intersection of Attapulgus Hwy and Taylor Rd.



General Business: Evaluation and Appraisal report on Comprehensive Plan

The files for the agenda items are available for public inspection at least one week prior to the meeting at the Planning Division, 1B E. Jefferson St., Quincy, Florida, and on the County website at www.gadsdencountyfl.gov. If a person decides to appeal any decision by the Planning Commission with respect to any matter considered at such public meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes testimony and evidence to which the appeal is to be heard.

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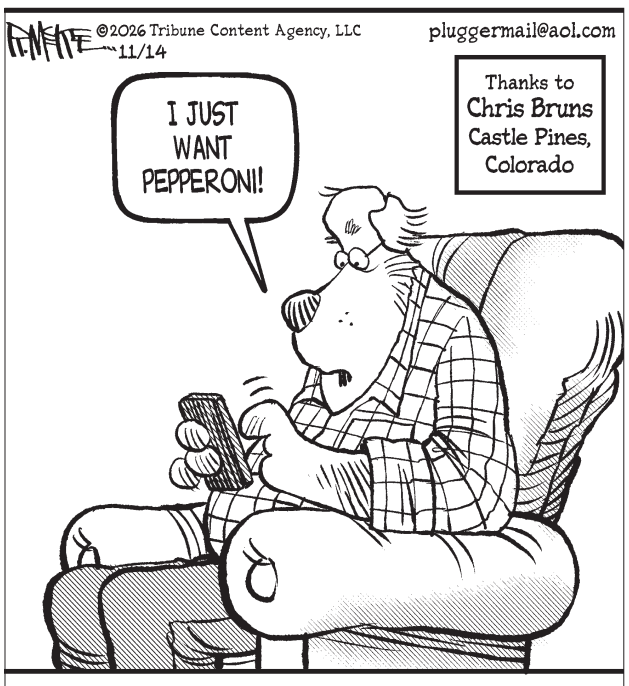
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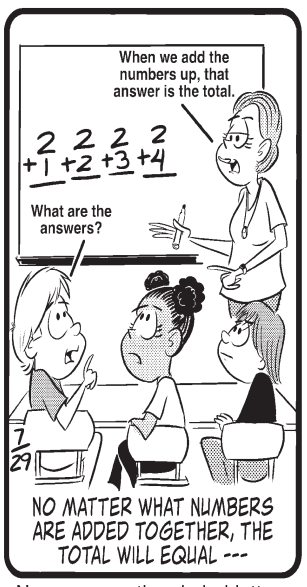
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DUTEMI



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: " " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FLOCK WATCH AFFIRM INVOKE
Answer: After so many flights over such a short period of time, the pilot was ready to — TAKE OFF WORK

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME!®
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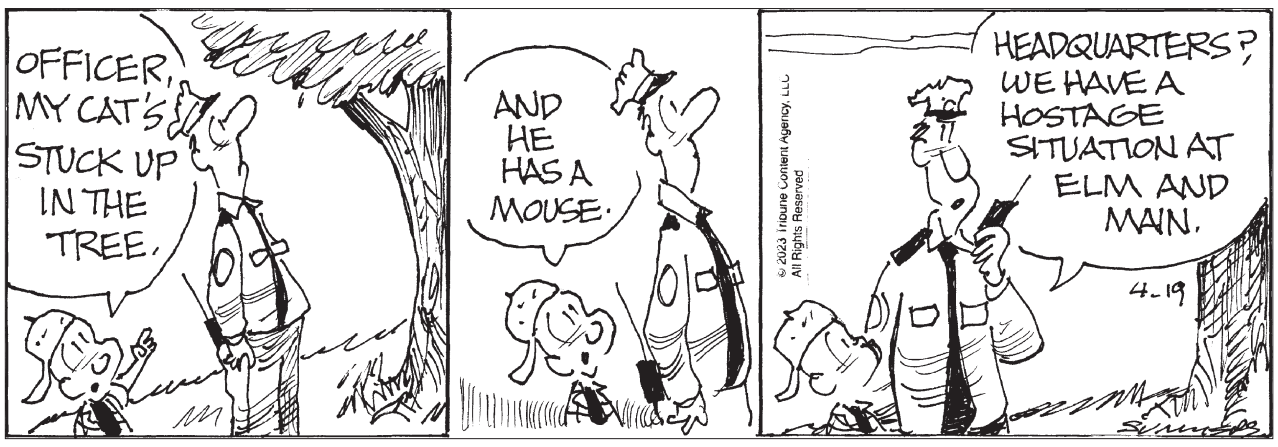
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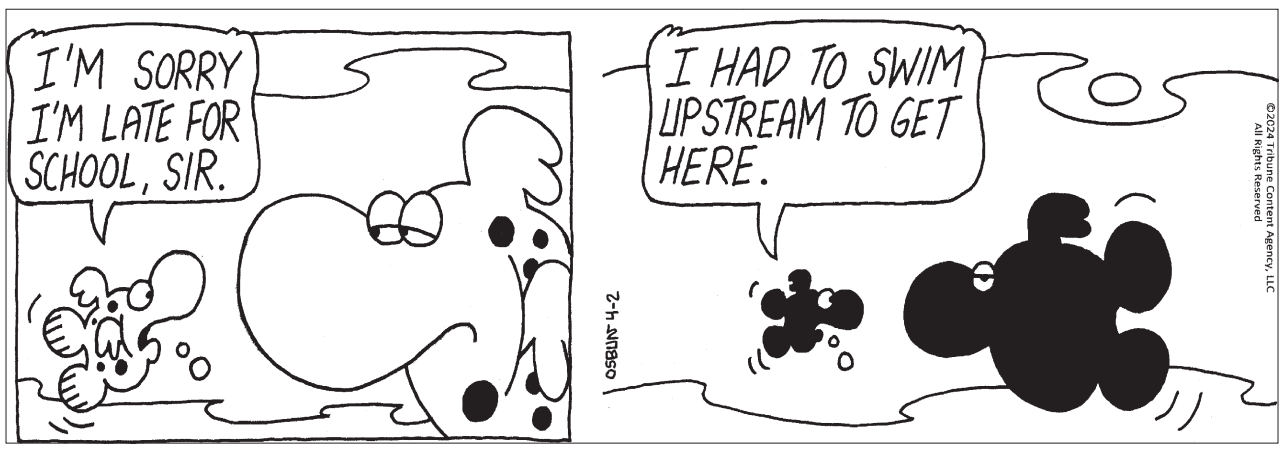
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Now you're ready to solve today's Jumble For Kids. Study the picture for a hint. Play around with the letters in the circles. You'll find you can put them in order so that they make your funny answer.

Answer here: ( ) ( )

Jumbles: FRY TENT HISS PUSH
Answer: The process of building the new staircase began with the — FIRST STEP





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								RACK 2
E1	O1	N1	N1	M3	W4	W4	Double Word Score	
								RACK 3
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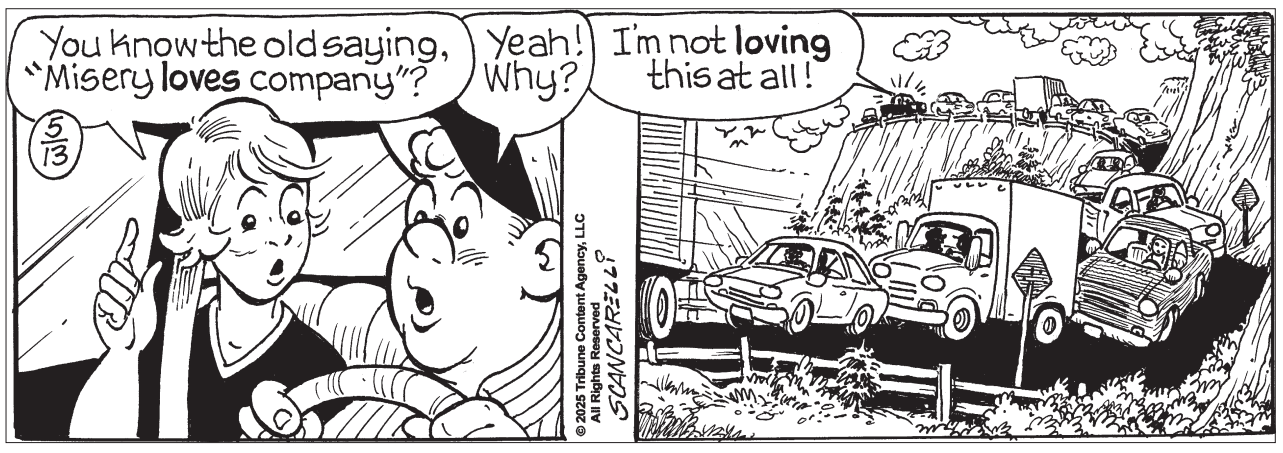
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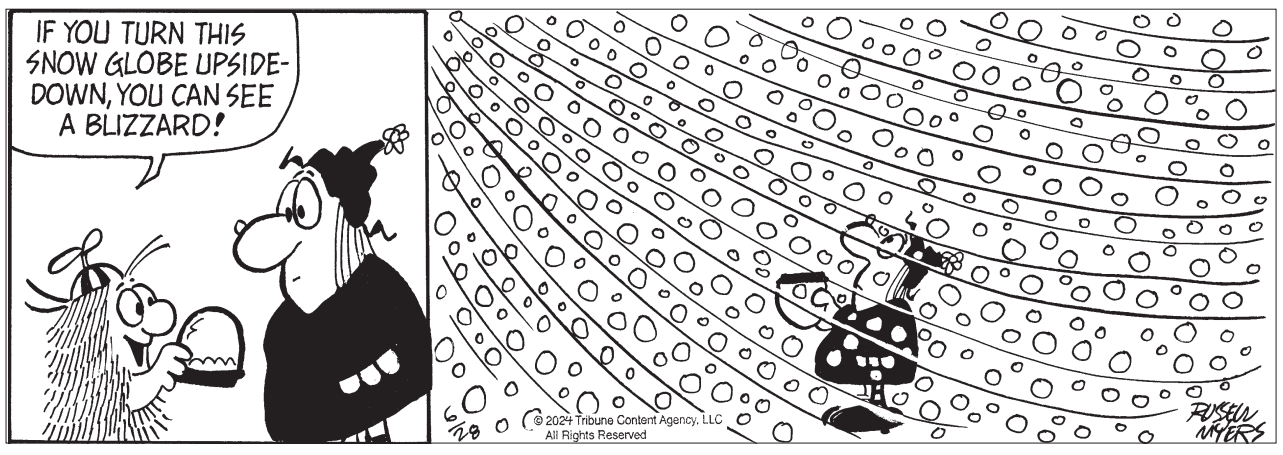
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EDITORS: *Here is the solution to today's SCRABBLEGRAM. You can print the solution on the same day elsewhere in your paper, or beneath the following day's puzzle. If you choose to run the solution elsewhere in the same day's newspaper, insert the appropriate type (below) over the SOLUTION TOMORROW line in the puzzle.*





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Thursday, February 2, 2023

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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BEST DEFENDED HAND OF THE YEAR

North-South vulnerable, West deals

NORTH
♠ 8
♡ A J 8 7 2
◇ 8 7 6 3
♣ 10 9 7

WEST
♠ A K 9 3 2
♡ K Q 10 5
◇ 9
♣ 8 5 4

EAST
♠ 10 7 5
♡ 9 6 4
◇ Q 10 5 2
♣ 6 3 2

SOUTH
♠ Q J 6 4
♡ 3
◇ A K J 4
♣ A K Q J

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	2♡	Pass	3NT
All pass			

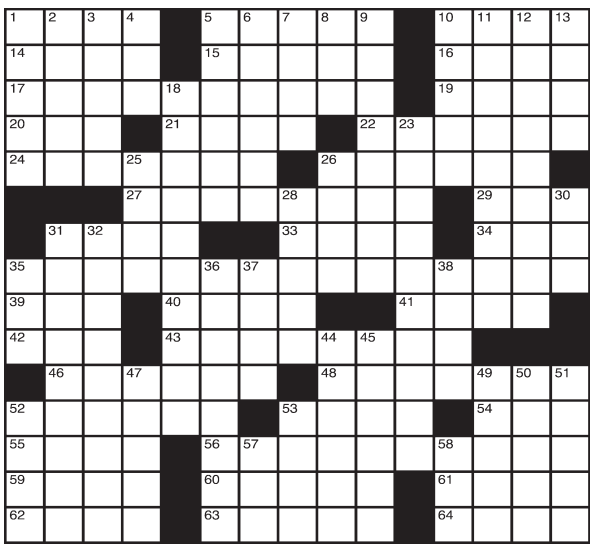
Opening lead: Queen of ♡

East-West in today's deal were Tom Hanlon and Hugh McGann, respectively, Ireland's top pair. South was Zia Mahmood, universally known as Zia, long recognized as one of the world's top players. This was a difficult deal to bid for North-South, but almost all pairs in the field reach three no trump. It was also a hard one to defend and most declarers made their contract.

McGann chose to lead a high heart, rather than a low spade. Zia won with dummy's ace as East played the four, showing an odd number of hearts. Thinking the queen of diamonds was more likely to be with West rather than East, Zia cashed the ace, king of diamonds, followed by all four of his club tricks. Both opponents pitched low spades, so Zia exited with the queen of spades to West's king as East unblocked his 10.

West, McGann, found the brilliant shift to the 10 of hearts! The defense had created an eventual entry to the East hand. Zia could not prevent East from gaining the lead and a spade lead from East on gaining the lead defeated the contract. Very well done!

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this newspaper or to Tribune Content Agency, LLC., 16650 Westgrove Dr., Suite 175, Addison, TX 75001.)



Across

1 Help with spelling
5 Up
10 Like cotton candy
14 Steinbeck twin
15 Herd stray
16 Transparent block in Minecraft
17 Event responsible for the northern lights
19 Nobel city
20 Pro across town from a Cap
21 Takes the cake?
22 Himalayan kingdom
24 Sappiness
26 Shout to
27 Heady list
29 Listserv setting
31 Asa's "Sex Education" role
33 God who favored the Trojans
34 Steak meat
35 "How!?"
39 "TMI!"
40 NÃ©e
41 Sea __
42 Important body part in balancing
43 Delicacy often prepared Ã la Bourguignonne
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chores. I took an EKG with the little Kardia on my phone, and it said I had no problems, but it does not check for heart attacks.

I did not think I was having a heart attack because I had no trouble breathing, no pressure or heaviness in my chest. Besides the annoying pain, my only other symptom was high blood pressure, which I had been trying to get stabilized for weeks. The doctor had ordered a new medication, but it hadn't come in yet.

I decided to give my doctor a call and let him know what was going on. He didn't seem overly worried, which was comforting. I have always had a high tolerance for pain, so when pain medication has been ordered for me pre- or post-op, I never take it. This had just happened when I had to have that abscessed tooth pulled, so the doctor suggested I try one of those pain pills.

As I try never to take major pain medication, I was overly cautious and only took half. It made my stomach a little queasy but did absolutely nothing for that ugly old shoulder. Despite its bad behavior, I was managing my to-do list for the day pretty well, checking off my daily chores a little more slowly than normal but checking them off nonetheless.

A major item on that list was to write a Nurse Judy article for the Herald and a Cat Tales for the Gadsden County Times. I cannot explain it, but this was (is) the hardest of all my tasks to perform. Sitting at the computer is absolute agony. I cart in heating pads, ice packs and every size and shape of pillow I can find. Nothing is working.

I am just about ready to cry when that sarcastic alter ego of mine walks in.

"Are you having some kind of a sale here in your office?" she asks, surveying all the things I've dragged in to try to be able to write.

Oh, I sometimes hate that woman.

"No," I say airily. "I'm just conducting an experiment on what accessories lead to one's best writing."

"Why are you all hunched over, clutching your shoulder?" she continues.

I have to think a minute, but I come up with an answer.

"I'm also researching the most efficient position that works best for writers," I say.

She chuckles.

"You are quite the little researcher," she says. "Perhaps you should expand your project to include the best ways to write in a wheelchair or a hospital bed. Better still," she continues, "how about a dissertation on what age an old woman should give up writing entirely?"

As I said, I could hate that woman. I think I will tell the doctor to order a sleeping pill to shut her up.

More later,

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