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Legislator supports bridge replacement

Sen. Dennis Baxley sends chamber of commerce a letter of support

By MICHAEL D. BATES
 Chronicle Reporter

That didn't take long. The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce had asked Sen. Dennis Baxley, R-Ocala, to support efforts to replace the old Withlacoochee

River bridge along State Road 200.

Baxter sent the chamber an email expressing that support, according to Ardath Prendergast, the chamber's vice president of operations and the Business Retention and Expansion program.

Although the bridge is in the purview of FDOT District 7, it is on the border with Marion County so Senate President Wilton Simpson suggested the chamber contact Baxley, whose dis-

trict encompasses Sumter County and parts of Lake and Marion counties.

The National Bridge Inventory rated the 86-year-old bridge "functionally obsolete." It also came in low under federal measuring standards.

"There is a tremendous safety issue on this narrow bridge with little leeway for passing vehicles, and absolutely no safe crossing for pedestrians or bicycles," the chamber said.

The chamber cited rapid county growth in Citrus and Marion counties, due in part to the imminent opening of the Suncoast Parkway extension to State Road 44.

Traffic crosses the Withlacoochee River on State Road 200 Wednesday to enter Marion County. The bridge, built in the 1930s, is in need of replacement, according to the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce.

Matthew Beck / Chronicle photo editor



A look back at the citizens we lost in 2021

Today we note those who died from January through April

EDITOR'S NOTE: Each year we as a community say goodbye to many of our citizens. War veterans, educators and law men, longtime county natives, outspoken community activists, business people and young people whose lives were cut short, a beloved school "lunch lady," a "bag boy" for Publix for 25 years, a woman who famously fed anyone and everyone and a brave little boy named "Tater Tot" — this year we lost a number of people who, whether they were well known or lived quietly, contributed to the fabric of our community, making Citrus County richer and better because they lived among us.

By NANCY KENNEDY
 Chronicle Reporter

JANUARY

John Allen died Jan. 2 at age 61. Born with Down syndrome, John didn't let it hold him back. He was a "bag boy" for Publix for 25 years, a job he loved. He was also a client of the Key Training Center and lived in his own Key Center apartment and later in a group home. He was an Elvis fan with his own Elvis jumpsuit and could lip sync to his favorite Elvis songs.

Peggy Johnson Pattillo died Jan. 2 at age 88.

Peggy and her husband Dave were a power couple in Citrus County, instrumental in the revitalization of downtown Inverness and were named the Chronicle Citizens of the Year in 1994.

Peggy had the beauty and glamour of a movie star, but she also was community minded and sought to make wherever she lived a better place.

She was a model, taught charm school, was a designer, a gallery owner, a boutique owner, an avid gardener, animal lover and faithful member of the Floral City Garden Club.

"She would work full time, be active in the community, look gorgeous, and always have a meal on the table for the family. I still don't know how she mustered the energy," said her son, David.

Thomas John Colgan Sr. died Jan. 3 at age 74.

A Vietnam War veteran, he served in the U.S. Army as a gunman on helicopters.

On one of his many flights, his chopper was shot down, but he survived unscathed.

"His time in Vietnam was a very tough time — he saw a lot of his friends die," said Colgan's daughter, Karrie Bacome. "But he enjoyed being a gunman."

Family, however, was most important to him.

"We cooked together; he taught me how to be orga-



In this photo from 2011, longtime Citrus County natives Valentine and Frances Rooks were honored at Citrus High School during the party celebrating the school's centennial. Frances died May 18 at age 93 and Valentine died Oct. 30 at age 97.



Always with a smile on his face, Kent Snow, owner of Snow's Produce and Country Market in Holder, loved his customers and his employees. He died after a long illness Feb. 19 at age 64.

nized, how to save money," Bacome said. "He loved the Eagles (band), 'Hotel California,' and I used to love driving in the car with him. We'd put on the music real loud and sing off key. Great memories."

Dr. Dale Charles Havre died Jan. 16 at age 85.

When Dr. Dale Havre came to Inverness in 1975, he was the only ophthalmologist in Citrus and neighboring counties.

A man of many talents and interests, he played the organ, was a meticulous woodworker, a scholar, a teacher, an Air Force veteran. In the

1980s, he wrote a column for the Citrus County Chronicle and was one of the pioneers of laser surgery.

"He was my hero, and I learned more from him than in all my years in school," said daughter Julie Havre. "I worked for him as an ophthalmological assistant — he was amazing to watch when he was doing laser surgery. He was brilliant and had such a steady hand."

Howard Arnold died Jan. 21 at age 85.

If you ever took a field trip to Washington, D.C. with the school safety patrol program, you can thank Howard



Howard Arnold died Jan. 21, 2021, at age 85. He was Citrus County's original "Officer Friendly."

Arnold, otherwise known as "Officer Friendly."

As a police officer in Jacksonville, he started the Officer Friendly program, sponsored by Sears.

He would go into the classrooms and talk to the kids, telling them that police officers were their friends and not someone to be afraid of. When he moved to Citrus County in the 1980s and joined the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, he brought the Officer Friendly program to the local schools and also started the annual trip to Washington D.C.

"You could call Howard the godfather of all the sheriff's department's educational programs," said James Martone, former Citrus County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer (SRO) who took many trips to the nation's capital with Howard Arnold.

Jane Elizabeth (Law) Owen died Jan. 22 at age 83.

Called "Aunt Beth" by everyone who knew her, she was the beloved lunch lady who, for nearly 25 years, fed students at Inverness Primary School, Citrus High School and Pleasant Grove Elementary School — an estimated 5,100,000 lunches before retiring in 1995.

Although she never had children of her own, she touched the lives of hundreds, maybe thousands, of kids, including nieces and nephews.

"I became a science teacher, and when I taught, I tried to teach with the same enthusiasm my Aunt Beth taught me on our nature hikes together," said niece Shana Grier. "She was a joy, and I love her dearly."

FEBRUARY

Rollie LeRoy Budd died Feb. 2 at age 84.

After a stint in the Navy, Rollie and his wife, Marjorie, came to Citrus County where

he went to work for a local doctor, taking care of his orange groves, until then-sheriff B.R. Quinn hired him as a dispatcher for the Citrus County Sheriff's Office.

He worked with the sheriff's office for 25 years — from dispatcher to court bailiff to director of courts.

Rollie also had a thumb as green as they get. He could grow anything: tomatoes, squash, beans of every kind, greens and peas.

He loved growing things, loved hunting and fishing and especially loved making people laugh.

Lawrence "Buddy" Woods died Feb. 6 at age 82.

Buddy grew up as the oldest of the three Woods brothers, the son of commercial fisherman, Arthur Woods Jr., in Crystal River.

His grandfather, Arthur "Peg Leg" Woods, lived on

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NEWS BRIEFS

Clerk's office will close for holiday

The Clerk of Courts office will be closed Dec. 31 in observance of New Year's Day to coincide with the Fifth Judicial Circuit's holiday calendar. They will reopen on Jan. 3.

All other local government offices will be open Dec. 31 and closed on Jan. 3. This includes Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), Citrus County Property Appraiser, Citrus County Tax Collector and Citrus County Supervisor of Elections offices.

As an alternative, visit their website at citrus-clerk.org to make online payments, search court case information and initiate a marriage license application. Online services provide the public an avenue to record documents, enroll in a payment plan, search official records and court records, request public records and more.

Kick of the New Year with a hike

Get your New Year off to a great start by taking a first day hike at 8 a.m. Jan. 1 at Crystal River Preserve State Park, 3266 N. Sailboat Ave.

Group hikes are led by state park volunteers and begin at the 7 mile loop trailhead. Hikers will choose between a 2 mile out and back hike or the full 7 mile loop.

Hikers will cross over tidal creeks, hike alongside salt marshes and walk through pine flatwoods. Those on the long hike will travel through an oak hammock.

Hikes are free and open to the public with no pre-registration necessary. Donations will be used to sustain future interpretive park programs.

Participants should wear sturdy, close-toed shoes, dress for the weather, bring a snack, water and bug spray. Those doing the 7 mile trek should bring two containers of water, as there is no water available on the trail. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Government offices close for New Year's

Citrus County Government offices will be closed Jan. 3 in observance of the New Year's holiday. Normal hours of operation and services will resume Jan. 4 with the following exceptions:

■ The Citrus County Library System will be closed Jan. 1 and 3. Normal hours of operation will resume Jan. 4. For more information, call 352-746-9077.

■ The Citrus County Central Landfill will be closed Jan. 1 and will close at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 3. The administrative office will be closed. Normal hours will resume Jan. 4. For more information, call 352-527-7670.

■ Bicentennial Park Pool will be closed Jan. 1. Normal operating hours will resume Jan. 2. For more information, call 352-527-7540.

Embroiderers Guild of America to meet

The Sandhill Crane Chapter of the Embroiderers Guild of America (EGA) will meet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 5 at Faith Presbyterian Church, 200 Mt. Faire Ave. in Brooksville.

All are welcome. EGA is open to anyone who is interested in embroidery from beginner to more advanced. For information, call Jenna McClooney at 727-204-0420.

Historical society receives COVID-19 grant

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Florida Humanities, the statewide, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), has awarded the Citrus County Historical Society Inc. a \$25,000 grant for general operating costs to help recover from the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Like many historical and cultural organizations whose revenue streams are dependent upon live and in-person performances, the Citrus County Historical Society, Inc. is greatly indebted for these funds,"

historical resource manager Kathy Turner Thompson said.

"This ARP grant will allow the Historical Society to pay general operating expenses, such as insurance, accounting fees, and utilities, which institutions like ours rarely receive outside funding for, and therefore, rely strictly on generous donations from the public," Turner Thompson added.



TURNER THOMPSON

The NEH received \$135 million from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) act of 2021, which was approved by Congress this past spring. The state humanities councils, including Florida Humanities, each received a portion of the NEH award to support museums, archives, historic sites and other humanities-focused nonprofits.

The Citrus County Historical Society, Inc. was one of 129 organizations in Florida that was awarded ARP funding totaling \$1.88 million from Florida Humanities. The grants are intended to meet immediate

operational needs in order for organizations to remain viable and maintain delivery of public humanities programming and resources in their communities.

Florida Humanities received 188 applications for ARP funding, with nonprofits requesting the most funds for staffing and utilities.

Florida Humanities executive director Nashid Madyun said these funds provide a safety net for the organizations so they can focus on other priorities, such as fundraising and creating programming.

"For smaller nonprofits,

when bills are paid and staff are safe and intact, that type of alleviation is immeasurable," Madyun added. "Florida Humanities is honored to provide a lifeline to our state's cultural and historic organizations, ensuring they continue to enrich their local communities, and the Sunshine State at large, for years to come."

Funding for this grant was provided by Florida Humanities with funds from NEH as part of the ARP and NEH's Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan (SHARP) initiative.

CITRUS GARDEN CLUB ENJOYS CHRISTMAS FIESTA



The Citrus Garden Club Christmas luncheon committee created a fun-filled fiesta themed lunch for 46 club members on Dec. 2 at the Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club. Poinsettias and luminarias decorated each table, along with personal mini-piñatas for each guest and Mexican marzipan made from peanuts. Homemade colorful pillows and fabric cacti were part of a raffle along with antique Mexican ornaments. Pictured in the first row are Judy Schmutzer, left, and Pamela Noel. Second row from left are: Barbara Cryer, Michelle Lentner, Sheila Gilles, Cynthia Quartel and Patty Thomson.

Special to the Chronicle

Homosassa man faces child porn charges

By BUSTER THOMPSON
Chronicle Reporter

A Homosassa man's alleged circulation of child pornography via an online messaging service led a Citrus County Sheriff's Office sleuth to his doorstep.

Tiffany Barry, a detective with the sheriff's High Tech Crimes Unit, took 27-year-old Joshua James Jones into custody Tuesday, Dec. 21.

Jones was arrested on charges of promoting child pornography and seven counts each of possessing child pornography and transmitting child pornography. He was jailed with a \$33,000 bond.

According to Jones' arrest report, obtained Thursday, Barry was assigned Sept. 29 to investigate a cyber tip from the National Center of Missing and Exploited Children.

Kik Messenger — also known as Kik — reported a subscriber by the username "Lost_Travler" sent suspected "child sexual exploitation material" to other users in July on its Wi-Fi messaging platform.

A search warrant Barry obtained for the malicious Kik account revealed seven videos depicting children as young as 7 years old performing sexual acts. Barry also found photos and videos of Jones in the account's contents folder, according to the arrest report.

Barry also acquired the IP address of the Kik user's device, allowing the detective to obtain the user's residential address from their internet provider.

Barry's investigation steered her to Jones' house off of West Cardinal Street, where the sheriff's office investigated allegations in 2020 of Jones having child pornography.

In that case, according to his arrest report, Jones told authorities he unknowingly downloaded links containing illicit content and would immediately delete the files once he saw them. Detectives closed the case as "criminally unfounded."

Barry contacted Jones on Tuesday to have him speak with her at the county's emergency operations center in Lecanto. Jones was arrested after he gave Barry a Mirandized statement, which was redacted from his arrest report.



JONES

Deputies arrest local man after armed pursuit

By BUSTER THOMPSON
Chronicle Reporter

Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputies apprehended a Homosassa man and felon for allegedly almost striking a cruiser with his vehicle and starting a high-speed chase armed with a gun.

Local authorities took 28-year-old Gamble Robert Glass into custody early Wednesday, Dec. 22, after the pursuit ended in Lecanto.

Glass was arrested on charges of aggravated assault, fleeing law enforcement, possessing a firearm as a felon, resisting law enforcement without violence, driving without a license, possessing drug paraphernalia and two counts of possessing a controlled substance.

He was jailed under a \$28,000 bond.

According to Glass' arrest report, obtained Thursday, a sheriff's office deputy patrolling Homosassa spotted a gray Toyota sedan pull out from the 7-Eleven gas station at U.S. 19 and West Cardinal Street, and drive in the wrong lane of a roadway.

When the deputy went to pull it over, the Toyota en-

tered the Walmart parking lot nearby and continued driving slowly behind the store, where it then accelerated at a second deputy's patrol car.

At the last moment, the Toyota veered away, avoiding a head-on collision, before leaving the parking lot and leading deputies on a pursuit through a neighborhood.

Deputies reported the Toyota ignoring stop signs and reaching estimated speeds of up to 80 mph on West Meadow Street — a roadway zoned as 35 mph.

After roughly eight min-

utes of deputies pursuing it, the Toyota pulled into a driveway on the 5500 block of South Plantain Point. A deputy following behind spotted the Toyota's driver — later identified as Glass — reaching around the passenger seat.

According to the arrest report, the deputy ordered Glass to show his hands but Glass ignored the commands and kept rummaging around the vehicle.

Thinking Glass was searching for a weapon, deputies unholstered their sidearms and continued telling Glass to put his hands up. Glass eventually complied.

A deputy who went to handcuff him noticed Glass was still reaching for a po-

tential weapon on the passenger floorboard, prompting the deputy to sic his K-9 on Glass, according to the arrest report.

Once the K-9 bit hold of Glass' left arm, deputies removed him from the vehicle and detained him. Deputies later found a loaded .22-caliber pistol underneath Toyota's passenger seat.

Deputies also seized 0.47 grams of methamphetamine, a glass pipe coated with meth, and 25 acetaminophen codeine phosphate pills.

After he was treated at a local hospital for the K-9 bite, Glass was booked at the county jail. At the time of his arrest, Glass had been convicted of five felonies, according to his arrest report.



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ENTERTAINMENT

'Spider-Man' surpasses \$1B globally in 2nd weekend

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

Peter Parker's good fortune continued over the holiday weekend as Hollywood prepares to close the books on a turbulent 2021. Even with some mighty competition from new Matrix and Sing movies, and rising concerns over the omicron variant, "Spider-Man: No Way Home" stayed in the No. 1 spot and netted a few more milestones too including crossing the \$1 billion mark globally.

According to studio estimates Sunday "Spider-Man" added \$81.5 million over the three-day weekend, down 69 percent from its first weekend. The Sony and Marvel film has now grossed \$467 million from North American theaters, more than doubling the domestic grosses of 2021's previous No. 1 film, "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings."

With \$587.1 million from 61 overseas markets, in just 12 days of release, "Spider-Man" has grossed \$1.05 billion globally. It's the first film of the pandemic to cross \$1 billion and is tied with "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" for being the third-fastest film ever to do so — and this without the benefit of its release in China.

Universal's "Sing 2" came in second place with an estimated \$23.8 million, while Warner Bros.' "The Matrix Resurrections" grossed \$12 million to take third place.

The animated musical "Sing 2" features high-profile celebrity talent including Matthew McConaughey, Scarlett Johansson, Reese Witherspoon and Bono, as well as a jukebox soundtrack full of well-known hits. Since its re-



Sony Pictures / AP

This image released by Sony Pictures shows Tom Holland, left, and Benedict Cumberbatch in Columbia Pictures' "Spider-Man: No Way Home."

lease Wednesday, it's made \$41 million (\$1.6 million of that came from Thanksgiving weekend showings) from North America and \$65 million worldwide.

"We're extraordinarily pleased," said Jim Orr, Universal's president of domestic distribution.

Orr said the stellar CinemaScore (A+) and audience scores suggest that the film will continue to perform well in the next few weeks, when many kids are still out of school for the holidays.

The fourth Matrix also opened on Wednesday and has earned an estimated \$22.5 million in its first five days in North America. The film, directed by Lana Wachowski and starring Keanu Reeves and Carrie-Anne Moss, is currently streaming on HBO Max as well. Globally, it's grossed \$69.8 million to date.

While the studio was hoping for a stronger box office, Jeff Goldstein, Warner Bros.' head of domestic distribution, said the movie achieved what they were

looking for as an overall strategy including HBO Max.

"The Matrix Resurrections" is the last of the 18 Warner Bros. films released in 2021 to debut both in theaters and on HBO Max simultaneously. Starting in 2022, the studio will have a 45-day exclusive theatrical window on their films.

In fourth place was Disney and 20th Century's "The King's Man," a prequel to the action-comedy Kingsman series starring Ralph Fiennes. It came in slightly under expectations with \$6.4 million from the weekend and \$10 million from its first five days. The audience skewed heavily male (65%).

The Kurt Warner biopic "American Underdog" opened on Christmas Day and has made an estimated \$6.2 million in its two days in release to round out the top five. Zachary Levi stars as Warner, the quarterback who went from undrafted free agent to Hall of Famer.

Paul Thomas Anderson's "Licorice Pizza" expanded nationwide on Christmas, after playing in limited release for a month, and added \$2.3 million bringing its total to \$3.7 million. And right behind it was the Denzel Washington-directed drama "A Journal For Jordan," which to \$2.2 million.

With just a few days left in 2021, the North American box office is currently sitting at \$4.3 billion and is likely to net out around \$4.4 billion. Pre-pandemic, it was normal for a year's box office to surpass \$11 billion.

"To say was a roller-coaster year is an understatement," said Paul Dergarabedian, the senior media analyst for Comscore, Inc. "The marketplace is still facing challenges from the pandemic, but what an amazing capper to one of the most incredible years ever at the box office."

He added: "The future of the movie theater a year ago was a big question mark, and a year later it's here to stay."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Comscore. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. "Spider-Man: No Way Home," \$81.5 million.
2. "Sing 2," \$23.8 million.
3. "The Matrix Resurrections," \$12 million.
4. "The King's Man," \$6.4 million.
5. "American Underdog," \$6.2 million.
6. "West Side Story," \$2.8 million.
7. "Licorice Pizza," \$2.3 million.
8. "A Journal For Jordan," \$2.2 million.
9. "Encanto," \$2 million.
10. "83," \$1.8 million.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Monday, Dec. 27, the 361st day of 2021. There are four days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Dec. 27, 2001, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld announced that Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners would be held at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

On this date:

In 1831, naturalist Charles Darwin set out on a round-the-world voyage aboard the HMS Beagle.

In 1932, New York City's Radio City Music Hall first opened.

In 1985, Palestinian guerrillas opened fire inside the Rome and Vienna airports; 19 victims were killed, plus four attackers who were slain by police and security personnel. American naturalist Dian Fossey, 53, who had studied gorillas in the wild in Rwanda, was found hacked to death.

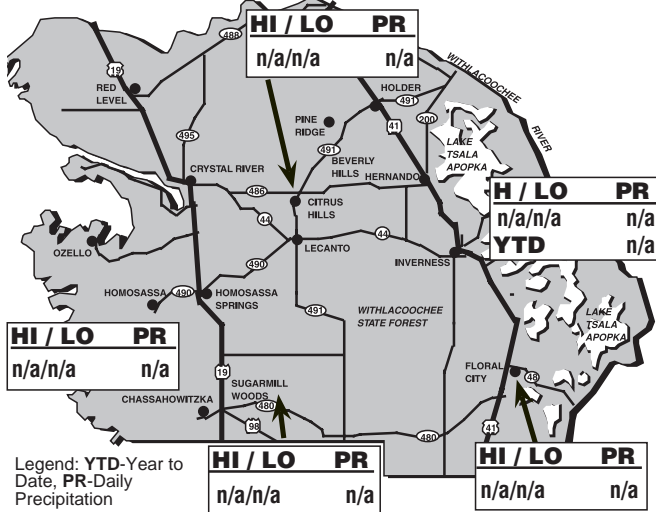
Ten years ago: Tens of thousands of defiant Syrian protesters thronged the streets of Homs, calling for the execution of President Bashar Assad shortly after his army pulled its tanks back and allowed Arab League monitors in for the first time to the city at the heart of the anti-government uprising.

Five years ago: Actor Carrie Fisher died in a hospital four days after suffering a medical emergency aboard a flight to Los Angeles; she was 60.

One year ago: President Donald Trump signed a \$900 billion pandemic relief package, ending days of drama over his refusal to accept the bipartisan deal that would deliver cash to businesses and individuals and avert a federal government shutdown.

Today's Birthdays: Rock musician Mick Jones (Foreigner) is 77. Actor Gerard Depardieu is 73. Actor Maryam D'Abo is 61. Actor Ian Gomez is 57. Actor Theresa Randle is 57. Wrestler and actor Bill Goldberg is 55. Rock musician Guthrie Govan is 50. Musician Matt Slocum is 49. Actor Wilson Cruz is 48. Actor Timothee Chalamet is 26.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



Legend: YTD-Year to Date, PR-Daily Precipitation

THREE DAY OUTLOOK Exclusive daily forecast by: Bay Street Weather

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 78° Low: 51°
Mostly sunny with a sea breeze

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING
High: 79° Low: 58°
AM fog, then mostly sunny

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING
High: 80° Low: 59°
Mostly sunny and warmer

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	75	57	pc	Miami	78	71	s
Fort Lauderdale	80	68	s	Ocala	77	55	pc
Fort Myers	79	61	s	Orlando	77	58	pc
Gainesville	76	56	pc	Pensacola	76	65	mc
Homestead	81	66	s	Sarasota	78	60	s
Jacksonville	76	58	pc	Tallahassee	78	62	mc
Key West	79	72	pc	Tampa	79	59	pc
Lakeland	79	58	s	Vero Beach	80	61	s
Melbourne	77	60	s	W. Palm Bch.	77	70	s

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Northeast winds around 5 knots then becoming southeast around 10 knots after midnight. Seas 2 feet or less. Bay and inland waters a light chop. Tonight: South winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet.

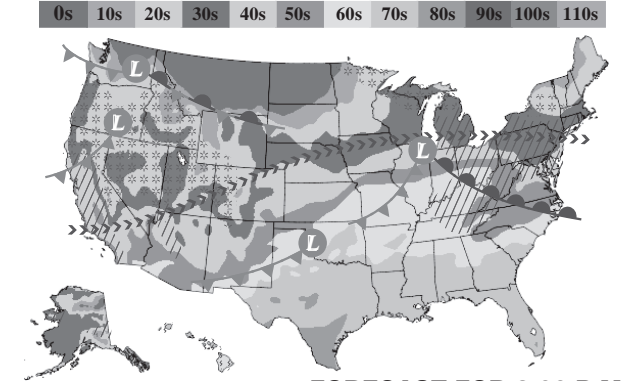
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Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.80	37.81	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	39.13	39.14	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	40.30	40.31	41.37

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FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Monday

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	H	L	Pcp.	H L Fcst	H	L	Pcp.	H L Fcst	
Albany	43	34	0.23	31 28 mc	New Orleans	79	63	0.00	77 65 pc
Albuquerque	61	45	0.00	52 29 mc	New York City	51	42	0.00	41 37 mc
Asheville	69	42	0.00	67 47 pc	Norfolk	66	45	0.00	52 49 mc
Atlanta	75	52	0.00	72 59 mc	Oklahoma City	75	43	0.00	64 53 mc
Atlantic City	55	47	0.00	43 40 ra	Omaha	50	21	0.00	43 30 s
Austin	75	60	0.00	79 65 mc	Palm Springs	65	51	Trace	56 42 sh
Baltimore	61	43	0.01	42 37 ra	Philadelphia	57	45	0.03	39 35 ra
Birmingham	7	1	0.03	1 -3 cl	Phoenix	66	52	0.00	60 45 mc
Boise	76	63	0.00	74 62 mc	Pittsburgh	49	37	0.00	55 41 sh
Bozeman	36	28	0.02	29 7 sn	Portland, ME	36	27	0.24	35 26 s
Boston	40	34	0.25	35 30 pc	Portland, OR	38	32	0.03	30 24 mc
Buffalo	40	36	0.00	39 35 ra	Providence, RI	45	35	0.17	35 29 pc
Burlington, VT	31	24	1.20	25 18 mc	Raleigh	73	61	0.00	60 52 mc
Charleston, SC	79	57	0.00	75 58 pc	Rapid City	31	15	0.00	24 1 pc
Charleston, WV	58	46	0.03	68 52 ra	Reno	34	25	0.21	33 9 sn
Charlotte	77	53	0.00	69 56 mc	Rochester, NY	39	34	0.00	36 32 rs
Chicago	45	30	0.00	50 33 mc	Sacramento	47	39	Trace	48 33 mc
Cincinnati	56	45	0.00	69 44 sh	Salt Lake City	43	28	0.13	37 16 sn
Cleveland	43	37	0.00	51 37 sh	San Antonio	82	60	0.00	78 63 mc
Columbia, SC	79	52	0.00	74 58 pc	San Diego	61	53	0.00	55 49 sh
Columbus, OH	52	39	0.00	63 41 sh	San Francisco	52	43	0.10	51 40 sh
Concord, NH	34	30	0.31	32 22 pc	Savannah	80	58	0.00	77 59 pc
Dallas	79	57	0.00	77 64 mc	Seattle	32	24	0.26	23 20 mc
Denver	53	30	0.00	46 22 pc	Spokane	32	27	Trace	17 5 ss
Des Moines	45	21	Trace	41 29 s	St. Louis	49	42	0.00	60 42 pc
Detroit	43	31	0.00	43 31 pc	St. Ste Marie	31	21	0.00	30 24 sn
El Paso	73	53	0.00	67 43 sn	Syracuse	40	34	0.63	35 31 sn
Evansville, IN	55	39	0.00	69 46 sh	Topeka	65	28	0.00	51 39 pc
Harrisburg	55	41	0.01	38 35 ra	Washington	63	50	0.06	44 40 ra
Hartford	45	34	0.16	36 28 mc	Wichita	68	52	0.00	63 48 mc
Houston	82	68	0.00	80 69 mc	Yonkers	43	32	0.00	40 30 mc
Indianapolis	49	32	0.00	64 40 mc					
Kansas City	65	34	0.00	52 41 pc					
Las Vegas	56	46	0.01	53 39 pc					
Little Rock	68	51	0.00	73 63 mc					
Los Angeles	59	44	0.00	55 43 ra					
Louisville	59	50	0.00	69 48 sh					
Memphis	72	57	0.00	75 63 cl					
Milwaukee	41	26	0.00	42 26 ra					
Minneapolis	31	12	Trace	31 7 sn					
Mobile	77	56	0.00	78 63 mc					
Montgomery	73	58	Trace	77 62 mc					
Nashville	68	53	0.00	71 61 sh					

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Hong Kong	53/48/ra		
Jerusalem	55/46/s		
Lisbon	64/59/ra		
London	48/42/ra		
Madrid	55/48/mc		
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Warsaw	25/12/s		

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Normal 71/43	
Mean temp. 57	
Departure from mean 9	
PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY
Yesterday 0.00"	Yesterday at 3 p.m. 86%
Total for the month 0.84"	
Total for the year 62.50"	
Normal for the year 51.39"	

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0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate,

State could have hot year for jobs

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO — Job growth in Florida will outpace the national economy, and unemployment will continue to decline in 2022, according to a new economic forecast for the Sunshine State. Florida's unemployment rate, which stood at 4.5 percent in November, is expected to continue falling in 2022, and housing starts will pickup, but not quickly enough to satisfy robust demand in the short run, according to the forecast released earlier this month by the Institute for Economic Forecasting at

the University of Central Florida. Inventory for single-family homes is so scarce in Florida that it would take only 1.3 months to use up the current supply of homes at the current rate of demand. Nationally, the supply was at 7.1 months in October. Typically, a six-month supply is considered a healthy and balanced market. "Florida's Realtors are desperate for homes to buy and sell," the UCF report said. "The paucity of inventory and supply chain problems for builders have led to cold calling/texting to try and drum up inventory."

In contrast to the Great Recession more than a dozen years ago, the housing market won't be an "albatross" around Florida's economy during the continued recovery from the pandemic, the report said. "On the contrary, housing will continue to be an important economic driver as the recovery from the COVID-19 recession continues, and builders work to replenish severely depleted inventories," the report said. The sector with the biggest expected job growth in Florida over the next three years is hospitality, which was battered during the past

two years by the pandemic, with a predicted jump of 8.1 percent. That is followed by professional and business services, which is expected to grow by 3.8 percent. Professional and business services are white-collar jobs like lawyers, architects and accountants. Florida's population over the next three years will continue to grow as Baby Boomers retire and move to the Sunshine State, and more job-seekers will migrate to Florida as the travel and hospitality industry recovers from the pandemic-caused downturn of the past two years, the forecast said.

More private rockets to launch in 2022

By RICHARD TRIBOU
Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO — While SpaceX and United Launch Alliance have been sending rockets up at an increased pace the past several years, the Space Coast is about to get much busier with more commercial rocket companies set to join the launch party.

The first half of 2022 is slated to see two companies launch for the first time from Cape Canaveral from two older launch complexes while some massive new rockets are waiting on new engines in the hopes of lifting off before the end of the year.

For one company, Relativity Space based in Long Beach, California, its first planned launch from Space Launch Complex 16, will be its first liftoff ever. Its rockets are fabricated using 3D printing technology and are projected to take as little as 30 days to create, from the nose cone to the engine. Its first rocket is called Terran 1 while a much larger reusable version is in the works called Terran R.

While its first launch will be a test mission to make sure the craft can make it into orbit, Relativity has lined up eight customers including the U.S. Department of Defense and NASA, which awarded the company \$3 million as part of its Venture Class Launch Services Demonstration 2 contract.

"NASA's efforts to expand launch options are vital for the future growth of space access," said company CEO and cofounder Tim Ellis. "We appreciate

NASA's selection of our 3D printing approach for our launch vehicle, Terran 1."

All of Relativity's initial launches will be from SLC-16, which has not had a launch since 1988 but was used for Titan and Pershing missiles as well as test for the Apollo and Gemini programs. While work continues on that initial rocket in California, construction at SLC-16 is getting close as well, company officials said.

"The Relativity team has been busy to stay on track for launch in 2022," said Relativity's Launch Operations Program Manager Joy Mosdell, who said so far in 2021, the company has completed the installation of the propellant farms for liquified natural gas and oxygen and constructed the launch vehicle integration hangar among other benchmarks while licensing continues with the Federal Aviation Administration.

Astra isn't new to liftoffs. It may get beaten to the punch, though, by another commercial rocket company Astra, which recently secured launch rights from Canaveral's Space Launch Complex 46 through the efforts of Space Florida, the state's aerospace economic development agency.

Astra, based in Alameda, California, has already reached orbit with a rocket that took off from Alaska, and will now launch as early as January to satisfy the same demonstration contract for NASA that Relativity has in the works. Astra's "Rocket 3" is small in relation to others in the market, standing only 38

feet tall and with a payload capacity of 331 pounds.

Relativity's Terran 1 in comparison will stand at 80 feet tall with a payload capacity of more than 2,750 pounds. The Astra business plan is to provide a much lower cost to customers to reach orbit. To that end, it has lined up several customers including three more launches for NASA to put small satellites into orbit to track hurricanes, although the company has yet to say from which spaceport those missions will launch.

The two new small- to mid-size rocket companies will join a big lineup of launches planned from both SpaceX and ULA from existing launch pads at Canaveral while SpaceX will continue its missions from Kennedy Space Center as well.

In 2021, SpaceX had a record 16 launches of its Falcon 9 rocket from Space Launch Complex 40, as well as another record 12 at KSC, and it plans to keep up that pace in 2022. ULA had three launches in 2021 from Canaveral Space Launch Complex 41 with four on tap from Canaveral in the first half of 2022.

Those will continue to be on Atlas rockets, but ULA is waiting to move forward with its new Vulcan Centaur rocket. Progress on Vulcan, though, means waiting on another company looking to leave a big footprint on the Space Coast — Blue Origin.

Both Blue Origin's massive New Glenn rocket and ULA's Vulcan will use BE-4 engines fabricated by Blue Origin, but there have been some delays.

"We've made critical progress this year on BE-4 engines," the company wrote in an emailed statement. "The program continues to move along with engine qualification starting end of year."

That qualification run, though, means ULA, which was to have had the engines in hand by this month will now likely not get them until April.

"We are disappointed that we will not be receiving Vulcan flight engines from Blue Origin by the end of the year, but they will be arriving early next year," the company said in a statement. "The certification program is moving along very well and the production engines are being manufactured. We look forward to Vulcan's first launch in 2022."

Vulcan will be the next generation for ULA, which still flies Atlas and Delta IV rockets. It will stand 202 feet tall with a nearly 18-foot diameter fairing that can carry nearly 58,000 pounds to low-Earth orbit.

For New Glenn, also targeting liftoff in 2022, the company has completed work at Space Launch Complex-36, so now it awaits the 313-foot-tall completed rocket with its 50,000-pound payload capacity. Qualifications for the rocket's fairing, the largest in the industry at 23 feet in diameter, are under way while the company continues to manufacture flight hardware while further testing rocket components at its factory in Merritt Island and onsite in Cape Canaveral.

STATE BRIEFS

Long lines, waits at COVID-19 testing sites in Florida

ORLANDO (AP) — Floridians hoping to get COVID-19 tests waited in long lines, sometimes for hours, on Sunday, the day after many had gathered with friends and relatives for Christmas.

At a drive-through testing site at Barnett Park in Orlando, hundreds of people waited in their cars in the dark before it opened, and it reached capacity by mid-day.

"We just got back from the plane and everybody was coughing so we really wanted to see if we had COVID," Yaree Pierre told Orlando television station WFTV.

In Tampa, the West Tampa Neighborhood Service Center had a line wrapped around the building for much of Sunday, as residents waited to get COVID-19 tests, according to Tampa television station WTSP.

Florida hit a new record in the pandemic for the second day in a row over the weekend as the state reported 32,850 daily new cases on Saturday.

Interstate 95 closed for a bit in Florida on busy travel day

ORMOND BEACH (AP) — A section of Interstate 95 in central Florida was closed following a multi-car crash on Sunday, a busy travel day after Christmas.

The northbound lanes of the interstate were closed for a time in a section near Ormond Beach where first responders and a medic helicopter responded to the scene, according to Orlando television station WFTV.

Traffic cameras in the area showed some motorists out of their cars on the side of the road, unable to move out of the area.

No further information was immediately available on the cause of the crash and how many people were involved.

Deputies exchange gunfire with gunman in South Florida

FORT LAUDERDALE (AP) — Deputies in South Florida exchanged gunfire with a suspect who they witnessed firing a gun.

The shooter in Fort Lauderdale escaped in a car Saturday night, but a passenger in the car was dropped off at a hospital with a gunshot wound, the Broward County Sheriff's Office said in a news release.

It wasn't known immedi-

ately when the passenger was shot and by whom, the sheriff's office said.

No deputies were injured during the shooting.

Boy on dirt bike dies during attempted traffic stop

BOYNTON BEACH (AP) — A 13-year-old boy on a dirt bike died on Sunday during an attempted traffic stop by an officer in South Florida, authorities said.

The juvenile was riding recklessly on the dirt bike in Boynton Beach so an officer attempted a traffic stop. The dirt bike went down during the attempted stop, killing the boy, the Boynton Beach Police said in a news release.

The Florida Highway Patrol will be the lead agency investigating what happened, authorities said.

"Our hearts go out to the family members of this young person, and they can trust that we and our law enforcement partners will be conducting a series of thorough and meticulous investigations into the circumstances of what occurred," Boynton Beach Chief Michael Gregory said in a statement.

The officer involved will be placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigations, as is department policy, the news release said.

Body of Florida teen found in pond by family members

ROYAL PALM BEACH (AP) — The body of a Florida middle school student was found by family members in a retention pond on Christmas Day, several days after he was reported missing, authorities said.

The body of the 14-year-old boy was found in a retention pond in Royal Palm Beach, Florida on Saturday by family members who had been searching for him between a middle school and recreation center.

There didn't appear to be any signs of trauma or injury on the boy's body, according to a news release from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. The boy was last seen on Wednesday around the recreation center. The county's school district police put out a missing person alert after he didn't come home.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Newspaper deals in facts

David W. Martin's Dec. 18 letter to the editor, "News coverage lacks balance," criticized the Citrus County Chronicle for what he sees as a lack of equity in their news reporting. He then cites "news" — which I will not repeat — regarding immigrants, crime, and vaccination status and decries the Chronicle for not reporting on these issues.

I'd like to remind Mr. Martin that the Citrus County Chronicle, thankfully, deals in facts, not Fox "News" and Newsmax fantasies. There are no stories in the Chronicle about the claims Mr. Martin makes because they are fictional — dreamed up by the right-wing media to generate fear, anger and distrust among their viewers.

Later that same day, I saw a statement from far-right Ohio congressman Jim Jordan noting that U.S. Customs and Border Patrol had made 173,000 arrests at the southern border in November. He seemed to think this is a bad thing, which confused me. Perhaps he was upset because the Biden Administration isn't taking children away from their parents at the border as the previous administration so infamously did. Regardless, the congressman's statement serves to prove that Mr. Martin's unfounded claims are just not true — thus they cannot be considered news.

Mr. Martin did make one factual statement about the "threats to our system of government being routinely made by members of Congress." I'm glad to see he is aware of the recent evidence brought forward by the bipartisan commission investigating the Jan.

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6 insurrection that a number of Congressional Republicans were actively seeking to overturn the results of 2020's free and fair election and that some may have had a part in the planning of the terrible events of that day. These elected officials' roles in such un-American activities must be thoroughly reported on by all media outlets — including the Citrus County Chronicle.

Burke Reagan
Hernando

HOT CORNER: CHRONICLE CHANGES

■ I'd like to commend the Chronicle on the recent changes to its typesetting and format. To me, it makes it a lot easier to read. However, I think the editorial review could be a little bit better. In today's paper (Wednesday, Dec. 22), the same article appears on pages A8 and A9 — the exact same article. That's an oversight that shouldn't have happened and I've noticed similar recently. Again, thank you for the typesetting changes. I think it does make the paper easier to read.

■ Reading the Sound Off this morning (Wednesday, Dec. 22, Page A10, "Print is difficult to read"), happy to see that you're going to change the print because it is too small and with the senior population in Citrus County, it seems a little unfair. Now all you have to do is return "Peanuts" to the comics. I'm very disappointed that you omitted them. Please return it.

■ I'd like to thank you for the new print you're using on the "For the Record." However, the obituary page now is terrible because now you don't put down the age of people and some of us aren't that great in math. So why don't you use the same print you're using on

the police blotter for the obituaries?

■ I'd like to know who's making all the bone-headed changes to the Chronicle. I've been reading the Chronicle for over 50 years and through all the changes, I've learned to live with most of them. Then I wake up Monday morning and my five favorite comics are gone. Did someone do a poll or survey to show that these were no longer going to be read by the public? Also, you need a magnifying glass to complete the Celebrity Cipher.

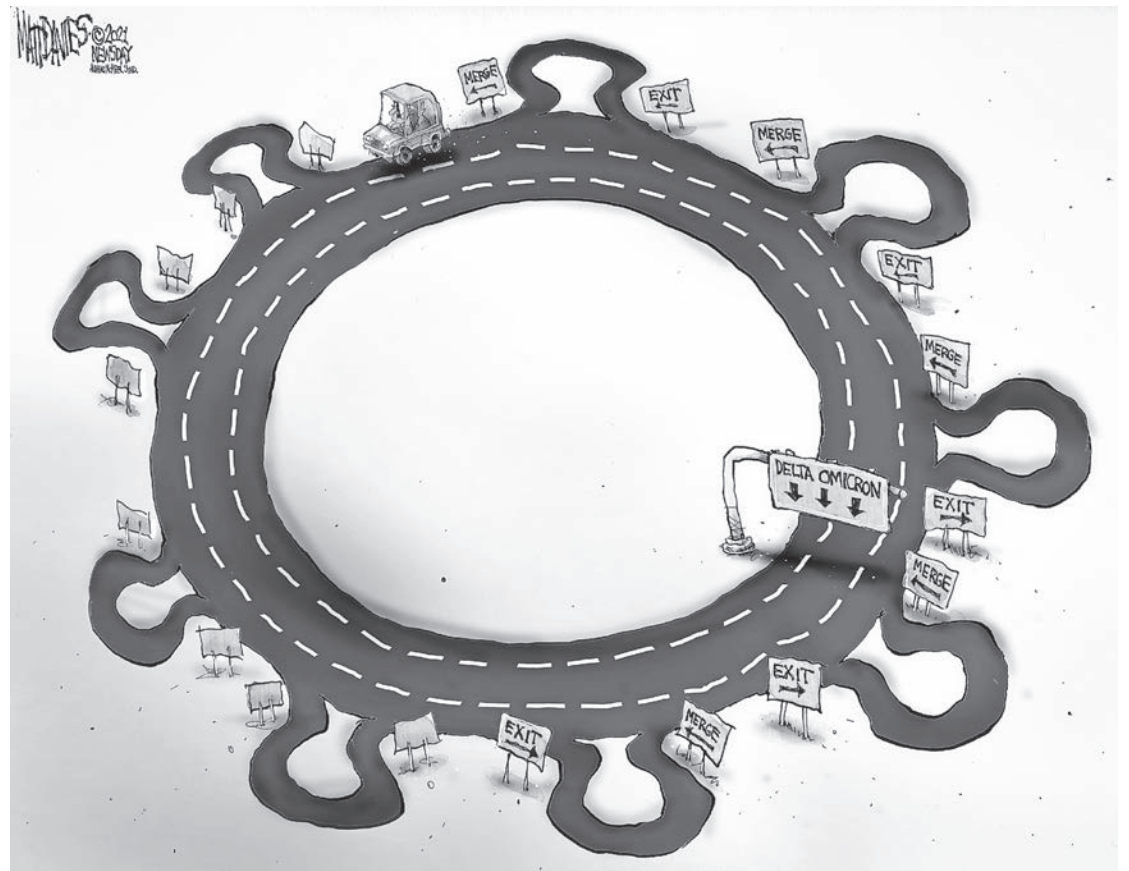
■ Now that you've dropped delivering those other publications and the carrier has less papers to deliver, mine is coming much later. I don't get it until after I've had my morning coffee. And now in the Comics, you no longer have "Arlo & Janis," and you don't have "For Better or For Worse" or "The Born Loser."

■ What's with the new owners of the Chronicle? Are they self-destructing? I've been getting the Chronicle for over 35 years and never seen the format so horrible. Now I look at the comics today. What happened to "Rubes," "Moderately Confused," "Frank & Ernest"? There's an old saying: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

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EDITORIAL

Community goals for the New Year in 2022

Every New Year, the Chronicle editorial board publishes a list of goals for the community. They are offered in a spirit of cooperation and the mutual desire to accomplish things that address important issues and improve our quality of life. While we continue to mire in the pandemic, there's no reason the community cannot accomplish positives throughout the new year.

A vision for Citrus County

We can no longer afford to dawdle when it comes to having a vision for the future. It is imperative the County Commission plan and adopt a vision with goals, benchmarks and dates as we look toward the future instead of the next election cycle. Without a vision and a strategy (Would delete: to accomplish it), smart growth will escape us and doom Citrus County to being a backwater community. Though the county represents most of the residents in Citrus, the two small cities in the county have done a much better job of envisioning their future. The county needs to look at what Inverness and Crystal River are doing and formulate a vision and strategy for the future.

Economic development, workforce diversification

If we learned anything at all during the stay-at-home orders in April 2020 and the ensuing months that followed, it's that Citrus County desperately needs to diversify its economy workforce. A service-based workforce, the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion, the county and cities must work toward expanding job opportunities and matching skills with employer needs.

County commissioners have touted economic development and diversification for years, but it has recently (completely) slipped off the radar screen and disappeared from the

THE ISSUE:

2022 goals for the county.

OUR OPINION:

A vision, hard work and cooperation will make them happen.

county's political lexicon.

With the Suncoast Parkway set to open in early 2022, attracting companies that offer solid pay and benefits will be a benefit to the community as a whole.

Affordable housing shortage

With so much of Citrus residents working in the service-based industry, there continues to be a dearth of affordable housing for those folks. In 2022, that needs to change. The county, cities, builders (association), Realtors Association, the Chamber of Commerce and Habitat for Humanity need to be a part of this conversation and be more aggressive in developing affordable housing.

The lack of affordable housing in the county is integral to economic development and to providing the services that sustain our economy and support our residents. If we cannot solve this issue, those in the workforce will leave for areas that are actively addressing the needs of affordable housing.

Make public safety a top priority

With the county's growing population and accessibility, county government can no longer treat public safety as a step-child. As the bankruptcy of Nature Coast EMS and the past shortfalls of Citrus County Fire Rescue have demonstrated, public safety services must be a top funding priority as government's foremost responsibility.

If the governor's initiative of offering bonuses and bolstering pay for state level law enforcement officers passes legislative muster, the County Commission, sheriff and residents are going to have to see eye-to-eye on how to pay for competitive salaries to recruit and retain the county's deputies.

Road infrastructure

The county's 40-year repaving cycle has set in motion the prolonged deterioration of county roads that will only cost more in the future and could discourage economic development. Also, with the completion of the Suncoast parkway and its anticipated population growth and traffic, road improvement and expansion need to be planned and implemented.

Keep mental health improvements going

Must be given renewed visibility and momentum. Otherwise, the progress of the past two years will be stymied.

Universal garbage collection

We have a failure of leadership. That the county commission in 2021 nixed the idea of universal garbage collection, it needs to bring this issue back to the table. Also, our elected leaders need to give precise direction and instructions as to (about) how they envision the program, as well as areas that desperately need to be addressed. They didn't just kick the can down the road last year; they threw it out the window and sped off.

Expand water cleanup

Great progress has been made. Local governmental entities and community groups need to keep their feet on the gas pedal.

Finish the Riverwalk

2022 must be the Year of the Riverwalk. Too much time, energy, and money have been invested to fall short yet another year.

Rising sea level

Sea level rise is here. Crystal River is dealing with that issue, but the county has not taken positive steps that need to be taken. The county, with state assistance both from a planning and financial perspectives, needs to develop a plan for dealing with rising sea levels now.

DEATHS

From page A1

Christmas Island in King's Bay.

Buddy and his brothers would get up before dawn every morning to gather and spread out their father's nets before going to school.

He loved fishing, loved cooking fish, loved eating it and feeding it to others.

"If there was a fish fry anywhere, he'd go out and fish at 1 or 2 in the morning and at 7 he'd be cleaning fish and delivering them by 9 or 10," said son Larry. "He loved to deliver fish, loved cleaning them."

Curtis Rich Sr. died Feb. 14 at age 92.

Mayor of Crystal River from 1991 to 2000, he was known as "Mr. Crystal River."

He was a Rotarian, a founding board member of several local banks, performed in community theater, was a community advocate and a supporter of local businesses.

"He was kind, compassionate, very invested in the community and made it a better place for those who lived there and people who wanted to move there," said former Dunnellon mayor, state senator and U.S. congresswoman Karen Thurman, who'd swap political advice with Rich. "He was the heart of Citrus County at times."

Kent Snow died Feb. 19 at age 64.

He started out installing wallpaper and window treatments and ended up selling peaches and pumpkins, sweet potatoes and even sweeter corn, and in between he loved and cared for people.

He and his wife, Georgia, owned Snow's Produce and Country Market in Holder. That was where Kent shined, serving his customers and his employees.

"I started here when I was young, so I feel like I've grown up with him," Staci Masukevich said. "He taught me so much, especially about how to be an adult. He was a good 'life coach' for me, guiding me, teaching me, always with kindness and humor. He was a good, kindhearted man who everyone loved. He is missed."

Beverly Werner died Feb. 20 at age 83.

In her younger years, Beverly was known as a musician on Nashville stages and was also a recording artist. She and her mother, Sylvia Brice, performed as a duo known as the Brice Sisters.

Here in Citrus County, Beverly worked in administration at Citrus Memorial Hospital and went on to become a psychiatric nurse.

Josephine Stonitsch died Feb. 24 at age 107.

A World War II veteran, she was one of the first WAACS who enlisted from the Chicago Heights area. She served 3 1/2 years in the Women's Army Corps.

Francis "Frank" Jolliff died Feb. 27 at age 73.

Drafted into the U.S. Army, Frank served his country as a frontline medic in the Vietnam War. In his book, "365 and a Wake-up," he chronicled his wartime experiences using the letters he wrote his mom, which she had kept.

MARCH

Brenda Sheldon died March 2 at age 73.



Matthew "Tater Tot" Snodgrass, who would have turned 3 on May 10, lost his battle with leukemia on April 30.

Brenda served her country in the U.S. Air Force for 12 years. During her time in the military she earned the title of Female Worldwide Military Power Lifting Champion, even though she only weighed 105 pounds.

Martha Jane Burns died March 7 at age 83.

She was the "Aunt Martha" of Aunt Martha's Produce Market in Floral City and the unofficial face of the Floral City Strawberry Festival, having helped start it more than 30 years ago when she managed the store at Ferris Groves.

Although not a Floral City native, in the 44 years she lived there, Martha was one of the town's most ardent supporters and promoters, sharing her love for her adopted hometown.

"She was the 'Gorilla Glue' of Floral City - she kept us all together," said Floral City resident and historian Marcia Beasley. "Since we have lost most of our old timers, she was a 'go-to person' for much of our more recent history. She had her hand on the pulse of the community and a front row seat to Floral City's happenings."

Tom Gunderman died March 10 at age 83.

Football was in his blood from an early age. After college at the University of Maryland where he played football as an offensive lineman for the "Terps," he was drafted by the Washington Redskins and then played for the Baltimore Colts. Upon his arrival, Tom was greeted by Johnny Unitas who said, "Welcome to the Baltimore Colts!"

Three years ago, Tom returned to his alma mater where he was honored as a co-captain and took part in the coin toss on the 50-yard line at a Terrapins game, his picture emblazoned on the giant scoreboard.

Robert "Lee" Lockley died March 12 at age 71.

A Crystal River native, Lee was known for his joy and laughter. A longtime city employee, he loved his job with the sanitation department, parks and rec and public works.

"I worked eight years with the city of Crystal River under Lee's direction," said his cousin Sterling Harris. "It

never felt like work because it was so much fun. I saw him every morning at 5 a.m. for eight years with the sanitation department.

"We joked around every day, all day," he said. "It was an honor to have him as my first cousin and my boss. He was a wonderful guy."

"He loved being a city of Crystal River employee," his daughter Amelia Maner said. "He took pride in his city. He once told a news reporter: 'This is MY town.'"

Tricia Fowler died March 27 at age 46.

As a kid growing up, Tricia Fowler would visit her grandparents at their house that backed up to the then-named Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park.

A lover of animals, she went to the park often, worked as a volunteer in high school, dreamed of being a zookeeper.

She helped rescue injured manatees and helped rescue, rehab and release more than 55 bears back into the wild.

She once saved a hurt pelican she found at a local seafood restaurant, found water for a dehydrated dog she came across during a trip to Utah and even rushed to help a chihuahua escape a coyote in Arizona.

In early 2020, she was named park manager of the wildlife park.

"She had a true passion for animals," said Kate Spratt, park services specialist at the Homosassa wildlife park.

Audrey Jonas-Strutt died March 29, no age given.

In her obituary, Audrey's children wrote about her group of Lions Club friends who had breakfast together weekly for almost 50 years

and how this same group of friends were there for Audrey when she was widowed twice and "needed companionship and someone to laugh with," and then were there "when it was time to say goodbye."

APRIL

George Sewell Bacon died April 2 at age 69.

A beloved science teacher at Crystal River High School, he was the teacher you never forgot, the one you sought advice from, the one you kept in touch with decades after you graduated, because he was the teacher you knew truly and sincerely cared about you.

His was the classroom students went to before and after school, just to hang out and talk.

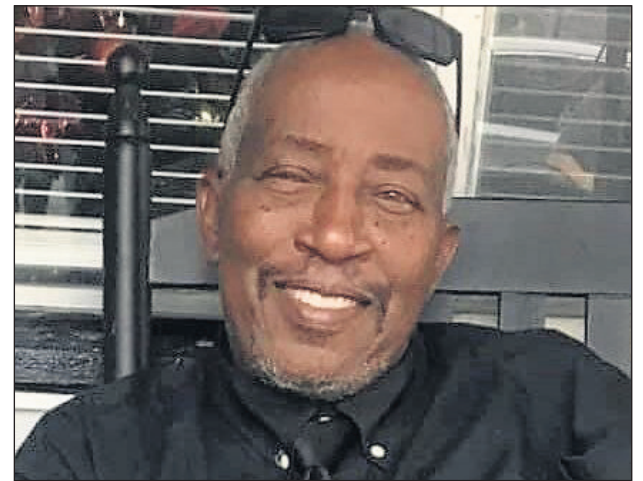
"He was one of the most influential teachers I ever had and served a lot of different roles in my life," said Duane Redding. "He was a father figure, a mentor, a best friend ... and if it hadn't been for the time he took and the general good-heartedness to look out for me, I doubt very much I would be where I am today, a chief engineer at NASA."

Horace L. Wilkinson died April 2 at age 89.

Laid back and funny, Horace was perfectly suited as a high school driver's ed teacher.

"We'd be driving around Crystal River, trying to learn how to parallel park, and he'd say things like, 'Pull over next to that car by the bank so I can run in and get us some money.' He made driver's ed fun," said former Crystal River High School student Lloyd Bertine.

He was so well-loved as a teacher that after he retired in



Special to the Chronicle

Longtime city of Crystal River employee and Crystal River native Robert "Lee" Lockley died March 12 at age 71.

1993 and was on a vacation in North Carolina, his home-room students who were about to graduate said they only wanted Mr. Wilkinson to hand them their diplomas - so he drove back from North Carolina to attend graduation.

William Vincent Cegelis Sr. died April 6 at age 83.

As the sergeant of an undercover unit with the Miami Dade Police Department (MDPD), Bill Cegelis caught the attention of the writers on the "Miami Vice" TV show. His serious demeanor became the model for the character of Lt. Lou Rodriguez, played by actor Gregory Sierra.

In addition to the many awards he earned, Cegelis was selected by the directors of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Florida Highway Patrol, Leon County Sheriff and the Tallahassee Police Chief as one of the Top 10 Law Enforcement Officers of Florida.

Francis Robert Kampfer died April 8 at age 89.

While visiting relatives in Germany as a young boy, World War II started and he and his family couldn't return to the United States until the war in Europe ended.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1949 and served as a combat medic during the Korean War.

A man of many nicknames, he was called Bob, Ollie, Fritz, PopPop, Chop Meat, Mickey Mandel and many others. He loved golf and believed life should be passionate, full of fun and everyone should have a "cock-a-tail" with him.

Walter Gerald "Jerry" Steed Jr. died April 10 at age 76.

A lifelong barber, his father, Walter G. Steed Sr., started the Steed barbering legacy, now in its fourth generation, with the City Barber Shop in downtown Inverness in 1943.

Jerry opened his barber shop, which he built himself, in Bushnell where he cut hair for 42 years.

He was known for his flat tops, precise and straight. His son, John, and grand-

son, Titus, now carry on the Steed barber tradition.

Prior to building his barber shop in Bushnell, Jerry served a term as a Citrus County commissioner, with his main contribution being the construction of Floral Park in Floral City, which was once used as a landfill.

Dorothy Koehler died April 22 at age 82.

Dorothy owned Cobblestone Alley Antiques in Heritage Village in Crystal River. She was known for her unique primitive furniture and décor. Together with her husband, Rob, she was instrumental in the growth and development of Crystal River.

Mary B. "Scap" Gregory died April 25 at age 94.

In 1949, at age 23, Scap enlisted in the US Women's Army Corps. After being honorably discharged as a first lieutenant, she relocated to Washington DC, where she worked for several newspapers.

Among her passions were civil rights, liberal politics and fair housing. She never stopped fighting racism, war and injustice. She was co-founder of the local chapter of the National Association for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), wrote letters to the editor, gave generously to charitable causes - and loved to curse.

Matthew "Tater Tot" Snodgrass died April 30 at age 2.

For most of his short life, home to little Matthew was UF Health Shands Children's Hospital in Gainesville, after being diagnosed with leukemia in April 2019.

Matthew loved dressing up as a pirate, sword and all, loved racecars, "Paw Patrol" and "SpongeBob SquarePants," Disney's "Toy Story," making cars and trucks sounds, playing "kitchen and cooking" with his sister Brooke, eating fried shrimp and Cheetos or anything that made a mess.

He was outgoing, sweet-natured - and very busy. He would greet people at the door with a big smile and a handshake. He would have turned 3 on May 10.

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Travelers queue up to pass through the south security checkpoint in the terminal of Denver International Airport Sunday in Denver. Airlines canceled hundreds of flights Sunday, citing staffing problems tied to COVID-19 to extend the nation's travel problems beyond Christmas.

David Zalubowski / AP

Virus disrupts travel, but not sales

By **BRYAN GALLION AND PAUL WISEMAN**
Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — The latest COVID-19 variant is upending holiday plans for tens of thousands of travelers — but it didn't do much damage to holiday shopping.

Airlines canceled hundreds more flights Sunday, citing staffing problems tied to COVID-19, as the nation's travel woes extended beyond Christmas, with no clear indication when normal schedules would resume.

But shoppers shrugged off the omicron variant, and holiday sales rose at the fastest pace in 17 years, according to one spending measure.

Omicron is likely to slow the economy's unexpectedly strong rebound from last year's coronavirus recession by disrupting travel and discouraging some consumers from venturing out. The variant could also add more heat to already simmering inflation by forcing shutdowns at factories and ports, delaying shipments and driving up prices.

"A full reopening of the U.S. economy will be de-



Darron Cummings / AP

A shopper pushes her cart full of items down an aisle during a Black Friday sale at Macy's, on Nov. 26 in Indianapolis. Holiday sales rose at the fastest pace in 17 years, even as shoppers grappled with higher prices, product shortages and a raging new COVID-19 variant in the last few weeks of the season, according to one spending measure.

layed yet again," said Robin Brooks, chief economist at the Institute of International Finance, a trade group of financial firms.

But it's not yet clear how deep the hurt will go or how long it will last.

For now, the variant is playing havoc with travel. More than 1,100 flights entering, leaving or flying within the U.S. were called off, according to the flight-tracking website FlightAware. That figure was up from nearly 1,000 on Saturday. About 130 flights were already can-

celed for Monday.

Delta, United, JetBlue and American have blamed omicron for staffing shortages that forced cancellations.

"This was unexpected," United spokesperson Maddie King said of the variant's effect on staffing.

Globally, airlines scrapped more than 2,700 flights as of Sunday evening, nearing the more than 2,800 cancellations the day before, FlightAware's data showed. The site does not say why flights were canceled.

JetBlue scrapped 11 percent of its flights Sunday.

Delta and United both canceled 5 percent, according to FlightAware. The three airlines canceled more than 10 percent of their scheduled flights on Saturday.

Despite omicron, American consumers appeared undaunted. Mastercard SpendingPulse, which tracks all kinds of payments, including cash and debit cards, reported Sunday that holiday sales had risen 8.5 percent from a year earlier, the biggest annual gain in 17 years. Mastercard SpendingPulse had expected an 8.8 percent increase.

The results, which covered Nov. 1 through Dec. 24, were fueled by purchases of clothing and jewelry. Holiday sales were up 10.7 percent compared with the pre-pandemic 2019 holiday period.

After omicron hit, some consumers shifted their spending to e-commerce, but sales stayed strong.

"I feel really good about how the season played out," said Steve Sadove, senior adviser to Mastercard and former CEO of Saks Inc. "When people feel a little bit uncomfortable, you'll see a little bit of a pickup in online and a little bit of a slowdown in store performance."

NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

Police: Woman killed boyfriend with sword

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. (AP) — A Missouri woman has been charged with killing her boyfriend with a sword on Christmas Eve.

Cape Girardeau Police said 32-year-old Brittany Wilson was found outside the home she shared with her boyfriend Friday night with blood on her clothing, and a sword was lying in the front yard. Cape Girardeau is in southeast Missouri about 115 miles south of St. Louis.

KFVS television reported that a woman had called police shortly after 11 p.m. Friday to report that she had killed her boyfriend with a sword.

After officers arrested Wilson, they went inside the home and found her boyfriend, 34-year-old Harrison Stephen Foster, dead with several fresh stab wounds.

Whitmer kidnapplot defense seeks to dismiss indictment

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Defense attorneys want to dismiss the indictment against five men accused of plotting to kidnap Gov. Gretchen Whitmer because of what they described as "egregious overreaching" by federal agents and informants, according to a court filing.

In the 20-page motion, which was filed Saturday night, defense attorneys allege FBI agents and federal prosecutors invented a conspiracy and entrapped people who could face up to life in prison. They're asking U.S. District Judge Robert Jonker to dismiss the conspiracy charge, which would effectively knock down the federal government's case and other connected charges, according to The Detroit News.

The request comes after developments and claims about the government's team, including the conviction of Richard Trask, an FBI special agent who was arrested on a domestic violence charge and later fired and convicted of a misdemeanor.

France sees over 100K daily virus cases for 1st time

PARIS (AP) — France has recorded more than 100,000 virus infections in a single day for the first time in the pandemic and COVID-19 hospitalizations have doubled over the past month, as the fast-spreading omicron variant complicates the French government's efforts to stave off a new lockdown.

More than 1 in 100 people in the Paris region have tested positive in the past

week, according to the regional health service. Most new infections are linked to the omicron variant, which government experts predict will be dominant in France in the coming days. Omicron is already dominant in Britain, right across the Channel.

Meanwhile a surge in delta variant infections in recent months is pushing up hospital admissions in France, and put ICUs under strain again over the Christmas holidays. More than 1,000 people in France with the virus died over the past week, bringing the country's overall death toll to more than 122,000.

Aussie state sees virus record, lab sends false results

SYDNEY (AP) — Australia's most populous state reported a record number of new COVID-19 cases on Sunday and a sharp jump in hospitalizations while thousands of people were isolating at home after contracting the virus or coming into contact with someone who has.

A major laboratory in Sydney, which is located in New South Wales, said that 400 people who had been informed a day earlier they had tested negative for COVID-19 had in fact tested positive. The lab's medical director said those people were being contacted and informed of the error.

New South Wales reported 6,394 new infections, up from 6,288 a day earlier. Case numbers in the state have surged over the past two weeks but hospitalizations have lagged behind new infections.

Photos of Myanmar massacre fuel world outrage

BANGKOK (AP) — Photos of the aftermath of a Christmas Eve massacre in eastern Myanmar that reportedly left more than 30 people, including women and children, dead and burned in their vehicles, have spread on social media in the country, fueling outrage against the military that took power in February.

The photos showed the charred bodies of over 30 people in three burned-out vehicles who were reportedly shot by government troops as they were fleeing combat. The accounts could not be independently verified.

The international aid group Save the Children said that two of its staffers were missing in the massacre, which sparked outrage against the military that took power after ousting the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi. Save the Children said it was suspending operations in the region.

Global icon Desmond Tutu dies at 90

Revered as South Africa's moral conscience

By **ANDREW MELDRUM**
Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — Desmond Tutu, South Africa's Nobel Peace Prize-winning icon, an uncompromising foe of apartheid and a modern-day activist for racial justice and LGBT rights, died Sunday at 90. South Africans, world leaders and people around the globe mourned the death of the man viewed as the country's moral conscience.

Tutu worked passionately, tirelessly and non-violently to tear down apartheid — South Africa's brutal, decades-long regime of oppression against its Black majority that only ended in 1994. The buoyant, blunt-spoken clergyman used his pulpit as the first Black bishop of Johannesburg and later as the Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, as well as frequent public demonstrations, to galvanize public opinion against racial inequity, both at home and globally.

Nicknamed "the Arch," the diminutive Tutu became a towering figure in his nation's history, comparable to fellow Nobel laureate Nelson Mandela, a prisoner during white rule who became South Africa's first Black president. Tutu and Mandela shared a commitment to building a better, more equal South Africa.



AP
Anglican Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu leads a prayer service in memory of former South African president Nelson Mandela on Dec. 6, 2013, at St. George's Cathedral in Cape Town, South Africa.

Upon becoming president in 1994, Mandela appointed Tutu to be chairman of the country's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which uncovered the abuses of apartheid.

Tutu's death on Sunday "is another chapter of bereavement in our nation's farewell to a generation of outstanding South Africans who have bequeathed us a liberated South Africa," South African President Cyril Ramaphosa said.

"From the pavements of resistance in South Africa to the pulpits of the world's great cathedrals and places of worship, and the prestigious setting of the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony, the Arch distinguished himself as a non-sectarian, inclusive champion of universal human rights," he said.

Tutu died peacefully at the Oasis Frail Care Center in Cape Town, the Archbishop Desmond Tutu Trust said. He had been hospitalized several times since 2015 after being diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1997.

"He turned his own misfortune into a teaching opportunity to raise awareness and reduce the suffering of others," said the Tutu trust. "He wanted the world to know that he had prostate cancer, and that the sooner it is detected, the better the chance of managing it."

In recent years he and his wife, Leah, lived in a retirement community outside Cape Town.

Former U.S. President Barack Obama hailed Tutu as "a moral compass for me and so many others. A universal spirit, Archbishop Tutu was grounded in the struggle for liberation and justice in his own country, but also concerned with injustice everywhere. He never lost his impish sense of humor and willingness to find humanity in his adversaries." Tutu's life was "entirely dedicated to serving his brothers and sisters for the greater common good. He was a true humanitarian" said the Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled spiritual leader and Tutu's friend.

"His legacy is moral strength, moral courage and clarity," Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town Thabo Makgoba said in a video statement. "He felt with the people. In public and alone,

he cried because he felt people's pain. And he laughed — no, not just laughed, he cackled with delight — when he shared their joy."

A seven-day mourning period is planned in Cape Town before Tutu's burial, including a two-day lying in state, an ecumenical service and an Anglican requiem mass at St. George's Cathedral in Cape Town.

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Tampa Bay running back Ke'Shawn Vaughn runs for a touchdown past Carolina free safety Juston Burris during the first half of Sunday's game.

COVID outbreaks scuttle more bowls

By JIMMY GOLEN
Associated Press

BOSTON — The Fenway Bowl and Military Bowl were both canceled due to the pandemic on Sunday as coronavirus outbreaks at Virginia and Boston College forced them to call off their post-season plans.

The game scheduled for Wednesday at Fenway Park was to pit the Cavaliers against SMU. The Military Bowl scheduled for Monday at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Maryland, between Boston College and East Carolina was canceled because of positive COVID-19 tests at BC.

"This is not the way we wanted to see this season come to an end," Eagles coach Jeff Hafley said. "We just do not have enough players to safely play a game. My heart goes out to our seniors who will not have one final opportunity to wear a BC jersey and I can't thank them enough for all the contributions they made to our program."

The Fenway Bowl was supposed to bring a college football postseason game to the century-old home of the Boston Red Sox, but those plans have been stymied twice by the pandemic. It was to be the last game for Virginia coach Bronco Mendenhall, who announced his resignation after the Cavaliers concluded a 6-6 regular season.

But leading up to the team's planned departure on Christmas Day, players began showing symptoms of COVID-19 and tested positive. The full team was tested in the morning, and additional positive results came back on Sunday.

"Playing this game was something our team very much looked forward to and it is unfortunate Coach Mendenhall will not have one last opportunity to coach this group," Virginia athletic director Carla Williams said. "We appreciate all of the hard work by our team and coaching staff. They earned this bowl invitation, and it is unfortunate they will not be able to compete in the game to complete the season."

It's the second year in a row that the pandemic has spoiled bowl bids for Boston College and SMU.

"I'm disappointed for our fans, and even more disappointed for our players, that we will be unable to play in a bowl game for the second straight season," Mustangs AD Rick Hart said. "We are, however, sympathetic to Virginia's situation, having had to withdraw from our bowl last season due to COVID. We hope those impacted get well soon."

The BC players voted not to go to a postseason game last year because of the emotional toll the pandemic season had taken. This year's team went 6-6 (2-6 Atlantic Coast Conference) to gain bowl

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Brady, Bucs rout Panthers to clinch NFC South title

By STEVE REED
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — As Buccaneers coach Bruce Arians watched Antonio Brown go through practice last week, he could tell the veteran wide receiver was in great shape and had some fresh legs.

Brown felt it too, telling his coach "Whatever you need, I'm there."

Turns out that was quite a bit. Tom Brady threw for 232 yards and a touchdown and Brown made a grand return to the NFL on Sunday as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers routed the Carolina Panthers 32-6 to win their first NFC South title since 2007.

"We haven't had one of those division banners for a long time," Arians said. "It feels great. This is what we focused on: winning the division. I can't be more proud of the group than I am today."

The Bucs (11-4) put up 391 yards on offense after being shut out 9-0 by the New Orleans Saints last week.

Brown saw a prominent role on offense with Mike Evans and Chris Godwin sidelined by injuries, catching 10 passes for 101 yards while being targeted 15 times by Brady in his first game since Oct. 13.

He repeatedly made big catches in a featured role against 2019 NFL Defensive Player of the Year Stephon Gilmore to move the chains early in the game.

"It's what I do," Brown said. "It's my job. It's what I'm on the team for."

"He's been itching to get back out there," Brady said of Brown, a player he helped persuade to



Jacob Kupferman / AP

Carolina quarterback Cam Newton is sacked by Tampa Bay defensive end William Gholston during the first half of Sunday's game.

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come to Tampa Bay last year. "And he's just putting himself in a position to succeed. He makes a lot of critical plays. It was a great performance by him."

Brown has been plagued by an ankle injury and was suspended three games for breaking COVID-19 protocols prior. He was unapologetic about the suspension and refused to elaborate on the details surrounding what happened.

"I can't control what people write, how people try to frame me or bring me down," Brown said. "Life is about persevering and doing what's right. ... I'm standing here humble and grate-

ful and thankful and excited being around a great win with my teammates."

Brown's return was huge for the Bucs, who proved they can win even with many of their top weapons out.

Ronald Jones replaced the injured Leonard Fournette and carried 20 times for 65 yards and a touchdown.

Tampa Bay also got big offensive contributions from unheralded players like Ke'Shawn Vaughn, who ran for a 55-yard touchdown, and Cyril Grayson, a COVID-19 replacement player elevated to the active roster this week who hauled in a 62-yard reception to set up Brady's only TD pass, a 4-yarder to Cameron Brate.

"Different guys who haven't had as many opportunities made a lot of great plays," Brady said. "AB (Brown) played great just

like he always does. We needed it with Mike out, Chris out. ... Our line played great. Our backs played really well. We've got to keep finding ways to win."

The Bucs' defense had no problems shutting down Carolina's dual-quarterback approach, even after Pro Bowl linebacker Shaquil Barrett left with a knee injury in the second quarter.

Tampa Bay had seven sacks and limited the Panthers (5-10) to two field goals.

Cam Newton started the game split reps with Sam Darnold at quarterback as coach Matt Rhule had promised last week.

But neither QB produced. Newton was 7 of 13 for 61 yards and ran for 42 yards en route to losing his 13th straight game as a Carolina starter, a streak that dates back to the 2018 season.

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Heat win 3rd straight, pull away from Magic 93-83

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MIAMI — This speaks to how highly the Miami Heat think of Omer Yurtseven. After his finest game as a pro, the Heat told him he's capable of even more.

Yurtseven scored 16 points and grabbed 15 rebounds in his first start, Jimmy Butler and Caleb Martin each scored 17 points in their returns and the Heat beat the Orlando Magic 93-83 on Sunday.

"You're seeing the skill level that he has," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

Gabe Vincent and Max Strus each had 13 points for Miami.

Butler had missed 12 of Miami's last 13 games because of the injury. Martin had missed Miami's last seven games because of a stint in the NBA's health

and safety protocols. "I'm just grateful for the opportunity," said Yurtseven, who was called on to start because of injuries to Miami centers Bam Adebayo and Dewayne Dedmon.

Gary Harris scored 20 for Orlando, which got 14 from RJ Hampton, 13 from Franz Wagner and 12 from Hasani Gravett.

Orlando signed four players — Gravett among them — earlier this month to hard-ship deals after the Magic were hit by virus-related problems. Those deals are expiring.

"I was ready. I was ready at any given moment," Gravett said. "I knew coming into this year what could

take place with COVID or injuries or anything and was ready."

Hampton's 3-pointer with 4:42 left in the first gave Orlando a 21-12 lead, the biggest Magic cushion of the afternoon. Miami answered with a 12-3 run capped by a layup from Udonis Haslem to pull into a tie, then took its first lead with 7:29 left in the half on a pair of free throws from Butler.

The Heat edge was only 42-39 at the half. But Miami scored the first 10 points of the second half — getting four baskets from four different players, Strus, Yurtseven, Duncan Robinson and Vincent — to push the lead out to 13.

Orlando wouldn't go away. Hampton's 3-pointer with 6:03 left got the Magic within 80-72, but Miami



Lynne Sladky / AP

Miami forward Udonis Haslem (40) goes to the basket as Orlando center Wendell Carter Jr. defends during the first half of Sunday's game.

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Tonight's game:

Miami at New Orleans: Dolphins seek to stay in playoff race against a Saints team that will start ex-Notre Dame quarterback Ian Book. 8:15 p.m., ESPN.

NFL						
AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	9	6	0	.600	427	264
New England	9	6	0	.600	388	260
Miami	7	7	0	.500	285	312
e-N.Y. Jets	4	11	0	.267	276	449
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	10	5	0	.667	357	326
Indianapolis	9	6	0	.600	420	316
e-Houston	4	11	0	.267	248	401
e-Jacksonville	2	13	0	.133	217	396
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	9	6	0	.600	410	324
Baltimore	8	7	0	.533	355	356
Pittsburgh	7	7	1	.500	301	371
Cleveland	7	8	0	.467	314	329
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Kansas City	11	4	0	.733	421	306
L.A. Chargers	8	7	0	.533	408	411
Las Vegas	8	7	0	.533	316	387
Denver	7	8	0	.467	298	260

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Dallas	10	4	0	.714	401	293
Philadelphia	8	7	0	.533	398	318
Washington	6	8	0	.429	283	351
e-N.Y. Giants	4	11	0	.267	248	365
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Tampa Bay	11	4	0	.733	442	312
New Orleans	7	7	0	.500	313	285
Atlanta	7	8	0	.467	278	400
e-Carolina	5	10	0	.333	277	345
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Green Bay	12	3	0	.800	383	324
Minnesota	7	8	0	.467	384	372
e-Chicago	5	10	0	.333	265	373
e-Detroit	2	12	1	.167	259	386
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-L.A. Rams	11	4	0	.733	416	326
x-Arizona	10	5	0	.667	394	306
San Francisco	8	7	0	.533	377	334
Seattle	5	10	0	.333	306	307

Saturday's Games
Green Bay 24, Cleveland 22
Indianapolis 22, Arizona 16

Sunday's Games
Atlanta 20, Detroit 16
Buffalo 33, New England 21
Cincinnati 41, Baltimore 21
Houston 41, L.A. Chargers 29
L.A. Rams 30, Minnesota 23
N.Y. Jets 26, Jacksonville 21
Philadelphia 34, N.Y. Giants 10
Tampa Bay 32, Carolina 6
Chicago 25, Seattle 24
Kansas City 36, Pittsburgh 10
Las Vegas 17, Denver 13
Washington at Dallas

Monday's Game
Miami at New Orleans, 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 2
Atlanta at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at New England, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Las Vegas at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Miami at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.
Houston at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Arizona at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.
Detroit at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Baltimore, 4:25 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 3
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 8:15 p.m.

TAMPA BAY 32, CAROLINA 6

Tampa Bay 7 12 10 3 — 32
Carolina 3 3 0 0 — 6

First Quarter
Car—FG Hajrullahu 24, 7:17.
TB—Vaughn 55 run (Succop kick), 4:13.

Second Quarter
TB—FG Succop 36, 10:54.
Car—FG Hajrullahu 29, 7:20.
TB—FG Succop 43, 2:40.
TB—Brate 4 pass from Brady (pass failed), 1:19.

Third Quarter
TB—FG Succop 21, 8:34.
TB—R.Jones 7 run (Succop kick), 2:08.

Fourth Quarter
TB—FG Succop 48, 7:59.
A—71,918.

	TB	Car
First downs	21	16
Total Net Yards	391	273
Rushes-yards	31-159	15-67
Passing	232	206
Punt Returns	5-44	2-22
Kickoff Returns	0-0	3-76
Interceptions Ret.	1-7	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	18-31-0	22-45-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	7-45
Punts	3-41-0	5-50-6
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-50	6-32
Time of Possession	33:24	26:36

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Tampa Bay, Vaughn 7-70, Jones 20-65, Grayson 1-14, Brady 1-11, Bell 2 (-minus 1). Carolina, Newton 5-42, Darnold 1-11, Hubbard 6-9, Bonnafon 1-4, Abdullah 2-1.
Passing—Tampa Bay, Brady 18-30-0-232, Gabbert 0-1-0-0. Carolina, Darnold 15-32-0-190, Newton 7-13-1-61.
Receiving—Tampa Bay, Brown 10-11, Grayson 3-81, Jones 2-16, Brate 2-10, Gronkowski 1-23, Carolina, Anderson 5-8, DJ.Moore 5-55, Smith 3-86, Abdullah 3-8, Tremble 2-22, Bonnafon 2-12, Marshall 1-6, Thomas 1-4.
Missed Field Goals—None.

N.Y. JETS 26, JACKSONVILLE 21

Jacksonville 3 9 3 6 — 21
N.Y. Jets 6 7 3 10 — 26

First Quarter
Jac—FG Wright 21, 8:12.
NYJ—Z.Wilson 52 run (kick blocked), 3:54.

Second Quarter
Jac—Richardson 0 run (run failed), 13:08.
NYJ—Berrios 102 kickoff return (Pineiro kick), 12:57.
Jac—FG Wright 45, 8:15.

Third Quarter
NYJ—FG Pineiro 42, 9:47.
Jac—FG Wright 40, :25.

Fourth Quarter
NYJ—C.McDermott 1 pass from Z.Wilson (Pineiro kick), 9:16.
Jac—Ogunbowale 1 run (pass failed), 5:25.
NYJ—FG Pineiro 20, 1:47.
A—67,120.

	Jac	NYJ
First downs	27	18
Total Net Yards	384	373
Rushes-yards	31-132	36-273
Passing	252	100
Punt Returns	1-4	1-12
Kickoff Returns	1-23	6-228
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	26-39-0	14-22-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-28	1-2
Punts	1-59-0	1-55-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-10	7-94
Time of Possession	32:18	27:42

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Jacksonville, Ogunbowale 17-57, Lawrence 6-37, Austin 3-21, J.Robinson 3-10, Wingard 1-4, Cottrell 1-3. N.Y. Jets, Carter 16-118, Wilson 4-91, Coleman 14-45, Mann 1-4, Berrios 1-3.
Passing—Jacksonville, Lawrence 26-39-0-280. N.Y. Jets, Wilson 14-22-0-102.
Receiving—Jacksonville, M.Jones 8-74, Austin 6-68, Treadwell 4-54, O'Shaughnessy 4-49, Hollister 2-20, Ogunbowale 2-15. N.Y. Jets, Berrios 5-37, Kroft 3-29, Cole 2-25, Carter 2-6, Coleman 1-4, McDermott 1-1.
Missed Field Goals—None.



Adam Hunger / AP

New York Jets middle linebacker C.J. Mosley forces a fumble on Jacksonville quarterback Trevor Lawrence during Sunday's game.

Lawrence, Jaguars fall to Jets 26-21

By DENNIS WASZAK JR.

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Zach Wilson ran like no other Jets quarterback in franchise history, tossed a touchdown pass to an offensive lineman, and outdueled Trevor Lawrence. Then he watched New York's defense use a goal-line stand at the end of the game to hold on and beat the Jacksonville Jaguars 26-21 on Sunday.

"That's what makes football so fun right there, guys grinding it out," Wilson said. "The D did a good job right there."

It was the fourth matchup of rookie quarterbacks taken with the first two picks in the draft — and the No. 2 selection came out on top.

After Eddy Pineiro's 20-yard field goal gave the Jets (4-11) a five-point lead with 1:47 remaining, Lawrence and the Jaguars (2-13) got the ball back — and had a chance to win.

A 26-yard run by the No. 1 pick got the ball to the 5, and he followed with a 4-yard pass to Marvin Jones. Lawrence spiked the ball and it became fourth-and-the-game.

But Lawrence's pass to Jones fell incomplete — and the Jaguars were called for an illegal shift that the Jets

declined. The Jets had 20 players on the COVID-19 list and played without coach Robert Saleh because he didn't clear protocols after testing positive earlier in the week.

Wilson set a Jets record for a quarterback with 91 yards rushing, highlighted by a 52-yard score — the longest run by a QB in franchise history. It's also the third-longest TD run by a rookie quarterback in NFL history.

He was also 14 of 22 for 102 yards passing, including a TD throw to back-up offensive lineman Conor McDermott.

Braxton Berrios returned a kickoff 102 yards for a touchdown, and Michael Carter ran for 118 yards on 16 carries for New York.

The silver lining for the Jaguars in defeat: They created some space between themselves and the Jets for next year's No. 1 draft pick.

Lawrence, the top selection in April, was 26 of 39 for 280 yards for the Jaguars, who lost top running back James Robinson to a torn Achilles tendon early in the game.

"What was different about this one was ... so close," Lawrence said. "We're 2 yards away. Obviously, we didn't execute cleanly there at the end."

KANSAS CITY 36, PITTSBURGH 10

Pittsburgh 0 0 3 7 — 10
Kansas City 14 9 7 6 — 36

First Quarter
KC—Edwards-Helaire 1 run (Fry kick), 4:07.
KC—Pringle 5 pass from Mahomes (Fry kick), 1:05.

Second Quarter
KC—FG Fry 44, 8:45.
KC—Hardman 8 pass from Mahomes (kick failed), 2:13.

Third Quarter
KC—Pringle 16 pass from Mahomes (Fry kick), 8:53.
Pit—FG Boswell 34, 3:34.

Fourth Quarter
KC—FG Fry 34, 11:57.
KC—FG Fry 30, 9:41.
Pit—D.Johnson 15 pass from Roethlisberger (Boswell kick), 2:54.

	Pit	KC
First downs	20	25
Total Net Yards	303	381
Rushes-yards	25-130	35-127
Passing	173	254
Punt Returns	1-20	1-18
Kickoff Returns	3-61	1-20
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	28-43-1	23-30-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-21	2-4
Punts	2-60.5	2-45.5
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	3-0
Penalties-Yards	5-40	5-41
Time of Possession	25:18	34:42

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Pittsburgh, Harris 19-93, Snell 5-20, Rudolph 1-17. Kansas City, Williams 11-55, Gore 12-43, Edwards-Helaire 9-27, Burton 1-2, Henne 2-0.
Passing—Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 23-35-1-159, Rudolph 5-8-0-35. Kansas City, Mahomes 23-30-0-258.
Receiving—Pittsburgh, D.Johnson 6-51, Harris 5-17, Claypool 4-41, Gentry 4-31, McCloud 4-25, White 3-16, Rader 1-7, Snell 1-6. Kansas City, Pringle 6-75, Gore 3-61, Hardman 3-31, Williams 3-30, Hill 2-19, Robinson 2-15, Gray 2-12, Bell 1-11, Edwards-Helaire 1-4.
Missed Field Goals—Pittsburgh, Boswell 36. Kansas City, Fry 39.

CHICAGO 25, SEATTLE 24

Chicago 0 7 7 11 — 25
Seattle 7 10 7 0 — 24

First Quarter
Sea—Metcalf 41 pass from Wilson (Myers kick), 9:00.

Second Quarter
Chi—Montgomery 1 run (Santos kick), 10:15.
Sea—Penny 3 run (Myers kick), 4:47.
Sea—FG Myers 36, :17.

Third Quarter
Chi—Herbert 20 run (Santos kick), 5:30.
Sea—Everett 24 pass from Wilson (Myers kick), 3:32.

Fourth Quarter
Chi—FG Santos 35, 10:42.
Chi—J.Graham 15 pass from Foles (Byrd pass from Foles), 1:01.

	Chi	Sea
First downs	26	18
Total Net Yards	317	331
Rushes-yards	30-88	24-170
Passing	229	161
Punt Returns	2-28	1-15
Kickoff Returns	5-94	4-92
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	24-35-0	16-27-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-21	2-20
Punts	3-45.0	4-37.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-74	7-89
Time of Possession	38:25	21:42

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Chicago, Montgomery 21-45, Herbert 2-21, Williams 1-12, Foles 4-8, Mooney 2-2. Seattle, Penny 17-135, Dallas

4-15, Wilson 2-13, Eskridge 1-7. Passing—Chicago, Foles 24-35-0-250. Seattle, Wilson 16-27-0-181.
Receiving—Chicago, Montgomery 7-61, Mooney 5-57, Kmet 4-49, J.Graham 2-30, Goodwin 2-23, Byrd 1-11, Newsome 1-10, Herbert 1-7, Williams 1-2. Seattle, Everett 4-68, Dallas 4-23, Lockett 3-30, Metcalf 2-41, Eskridge 2-10, Swain 1-9.
Missed Field Goals—Seattle, Myers 39.

LAS VEGAS 17, DENVER 13

Denver 0 13 0 0 — 13
Las Vegas 0 7 7 3 — 17

Second Quarter
Las—Renfrow 10 pass from Carr (Carlson kick), 11:01.
Den—FG McManus 49, 7:24.
Buf—FG Bass 25, 3:32.
Den—J.Williams 1 run (McManus kick), :15.

Third Quarter
Las—Barber 5 run (Carlson kick), 10:22.

Fourth Quarter
Las—FG Carlson 41, 7:35.
A—60,972.

	Den	Las
First downs	8	22
Total Net Yards	158	342
Rushes-yards	16-18	40-160
Passing	140	182
Punt Returns	0-0	1-6
Kickoff Returns	1-18	1-23
Interceptions Ret.	1-21	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	15-22-0	20-25-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-13	2-19
Punts	5-44.6	2-42.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	3-30	3-37
Time of Possession	23:23	36:37

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Denver, J.Williams 7-12, Lock 2-10, M.Gordon 7 (-minus 4). Las Vegas, Jacobs 27-129, Barber 5-22, Carr 7-5, Richard 1-4.
Passing—Denver, Lock 15-22-0-153. Las Vegas, Carr 20-25-1-201.
Receiving—Denver, Sutton 4-33, Juey 3-60, Fant 3-30, T.Patrick 2-18, J.Williams 2-8, M.Gordon 1-4. Las Vegas, Jones 6-50, Moreau 4-67, Jackson 4-44, Renfrow 3-40, Richard 1-5, Barber 1-0, Jacobs 1 (-minus 5).
Missed Field Goals—Denver, McManus 55.

PHILADELPHIA 34, N.Y. GIANTS 10

N.Y. Giants 0 3 0 7 — 10
Philadelphia 0 3 17 14 — 34

Second Quarter
NYG—FG Gano 54, 11:41.
Phi—FG Elliott 22, 1:57.

Third Quarter
Phi—B.Scott 3 run (Elliott kick), 12:08.
Phi—FG Elliott 37, 7:48.
Phi—D.Smith 4 pass from Hurts (Elliott kick), 4:07.

Fourth Quarter
Phi—L.Johnson 5 pass from Hurts (Elliott kick), 11:48.
Phi—Singleton 29 interception return (Elliott kick), 10:19.
NYG—Engram 9 pass from Glennon (Gano kick), 4:01.
A—69,796.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—N.Y. Giants, Barkley 15-32, Book-

PHILADELPHIA 34, N.Y. GIANTS 10

er 6-27, Fromm 3-12, Glennon 2-11, Penny 1-2. Philadelphia, Sanders 7-45, B.Scott 12-41, Howard 9-37, Hurts 2-7.
Passing—N.Y. Giants, Glennon 17-27-1-93, Fromm 6-17-1-25. Philadelphia, Hurts 17-29-0-199.
Receiving—N.Y. Giants, Toney 4-28, Booker 4-19, Penny 4-18, Engram 4-17, Golladay 3-22, Slayton 1-7, Myrick 1-6, Sils 1-5, Barkley 1 (-minus 4). Philadelphia, Smith 5-80, Watkins 3-43, Goedert 2-28, Howard 2-19, Reagar 2-15, Gainwell 1-6, L.Johnson 1-5, Sanders 1-3.
Missed Field Goals—Philadelphia, Elliott 41.

BUFFALO 33, NEW ENGLAND 21

Buffalo 7 10 3 13 — 33
New England 0 7 7 7 — 21

First Quarter
Buf—McKenzie 3 pass from Allen (Bass kick), 6:33.

Second Quarter
NE—D.Harris 1 run (Folk kick), 14:28.
Buf—FG Bass 25, 9:01.
Buf—Diggs 12 pass from Allen (Bass kick), 1:45.

Third Quarter
Buf—FG Bass 34, 9:02.

Fourth Quarter
Buf—Singleton 2 run (pass failed), 11:42.
NE—D.Harris 8 run (Folk kick), 7:37.
Buf—Knox 2 pass from Allen (Bass kick), 2:30.
A—65,878.

	Buf	NE
First downs	28	20
Total Net Yards	428	288
Rushes-yards	28-114	27-149
Passing	314	139
Punt Returns	3-34	0-0
Kickoff Returns	2-49	2-19
Interceptions Ret.	2-22	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	30-47-0	14-32-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	1-6
Punts	0-0-0	3-52.667
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	5-45	3-30
Time of Possession	35:09	24:51

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Buffalo, Allen 12-64, Singletary 12-39, Moss 3-12, McKenzie 1 (-minus 1). New England, Harris 18-103, M.Jones 6-33, Olszewski 1-9, Bolden 2-4.
Passing—Buffalo, Allen 30-47-0-314. New England, M.Jones 14-32-2-145.
Receiving—Buffalo, McKenzie 11-125, Diggs 7-85, Singletary 5-39, Sanders 2-20, Knox 2-11, Kumerow 1-13, Moss 1-13, Gilliam 1-8. New England, Meyers 6-59, Bourne 2-33, Bolden 2-20, Harry 2-15, Henry 1-9, Johnson 1-9.
Missed Field Goals—None.

CINCINNATI 41, BALTIMORE 21

Baltimore 7 7 0 7 — 21
Cincinnati 10 21 3 7 — 41

First Quarter
Cin—FG McPherson 30, 11:06.
Bal—Bateman 4 pass from J.Johnson (Tucker kick), 5:56.
Cin—Mixon 1 run (McPherson kick), :27.

Second Quarter
Cin—Boyd 68 pass from Burrow (McPherson kick), 13:18.
Cin—Mixon 9 pass from Burrow (McPherson kick), 7:03.
Bal—Freeman 2 run (Tucker kick), 1:38.
Cin—Higgins 1 pass from Burrow (McPherson kick), :21.

Third Quarter
Cin—FG McPherson 36, 4:0.

Fourth Quarter
Bal—Andrews 18 pass from J.Johnson (Tucker kick), 14:55.
Cin—Higgins 10 pass from Burrow (McPherson kick), 10:05.
A—63,922.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Brooklyn	22	9	.710	—
Phila.	17	16	.515	6
Boston	16	17	.485	7
Toronto	14	16	.467	7½
New York	15	18	.455	8
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	21	13	.618	—
Washington	17	16	.515	3½
Charlotte	17	17	.500	4
Atlanta	15	17	.469	5
Orlando	7	27	.206	14
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	20	10	.667	—
Milwaukee	22	13	.629	½
Cleveland	20	13	.606	1½
Indiana	14	20	.412	7½
Detroit	5	27	.156	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	20	14	.588	—
Dallas	15	17	.469	4
San Antonio	14	18	.438	5
New Orleans	12	22	.353	8
Houston	10	23	.303	9½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	23	9	.719	—
Denver	15	16	.484	7½
Minnesota	15	17	.469	8
Portland	13	19	.406	10
Oklahoma City	12	20	.375	11
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	27	6	.818	—
Phoenix	26	6	.813	½
L.A. Clippers	17	15	.531	9½
L.A. Lakers	16	18	.471	11½
Sacramento	13	21	.382	14½

Saturday's Games
 New York 101, Atlanta 87
 Milwaukee 117, Boston 113
 Golden State 116, Phoenix 107
 Brooklyn 122, L.A. Lakers 115
 Utah 120, Dallas 116

Sunday's Games
 Miami 93, Orlando 83
 Cleveland 144, Toronto 99
 Memphis 127, Sacramento 102
 Phila. 117, Washington 96
 Oklahoma City 117, New Orleans 112
 San Antonio 144, Detroit 109
 Chicago 113, Indiana 105
 Denver at L.A. Clippers

Monday's Games
 Houston at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Boston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Utah at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
 Memphis at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Dallas at Portland, 10 p.m.
 Brooklyn at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
 Milwaukee at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 Phila. at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 Washington at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
 Cleveland at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8 p.m.
 New York at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Denver at Golden State, 10 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
 Charlotte at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 New York at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
 Atlanta at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 8 p.m.
 Miami at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Utah at Portland, 10 p.m.
 Dallas at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

NHL						
EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
	GP	W	L	OT Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	30	20	6	4	44	98
Toronto	30	20	8	2	42	98
Florida	29	18	7	4	40	104
Detroit	31	15	13	3	33	88
Boston	26	14	10	2	30	71
Buffalo	30	10	15	5	25	82
Ottawa	28	9	17	2	20	79
Montreal	31	7	21	3	17	67
Metropolitan Division						
	GP	W	L	OT Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	29	21	7	1	43	95
Washington	31	18	6	7	43	108
N.Y. Rangers	30	19	7	4	42	86
Pittsburgh	30	17	8	5	39	91
Columbus	28	14	13	1	29	91
Philadelphia	29	12	12	5	29	77
New Jersey	30	10	15	5	25	82
N.Y. Islanders	26	8	12	6	22	57
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
	GP	W	L	OT Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	30	19	9	2	40	114
Nashville	30	19	10	1	39	89
St. Louis	31	17	9	5	39	106
Colorado	27	17	8	2	36	115
Winnipeg	30	14	11	5	33	90
Dallas	29	15	12	2	32	82
Chicago	30	11	15	4	26	72
Arizona	29	6	21	2	14	56
Pacific Division						
	GP	W	L	OT Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	32	20	12	0	40	114
Anaheim	32	17	9	6	40	103
Calgary	28	15	7	6	36	87
Edmonton	29	18	11	0	36	101
Los Angeles	30	14	11	5	33	80
San Jose	30	15	14	1	31	78
Vancouver	31	14	15	2	30	81
Seattle	30	10	17	3	23	84

Monday's Games
 No games scheduled

Monday's Games
 Detroit at N.Y. Rangers, p.p.d

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

FLORIDA LOTTERY

Sunday's winning numbers

Cash4Life
 18-23-27-37-52, Cash Ball: 3

Mega Millions jackpot
 \$201 million

Pick 2 Evening
 3-1, Fireball: 1

Pick 2 Midday
 7-1, Fireball: 2

Pick 3 Evening
 9-2-2, Fireball: 1

Pick 3 Midday
 4-3-7, Fireball: 2

Pick 4 Evening
 8-6-1-9, Fireball: 1

Pick 4 Midday
 9-3-3-3, Fireball: 2

Pick 5 Evening
 4-3-9-6-9, Fireball: 1

Pick 5 Midday
 3-6-3-6-8, Fireball: 2

Powerball jackpot
 \$416 million

ON THE AIRWAVES

NBA
7:30 p.m. (NBA): Chicago Bulls at Atlanta Hawks
10:30 p.m. (NBA): Brooklyn Nets at Los Angeles Clippers

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
2:30 p.m. (ESPN): Military Bowl – Boston College vs East Carolina

NFL
8 p.m. (ESPN): Miami Dolphins at New Orleans Saints

HOCKEY
2 p.m. (NHL): 2022 IIHF World Junior Championship Austria vs Finland
4:30 p.m. (NHL): 2022 IIHF World Junior Championship Russia vs Switzerland
7 p.m. (NHL): 2022 IIHF World Junior Championship Germany vs Czech Republic
9:30 p.m. (NHL): 2022 IIHF World Junior Championship Sweden vs Slovakia

PREMIERSHIP RUGBY
12 a.m. (NBCSPT): Harlequins vs Northampton Saints (Same-day Tape)

PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER
3 p.m. (USA): Newcastle United vs Manchester United

Florida at Carolina, p.p.d
 N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, p.p.d
 Ottawa at Washington, p.p.d
 Pittsburgh at Boston, p.p.d
 Toronto at Columbus, p.p.d
 New Jersey at St. Louis, p.p.d
 Nashville at Dallas, p.p.d
 Los Angeles at Arizona, p.p.d
 Minnesota at Winnipeg, p.p.d
 Colorado at Vegas, p.p.d
 Edmonton at Calgary, p.p.d
 San Jose at Anaheim, p.p.d
 Seattle at Vancouver, p.p.d

Tuesday's Games
 Montreal at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
 Columbus at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
 Arizona at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
 Vegas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
 N.Y. Rangers at Florida, 7 p.m.
 Nashville at Washington, 7 p.m.
 New Jersey at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
 Boston at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m.
 Detroit at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 Edmonton at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
 Dallas at Colorado, 10 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Seattle, 10 p.m.
 Vancouver at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

Alamo Bowl
San Antonio
 No. 14 Oklahoma (10-2) vs. No. 15 Oregon (10-3), 9:15 a.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 30
Duke's Mayo Bowl
Charlotte, N.C.
 South Carolina (6-6) vs. North Carolina (6-6), 11:30 a.m. (ESPN)

Music City Bowl
Nashville
 Purdue (8-4) vs. Tennessee (7-5), 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Peach Bowl
Atlanta
 No. 11 Michigan St. (10-2) vs. No. 13 Pittsburgh (11-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Las Vegas Bowl
Las Vegas
 Wisconsin (8-4) vs. Arizona St. (8-4), 10:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 31
College Football Playoff Semifinal
Orange Bowl
Miami Gardens, Fla.
 No. 2 Michigan (12-1) vs. No. 3 Georgia (12-1), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

College Football Playoff Semifinal
Cotton Bowl Classic
Arlington, Texas
 No. 1 Alabama (12-1) vs. No. 4 Cincinnati (13-0), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Gator Bowl
Jacksonville, Fla.
 No. 20 Wake Forest (10-3) vs. Rutgers (5-7), 10 a.m. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl
El Paso, Texas
 Washington St. (7-5) vs. Miami (7-5), Noon (CBS)

Arizona Bowl
Tucson, Ariz.
 Cent. Michigan (8-4) vs. Boise St. (7-5), 2 p.m. (Barstool Sports)

Saturday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
Tampa, Fla.
 No. 22 Arkansas (8-4) vs. Penn St. (7-5), Noon (ESPN2)

Citrus Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
 No. 17 Iowa (10-3) vs. No. 25 Kentucky (9-3), 1 p.m. (ABC)

Fiesta Bowl
Glendale, Ariz.
 No. 5 Notre Dame (11-1) vs. No. 9 Oklahoma St. (11-2), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Rose Bowl
Pasadena, Calif.
 No. 7 Ohio St. (10-2) vs. No. 10 Utah (10-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Sugar Bowl
New Orleans
 No. 6 Baylor (11-2) vs. No. 8 Mississippi (10-2), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Jan. 4
Texas Bowl
Houston
 LSU (6-6) vs. Kansas St. (7-5), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 8
College Football Championship
Indianapolis
 Semifinal winners, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 27
Quick Lane Bowl
Detroit
 Nevada (8-4) vs. W. Michigan (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Military Bowl
Annapolis, Md.
 Boston College (6-6) vs. East Carolina (7-5), canceled

Tuesday, Dec. 28
Birmingham Bowl
Birmingham, Ala.
 No. 21 Houston (11-2) vs. Auburn (6-6), Noon (ESPN)

SERVPRO First Responder Bowl
Dallas
 Air Force (9-3) vs. Louisville (6-6), 3:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Liberty Bowl
Memphis, Tenn.
 Mississippi St. (7-5) vs. Texas Tech (6-6), 6:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl
San Diego
 UCLA (8-4) vs. No. 18 NC State (9-3), 8 p.m. (FOX)

Guaranteed Rate Bowl
Phoenix
 Minnesota (8-4) vs. West Virginia (6-6), 10:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 29
Fenway Bowl
Boston
 Virginia (6-6) vs. SMU (8-4), canceled

Pinstripe Bowl
New York
 Virginia Tech (6-6) vs. Maryland (6-6), 2:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Cheez-It Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
 No. 19 Clemson (9-3) vs. Iowa St. (7-5), 5:45 p.m. (ESPN)



Vegas right wing Reilly Smith (19) crashes to the ice after being tripped by Tampa Bay goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy (88) during the second period of a Dec. 21 game. L.E. Baskov / AP

NHL to bring back taxi squads in effort to keep season going

By **STEPHEN WHYNO** and **JOHN WAWROW**
 AP Hockey Writers

The NHL will emerge from an extended holiday break with taxi squads and other roster revisions to guard against more disruptions to the season.

Each team will be allowed to have a taxi squad of up to six players and to make emergency recalls from the minors if COVID-19 absences would cause anyone to play without a full lineup. Taxi squads, which were used during the shortened 2021 season, are set to be in effect until at least the All-Star break in early February.

Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly confirmed the new roster rules in an email to The Associated Press on Sunday. They were first reported by Sportsnet.

Under the new provisions, any team shy of having 12 forwards, six defensemen and two goaltenders available can bring up a player

from the American Hockey League without playing a game with fewer than the usual 18 skaters. Emergency recalls also can be made of players with salary-cap hits of up to \$1 million, an increase from the previous \$850,000 limit.

Players on the taxi squad will count as being in the minors for cap purposes. They can be there for a maximum of 20 days.

The goal of the changes is to keep the NHL season going after 64 games already have been postponed for coronavirus-related reasons. All 14 games initially scheduled for Monday previously were postponed to allow for analyzing of COVID-19 tests taken Sunday by players, coaches and staff upon returning to team facilities.

The return to team facilities also brought the predictable result of additions to the COVID-19 protocol list across the league.

The defending Stanley Cup champion Tampa Bay

Lighting added goaltenders Andrei Vasilevskiy and Brian Elliott, defenseman Mikhail Sergachev, forward Pierre-Edouard Bellemare and assistant coach Rob Zettler to the list. Dallas Stars defenseman Miro Heiskanen, forwards Jason Robertson, Joel Kiviranta, Radek Faksa and Michael Raffl, Philadelphia Flyers defenseman Ryan Ellis and Buffalo Sabres forwards Dylan Cozens and Mark Jankowski and coach Don Granato also entered protocol.

The Sabres said Cozens, Jankowski and Granato were asymptomatic. The team canceled a scheduled practice, which was to be Buffalo's first since Dec. 18.

The NHL began its annual Christmas break a day earlier than anticipated last week amid a rapid increase of positive COVID-19 test results among players. At the time, more than a quarter of the league's 32 teams were shut down because of outbreaks.

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Darnold, who was greeted by boos as he entered the game for the first time, finished 15 of 33 for 190 yards.

Rhule said he felt going with two QBs gave his team the best chance to win, before adding "giving up seven sacks, you aren't going to win many games like that."

The Panthers fell to 10-21 in two seasons under

Rhule, who heard chants of "Fire Rhule" during the game and was booed as he walked off the field after the game.

Rhule said he understands the fans' frustrations and said he appreciates their passion. He apologized for the lack of winning but promised better times are ahead, saying "I believe 1000 percent the process is working."

Injuries
Buccaneers: Arians said after the game Barrett had

a mild MCL sprain in his knee, but wouldn't say how long he will be out.

Panthers: Stephon Gilmore became the latest Carolina cornerback to get hit by the injury bug, leaving in the second half with a groin injury. ... WR Brandon Zylstra was placed on the COVID-19 list before the game.

Up next
Buccaneers: at the New York Jets next Sunday.
Panthers: at New Orleans next Sunday.

NBA virus numbers still rising, expanded testing begins

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
 AP Basketball Writer

The way Miami's Caleb Martin sees things, he's lucky.

He just missed seven games while completing the NBA's health and safety protocols related to the coronavirus, the worst of his symptoms being a couple days of fatigue. And when looking at the still-rising numbers of positive tests around the league right now, Martin offered a stark assessment.

"It almost seems it's inevitable," Martin said.

The numbers in the NBA indeed keep getting higher and may continue that way for the foreseeable future. Expanded testing, agreed to earlier this month, went into place Sunday for players who have yet to receive their booster shots. The new testing plan is expected to remain in place until Jan. 8, after weeks of urging by the league and the National Basketball Players Association for players to get boosted.

By early Sunday evening, the numbers of players known to be in the protocols was up to 116 – and probably slightly higher, considering some teams had yet to

update injury reports. Numbers can fluctuate quickly as players test in and out, and being on the protocols list does not always mean someone has tested positive.

"I think any logical person would worry how far is this going to go, and there's a couple teams that have quite a few people in the protocols. ... You don't know where it's going to go," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said.

Almost all NBA teams are dealing with at least one known case of virus-related issues now, and some teams are down to mere skeletons of what an NBA team should look like. Toronto played Cleveland on Sunday with eight players, four of them hardship signings brought on because 10 Raptors are currently in the protocols.

"Shoutout all the guys filling in to keep this season going – from unknown guys to the vets," Raptors guard Fred VanVleet, one of the sidelined Toronto players, tweeted.

Here's what the Orlando injury report looked like on Sunday: Six players out because of virus-related problems, another sidelined while he completes the pro-

cess of getting cleared from a protocols stint, and another six players out with injuries.

Yes, that's 13 players – from one team.

"You expect the unexpected," Magic coach Jamahl Mosley said.

Golden State's Draymond Green was the latest big name added to the protocols list on Sunday, less than 24 hours after the Warriors beat Phoenix in what was the best game on the league's five-game Christmas lineup and probably one of the more anticipated games so far this season.

"This is the reality of this association right now," Miami coach Erik Spoelstra said.

Talks between the NBA and the NBPA have been going on for several days about a potential shortening of the return-to-play protocols, though nothing has been finalized.

The Raptors hadn't played for more than a week. But the schedule said they were playing Sunday, so they showed up to play on Sunday.

"We haven't done a thing since our last game," Raptors coach Nick Nurse said about 90 minutes before tip-off.

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scored the next eight and sealed the win when Strus hit a 3 with 3:14 left for an 88-72 edge.

"I think we did a really good job of competing all night and getting the looks we were looking for," Magic coach Jamahl Mosley said.



Miami forward Jimmy Butler dunks over Orlando guard R.J. Hampton during the first half of Sunday's game. Lynne Stadky / AP

Tip-ins
Magic: Orlando fell to 7-27, tying the worst 34-game start in franchise history. It also happened in 1991-92. ... The Magic are now 0-3 against Miami this season.

Heat: Kyle Lowry (protocols) remained sidelined, and Miami was without assistant coaches Chris Quinn and Caron Butler for virus-related reasons. ... Haslem has played in three consecutive games for the first time since making four consecutive appearances in December 2017.

Lots of starters
 Yurtseven was part of more unique lineups for both sides.

The three Heat-Magic games this season have seen 19 different players in

the starting lineups, already the most in any season series between the Florida teams since 21 players opened Miami-Orlando games during 2002-03.

Herro ejected
 Heat guard Tyler Herro was ejected late in the third quarter after picking up his second technical foul of the game. He also received one midway through the sec-

ond quarter, a double technical along with Hampton.

Up next
Magic: Host Milwaukee on Tuesday, the start of a two-game homestand against the reigning champions.

Heat: Host Washington on Tuesday, the end of Miami's first four-game homestand so far this season.

BOWLS

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eligibility and had already traveled to the Washington, D.C., area for Monday's game.

But athletic director Pat Kraft said more than 40 players were unavailable due to COVID-19, injuries,

opt-outs and transfers.

"We just do not have enough players to field a team," he said. "We are disappointed not to be able to finish the season together as a team, but the health and safety of our program is our highest priority."

The Hawaii Bowl was canceled earlier after Hawaii withdrew from its game

against Memphis on the eve of Thursday's contest.

Miami out of Sun Bowl
 Late Sunday, Miami said it would not play in the Sun Bowl, which was scheduled for Friday against Washington State. The Hurricanes have been dealing with a virus outbreak for several days.

Lockout has Yankees in dark on players coming off surgery

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball's lockout has left the New York Yankees unaware of how DJ LeMahieu, Aaron Hicks, Jameson Taillon and Darren O'Day are progressing following surgery.

Hicks, rehabbing from a May 26 operation to repair a torn tendon sheath in his left wrist, hit .265 (13 for 49) in 12 games with Leones del Escogido of the Dominican Winter League in late November and early December.

He had one homer, nine RBIs, four walks, 10 strikeouts and two steals.

LeMahieu had sports hernia

surgery on Oct. 12, Taillon right ankle tendon surgery on Oct. 28 and O'Day left hamstring surgery on July 21, the same day outfielder Tim Lincecum had surgery to repair a torn right ACL.

"I don't have any contact with them, so I don't know," manager Aaron Boone said Wednesday during a conference call to discuss his revamped and expanded coaching staff.

MLB told teams not to contact players on 40-man rosters and wiped all images of those players off websites.

Baseball's lockout started when the collective bargaining agreement expired Dec. 1.

Boone doesn't expect the team will evaluate the players until the

work stoppage ends.

It's uncertain whether spring training will start as scheduled on Feb. 16.

"We tried to put our guys in the best position as far as our coaches at the time having those conversations and putting plans in place as we headed into Dec. 1," Boone said. "Hopefully set them up with programs and things that they can follow and be in a good position once this is all settled, but we've had no contact. Obviously it's not ideal that we can't have that contact and know how everyone's doing, but we should get a decent idea in those early days of what we're dealing with."

Boone's 11-man coaching staff includes newcomers in third

base coach Luis Rojas, first base coach Travis Chapman, hitting coach Dillon Lawson, assistant hitting coaches Eric Chavez and Casey Dykes and assistant pitching coach Desi Druschel.

Holdovers include bench coach Carlos Mendoza, pitching coach Matt Blake, bullpen coach Mike Harkey, catching coordinator Tanner Swanson and coaching assistant Brett Weber.

Lawson spent the last three seasons as the Yankees' minor league hitting coordinator.

"He's had a really, really strong impact on our minor leagues," Boone said. "One of the things that kind of sucks about the lockout, obviously, is him not being able to continue to build those re-

lationships. But before the lockout started, we had him onboard and he was already starting to develop those relationships with guys and was able to have some meaningful sessions and conversations."

Chavez, a six-time Gold Glove third baseman who last played in 2014, is projected to have a role beyond his title.

"He's got a really good perspective on the game. He's very open-minded," Boone said. "I kind of view him as a little bit of a Swiss Army (knife). He's going to have a lot of different responsibilities. He's going to have his hands in a lot of different things. It's a role that I feel is going to evolve as he allows it to."

No letting up



Jason Behnen / AP

New Orleans defensive end Cameron Jordan hugs Tampa Bay quarterback Tom Brady after the Saints defeated the Buccaneers Dec. 19.

Saints' Jordan is full speed ahead in second decade, on field or off

By BRETT MARTEL
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Saints defensive end Cameron Jordan entered his second decade in the NFL with a fresh, clean-cut look.

Gone were the long dreadlocks with the dyed blond ends that he wore in recent seasons.

Still present in the 6-foot-4, 287-pound Jordan was his professed love for football and confidence that his work ethic, fitness and talent could propel him to continued elite play in his early to mid-30s.

In terms of sacks, it wasn't looking good through his first five games, when he had none. But Jordan comes into Monday night's home game against Miami with six sacks in his past eight games, a seventh Pro Bowl invitation, NFC defensive player of the week honors, and no shortage of pride in the effort he has put forth all season long.

"In this first part of the season, there was a lack of defensive line depth for us," Jordan said this week, referring to fellow defensive end Marcus Davenport's Week 1 injury and top interior lineman David Onyemata's six-game suspension.

More recently, Jordan said, "You could see what happens when we have our full depth of starters, and the focus isn't shifted on just one person."

"I could tell you that at the beginning of the season, I was catching more doubles and triples than I think I've ever seen before, but that's just a personal gripe," Jordan continued. "I'm on full tilt. I came into this league as a run-stopper. You are not just going to define me by my sack numbers. If I went sackless for the year, I know I've played the hell out of that run."

Jordan, now 32, has had as many as 15 1/2 sacks in a single season in 2019 and had no fewer

than 12 sacks in the two seasons before that.

Last Sunday, when he had two sacks — not to mention a forced fumble — against Tampa Bay's Tom Brady, Jordan became just the second Saints player to reach 100 sacks. The other was linebacker Rickey Jackson, who is in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

"In my wildest dreams, I don't think I even thought about getting 100 sacks when I first entered the league," said Jordan, who's father, Steve, was a six-time Pro Bowl tight end.

Jordan said he figured if he could "carve out a seven to 10-year career with 40 to 50 sacks and a couple of Pro Bowls, that would've been a phenomenal feat for me. That way, I wouldn't have considered myself a failure next to my dad."

He has now been selected to one more Pro Bowl than his father. He was an All-Pro in 2017. He also has been durable, never missing a game in his career until Dec. 12 at the New York Jets because he'd tested positive for COVID-19. That absence broke his streak of 172 straight games played.

"If you have not figured out by now, I love this game," Jordan said. "I always want to play football."

Jordan said his joyful approach stems from his understanding that each snap "could be my last."

"There's only a finite amount of time that you have to play football, so you better enjoy each and every second," Jordan said.

Saints offensive tackle James Hurst has had to block Jordan in practice and describes him as relentless and deceptive.

"He won't take a play off," Hurst said. "If you have 70 plays in a game, he's going to have 70 opportunities to make an impact play: whether that's a tackle for loss, a sack, a turnover. He's not going to take any plays off

and that's going to increase the chances of his impact on the game."

Hurst said Jordan has a knack for disguising what kind of block-shedding move he might be setting up.

"Whether it's a swim move or a bull rush, whatever it may be, they all look the same," Hurst said of Jordan's initial moves at the snap. "For a player like him, you have to bring it every play ... because with one little slip-up, he's able to take advantage."

Meanwhile, Jordan has established himself as a locker room leader whom teammates admire on and off the field.

He was the Saints' nominee for the NFL Walter Payton Man of the Year award. He has worked on social justice initiatives, routinely visited schools and run football clinics, among other projects — all while raising a family of his own.

"When you come in the NFL as a young player, you kind of you find vets to look up to and see how they manage the stress of football and managing your time with family and off the field stuff," Saints quarterback Taysom Hill said. "All those qualities are things that you try to emulate as a young player, find ways to give back and he's found the right way to manage his time to make sure he's giving back to the community and I really appreciate his example of doing that, and showing people in the locker room how to do that."

The emphasis Jordan places on representing his team and having meaningful personal interactions with teammates is evident in how he talks about his recent sack milestone.

"It has been the relationships and connections I have built here that bring the true meaning to the 100 sacks," Jordan said. "There's just so much more people don't see in the personal aspect."

Embiid, 76ers beat Wizards to move above .500

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Joel Embiid had 36 points and 13 rebounds and a spat with Montrezl Harrell, Tobias Harris added 23 points and the Philadelphia 76ers beat the Washington Wizards 117-96 on Sunday night.

Philadelphia improved to 17-16 after dropping four of its last five. Spencer Dinwiddie led Washington with 17 points. The Wizards also are 17-16.

Consecutive 3-pointers by Tyrese Maxey, Seth Curry and Embiid keyed a 15-0 run that put the 76ers ahead 80-59 with 5:22 to play in the third quarter.

With 3:04 left in the third, Harrell fouled Embiid, and the two exchanged words. Both were assessed technical fouls, and Embiid made the two free throws.

"He flopped," Embiid said. "I don't think he made a play on the ball, and we got tangled."

Thirty seconds later, Harrell pushed Embiid, yelled at him, and was given his second technical and ejected. Harrell, who didn't immediately leave the court was finally escorted the floor, and left shaking his head while Embiid waved him goodbye.

"I wouldn't say I baited him into that," Embiid said. "I'd like to think I'm a troll."

Harrell was visibly annoyed after the game.

"I don't know, you've got to ask the ref, man," Harrell said. "I didn't feel I did anything wrong. It's as simple as that."

Washington scoring leader Bradley Beal sat out his second game while in the NBA's health and safety protocols.

THUNDER 117, PELICANS 112

OKLAHOMA CITY — Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 31 points and rookie Aaron Wiggins added a career-high 24 as Oklahoma City beat New Orleans, snapping the Pelicans' four-game win streak.

Wiggins, who had never scored in double figures this season, eclipsed his previous season best by halftime when he led the Thunder with 11 points.

Josh Hart had 29 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Pelicans. Garret Temple came off the bench to score 22 points, including 15 in the first half.

Oklahoma City grabbed a 17-3 lead just four minutes into the first quarter, scoring 15 straight points after Josh Hart gave the Pelicans their only advantage of the first three periods with an opening-minute 3-pointer. Oklahoma City held a 14-point edge, 32-18, at the end of the first quarter.

The Thunder expanded the lead to 17 early in the second period before cooling off. The Pelicans cut their deficit to 57-49 at intermission. New Orleans scored eight straight early in the third to make it 60-58 before the Thunder countered with a 10-2 run over the next two minutes and went on to lead 89-81 heading into the fourth.

New Orleans outscored the Thunder 11-2 to start the fourth quarter and took a 92-91 lead with 8:10 left on a dunk by Willy Hernangomez. Kenrich Williams hit a 3-pointer at the other end as the Thunder regained the lead and held on the rest of the way.

CAVALIERS 144, RAPTORS 99

CLEVELAND — Kevin Love and Darius Garland scored 22 points apiece, and the

Cleveland Cavaliers tied their franchise record with 46 points in the third quarter of a rout over the COVID-19 depleted Raptors.

Lauri Markkanen added 20 points and Garland had eight assists for Cleveland, which led by 47 points twice late in the fourth. The Cavaliers won their fifth in a row at home and made 22 3-pointers in a team-record 52 attempts.

It was Cleveland's largest victory margin of the season and the first time Toronto has lost by more than 17 points in 2021-22. The Cavaliers had 39 assists, two shy of the most in the NBA this season.

"We're lucky to be in this position where we've got such a good thing going on," Markkanen said. "We play hard and we play unselfish basketball. Once we brought the energy we needed, the floodgates just kind of opened up after that."

Yuta Watanabe posted career highs of 26 points and 13 rebounds for Toronto, and Chris Boucher scored 21 points. The Raptors have 10 players in the NBA's health and safety protocols, including top scorer Fred VanVleet, rookie Scottie Barnes and Pascal Siakam.

"We had to take a pretty good loss tonight, but we'll bounce back," Raptors coach Nick Nurse said. "It was a good game for Yuta, and that's about it."

Toronto's eight-man active roster — featuring four hardship signees — had never been together until holding a brief practice on the main court at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse before the game. D.J. Wilson had 15 points and eight rebounds in his team debut.

"We met those guys on the bus on the way to the arena," Watanabe said. "Because we weren't permitted to do anything together the last few days, I spent a lot of time in the gym by myself putting up shots. That's all you could do."

The Raptors' previous two games were postponed when they could not suit up the required eight players. Boucher, Watanabe, Svi Mykhailiuk and Dalano Banton were the only holdovers from their pre-outbreak squad.

Denzel Valentine had 17 points and nine rebounds, Dean Wade scored 17 points, and Ricky Rubio had 16 points and six assists for Cleveland. Love grabbed nine boards and Tacko Fall had three points and seven rebounds in 11 minutes off the bench.

GRIZZLIES 127, KINGS 102

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Desmond Bane scored 28 points and Memphis beat Sacramento for the second time in 10 days.

Ja Morant had 18 points, nine assists and seven rebounds to help the Grizzlies end a three-game losing streak. Jaren Jackson scored 21 points.

Tyrese Haliburton had 18 points and seven assists for Sacramento.

SPURS 144, PISTONS 109

SAN ANTONIO — Keldon Johnson scored 27 points and San Antonio had its highest-scoring game of the season to beat short-handed Detroit, extending the NBA-worst Pistons' road skid to 10.

San Antonio has won three straight and four of five to move into 10th in the Western Conference.

Hamidou Diallo scored 28 points for Detroit.

CHICAGO 113, INDIANA 105

CHICAGO — Zach LaVine scored 32 points in his return from the NBA's health and safety protocols, DeMar DeRozan added 24 points as Chicago posted the win.

Nikola Vucevic had 16 points and 15 rebounds as the Bulls (20-10) won their third straight.

Caris LeVert scored 27 points and Domantas Sabonis had 14 points and 16 rebounds after missing a game with a right calf injury as the Pacers dropped their third straight game.



Nick Wass / AP

Philadelphia forward Georges Niang (20) battles for the ball against Washington forward Corey Kispert (24) during the first half of Sunday's game.

Fading Cardinals search for answers as losses mount

By **DAVID BRANDT**
Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Arizona's late-season fade is starting to feel like a full-blown collapse.

The Cardinals failed to clinch a playoff spot for the third straight week after a 22-16 loss to the banged-up Indianapolis Colts, who were missing arguably their best defensive player and four starting offensive linemen.

After a 7-0 record to start the season, the Cardinals are just 3-5.

The mistakes started early Saturday and piled up in a brutal first half: Kicker Matt Prater missed a long field goal and an extra point. The offense had a turnover on downs and gave up a safety when quarterback Kyler Murray couldn't handle a low snap. Arizona was called for seven penalties before the break and 11 for the game.

"At any level of football, you can't do those things," Murray said. "Right now, we are pretty much killing ourselves."

It's the second year in a row the Cardinals have had a late-season fade. They started the 2020 season with a 6-3 record but closed with a 2-5 mark to miss the playoffs for a fifth straight season. The comparisons are inevitable and running back Chase Edmonds knows that the criticism is coming.

"Right now, we are just in a tough spot," Edmonds said. "We've got to band together, we've got to get to-



Arizona tight end Zach Ertz leaves the field after Saturday's game against Indianapolis. The Colts won 22-16.

Ross D. Franklin / AP

gether, stay one as a family. We know what is going to come next with the noise."

The good news for the Cardinals is they'll almost certainly make the playoffs even if they lose their final two games of the season against the Cowboys and Seahawks. There's a myriad of ways for Arizona to back into the bracket, even by finishing 10-7.

That's little solace for a team that looked like one of the NFL's best a couple months ago.

"All you have to do is get in, that is all you got to do," Murray said. "But at the end of the day we don't want to get in the way we are playing. We want to go in

playing good, feeling good about ourselves."

There have been some injuries that have undoubtedly hurt. Three-time Defensive Player of the Year J.J. Watt has a shoulder injury that will likely keep him out for the rest of the year. Three-time All-Pro receiver DeAndre Hopkins is also likely out for the rest of the regular season because of a sprained knee.

"I think everybody has to focus on their job," Cardinals coach Kliff Kingsbury said. "Some of the guys out ... guys are trying to do too much at times and we've got to take it one play at a time, reset and do it again."

The Colts — and just

about anyone else in this COVID-19 filled season — won't have much sympathy for the Cardinals. Indianapolis found out hours before the game that 2020 All-Pro linebacker Darius Leonard and two others had tested positive for the virus. They were missing four starting offensive linemen and their starting tight end by the end of the first half because of injuries.

Yet the Colts still found a win.

That's at least partly because the Cardinals keep finding ways to lose.

Kingsbury is 0-5 with the Cardinals when they've had a chance to clinch a playoff spot.

No. 1 Alabama arrives for CFP semifinal without OC, OL coach

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
Associated Press



SABAN

ARLINGTON, Texas — Top-ranked Alabama arrived Sunday in North Texas without offensive coordinator Bill O'Brien or offensive line coach Doug Marrone, but coach Nick Saban expected both assistants to make it for the playoff semifinal game at the Cotton Bowl. He said there were no known COVID-19 issues among players.

The Crimson Tide said last Wednesday that O'Brien and Marrone had tested positive for the coronavirus and were isolating with mild symptoms.

Saban said Sunday that both coaches were doing the well back in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and would participate in meetings and practice via Zoom until they could join the team before Friday's game against Cincinnati.

"They will do all their work and coaching virtually with players, very similarly to the way I did it when I tested positive before the Auburn game a year ago," Saban said. "They'll be here for the game. ... No one is, you know, really that bad sick that they can't function and do things that they need to do with our players."

The Bearcats (13-0), the first team from outside a

Power Five conference to make the College Football Playoff, were scheduled to arrive in North Texas later Sunday.

Saban said Alabama's entire team is vaccinated and that more than 90 percent of the players also have had booster shots.

The coach said players are wearing masks and social distancing in meetings.

"We have encouraged them to use the same practices that we had to use a year ago, whether it's wearing a mask in meetings, wearing a mask when you're not in the building, social distancing when we're in meetings," Saban said. "So, if there were some new protocols that would help us be safer, we would certainly implement them."

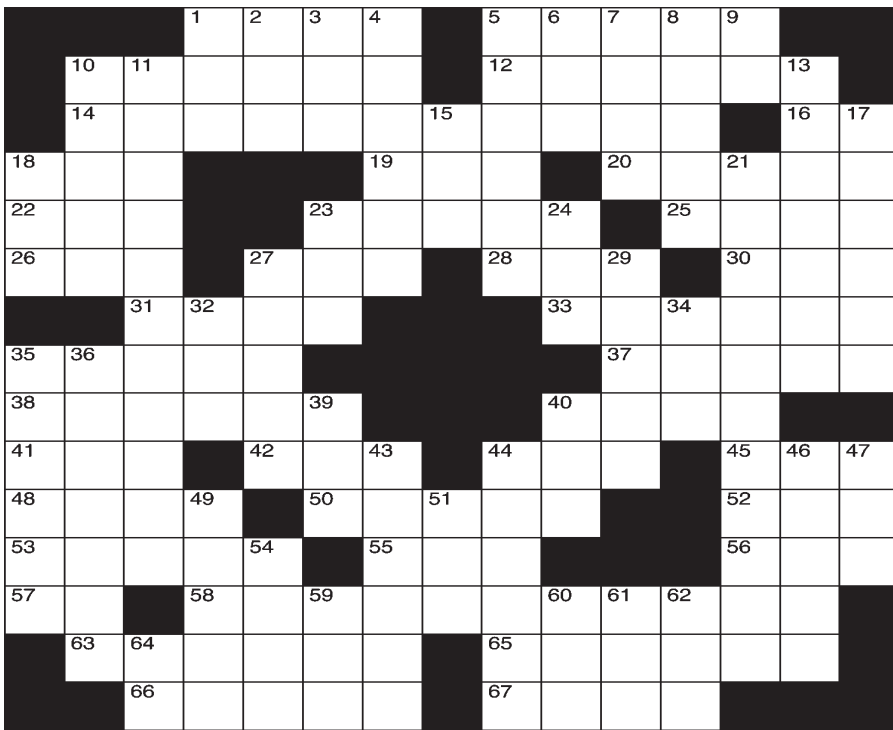
"But I think we tried to implement all that we know that has worked in the past."

This is the second year in a row that the Crimson Tide are set for a playoff semifinal game at AT&T Stadium.

The Rose Bowl was moved from California to the home of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys last New Year's Day because of the pandemic, and Alabama beat Notre Dame 31-14.

Puzzles Galore!

CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

- Chinese Muslim group
- Alternative name
- Resounds
- Supporter
- Furnishes anew
- Beloved
- Hollywood alien
- Supervises flying
- Ballplayer's tool
- Coarse edible red seaweed
- Former CIA
- Basketball player
- Travel necessities
- Honey producer
- Military analysis (abbr.)
- Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- Mental sharpness and inventiveness
- Popular Easter meal
- Man (Spanish)
- de la
- Counterweights

CLUES DOWN

- Made a harsh, grating noise
- Monetary unit
- Commercials
- Cool!
- Partner to cheese
- Expression of creative skill
- Unit of angle
- Transported
- N. American people of Kansas
- Computer game character Max
- Moved swiftly
- Everyone has one
- Tin
- A mole is one
- Nocturnal
- hoofed animals
- Oppositional to
- Monetary units
- Not on time

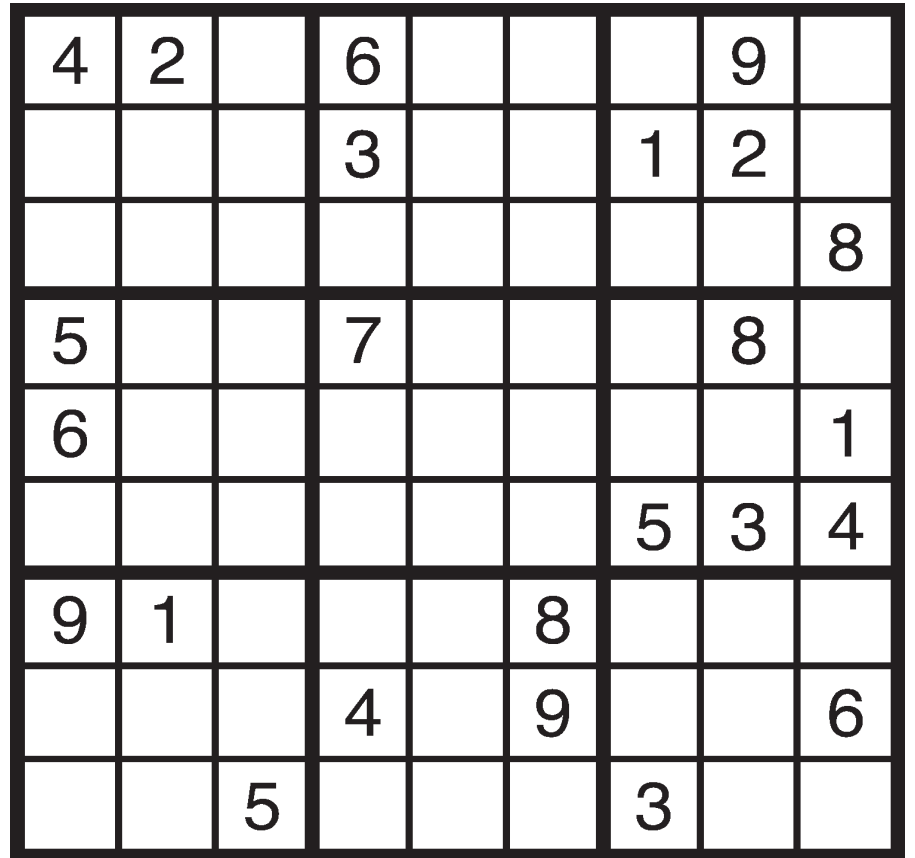
CLUES DOWN

- Hogshead (abbr.)
- Misery resulting from affliction
- Defunction
- European group
- Line on a map
- Becomes less intense
- Back muscle
- Frosted
- Ethiopian town
- Midway between south and east
- Wipe from the record
- In a continuous way
- Breathe
- Cleaning device
- Male organ
- Tab on a key ring
- Criminals
- Taxi
- Cheer of encouragement
- Wartime American escort carrier
- Polish river
- Current unit
- Life form
- Painful contractions
- Glowing
- Press against lightly
- Melancholic
- Something you can be under
- Of the mind
- E. Indian cereal grass
- Couple
- Sharpshoot
- A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- Blyton, children's author
- Human gene
- Data mining
- methodology (abbr.)
- Examines animals
- Mineral
- Cools your home

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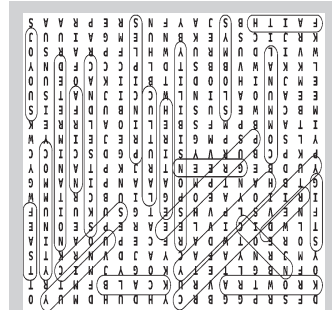
Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

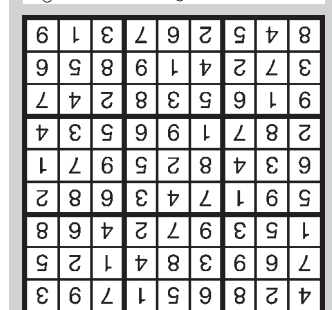


Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



Answers to "Puzzles Galore!"



WORD SEARCH (Kwanzaa)

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|---------------|----------------|
| AFRICAN | FEAST |
| ARTWORK | GIFTS |
| BLACK | GREEN |
| CANDLESTICKS | HERITAGE |
| COMMUNAL | HOLIDAY |
| COMMUNITY | JOYOUS |
| CORN | PRINCIPLES |
| CREATIVITY | PURPOSE |
| CROPS | RED |
| CULTURAL | RESPONSIBILITY |
| DETERMINATION | SYMBOLS |
| FAITH | UNITY |

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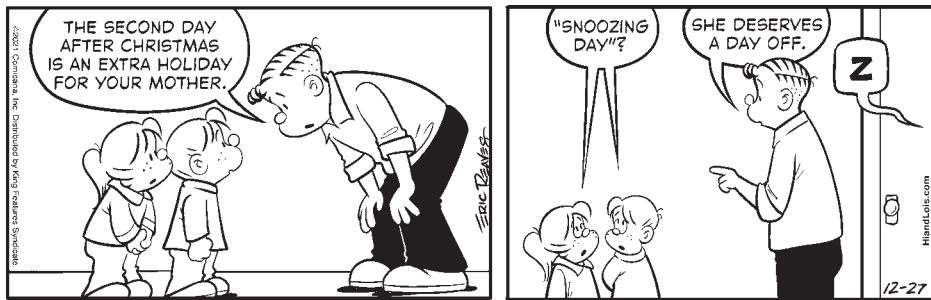
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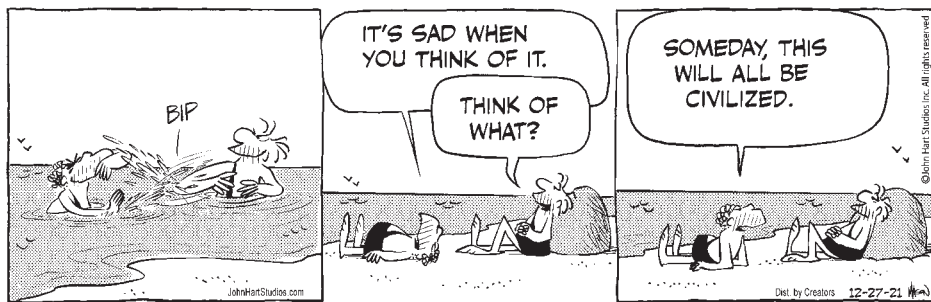
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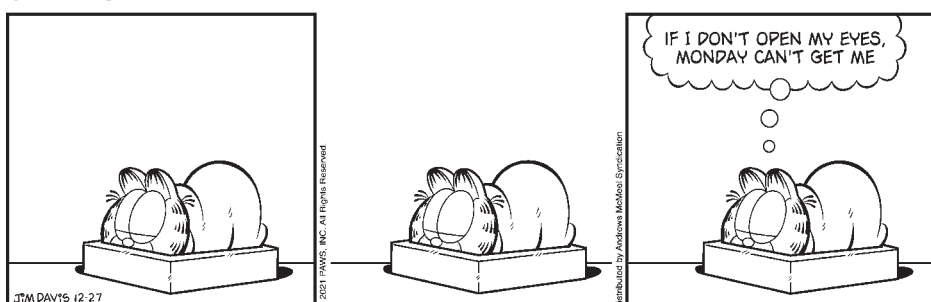
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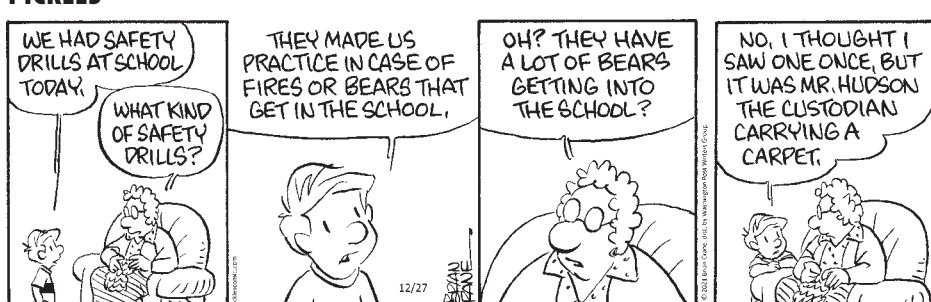
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FORT KNOX



PICKLES



ASTROGRAPH

By EUGENIA LAST

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

Recognize your strengths and put them to the test. Focus on what you know. Pick up on what's trending and can help you stay ahead of the competition. Use your connections and innovative ideas to get ahead. Call in favors and demonstrate what you have to offer. Personal growth is favored.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take physical action and incorporate a domestic change that will make your life easier. What you accomplish will lift your spirits. Look into something you want to explore in the new year.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Discipline will be required when dealing with financial and emotional matters. Put your energy where it counts and get ahead of the game where work responsibilities are concerned.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Take care of business, and don't make a fuss. Sharing expenses and doing your fair share will improve meaningful relationships. Be

open, honest and flexible, and you'll avoid discord.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't give up what you have until you have a replacement in the bag. Gauge what's trending and consider what's possible. Do the legwork necessary to make wise decisions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Think outside the box. It's your responsibility to change what you don't like and to pursue what makes you happy. Don't limit what you can do or give up on something you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Question your current direction and consider if you enjoy what you do and how you earn your living. Step outside your comfort zone, or at least investigate the possibilities that exist.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Pay attention to what others say and do. A disciplined attitude and innovative plan will help you broaden your perspective and reach your goal. A change will put you in a positive frame of mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Time spent with

an older friend or relative will be enlightening. Pay attention to what's being said and adopt a healthier attitude and lifestyle. Challenge yourself and satisfy your needs.

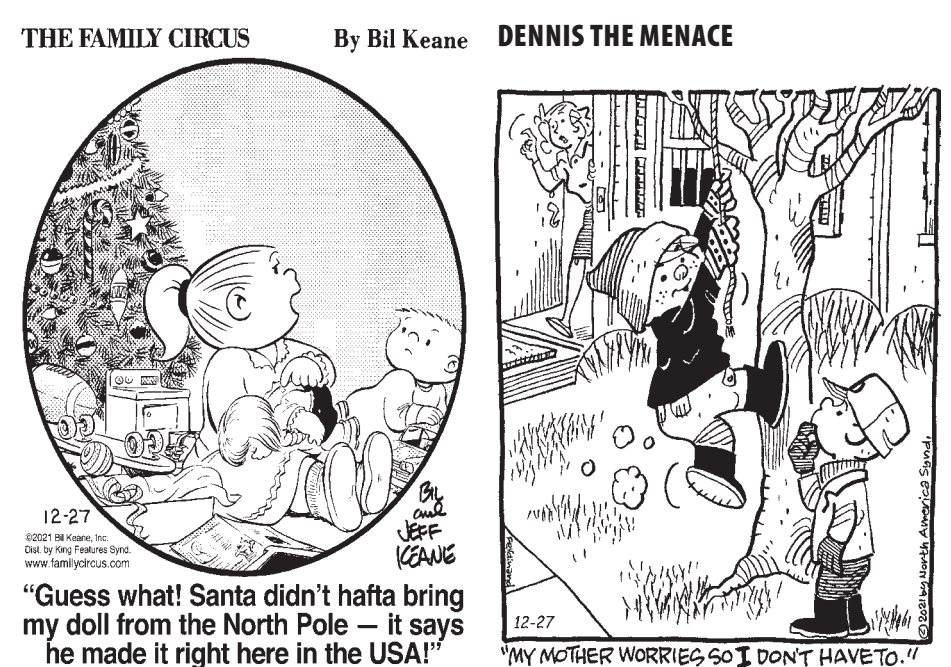
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Consider how you earn your living and handle your money, and you'll find a way to cut costs and ease stress. A lifestyle adjustment will help you get back on track. Don't fall prey to needless spending.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Stick to your plan. Make changes at home that will ease stress and encourage convenience and comfort. Get physical and take care of unfinished business. You've got something worth celebrating.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Think twice before you raise issues that may not go over well with a friend or relative. Keep the peace and focus on positive interactions. Simplify your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Use common sense. If you act on your emotions, you are likely to make a mistake. Sit tight and explore your options. When uncertainty prevails, observation is necessary.

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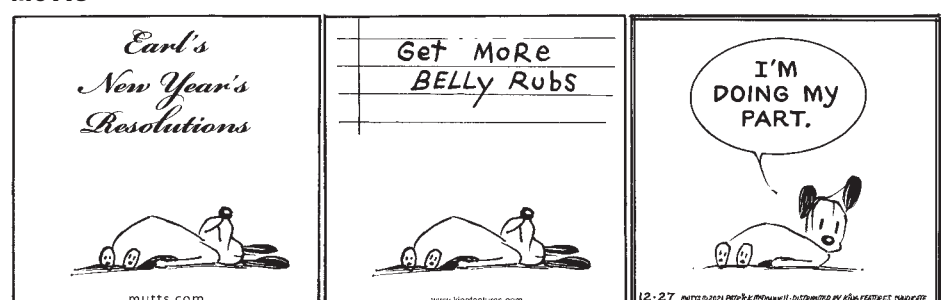
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TODAY'S MOVIES

Citrus Cinemas 6 Inverness; 844-462-7342 Code 187 Monday, Dec. 27

"American Underdog" PG: 11:30 a.m., 3:30, 7:45, 10:45 p.m.
"Sing 2" PG: noon, 1, 3:45, 7, 9:45 p.m.
"The King's Man" R: 11:45 a.m., 3:15, 7:30, 10:30 p.m.
"The Matrix Resurrections" R: 11:15 a.m., 2:45, 6:45, 10:15 p.m.
"Spider-man: No Way Home" PG13: 11 a.m., 2:30, 3, 6:30, 7:15, 10, 10:35 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 28

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Wednesday, Dec. 29

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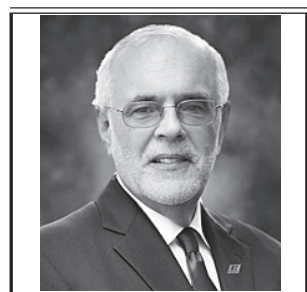
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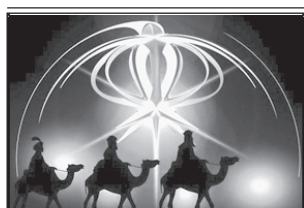
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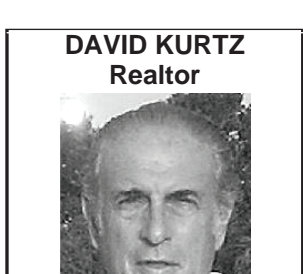
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Solution to Saturday's puzzle 12/27/21

8	6	2	5	7	9	3	1	4
1	4	3	8	6	2	9	7	5
9	5	7	1	4	3	2	6	8
7	2	8	3	9	1	4	5	6
5	3	4	6	2	7	1	8	9
6	1	9	4	8	5	7	2	3
2	7	5	9	3	8	6	4	1
3	8	6	2	1	4	5	9	7
4	9	1	7	5	6	8	3	2

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk

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Monday, December 27, 2021

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- FULGENT

(FULGENT: FUL-jent: Dazzlingly bright; radiant.)

Average mark 16 words
Time limit 30 minutes

Can you find 21 or more words in FULGENT?
The list will be published tomorrow.

SATURDAY'S WORD -- PRECEDENT

peen	preteen	epce	decent	nerd
peer	pretend	erect	decree	teed
pence	recede	erne	deep	teen
pent	recent	cede	deepen	tend
percent	reed	cent	deeper	tender
pert	rend	center	deer	tern
peter	rent	creed	deet	tree
precede	repent	creep	dent	trend
preen	enter	crepe	deter	
pretence	entree	crept	need	

RULES OF THE GAME: 1. Words must be of four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed. 3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. 4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed. Contact Word Game creator Kathleen Saxe at kzsaxe@gmail.com.

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ACROSS

- 1 Diagram
- 5 Game or season opener
- 8 Young goat
- 11 Resembling
- 12 Made with butter
- 14 "Entourage" agent
- 15 Pass over
- 16 Vacation destination
- 17 Not hither
- 18 Longed for
- 20 Rectangular
- 22 Part of UCLA
- 23 Overdecorated
- 24 Loafs
- 27 Rain hard
- 29 — Paulo, Brazil
- 30 Cookout
- 34 Current (hyph.)

- 37 Intense anger
- 38 Seethe
- 39 Escapade
- 41 Big galoots
- 43 Baltimore bard
- 44 Nap
- 46 Dismay
- 50 Hgt.
- 51 At any time
- 53 Essay byline
- 54 Wetland
- 55 Sea barrier
- 56 Comedian — King
- 57 Geologic division
- 58 "— Rosenkavalier"
- 59 Ancient harp

Answer to Previous Puzzle

T	A	N	K		M	A	C		U	G	L	Y
W	R	E	N		O	V	A		S	A	I	D
O	G	E	E		S	E	T		H	I	S	S
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O	R	E	S		D	O	S		W	A	K	E

DOWN

- 1 Make a furrow
- 2 Andean capital
- 3 Quite similar
- 4 Irritate

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10
11					12			13		14	
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57					58				59		

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1. Was able to adopt a small child (1)

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2. Actor Efron's Tin Woodsman tool (1)

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3. Ho-hum health resort (1)

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4. Comic Wanda rides a two-wheeler (1)

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5. Rosier flirt who bats one eye (2)

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6. Book dust-cover small bundle (2)

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7. Fabled hare outrunner's tenons go-withs (3)

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Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

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ANSWERS
1. GOT TIT 2. ZACB AX 3. BLAH SPA 4. SYKES BIKES
5. PINKER WINKER 6. JACKET PACKET 7. TORTOISES MORTISES

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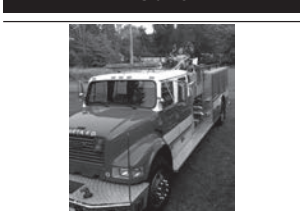
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1994 INTERNATIONAL 4900 CREW CAB TURBO DIESEL 17,985 orig mi., 1K gal. water tank w/ 1250 GPM pump. Runs & Drives PERFECT! \$29,500 obo Call/Text 305-720-8033

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RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

2007 Trail Cruiser Lite
19ft., Loaded, Cold A/C & Heat, Very Clean, sleeps 6-7 \$7900 OBO (352) 765-3089

2018 STRYKER
TOY HAULER, FIFTH WHEEL, 2 Slides, 41ft, \$59,995 352-795-7820

2020 JAYCO
NORTH POINT, FIFTH WHEEL, 5 Slides, 44ft, \$70,995 352-795-7820

FIFTH WHEEL
2012 36FT, KEYSTONE COUGAR, 3 slides, lg kitch island, 2 recliners, lg couch, fire-place, lg dining area, jack-n-jill Bath, Very Clean \$26,500 (815) 557-3330

FIFTH WHEEL- 2021 44.5ft LUXE Toy Hauler- Arctic Pkg +W/D, 2 heat pumps & 1 A/C-heater, bath tub, side covers, loaded, plus more \$165K Call Bruce at 352-398-7012

WANTED - ALL RV's & BOATS - Any condition - We come to you - **SAME DAY CASH** (941) 284-3498

LIENS

2169-1227 MCRN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: ADVANCED TOWING gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles at **08:00 am at 4875 S Florida Ave Inverness, FL 34450-0537**, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. **ADVANCED TOWING** reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

Date of Sale: **01/09/2022**
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
File No. 2020-GA-079
DIVISION: PROBATE

IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF **JANICE C BOBE,**

NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on December 13, 2021 there was placed on deposit in this office, funds received from the Guardianship of **JANICE C BOBE,** deceased, in the amount of \$453.24. Said funds are all the assets due to:

The Estate of **JANICE C BOBE**

Unless said funds are claimed on or before six (6 months) from the first date of publication of this notice, said funds will be forwarded to the State of Florida, pursuant to Florida Statutes 744.534 (3).

IN WITNESS WHERE OF I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Citrus County, Florida, on Dec. 17, 2021.

ANGELA VICK, Clerk of the Circuit Court

{{County Court Seal}}

By: /s/ **Sonia Prylepa**
Deputy Clerk

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