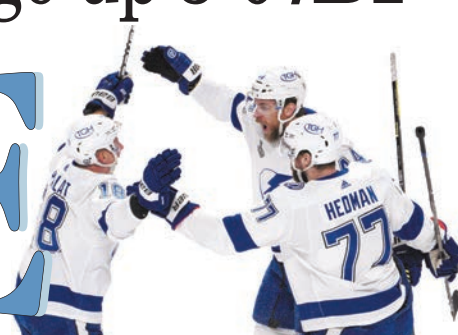


Stanley Cup Final: Lightning attempt to go up 3-0 /B1

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NEWS BRIEFS

Chronicle offices closed Monday, July 5

Citrus County Chronicle offices will be closed Monday, July 5, for the Fourth of July holiday. The circulation department will still take calls from 8 to 10 a.m. Call 352-563-5655 for newspaper delivery issues.

Register to vote at Liberty Park in Inverness

The Supervisor of Elections Office will be at Patriotic Day in Inverness from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 3, at Liberty Park, 268 N. Apopka Ave.

Stop by to make changes to your voter record or register to vote. Information to apply for election worker positions will also be available.

Contact the Supervisor of Elections Office if you are interested in having the elections office staff at your organization or business.

To learn more visit votecitrus.gov, email vote@votecitrus.gov, call 352-564-7120 or fax 352-564-7121.

County posts holiday idle speed/no wake

The idle speed/no wake holiday speed zone ordinance (2004-02) will be in effect for King's Bay, Crystal River and any canals and tributaries leading to these areas for the upcoming Independence Day holiday.

The purpose of this holiday speed zone ordinance is to allow citizens a safe place in which to participate in water-related activities.

For more information, call Citrus County Aquatics Services at 352-527-7620.

— From staff reports

SO YOU KNOW

■ The Florida Department of Health has ceased the daily COVID-19 reports that have been used to track changes in the number of coronavirus cases and deaths in the state.

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Judge sets trial dates

Dunnellon-area couple, 13 codefendants face charges in US Capitol attack

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

Tentative trial dates were set for a Dunnellon-area couple and their 13 codefendants accused of storming the U.S. Capitol to keep legislators from validating President Joe Biden's election.

During a virtual hearing Friday,

U.S. District Judge Amit P. Mehta scheduled Jan. 31-Feb. 22 to try the first set of defendants, and slated April 4-29 to try the second batch.

It's yet unknown who of remaining defendants, including local husband and wife Kelly and Connie Meggs, will go before a jury.

Some could resolve their charges

with plea agreements between the U.S. Attorney's Office, and others could see their allegations dismissed if Mehta grants motions in their favor.

A few defense attorneys told Mehta there could be a conflict with the trial dates because their other cases backlogged by COVID-19 are

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Kelly Meggs



Connie Meggs

Sal, Jeana Saputo's undying love



NANCY KENNEDY/Chronicle

Jeana Saputo, at her husband's bedside as he passed away. Although terminally ill herself, she held his hand for hours, singing softly, "You Are My Sunshine."

Couple would have been married 73 years to date

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

When Sam "Sal" Saputo crashed a wedding in Detroit, he wasn't looking for a wife.

He and his buddies only wanted to score some free drinks and maybe a dance or two with some girls.

But when he saw Elva Jean, an invited wedding guest, it was all over for him.

He was smitten and so was she, although not at first.

"That night at the wedding, my dad asked if he could drive her home," said Gina Rogers, the Saputos' daughter. "She

said, 'I don't know if I trust you; I just met you.' He said he would be a gentleman, so she got in the car with him — and in the back seat were his buddies.

"She said, 'Well, I don't like that!' So, he dropped them off first and then brought her home," Rogers said.

They married July 3, 1948, and remained smitten until Sal took his final breath on June 23 at age 96, his beloved "Jeana,"

herself under hospice care for terminal cancer, in a wheelchair by his bedside in the apartment they shared at Grand Living assisted living facility in Citrus Hills, holding his hand.

Theirs is a story of opposites attract. He, the son of Italian immigrants. She, a Southern gal from Missouri who grew up

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Special to the Chronicle

Sam "Sal" Saputo and his wife, Jeana, on their wedding day, July 3, 1948. With Jeana at his bedside, Sal died June 23, not quite two weeks before their 73rd anniversary.

County's tax roll shows positive market trends

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff writer

It's no surprise to anyone trying to buy, sell or build a house that the market is jumping.

Citrus County's taxable value reflects it.

The county's taxable 2021 preliminary taxable value, announced Thursday by Property Appraiser Cregg Dalton, is \$11.24 billion — up 5.25% from

a year ago.

Average single-family home values also jumped nearly 10% — \$158,458 in 2020 to \$173,859 this year.

While the market value of homes increases, the taxable value increase, without additions or improvements, is limited to 1.4% due to the Save Our Homes constitutional amendment.

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Elsa strengthens into season's first hurricane in Caribbean

DÁNICA COTO
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Elsa strengthened into the first hurricane of the Atlantic season on Friday as it blew off roofs, snapped trees and destroyed crops in the eastern Caribbean, where officials closed schools, businesses and airports. It appeared headed eventually in the general direction of Florida.

The Category 1 storm is the first hurricane to hit Barbados in more

than 60 years, unleashing heavy rains and winds on the island and then on St. Vincent and the Grenadines, which are struggling to recover from recent massive volcanic eruptions.

Elsa was centered about 475 miles east-southeast of Isla Beata in the Dominican Republic and was moving west-northwest at 30 mph. It had maximum sustained winds of 85 mph, according to the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

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Around the
COUNTY

Recovery group hosting alcothon for Fourth

Club Recovery is hosting a 36-hour alcothon for the July Fourth weekend. The alcothon is from 10 a.m. Saturday, July 3, through 10 p.m. Sunday, July 4, at Club Recovery, 2322 E. Herculana Lane, Hernando. The alcothon will include Alcoholics Anonymous meetings every two hours, along with food, soft drinks and coffee.

Attend the 'Heartland of America' concert

The Nature Coast Community Band will have their "Heartland of America" concert at 3 p.m. today, July 3, at the Citrus Springs Community Center, 1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd. and 3 p.m. Sunday, July 4, at Seven Rivers Presbyterian Church on State Road 44 in Lecanto.

The band will play a wide variety of patriotic tunes, including band favorites like "God Bless America" and "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

The concerts are free, but donations at the door are appreciated.

Buy a bag to support the Key Training Center

The Key Training Center will participate in the Giving Tag Program, which is designed to make it easy for customers of Winn-Dixie stores to contribute to their local community while supporting the environment.

This ongoing opportunity can be taken advantage of at any Winn-Dixie store. Purchase a \$2.50 reusable community bag, follow the instructions on the attached Giving Tag and the Key Training Center will receive a \$1 donation.

To learn more about this program, visit seg.bags-4mycause.com. Visit the Key Training Center's Facebook page for posts to share on social media.

Join the Big Library Read

Citrus Libraries is connecting their community of readers during the next Big Library Read. From June 28 to July 12, readers can solve a compelling mystery in S.F. Kosa's debut thriller, "The Quiet Girl," on e-book from their public library.

Citrus Libraries library card holders can borrow the e-book for free by visiting citrus.overdrive.com or downloading the Libby app. Through Libby, readers can also "send to Kindle." The title will automatically expire at the end of the lending period, and there are no late fees.

Big Library Read is available in more than 20,000 libraries around the world, including approximately 90% of public libraries in North America.

"The Quiet Girl" is the 25th selection of this program which began in 2013 and takes place three times per year. After completing the book, readers can then discuss online at biglibraryread.com/join-the-discussion.

— From staff reports

Correction

A headline on the front page of the Friday Chronicle incorrectly stated the day of the Inverness Patriotic Evening. Inverness celebrates Independence Day Saturday, July 3.

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

Reckless driving charge leads to more charges

FRED HIERS
Staff writer

A Beverly Hills man faces charges of driving without a license, auto theft and fleeing a pursuing deputy after a Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputy reported seeing him driving erratically.

The arrest of Brian Anthony Vandomelen, 19, began June 26 when the arresting deputy reported driving east on South J. Kellner Boulevard in Beverly Hills and seeing a green sport utility vehicle in front of him headed in the same direction, according to the arrest report.

The deputy reported that the vehicle started driving "recklessly" and pulled in a driveway.

Later, the deputy watched Vandomelen peer out of his window at the deputy's cruiser, according to the arrest report.

The deputy described the behavior as suspicious in his arrest report and because of the reckless driving decided to return toward Vandomelen's vehicle, according to records.

"The vehicle then backed out of the driveway in a very fast and reckless manner while spinning its tires and began to drive westbound on South J. Kellner Boulevard," according to the deputy in the arrest report.

The deputy turned on his emergency lights and sirens, but the



Brian Vandomelen

deputy reported Vandomelen just drove away faster.

According to the report, Vandomelen eventually turned onto South Roosevelt Boulevard, which dead ends into woods. The deputy reported following Vandomelen's vehicle into the woods along a trail, but the trail become too narrow and unsafe.

The next day, the CCSO received a call about a suspicious vehicle parked in a wooded area near North Lakeside Village Drive and West Oak Park Drive, near where the pursuit occurred.

Two deputies arrived and soon they reported spotting Vandomelen coming out of the woods and

headed to the vehicle, according to the report. When the two deputies questioned him, they reported Vandomelen saying he was walking to see a friend.

The two deputies learned that the vehicle they found in the woods with Vandomelen nearby was stolen and that Vandomelen did not have a valid driver's license, according to the report.

The owner of the vehicle, who lives in Mississippi, talked with the deputies and told them Vandomelen had taken her car without permission, according to records.

Deputies went to Vandomelen's home and arrested him, charging Vandomelen with driving with a suspended license, auto theft, and fleeing a law enforcement officer. His bond was \$12,500.

Elsa could derail plans



Heavy traffic flows along Interstate 75 north of Wildwood in this file photo. Expect lots of travelers this holiday.

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

Record number of travelers expected for the July 4 holiday weekend

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

Unless Hurricane Elsa puts a kibosh in their plans, 2.4 million Floridians are expected to hit the road in record numbers this long Fourth of July weekend, further evidence the pandemic is easing.

"Travel is back this summer, as Americans eagerly pursue vacations they've deferred for the last year-and-a-half," said Debbie Haas, vice president of Travel for AAA — The Auto Club Group. "We saw strong demand for travel around Memorial Day and the kick-off of summer, and all indications now point to a busy Independence Day."

AAA forecasts travel volumes

While all modes of travel will see increased demand this Independence Day, road trips continue to dominate this summer. Despite the highest gas prices in seven years, more than 91% of holiday travel will be by car.

for Independence Day will be the second-highest on record; nearing the highs set in 2019.

As of Friday morning, Elsa was moving west-northwest toward the eastern Caribbean Sea and expected to turn north early next week, according to the National Weather Service. Although the eventual path remains uncertain, west-central and southwest Florida could

see storm impacts.

The auto club said more than 47.7 million Americans will take at least one domestic trip this weekend, an increase of about 40% from last year and just 2.5% fewer than the 2019 holiday weekend.

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Despite the highest gas prices in seven years, more than 91% of holiday travel will be by car.

On Friday, July 2, gas prices in Citrus County and statewide were nudging \$3 per gallon.

In recent years, Florida gas prices averaged \$2.11 (2020), \$2.68 (2019), \$2.73 (2018), \$2.15 (2017), \$2.23 (2016), \$2.67 (2015), and \$3.60 (2014) on Independence Day.

"Even more expensive gas prices are unlikely to deter Americans from that road trip many have waited more than a year for," AAA spokesman Mark Jenkins said.

"If anything, motorists are more likely to cut back on other expenses like lodging and dining out, to offset the higher cost of fuel."

Citrus gets rain in June

MICHAEL D. BATES
Staff writer

Citrus County received more rain in June than it did the first five months of 2021.

And with the state squarely in the cone of uncertainty for Hurricane Elsa, the already high totals could swell.

"Our rainy season started off with a bang this year," said Dr. Mark Fulkerson, chief professional engineer with the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWF-WMD). "After a dry May, June was extremely wet."

Citrus County in June received an average 11.7 inches of rain, with some locations recording over 16 inches. That's 50% more than the norm for June, which is 7.8 inches.

June through September is the rainy season in Florida, when the region typically gets 30 inches.

"We've already received a good portion of that," Fulkerson said.

So far this year, Citrus County has gotten about 23.2 inches of rain, a half-inch less than the historical average of 23.7 inches for January through June.

Aquifer, or groundwater levels, are in the 65th percentile, above average for June and slightly higher than they were a year ago (62nd percentile).

Meanwhile, as of Friday afternoon, the long-term track of Elsa is toward Hispaniola. Forecasters said it will likely weaken to a tropical storm and potentially head to Florida by early Tuesday.

“Overall, the lakes are in great shape for this time of year.”



Dr. Mark Fulkerson
 chief professional engineer, Southwest Florida Water Management District.

Lake chain is in good shape

Along most of the Withlacoochee River, levels and flows are higher than they were a year ago.

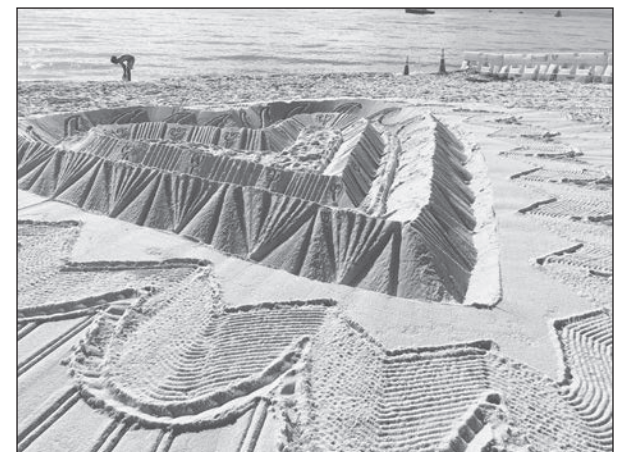
To illustrate how much rain has fallen: The Tsala Apopka lake chain last year didn't start rising until July.

This year, lake level increases began a month earlier, right after the wet season started in early June.

Lake levels rose an average of 11 inches last month, with the Inverness and Hernando Pools rising most due to greater rainfall.

Fulkerson said several water control structures were opened last week to bring in available river water and move it evenly between each pool.

Water levels are currently about 13 inches higher than they were a year ago.



Associated Press

Sand sculpture adorns the beach beside the area that is closed for search and rescue operations at the partially collapsed Champlain Towers South condo building, Friday, July 2, in Surfside, Fla.

Sand sculptor honors victims

Associated Press

SURFSIDE — Sweat poured from Isaac Meek early Friday as he finished his tribute to the lives lost in the Florida building collapse — a 6-foot-long sand sculpture of a heart that he engraved into the beach almost in the shadow of the tragedy.

Using only a rake and the tip of its handle, the 21-year-old Miami

Gardens hotel worker spent about two hours working shirtless in the blazing Florida sun creating his sculpture, digging out sand, piling it up and drawing waves and roses on its 1-foot-tall berms.

He said his father had suggested the project as a way to honor those who died in last week's building collapse that has left 20 dead and 128 missing and comfort their family members.

Today's HOROSCOPES

BirthDay: A positive attitude will help you get through uncertainty. A lifestyle change may be scary, but the benefits will outweigh any negatives you encounter along the way. Trust in your ability to do what's best for you.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): Put your energy into a creative outlet that boosts your ego and makes you feel good about your accomplishments.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Find an alternative way to get past uncertainty and confusion. It's up to you to find the path that will encourage happiness.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be careful what you wish for; there will be underlying factors to uncover and consider before you make a big decision.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Temptation to spend on things you don't need is apparent. Put a budget in place before you go out the door.
Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): Change will excite you, but the work involved will deter you from following through. You can spend your life dreaming about the way you want things to be, or you can work to make things happen.
Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): Refrain from letting others influence you. If you want to live life your way, it's up to you to make changes that ensure happiness.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Share your feelings and find out where you stand. Getting the go-ahead to put your plans in motion will discourage opposition.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): Concern about a friend, relative or loved one will lead to a lifestyle change.
Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20): Be honest with yourself, and you will recognize what direction is best. Think for yourself and walk away from people and situations detrimental to your well-being.
Aries (March 21-April 19): Plan to have fun and achieve something that makes you feel good about who you are and what you do.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): Someone will have a hidden agenda. A change someone makes isn't worth the fight; take the path that suits you best, regardless of what others do.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): Confusion will set in if you believe everything you hear. Take the initiative to discover information firsthand.

ENTERTAINMENT

Dogs on display: Museum fetes 200 years of cartoon canines

COLUMBUS, Ohio — In a 1970 Beetle Bailey comic strip, the character known as Sarge berates his uniform-wearing dog, Otto, for a paperwork mistake. "Think, Otto, think!!" Sarge says. "We can't all be Snoopy," a dejected Otto replies. This confluence of two iconic comic strip dogs is on exhibit along with dozens of other images at the world's largest cartoon museum as part of a new presentation of the history of canines in the world of cartooning. "The Dog Show: Two Centuries of Canine Cartoons" at Ohio State University's Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum is running through October. The genesis for the exhibit came when the late Brad Anderson, the creator of Marmaduke, donated his collection in 2018, including 16,000 original Marmaduke cartoons from 1954 to 2010, other original art, business correspondence, fan mail and books. That began a conversation about plumb the depths of the museum's extensive collection for dog-related images, according to museum coordinator Anne Drozd. "There were so many comic strips and magazine cartoons and comic books, and so many different examples that have dogs in them," Drozd said. "It seemed like a no brainer to bring everything together in one theme that so many people can relate to and love." There are plenty of scene-stealing cats in cartoons, including Jim Davis' Garfield and the stuffed tiger that comes



Associated Press

A new exhibit on dogs in cartoons and comic strips includes vinyl toys of Charlie Brown and Snoopy and Dennis the Menace and Ruff, from the private collection of exhibit curator Brian Walker, in a photo taken June 24, in Columbus, Ohio.

to life in Bill Watterson's "Calvin and Hobbes." But dogs' personalities make them a perfect fit for the comic strip form, said exhibit curator Brian Walker. "Dogs have that eagerness, they aim to please, so they actually make really good cartoon characters," said Walker, a cartoonist and cartoon historian and the son of Mort Walker, the creator of Beetle Bailey. Though Otto first appeared in Beetle Bailey in 1956, he was a regular four-legged dog until around 1970 when Mort Walker anthropomorphized him, providing Otto his own uniform and desk, likely thanks to the influence of Snoopy in Charles Schulz' Peanuts strip, Brian Walker said. The oldest image in the exhibit is a reprint of British artist George Cruikshank's illustration of weather so bad it's "raining cats and dogs." Moving through the years, the exhibit includes well-known dogs like "Sandy" from Little Orphan Annie, "Daisy" from Blondie and

Today in HISTORY

Today is Saturday, July 3, the 184th day of 2021. There are 181 days left in the year. Today's Highlight: On July 3, 1775, Gen. George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Massachusetts. On this date: In 1863, the three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania ended in a major victory for the North as Confederate troops failed to breach Union positions during an assault known as Pickett's Charge. In 1950, the first carrier strikes of the Korean War took place as the USS Valley Forge and the HMS Triumph sent fighter planes against North Korean targets. In 1986, President Ronald Reagan presided over a gala ceremony in New York Harbor that saw the re-lighting of the renovated Statue of Liberty. In 1988, the USS Vincennes shot down an Iran Air jetliner over the Persian Gulf, killing all 290 people aboard. In 2003, the U.S. put a \$25 million bounty on Saddam Hussein, and \$15 million apiece for his two sons. (The \$30 million reward for Odai and Qusai Hussein went to a tipster whose information led U.S. troops to their hideout, where the brothers were killed in a gunbattle.) Ten years ago: Novak Djokovic won his first Wimbledon, beating defending champion Rafael Nadal 6-4, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3. Five years ago: A devastating truck bombing on a bustling commercial street in downtown Baghdad killed nearly 300 people. One year ago: Speaking at the foot of Mount Rushmore on the eve of Independence Day, President Donald Trump asserted that protesters pushing for racial justice were engaging in a "merciless campaign to wipe out our history." Today's Birthdays: Talk show host Montel Williams is 65. Actor Tom Cruise is 59. WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is 50. Actor Olivia Munn is 41.

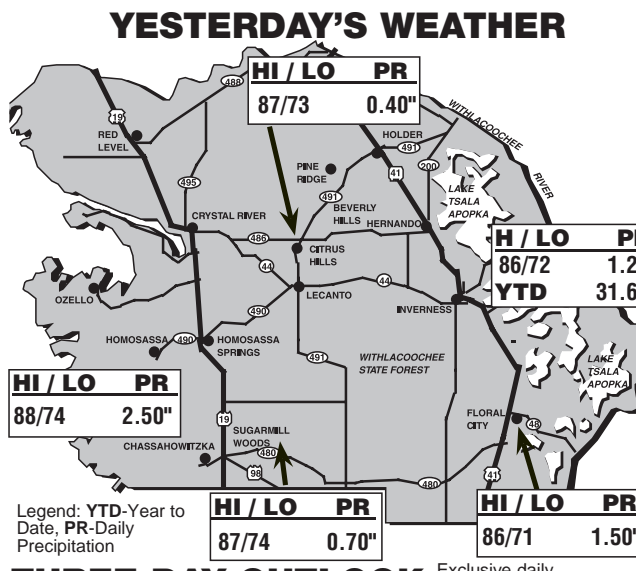
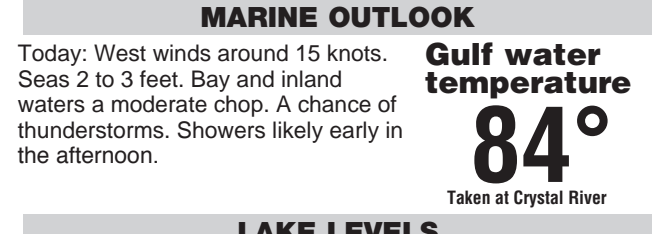


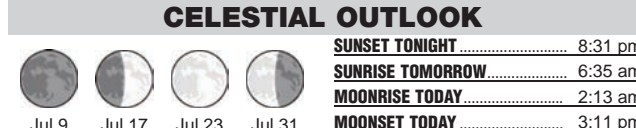
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THREE DAY OUTLOOK: Today & Tomorrow Morning (High: 86° Low: 74°), Sunday & Monday Morning (High: 88° Low: 74°), Monday & Tuesday Morning (High: 90° Low: 73°). Includes a small weather icon graphic.

ALMANAC: TEMPERATURE (Yesterday 83/73, Record 99/64), DEW POINT (Yesterday at 3 p.m. 77°), HUMIDITY (Yesterday at 3 p.m. 90%), POLLEN COUNT** (Today's active pollen: Ragweed, grasses, palm), AIR QUALITY (Yesterday observed Good PM2.5).

SOLAR TABLES: Table with columns for DATE, DAY, MINOR MAJOR (MORNING), MINOR MAJOR (AFTERNOON). Rows for 07/03 SATURDAY and 07/04 SUNDAY.



BURN CONDITIONS: Today's Fire Danger Index is: NONE. There is no burn ban. For more information call Florida Division of Forestry at (352) 797-4140.

WATERING RULES: Table with columns for High, Low, and watering frequency based on temperature ranges (0-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10+).

TIDES: *From mouths of rivers, **At King's Bay, ***At Mason's Creek. SATURDAY: High and Low tide times for various locations.

TIDES: Table with columns for City, High, Low, and time of tide for various locations like Chassahowitzka, Crystal River, Withlacoochee, etc.

THE NATION: Map of the United States showing weather patterns. FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. Saturday: Table with columns for City, FRI, SAT, H, L, Pcp., H, L, Fcst. Includes WORLD CITIES table with columns for City, FRI, LISBON, H/L/SKY, and TIME.

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TAX ROLL

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“The certified values ... continue to show an upward trend being driven primarily by increases in residential new construction and higher sales prices occurring in the prior year,” Dalton said in a news release. “As we continue to see a robust market coupled with low interest rates, we are seeing out-of-state buyers looking to relocate to Florida and more specifically, Citrus County.”

July 1 is the annual deadline for the property appraiser to provide the preliminary taxable value to local governments, such

as the cities, county and school board, which use the numbers to calculate proposed tax rates.

July 1 values are preliminary as there may be some fluctuation through the value adjustment board appeals process.

Some highlights:

■ Citrus County's non-school taxable value of \$11.24 billion is an increase of \$589 million in 2020. School taxable values, which are higher because second homestead exemption doesn't apply, increased by \$653 million over last year to reach \$12.33 billion.

■ The city of Inverness preliminary taxable value is \$534 million representing an increase of \$22.5 million over 2020. Net new construction is

approximately \$4.29 million.

■ The city of Crystal River preliminary taxable value is \$541 million representing an increase of \$28.7 million over final 2020. Net new construction is approximately \$4.6 million.

■ This year's net new construction countywide (additions minus deletions) of \$165 million in taxable value represents an increase of \$10.6 million over 2020.

Dalton said he expects the market conditions to continue improving.

“I believe Citrus County's increase in market activity, residential building activity, building permit activity, and homestead parcel counts reflect positive trends and demonstrate the continued desirability of our county in the national real estate marketplace,” he said.

Contact Chronicle reporter



Cregg Dalton
property appraiser.



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

Logan Russon, a laborer with Suncoast Insulators and Specialties, hangs insulation Wednesday morning, May 5, in the ceiling of a new home under construction in Citrus Hills. New construction and rising real-estate prices led to a jump in the county's tax value.

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TRIAL

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coming back to the forefront. Many pretrial motions are also in the works, the lawyers noted.

Nonetheless, Mehta wanted defense attorneys and prosecutors to keep their calendars open.

“If we don't set these dates and times down now, we'll lose track,” the judge said after hearing from lawyers about their respective schedules. “It remains to be seen who'll stand trial.”

So far, just one of the 16 named defendants in the latest indictment has ended their case.

Graydon Young pleaded guilty June 23 to charges of conspiracy and obstruction of Congress, in exchange for a prison sentence of between 63 and 78 months Mehta will order during an unscheduled hearing.

U.S. Attorney Kathryn Leigh Rakoczy told Mehta on Friday she began to discuss plea offers with the original defendants indicted, including the Meggses.

“Many, if not all of those conversations are productive and still ongoing,” the prosecutor said. “Over the course of summer, we might have more dispositions.”

Arrested Feb. 17, Kelly and Connie Meggs continue to face charges of conspiracy, obstructing a government proceeding, destroying government property and entering restricted grounds.

Kelly Meggs has an additional charge of evidence tampering.

Prosecutors allege Kelly Meggs was the self-described leader of Florida's chapter of the Oath Keepers, one of numerous extremist groups involved in the Capitol raid on Jan. 6.

He and his wife trained and prepared with their codefendants to travel to Washington D.C., where they forced their way into the Capitol in an organization, military fashion to stop legislators and former Vice President Mike Pence from certifying the 2020 election results.

Connie Meggs was released from custody in March to house arrest as court proceedings continue.

Citing Kelly Meggs' purported leadership in the Oath Keepers, his attempts to hide evidence and his intentions to harm House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Mehta ordered him to remain jailed.

According to their attorneys, the Meggses are 12-year residents of

Dunnellon in Marion County, and neither have a criminal history.

When they were arrested, Kelly Meggs worked in management at an area car dealership, and Connie Meggs was “a housewife” and volunteered at a church-run thrift shop.

Kelly Meggs' detention would place him at the front of the line for his case to be tried in February.

“Currently-detained defendants can expect to be in that first trial,” Mehta said Friday.

Many of the defense attorneys told Mehta they've been satisfied with how prosecutors have been forwarding case discovery over for them to review.

However, they said, it's been challenging to comb through the massive quantity of evidence to search for materials pertaining to just their clients.

“We really do want to try and make the process where defense counsels can find what they need,” Rakoczy replied, adding she'll meet with the lawyers to discuss what they're missing.

Rakoczy told Mehta her office is also working with a third-party to create a centralized database by August of evidence related to all criminal cases connected to

the Capitol attack — troves of video footage, police radio communications, search warrant findings and FBI reports.

Due to “technological and security reasons as to why the database can't be readily available to

everyone on defense bar,” Rakoczy said defense attorneys would need to contract with a third-party in order to receive the data.

Federal Public Defender Michelle Peterson told Mehta her office, which represents others

charged in the Capitol attack, is preparing a brief for the courts to approve funding to have a third-party download what it needs from prosecutors.

“It's going to take time,” she said, “and it's going to cost a lot of money.”

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Jeana and Sal Saputo were inseparable for nearly 73 years. Sal died June 23 at age 96.

LOVE

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poor, picking cotton as a child.

Sal was the laid back, reserved one; Jeana, the live wire with the bawdy sense of humor who spoke her mind and loved to dance the jitterbug, even into her 90s.

She met Elvis once in Las Vegas and asked him if she could kiss him.

"Yes, Ma'am," he told her.

Then she asked if she could kiss him again, "for my daughter back home," and got a second kiss.

"My grandparents did not want my dad to have anything to do with 'that hillbilly woman,' but it wound up that she took care of them in their older years," Rogers said.

As an Italian, Sal loved his pasta.

Jeana hated it, absolutely hated it, but she loved Sal and cooked it for him every day.

"Dad didn't dance, but Mom would dance with everyone and Dad loved watching her," Rogers said.

Jeana's dad died when she was a baby and she grew up with just her mother and older brother.

"From the time she was 5 or 6, she picked cotton," Rogers said. "They had giant sacks strapped on their backs; the more they picked, the more money they could bring home to the family. At the end of the day, they'd throw these giant sacks filled with cotton onto a truck."

Jeana worked hard, but hers was a happy childhood, mostly because her cousins lived nearby and they all picked cotton together and hung out together.

After Jeana moved to Millington, Michigan, with her mom and brother, her mother eventually remarried and Jeana, after finishing high school, went to work in the automobile factories and also for Bell Telephone.

Sal quit school after the eighth grade and went to work on a cousin's door-to-door produce truck to help support his family.

He eventually took a job as an electrician for the city of Detroit and worked there for 35 years, plus several part-time and side jobs to support his growing family.

"Mom spent 90% of her married life as a housewife raising three kids, doing everything from painting the house to cutting the grass," Rogers said. "She cooked, baked and made Italian bread."

"Dad would come home between jobs and she'd have dinner on the table," she said. "As soon as I heard that side door open, I went running, jumping into my dad's arms — he always had a candy bar in his pocket for me."

After the kids were grown, Jeana sold Queensway to Fashion clothing from a catalog, doing demonstrations at ladies' homes, which she loved.

Mostly, she loved Sal and Sal loved her.

"They had the most loving relationship," Rogers said. "She'd be at the sink



Special to the Chronicle

Jeana and Sal Saputo at a park in Michigan.

and he'd come and wrap his arms around her. There was always love and hugs and kindness."

Sal retired twice from his job with the city of Detroit.

The first time, after 30 years, he and Jeana moved to Florida, to Beverly Hills.

Even though they had saved their money all their lives, they lived off Sal's \$750 a month pension.

"They lived like paupers," Rogers said.

After five years, they returned to Michigan and Sal returned to his job for another five years.

The Saputos came back to Florida, this time to Leesburg where they ate breakfast every morning with a group of friends at

McDonald's and rode around in their golf cart.

Then about five or six years ago, Jeana started showing signs of memory loss, and Sal did as well.

"Dad still had his short-term memory, but he had trouble remembering things in the past," Rogers said. "Mom could remember things from long ago, but she started not recognizing him, and that was a problem for him."

Sal got sick and ended up recovering at Life Care nursing home in Lecanto, and as Rogers drove her mom to visit him, they would pass Grand Living, which was still being built.

"I'd say, 'Look, Mom, how beautiful that place is, like a cruise ship on dry land,' and she'd say, 'Is that the nut house where

you're going to put me?'" They've lived there since it first opened, four years in August," Rogers said.

"They lived with us for a year while Grand Living was being built," she said. "They had a little radio and would sit out on the porch. Anytime they'd turn on the radio, Mom would stand up and start dancing, and Dad just enjoyed watching her."

About two weeks ago, the doctor gave Jeana's family the news that she had a large, cancerous tumor on her kidney and put her on hospice care.

That same day, Sal suffered a stroke and remained nonresponsive.

As Sal died, Jeana held on to his hand, singing softly "You Are My Sunshine."

Even so, because of her advanced memory issues combined with the effects of morphine for her cancer pain, she didn't comprehend what was happening to her husband.

Sal died, never having to bury his wife.

Rogers said it was a blessing from God.

On Thursday, the day after Sal died, Gina Rogers told the Chronicle: "My mom thought she saw him a couple of times today and called out his name or asked where he was. I just told her I wasn't sure. I just can't break her heart. When I left her today, she was alone and happy watching 'Monk.'"

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USFWS asks Three Sisters Springs visitors to respect area

Chronicle Staff

Federal wildlife officials managing Three Sisters Springs are urging visitors of the popular manatee refuge in Crystal River to respect it.

According to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), which oversees the springs and its surrounding lands as part of its Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge, a rise in guests has brought an increase in habitat damage and shoreline erosion.

Swimmers and paddlecraft operators tying their vessels to trees and rocks have been getting out on shore, eroding vital ecosystems for manatees and other animals.

"When visiting the Springs, remember you're visiting a manatee's home," a USFWS news release states, "so please act

like a manatee and don't destroy our habitat."

There are seven rules to follow while visiting the waters of Three Sisters Springs:

- Keep off the rocks and shoreline;

- Keep paddlecraft away from rocks, trees and other vegetation;

- Either tie paddlecraft off in the designated area outside of the springs or use a vegetation-friendly anchor;

- Don't step on vegetation and don't kick up silt;

- Don't climb trees;

- Don't litter and don't leave anything behind; and,

- Don't bring disposable items or alcohol into the springs.

USFWS officers and other authorities will be patrolling for wrongdoers.

"Fines for trespassing or

disturbing wildlife can be significant, and additional penalties may be applicable based on the incident." USFWS' release states. "The service will address violations on refuge lands and other issues regarding wildlife."

USFWS officials are also studying how visitors could be impacting the water quality and health of vegetation within Three Sisters Springs.

"We're hopeful that these measures will prevent further damage," the agency's release states. "If not, we will have to consider additional strategies, such as possibly limiting the number of visitors."

For more information on how to visit the refuge by land, contact Crystal River's Three Sisters Springs Center through either threesisterssprings.visitor.org or by calling



Photo courtesy of the US Fish & Wildlife Service

In this 2020 photo provided by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, kayakers and swimmers crowd the waters of Three Sisters Springs in Crystal River. Federal wildlife officials are urging visitors of the popular refuge to stay away from its shoreline because of erosion.

Independence Day, land access observance of will be closed July 5.

ELSA

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"That level of sustained wind can blow down a lot of buildings and cause a lot of damage," said St. Vincent Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves. "I am pleading with you. Let us not take this hurricane lightly. This is not the time to play the fool."

The long-term forecast track showed it heading toward Florida as a tropical storm by Tuesday morning, but some models would carry it into the Gulf or up the Atlantic Coast.

Authorities in Barbados said they received calls about families trapped in their homes, collapsed houses and power and water outages, but no reports of serious injuries or

deaths. Wilfred Abrahams, minister of home affairs, information and public affairs, urged people to open their homes to those in need.

"We are getting a lot of reports of damage," he said.

Meanwhile, officials in St. Lucia said that 90% of power customers were without electricity at the height of the storm. Landslides, flooding and

damaged homes also were reported.

A hurricane warning was in effect for Jamaica and from the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince to Punta Palenque in the Dominican Republic. A hurricane watch was issued for the Cuban provinces of Camaguey, Granma, Guantanamo, Holguin, Las Tunas, and Santiago de Cuba.

The forecast track

showed the fast-moving storm rolling toward Hispaniola, the island shared by Haiti and the Dominican Republic, as a hurricane before reaching Cuba and weakening back to tropical storm force.

Authorities opened dozens of shelters in St. Vincent and urged people to evacuate if they lived near a valley, given the threat of flash flooding, mudslides and lahars, especially in

the northern part of the island where La Soufrière volcano is located.

Elsa is the earliest fifth-named storm on record, beating out last year's Eduardo which formed on July 6, according to Colorado State University hurricane researcher Phil Klotzbach. He also noted that it's the farthest east that a hurricane has formed this early in the tropical Atlantic since 1933.



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Obituary

Madeline McClanahan, 85

HOMOSASSA

Madeline Violet McClanahan, 85, passed away peacefully on June 26, 2021, at her home in Homosassa, Florida.

She was born in Princeton, West Virginia on September 7, 1935, to Bessie Mae and Fred Oliver Johnston.

Madeline lived in West Virginia until 1987, when she moved to Homosassa, Florida with her family.

Madeline's interests included caring for her family, her two dogs, and her flowers. She loved listening to music and dancing at The Shed in Homosassa. Madeline loved shopping for bargains at local thrift stores.

Madeline is survived by her six children, Patricia Jones, Shirley Hodge, Robert (Teresa) Jones, Diana (Bobby) Proffitt, Coy McClanahan, and John McClanahan, her brother, John (Geraldine) Johnston, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Madeline is preceded in death by her parents, Bessie Mae and Fred Oliver Johnston, stepmother, Lena Johnston, sisters, Etheline Goff (her twin) and Gladys Tibbs, brothers, Melvin Farmer and David Johnston, half-brothers, Edward Johnston, and Carl Johnston. She was also preceded in death by her husbands, Howard Jones, and Coy McClanahan.

Funeral Services will be held at a private family ceremony (family graveyard) near Princeton, West Virginia on Black Oak Mountain, at an undetermined date in the future.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.



Madeline McClanahan

Four local scouts complete Eagle project

Special to the Chronicle

Four local Boy Scouts completed their Eagle projects by adding plaques to their projects.

■ Austin Edwards built three new canoe/kayak racks at the Academy of Environmental Science.

■ Carson Edwards re-built three canoe/kayak racks at the Marine Science Station.

■ Ichabod Borton built a fire ring and benches at Marine Science Station.

■ Malachi Ridge built a rolling life jacket rack and replaced most of the life jackets at the Marine Science Station.

The projects were completed in October 2020 and plaques were added in May 2021. All project costs were covered by donations and the four scouts led and completed the projects with some adult help.



From left are: Malachi Ridge, Ichabod Borton, Austin Edwards and Carson Edwards.

Special to the Chronicle

Elks welcome member



Special to the Chronicle

The West Citrus Elks Lodge welcomed new member Jim Gagnon on June 21.

Citrus Garden Club catches up



Special to the Chronicle

Recently, 18 members of the Citrus Garden Club dined together at Skyview restaurant. Members enjoy monthly lunches during the summer to stay in touch until club meetings and activities start up again in the fall.

Worth NOTING

Attend low-impact Zumba classes

Zumba classes with certified instructor, Donna Scarpello, are held from 11 a.m. to noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Central Citrus Community Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto.

Classes are low-impact and geared to seniors. Classes are \$5 each. To preregister, email miss-donna@tampabay.rr.com or call 352-527-5993. Classes are not held on government holidays.

Abuse shelter seeks donations

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The next time you're out shopping, pick up some extra supplies and drop them off at the CASA Outreach office between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at 1100 E. Turner Camp Road, Inverness.

Please note: The offices will be closed Monday, July 5, for the holiday.

Shelter needs can also be dropped off at their alternative drop off location, Carol's Interiors and Floors, 6410 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Homosassa.

For information, email Kimberly Martini at kimberly@casaff.org.

If interested in volunteering, call 352-344-8111 or download the Volunteer Application at casaff.org. Completed applications can be emailed to info@casaff.org.

Attend a smart driver course

There will be an AARP Smart Driver Course from 10:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Homosassa Library, 4100 S. Grandmarch Ave.

The instructor is Phillip Mulrain.

There will be a three-year insurance discount for taking the course, which is designed for those over 50.

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— From staff reports

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- Due to the holiday weekend, deadlines to submit obituaries for publication were at 3 p.m. Friday, July 2, for: Saturday, July 3; Sunday, July 4; Monday, July 5; and Tuesday, July 6.
- Barring holidays, obituary submission deadlines for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday editions is 3 p.m. the day before. Deadlines for Saturday, Sunday and Monday editions is 3 p.m. Friday.

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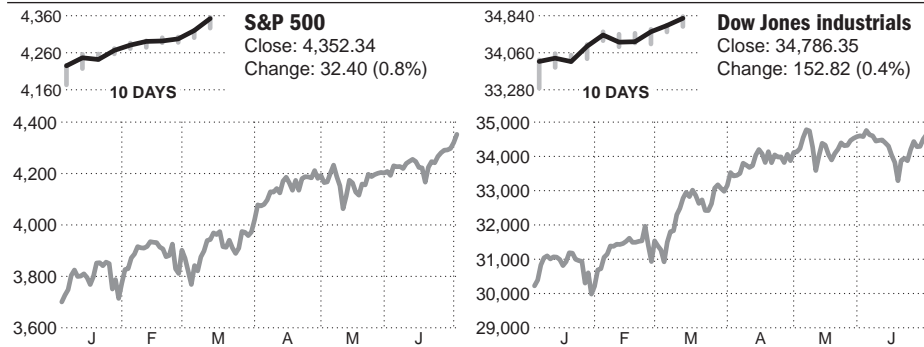
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Table with columns: NYSE, NASD, Vol. (in mil.), Pvs. Volume, Advanced, Declined, New Highs, New Lows. Lists various market statistics.

Stocks of Local Interest

Table with columns: NAME, TICKER, 52-WK RANGE, CLOSURE, CHG, %CHG, YTD, 1YR, P/E, DIV. Lists stocks like AT&T Inc, Ametek Inc, Anheuser-Busch InBev, etc.

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Interestrates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 1.43% Friday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

Table with columns: TREASURIES, LAST, PVS, CHG, %CHG, 1YR AGO. Lists rates for 3-month T-bill, 6-month T-bill, etc.

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Commodities

U.S. crude oil inched lower Friday, while the price of natural gas, heating oil and wholesale gasoline rose. The price of gold, silver and copper also rose.

Table with columns: FUELS, METALS, AGRICULTURE, CLOSE, PVS, %CHG, %YTD. Lists prices for Crude Oil, Gold, Silver, etc.



(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

MutualFunds

Table with columns: FAMILY, FUND, NAV, CHG, YTD, 1YR, 3YR*, 5YR*. Lists funds like American Funds, Dodge & Cox, Fidelity, Schwab, T. Rowe Price, Vanguard.

* - Annualized; d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee. m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee. x - fund paid a distribution during the week.

Company Spotlight Tesla delivers

Tesla delivered 201,250 electric vehicles in the second quarter despite a global computer chip shortage that has hit nearly every automaker.



The number fell short of Wall Street estimates of 207,000 vehicles, but was better than first-quarter sales of 185,000. Sales from April through June more than doubled the same period last year, when the start of the coronavirus pandemic forced Tesla and other automakers to close factories for much of the quarter.

Tesla's Model 3 and Model Y combined for 199,360 second-quarter deliveries, while deliveries for the higher-priced Model S and Model X added up to 1,890. The Palo Alto, California-based automaker will report its complete second-quarter earnings in early August. Tesla shares rose almost 3% in early trading but closed just slightly higher at \$678.90 as investors took profits.

Table with columns: Tesla (TSLA), Friday's close: \$678.90, +0.98, Total return, 1-yr, 3-yrs*, 5-yrs*. Includes 52-week range and price-earnings ratio.

Stocks again post records

STAN CHOE, DAMIAN J. TROISE AND ALEX VEIGA Associated Press

Reserve can stay on the course it's set, keeping interest rates low for a while longer to support the economy.

Wall Street capped a milestone-shattering week Friday with stock indexes hitting more record highs as investors welcomed a report showing the nation's job market was even stronger last month than expected.

The S&P 500 rose 0.8%, its seventh straight gain and seventh consecutive all-time high. The benchmark index also notched its second weekly gain in a row. The Nasdaq also set a record, getting a boost from technology stocks, which led the broad market rally.

“Maybe with wage growth and inflation having peaked, we can get past the peak fears of some sort of wage-price doom-loop,” said Brian Jacobsen, senior investment strategist, Wells Fargo Asset Management.

The Fed has been insisting that the higher inflation hitting the economy now will be only temporary, which would give it more leeway to keep its support for the economy in place. Many investors expect it to announce a pullback in its bond purchases later this year, well before expectations for the Fed to move short-term rates off their record low in 2022 or 2023.

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Still, unemployment remains well above the 3.5% rate that prevailed before the pandemic struck, and the economy remains 6.8 million jobs short of its pre-pandemic level. And while wages grew in June, the increase was less than expected, a good sign for investors worried about inflation pressures.

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Economists took the report as a sign that workers will indeed come back into the labor force as more people get vaccinated and the pandemic eases. Perhaps more importantly for markets, some said the numbers likely mean the Federal Reserve can stay on the course it's set, keeping interest rates low for a while longer to support the economy.

Low interest rates help drive up prices for all kinds of stocks, but they provide particularly powerful fuel for high-growth companies whose prices may otherwise look expensive.

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The Fed has said it will keep rates low to help strengthen the job market, and Friday's report suggested to several investors that growth in jobs or inflation wasn't high enough to alter its course. Average hourly wages for workers

That helped push several influential tech-oriented stocks higher Friday. Microsoft gained 2.2%, and Apple rose 2%. Because those companies are so big, their stock movements carry extra heft for indexes, and they helped make up for losses by energy producers and financial companies.

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For the RECORD

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Arrests from July 1 ■ Edwin Diaz, 69, Hernando, arrested July 1 for DUI and DUI with damage to property of person or another. Bond \$1,500.

■ Steven Mark Lane, 36, Lecanto, arrested July 1 for resist officer without violence, trafficking in methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Bond \$27,000.

■ Crystal Marie Peagler, 36, Homosassa, arrested July 1 for retail petit theft (value more than \$100 but less than \$750).

■ Lindsay Marie Miller, 28, Floral City, arrested July 1 for failure to appear. No bond.

■ Dustin Lane Beville, 25, Lecanto, arrested July 1 for two counts failure to appear. No bond.

■ Donald Lloyd Johnson, 38, Inverness, arrested July 1 for two counts of violation of probation. No bond.

■ Christopher Scott Schuler, 34, Inverness, arrested July 1 for violation of probation and resist officer with violence. No bond.

■ Nicholas Alexander Davis, 38, Homosassa, arrested July 1 for violation of probation. No bond.

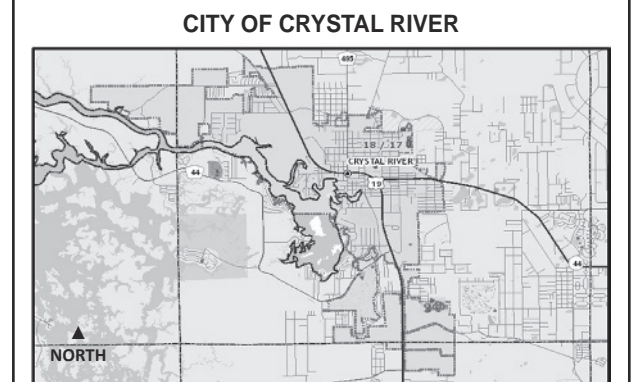
■ Logan Alan Foster, 22, Hernando, arrested July 1 for driving while license suspended/revoked (knowingly — second offense). Bond \$1,000.

■ Danielle Ann McGee, 28, Inverness, arrested July 1 for driving while license suspended/revoked (knowingly — first offense) and drug paraphernalia. Bond \$1,500.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REPEAL AN ORDINANCE OF THE CRYSTAL RIVER CODE OF ORDINANCES

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Crystal River City Council will hold Public Hearings pursuant to Chapter 166, Florida Statutes, proposing to repeal the following by ordinance:

ORDINANCE 21-0-08: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CRYSTAL RIVER REPEALING CHAPTER 22 OF THE CRYSTAL RIVER CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES," AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Public Hearings for this ordinance will be held on the following dates:

City Council - First Reading Monday, July 12, 2021 at 5:30 PM City Council - Adoption Monday, August 9, 2021 at 5:30 PM

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All interested persons who wish to be heard on this matter, take due notice of the time and place of the Public Hearings. Information on the proposed ordinance(s) is available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 123 NW Highway 19, Crystal River, FL 34428.

ON THE NET

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SMART CONNECTIONS

Pathway along US 98 a boon for trail users

Citrus County's miles of multi-use trails are a popular attraction among the populace, whether it is a leisurely stroll or a challenging workout for cyclists or runners.

Citrus County officials — and trail users — have been staunchly supportive of interconnecting trails through the county.

Thanks to a surprise proposal from the Florida Department of Transportation, county leaders could be the recipients of a multi-million dollar gift that would not only expand the trail system throughout the county, but provide a sought after connection on the southern edge of the county.

The state is proposing to build the 6.5-mile path from the Suncoast Parkway Trail at the U.S. 98 interchange west to U.S. 19 in Homosassa. The path, which would be constructed at the same time as the stretch of road is resurfaced and median improvements are made, would be a perfect fit with the county's commitment to build interconnected trails and paths throughout Citrus.

The lone caveat, Citrus County would be responsible for its maintenance and

upkeep, the same responsibilities it will have for the 13-mile path paralleling the Suncoast Parkway when it is complete.

This is a no-brainer given the county's support of multi-use paths. County Commissioner Jeff Kinnard said he didn't expect any resistance to the idea — especially since it would be state funded. He agreed to bring the topic to his

colleagues for discussion. Pending approval by the commission, the proposal would go back to FDOT for final consideration.

If this one is built, it would tie into a new multi-use path being constructed from U.S. 19 north to Homosassa. That would, in turn, connect to an existing path going farther north to the Crystal River Mall.

This is great news for local cyclists and for tourism. If county leaders continue along the path they're on for multi-purpose trails and connectivity, Citrus County could become an international cycling destination in addition to being an international destination for manatee interaction, which would afford the county greater economic and geographical balance.

THE ISSUE:

Multi-use path linking parkway, U.S. 19.

OUR OPINION:

A no-brainer choice.

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- If you would like to make a contribution to help fund construction of a new animal shelter in Citrus County, you can drop a check off at Chronicle offices in Inverness or Meadowcrest. You can also mail your contribution to The Chronicle Animal Shelter Fund (make checks out to The Chronicle Animal Shelter Fund) at 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429. For those with a digital desire, contributions can be made via the Citrus County Chronicle's animal shelter GoFundMe page at <https://gofund.me/73903811>.

LETTERS to the Editor



Delta variant is more powerful, contagious

Reports on the COVID-19 virus tend to be confusing, depending on what you read or who you listen to. Some of this information is slanted by various opinions of the originators. Some is slanted by your own interpretation of the information. Please allow me to try to clarify the current situation.

The Delta variant was first identified in India and has spread rapidly throughout the U.K. This variant is far more powerful and contagious than any other versions. It is twice as likely to require hospitalization. This variant is now in the U.S. and is expected to become the dominant problem in the next few weeks. Following right behind we have the even more dangerous Delta Plus variant, also identified in India.

Meanwhile, Florida, Citrus County and most of the entire country is opening up and many are behaving as if the virus problem has gone away for good. It has not! It has always been clear that herd immunity could possibly be

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achieved when we have at least 70% of the population fully vaccinated. We are not even close. Citrus County has only about 44% fully vaccinated and the rest of the state and country is not much better. When we add those who have had just one dose, Citrus County is only at 50%.

The Pfizer and Moderna

vaccines have been found to be highly effective against both Delta variants after the second dose. It has also been found that two doses are 10 times more effective than just one dose against these new variants. This leaves us with a simple fact: all those in Citrus County among the 50% who are not fully vaccinated are at risk of infection by the worst-ever version of the COVID virus.

There are two simple solutions — masks and vaccines. Two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine will keep you safe. And until you reach two or three weeks after your second dose, a mask gives you a good chance you will not be infected by others, especially if they are not wearing a mask. You are of course free to make your own decision. If it is your choice that you will not get fully vaccinated and will not wear a mask, then you have chosen the possibility of hospitalization and perhaps even death.

I sincerely hope you will make the right choice.

Kenneth J. Clark
 Homosassa



Hot Corner: COVID

■ I'd like to know the difference between having to prove that you've been vaccinated for the COVID virus to businesses or cruise ships or whoever asks and having to prove that your children have been vaccinated with the proper vaccinations. If Gov. DeSantis is saying it's an invasion of privacy, what about the kids that are going to school? It's an invasion of their privacy also. Just because they're kids

don't mean they don't have any privacy.

■ Anyone who knows me, knows I hate to complain, but I have a major bone to pick with the newspaper: Why have you not announced the pandemic is all over? I went to several stores today, saw dozens and dozens of people and no one's wearing masks. So, obviously, you forgot to tell us about this.

■ I'm responding to (the Thursday, June 24) Sound Off,

"We are staying local this summer," where the person says they're not going on vacation and they don't have a computer for voting, but they're going to stay home because some people are not vaccinated and even though they're vaccinated, they're not going to travel. Well, if you got your vaccinations, what are you afraid of? Go out there. You're vaccinated. Therefore, you shouldn't catch the virus.

Gas prices on the rise again

I see here in Inverness, gas was \$2.88. But now with July Fourth coming, now it's up to \$2.99 again. Amazing, a 10-cent jump in one day. They all didn't get deliveries at the same time.

Fireworks are a nuisance, litter

I'm responding to your (Wednesday, June 23, front-page) article, "Fireworks: Big demand, short supply." Love it. I hope the supply gets shorter and shorter. I think it's totally ridiculous to allow the fireworks because, No. 1, it's against the law, really. You're supposed to be a farmer to buy fireworks. So you sign a piece of paper, which is fraud. And, No. 2, the majority — yes, the majority — of people that use fireworks, they don't even clean up after themselves. They leave the litter all over the place and in the streets and on the beaches. So, my attitude is they should outlaw fireworks altogether. If you want to call me "Bah Humbug," go right ahead. If you want to enjoy Independence Day, have a parade. That's the way it should be, not shooting off fireworks all the time and

littering. If you do fireworks, at least have the decency to clean up after yourself, but the majority of people won't.

Missing persons often too time sensitive

(Re the Tuesday, June 29, Page A9 Sound Off, "More coverage should have been done"):



This is in response to the caller that was critical of the Chronicle for not covering the story of the missing man, even though he received multiple phone calls from the sheriff's office. Surely, that information would be more up to date than an article in the Chronicle, which might

not even appear until the next day. So I think that criticism was unwarranted.

There should be a day for godparents

I second Mr. McIntosh's letter in today's paper (Tuesday, June 22, Page A9). He's right, there should be a day for godparents — not just godfathers, but godmothers, too.

Fireworks a waste of money

(Re the Thursday, July 1, front-page story) "To boom or not to boom: County divided." It's very simple — no boom. It's a waste of taxpayers' money.

You're just blowing money up to go, "Ooh, ah!" What about the animals? What about people with PTSD? The answer is no, you don't need to shoot the fireworks off because this is not a happy, free America anymore, the way it used to be.

Camera system might go down

I'm responding to Sound Off to your (Saturday, June 26, front-page) article, "System fully operational," "Inverness security cameras ready for Fourth of July crowds." What a waste of \$60,000. So what happens when the system goes down if it goes down during the holiday? What are they going to do then? It's a waste of money.

Too quick to name storms

I think it's ludicrous that the Weather Service is giving names to every little rain squall or tiny thunderstorm that forms anywhere near our coast. They should wait until the disturbance forms into a definite low system with enough strength to develop into a storm before giving it a name. The way they are naming every shower, they'll run through the alphabet by the middle of July. Perhaps they should start naming storms by taking the listings from the New York City Phone Directory.

Weekend of freedom



Travelers are lining up at O'Hare airport in Chicago, Friday, July 2.

American travel expected to be heavy, but worries remain

LUIS ANDRES HENAO AND TOM MURPHY
Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Americans enjoying newfound liberty are expected to travel and gather for cookouts, fireworks, concerts and beach outings over the Fourth of July weekend in numbers not seen since pre-pandemic days.

Yet lingering restrictions, worker shortages and significant numbers of unvaccinated people mean some may not be as free as they would like to be.

And there are fears that the mixing of large numbers of vaccinated and unvaccinated Americans at a time when the highly contagious delta variant is spreading rapidly could undo some of the progress made against the scourge.

Nashville is expecting as many as 400,000 people to stream into the city for its July Fourth celebration featuring country star Brad Paisley. In Massachusetts, the Boston Pops' Independence Day concert is back, but the show that usually draws hundreds of thousands to the Charles River

esplanade in Boston will be held 100 miles away at the Tanglewood music center.

Beaches and lakefronts are expected to be packed as well. In Southern California, Huntington Beach is planning one of the biggest celebrations on the West Coast, a three-day festival that could bring in a half-million people.

Elizabeth Driscoll plans to enjoy the festivities in Cheboygan, Michigan, including a parade down Main Street, a trip to a farmers market and a family party on a lake, all ahead of the fireworks display over the Straits of Mackinac. Last year, the parade and fireworks were canceled.

"You can feel it all over town, just an influx of people on the tourism side, and people who live here are out and about," she said. "There's good energy."

At the same time, airlines have been struggling to get enough crew members to fly their planes. Pools and beaches have been hit with a shortage of lifeguards. And restaurants and bars in tourist destinations have had to scale back hours because of a lack of help.

President Joe Biden has welcomed the holiday as a historic moment in the nation's recovery from a crisis that has killed over 600,000 Americans and led to months of restrictions that are now almost gone. He plans to host more than 1,000 people at the White House — first responders, essential workers and troops — for a cookout and fireworks to mark what the administration is calling a "summer of freedom."

"I'm going to celebrate it," Biden said Friday ahead of the holiday. "There's great things happening ... All across America, people are going to ballgames, doing good things." But he also warned that "lives will be lost" because of people who didn't get vaccinated.

The U.S. is averaging about 12,000 new cases and 250 deaths a day thanks to vaccines that have been administered to two-thirds of the nation's adults. But that is short of the goal of 70% by July 4 that Biden set. Vaccine hesitancy remains stubborn, especially in the Deep South and West, allowing the delta variant to spread throughout the country.

Tally of missing shrinks to 128

New audit removes some names from list in building collapse

TERRY SPENCER
Associated Press

SURFSIDE, Fla. — The number of people missing in the Florida condominium collapse fell substantially Friday, from 145 to 128, after duplicate names were eliminated and some residents reported missing turned up safe, officials said.

Authorities also announced the recovery of four more bodies, including the 7-year-old daughter of a Miami firefighter, raising the confirmed death toll to 22.

Miami-Dade Mayor Daniella Levine Cava said the number of missing declined following an audit. In some cases, when detectives were able to contact people who had been

reported as potentially missing, they found that not only were they safe, but other members of their families were safe, too. That pushed the list of people who have been accounted for up to 188 and reduced the number of missing, she said.

"So this is very, very good news," she said, adding that the numbers are expected to keep changing because detectives are continually reviewing the list and verifying reports.

Detectives have worked around the clock to contact relatives and others. In some cases, English and Hebrew names have been offered for the same missing relative, officials have said.

The 7-year-old who

perished in the collapse was "a member of our fire family," Miami Mayor Francis Suarez said.

The discovery of the girl's remains was especially hard on rescuers, Levine Cava said.

"It was truly different and more difficult for our first responders. These men and woman are paying an enormous human toll each and every day, and I ask that all of you please keep them in your thoughts and prayers," she said at a news conference.

The mayor also said she signed an emergency order to demolish the remaining part of the building once engineers have signed off on it. She said the order was signed now so that the demolition can move quickly once a date

is set. Officials previously said it will likely be weeks before the demolition is scheduled.

No one has been rescued since the first hours after the June 24 collapse of the 12-story Champlain Towers South condominium.

During a meeting Friday with relatives of the missing, Miami-Dade Assistant Fire Chief Raide Jadallah said that only one voice has been heard during the entire search. A woman's voice was detected until about 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. on the morning of the collapse, which happened around 1:30 a.m. Rescuers were unable to reach her, and he said no other voices or human sounds have been heard since.

US forces vacate key Afghanistan base

Complete pullout of all personnel now targeted for 'late August'

ROBERT BURNS AND KATHY GANNON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nearly 20 years after invading Afghanistan to oust the Taliban and hunt down al-Qaida, the U.S. military has vacated its biggest airfield in the country, advancing a final withdrawal that the Pentagon on Friday said will be completed by the end of August.

President Joe Biden had instructed the Pentagon to complete the military withdrawal by Sept. 11, the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States, but the Pentagon now says it can finish the

drawdown a little earlier. In fact, the drawdown is already largely completed and officials had said it could be wrapped up this weekend. But a number of related issues need to be worked out in coming weeks, including a new U.S. military command structure in Kabul and talks with Turkey on an arrangement for maintaining security at the Kabul airport, and so an official end to the pullout will not be announced soon.

"A safe, orderly drawdown enables us to maintain an ongoing diplomatic presence, support the Afghan people and the government, and prevent Afghanistan from once again becoming a safe haven for terrorists that

threatens our homeland," Pentagon press secretary John Kirby said.

The administration is meanwhile narrowing options for ensuring the safety of thousands of Afghans whose applications for special visas to come to the United States have yet to be approved. The administration has already said it's willing to evacuate them to third countries pending their visa approvals but has yet to determine where. Officials said Friday that one possibility is to relocate them to neighboring countries in Central Asia where they could be protected from possible retaliation by the Taliban or other groups.

Nation/World BRIEFS

West Bank



Associated Press
 Palestinian demonstrators use slingshot to hurl stones towards Israeli security forces during a protest against the West Bank Jewish outpost of Eviatar that was rapidly established last month, at the Palestinian village of Beita, near the West Bank city of Nablus, Friday, July 2.

Maxwell lawyers: Cosby ruling reason to toss sex abuse case

NEW YORK — Lawyers for British socialite Ghislaine Maxwell are arguing a court decision that freed Bill Cosby from prison backs up tossing out her sex trafficking case. In court papers filed on Friday, the lawyers said the former girlfriend of Jeffrey Epstein is in a "similar situation" as Cosby because both were covered by non-prosecution deals at the time they were charged in sex abuse cases.

Cosby was convicted in 2018 on charges of drugging and sexually assaulting Andrea Constand in 2004, when she was a Temple University employee. He was released earlier this week after Pennsylvania's highest court found prosecutors violated his rights by reneging on an apparent promise not to charge him.

Biden picks Penn president for Germany ambassador

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Friday announced he's nominating University of Pennsylvania President Amy Gutmann to serve as U.S. ambassador to Germany.

Gutmann has served since 2004 as president of the Ivy League university in Philadelphia where Biden had established a foreign policy center following his vice presidency.

She is the first U.S. ambassador pick to a Group of Seven nation. Her nomination was announced less than two weeks before German Chancellor Angela Merkel is set to make a final visit to the White House. She is scheduled to leave office following German parliamentary elections scheduled for September.

Proposal would ban mink farming to stem virus mutation

COLUMBIA, S.C. — A bipartisan proposal in the U.S. House would ban the farming of mink fur in the United States in an effort to stem possible mutations of the coronavirus, something researchers have said can be accelerated when the virus spreads among animals.

The bill introduced this week is an effort from Reps. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., and Nancy Mace, R-S.C. It would prohibit the import, export, transport, sale or purchase of mink in the United States.

Researchers have said that spread of COVID-19 among animals could speed up the number of mutations in the virus before it potentially jumps back to people.

Last year, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control issued new guidance to curb the spread of the coronavirus between minks and humans. The agency warned that when COVID-19 starts spreading on a mink farm, the large numbers of animal infections means "the virus can

accumulate mutations more quickly in minks and spread back into the human population."

Biden backs changes in military sex assault justice

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Friday put his stamp of approval on a long-debated change to the military justice system that would remove decisions on prosecuting sexual assault cases from military commanders.

Biden, however, stopped short of backing a congressional effort to strip commanders of oversight of all major crimes.

The president formally approved more than two dozen recommendations made by an independent review commission on sexual assault in the military. The changes include shifting decisions on prosecuting sexual assault cases to special victims prosecutors outside the chain of command to remove any appearance of conflicts of interest.

South Africa's ruling ANC tries to defuse standoff over Zuma

JOHANNESBURG — South Africa's ruling African National Congress party has sent some of its top leaders to defuse rising tensions over the pending arrest of former President Jacob Zuma.

Earlier this week, Zuma was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment by the Constitutional Court for contempt of court. He has until Sunday to hand himself over to authorities, after which the police are ordered to arrest him.

Hundreds of Zuma's staunchest supporters have gathered outside his home in KwaZulu-Natal province, vowing to resist any police attempts to take him into custody.

But many other ANC supporters and ordinary South Africans have welcomed the ruling against Zuma, saying his arrest is necessary to tackle the country's rampant corruption.

France probes claims that retailers used forced labor

PARIS — French prosecutors have opened an investigation into alleged involvement in crimes against humanity based on claims that global retailers, including Uniqlo and the makers of Skechers shoes and Zara clothes, rely on forced labor of minorities in China's Xinjiang region.

The Chinese government on Friday reiterated denials of any forced labor in Xinjiang, and lashed out at what it called interference in its internal affairs.

The investigation was opened last month by the crimes against humanity unit of France's anti-terrorism prosecutor's office, a judicial official said Friday. The office has special universal jurisdiction to prosecute crimes beyond French borders.

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Blessings volunteers Riley Watkins, left, and Katie Hensley prepare donations to be distributed for the summer fresh produce program.

Citrus Blessings' summer fresh produce program in full swing

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For the fifth consecutive summer, Citrus County Blessings and their dedicated volunteers have spent one evening a week in the community providing fresh fruits and vegetables for families in need.

The program runs from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings for nine weeks at seven locations in the county.

"The generosity of several community partners allows us to set up in areas where we know our families live. Where it is convenient for them to get to," Blessings executive director, Christina Reed, said.

Each week the organization sends a little something extra to help with food costs or as a special treat for the kids. Included in this are peanut butter and jelly, bread, cotton candy and even goody bags in celebration of the Fourth of July. "Seeing the kids' excitement at



Special to the Chronicle
Riley Watkins loads up prepared donations for the summer fresh produce program.

our locations is the heart of what we do," Blessings Program Coordinator Rachelle Garrett-Butler said. The summer program currently serves an average of 431 local

children and adults facing food insecurity. It is available to families who are already participating in the Blessings program over the school year.

"Enrollment is required in advance, as we purchase our produce each week through the Community Food Bank of Citrus County," Garrett-Butler said. "We are also accepting new enrollments, this is a great way to get the information to families and get them the help they need."

Funding for programs offered by Blessings is provided by the generosity of individuals, businesses, civic groups and churches.

They also receive local grants like the Citrus County Charitable Foundation, which awarded Blessings a grant for \$13,394 for their weekend meal program.

For information, visit citruscountyblessings.org, call 352-341-7707 or email pblessings@citruscountyblessings.org.

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 Beginning July 4, the Floral City United Methodist Church will change the start of their Sunday church service to 9:15 a.m. They will also resume free Tuesday morning breakfasts from 7 to 9 a.m. weekly. For information, call 352-344-1771.

Congregation Beth Shalom
 Congregation Beth Shalom has returned to in-house services on Saturday mornings starting at 10 a.m. Only members and those guests who have attended our Zoom services may attend in-person services for now, due to social distancing. Masks are optional if vaccinated, suggested if not. Services will also continue on Zoom for those members who cannot yet attend in person. Services are still via Zoom on Fridays unless otherwise noted. Contact Barbara Hamerling at barb494@gmail.com for more information about services and other events.

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To qualify for the outreach program, bring a current picture ID, proof of residence, social security cards for all household members, proof of income (pay stubs, tax forms, SSI statement, etc.), car payment and car insurance to an intake meeting.

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 Nature Coast Community Bible Study (NCCBS) will offer an in-person 30-week, in-depth, Bible study, from 9:45 to 11:50 a.m. Thursday mornings beginning Sept. 2 at the First Baptist Church, 4950 N. Lecanto Highway in Beverly Hills.

The study will cover Joshua, Timothy one and two, Titus and Peter one and two. A same day Zoom class will also be offered for both men and women. An evening on-line class for men is also being considered.

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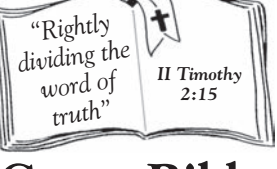
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Still swinging after all these years

Years ago, I wrote a book, "Girl on a Swing." It was inspired by a greeting card that I've kept on my desk at work for going on 16 or so years. A year before I wrote the book, I would stare at the card with its image of a girl who looks to be about 8, on a swing mid flight, her face tilted skyward, utterly enjoying the momentum and sensation of flying. I studied that image for months until I realized that the girl on the swing, leaning back, the wind blowing through her hair, holding onto the ropes as she glides with ease and delight, her entire being warmed by the sun — the girl is me. She's not who I want or hope to be someday, but because of Jesus, she is me right now. Safe, secure, free and forgiven, the delight of her Father. So, I wrote the book about freedom and about finding rest in the warmth of God's smile. The Bible says, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1), and Jesus told his followers that if he sets a person free, that person is "free indeed" (John 8:36). If Christ has set us free, if we're "free indeed," then it stands to reason that all God's children should be out scrambling for the nearest swing set, swinging to the sky, trying to touch the sun or the moon or the neighbor's oak tree, experiencing the holy wind of God at our backs, convinced that the Father is well pleased and we're all just swinging for the sheer pleasure of it. However, I've been around church people long enough to know many haven't touched such a swing in years, or maybe ever. At my church we used to sing a chorus: "God has smiled on me, he has set me free. God has smiled on me, he's been good to me." It's simple and basic, yet a difficult concept to grasp and to live out because we don't believe that God smiles, at least not at us. Oh, but he does, dear friends! Here's a condensed version of how I know that to be true: The Father smiles on Jesus, his Son, the only one to ever live a perfect, sinless life and the only one who ever obeyed the entire law of God down to the last comma and semicolon. And if we belong to Jesus through faith, the Father smiles on us, too. If we belong to Jesus, we can't ever not belong to him, no matter what. Early in my faith I learned this verse: "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). The Message paraphrases it this way: "Every person the Father gives me eventually comes running to me. And once that person is with me, I hold on and don't let go." Dear friends, the reason we can live in freedom, free from guilt and shame, condemnation and fear, the reason we can live under God's smile has nothing to do with what we do or don't do, but everything to do with the One who has redeemed us. It's based solely on a relationship with Jesus, the One who said if he sets you free, you're free indeed, truly and absolutely free. The thing is, once you've learned how to swing, you can't ever unlearn it. Once you know that in Christ, even though you're deeply flawed, you are dearly loved, completely and totally, it becomes a part of you and you can't un-know it. Likewise, once you've grasped the reality that God smiles on you, I promise you will never want to ever live anywhere else. Swing high, dear friends.

Nancy Kennedy is the author of "Move Over, Victoria — I Know the Real Secret," "Girl on a Swing" and "Lipstick Grace." Email her at nkennedy@chronicleonline.com.

Council 14485 honors members Harveys chosen as top family for 2020-21

Special to the Chronicle

Jim and Jan Harvey were named Family of the Year for the fiscal year 2020-21 by St. Scholastica Knights of Columbus Council 14485 in Lecanto. They have lived in Citrus County since 1998.

Jim has been a Knight for six years at St. Scholastica Council 14485. He has held the positions of community director, program director and Deputy Grand Knight.

Jim is currently completing the past two years as Grand Knight. Jim also received the Knight of the Year Award from the council for the 2017-18 fiscal year. Jim has advanced to the patriotic fourth degree of the Knights of Columbus and is a member of Father James Hoge Assembly 1547 in Lecanto.

Jan is an active member of the Council of Catholic Women and helps the Knights with their projects at every opportunity.

Jim has been on the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce board of directors for more than 20 years. He has served two different terms as chairman of the board in 2003 and 2016. He also served on the board of directors for the Pregnancy and Family Life Center and the Architectural Control Board of the Clearview Estates HOA.

Jim is a past president of the Citrus County Economic Development Council and



Jim and Jan Harvey are the 2020-21 Family of the Year for St. Scholastica Knights of Columbus Council 14495.

served on the Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center board of governors for seven years.

Since moving from western New York to south Florida in 1998, he worked in college administrative positions for 34 years, with 20 years at Miami Dade College and 14 years at the College of Central Florida.

Jim's positions included collegiate athletic director, associate dean, dean of faculty, campus president, senior vice

president for administration and finance, provost and president. Jim retired in 2012 as president of the College of Central Florida.

Jan served as a teacher and faculty member at the university, college and high school levels for 25 years in Oklahoma, Tennessee and Florida. She taught a wide range of science courses, including marine biology, oceanography, physiology and anatomy. Jan also coached and

served as a faculty sponsor for many student organizations. She retired as an adjunct professor at the College of Central Florida, teaching in the health and wellness program at the Citrus campus.

Jim holds a bachelor's, master's and a doctorate from the State University of New York at Buffalo in higher education administration. Jan has a bachelor's in education from Central State University and a master's in science from Oklahoma State University.

Jim has been inducted into five national and state hall of fames, including the National Athletic Directors Hall of Fame. He has also been honored with the Florida College System Administrative Award for professional excellence.

Jim has received two national service awards and three distinguished service awards. He was honored with the O.J. Humphries Community Service Award by the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce in 2004 and the EDC/CofC Person of the Year in 2001.

Jim and Jan just recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in March. They enjoy helping others and volunteer regularly at the Pregnancy and Family Life Center in Inverness. The board of directors of the Pregnancy and Family Life Center recently dedicated their new satellite center in Beverly Hills in their names.

Les McGlothlin tapped as Knight of the Year

Special to the Chronicle

Les McGlothlin was named Knight of the Year by the St. Scholastica Knights of Columbus Council 14485 for the Fiscal Year 2020-21. He lives with his wife, Paula, in Sugarmill Woods.

Paula and Les have a son, Chris, who is also a Knight, and a daughter, Clarinda, who lives with her husband and two children in Indiana.

In 2006, Les became a Knight and a member of Mary Queen of Peace Council 11896 in Danville, Indiana. At Council 11896, he held officer positions of lecturer, warden, chancellor and advocate. While at Mary Queen of Peace Church, Les was an usher and minister of Holy Communion.

Les transferred to Council 14485 in early 2015. There, he was Grand Knight for two years, during which the council received Star Council status for both years and earned seven major awards at the Florida Knights of Columbus state conventions.

Les has also held the position of trustee and has been the public relations director of the council for the last three years. This year, at the Florida Knights of Columbus state convention, the council was presented the first place Florida State Council service award for publicity activities and last year was awarded the second place division three publicity activities award.

Les has written many articles



Les McGlothlin was chosen Knight of the Year for 2020-21 by St. Scholastica Council 14485.

concerning activities of the council, which have been published both locally and internationally. He has been chairman of the Disabled Citizens Campaign for four years and is administrator of the council Facebook page. He is also coordinator for the St. Scholastica Honor Guard and has been a delegate to the Florida Knights of Columbus state convention numerous times.

Les has previously been awarded Knight of the Month four times. He was awarded Knight of the Year for the fiscal

year 2016-17. Paula and Les also received the Family of the Month award for April, 2017.

Earning membership in the Patriotic Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, Les is a member of the Father James Hoge Assembly 1547 in Lecanto. He has served as Outer Sentinel and currently holds the officer position of Faithful Pilot.

Les is also chairman of the Memorial Chalice Program for the assembly, which donates chalices to missions around the world for use in Eucharistic services while memorializing deceased members. He is also a member of the Color Corps, which presides at various ceremonial functions.

Les has an associate and bachelor's in radiologic technology from Indiana University. He also has a master's in health administration from Indiana University and a master's in business administration from the University of Tampa.

Les completed a year's residency in hospital administration at the Medical University Hospital, Medical University of South Carolina.

He has worked in the fields of X-ray technology, computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, radiology administration and hospital administration. He was program chair and assistant professor in radiologic technology at IVY Tech State College in Indianapolis, Indiana. He enjoys working around the house and traveling with his family.

RELIGION NOTES

VBS & MORE

The Hills Church

The Hills Church in Beverly Hills invites children to Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School (VBS) from July 23 to 25.

Rocky Railway is for kids who have completed pre-k four through fifth-grade and will begin at 5:30 p.m. July 23 and culminate with a family fun day Sunday, following the 10:30 a.m. morning worship service. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Visit b3hillschurch.com to register.

Shepherd's Way Baptist Church

Shepherd's Way Baptist Church will have a one-day Vacation Bible School from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 17, at 965 N. Lecanto Highway. The theme is "The Great Race!" and the focus will be the Book of Genesis. The event is for the children ages 5 to 18. Refreshments will be served. All activities will be outside, weather permitting, with a bounce house and water slide. The First Baptist of Inverness will be assisting. The event is free and open to all.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Shalom House of Prayer

Everyone is invited to join a free Prayer Altars Strategy training by Zoom call at 7-9 p.m. for five weeks on Thursdays, July 15 through Aug. 8. Register with World Trumpet Missionary Cliff Lara at wtmcliffara@gmail.com.

This training will help us establish the foundation of prayer to support, steward and sustain revival. The resource book "Prayer Altars: A Strategy that is Changing Nations" by John Mulinde and Mark Daniel can be purchased online at www.myekclesia.org/resources.

Please pray about partnering with us in the 91 Days of Glory from Sept. 6 to Dec. 6. For more information, visit www.myekclesia.org/glorry.

Also be inspired to be part of establishing a canopy of prayer over our families, communities, state and nation. Watch the video, "The Whatcom Story," at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=OuKK8UAVdl.

North Oak Church

North Oak Church will host a Gospel Night at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 17, 9324 N. Elkcam Blvd. in Citrus Springs.

The community is invited to enjoy the North Oak Gospel Choir, Luther Willis and Virginia Gilbert, Vic McDonald and other musicians as they bring a variety of selections along with the singing.

For information, call 352-489-1688 or visit northoakbc.org.

Joy and Praise Fellowship

Joy and Praise Fellowship in Beverly Hills will have a free Christian contemporary music concert from 7 to 9 p.m. the last Friday monthly at 6670 N. Lecanto Highway. Doors open at 6:30.

Along with their own praise and worship team, they will feature other central Florida musicians and bands. For information, contact Randy Fife at randfife@yahoo.com or 352-601-0936.

Solid Rock Church

Solid Rock Church will have a Family Palooza Fest from 4 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 24.

There will be vendors, food trucks, bounce houses, games and a live concert with national recording artist and lead singer of New-song, Russ Lee.

Solid Rock Church is looking for businesses and food trucks to participate and sell their services. Participants must pay a \$50 sitting fee and must bring their own canopy.

SUPPORT

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

Bereavement Support Group Thursday meetings in the hall behind the church in Homosassa. We take a positive approach to grief by helping grievers learn how to make a new life. Thirty years of experience. The group meets 1:15-3 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle is on U.S. 19, 300 yards southwest of Cardinal, just past Walmart, on the west side. For information, call 352-220-1959.

The Hills Church

Celebrate Recovery meets every Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Hills Church, 2 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills. It is a Christ-centered recovery group for hurts, hang-ups and habits. No child care; authorized to sign court slips. Call Tom or Sheila Boss for more information, at 410-353-7857. Celebraterecovery.com.

THE NUMBER:

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Points the past two post-seasons for Nikita Kucherov, only the third player in history with that many over a 2-year span.



Nikita Kucherov

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GC8 releases spring picks

Bender, Tahiri, Kitchen among POY selections

CHRIS BERNHARDT JR.
Staff writer

The Gulf Coast 8 conference released its selections for all spring sports this week.

Molly Bender, a Citrus junior center fielder, was named Player of the Year in softball after hitting .567 with 13 doubles, six triples, five home runs, 24 RBI, 46 runs scored and 20 stolen bases.

Other selections to the All-Conference team included Citrus second baseman Shyanne Waller; Lecanto outfielder Elizabeth Bochert and her teammate Kaleigh Thomas in a utility slot. Honorable mentions included Ashton Lewis and Mattie Linart from Citrus, Tiyanne Hopkins and Katelyn Tillis from Crystal River, and Lecanto's Emma Christensen and Kaleigh Nonnenmacher.

In baseball, Citrus pitcher Cris Walley and Lecanto infielder Luke Malmberg both made the main team. Honorable mention picks were Tim Flippen and Blake Clark from Citrus, Jeff Jones and Riley Houle of Crystal River, and Lecanto's Evan Silverthorn and Nick Sloane.

Mirabelle Tahiri, a Lecanto sophomore, collected Player of the Year honors in girls tennis. Fellow Panthers Jahnvi Kompella, Shreya Lachireddy and Kashin Mathur filled the No. 3-5 singles slots on the All-Conference squad. Kompella and Mathur were the No. 2 doubles pick.

Eden Adera and Mia Hamilton of Citrus, as well as Maddie Cobb and Zoe Gonzales from Crystal River were honorable mentions.

For boys tennis, Crystal River's Jason Stukes made all-conference at No. 5 singles, while teammates Aaron Cheek and Austin Edwards were honorable mentions. Citrus honorable mentions were Mason Bryant and Andrew Nelson; Lecanto's were Sam Heinz and Austin Purinton.

In boys weightlifting, Lecanto's Terry Kitchen was Lifter of the Year while Wyndell "Chop" Alexander was Coach of the Year. The Panthers' all-conference selections were Kitchen (154 pounds) and Cason Phillips (169).

Citrus' Tristan Moran was the 119 pick and the Hurricanes' had two honorable mentions in Griffin Webb and Frank Fernandez. Crystal River's Chris Wilson made the team at 183 and the Pirates had James Ayers and Alex Wisniewski as honorable mentions.

Lecanto's Celine D'Anna made the girls track and field All-GC8 list in the 200 meter, 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles. Also on the team for the Panthers: Catalina Veldwijk (3,200), J'Niyah Crumbley (high jump) and Liberty Lohmeyer (pole vault).

Citrus had Mackenzie Scordato in the 1,600 and the 4x800 relay on the girls team, and Austin Hooker in pole vault plus the 4x800 squad on the boys team. Other county athletes on the boys team were Lecanto's Austin Recta (triple jump) and 4x400 relay, and Crystal River's Cole Komara (javelin).

One win away



Tampa Bay Lightning defenseman Jan Rutta (44) celebrates his goal against the Montreal Canadiens with Ondrej Palat (18) and Victor Hedman (77) during the first period of Game 3 of the NHL Stanley Cup Final, Friday in Montreal.

Lightning strike: Knock off Canadiens 6-3 in Game 3 of Cup Final

JOHN WAWROW
AP hockey writer

MONTREAL — Tyler Johnson and the quick-strike Tampa Bay Lightning moved a victory away from successfully defending their title, beating the Montreal Canadiens 6-3 on Friday night in Game 3 of the Stanley Cup Final.

The Lightning caught the Canadiens flat-footed by scoring twice in the opening minutes of each of the first two periods to take a 3-0 series lead. Game 4 is Monday night in Montreal.

Tampa Bay is now in position to join Pittsburgh (2016 and '17) in becoming just the second team to win consecutive

titles since 1999. The Lightning also have an opportunity to complete the first sweep in the final since Detroit beat Washington in 1998.

Johnson scored twice and Nikita Kucherov and Victor Hedman each had a goal and assist. Jan Rutta and Blake Coleman, with an empty-netter, also scored for the Lightning, who also won the Cup in 2004. Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped 31 shots.

Vasilevskiy inexplicably whiffed in allowing Nick Suzuki's shot from the right circle to beat him through the legs to cut Tampa Bay's lead to 4-2 with 1:56 left in the second period. The goalie responded by stopping the first

eight shots he faced in the third period, including Joel Armia from in close, before Johnson scored his second goal to put the Lightning up 5-2 with 4:41 left.

The game was the NHL's first played in the month of July, a year after playing its first games in August.

Playing the first Stanley Cup Final since their championship-winning 4-1 victory over the Wayne Gretzky-led Los Angeles Kings in Game 5 at the Montreal Forum on June 9, 1993, did little to spark the Canadiens. Neither did the return of interim coach Dominique Ducharme for the Canadiens, who were outscored 8-2 in two games at

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Rays fall to Jays in blowout

Manoah fans 10 as Toronto wins

MIKE HAIM
Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Alek Manoah, back from a five-game suspension, struck out a career-high 10 over seven innings of three-hit ball for the Toronto Blue Jays in their 11-1 win over the Tampa Bay Rays on Friday night.

George Springer, Marcus Semien and Vladimir Guerrero Jr. homered for Toronto, which has won nine of 12. Semien, elected an All-Star starter Thursday, scored three times.

Manoah (2-0) allowed only Francisco Mejia's bloop double with one out in the sixth and then clean singles by Wander Franco and Joey Wendle in the seventh. The 23-year-old rookie also walked Ji-Man Choi in the first.

Luis Patiño (1-2), fresh off 17 straight shutout innings at Triple-A Durham, was tagged for six runs in the first two innings but settled down to retire 10 straight batters before allowing a sixth-inning run. He struck out five and yielded seven hits and a walk for Tampa Bay, which dropped its fourth straight overall and ninth in a row on the road.

Mejia finished with two doubles and Brandon Lowe had an RBI double in the eighth as the Rays spoiled Toronto's shutout bid.

Manoah was suspended by Major League Baseball after being ejected from a June 19 start at Baltimore, but appealed it and pitched last Friday in a rematch against the Orioles. He dropped his appeal Saturday.

Springer hit his fourth homer, a two-run shot to straightaway center field, in the first. One inning later, Lourdes Gurriel Jr., Reese McGuire, Guerrero and Semien all had RBIs as Toronto



Toronto Blue Jays left fielder Lourdes Gurriel Jr., left, gestures toward the dugout after hitting an RBI double as Tampa Bay Rays second baseman Brandon Lowe stands nearby during the second inning of a game on Friday, in Buffalo, N.Y.

rallied for four more runs and jumped out to a 6-0 lead.

In the seventh, Semien led off with his 21st homer and

Guerrero added his 27th to plate two runs and tie Boston's Rafael Devers for the American League

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns for Division (East, Central, West), Team, W, L, Pct, GB, WC, L10, Str, Home, Away. Lists standings for Boston, Tampa Bay, Toronto, New York, Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Kansas City, Minnesota, Houston, Oakland, Seattle, Los Angeles, Texas.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns for Division (East, Central, West), Team, W, L, Pct, GB, WC, L10, Str, Home, Away. Lists standings for New York, Washington, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Miami, Milwaukee, Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Colorado, Arizona.

ROUNDUP/MATCHUPS

Phillies 4, Padres 3: Brad Miller doubled with one out in the 10th inning to rescue the Phillies' beleaguered bullpen. Brewers 7, Pirates 2: Adrian Houser scattered four hits over 6 2/3 innings, and the Milwaukee Brewers extended their win streak to 10 games. Dodgers 10, Nationals 5: Mookie Betts hit a go-ahead single during a nine-run rally in the seventh inning after Washington ace Max Scherzer departed. Reds 2, Cubs 1: Joey Votto hit a two-run double in the sixth inning, and the Cincinnati Reds handed the Chicago Cubs their seventh straight loss. Astros 6, Indians 3: Carlos Correa sparked Houston's four-run third inning with an RBI double. White Sox 8, Tigers 2: Andrew Vaughn homered and made two key defensive plays in left field. Braves 1, Marlins 0: Marlins starter Pablo López was ejected after plunking Ronald Acuña Jr. with his first pitch, leading to the only run. Royals 7, Twins 4: Salvador Perez went deep and Hanser Alberto added a tiebreaking two-run shot. LATE N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, ppp. Baltimore at L.A. Angels Boston at Oakland Texas at Seattle St. Louis at Colorado San Francisco at Arizona TODAY'S GAMES AMERICAN LEAGUE Tampa Bay (McClanahan 3-2) at Toronto (Stripling 3-4), 3:07 p.m. Chicago White Sox (Keuchel 6-2) at Detroit (Skubal 4-7), 4:10 p.m. Minnesota (TBD) at Kansas City (Duffy 4-3), 4:10 p.m. Boston (Richards 4-5) at Oakland (Irvin 6-7), 7:15 p.m. Houston (Odorizzi 2-3) at Cleveland

BOX SCORES

Toronto 11, Tampa Bay 1

Box score for Toronto vs Tampa Bay. Includes batting order, IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO, and game notes.

Philadelphia 4, San Diego 3

Box score for Philadelphia vs San Diego. Includes batting order, IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO, and game notes.

Milwaukee 7, Pittsburgh 2

Box score for Milwaukee vs Pittsburgh. Includes batting order, IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO, and game notes.

L.A. Dodgers 10, Washington 5

Box score for Los Angeles vs Washington. Includes batting order, IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO, and game notes.

Chicago 2, Cincinnati 2

Box score for Chicago vs Cincinnati. Includes batting order, IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO, and game notes.

Atlanta 1, Miami 0

Box score for Atlanta vs Miami. Includes batting order, IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO, and game notes.

Kansas City 7, Minnesota 4

Box score for Kansas City vs Minnesota. Includes batting order, IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO, and game notes.

Houston 6, Cleveland 3

Box score for Houston vs Cleveland. Includes batting order, IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO, and game notes.

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THIS DATE IN BASEBALL

1912 — Rube Marquard of the New York Giants raised his season record to 19-0 with a 2-1 victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers. His winning streak ended five days later against the Chicago Cubs. 1939 Cleveland's Ben Chapman ties the modern major-league record with three triples in a 4-2 win over the Detroit Tigers. 1939 — Johnny Mize of St. Louis hit two home runs, a triple and a double, leading the Cardinals to a 5-3 victory over the Chicago Cubs. Mize drove in three runs and scored three times. 1947 — The Cleveland Indians purchased Larry Doby from the Newark Eagles of the Negro National League, making him the first black player in the American League. 1966 — Atlanta pitcher Tony Cloninger became the first National League player to hit two grand slams in one game. He added a single for nine RBIs in a 17-3 triumph over San Francisco. 1968 — Cleveland's Luis Tiant struck out 19, walked none in a six-hit 1-0, 10-inning triumph over Minnesota. 1970 — California's Clyde Wright used only 98 pitches to no-hit the Oakland A's 4-0 at Anaheim Stadium. 1973 — Jim Perry of the Detroit Tigers and brother Gaylord of the Cleveland Indians faced each other for the only time as opposing pitchers. Neither finished the game. Gaylord took the loss, 5-4. 2006 — Manager Felipe Alou picked up his 1,000th career victory in San Francisco's 9-6 win over Colorado. 2013 — Max Scherzer worked into the seventh inning to become the first pitcher in 27 years to get off to a 13-0 start, leading the Detroit Tigers to a 6-2 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays. 2016 — Stephen Strasburg was removed from a no-hit bid after 6 2/3 innings, and Ramon Cabrera singled against Matt Belisle leading off the eighth for Cincinnati's first hit in the Washington Nationals' 12-1 rout of the Reds. Strasburg (11-0) threw 109 pitches, five shy of his season high. Strasburg won a franchise-record 14 straight decisions and was the first NL starter to begin a season 11-0 since San Diego's Andy Hawkins in 1985. 2016 — Wilmer Flores went 6 for 6 with two of New York's five home runs, and the Mets romped to a 14-3 win and a four-game sweep of the Chicago Cubs. Jon Lester gave up eight runs and nine hits in 1 1/3 innings, the shortest of his 301 career starts over 11 major league seasons. 2016 — New York's Mark Teixeira hit his 400th and 401st home runs and Chad Green got his first big league victory in a 6-3 win over San Diego.

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Table with columns for League (American, National), Category (Batting, Pitching, Fielding), Player Name, and Value. Lists leaders for batting average, home runs, RBIs, ERA, etc.



Los Angeles Dodgers third baseman Justin Turner connects for a single off Washington Nationals relief pitcher Austin Voth during the seventh inning of a game Friday, in Washington.

SATURDAY EVENING JULY 3, 2021. Table listing TV channels (C, S, D/I, F, H), time slots (6:00-11:30), and program details (Channel, Program Name, Rating, Description).

Annie offers advice

Dear Annie: My sister and I reunited about five years ago after not speaking for at least 10 years. Unfortunately, we did not have a good childhood; as we got older, our own dynamics grew toxic, and I had no choice but to keep her away...



DEAR ANNIE

Dear Sad: The internet has flooded the world with conspiracy theories. Millions are lost in that sea, while the rest of us, their friends and family, stand waiting at the shore...

Bridge hand information including dealer (East), vulnerable status, and card counts for North and West. Opening lead: ♠ K.

Bridge game commentary: will suffer a penalty, but the good results will outweigh the bad. At the table under observation, North's aggressive double was negative...

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

Jumble puzzle grid with words ILTET, MYHET, SAOFIC, TOTEAR and circled letters for unscrambling.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

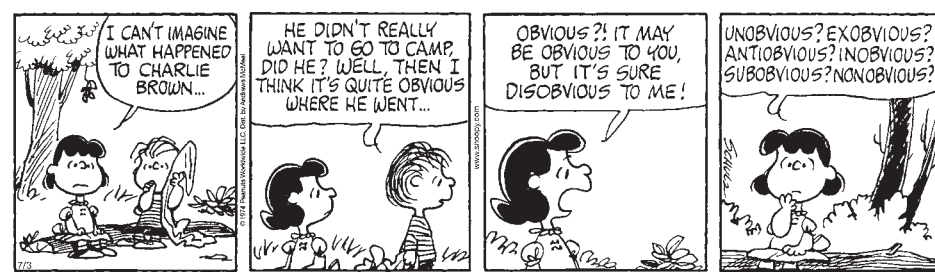
Cartoon illustration for the scrambled word game showing a golfer and a woman with dialogue about a golf outfit.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. Yesterday's Jumbles: ORBIT STUNG AGENCY COUPON Answer: To those he conquered, Alexander III of Macedon was — NOT SO GREAT

MORE PUZZLES

Find the daily crossword puzzle inside the Chronicle's classified pages, along with Sudoku, Wordy Gurdy and a word puzzle.

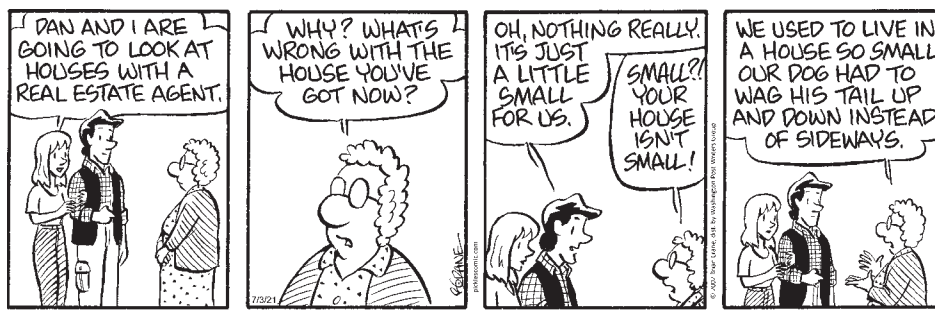
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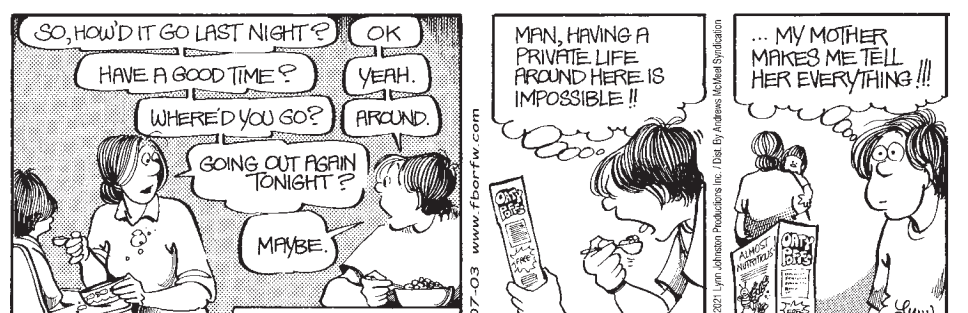
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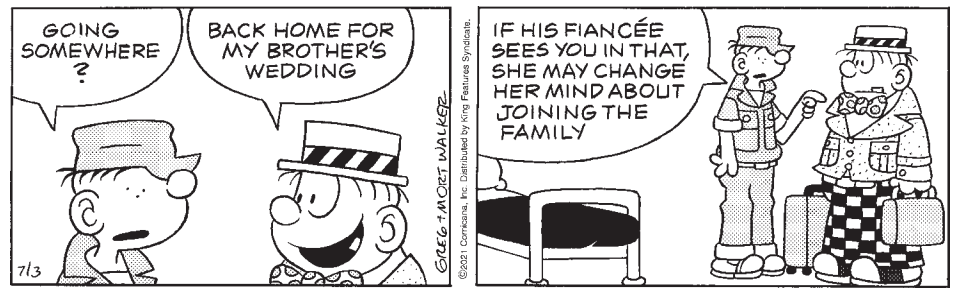
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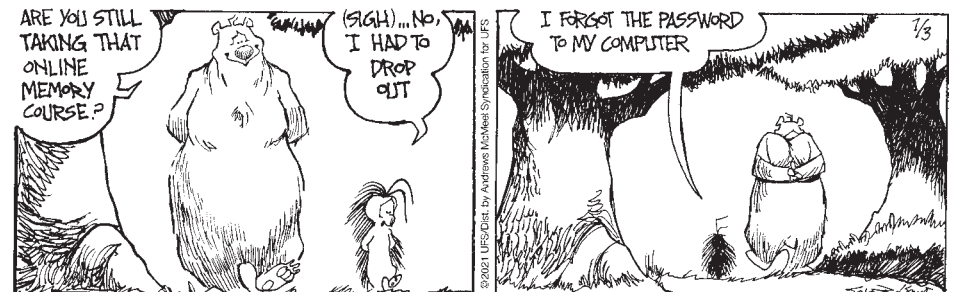
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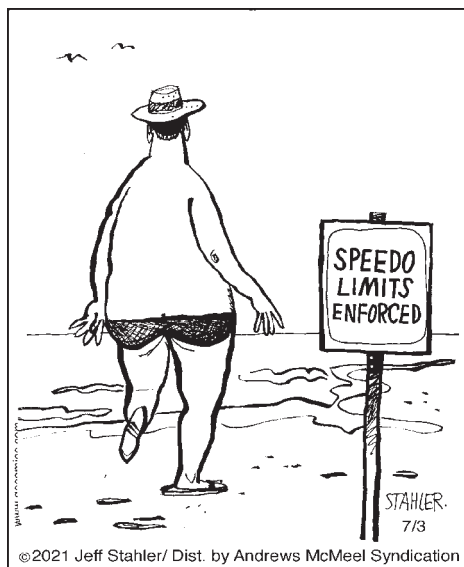
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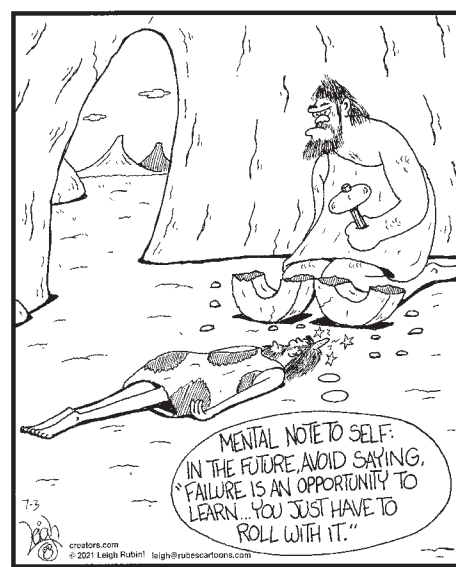
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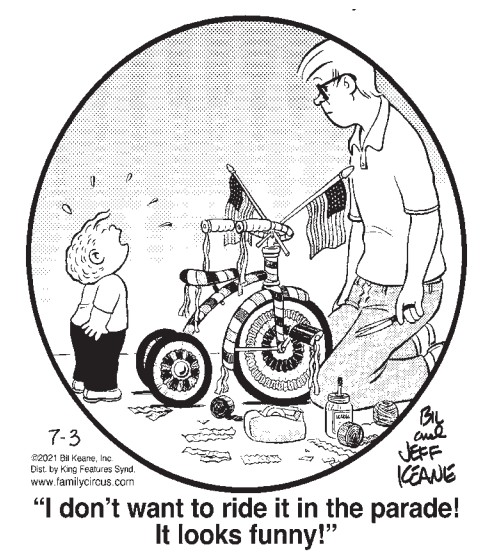
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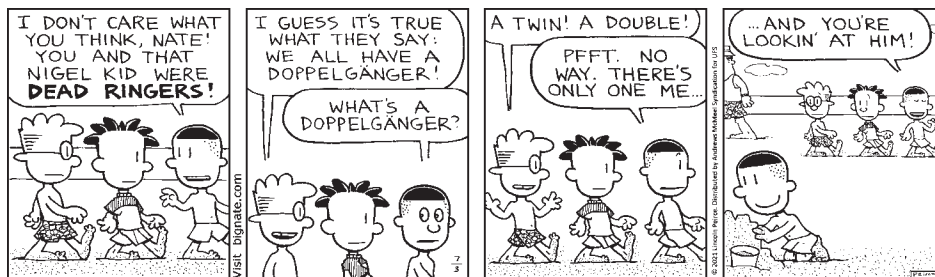
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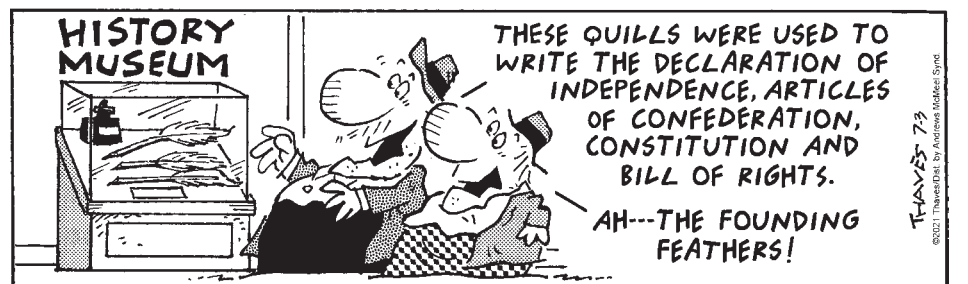
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WJQB-FM 106.3 Oldies
WFJV-FM 107.5 Classic Rock
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Today's MOVIES

Times provided by Regal Cinemas and are subject to change; call ahead.

Table with movie listings for Citrus Cinemas 6 Inverness, including titles like 'The Boss Baby: Family Business' and 'The Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard'.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

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

Today's clue: K equals Z

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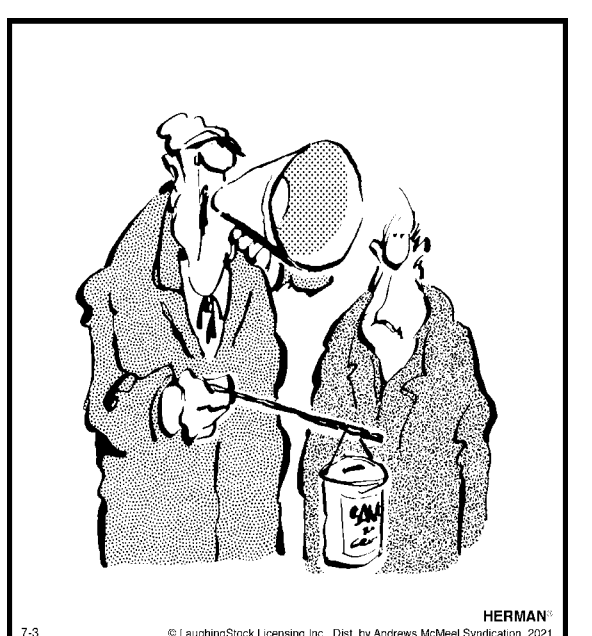
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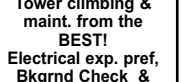
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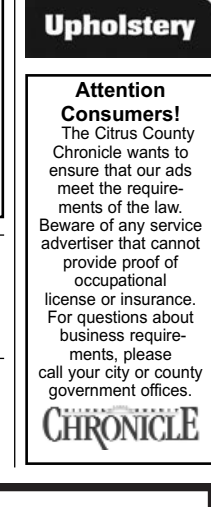
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Niemann, Lewis share lead

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DETROIT — Joaquin Niemann and Tom Lewis topped the jam-packed leaderboard heading into the weekend in the Rocket Mortgage Classic.

Niemann and Lewis each shot 3-under 69 on Friday to reach 10-under 134. Troy Merritt (68), Chris Kirk (68) and Max Homa (65) were a shot back.

First-round leader Davis Thompson was one of eight players two strokes back. The 22-year-old Thompson had a 1-over 73, a day after matching a Detroit Golf Club record with a 63.

The wind picked up considerably during the second round with gusts to 25 mph that knocked hats off heads and made the relatively short and easy course more challenging.

Defending champion Bryson DeChambeau, ranked sixth in the world, voiced his frustrations with the unpredictable wind and his shaky game throughout his round.

He missed the cut at 1-under 143, following an opening 72 with a 71.

DeChambeau, who has an endorsement deal with Rocket Mortgage, declined interview requests for the second straight day. His silence left lingering questions about why he parted ways with caddie Tim Tucker on the eve of the tournament.

Langer rolls with borrowed putter, backup caddie

ENDICOTT, N.Y. — Bernhard Langer had a borrowed putter and a backup caddie in the Dick's Sporting Goods Open. The 63-year-old German star also had such a good start he thought about shooting his age.

"It was a strange day," Langer said. "I had to borrow a putter from Scott McCarron because mine broke yesterday and I was very fortunate to even find one that I could putt with."

Langer holed a 90-yard wedge shot for eagle on the par-5 eighth to get to 6 under, then had two birdies and three bogeys on the back nine for a 5-under 67, leaving him a stroke behind first-round leader Wes Short Jr. at En-Joie Golf Club.

Castren in front at rain-delayed PGA event

THE COLONY, Texas — Matilda Castren shot a 5-under 66 after a six-hour storm delay to take the lead in the suspended second round of the Volunteers of America Classic.

With the start of play delayed by lightning and rain, the 26-year-old former Florida State star from Finland had five birdies in the bogey-free round to reach 10 under at Old American. More than 1 1/2 inches of rain fell on the course.

"I spent the whole day here at the golf course," Castren said. "It was good because there was food all day, friends, and I hung out with the other players and caddies. We had a lot of stuff to talk about. We were checking the radar every five minutes waiting for the updates. Actually, went kind of quickly. It was mainly the food that kept me here."

Jeongeun Lee6, the South Korean player who won the 2019 U.S. Women's Open and lives in nearby Irving, was 8 under — following an opening 64 with a 70.

Jin Young Ko, the first-round leader after a 63, also was 8 under with 14 holes left. Only half of the players were able to finish the round before dark.

Korda heads to the 4th round

Family ties paying off at Wimbledon

HOWARD FENDRICH
AP tennis writer

WIMBLEDON, England — When Sebastian Korda struck his last competitive shot as a 20-year-old — an overhead winner that closed out a third-round victory over Wimbledon's No. 22 seed on Friday — the American raised both arms, then doubled over and rested his hands on his knees.

Up in a Centre Court guest box, the body language of his father, 1998 Australian Open champion Petr, was strikingly similar. Arms in the air, then leaning forward, reaching for the railing in front of his seat.

The younger Korda's family bloodlines are serving him rather well at the moment. He is the son of two former professional tennis players — he credits his mother, Regina Rajchrtova, with teaching him to be calm on court — and the brother of two current stars in women's golf — one of whom, Nelly, is ranked No. 1 and just won her first major — and is looking as if he very well could be the men's tennis star his country has been awaiting for quite some time.

With an aggressive style that's built for grass courts, Korda got past Britain's Dan Evans 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 to become the youngest U.S. man to reach the round of 16 at the All England Club since Andy Roddick got to the semifinals in 2003.

"Just felt incredibly comfortable," Korda said. "And, yeah, it was perfect today."

His father's take? Essentially: Not so fast.

"It's not over," Dad said. "Let's not celebrate until this is done."

Wearing a black baseball hat and occasionally draping a white towel over his shoulders on the warmest day of the tournament so far, with the temperature rising toward the mid-70s Fahrenheit, Petr was in a state of perpetual motion Friday. Any parent whose kids play sports at any level could relate, really, as he squirmed in his spot in the stands.

"It was nerve-wracking. I tell you, honestly, it's easier to be on the golf course, because I can walk always," he said, referring to watching his two daughters compete. "But with Sebi, I had to be sitting still, you know? That's not easy."

One, tiny measure of how quickly his son is developing: He



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Sebastian Korda of the US celebrates winning the men's singles third-round match against Britain's Daniel Evans on day five of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships on Friday, in London.

is only the eighth man since 2001 to reach the fourth round at both the All England Club and Roland Garros before turning 21.

Of the other seven, four went on to be ranked No. 1 and win multiple Grand Slam titles: Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Lleyton Hewitt. Another won one major (Marin Cilic), and the other two were Slam runners-up (Stefanos Tsitsipas, still only 22 himself, and Tomas Berdych).

Roddick's triumph at the 2003 U.S. Open remains the most recent Grand Slam singles title for an American man, the longest drought in history for a nation that produced Bill Tilden, Arthur Ashe, John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors, Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi.

Eight-time major champ Agassi just so happens to be a mentor of sorts for Korda; they spent two weeks working together in Las Vegas late last year and speak on the phone frequently.

"The most important thing he told me yesterday was just to enjoy it," Korda said. "It's your first time on Centre Court at Wimbledon, just enjoy it, embrace it, have a lot of fun."

Check Check And check. On Monday, Korda's 21st

birthday, he'll face No. 25 seed Karen Khachanov, a Russian who eliminated Frances Tiafoe of the U.S. in straight sets.

"I played a little tight. I knew it was a good opportunity," said Tiafoe, who beat No. 3 seed Tsitsipas in the first round but now has lost to Khachanov at Wimbledon twice since 2018. "I just wanted to win too bad."

Other men's fourth-rounders: No. 1 Novak Djokovic against No. 17 Cristian Garin, No. 5 Andrey Rublev against Marton Fucsovics and No. 8 Roberto Bautista Agut against No. 10 Denis Shapovalov, who ended Andy Murray's first Wimbledon singles appearance since 2017 by defeating the two-time champion 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

"I can't say that I'm too pleased with the way I performed. I felt like today I was a bit off, especially with serving," said Djokovic, who was broken twice in a 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (7) victory over American qualifier Denis Kudla that made him 17-0 in Slam matches this season.

Women's matchups on Monday: No. 2 Aryna Sabalenka vs. No. 18 Elena Rybakina, No. 7 Iga Swiatek vs. No. 21 Ons Jabeur, No. 8 Karolina Pliskova vs. Liudmila Samsonova and No. 23 Madison Keys vs. Viktorija Golubic.

Korda is making his Wimbledon debut and participating in any Grand Slam tournament for only the third time. He made a splash at the French Open last year by getting to the fourth round before losing to his idol, Nadal (Korda's cat is named after the 20-time major champion).

He'd never been to Centre Court until Friday, as a player, fan or otherwise, and resisted the temptation to pull out his cellphone to shoot some video.

"They always show how the players are walking through all the rooms, then walking down the stairs," he said. "I just thought to myself: 'This is nuts. What's about to happen is going to be something I'm going to remember for the rest of my life.'"

Korda showed off a useful serve he varies well, groundstrokes that are strong off both sides and a willingness — well, desire — to go to the net, where he won the point on 30 of 43 trips.

"All credit to him. He played some strong tennis," said Evans, Britain's top player at the moment, who was backed by a partisan crowd but found himself muttering toward his coach and cursing enough to earn an official warning. "He's obviously going to be a very good player."

Spain beats Switzerland, reaches semis

Italy knocks off Belgium to advance

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — As Spain's jubilant players sprinted onto the field to celebrate a penalty-shootout victory at the European Championship, Luis Enrique stood alone and simply pumped his fists.

Amid the tension and rising pressure inside Saint Petersburg Stadium, the Spain coach might have been the calmest person around.

"I'd tried to convey a message that what would be, would be," Enrique said, revealing what he'd told his team ahead of the 3-1 shootout victory over Switzerland in the quarterfinals on Friday. "I told them to relax ... and to enjoy the moment as much as they could."

Easier said than done for a team that had missed its last five regulation penalties in matches, two of them at Euro 2020. For a team that had squandered chance after chance in extra time as Switzerland's energy-sapped players hung on for a 1-1 draw through extra time. For a team that had come into the match as the favorite and had taken an eighth-minute lead, only to see that wiped out by a defensive mistake.

So imagine the relief when Mikel Oyarzabal stepped up to convert the decisive spot kick past goalkeeper Yann Sommer, whose save on Kylian



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Spain's Mikel Oyarzabal scores the decisive goal in the penalty shootout, during the Euro 2020 soccer championship quarterfinal match between Switzerland and Spain, on Friday at the Saint Petersburg stadium in Saint Petersburg.

Mbappe's shot in a shootout win over France got Switzerland to the tournament's quarterfinals for the first time.

After seeing the ball hit the back of the net, Oyarzabal headed straight to Spain goalkeeper Unai Simon, who had made two saves in the shootout. They were soon consumed by their teammates as "Y Viva Espana" blasted out from the stadium's loudspeakers.

"When it goes your way," Enrique said, "it feels very good indeed."

Of course, the Swiss know that feeling. But unlike against France, when they scored all five of their penalties in the shootout, they failed with three of their four attempts this

time. Fabian Schar and Manuel Akanji had shots saved by Simon, while Ruben Vargas fired the ball over the crossbar.

"Penalties are a bit 50-50," said Switzerland captain Xherdan Shaqiri, who scored his team's goal in regulation time. "I think we just lacked a little bit of luck today."

Spain will play Italy in the semifinals on Tuesday at Wembley Stadium in London. The team is two wins away from emulating the country's golden generation, which captured European titles in 2008 and 2012.

Italy 2, Belgium 1

MUNICH — Italy's defenders celebrated their stops like

the attacking players celebrated their goals.

Both had plenty of reason to be happy.

Nicolò Barella and Lorenzo Insigne scored a goal each while Leonardo Spinazzola made a key second-half block to give Italy a 2-1 win over Belgium and a spot in the European Championship semifinals.

"Everyone, myself included, is really playing with a smile on their faces," said Insigne, whose team extended its national record unbeaten run to 32 games.

Romelu Lukaku kept his team in the game with a penalty right before halftime but the Belgians missed further chances to equalize in the second half as Italy's

defenders excelled.

Barella put Italy in the lead in the 31st minute when Jan Vertonghen failed to properly clear the ball. Marco Verratti passed to Barella, who eluded two Belgium defenders before sending it in off the far post.

Insigne got the second in the 44th when he put a curling shot inside the far top corner after skipping past one defender and facing two more.

Belgium was awarded the penalty when Giovanni Di Lorenzo pushed Jeremy Doku shortly before halftime. Lukaku then made it 2-1 by sending his shot down the middle. It was only the second goal Italy has conceded at the tournament.

"I didn't see the penalty," Italy coach Robert Mancini said. "The defense told me it was rather cheap, but that aside, it was very important to produce a top-class performance, and we did just that."

Italy will next play Spain in the semifinals on Tuesday at Wembley Stadium in London.

"We will now savour this moment. We'll try and rest up because it will be another tough match," Mancini said.

In the second half, Spinazzola just did enough to deny Lukaku on the line with what seemed to be a certain equalizer when Kevin De Bruyne played the ball to the far post. Spinazzola was kissed by his grateful teammates, but he was later carried off on a stretcher with a leg injury.

"We'll try and go all the way in this tournament, above all for him, because Spinazzola has been a crucial component of this team," Insigne said.

De Bruyne started the match after recovering from a left ankle injury, but Eden Hazard remained out with a leg injury.