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NEWS BRIEFS

School Board meets today

Members of the Citrus County School Board will host their regular meeting at 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, at the Citrus County School District administrative office, 1007 W. Main St., Inverness. A public hearing is also scheduled for 5 p.m.

For more information on the agenda, visit tinyurl.com/t6phzraj. To watch a live video stream of the meeting, visit youtube.com/user/ CitrusSchools.

How to prepare for a hurricane

Attend a hurricane preparedness presentation from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, July 23, at the Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane in Homosassa,

The presentation will be provided by the emergency management director from the Citrus County Sheriff's Office. Attendees will gain information about what to do before, during and after a hurricane.

This event is open to the public and will follow CDC guidelines. Space may be limited. To reserve a spot, call 352-249-1470.

To learn more about grief services, visit friends ofcitrus.org or Friends of Citrus on Facebook.

Register to vote at Third Friday

The Supervisor of Elections Office will be at the Third Friday event in Inverness from 5 to 7 p.m. July 16 in front of the Old Courthouse Museum, 1 Courthouse Square.

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

If you are interested in having the elections office staff at your organization or business, contact Maureen "Mo" Baird, supervisor of election.

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

Abuse shelter seeks donations

The Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association (CASA) is in need of hair brushes, hair tools and clear storage bins with lids. 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

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@casafl.org.

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

- From staff reports

Sheriff: More patrols needed

Asks commissioners for funds to increase law enforcement on coastal waters

MIKE WRIGHT Staff writer

Commissioner Holly Davis summed up the challenges waterfront property owners are facing with rowdy

"People are being terrorized in their own homes by yahoos on boats."

Sheriff Mike Prendergast

commission to use a combination of federal and county funds to increase law enforcement presence on coastal hotspots such as Homosassa River's Blue Waters and Sandy Hook in Crystal River. During a special meeting

Monday, commissioners declined. While Davis and Commissioner Jeff Kinnard said ers in Blue Waters. He

marine patrols, the other three commissioners said funds to purchase additional they wouldn't support the budget needed to go with it. "I agree, but we can't afford

it. Bottom line," Commissioner Ron Kitchen Jr. said. Prendergast was respond-

ing to a county request for a plan to combat problem boat-

agreed, asking the county they supported an increase in suggested using \$330,699 in American Recovery Plan vessels and equipment, plus \$724,270 in recurring general county funds for more deputies

Prendergast said he had one deputy patrolling Blue Waters last weekend where over 200 boats were counted. See PATROLS/Page A2



Mike **Prendergast** Citrus County sheriff.

Rain, rain and more rain



Jakob Bandstra paddles through the rain on a recent afternoon while bass fishing. Between a rainy pattern of weather and Tropical Storm Elsa the region has received an above-average amount of rain. The rainfall in recent weeks has filled up area waterways like the Hernando pool of the Tsala Apopka chain where Bandstra paddles.

County gets 8.1 inches of rainfall in first 11 days of July

MICHAEL D. BATES Staff writer

Tropical Storm Elsa was pretty much a washout for Citrus County but it did drop plenty of rain on the county.

Adding to what was already drenched ground, the extra precipitation has bloated the July rainfall totals and gorged area lakes and the Withlacoochee River.

Citrus County received 3.4 inches of rain from Elsa, which accounted for more than 80% of the average rainfall

for the entire month of July, according to Dr. Mark Fulkerson, chief professional engineer with the Southwest Florida Water Management District

(SWFWMD). From July 1-11, Citrus County has received about 8.1 inches of

"That's already 95% of the historical average rainfall (8.5 inches) for the month, and we're only a third of the way through July," Fulkerson said.

So far this summer, Citrus County has received nearly 20 inches of rainfall.

"This is well above average for wet season rainfall so far and has really given a boost to our region's water resources,"

Fulkerson said. "June and July have been extremely wet months, giving us a very quick start to the wet season," Fulkerson said. "In fact, the Tsala Apopka chain-of-lakes are already filling up and it's only July. They usually don't reach their target levels until August or September."

have risen another 9 inches and the entire system is nearly full,"

The Inverness and Hernando pools rose above their target levels this month, and as a result, water is being released from those pools back to the

Withlacoochee River. No water is flowing into the lakes from the Withlacoochee, as those structures were closed last week. Water is being released from the Inverness and Hernando pools to help prevent water levels from rising

any higher. Withlacoochee River water levels and flows have been in-'So far in July, lake levels creasing since early June when the rainy season began, Fulkerson said.

County priority list includes sewers in Kinnard's neighborhood

MIKE WRIGHT Staff writer

County commissioners are expected to approve a list of federally funded projects at their meeting Tuesday and one will be quite familiar to Commissioner Jeff Kinnard.

A septic-to-sewer project for Dixie Shores and Crystal Isles near Crystal River is one of 14 proposed projects for \$29 million in American Rescue Plan Act, or ARPA, funds.

Kinnard bought a lot in Dixie Shores in 2018 and is building a house. He now rents

The project would remove 205 septic tanks and cost fore Jeff Kinnard was in the homeowners a \$6,000 assessment, plus hookup fees.

"We'll basically be done with that stretch of the road," said Ken Cheek, director of water resources.

Kinnard said he had no role

Kinnard Citrus County commissioner.

in deciding to include Dixie Shores on the ARPA's priority list. He noted that the community off Fort Island Trail has been considered a priority for re-

moving septic

tanks. "The plan all along had been to sewer Dixie Shores long beneighborhood," he said.

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Key Training Center to kickoff annual fundraiser

Reach for the Stars dinner, auction starts Friday, July 16, at 5:30 p.m.

FRED HIERS Staff writer

The Key Training Center was not immune to the coronavirus pandemic last year as it had to cancel its biggest annual fundraising event. This week the organization that provides homes and work to most of the county's residents with develop-

mental disabilities is kicking off its Run for the Money fundraiser. The Key Training Center will host its annual Reach for the Stars dinner and auction at its Lecanto campus. There will be a dinner, open bar, silent and live auction, slot machines, and casino tables to raise scholarship money for clients

who cannot pay for the services the

Key Training Center provides. The

dinner/auction is part of the organization's larger Run for the Money fundraising event.

The dinner is expected to have 275 guests and all the spots are filled.

The Key Training Center provides housing or work to 300 clients. On that list each year there are 40-50 clients who cannot pay or who get no or little government financial help. The Run for the Money weeklong event is meant to raise money to pay for scholarships so all who need help from the Key Training Center can get it.

'We can't turn them away," said Hope Selander, the Key Center's spokeswoman. "We just don't discriminate (based on ability to pay).' See KICKOFF/Page A7

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Manatees crowd together near the warm-water outflows from Florida Power & Light's plant, Feb. 5, in Riviera Beach. More manatees have died already in 2021 than in any other year in Florida's recorded history, primarily from starvation due to the loss of seagrass beds.

State manatee deaths reach all-time high

Breaks annual record in first six months

Associated Press

STUART — More manatees have died already this year than in any other year in Florida's recorded history, primarily from starvation due to the loss of seagrass beds, state officials said.

The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission reported that 841 manatee deaths were recorded between Jan. 1 and July 2, breaking the previous record of 830 that died in 2013 because of an outbreak of toxic red tide.

The TCPalm website reports that more than half the deaths have died in the Indian River Lagoon and its surrounding areas in Volusia, Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin mately 6,300 manatees live in Florida counties. The overwhelming majority of deaths have been in Brevard, where

312 manatees have perished.

Some biologists believe water pollution is killing the seagrass beds in the area.

'Unprecedented manatee mortality due to starvation was documented on the Atlantic coast this past winter and spring," Florida's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute wrote as it announced the record Friday. "Most deaths occurred during the colder months when manatees migrated to and through the Indian River Lagoon, where the majority of seagrass has died off."

Boat strikes are also a major cause of manatee deaths, killing at least 63 this

The manatee was once classified as endangered by the federal government, but it was reclassified as threatened in 2017. Environmentalists are asking that the an-

imal again be considered endangered. The federal government says approxiwaters, up from about 1,300 in the early

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Commissioners are considering a noise ordinance for waterways, and at the board's regular meeting Tuesday, they will look at a plan to enact a slow speed zone in a portion of the river near Monkey Island.

Board Chairman Scott Carnahan said he doesn't think an ordinance can be legally challenged.

Davis said the extra podeterrent even without a noise ordinance.

Prendergast agreed. "When law enforcement shows up, the party dissolves right before your eyes," he said.

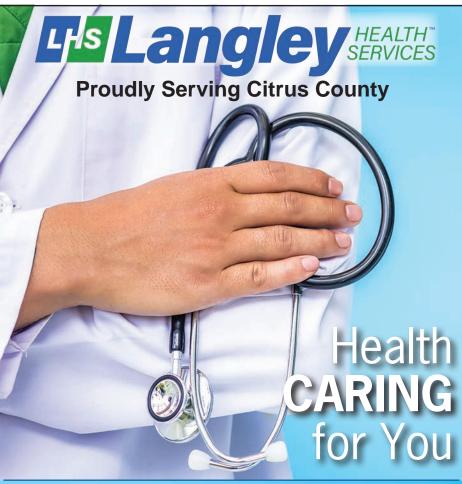
Kinnard referred to "chaos" on the waterways.

"Passing this on is just turning a blind eye to what's going on out there," he said. "We've got a problem in front of us that's been building for years. It's not going to go away."

Also Monday, commislice presence would be a sioners declined to seek a grant to help pay for bodyworn cameras, citing the overall cost of \$1.1 million plus \$216,000 in recurring

Commissioners and Prendergast agreed the sheriff's office will continue testing potential camera programs and bring a purchase plan

back to the board. Contact Chronicle reporter Mike Wright at 352-563-3228 or *mwright*@ chronicleonline.com.



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Around the COUNTY

Learn to paint like Bob Ross

"Experience the Joy of Painting" by learning the Bob Ross technique from certified instructor, Jessie Mason, at 10 a.m. Thursdays at the Central Citrus Community Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in

Classes are \$50 and three hours long. All supplies are included, and participants take home their finished oil painting. No previous painting experience is required.

Class size is limited. To register, contact Mason at 352-613-2516 or lady galaga@gmail.com. For more information about this class and other activities, call the Central Citrus Community Center at 352-527-5993.

Join the 17th annual CCVF golf tourney Sept. 11

Check in for the 17th annual Citrus County Veterans Foundation (CCVF) golf tournament will be at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club pro shop with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

Groups short of four persons will be combined into teams. You do not need to be a veteran to participate.

The tournament is dedicated to the late Rear Adm. Carlton "Mac" McLeod,



Carlton McLeod

retired U.S. Navy and the CCVF president from its inception in 2004 until 2020.

The registration form and \$65 donation must be received by Aug. 30. It includes golf and cart, beverages and lunch. The tournament features a holein-one prize and door prizes. Contributions for door prizes and hole sponsorships for \$425, \$325, \$225 or \$125 are welcome.

The CCVF has provided financial assistance to local honorably discharged veterans and their surviving spouses with close to \$400,000 since 2004.

To register, visit citrusvf. org, call 352-382-0430 or 352-382-3847.

Radiant Ridge Toastmasters to meet Monday

The Radiant Ridge Toastmasters will meet at 5:30 p.m. July 19 at the Central Ridge Library, 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd. in Beverly Hills and via Zoom.

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs. Membership exceeds 364,000 throughout more than 16,200 clubs in 145 countries.

Club meetings offer practice giving prepared and impromptu speeches, feedback and evaluations in a supportive environment, opportunity to take on leadership positions and access to a mentor, in person and/ or online.

Radiant Ridge Toastmasters has been serving the community for more than 30 years. Guests are welcome to attend.

The Zoom meeting ID is 3143031248. Email vickyiozzia@gmail.com or use the "Contact Us" feature on radiantridgetoastmasters.com to request the passcode. For more information visit Radiant Ridge Toastmasters Club 5807 on Facebook.

- From staff reports

CARE shares with seniors



The recently dissolved nonprofit CARE organization (Citrus Accelerated Response to Emergencies), which served seniors in Citrus County in emergency situations, donated the remainder of their funds to the county Meals on Wheels program Monday. Lynsie Cahela, county support services director and Laura Touchton, Hernando area senior program site manager, receive a check for \$5,730.98 from CARE president Barbara Harmon and treasurer Ed Kleiner.

Recently dissolved nonprofit donates remaining funds to Meals On Wheels

NANCY KENNEDY Staff writer

Even though their nonprofit CARE organization (Citrus Accelerated Response to Emergencies) is no more, its president, Barbara Harmon, and treasurer, Ed Kleiner, still care about the seniors they've served for 11 years.

On Monday, the two presented Lynsie Cahela, county support services director, and Laura Touchton, Hernando area senior program site manager, with a check for \$5,730.98.

money to Meals on Wheels," Harmon said. "They never have enough money."

Years ago, Harmon opened a gift shop in the county resource center, with proceeds going to Meals on Wheels.

Currently, Meals on Wheels serves the list; however, it's based on assessed

300 people a week with home-delivered need, so the ones with the greatest need go

In addition, the county serves a combined 150 people each weekday at the four community centers around the county.

The Hernando site is at the Historic Hernando School and serves as a congregate dining site and a pickup site for the Meals on Wheels delivery to the Hernando and part of Inverness area.

Each site has its own area of delivery. Monday's donation comes at a good time, Touchton said.

"When COVID hit and everything shut Harmon said that CARE, which helped down, we still did Meals on Wheels and whatever is left over, then they price it for seniors in emergency situations, often ran across cases where the people didn't have ple because we had better funding," she the community centers. said. "But now that the COVID money is funding, and there's never enough.'

According to Janice Hale, senior programs supervisor, they're back to a waiting

list for home-delivered meals. Right now, there's about 100 names on

to the top of the list.

And they always need volunteers, including emergency backup drivers.

Ed Kleiner said he just signed up as a

Meanwhile, groups like the Friends of the Community Centers are continually doing fundraisers to support the food program and the centers.

"The 'friends' is a small group of women who put in lots of hours," Harmon said. 'One woman goes to yard sales on Saturdays at the end of the sale (time) and gets

"At the start of every year, the centers "That's why we decided to give the ending, we're back to our regular grant make a wish list, anything from a refrigerator or a TV to a fan — any number of

For information about the Meals on Wheels or congregate dining programs, call Senior Support Services at 352-527-5900.

Man accused of stealing \$629 in change

BUSTER **THOMPSON** Staff writer

A Pasco County man told Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputies he was trying to get his stuck quarter back from a troublesome tire pump at a Homosassa-area gas station.

Matthew Ryan Costello must have lodged a lot of change inside the machine.

Deputies arrested the Richey July 26. New Port

33-year-old Sunday, July 11, on accusations he Costello's arrest pried open tire pumps at report, obtained the 7-Eleven and Shell stations at U.S. 19 and West Cardinal Street to steal \$629 in coins.

Costello faces charges of spotted Costello possessing burglary tools, bent down in front two counts of molesting a of a tire pressure coin-operating machine and two counts of criminal mischief. A judge set Costello's bond at \$13,000, court records show, and arraignment for

According to Monday, a deputy responding to a theft-in-progress at the 7-Eleven

machine. When he spotted the the lawman if he could deputy, Costello tossed an object into a nearby vehicle and turned back toward the pump.

Costello, according to small pry bar and a clear to 15 years in prison.



Matthew Costello

told the deputy the machine was getting his quarters stuck. When the deputy spotted that the front of the pump was pried out, he detained Costello,

who kept asking "just go home," his arrest report states.

his arrest report, bag of change totaling \$629.80. Costello told the deputy numerous times he brought most of his quarters from home, according to his arrest report.

A witness working at the neighboring Shell also told the deputy she spotted Costello prying at her gas station's tire pump, which the deputy documented as damaged.

If convicted under the Inside Costello's vehi- charges he faces, Costello cle, the deputy found a could be sentenced to up

Kitchen fire in Crystal River injures one, kills two pets

BUSTER THOMPSON Staff writer

Firefighters believe an unattended pot of cooking oil ignited a kitchen fire within an apartment in Crystal River, injuring a resident and killing two pets.

Crews with the Crystal River Fire Department and Citrus County Fire Rescue (CCFR) were dispatched at 8:15 p.m. Friday, July 9, to the apartment off Northeast 10th Street, ac-

cording to a CCFR news release. Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputies arrived to the scene first to discover the fire was out and the

damaged unit with heavy smoke damage unoccupied. A neighbor told emergency responders he entered the apartment, switched

off its main circuit breaker and re-

moved a dead cat and guinea pig.

Fire damage was contained to the unit it originated in, specifically the kitchen, but smoke had affected the entire apartment. Nature Coast EMS was called to transport an occupant to the hospital with non-life-threatening

Residents of the unit told firefighters they began cooking a pot of oil to make french fries before they left at around 4:30 p.m. Firefighters found a burnt pot on a stove next to a bag of frozen french fries.

According to CCFR, three of the unit's smoke detectors were unhooked from their mounts and weren't operable at the time of the

Property management and the Florida State Fire Marshal's Office were contacted, and the American Red Cross was called to assist the displaced residents.

Golf cart charger ignites small fire

BUSTER THOMPSON Staff writer

A faulty golf cart charger roughly \$1,500. started a small garage fire in

Citrus Hills.

Citrus County Fire Rescue (CCFR) crews were dispatched at 12:30 a.m. Sunday, July 11, to a singlefamily residence off of North Essex Avenue, where a golf cart charger caught

release. the homeowner extinguished hose, and the home's occu-

detectors. Firefighters ventilated the home of light smoke. Damage was estimated at

According to CCFR, golf carts have been growing in use, and their chargers, especially those without an internal voltage breaker, can be common fire-starters.

Follow these tips to help prevent a fire: follow the manufacturer's charging fire on garage workbench, recommendations; use the according to a CCFR news provided charger; charge golf carts in ventilated and Before firefighters arrived, shaded areas; disconnect chargers when finished; the flames with a garden don't leave golf charging overnight or unattended; pants were able to evacuate and install a carbon monoxafter being alerted by smoke ide detector in the garage.

Today's **HOROSCOPES**

Birthday: Be charming, helpful and open to suggestions. A positive attitude is infectious. Step into the future with optimism, hope and faith. Strive to excel; don't let the past hold you back. Cancer (June 21-July 22): Explore the possibilities, associate with likeminded people and see what you can

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Do your best to make a difference. Make suggestions and offer your services. Do what feels right and works for you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Discuss matters of concern openly and honestly. Taking charge will help you bring about positive change and gain respect from your peers.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): A disciplined approach to whatever you do will help you reach your goal. Take good care of your health and physical well-being. Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): You've got the right moves and brains to bring about positive lifestyle changes. Expand your mind.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): Emotional situations will be costly. Distance yourself from people who try to take advantage of you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An unexpected change will encourage financial gain. An investment, major move or boost to your earning potential looks promising.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): Do your best to get along with others. Look for common ground, and you will overcome setbacks. Romance is featured.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20): Embrace opportunities. Help bring about positive change. Home improvements, discussions with loved ones and big plans will brighten your day. Avoid physical risks. Aries (March 21-April 19): Don't take on too much. Channel your energy where it counts. Change begins with you, and your success depends on finishing what you start.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Spend more time gathering information and studying the possibilities, and less time thinking about what others are doing. Be a leader, not a follower, and you will avoid bad situations

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Spend time fixing up your space and putting things in order. Don't let outside influences override what you know is best for you.

ENTERTAINMENT

Drake Bell receives probation on child endangerment charge

CLEVELAND — Drake Bell, the former star of the popular Nickelodeon show "Drake & Josh," was sentenced in Cleveland on Monday to two years' probation on charges relating to a girl who met him online and attended a number of his concerts when she was 15.

Jared "Drake" Bell, 35, of West Hollywood, California, pleaded guilty last month via Zoom to felony attempted child endangerment and a misdemeanor charge of disseminating matter harmful to juveniles.

Cuyahoga County Judge Timothy McCormick is allowing Bell to serve probation and 200 hours of community service in California.

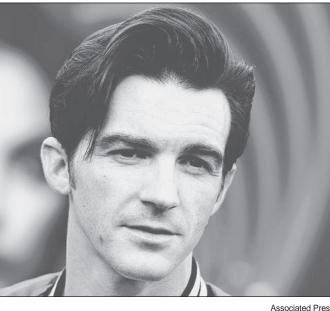
Bell, via Zoom, spoke briefly before sentencing.

"I accept this plea because my conduct was wrong," Bell said. "I'm sorry the victim was

harmed. It was not my intention." The victim, who is 19, spoke at length about the damage Bell has done to her life, saying he began grooming her when she was 12. She said she initially felt loved and protected by him during online chats and that his messages became "blatantly sexual" after she turned 15. She said his remarks made her feel uncomfortable, but she felt trapped because she "idolized" Bell.

"I was definitely one of his biggest fans," said the woman, who allowed her face to appear on Zoom. "I would have done anything for him."

The Associated Press does not identify people who say they suffered sexual abuse unless they choose to come



Drake Bell appears at the world premiere of "The Spy Who Dumped Me" in Los Angeles on July 25, 2018. Bell has been sentenced to two years of probation to charges relating to a teen whom he met online and who attended one of his 2017 concerts in Cleveland when she was 15.

forward publicly. The woman said she and Bell exchanged explicit photos online and that he engaged in sexual conduct with her on several occasions, including at the concert venue in Cleveland and at a hotel. She also called Bell a "pedophile" and a "coward."

Bell's attorney, lan Friedman, disputed those claims on Monday. He said there were no explicit photos or sexual contact between Bell and the victim and the inappropriate conduct that did occur were reflected in the charges Bell pleaded to last month. Friedman did not detail the inappropriate conduct Bell was acknowledging.

Friedman said the victim attended nine of Bell's concerts after the one in Cleveland. The woman responded by holding up three fingers.

Authorities have said the victim contacted Toronto police in

October 2018. Toronto authorities then forwarded its findings to Cleveland police, prompting an investigation.

The attempted endangering children charge relates to the concert where Bell "violated his duty of care" and created a risk of harm to the victim, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office spokesperson Tyler Sinclair said previously.

Bell and the girl had "developed a relationship" online several years prior to the concert, Sinclair said. The disseminating harmful material charge concerns Bell having sent the girl "inappropriate social media messages," Sinclair said.

McCormick, before delivering Bell's sentence, said he heard "a lot of serious and disturbing allegations" during Monday's hearing, but added that he "can't lose focus on what was pled to."

- From wire reports

Today in **HISTORY**

Today is Tuesday, July 13, the 194th day of 2021. There are 171 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On July 13, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson nominated Thurgood Marshall to be U.S. Solicitor General; Marshall became the first Black jurist appointed to the post. (Two years later, Johnson nominated Marshall to the U.S. Supreme Court.)

On this date:

In 1863, deadly rioting against the Civil War military draft erupted in New York City. (The insurrection was put down three days later.)

In 2010, New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner died in Tampa, Florida, nine days after turning 80.

In 2013, a jury in Sanford, Florida, cleared neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman of all charges in the shooting of Trayvon Martin, the Black teenager whose killing unleashed furious debate over racial profiling, self-defense and equal justice.

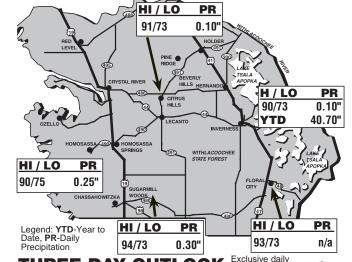
Ten years ago: California became the first state in the nation to add lessons about gays and lesbians to social studies classes in public schools under a measure signed by Gov. Jerry Brown.

Five years ago: Theresa May entered No. 10 Downing Street as Britain's new prime minister following a bittersweet exit by David Cameron, who resigned after voters rejected his appeal to stay in the European Union.

One year ago: Washington's NFL franchise dropped the "Redskins" name and Indian head logo amid pressure from sponsors; the move followed decades of criticism that the name and logo were offensive to Native Americans. (As new names were considered, the team would be known as the Washington Football Team.)

Today's Birthdays: Game show announcer Johnny Gilbert is 93. Actor Patrick Stewart is 81. Actor Harrison Ford is 79.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



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WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING High: 92° Low: 72°

Scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms.



THURSDAY & FRIDAY MORNING



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Data from Crystal River Airport **DEW POINT** Yesterday at 3 p.m. 709 **HUMIDITY** Yesterday at 3 p.m. **POLLEN COUNT**** Today's active pollen: Ragweed, grasses, chenopods Today's count: 1.8/12 Wednesday's count: 1.5 Thursday's count: 3.9

AIR QUALITY 7-9 high, 10+ very high Yesterday observed BAROMETRIC PRESSURE Good 30.20 Pollutant PM2.5 Provided by **SOLUNAR TABLES** MINOR MAJOR MINOR MAJOR DATE DAY

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BURN CONDITIONS

Today's Fire Danger Index is: LOW. There is no burn ban. For more information call Florida Division of Forestry at (352) 797-4140. For more information on wildfire conditions, please visit the Division of Forestry's Web site: www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Wildland-Fire

WATERING RULES

For established lawns and landscapes, irrigation may occur during only one (1) of the specified time periods, 12:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., or 4:00 p.m. - 11:59 p.m., on the allowable watering days below:

Addresses with house numbers ending in:

0 - 1	Monday	6 - 7	Thursday
2 - 3	Tuesday	8 - 9 -or-	
4 - 5	Wednesday	Common Areas	Friday

Questions, concerns or reporting violations, please call: City of Inverness at 352-726-2321; City of Crystal River at 352-795-4216, Ext. 313; unincorporated Citrus County at 352-527-7669. For more information, visit: https://www.citrusbocc.com/departments/water_resources/watering_restrictions.php

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Crystal River**	7:54 a.m.	1.7 ft	7:35 p.m.	2.4 ft 2:10 a.m.	-0.1 ft 1:45 p.m.	0.7 ft		
Withlacoochee*	5:37 a.m.	3.0 ft	4:34 p.m.	3.7 ft 11:47 a.m.	1.6 ft None	n/a		
Homosassa***	9:15 a.m.	0.6 ft	8:11 p.m.	1.4 ft 4:26 a.m.	-0.1 ft 2:29 p.m.	0.3 ft		

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

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Fort Myers	89	7	7 5	t	Orlando	88	3	75	t
Gainesville	90	7	7 2	t	Pensacola	88	3	76	t
Homestead	87	7	7	t	Sarasota	92	2	75	t
Jacksonville	89	7	7 4	t	Tallahassee	9	1	73	t
Key West	87	7 8	30	sh	Tampa	91	1	76	t
Lakeland	90	7	' 5	t	Vero Beach	84	1	77	t
Melbourne	84	1 7	7	t	W. Palm Bch.	85	5	81	t

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: East winds 10 to 15 knots diminishing to around 10 knots in the afternoon. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters a light to moderate chop.

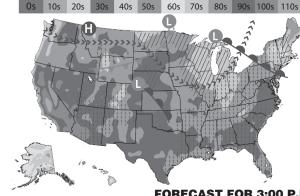
Gulf water temperature

Taken at Crystal River

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Levels reported in feet above sea level. Flood stage for lakes are based on 2.33-year flood, the mean-annual flood which has a 43-precent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any one year. This data is obtained from the Southwest Florida Water Management District and is subject to revision. In no event will the District or the United States Geological Survey be liable for any damages arising out of the use of this data. If you have any questions you should contact the Hydrological Data Section at (352) 796-7211.

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. **Tuesday**

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Asheville	84	67	0.05	85	65	sh	Norfolk	90	77	0.00	94	75	рс
Atlanta	84	71	0.58	86	70	sh	Oklahoma City	86	63	0.00	93	73	рс
Atlantic City	89	74	0.00	84	72	рс	Omaha	82	57	0.00	90	71	рс
Austin	88	79	0.00	92	74	рс	Palm Springs	108	389	0.00	109	986	S
Baltimore	95	77	0.00	95	76	sh	Philadelphia	92	77	0.18	92	74	t
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Birmingham	88	71	0.44	87	70	sh	Pittsburgh	85	70	Trace	88	69	t
Boise	101	66	0.00	96	63	sm	Portland, ME	75	64	0.11	64	61	sh
Boston	72	66	1.24	66	62	cl	Portland, OR	84	57	0.00	86	58	S
Buffalo	79	63	0.29	82	71	sh	Providence, RI	74	69	0.64	72	64	cl
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KEY TO CONDITIONS: c=cloudy; fg=fog; hz=haze; mc=mostly cloudy; pc=partly cloudy; ra=rain; rs=rain/ snow; s=sunny; sh=showers; sm=smoke; sn=snow; ss=snow showers; t=thunderstorms

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85/64/ra

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Obituaries



Mendicino Sr., 79

CRYSTAL RIVER

Frank Mendicino, Sr., 79 of Crystal River, FL passed away Saturday July 3, 2021 at his home.

He was born April 24, 1942 to Mike and Jean Mendicino in New York City and came here 40 years ago from Connecticut. He was a US Air Force Veteran and the retired owner of Frank's Auto Center in Inverness, FL.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his sister Rose Marie. He is survived by his sons Frank Mendicino, Jr. and John Mendicino, a sister Michele Daly and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 AM on Friday July 16th at the Strickland Funeral Home Chapel in Crystal River, FL. Private inurnment will follow at Florida National Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Strickland Funeral Home, Crystal River, FL.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Arline Shanahan, 81

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Arline Darrell Shanahan, 81, died on June 22, 2021 after a 9-year bout with cancer.

family name Darrell, was affectionately called "Momma" or "Momma D" by her children, all of whom she referred to as her "babies" no matter their ages.

Darrell grew up in Richmond, Virginia, where she studied Graphic Arts at Richmond Professional Institute, which later became part of Virginia Commonwealth University. Darrell enjoyed fossilhunting, antiquing, thrifting and genealogy, and she drew and painted for most of her life.

Darrell married Thomas Shanahan on July 3rd, 1995 and they began their married life in the little town of Inglis, FL. They served together in the Yankeetown Flotilla of the Coast Guard Auxiliary from 1994 until 2014, with Darrell retiring with the position of Division Staff Officer — Publications. Tom and Darrell also attended St. Benedict Catholic Church for many years, and were regulars at Grannie's Restaurant.

Darrell is survived by her husband Tom, her sons Christopher Palmore, Quintin Bennett, her step-children, Tanya Bennett, Brian Bennett, and Michael Bennett, Kevin Shanahan (wife Debbie) Gerry Shanahan, Kathyellen Staples (husband Brian) Maureen Shanahan, Margaret Shanahan-Altmire, Patricia Kenward (fiancé Dustin) Bridget Ferrara, as well as 20 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The service will be held on Friday July 16th, 2021 at: Brown Funeral Home &

Crematory

5430 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway

Lecanto, FL 34461 Visitation with family will be from 11:00am-12:00pm, service will

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begin at noon.

SO YOU KNOW

Obituaries must be verified with the funeral home or society in charge of arrangements.



'Captain Bob' Jernigan, 65

3-13-1956 - 7-9-2021Robert "Captain Bob" born in Elkhart, Indiana went home to be with the Lord on Friday, July 9,

2021. He survived by the love of his life of 28 years Christine, Makayla Jernigan Thomas his loving grand-

Robert Jernigan

daughter and a sister, Deborah Smith. He proudly served the United States

His joys in life were boating, fishing, bike riding, remembering his adventures with many photos and activities that always included friends. Bob Jernigan was 100%. He loved 100%, he supported friends and family 100% and he lived for Christ 100%. His memory will be cherished and he will be loved and missed deeply.

A celebration of his life will take place on Wednesday, July 14 at 2:00p at Church @ The Springs Southwest Campus, 2141 SW Hwy 484, Ocala, FL 34473. Captain Bob would have hated formal wear. Please wear boating casual attire.

In lieu of flowers, dona-Arline, who went by the tions can be made to Church @ The Springs dream offering (//The Springs.net/giving or text to GIVE 50) or Citrus County Veterans Foundation Inc. (citrusvf.org).

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

OBITUARIES

- A flag will be included for free for those who served in the U.S. military. (Please note the branch of service when submitting an obituary.)
- Obituary 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.
- The Chronicle does not edit obituaries for content.
- Death notices are \$25, and may include: full name of deceased; age; hometown/state; date of death; place of death; date, time and place of visitation and funeral services and, for members of the military, the branch of the armed services in which they served.
- Full obituaries are \$175, and include placement in the newspaper and online, a standard-size headshot and a keepsake plaque. Text exceeding 850 words will be subject to an additional fee of \$80.
- Extra plaques are available for \$40
- Obituaries are at www. chronicleonline.com
- Email obits@chronicle online.com or call 352-563-5660 for more information.
- The national database Legacy.com maintains the Chronicle's obituaries and guest books. Allow 24 hours for review of guest book entries.

Ladies of the Elks have flag folding ceremony





The West Citrus Ladies of the Elks recently participated in a flag folding ceremony. The team demonstrated the proper way to fold and store an American flag and recited the meaning behind each fold of the flag. LEFT: Edith Thompson, left, and Carol Hayes participate in the flag folding ceremony. RIGHT: Pat Kobel, left, and Terri Harrison fold the American flag.

NEED TO PUBLICIZE?

Chronicle readers are invited to submit photos of successful community events to community@ chronicleonline.com. For information, call 352-563-5660.

Health NOTES

Coping with Dementia LLC plans fundraisers

Coping with Dementia LLC announced that an expanded schedule of fundraising events is being planned for 2021, including the return of the popular Walk in Floral City and Citrus County Virtual Wellness Challenge, which was introduced when COVID-19 resulted in the cancellation of public events.

"We are planning to host a Walk in Floral City on Nov. 13. In addition, last year's popular Citrus County Virtual Wellness Challenge will return for the month of Oct. 3 through Oct. 30" said Coping with Dementia president Debbie Selsavage.

Selsavage also said that a website with information and online registration will be launched by July.

Individuals and companies interested in becoming sponsors for 2021 fundraising events should call Coping with Dementia LLC marketing and communications director, Ed Youngblood, at 614-519-2843.

Attend in-person 'Fireside Chats'

Dr. Joseph Bennett offers monthly "Fireside Chats" beginning noon the first vvednesday of each month at the Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute (RBOI), 522 N. Lecanto Highway.

Sessions often feature guest speakers, as well as open discussion regarding health and cancer care. A light lunch is provided, therefore RSVP is requested.

Bennett welcomes questions and open discussion, so bring your questions or email them ahead of time to cibennett@rboi.com. Those who have not received their COVID-19 vaccination will be asked to wear a mask and practice social distancing inside the building.

Call Shawn at 352-527-0106 to make a reservation.

Attend a joint pain seminar July 20

Citrus Memorial Hospital's Orthopedic and Spine Center of Excellence will present a free joint pain seminar at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, at the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation YMCA, 4127 W. Norvell Bryant Highway in Lecanto.

The presentation will be guided by a physical therapist who will walk attendees through causes of joint pain, diagnosis and the variety of treatment options available.

Those who are experiencing joint pain, have difficulty standing or walking or who experience trouble with daily activity would benefit from this seminar. Seating is limited, so RSVP is required.

637-3337 or visit citrusmh.

Senior Center offers low-impact **Zumba classes**

The Citrus County Senior Center will have Zumba classes from 11 a.m. to noon every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (except holidays) at 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto.

Classes are lower impact and geared toward seniors. Face masks are not required when dancing in the classroom, but are required in all other parts of the building. Social distancing is required and space is limited.

To pre-register, call 352-527-5993 or email instructor Donna Scarpello at missdonna@tampabay.rr.com.

RBOI has supplies for cancer patients

If you are in need of scarfs, wigs, or other helpful items for those going through cancer treatments, call Medical Social Worker Wendy Hall, LCSW, at 352-527-0106. Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute in Lecanto has a resource room with more than 100 wigs available for free. Stop in the Lecanto office from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or call to make an appointment.

Medical Social Workers at RBOI will assist individuals needing support through the emotional turmoil caused by cancer with resources. including application for Citrus Aid Cancer Foundation assistance. Many services including Zoom meetings for support and education are available for patients with cancer, and their loved ones. Call 352-527-0106.

GriefShare meets in Citrus Springs

A GriefShare support group is meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at North Oak Church, 9324 N. Elkcam Blvd.

The seminar teaches practical information that will help individuals recover from grief and loss. Participants will get the chance to talk about their experiences in a low pressure environment among individuals with similar experiences.

Participants will also be given a workbook, which

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To reserve a seat, call 352- provides the opportunity for personal study and reflection on the grief process.

The GriefShare group can be joined at any time. For information, call 352-489-1688.

Community center has Zumba

The Central Citrus Community Center is hosting Zumba classes at 11 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto.

The classes will be taught by certified instructor Donna Scarpello. Classes are low impact and designed for basic to intermediate.

There is a \$5 charge, masks are required and pre registration is recommended.

Call 352-527-5942 or email miss-donna@tampabay. rr.com.

Reiki Share at Whispering Pines

Join in for some relaxation, and learn about what Reiki can do for your mind, body and spirit.

Everyone is welcome at Reiki Share every month on the second Wednesday until Wednesday, June 9, at Whispering Pines Park Recreational Building. There will be two half-hour

sessions; social distancing, so limiting to 10 people. For times and information,

call Betsy Schwartz, 352-228-1022 or email Betsy doula@gmail.com.

Sign up for free hearing screening

Citrus Healing Impaired Program Services (CHIPS) is offering free hearing screenings for Citrus County residents at the old train depot, 109 NE Crystal St. in Crystal River.

Screenings are by appointment only. Low-income hearing aid assistance is available.

To learn more, call Maureen 352-795-5000.

Grief support available in area "Understanding Grief" sup-

port groups for the newly bereaved are offered at no cost

To Place Your "In Memory" ad, Contact Lori Driver

564-2931 or email: LDriver@chronicleonline.com

Closing time for placing ad is 4 business days prior to run date. There are advanced deadlines for holidays.

by Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast. The groups meet every Tuesday afternoon at the First Christian Church of Inverness, 2018 Colonade St.; and early evenings every Tuesday at Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane in Homosassa.

The support groups will help members learn ways to discover hope and healing by focusing on the work of renowned grief educator Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D.

For information or to preregister, call 352-249-1470.

Weekly Grief Study Group available

Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast offers a Grief Study Group every Tuesday afternoon at the Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane in Homosassa.

This is a faith-based study sponsored by North Citrus Christian Church which provides help for those experiencing "little deaths" in life as well as the loss of a loved one.

For information or to preregister, call 352-249-1470. For details about their other programs, visit friendsofcitrus.org or Friends of Citrus on Facebook.

Zoom-based grief support offered

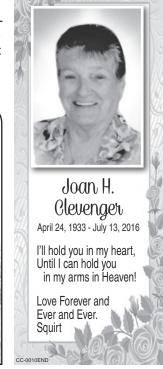
Friends of Citrus and the

Nature Coast will continue their Zoom-based grief support group meetings from 2 to 3 p.m. every Thursday in response to COVID-19 restrictions.

Individuals at any stage of grief who cannot attend a group in person or prefer to meet remotely will still have the virtual option. To preregister, call 352-

249-1470. For information, visit friendsofcitrus.org or Friends of Citrus on Facebook.

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Sheriff's Office **Arrests from July 8**

- **■** Girard David Parmenter Jr., 23, Homosassa, arrested July 8 for failure to appear. Bond \$4,500.
- Bryan William Bradford, 36, Inverness, arrested July 8 for violation of probation. No
- Jerry K. Snider, 45, Homosassa, arrested July 8 for driving while license suspended/revoked - knowingly. Bond \$500.
- April Lin Bowers, 42, Inglis, arrested July 8 for writ of attachment. Bond
- Caitlin Marie Flood, 29, Brooksville, arrested July 8 for petit theft (\$100 or more but less than \$750). Bond \$500.
- Maria Isabel Jarrin De Godoy, 58, Dunnellon, arrested July 8 for retail petit theft (value more than \$100 but less than \$750).
- Raymond Scott Dunning, 56, Lecanto, arrested July 8 for violation of probation. No bond
- Jeremy Richard Brown, 41, Dunnellon, arrested July 8
- for failure to appear. No bond. ■ Jessica Laurie Hancock, 34, homeless, arrested July 8
- for failure to appear. No bond. ■ Donald Eugene Deaton, 37, Ocala, arrested July 8 for hinder/delay/prevent communication to LEO/judge information relating to offense or VOP.

domestic battery and false

imprisonment. No bond.

■ Scott Steven Burke, 50, Homosassa, arrested July 8 for battery on persons 65 of age or

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older. No bond. ■ Maikin Fernando Machadoruiz, 27, Jacksonville, arrested July on pick up order.

Arrests from July 9 ■ Alexander Bechdolt, 47,

- Dunnellon, arrested July 9 for aggravated assault on LEO/ firefighter/EMS provider/public transit employee, resist officer with violence and battery on persons 65 of age and older. No bond.
- Thomas Peter lanello Jr., 36, Crystal River, arrested July 9 for resist officer without violence, fleeing/eluding LEO and violation of probation. No bond.

Arrests from July 10

- **■** Eleazar Richard Van Nort, 33, Hernando, arrested July 10 for auto theft, leave scene/fail to remain at crash with property damage and flee/ elude LEO. Bond \$7,500.
- Penny D. Burnham, 50, Plant City, arrested July 10 for retail petit theft (value more than \$100, but less than \$750).
- James Carl Wood, 57, Plant City, arrested July 10 for retail petit theft (value more than \$100, but less than \$750).

Arrests from July 11

■ Nicole Ann Kuziak, 33, Inverness, arrested July 11 for aggravated stalking after 352-249-2790.

injunction for protection. Bond \$10,000.

■ Matthew Ryan Costello, 33, New Port Richey, arrested July 11 for criminal mischief (\$200 or less), molest/opens/ breaks/damages coin machine with larceny intent and possession of burglary tools. Bond

Burglaries, thefts and vandalisms

- Here are the reported burglaries, thefts and vandalisms (criminal mischiefs) released Friday, June 9, by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office:
- Criminal mischief, 6:39 p.m. July 8, undisclosed
- Criminal mischief, 5:46 p.m. July 8, 9200 block of South Is-
- tachatta Road, Floral City; ■ Theft, 2:28 p.m. July 8,
- undisclosed address; ■ Retail theft, 1:09 p.m. July 8, 2400 block of East Gulf-To-
- Lake Highway, Inverness; Residential burglary, 10:16 a.m. July 8, undisclosed
- Theft, 10:14 a.m. July 8, undisclosed address; and
- Theft, 8:27 a.m. July 8, undisclosed address.

Those with information about these offenses could be eligible for a cash reward by contacting Citrus County Crime Stoppers at 888-269-8477. Tipsters remain anonymous. Tips can also be reported to the sheriff's office by calling the agency's non-emergency line,

Around the STATE

Man shoots ex-girlfriend, new beaux; kills self in bar

LAKE WALES — A central Florida man shot his ex-girlfriend and her new boyfriend in a bar before fatally shooting himself, authorities said Monday. Kevin Cooper, 41, of Lake Wales, Florida, had been harassing his exgirlfriend with calls, upset that she had ended their relationship and begun seeing another man, the Polk County Sheriff's Office said.

Cooper went to the Y'all Come Back

Saloon, where he knew his girlfriend would be Saturday night. He approached his ex-girlfriend in the bar and shot at her, grazing her with a bullet. He then shot his ex-girlfriend's new boyfriend, who was sitting at the bar, hitting him twice, the sheriff's office said.

Cooper then shot himself. He was taken to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced dead. The ex-girlfriend's boyfriend was in critical but stable condition at a hospital, according to the sheriff's office.

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Dixie Shores-Crystal Isle to-sewer project on the list. signed

cludes up to \$3 million in spent by the end of 2026. ARPA funding to cover exceed \$6,000. The sewer meeting at the county the only septic-projects would need to have courthouse, 110 N. Apopka construction Ave., Inverness.

However, the list also in- contracts by 2024 with funds

Commissioners will dishomeowner assessments on cuss the issue at their other sewer projects that 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 13,





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For many clients, the Key Center is a lifeline. Many clients are getting older and have parents who are too old to take care of them or who have

"And some have no families at all," Selander told the Chronicle. "They could end up homeless (without the Key Training Center's

Annual scholarships amount to about \$400,000 annually.

The Friday, July 16, dinner will include at least 150 items for silent auction in which bidders write down their bids for items they want to win. Items in the silent auction include a craft cart with supplies, a tailgate wagon and supplies, a gardening kit, wine basket, outdoor chairs, table and heater, and a picnic kit.

Two of the donors are Nature Coast Country radio, 103.3 FM and Nick Nicholas Ford.

The live auction includes a trip for two to Las Weston, a hunting trip to the Ross Hammock Ranch, and a stocked bar cart.

The Reach for the Stars dinner and gaming night will also include The Jake and Elwood Blues Review.

The auction and dinner are expected to raise about \$50,000 after expenses.

Selander said the dinner and other events following July 16 are ing runs. Key Training intended to bring attention to the Key Training Center, the services the nonprofit offer, and the need for funding.

ter's annual budget is year the miles along the \$13 million. Of that, 60% comes from government funding, 30% from the Key Training Center's thrift telephone number 71777. stores, and 10% from public donations.

The Key Training Center canceled most of the dinner last year because of COVID-19, and instead



STEPHEN E. LASKO/Chronicle file

Shirl Elder, left, and Alyson Brennan look over some jewelry in the silent auction at the 37th annual Reach for the Stars dinner and auction. The event kicks off the annual Run for the Money, which is an eight-day fundraiser for the Center.

and takeout meals.

Training Center runners will begin from Florida's Capitol building in Talla-Vegas, a trip to Africa, a hassee and on July 24 finvacation at a resort in ish at the organization's campus in Lecanto. Local runners are invited to join them during the final mile. The runners beginning in Tallahassee will log about 34 miles per day and sleep in hotels along the way at

The Key Training Center also hosts a virtual run for runners who cannot participate here but want to incorporate their exist-Center participants logged 10,217 miles last year. That's most of the circumference of the United States. The virtual run-The Key Training Cen- ners will complete this east coast.

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This is the 45th year of the Run for the Money

Not a runner?

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hosted a virtual auction event on July 24 held at the Key Training Center's On July 19, six Key Lecanto campus The deadline to sign up is July 15. Telephone 352-795-5541, ext. 312 to register.

At about 10:30 a.m. the runners from Tallahassee will arrive at the Key Training Center's senior center, 1311 N. Garnett Miller Loop, at the center's Lecanto campus. There will be water games, music, vendors, food and activities until 2 p.m.

Want to contribute?

The Key Training Center also will host a telethon July 24 on its WYKE Key TV network, channel 16 Spectrum and Comcast. The telethon will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Selander said the July 16 kickoff dinner will have a Las Vegas theme.

This will be the 38th Reach for the Stars dinner.

"So we've been very for-To register for the vir-tunate to have long-term community support," she said.

After skipping the community dinner last year, Selander said, "we're excited to see people, especially or People are invited to clients' families and com-



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Stocks	Reca	p	DOW	HIGH 35.014.90	LOW 34.730.15	CLOSE 34.996.18	CHG +126.02	%CHG +0.36%	YTD +14.34%
	NYSE	NASD	DOW Trans. DOW Util.	14,863.57	14,699.70	14,809.52 897.60	-33.25 +3.40	-0.22% +0.38%	+18.41%
Vol. (in mil.)	3,075	3,562	NYSE Comp.	16,681.65	16,556.68	16,673.14	+39.84	+0.24%	+14.79%
Pvs. Volume	3,192	3,470	NASDAQ	14,760.24	14,673.02	14,733.24	+31.32	+0.21%	+14.31%
Advanced	1441	1727	S&P 500	4,386.68	4,364.03	4,384.63	+15.08	+0.35%	+16.73%
Declined	991	1578	S&P 400	2,716.37	2,688.91	2,713.39	+6.97	+0.26%	+17.63%
New Highs	168	123	Wilshire 5000	45,800.75	45,612.97	45,789.39	+104.50	+0.23%	+16.05%
New Lows	8	26	Russell 2000	2,283.46	2,262.26	2,281.82	+1.82	+0.08%	+15.54%

Stocks of Local Interest

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		5	2-WK RAI	NGE ¢C	LOSE						YTD	1YR		
NAME	TICKER	LO		HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	%CHG	%RTN	P/E	DIV
AT&T Inc	T	26.35	-	33.88	28.48	+.03	+0.1	A	▼	▼	-1.0	+1.1	19	2.08
Ametek Inc	AME	87.22		139.07	136.30	+.83	+0.6	A	A	A	+12.7	+52.1	36	0.80f
Anheuser-Busch InBev	BUD	51.45	─	79.67	69.61	27	-0.4	▼	▼	▼	-0.4	+34.0	33	1.10e
Bank of America	BAC	22.95		43.49	40.63	+.59	+1.5	A	▼	▼	+34.0	+71.0	17	0.72
Capital City Bank	CCBG	17.55		28.98	25.33	33	-1.3	▼	▼	▼	+3.1	+34.8	12	0.60f
Citigroup	С	40.49		80.29	69.44	+.99	+1.4	A	▼	▼	+12.6	+35.2	9	2.04
Disney	DIS	113.37		203.02	184.38	+7.34	+4.1	A	A		+1.8	+48.1		1.76
Duke Energy	DUK	78.95		108.00	101.53	+.87	+0.9	A	▼	A	+10.9	+28.2	57	3.86f
EPR Properties	EPR	20.62		56.07	53.05	+.41	+0.8	A	▼	A	+63.2	+59.0		4.32
Equity Commonwealth	EQC	25.72	-	29.29	27.01	+.21	+0.8	A	▼	•	-1.0	-4.7	СС	2.50e
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	31.11		64.93	61.17	06	-0.1	▼	▼	▼	+48.4	+47.5	78	3.48
Ford Motor	F	6.05		16.46	14.61	+.13	+0.9	A	▼	\blacksquare	+66.2	+130.9	15	
Gen Electric	GE	5.93		14.42	13.11	05	-0.4	▼	▼	▼	+21.4	+88.2	37	0.04
HCA Holdings Inc	HCA	95.00		219.96	220.34	+1.55	+0.7				+34.0	+124.8	20	1.92
Home Depot	HD	246.59		345.69	321.74	35	-0.1	▼	A		+21.1	+30.4	23	6.60
Intel Corp	INTC	43.61	→	68.49	56.73	+.74	+1.3	A	▼		+13.9	-3.2	11	1.39f
IBM	IBM	105.92		152.84	140.92	60	-0.4	▼	▼	\blacksquare	+11.9	+25.1	23	6.56f
LKQ Corporation	LKQ	25.26		51.68	51.39	+.42	+0.8	A	A	A	+45.8	+93.6	29	
Lowes Cos	LOW	135.80		215.22	195.57	+.24	+0.1				+21.8	+43.8	25	3.20f
Lumen Technologies	LUMN	8.51	─	16.60	13.45	06	-0.4	▼	\blacksquare	\blacksquare	+37.9	+44.8		1.00
McDonalds Corp	MCD	184.71	─	238.18	235.61	07		-	▼		+9.8	+28.0	34	5.16f
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	196.25		280.70	277.32	62	-0.2	\blacksquare			+24.7	+31.4	38	2.24
Motorola Solutions	MSI	129.04	─	224.81	223.23	-1.29	-0.6	▼			+31.3	+70.4	39	2.84f
NextEra Energy	NEE	63.85	-	87.69	75.09	+.10	+0.1	•	A		-2.7	+21.0		1.54f
Piedmont Office RT	PDM	11.26		20.35	19.25	+.50	+2.7	•	▼		+18.6	+22.8	10	0.84
Regions Fncl	RF	10.08		23.81	20.03	+.16	+0.8	A	▼	\blacksquare	+24.3	+89.5	13	0.62
Smucker, JM	SJM	104.29		140.65	130.40	45	-0.3	▼	▼	•	+12.8	+27.1	16	3.96f
Texas Instru	TXN	125.43		197.58	191.92	+1.65	+0.9	A	A	\blacksquare	+16.9	+48.7	34	3.60
UniFirst Corp	UNF	160.70		258.86	220.50	-1.72	-0.8	▼	▼	•	+4.2	+27.6	32	1.00
Verizon Comm	VZ	53.83	→ —	61.95	56.15	+.08	+0.1	A	•	•	-4.4	+6.2	13	2.52
Vodafone Group	VOD	13.14		20.36	16.84	+.17	+1.0	A	•	•	+2.2	+10.6	СС	0.97e
WalMart Strs	WMT	126.28		153.66	140.05	25	-0.2	•	▼	▼	-2.8	+13.9	32	2.20f
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	33.36	-	57.05	47.55	+.14	+0.3	A	▼	•	+19.2	+14.9	18	1.87

Dividend Footnotes: a - Extra dividends were paid, but are not included. b - Annual rate plus stock. c - Liquidating dividend. e - Amount declared or paid in las 12 months. f - Current annual rate, which was increased by most recent dividend announcement. i - Sum of dividends paid after stock split, no regular rate. j - Sun of dividends paid this year. Most recent dividend was omitted or deferred. k - Declared or paid this year, a cumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m - Curren annual rate, which was decreased by most recent dividend announcement. p - Initial dividend, annual rate not known, yield not shown. r - Declared or paid in preceding 12 months plus stock dividend. t - Paid in stock, approximate cash value on ex-distribution date.

PE Footnotes: q - Stock is a closed-end fund - no P/E ratio shown. c - P/E exceeds 99. dd - Loss in last 12 months.

Interestrates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 1.36% Monday Yields affect rates on mort gages and other consumer loans.

	PRIME RATE	FED FUNDS	
LAST	3.25	.13	
6 MO AGO	3.25	.13	

TREASURIES	LAST	PVS	CHG	AGO
3-month T-bill	.05	.06	-0.01	.13
6-month T-bill	.05	.05		.14
52-wk T-bill	.06	.07	-0.01	.15
2-year T-note	.23	.23		.15
5-year T-note	.81	.79	+0.02	.29
7-year T-note	1.13	1.12	+0.01	.48
10-year T-note	1.36	1.35	+0.01	.63
30-year T-bond	1.99	1.98	+0.01	1.32

CONSUMER RATES	NAT'L AVG		6MO AGO	1YR AGO
48 month new car loan	4.12 ▲	4.11	4.01	4.03
Money market account	0.08 -	0.08	0.08	0.10
1 year CD	0.29 ▼	0.30	0.30	0.38
\$30K Home equity loan	4.68 -	4.68	4.68	4.75
30 year fixed mortgage	3 03 ▼	3.07	3.07	2 93

Commodities
Energy futures
mostly fell Mon-
day, including
0.6% drops in
the price of U.S.
crude oil and
wholesale gaso-
line. Natural gas
rose. Gold and
copper fell. Silver

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FUELS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	74.10	74.56	-0.62	+52.7
Ethanol (gal)	2.32	2.32		+61.9
Heating Oil (gal)	2.15	2.16	-0.25	+44.9
Natural Gas (mm btu)	3.75	3.67	+2.04	+47.7
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.28	2.29	-0.65	+59.9
METALS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Gold (oz)	1805.50	1810.00	-0.25	-4.6
Silver (oz)	26.22	26.21	+0.02	-0.4
Platinum (oz)	1121.70	1094.40	+2.49	+4.3
Copper (lb)	4.32	4.35	-0.68	+23.0
Palladium (oz)	2857.50	2810.20	+1.68	+16.7
AGRICULTURE	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Cattle (lb)	1.20	1.19	+0.50	+6.1
Coffee (lb)	1.54	1.52	+1.68	+20.0
Corn (bu)	6.69	6.30	+6.27	+38.3
Cotton (lb)	0.88	0.88	+0.51	+12.9
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	685.00	702.50	-2.49	-21.7
Orange Juice (lb)	1.24	1.25	-0.44	+0.9
Soybeans (bu)	14.33	14.04	+2.03	+8.9
Wheat (bu)	6.35	6.09	+4.35	-0.9
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American Funds	AmrcnBalA m	32.99	+.09	+10.5	+22.0 +11.5	+10.8	~~
	CptWldGrIncA	m 65.48	+.18	+11.2	+31.1 +12.3	+12.9	60
	CptlIncBldrA n	n 68.94	+.21	+10.7	+22.6 +8.3	+7.0	A 52
	FdmtlInvsA m	77.19	+.16	+15.3	+36.6 +14.9	+15.6	\$15.94
	GrfAmrcA m	75.79	+.22	+12.2	+36.5 +19.7	+20.5	Vol.: 5.1m (1
	IncAmrcA m	26.01	+.07	+11.9	+26.2 +9.9	+8.9	Mkt. Cap: \$2
	InvCAmrcA m	50.70	+.10	+15.8	+33.6 +13.9	+14.0	Witt. Oup. 42
	NwPrspctvA m	67.64	+.31	+11.8	+39.6 +19.5	+18.9	Johnson 8
	WAMtInvsA m	56.57	+.24	+17.1	+36.9 +14.0	+14.3	Close: \$169.
Dodge & Cox	Inc	14.37		-0.3	+3.0 +6.4	+4.4	J&J's vaccin
	Stk	240.12	+.68	+26.4	+58.7 +14.8	+16.7	possible risk
Fidelity	500ldxlnsPrm	152.19	+.53	+17.6	+39.8 +18.3	+17.5	ly dangerous
-	BCGrowth	189.12	+.41	+16.0	+48.3 +29.7	+29.0	health officia
	Contrafund	19.19	+.06	+17.1	+34.0 +20.1	+21.6	\$180
	GroCo	38.53	+.05	+17.2	+48.8 +30.6	+30.5	170
	TtlMktldxInsPri	m 126.01	+.33	+17.1	+42.8 +18.2	+17.6	160
	USBdldxlnsPrr	n 12.17		-1.3	-0.6 +5.4	+3.0	150
Schwab	SP500ldx	67.31		+17.2	+40.8 +18.4	+17.6	A
T. Rowe Price	BCGr	190.70	+.16	+15.2	+31.4 +20.9	+23.8	\$133.65
Vanguard	500ldxAdmrl	404.88	+1.39	+17.6	+39.8 +18.3	+17.5	
_	DivGrInv	37.21	+.02	+13.4	+34.7 +16.9	+14.7	Vol.: 7.8m (1
	GrldxAdmrl	151.21	+.32	+16.2	+39.1 +24.9	+22.9	Mkt. Cap: \$4
	InTrTEAdmrl	14.90		+1.4	+4.0 +4.9	+3.1	Occidenta
	IntlGrAdmrl	168.92	+1.01	+5.4	+37.6 +22.3	+22.9	Close: \$29.9
	MdCpldxAdmrl	296.59	+.17	+16.3	+45.9 +15.8	+15.2	Oil prices ed
	PrmCpAdmrl	182.02	+.60	+18.3		+19.7	down energy
	STInvmGrdAdr	mrl 10.97	01	+0.4	+2.1 +4.2	+2.8	
	SmCpldxAdmr	107.76	+.10	+16.2	+56.4 +13.6	+15.1	
	TtBMldxAdmrl	11.36		-1.2	-0.4 +5.5	+3.0	\$35
	TtlnSldxAdmrl	35.28	+.10	+9.8	+32.1 +9.4	+10.7	30
	TtlnSldxlnv	21.09	+.06	+9.8	+32.0 +9.3	+10.6	25 ~~~
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StoryStocks

Banks led stocks to modest gains on Wall Street Monday. nudging the major stock indexes to more record highs ahead of a busy week of earnings reports from big U.S. companies. The S&P 500, which has notched three straight weekly gains, hit a new high.

CONSUMER RATES	NAT'L AVG	WK AGO	6MO	1YR AGO	Close: \$50.22 ▲ 32.96 or 191.0% Liberty Mutual is buying the insurance company for about \$2.29 bil-
48 month new car loan	4.12 ▲	4.11	4.01	4.03	lion.
Money market account	0.08 -	0.08	0.08	0.10	\$60
1 year CD	0.29 ▼	0.30	0.30	0.38	40
\$30K Home equity loan	4.68 -	4.68	4.68	4.75	20
30 year fixed mortgage	3.03 ▼	3.07	3.07	2.93	0
15 year fixed mortgage	2.37 ▼	2.39	2.35	2.38	A M J J 52-week range
					\$12.07 • \$51.51
de Oil (bbl) 74.10	PVS 74.56	-(CHG 0.62	%YTD +52.7	Vol.: 2.7m (64.8x avg.) PE: 167.4 Mkt. Cap: \$2.2 b Yield: 0.8 %

State Auto Financial

Mkt. Cap: \$2.2 b	Yield:	0.8
Virgin Galactic	5	SPC
Close: \$40.69 ▼-8.51 c	or -17.39	%
The spaceflight compa	ny said	it
could sell up to \$500 m	illion of	its

stock

Mkt. Cap: \$9.8 b L Brands

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Company Spotlight Virgin loses altitude

Shares of Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic fell clos to Earth after the company announced that it would sell up to

\$500 million in stock. The company announced the plans a day after Branson briefly rocketed into space, with much fanfare, aboard Virgin's winged space plane. It was the company's highest-profile flight ye as it looks to begin taking up paying customers on expensive joy rides next year



Trading in Virgin Galactic's stock was briefly halted as traders absorbed news of the stock offering. It sank 17.3% on the day, but it's

still up 71.5% so far this year. The company said it plans to use the proceeds of the sale to fund manufacturing, develop its spaceship fleet and make infrastructure improvements, among other expenses, according to a regulatory filing. Virgin Galactic already has more than 600 reservations from would-be space tourists.

Virgin Galactic (SPCE) Monday's close: \$40.69, -8.51 Total return 3-vrs* SPCE 111.4% 59.7 44.5 **52-WEEK RANGE** Price-earnings ratio: Lost money Market cap: \$11.8 billion

Stocks notch more records ahead of earnings reports

DAMIAN J. TROISE AND ALEX VEIGA Associated Press

Street Monday, nudging the major stock indexes to of a busy week of corporate earnings reports from big U.S. companies.

0.3% after bouncing back from an early stumble. The benchmark index, which has notched three straight weekly gains, hit a new high, as did the Dow Jones Industrial Average and Nasdaq composite. The indexes have managed multiple new highs despite choppy trading in recent weeks.

Banks, communication stocks and companies that rely on consumer spending accounted for much of the S&P 500's broad gains. A mix of companies selling household goods fell. Energy stocks also closed lower, following a pullback in U.S. crude oil prices. Trading was muted overall, with a few stocks making big moves on little

on a wave of earnings reports coming out this to \$500 million in stock. week. Investors will be closely watching what companies say about the

have a clearer view ahead.

"The market has an expectation for the economy Banks led stocks to and interest rates and it's modest gains on Wall a matter of whether company's are going to acknowledge this or are more record highs ahead they going to be cautious," said Scott Wren, senior global market strategist at Wells Fargo Investment The S&P 500 gained Institute. "The market would like to see some certainty."

The S&P 500 index rose 15.08 points to 4,384.63. The Dow added 126.02 points, or 0.4%, to 34,996.18, while the Nasdaq gained 31.32 points, or 0.2%, to 14,733.24.

Small-company stocks lagged the rest of the market. The Russell 2000 index slipped 1.82 points, or 0.1%, to 2,281.83.

Treasury yields moved higher. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 1.37% from 1.35% late Friday.

L Brands rose 4.2% after the company's board Recession. approved splitting the Victoria's Secret and Bath & Body Works units into two separate companies. Virgin Galactic fell 17.3% after it followed up a sucday with plans to sell up

off this week. The big Wall be increasingly difficult Street banks report their future, now that the econ-results starting Tuesday, these high stock prices omy is shaking off the beginning with JPMorgan and record market worst impact from the Chase and Goldman valuations.

pandemic and companies Sachs. Also reporting this week will be Bank of America, Citigroup and Wells Fargo. A handful of other big companies report this week, including Delta Air Lines, PepsiCo and UnitedHealth Group.

Expectations are high this quarter for publicly traded companies. The pandemic is waning, and all of the United States effectively reopened again in the last quarter as vaccine availability became widespread. Investors will be looking to see not only what sort of profits these companies brought in the last three months, but also what their outlook is now that things are normalizing.

Corporate earnings are expected to be up 64% from a year earlier, according to FactSet. That would be the biggest yearover-year growth since 2009, when corporate profits started recovering from

Ultimately investors are going to need these companies to deliver this season. Stocks have risen sharply in the past year on the backs of expecta-Wall Street is focusing cessful spaceflight Sun- tions that corporate profits would rebound once the pandemic ends. With-Earnings season kicks out strong profits, it will for investors to justify

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PHILANTHROPIC PINTS

Give blood so others can live

THE ISSUE:

Local blood

supplier urgently

needs donations.

OUR OPINION:

If you

can donate,

please do.

this country needs blood ing the hospital will need every two seconds. Maybe it blood. Many cancer patients

or family member. It could mean life or death.

We take for granted that if we need blood it will be there. But blood supply management is not as easy as "ordering more from the factory." Blood and platelets cannot be

manufactured. They can most common reasons cited only come from volunteer by those who don't give blood donors.

It's a major challenge to As we struggle to emerge blood of the proper type, where and when people need it, and it's especially challenging in the summer. A further complicating factor is the current uptick in orders from hospitals, where people who postponed elective surgery during the height of the pandemic are now doing it.

Citrus County is not alone in needing more blood donations — there's a national blood shortage. Locally, the nonprofit LifeSouth Community Blood Center is urging venient as possible to docommunity members to donate, and soon.

There is no substitute for blood. The average donor has about 10 pints of blood in their body. A typical dona-LifeSouth says can save up nearest you, and plan to go to three lives. A single car donate.

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chemotherapy treatment.

About 38% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, but less than 10% of them do. The Red Cross says that most people who donate do it because they want to help others. One of the

is, "I never thought about it."

ensure that there's enough from the COVID-19 pandemic, potential donors may have questions. Those who have been vaccinated with the J&J. Pfizer or Moderna vaccines are eligible, so long as they are symptom-free and feeling well at the time of donation. LifeSouth donors get a thank-you gift and a mini-physical including blood pressure, temperature, iron level and cholesterol screen. In addition, donors feel good about helping to save lives.

LifeSouth makes it as connate, with its center in Lecanto plus a full countywide schedule for its Bloodmobile. It's also looking for organizations to host blood drives. Check the website for tion is one pint — which the mobile collection event

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- For a convenient visual, click "Map Based" in the left-hand column — you'll see bubbles for all the mobile collection sites with dates and hours. Or, go directly to the map with this address: https://donors.lifesouth.org/donor/schedules/geo
- LifeSouth's Regional Center is at 1241 S. Lecanto Highway (County Road 491) in Lecanto. Phone is 352-527-3061. It's open seven days, with shorter hours on weekends. The toll-free number is 888-795-2707.
- Make a contribution to help fund construction of a new animal shelter in Citrus County, and 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.

\\ to the Editor

Masks are worn in cautious sensibility

There were comments in Sound Off recently where the challenged among us say folks who still wear masks in public are living in fear.

To begin with, we live in an area where many folks go unvaccinated because they are living in fear. It is truly sad so many among us are listening to the conspiracy theories that are being constantly spread on social media.

What is wrong with these people? Why don't they understand the virus is still with us. Also, because of the variants, especially the Delta variant, it is spread more easily and there is a higher chance of being hospitalized and less a chance of survival.

To wear a mask in public is far from showing fear, but actually shows the person has logic and common sense.

Also, why would the Chronicle give a voice to people spreading this nonsense?

> **Barry Stine** Homosassa

Separate fact from opinion

I was disappointed when I read Michael Bates' article "Pine Ridge couple feel the effects of short-staffed restaurants."

I'm not disputing the fact that restaurants are having a hard time attracting employees. I agree, but I think it is inaccurate and disingenuous of Bates to blame "hefty

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federal government stimulus money" for all the vacancies.

Perhaps these jobs are vacant because they don't provide benefits, or the person can't afford safe child care or because the hours don't fit into their child-care schedule. There could be a lack of work-life balance or even fear of catching COVID-19 because many of us have not had the vaccine. There are lots of reasons for not taking a job besides a questionable hefty unemployment check.

So how "hefty" is the "government stimulus money? Right now, Florida unemployment is \$275 a week. The

Feds threw in another \$300, but states are quickly canceling the extra federal money, and by the end of July, Florida will be paying \$275 a week again. Once that money disappears, according to Bates, we should see a significant increase in employment.

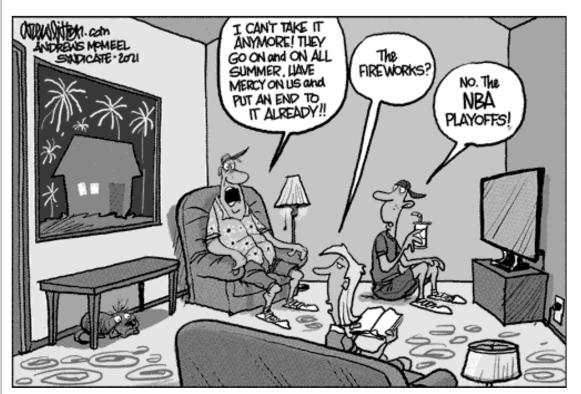
Unfortunately, we did not see an increase in employment when the government stopped the additional \$600 a week in unemployment earlier in the year. If the loss of "hefty federal stimulus money" drove people toward work, it didn't happen.

Most economists have discredited the idea that unemployment insurance benefits suppress job searching. For example, last June (2021), a study published by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago found that "those currently receiving UI benefits search intensely for new work at a somewhat more significant level than those not receiving benefits."

Likewise, Peter Ganong of the University of Chicago found that \$600 weekly supplements didn't decrease employment very much (now that amount is \$300 a week and will be eliminated this month). Other studies have said the same thing; improved unemployment benefits don't stop people from searching and taking jobs.

Mr. Bates needs to separate his opinion from facts particularly when writing a news article.

> **Thomas Mitchell** Inverness



Wondering where the gun went

I appreciate that headline about the naked man and the gun (Wednesday, June 23, Page A2, "Naked man arrested on firearm charges"). Made me wonder where he put it. I read the whole story. I guess he got a T-shirt before his mug shot was taken because at least that's the way it appeared in the paper. But I just appreciate the chuckle and it making me read the story. It was good and just crazy stuff happens out there. You never know.

Kids belong in school for supervision

(Re the Thursday, June 24, front-page story) "Third grade test scores drop," and they're blaming COVID-19 for it. Well, yeah, if they're not in the classroom where the teacher cannot see you physically doing the work, they can't see you're not doing the work and tell you to do the work. The kids belong in school. The only way to learn is in school. So open the schools, get them back in there and you'll get the grades up.

Cable bill keeps going up

I am a senior citizen living here in Inverness. I barely exist on Social Security, as that's my only income. I cannot believe that (a cable TV service)

is allowed to increase. Every time you turn around, you get

a message that your bill has gone up. How can they expect people who are seniors to afford this? Are we expected not to eat or not to have a TV and just sit and look at the four walls all day and wait in God's waiting room? What a disgrace. Seniors, we

need to stick

It's time to crack down on dangerous driving

I'd like to sound off about the drivers in this county, Citrus County. I see more drivers driving with one headlight out who never get stopped by a deputy. I see cars driving with no brake lights that function. I've even seen a deputy parked right behind a car with no brake lights on and never got out of the car to issue a summons to that driver. And the speeders are just rampant. Let's crack down on drivers with one headlight out, speeding, no brake lights. We have to crack down on the dangerous drivers. Since there's no car inspections in this state, we have to do something to correct the situation.

Need some python hunt updates

I was just wondering when and if you are going to have a follow-up on how the python hunt went down south. I'm

really interested to know how many snakes were caught and the winners and everything.

Homosassa Bank of America open

Homosassa Bank of America is now open Monday, Wednesday, Friday — FYI.

Where's the turnaround for others

It's amazing that these drug companies made a vaccine for this virus within 12 months or less, but yet HIV, they've been working on it for 40 years and no vaccine, and cancer for over 100 years and even the common cold and no vaccine for them. So how did they come up with this miraculous (vaccine)? Of course it is not an approved vaccine; it's an experimental vaccine. ... The drug companies are making billions of dollars off of it, too. But still, how come they can come out with this one so quick, but yet the other ones they're still working on forever and don't come out with nothing? It's amazing...

Aluminum flip tops to share

I have a 2-pound coffee can with aluminum flip tops. If anybody would like to have them, would you please put your telephone number in the Sound Off section and I'll call you? Like I said, they are the flip tops off of aluminum cans and I have them in a 2-pound coffee can. Have a good day. Stay safe.

Wondering where the gauge is

I actually read the weather stats in the paper. First, I don't care what the record temperature was at Tampa International Airport. I live in Citrus County. Second, where is the rain gauge located? Is it on a patio under an umbrella? On June 24, the stat was .53 inches of rain (Page A4, Friday, June 25). I recorded 1.82 inches. My gauge is on a bench in the open back vard. The total for June was listed at 3.5 inches. I recorded 12.82. Where is the weather station located?

Children are taught the words

I'd like to sound off. I'm the person who called in about children spelling out words on a filthy sign. They don't know the words. They spell them out when they see them and ask, "Mommy, what does that mean?" or "Daddy, what does that mean?" That's what I was saying in the Sound Off, "How do you think they know these words, hmm?" I bet you're the one that's got the filthy sign. I'm speaking to the person that called in the Sound Off (Friday, June 25, Page A8, "New shelter greatly needed"). Thank you for letting me sound off. You all stay safe.

No voting sticker, thanks

This is in response to the person that called in Sound Off about the polling places and people calling them about promises that the politicians will make until they get into office (Friday, June 25, Page A9, "Disconnect after polling is done"). I was coming out of the polling place. ... A woman said, "Do you want your sticker, 'I voted'"? I said, "No, I don't want it." She said.

"Didn't you vote?" I said, "No, I couldn't find an honest politician."

Sound OFF

Put ego aside once in a while

It's really sad those who are involved in trying to preserve Crystal River are out for their own personal agenda.

The closer Aldi's is, the better

Re a Sound Off on Friday, June 25, Page A9 ("Aldi's would be more than nice"): I am also a faithful, once-a-month shopper at Aldi's in Ocala taking the long 45-minute drive, including the dangerous entrance to (State Road) 200. Thought you may like to know that an Aldi's had a grand opening last week at 11223 N. Williams St, Dunnellon, which is a much safer 30-minute drive. Haven't been yet, but definitely will be my next Aldi's trip.

Tire marking a good idea

I am calling regarding Friday, June 25's Sound Off (Page A9) wherein the caller stated to be sure to mark your tires when you take them in for rotation because many times they say they rotate them, but they do not. I had a similar situation happen to me at a dealership. I wish I could say the name of the dealership. They went ahead and did the rotation without my approval and then I told them I wasn't going to pay for it. So I appreciate your input and thank you very much.

Not the language we're speaking

You know, with social media I've grown accustomed to "your," "you're," "its," "it's," with apostrophes and without, improperly used. But I don't understand "seen." "I seen it." "She seen it

yesterday." "Seen" — do people really speak like that? Do people really say, "I seen this, I seen that, she seen this"? Not in my world.

It ain't over 'til it's over

There's a saying, "It ain't over until it's over." For the love of sweet Jesus, will you folks that aren't vaccinated, running around without masks, ever realize it ain't over?

Too much of the same fast food

I'm really disappointed to see a (fast-food restaurant) going up down on U.S. 19 and (U.S.) 98. Was kind of hoping they were going to put a Cracker Barrel there. It was a nice, big piece of land. We have too many fast-food restaurants and not enough family dining.

Cut scallop season a little

If you want to improve life on Homosassa River, why don't we cut scallop season back to just four weeks and not worry about the almighty dollar coming into the area?

Calling about road repair

I'd like to know what number I can contact regarding a specific road that needs repair. Perhaps you could publish it somewhere in the paper so that we could all know.

Editor's note: Who to contact depends on the location of the road. If it's a county road, you may contact public works at 352-795-1666.

Had enough of the bottling

This is another "stop the bottling companies." When the sinkhole opens up after they've sucked the water dry, then are you going to stop them?

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Police out in force



Police stand guard near the National Capitol building in Havana, Cuba, Monday, July 12, the day after protests against food shortages and high prices amid the coronavirus crisis.

Day after protests rock Cuba, authorities increase patrols

ANDREA RODRIGUEZ Associated Press

HAVANA — Large contingents capital of Havana on Monday following rare protests around the island nation against food shortcoronavirus crisis. Cuba's president said the demonstrations

Many young people took part in the Sunday protests in Havana, which disrupted traffic until police moved in after several hours and broke up the march when a few protesters threw rocks.

economic crisis in decades, along with a resurgence of coronavirus cases, as it suffers the Donald Trump's administration.

The demonstrations in Havana ages and high prices amid the and other communities around the tightly controlled country marked some of the biggest diswere stirred up on social media plays of antigovernment sentiby Cuban Americans in the ment in decades, and authorities appeared determined to put a stop to them. Internet service was also spotty, possibly indicating an effort to prevent protesters from from the decades of repression communicating with each other.

"We've seen how the campaign against Cuba was growing on social media in the past few Biden said.

Cuba is going through its worst weeks," President Miguel Díaz-Canel said Monday in a nationally televised appearance in which his entire Cabinet was of Cuban police patrolled the consequences of U.S. sanctions also present. "That's the way it's imposed by former President done: Try to create inconformity, dissatisfaction by manipulating emotions and feelings.

In a statement Monday, U.S. President Joe Biden said Cuban protesters were asserting their basic rights.

'We stand with the Cuban people and their clarion call for freedom and relief from the tragic grip of the pandemic and and economic suffering to which they have been subjected by Cuba's authoritarian regime,'

Summer camps hit with COVID

Some worry outbreaks could foreshadow school reopenings

HOLLINGSWORTH. **K**ANTELE FRANKO AND LINDSEY **TANNER** Associated Press

The U.S. has seen a string of COVID-19 outbreaks tied to summer camps in recent weeks in places such as Texas, Illinois, Florida, Missouri and Kansas, in what some fear could be a preview of the upcoming school year.

In some cases the outbreaks have spread from the camp to the broader community.

The clusters have come as the number of newly confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S. has reversed course, surging more than 60% over the past two weeks from an average of about 12,000

The rise in many places mately tested negative. has been blamed on too ple and the highly contagious delta variant.

Gwen Ford, a 43-yearold science teacher from Adrian, Missouri, was cautiously optimistic when she eyed the dropping case numbers in the spring and signed up her 12-yearold daughter for the West Central Christian Service

But one day after the girl got home from a week of playing in the pool, worshipping with friends and bunking in a dormitory, Ford got an email about an outbreak and then learned that her daughter's camp buddy was infected.

wasnerve-wracking. It kind of seems like we finally felt a day to around 19,500, ac- comfortable and it hap-

that her daughter ulti- said. "You have people who

Ford said she definitely many unvaccinated peo- plans to get her daughter cold. You have people who much time between the start of camp and the govthe Pfizer vaccine for 12- to 15-vear-olds in May.

A note posted on the camp's Facebook page showed that the camp nurse and several other staff members and volunteers were among those infected. Staff members at the camp did not return a

call for comment. trator of the public health tions for adults and for agency in surrounding campers who are old Pettis County, lamented enough, and would take the difficulty in getting people to take the virus seriously vaccinated.

cording to data from Johns pened," Ford said, adding since the first case," she to wear masks indoors.

still say it is not real. You nave people wno say it is a vaccinated but hadn't done say what is the big deal. You so because there wasn't have people who say it is all a government plot.

Dr. William Schaffner, a ernment's authorization of Vanderbilt University infectious disease specialist, said he isn't surprised by the outbreaks as camps reopen this year after being closed last summer. He said he had his doubts that some camps "thought through all the implications of camping during

Ideally, he said, camps JoAnn Martin, adminis- would require vaccinaother measures such as serving meals in shifts, putting fewer youngsters in the cabins and requir-"It has been a challenge ing anyone unvaccinated

Nation/World BRIEFS

Lebanon



Supporters of families who had relatives killed in last year's massive blast at Beirut's seaport, hold placards during a protest in support of legal action near the blast scene, in Beirut, Lebanon, Monday, July 12.

FDA adds warning of rare reaction risk to J&J vaccine

WASHINGTON - U.S. regulators on Monday added a new warning to Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine about links to a rare and potentially dangerous neurological reaction, but said it's not entirely clear the shot caused the problem.

The Food and Drug Administration announced the new warning, flagging reports of Guillain-Barre syndrome, an immune system disorder that can causes muscle weakness and occasionally paralysis. Health officials described the side effect as a "small possible risk" for those getting the

The action comes after the FDA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reviewed reports of about 100 people developing the syndrome after receiving the one-dose vaccine. Almost all of them required hospitalization and one person died, the FDA said.

Guillain-Barre syndrome occurs when the body's immune system mistakenly attacks some of its nerve cells, causing muscle weakness and sometimes paralysis that typically is temporary. An estimated 3,000 to 6,000 people develop the syndrome each year, according to the CDC.

The number of cases reported in connection with J&J's vaccine represents a tiny fraction of the nearly 13 million Americans who have received the one-dose shot. Most cases were reported in men — many 50 years old and up — and usually about two weeks after vaccination.

Texas Democrats leave state to try to stop GOP

AUSTIN, Texas - Democrats in the Texas Legislature on Monday bolted for Washington, D.C., and said they were ready to remain there for weeks in a second revolt against a GOP overhaul of election laws, forcing a dramatic new showdown over voting rights in America.

Private planes carrying a large group of Democrats took off from an airport in Austin, skipping town just days before the Texas House of Representatives was expected to take up sweeping new voting restrictions in a special legislative session ordered by Republican Gov. Greg Abbott.

By leaving, Democrats again deny the GOP majority a quorum to pass bills, barely a month after a walkout thwarted the first push for sweeping new voting restrictions in Texas, including outlawing 24-hour polling places, banning ballot drop boxes and empowering partisan poll watchers.

Suspect in Haiti president killing deepens mystery

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - The arrest of a failed Haitian businessman living in Florida who authorities say was a key player in the

killing of Haiti's president deepened the mystery Monday into an already convoluted plot surrounding the assassination.

Haitian authorities identified the suspect as Christian Emmanuel Sanon, 62, who once expressed a desire to lead his country in a You-Tube video. However he is unknown in Haitian political circles, and associates suggested he was duped by those really behind the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse in an attack last week that critically wounded his wife, Martine, who remains hospitalized in Miami.

A Florida friend of Sanon told The Associated Press that the suspect is an evangelical Christian pastor and a licensed physician in Haiti, but not in the U.S. The associate, who spoke on condition of anonymity out of safety concerns, said Sanon told him he was approached by people claiming to represent the U.S. State and Justice departments who wanted to install him as president.

Macron orders all health workers to get vaccinated

PARIS — French President Emmanuel Macron on Monday ordered all French health care workers to get virus vaccine shots by Sept. 15 and urged all of his compatriots to get vaccinated as soon as possible, to fight resurgent infections that are threatening the country's economic recovery.

In a televised address. Macron also mandated special COVID-19 passes for anvone who wants to go to a restaurant, shopping mall or hospital or get on a train or plane. To get a pass, people must have proof they're fully vaccinated, or recently recovered from the virus, or have taken a fresh negative virus test.

The delta variant is driving France's virus infections back up again, just as the country kicked off summer vacation season after a longawaited reopening. Some 40% of France's population is fully inoculated.

US pulls visas of 100 Nicaraguan legislators, judges

MANAGUA, Nicaragua -The U.S. State Department announced Monday it is revoking the travel visas of 100 legislators, judges and prosecutors who aided the regime of President Daniel Ortega.

The department said the visa cancellations came in response to the arrests by Ortega's Sandinista government of at least 26 members of the opposition and most potential candidates in the Nov. 7 elections.

The department accused the officials and their family members of having "advanced the Ortega-Murillo regime's assault on democracy."

The measure targets "those with responsibility for, or complicity in, the suppression of peaceful protests or abuse of human rights, and the immediate family members of such persons."

From wire reports

Biden seeks balance on rising crime President's support for police at odds with new calls for reform

JONATHAN LEMIRE, MICHAEL **BALSAMO AND** COLLEEN LONG Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Facing rising fears of summer violence, President Joe Biden is embarking on a political high-wire act, trying to balance his strong backing for law enforcement with the police removement championed by many of his supporters.

His focus Monday was

Biden met at the White House with urban leaders — including Eric Adams, the heavy favorite to be the next mayor of increased shootings, as stabilizing forces of the Democrats warily watch pandemic, and polls

Though limited to what matter of concern for can be done at the federal level, Biden promised to support efforts on the ground to combat

'We know when we utilize trusted community members and encourage more community policing, we can intervene before the violence erupts," the president said.

The meeting was the second in just three weeks, underscoring the political concern crime has become for Democrats as they look to protect their thin margins in Congress. Big city mayors and lawmakers have sounded the alarm on the rise in crime, be-New York City — about lieved partly fueled by de-

a surge across the nation. suggest it is an increasing progressives' efforts to remany Americans.

> White House aides believe that Biden, with his long legislative record on is not easy to paint as soft on the issue. And the president has been clear that he is opposed to the "defund the police" movement, which has been effectively used against some Democrats to paint and reforming the police them anti-law as enforcement.

> The president promoted the money for policing in his COVID-19 relief bill and, reflecting on his nearly four decades in the Senate, declared that election voters until No-'Most of my career has been on this issue."

has also tried to boost

form policing and has backed a bill that, after initial promise, has stalled in the Senate.

Crime has become a crime as a former senator, major Republican talking point and has been a frequent topic of conversation on conservative media.

> That's where Biden's balancing act comes in. While combating crime

don't inherently have to be at odds, the two efforts have been increasingly billed that way. And the presence in the White House meeting of Adams, who doesn't face general vember, was symbolic of the administration's ef-At the same time, Biden fort to find a middle

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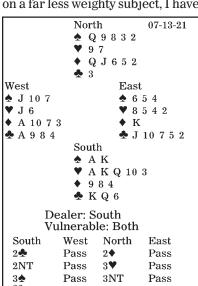
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Stephen Hawking said in an interview with The Guardian newspaper in England, "If human life were long enough to find the ultimate theory, everything would have been solved by previous generations. Nothing would be left to be discovered."

I guess it is true that if Neanderthal man had had a life expectancy of, say, 120 years, civilization would have progressed much quicker. But on a far less weighty subject, I have



Opening lead: ??

a theory about this deal. Look at the South hand.

Law & Order "Acid" (In Law & Order "Bible

You open two clubs and rebid two no-trump. North transfers into spades, then bids three no-trump.

What would you do now? At least 40 years ago, I faced this

same predicament. Worried that I would never get to my partner's hand in no-trump, I retreated to four spades, despite holding only ace-king doubleton. This worked perfectly. Three notrump was hopeless and four

spades unbeatable. So, when I faced an identical problem in this deal, I ran to four

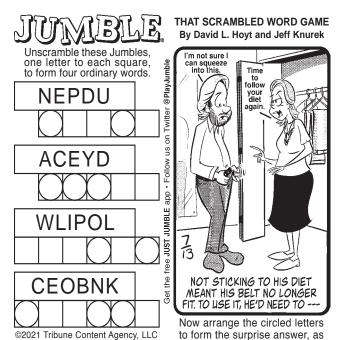
spades. Note that if I had passed out three no-trump, West probably would have led the diamond three. East would have shifted to the club iack, and I would have gone down. (Even after a club lead, I fail if, after cashing my spades and leading a diamond, West has the cour-

age to play low.) Four spades goes down if West leads the diamond ace (or a low diamond!), gives partner a diamond ruff, gets back in with the club ace and delivers a second ruff.

At the time, though, West led the club ace, cashed the diamond ace and gave East a ruff.

I took the rest.

With doubleton ace-king, correct from three no-trump to four of partner's major.



Law & Order "Heart of Darkness" '14'

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Law & Order "Magnet"

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Jumbles: SNACK HUMID SEQUEL INWARD Yesterday's Answer: Even though the sun doesn't sleep, it does — RISE AND SHINE

Annıe offers advice

ear Annie: I believe the most valuable lesson my father instilled in me was to do one good deed every day. He always told my sisters and me that we would have a truly meaningful life if we practiced that.

He didn't give us everything we asked for, but he did encourage us to share some of our toys, books and more with

other neighborhood kids in need.

Ι remember D a d worked a full-time job and helped m mother with housework, but

he would



DEAR ANNIE

always take time to give someone a lift, mow a lawn or help a farmer with chores (my father loved farming). Thank you, Dad. I still follow your good example every day. Your Loving Daughter

Dear Loving Daughter: Your father sounds like a wonderful man. A truly happy life is not about one big life event that happens; it is about living each day to the fullest, and the best way to do that is to do good for others. Thank you for sharing your father's wisdom and example.

Dear Annie: I was married for 28 years to a man who was incredibly emotionally abusive. He came and went as if our home were a hotel, and he cheated on me with other women.

It took me a long time to "find the door" to leave, but I got a master's degree while going to school at night and got a teaching job, which allowed me the independence to leave. Besides being abusive, he would use our money for himself. He bought cars and other items while we struggled with basic needs.

Fast forward 20 years. I am now retired, but I struggle with trust in relationships, and I am experiencing some post-traumatic stress disorder. However, I am proud to have moved on and am doing my best. My ex remarried, and his second wife left him for basically the same reasons I did. I have never remarried.

As of July, he is on his third wife. My children are having their children call her "Grandma." I am brokenhearted. My grandchildren will not be able to differentiate between this new wife and me. After I raised them in such adverse circumstances, they do not care how I feel. I have asked them to call her by her first name or another nickname.

They care more about her feelings than mine.

Should brand-new step-grandparents be called "Grandma"? Additionally, some of them live in the same town, while I have retired to another state. I am seriously brokenhearted. Sad Grandma

Dear Sad Grandma: Everyone reading your letter feels your pain. You have every right to be sad about this situation. Your children have taken their father's side in this, possibly out of fear.

The good news is that wife number three will probably not last, and the whole family knows who the real grandma

Tell your children how much this hurts you, but also stress that you love them and your grandchildren and nothing should interfere with that. In the long run, nothing will.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@ creators.com.

LOCAL SUPPORT

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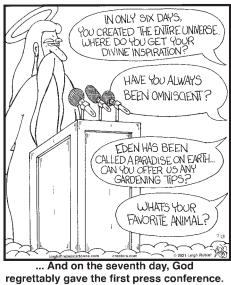




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"Boy, you'd think I thought up that word ALL BY MYSELF. ??

The Family Circus

"A lake is like the ocean's little brother."

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l oday's **MOVIES**

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

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE. Citrus Cinemas 6 Inverness; 844-462-7342 Code 187 Tuesday, July 13

"Black Widow" (2021) PG-13 — 12, 3, 3:45, 6:15, 7 p.m.

"The Boss Baby: Family Business" (2021) PG — 12:30, 4, 6:45 p.m.

"The Forever Purge" (2021) R — 3:30, 7:15 p.m. "F9: The Fast Saga" (2021) R — 11:45 a.m., 3:15, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 14

"The Forever Purge" (2021) R — 3:30, 7:15 p.m.

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> Valerie Theatre, Inverness; 352-341-7850; admission: \$5

"Flushed Away" — Thursday, July 22, 2 p.m. "The Florida Project" — Friday, July 23, 7 p.m.

"Over the Hedge" — Thursday, July 15, 2 p.m.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

Today's clue: Z equals Y

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Starting over after grief and loss

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JONATHAN BEARD Special to the Chronicle

ave you ever wanted to just stop where you are and just "start

As a young child, I remember asking for a "re-do" on a project or a chance to simply start the game over. It's nice to be able to put our past experiences behind us and simply get another opportunity.

Those who are grieving the loss of someone or of something, though, often have a hard time adjusting to the thought that starting over is even possible. Yet there comes a times in everyone's grief journey when you have HELPING PEOPLE - HEALING LIVES accepted your loss, found a way to cope with your feelings and are

ready to once more engage with the world around you. When that time comes, how do you go

about refocusing your mindset and starting over?

We find ourselves in the middle of 2021 with six months behind us and six months still to go ... what better time for considering a fresh start than now, assuming that you have already come to terms with your grief and loss? So here are a few basic steps to get you started.

Appreciate the importance of people

People are truly what matters in life. Anything that sidetracks our attention from people is potentially dangerous. As you reconnect with people you may have avoided or didn't think to communicate with during your darker days, nothing could be more significant than telling those close to you how much they matter to you and that you are glad they are in your life!

Our lives are precarious at best as we have no guarantee how long any of us will be here. Hopefully, we have come to realize how vital it is to treat others the way we wish to be treated and not to take anyone for granted. Reach out to someone today and make a difference. People are important!

Develop the gift of grace

Instead of focusing on differences that we may have had with others and their divergent opinions, look for the common ground that we share with them. Respect their point of view as we hope they will respect ours as well.

Grace is all about giving more than you take. Give a listening ear to someone else and take your time in responding. Grace may mean not saying the first thing that comes to your mind. In fact, it

may mean not saying anything at all. Grief tends to remove filters from our lives. We lay it all out there because, in our grief, we just may not care anymore. Temper what might have been your approach then with grace now. Exercise some wisdom in what to say and when to say it, and when to simply listen.

Even though there is a need to tell our story, remember, you don't have to tell everything you know.

Exercising a little grace will open our eyes to new ideas and a more compassionate attitude toward others who are unlike us.

Understand the power of love

Learn to love simply and often. You may still be feeling hurt from a recent loss. Take your time and allow yourself to love again. Ap-

preciate the little things in life: a sunrise, a cool breeze, a chirping bird, a call or text from a distant friend

It's been said, "The only way to have a friend is to be one." Be a friend to others today. If their names come to mind, reach out to them, and let them know you were thinking about them. A simple loving gesture can make a huge difference in someone's life.

Enjoy the riches of many friendships, because we're bankrupt without love. In fact, realize that we all need a friend, and love is to be openly expressed to everyone we meet.

Grasp the value of time

Life is short. If it's important, do it now. Remember that bucket list you started? Pick a "now" moment to start checking some of those items off the list. There is no getting back to normal. Things have changed because of your loss. Life is different now, but we can start from here forward.

We need a reset, a fresh start. Yesterday is history; tomorrow's a mystery; today is a gift, that's why it's called the present. Delight in the incredible gift of

From this point forward ...

Make the most of the opportunity that is directly in front of you by appreciating the importance of people, developing the gift of grace, understanding the power of love and grasping the value of time. With a little effort and a lot of calmness, it is possible to get a "re-do" as you "start over" from this point forward.

Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast is here to help you start over after grief and loss. Please contact our office at 352-249-1470 for information on the support that is available to you at any stage of your grief journey.

Jonathan Beard is program specialist for Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast.

Stage 4 breast cancer not an automatic death sentence

68-year-old white patient who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2010 and had surgery and radiation therapy. Unfortunately, in January 2014, she developed metastasis in her lung and bone. This is now stage 4 breast

cancer. Breast cancer is the commonest cancer in women. More than 280,000 women are diagnosed each year with invasive breast cancer in the USA. Also, breast cancer cases are increasing in the USA every year. Almost one in 11 women is diagnosed with breast cancer every year. At the same time, the death rate from breast cancer is decreasing.

The five-year survival rate tells you what percent of people live at least five years after the cancer is found. Stage 4 breast cancer is considered incurable cancer. Still 28% (more than one in four) of stage 4 breast cancers live beyond five years.

My patient's tumor was HER2 positive. The HER2 gene makes the HER2 protein, which is found on the cancer cells and is important for tumor cell growth. This is expressed more in about 20% of breast cancers. Usually, these cancers are more aggressive, but they respond well to targeted therapy that attacks HER2 receptors on the cell surface.

She underwent chemotherapy and targeted therapy. Over years, her cancer progressed a few times and I needed to change the therapy. At the same time, she has been on this new drug, Enhertu, for more than one year. She gets the therapy once every three weeks. Her cancer is responding well to it.



Dr. Sunil Gandhi **CANCER & BLOOD DISEASE**

than seven years since her diagnosis of metastatic breast cancer. She can live many more years. She is a classic example of an advanced cancer patient living long and well.

We need to realize that stage 4 is not necessarily a death sentence. There are lots of advances in cancer that make this possible.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women.

Her qual-New targeted therapy ity of life is and chemotherapy has very good. made this possible. I strongly advise patients to She lives keep their hopes alive independently, and fight against cancer drives a car rather than lose hope. I have other patients with and remains acstage 4 lung cancer, kidney cancer and many tive. It has been more other cancers who live well and long in spite of

advanced cancer.

Dr. Sunil Gandhi is a hematologist and oncologist. He is the volunteer medical adviser of the Citrus Unit of American Cancer Society. Write to 521 N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, FL 34461, email sgandhi@ tampabay.rr.com or call 352-746-0707.

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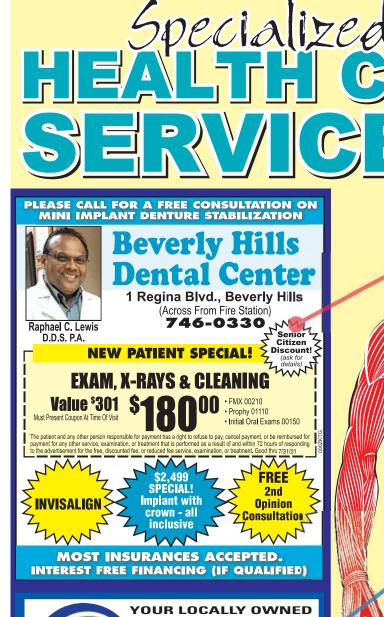
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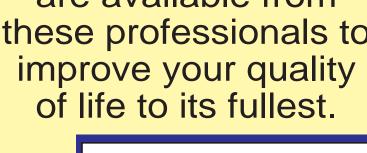
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The magic of dental floss

ow that the pandemic seems to be waning (Delta variant notwithstanding - get vaccinated!), people are starting to travel once again and get back to some sort of normalcy in their

Doing proactive dental care, before



Dr. Robert **Brockett ORAL** & **FACIAL HEALTH**

something goes wrong, is always a wise choice. Remember your mother telling you, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure"? As we get older, we still should be concerned about dental decay, but the biggest reason that people lose teeth is because of gum disease.

There are certain medical conditions that predispose to more aggressive gum disease, such as diabetes that is not controlled, the necessity for chronic steroid use and certain autoimmune conditions; but by and large, the primary source of gum disease is the bacteria in your own mouth.

Your mouth is full of bacteria. So is mine. These crevices between the teeth and gum are where bacteria hide.

Diligent brushing, and routine professional cleanings certainly help, but what happens on a daily basis is what ultimately matters for your gum health.

You see many advertisements for various types of toothbrushes, toothpastes, Sonicare devices, etc., but I will let you in on a simple fact. It is between teeth, in the crevices beyond the reach of any home instruments, that the bacteria do the most damage.

A thin strand of dental floss will get in between teeth, down into these crevices, and disrupt the bacteria that harbored there. Bacteria grow back in 24 to 36 hours after professional cleanings and stringent professional hygiene measures. If you disrupt where these bacteria hide every 12 to 24 hours (I floss twice a day), then you do not allow the bacteria to continue to live and breed.

Once these crevices get below about 3 to 4 mm in depth because of the destructive activity of bacteria, you will undergo permanent attachment loss to your teeth, and the process of periodontal disease has started. It will now take professional care, maybe in the form of

periodontal surgery, to correct this issue. I'll let you in on a little secret that I've kept for the past 20 years. I haven't had a professional cleaning in two decades. Now, that is a little misleading as I do know dental anatomy quite well, and I do floss twice a day, and utilize round brushes in between my teeth where there has been some gum loss from the inevitable aging process.

Professional cleanings and following instructions given by a certified dental hygienist and your dentist on a regular basis are still a must for the vast majority of the population.

Starting with clean, hygienically maintained dentition, and keeping the areas where bacteria hide disrupted on a daily basis, will allow you to minimize the amount of destruction of the support of your natural dentition.

I've said this many times over the years and you've probably heard it if you have been my patient: "A dollar's worth of dental floss is worth \$10,000 worth of dentistry.'

Seems like an equitable investment, wouldn't you say?

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Uncertainty, heartbreak

The power of music can greatly help Parkinson's patients

own individual Parkinson's, but we all share one thing in common. Hope." — Michael

arkinson's disease affects approximately 1% of the older population. One estimate puts the number at 1,200,000 people. There is a lot of uncertainly about how many people have Parkinson's, but no disagreement about how heartbreaking this neurological disease is.

The principal symptoms of Parkinson's are very irregular walking patterns, rigidity, balance problems and tremors. The root cause of this distressing disease is deterioration of the brain cells that produce dopamine.

From earlier discussions. we recognize dopamine as being one of our "feel-good"

neurotransmitters. But apparently, it does much more for us than making us feel good. It is central in regulating body movement.

We know that music stimulates the production of dopamine for people without neurological deficit. It may be that

music manages to squeeze out whatever dopamine the brain is still capable of producing.

Adele Jacobsen

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With so many people adversely affected by this dreadful disease, understandably a great deal of research is being done to determine possible cures or treatments. To date, there is no known cure. But treatments are quite useful in overcoming some of the symptoms.

There are drugs that are effective. And in clinical trial after clinical trial, music has been shown to be lived with Parkinson's for of great value in restoring a 20 years. She advises how more normal gait and improving balance.

Parkinson's steals from people the ability of the



body to automatically perform normal activities. Movement is no longer un-

> conscious. To overcome the loss of automatic actions, we need to increase focus on conscious movements.

> Music cues the Parkinson's patient as to when he should move his foot.

Without the benefit of pharmaceuticals or music, the typical

gait for a Parkinson's patient is very irregular. The strides are very short, almost a shuffle, and the whole process is a study in hesitancy. Sometimes motion stops all together, frozen. This is due to the brain/body no longer operating in automatic mode or cruise control.

Music with a steady beat will help overcome this hesitancy. Research has indicated that stride lengths increase as well as the cadence (steps per minute).

Pamela Quinn is a dance choreographer who has one should tackle learning to improve walking by using music. She suggests selecting music you like, but

make sure it has a steady beat. At first, pick songs with a tempo that is faster than your current pace, and as you begin to keep up with that tempo, increase the tempo until you are comfortably walking.

A very slow tempo should be avoided because it makes it more difficult to maintain balance.

Gabby Gifford, the Arizona Congressman who was shot in the head, can attest to the value of music in restoring her ability to speak. A person living with Parkinson's can also benefit in this regard. Singing improves both volume and clarity of speech.

In addition, music has been shown to improve memory and general mental health. Music clearly relieves anxiety and depression and helps with sleep disorders and fatigue, all of which are issues for people living with Parkinson's.

I have played music for people living with Parkinson's, but I have not worked with them to improve their walking ability. Let me explain:

I am a therapeutic musician, not a music therapist. There is quite a distinction. What I do is play music that I think will be most

effective in passively calming, comforting and healing a person in need.

The music therapist, on the other hand, strives to cure. A music therapist will ask the patient to respond to her instruction or music. I don't. I never ask a patient to do anything. I just let the music work on the patient's brain, easing anxiety, stabilizing heart rates, optimizing the day for people living with dementia, or helping with the final transition out of this world.

If I had stumbled upon music as a complementary medicine earlier in my life, I might have trained to become a music therapist. But as it is, I'm much too old to go back and pick up a degree in music with a concentration on music therapy. I am happy doing what I do. I am happy when I see music helping people and moving them to a more comfortable state.

Adele Jacobson heads the nonprofit organization Music in Medicine. Their mission is to raise money to fund scholarships for local musicians to train in therapeutic music. For more information about the group and its mission, email musicbedside@gmail. com. The website is music inmedicinecitrus.org.

Free vaccine shots

Faith Lutheran Church is hosting the Health Department at 9 a.m. Thursday, July 22, to administer Hepatitis A and COVID-19 (both Moderna and Johnson and Johnson) vaccinations.

Faith Lutheran is located at 935 S. Crystal Glen Drive in Lecanto

The shots are free and all are welcome.

No appointment is needed. Attend dementia workshop

Citrus County Libraries and Coping with Dementia LLC announced an expanded schedule of free ABC of Dementia workshops.

The workshops provide an overview of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, how they affect the individuals and how

their care partners can use this knowledge and techniques of voice, approach and appropriate touch to provide more effective

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Citrus County's Libraries provide this training for their personnel and encourage the public to attend. All workshops are from 10 a.m. to noon.

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- Monday, Aug. 16, Central Ridge Library,
- Beverly Hills, call 352-746-6622.
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Alonso wins Home Run Derby

Mets slugger becomes third back-to-back champion

RONALD BLUM AP baseball writer

DENVER — Pete Alonso danced to his second straight Home Run Derby title, besting Shohei Ohtani, Trey Mancini and Juan Soto on a night of record long balls in the thin Rocky Mountain air of Coors Field.

The New York Mets first baseman hit 74 total home runs and beat Mancini 23-22 in the final round Monday, joining Ken Griffey Jr. (1998-99) and Yoenis Céspedes (2013-14) in winning consecutive titles.

Batting second, Alonso trailed 22-17 after the first two minutes of the final round, then hit six homers on six swings over the first 28 seconds of his final minute.

Mancini, who returned this season from cancer treatment, was the sentimental favorite, while Alonso was the most animated of the eight sluggers as the longball competition returned after a one-year absence caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

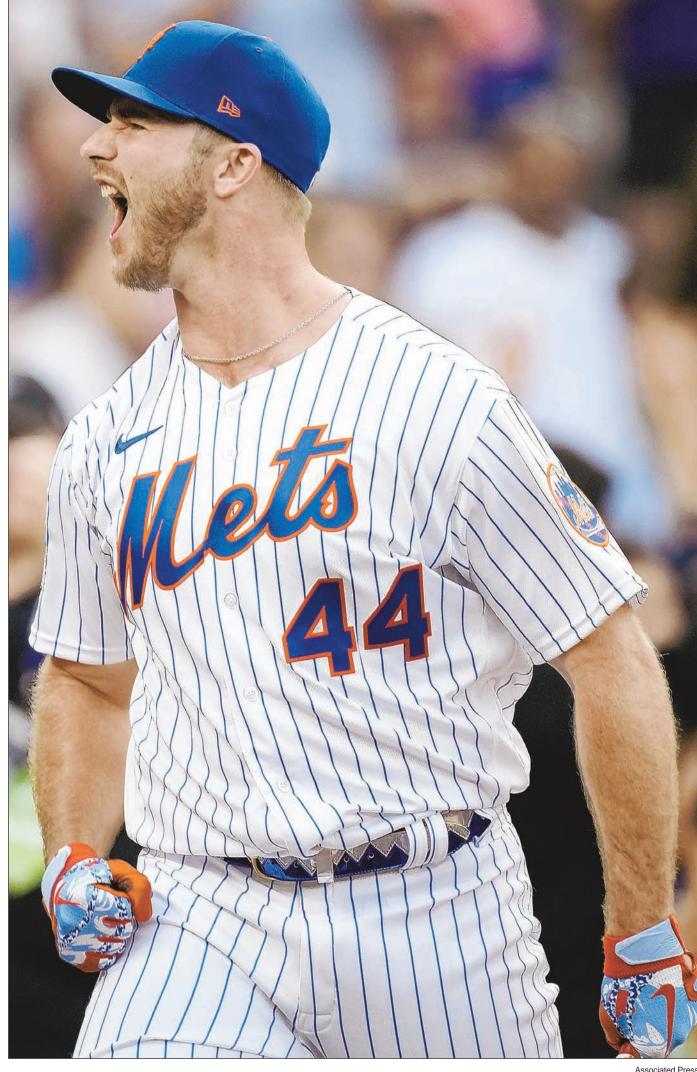
With custom bats in the Mets' royal blue and orange, and matching shoes and batting gloves, Alonso was a human bobblehead, nodding on beat in the batter's box as he stepped out and danced. He motioned with his arms to whip up fans during a timeout.

New York's 26-year-old first baseman has a chance to match Griffey, who also win in 1994, as the only three-time winner.

Alonso hit a first-round record 35 dingers, seven more than Josh Hamilton in 2008 at the original Yankee Stadium, and topped Kansas City's Salvador Pérez with 27. Alonso, batting second, beat Soto 16-15 in the second round. Alonso's longest drive of the night traveled 514 feet.

Mancini missed the 2020 season while undergoing chemotherapy for stage 3 colon cancer. treatment he finished last Sept. 21 at Johns Hopkins Hospital. The 29-year-old Baltimore Orioles first baseman hit .256 with 16 homers and 55 RBIs going into the All-Star break. His oncologist, Dr. Nilo Azad, threw out the ceremonial first pitch at Camden Yards before the

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National League's Pete Alonso, of the New York Mets, cheers during the first round of the MLB All Star baseball Home Run Derby, Monday, July 12, in Denver. Alonso became only the third player in history to achieve back-to-back Home Run Derby wins.

All-Star Game set to be 'Greatest Sho on Earth'

RONALD BLUM

AP baseball writer

DENVER — As five dozen All-Stars sat outside Coors Field ahead of the All-Star Game, they looked forward to the Greatest Sho on Earth.

Shohei Ohtani is the starriest of them all, the center of attention for players and fans like no one before at baseball's midsummer classic.

Fans cheered when he was introduced Monday at a news conference located outdoors, across the street from Coors Field due to the pandemic. He was to compete in Monday

Tuesday night's All-Star Game and hit leadoff as the designated hitter.

Ohtani is doing just about everything other than mow the grass and solve the ballpark's mile-high hitter-friendly air currents.

do that,' until the guy goes out and does said. "And then, when he does do it, it's going to try my best." like, 'Oh, we knew it the whole time.'

Angels, Ohtani will be the first twoway starter in the history of the Allnight's Home Derby, start on the Star Game, which began in 1933. Not and is 4-1 with a 3.49 ERA in 13 starts.

mound for the American League in even Babe Ruth did it, having last

pitched regularly in 1919. Ohtani was separately voted to start at DH by fans and to be among five AL starting pitchers by fellow

players. "I was actually not expecting to be 'People always say, 'Oh no, he can't chosen as a pitcher at all," Ohtani said through interpreter Ippei Mizuit," Mets first baseman Pete Alonso hara. "It's a huge honor, and I'm

Washington's Max Scherzer, who A 27-year-old in his fourth major will become just the sixth pitcher to league season with the Los Angeles make four All-Star starts, is in the background because of Ohtani, who for the second. leads the majors with 33 home runs

"It would be awesome if I can hit. Right now, I'm 0-for the first half this year," said Scherzer, who is hitless in

30 at-bats. Atlanta first baseman Freddie Freeman said he, like others, was pushed at a young age to choose between being a pitcher or position

Freeman was astounded back on April 4, when Ohtani pitched a hitless first inning against the Chicago White Sox, homered in the bottom half and went back out to the mound

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NBA Finals: Suns know that victory won't be easy

TIM REYNOLDS AP basketball writer

It's not easy. It's never been easy. It's not supposed to be easy.

This is the latest lesson for

the Phoenix Suns. Retire the "Suns in four" chants, Phoenix. Those sweep dreams are gone, after a Game 3 in Milwaukee in which Devin Booker missed just about all his shots and wound up on the bench, Deandre Ayton got in

foul trouble, nobody could guard Giannis Antetokounmpo for the second consecutive game and what was a close matchup in the third quarter became a rout in a flash.

The NBA Finals are a series again, the Bucks winning 120-100 on Sunday to get within 2-1 and with Game 4 on their home floor on Wednesday. And that means Phoenix, which was flying after Games 1 and 2, will spend the next two days in Milwaukee trying to figure out how to get its mojo back after the Bucks simply played with more desperation in Game 3.

"We knew it was coming," Suns coach Monty Williams said. "We did not respond to it

NBA Finals sweeps are rare. They've happened only six times in the last 46 years. All that's happened so far in this series is home-court advantage has been protected; Phoenix won Games 1 and 2 in the

Valley, Milwaukee went up to Deer District and took Game 3. Form has held.

This is no time to panic. That said, Antetokounmpo's knee is clearly not holding him back. Jrue Holiday was better. Khris Middleton played well. Bobby Portis gave Milwaukee some key minutes. The Bucks found their groove.

'We'll be fine," Suns forward Jae Crowder said. "We're going to watch film, we're going to talk this out, we're going to man

up to it ... and just respond."

Booker was replaced with 48 seconds left in the third quarter and never returned, after shooting 3 for 14 from the floor and 1 for 7 from 3-point range. The last time he shot that poorly from the floor was Feb. 10, 2020, against the Lakers almost a year and a half ago. The 10 points he scored represented his second-lowest total in 86 games this season.

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Lightning back with boat parade

Unique party is Tampa's third since pandemic started

Associated Press

TAMPA — Captain Steven Stamkos wore a T-shirt bearing the message "BACK TO BOAT" and setting the tone for another Champa signature celebration.

The back-to-back Stanley Cup champion Tampa Bay Lightning were toasted with a boat parade on the Hillsborough River for the second time in 10 months, with thousands of fans no longer burdened by COVID-19 restrictions gathering downtown to join the fun.

The scene — five days after the Lightning closed out a fivegame Stanley Cup Final win over the Montreal Canadiens hardly resembled the riverfront gathering organized after the team won last year's title while playing in empty arenas because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Dozens of residents on boats and other watercraft enjoyed a close view of vessels carrying players and coaches. Aa post-parade rally in a downtown park was delayed more than an hour when a heavy thunderstorm accompanied by gusting winds sent fans scattering for cover.

Eventually, Lightning owner Jeff Vinik and players took the podium to address the crowd in a steady rain.

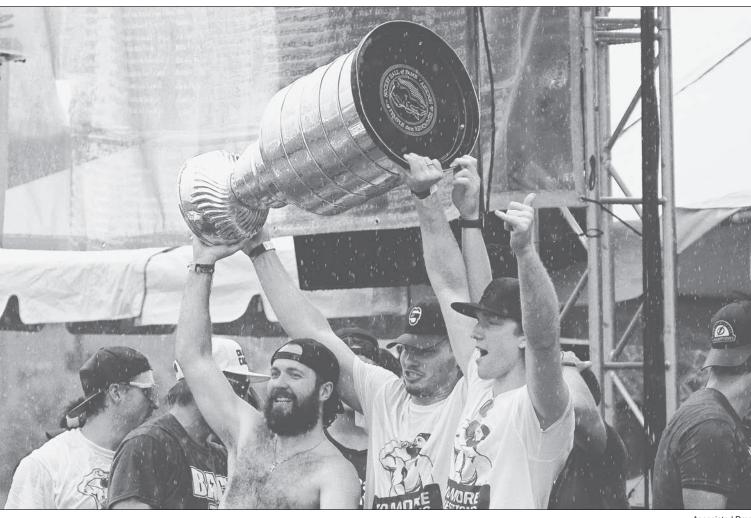
At one point, forward Yanni Gourde slid across the stage on a trolley while some other players and coach Jon Cooper climbed down to interact with fans along barricades.

Forwards Alex Killorn and Nikita Kucherov took to the water, circling boats and cruising along the river bank on a jet

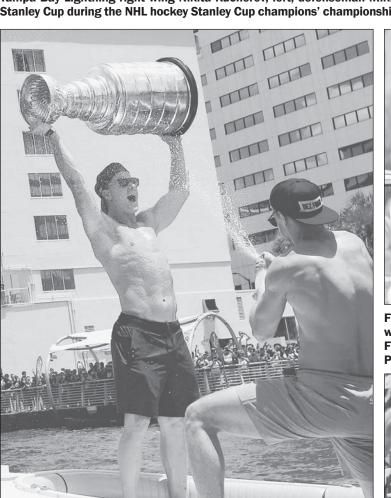
Playoff MVP Andrei Vasilevskiy placed the Conn Smythe Trophy on his head, much to the delight of drenched spectators soaked by the rain and champagne sprayed by players.

It's the third time in 10 months that the Tampa Bay region has celebrated a professional sports title with a unique parade concept Tampa officials developed to provide the Lightning and the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers a way to party safely with fans during the pandemic.

The Bucs were honored five months ago after winning the the downtown riverfront while being encouraged to wear masks and observe social-distancing practices.



Tampa Bay Lightning right wing Nikita Kucherov, left, defenseman Mikhail Sergachev, center, and goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy hoist the Stanley Cup during the NHL hockey Stanley Cup champions' championship celebration after their boat parade, Monday, July 12 n Tampa.



Lightning left wing Ondrei Palat is snraved by defenseman Ian Rutt while hoisting the Stanley Cup during the Boat Parade on Monday.

Super Bowl for the first time in playoff games on the road be- Brate caught it for the most fa-18 years, with thousands lining fore finishing the journey by bemous reception of his career. coming the first team to win a Super Bowl played in its home stadium.

Brady also provided the most The February celebration memorable moment of the pa- Tampa police diving unit was on capped a magical postseason rade, shockingly tossing the Lomrun the Tom Brady-led Bucs bardi Trophy from one boat to needed as the Cup was handed began by winning three straight another where tight end Cameron safely from boat to boat.

The Lombardi Trophy weighs seven pounds, while the Stanley Cup is $34 \frac{1}{2}$ pounds.

Just in case on Monday, the



From left to right, Tampa Bay Lightning right wing Taylor Raddysh, left wing Ross Colton, goaltender Christopher Gibson, and defenseman Cal Foote celebrate during the NHL hockey Stanley Cup champions' Boat Parade on Monday.



standby. But the divers weren't Tampa Bay Lightning defenseman Erik Cernak, right, celebrates with fans during the NHL hockey Stanley Cup champions' championship celebration after their Boat Parade on Monday.

Busch brothers closing in on Allisons

CHARLES ODUM AP sports writer

HAMPTON, Ga. — The Busch brothers are banging on the Allisons' rear bumper for the top spot on the list of NASCAR Cup Series wins by siblings

On Sunday, however, the sibling rivalry between Kurt and Kyle Busch was the story. Thanks to Kurt's win over runner-up Kyle at Atlanta Motor Speedway, each has two wins in the four Cup races featuring one-two finishes by the brothers.

That was a cause for celebration for older brother days. It might help Kyle to Kurt, who climbed out of be reminded that he and his car and yelled, "Hell yeah, we beat Kyle!"

It was a sore subject for Kyle. Kurt said his younger brother dropped by victory lane to "do the Kyle Busch grumpy.'

Neither likes losing to the other. It may be especially difficult for Kyle, NASCAR success.

"It's a little-brother syndrome," Kurt said. "I'm an here in the next year or brothers' sibling rivalry older brother. I don't know what it is to be the younger one. It's a genuine feel of have that record, but Kyle line gets going, the childbuttons, but I know that as we've gotten older, the stats have stacked in his that done." favor, and I've come to agreement with that in my

own mind." Kurt predicted his Kurt a seat on Kyle's plane knows.'



Kurt Busch, left, is congratulated by his brother Kyle Busch after winning a NASCAR Cup Series auto race, Sunday,

his hurt feelings in a few Kurt are closing in on that wins by brothers. Bobby Allison (84) and Donnie Allison (10) combined for 94 Cup wins, the record for

July, 11 in Hampton, Ga.

Kyle and 33 from Kurt. Kurt, 42, wants to make the record falls.

brothers. The Busch broth-

"It needs to get done two while I'm still driving," he said. "They still away at it and try to get

Kyle in a one-two finish, in times and go, 'Yeah, I

brother would move past ride back home to Charlotte. On Sunday, Kurt knew he should arrange

his own transportation. "It's only about four record for most Cup Series hours back to Charlotte, so it's not too big of a deal," Kurt said. "But I'm pretty sure Kyle has already taken off.

Kurt still smiled. He had ers now have 92-59 from something better than a ride home.

"We've got the trophy," even though he's had more sure he's still racing when he said. "I ain't worried Justin Marks this month. about it.

> burns strong. "I'll tell you, the adrena-

ing one-two. We can chip back," Kurt said. "The best is in my mirror, and yet I The last time Kurt beat can giggle to myself some-Kentucky in 2019, it cost taught him everything he I'm going to try to make it

Kurt said the rivalry can

be intense. "It's an awesome, genuine battle between the two of us," he said. "We've had some friction over the years, but as we get older we've gotten slightly a bit wiser and we've raced each other with a ton of respect on track to almost be teammates, even though we race for different organizations.

The Busch brothers swept the Atlanta weekend races.

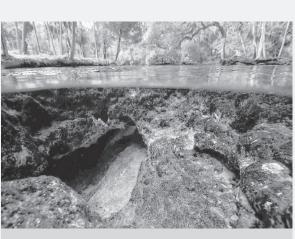
Kyle won the Xfinity Series race Saturday, his fifth win in five tries this season in the second-tier series, and said he doesn't plan to return to the series

next season. Kurt Busch's win could provide a boost in his search for a new team. His contract with Chip Ganassi Racing expires at the end of the year, and Ganassi sold the team to Trackhouse Racing owner

Kurt wants to drive one Indeed, the Busch of NASCAR'S new Next Gen cars next year.

"It seems to be an owners' market right now, but for me I'm doing all I can I'm not trying to push his and I are out here finish- hood memories come with the Next Gen car on the horizon," he said. "I'm of the best in this business a racer, and I'll be a racer through and through. ... To drive this Next Gen car, it's important to me, and





The Smithsonian's Water/Ways exhibition dives into water-an essential component of life on our planet, environmentally, culturally, and historically.

In societies across the globe, water serves as a source of peace and contemplation. Many faiths revere water as a sacred symbol. Authors and artists are inspired by the complex character of water - a substance that is seemingly soft and graceful that is yet a powerful and nearly unstoppable force.

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BASEBALL

League leaders

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING-Guerrero Jr., Toronto, .332; Brantley, Houston, .326; Bogaerts, Boston .321; Mullins, Baltimore, .314; Gurriel, Houston, .313; T.Anderson, Chicago, .309; D.Fletcher, Los Angeles, .309; Cruz, Minnesota, .304; Martinez, Boston, .299; T.Hernández, Toronto, .297. RUNS-Bichette, Toronto, 71; Guerrero Jr. Toronto, 68; Semien, Toronto, 67; Altuve, Houston, 65; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 65; Correa, Houston, 61; Martinez, Boston, 60; J.Ramírez, Cleveland, 60; Devers, Boston, 59; Haniger

Seattle, 58; Olson, Oakland, 58. RBI-Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 73; Devers, Boston, 72; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 70; J.Abreu, Chicago, 66: Walsh, Los Angeles, 65: A.García Texas, 62; Martinez, Boston, 62; Olson, Oakland, 59; Meadows, Tampa Bay, 58; Grichuk Toronto, 57; Bichette, Toronto, 57.

HITS-Mullins, Baltimore, 106; Bichette, Toronto, 105; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 105; Bogaerts, Boston, 103; D.Fletcher, Los Angeles, 103; Semien, Toronto, 98; Martinez, Boston, 97 T.Anderson, Chicago, 96; Gurriel, Houston, 96; Perez, Kansas City, 96.

DOUBLES-Bogaerts, Boston, 27; Devers, Boston, 25; Brantley, Houston, 23; Martinez, Boston, 23; Meadows, Tampa Bay, 23; Mullins, Baltimore, 23; Crawford, Seattle, 22; Walsh, Los Angeles, 22; Semien, Toronto, 21; Tucker Houston, 21; Wendle, Tampa Bay, 21.

TRIPLES-Arraez, Minnesota, 4; Baddoo, Detroit, 4; Canha, Oakland, 4; Madrigal, Chicago, 4; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 4; A.Rosario, Cleveland, 4; 8 tied at 3.

HOME RUNS-Ohtani, Los Angeles, 33; Guerrero Jr., Toronto, 28; Gallo, Texas, 24; Olson, Oakland, 23; A.García, Texas, 22; Walsh, Los Angeles, 22; Devers, Boston, 22; Semien, Toronto, 22; B.Lowe, Tampa Bay, 21; Judge, New York, 21; Perez, Kansas City, 21. STOLEN BASES-Merrifield, Kansas City,

24; Mullins, Baltimore, 16; Kiner-Falefa, Texas, 15; T.Anderson, Chicago, 14; Moore, Seattle, 14; Baddoo, Detroit, 13; Straw, Houston, 13 Bichette, Toronto, 12: Goodrum, Detroit, 12: Ohtani, Los Angeles, 12.

PITCHING-Bassitt, Oakland, 10-2; Civale Cleveland, 10-2; Lynn, Chicago, 9-3; G.Cole, New York, 9-4; Eovaldi, Boston, 9-5; Greinke Houston, 8-3; Flexen, Seattle, 8-3; Ryu, Toronto, 8-5; Montas, Oakland, 8-7; Petit, Oak-

ERA-Lynn, Chicago, 1.99; Gibson, Texas, 2.29; Rodón, Chicago, 2.31; G.Cole, New York, 2.68; Ray, Toronto, 3.13; Manaea, Oakland, 3.19; Bassitt, Oakland, 3.28; Bieber, Cleveland, 3.28; Civale, Cleveland, 3.32; Berríos, Minne sota, 3.48; Kikuchi, Seattle, 3.48.

STRIKEOUTS-G.Cole, New York, 147: Bie ber, Cleveland, 130; Ray, Toronto, 130; Rodón, Chicago, 130; Giolito, Chicago, 125; Glasnow, Tampa Bay, 123; Bassitt, Oakland, 118; Cease, Chicago, 117; Berríos, Minnesota, 114; Pivetta Boston, 113.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING-N.Castellanos, Cincinnati, .331; A.Frazier, Pittsburgh, .330; T.Turner, Washington, .318; J.Turner, Los Angeles, .307; Reynolds, Pittsburgh, .302; Winker, Cincinnati, .301; Crawford, San Francisco, .289; Tatis Jr., Sar Diego, .286; Acuña Jr., Atlanta, .283; S.Castro, Washington, .283; Soto, Washington, .283 Tapia, Colorado, .283.

RUNS-Acuña Jr., Atlanta, 72; Tatis Jr., San Diego, 67; Cronenworth, San Diego, 63; C.Taylor, Los Angeles, 63; Betts, Los Angeles, 58; N.Castellanos, Cincinnati, 58; F.Freeman, Atlanta, 58; Winker, Cincinnati, 58; T.Turner, Washington, 56; Muncy, Los Angeles, 54; Soto,

Washington, 54. RBI-Duvall, Miami, 62; Aguilar, Miami, 62; Albies, Atlanta, 61; Tatis Jr., San Diego, 60 M.Machado, San Diego, 60; E.Escobar, Arizona, 60; N.Castellanos, Cincinnati, 59; Crawford, San Francisco, 58; Báez, Chicago, 56;

Arenado, St. Louis, 56. HITS-A.Frazier, Pittsburgh, 115; N.Castel lanos, Cincinnati, 111; T.Turner, Washington, 110; Reynolds, Pittsburgh, 96; Winker, Cincinnati, 96; Tapia, Colorado, 95; Cronenworth, San Diego, 94; J.Turner, Los Angeles, 94; Edman

St. Louis, 93; F.Freeman, Atlanta, 90. DOUBLES-N.Castellanos, Cincinnati, 29; Arenado, St. Louis, 26: A.Frazier, Pittsburgh 26; Albies, Atlanta, 25; Hoskins, Philadelphia, 22; Betts, Los Angeles, 21; Reynolds, Pitts-S.Castro, Washington, worth, San Diego, 20; Edman, St. Louis, 20; Swanson, Atlanta, 20; Tapia, Colorado, 20 Yastrzemski, San Francisco, 20

TRIPLES-D.Peralta, Arizona, 6; Albies, Atlanta, 5; Hampson, Colorado, 5; A.Frazier, Pitts burgh, 4; 14 tied at 3.

HOME RUNS-Tatis Jr., San Diego, 28: Schwarber, Washington, 25; Acuña Jr., Atlanta, 24; Báez, Chicago, 21; Hoskins, Philadelphia 20; E.Escobar, Arizona, 20; Muncy, Los Angeles, 19; Duvall, Miami, 19; Winker, Cincinnati 19; F.Freeman, Atlanta, 19

STOLEN BASES-Tatis Jr., San Diego, 20 T.Turner, Washington, 19; Acuña Jr., Atlanta, 17; S.Marte, Miami, 17; Story, Colorado, 17; Edman, St. Louis, 16; Tapia, Colorado, 15; Albies, Atlanta, 13; Hampson, Colorado, 13; Pham, San Diego, 12.

PITCHING-J.Urías, Los Angeles, 11-3; Hendricks, Chicago, 11-4; DeSclafani, San Francisco, 10-3; Buehler, Los Angeles, 9-1; Gausman, San Francisco, 9-3; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 9-7; Flaherty, St. Louis, 8-1; Morton, Atlanta, 8-3; Wood, San Francisco, 8-3; Suter,

ERA-deGrom, New York, 1.08; Gausman

San Francisco, 1,73: Woodruff, Milwaukee, 2,07:

Wheeler, Philadelphia, 2.26; Tr.Rogers, Miami, 2.31; Buehler, Los Angeles, 2.36; F.Peralta, Milwaukee, 2.39; T.Walker, New York, 2.50; Bauer, Los Angeles, 2.59; Scherzer, Washington, 2.66. STRIKEOUTS-deGrom, New York, 146 Wheeler, Philadelphia, 145; Bauer, Los Angeles, 137; F.Peralta, Milwaukee, 135; Scherzer, Washington, 134; Gausman, San Francisco, 133; Woodruff, Milwaukee, 129; Burnes, Mil-

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PICK 4 (late) 9-8-5-9

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On the AIRWAVES =

TODAY'S SPORTS BASEBALL

6 a.m. (ACCN) Pittsburgh at Florida State. 2 p.m. (SEC) Florida at South Carolina.

8 p.m. (13 FOX) (51 FOX) 2021 MLB All-Star Game American League at National League at Coors Field 1:30 a.m. (FS1) 2021 MLB All-Star Game American League at

National League at Coors Field (Same-day Tape) **BASKETBALL**

12 p.m. (SEC) Women's College Basketball Kentucky at South Carolina

4 p.m. (ACCN) Women's College Basketball Clemson at Pittsburah

6 p.m. (ACCN) College Basketball Teams TBA 6 p.m. (NBCSPT) Basketball Argentina vs United States 7 p.m. (SEC) Women's College Basketball SEC Tournament - Georgia vs South Carolina. Final

9:30 p.m. (NBA) Basketball Australia vs Nigeria. (Live) 11:30 p.m. (NBA) Basketball Argentina vs United States (Same-day Tape)

BICYCLING

7:30 a.m. (NBCSPT) 2021 Tour de France Stage 16. El Pas de la Casa to Saint-Gaudens, medium-mountain stage

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

11 a.m. (ACCN) Virginia Tech at Pittsburgh 5 p.m. (SEC) College Football South Carolina Garnet-Black

Spring Game 9 p.m. (SEC) College Football Auburn at South Carolina

GOLF 6 a.m. (GOLF) Live From The Open From Royal St. George's

in Kent, England) 12 p.m. (GOLF) Live From The Open From Royal St.

George's in Kent, England

SOCCER

9 a.m. (ACCN) College Soccer ACC Tournament — Pittsburgh vs Notre Dame. Second Semifinal 10 a.m. (SEC) Women's College Soccer South Carolina at

7 p.m. (FS1) 2021 CONCACAF Gold Cup Qatar vs Panama 9:30 p.m. (FS1) 2021 CONCACAF Gold Cup Honduras vs Grenada

SOFTBALL

6 a.m. (SEC) SEC Tournament — South Carolina vs Auburn.

2 p.m. (ACCN) North Carolina at Pittsburgh 12 a.m. (SEC) Kentucky at Tennessee

IENNIS

6 a.m. (TENNIS) ATP/WTA Tennis, Early Rounds 6 p.m. (TENNIS) ATP/WTA Tennis, Early Rounds 4 a.m. (TENNIS) ATP/WTA Tennis, Early Rounds TRACK AND FIELD

2 p.m. (NBCSPT) Track and Field Diamond League. From London

VOLLEYBALL

8 a.m. (SEC) Women's College Volleyball Florida at South Carolina

Note: Times and channels are subject to change at the discretion of the network. If you are unable to locate a game on the listed channel, please contact your cable provider.

waukee, 128; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 127; | Designated RHP Will Vest for assignment. Aa.Nola, Philadelphia, 126.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL Major League Baseball American League CLEVELAND INDIANS - Sent OF Jordan

Luplow to the Arizona Complex League on a

rehab assignment. HOUSTON ASTROS — Optioned RHP Ralph Garza Jr. to Sugar Land (Triple-A East).

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Optioned 1B/DH Frank Schwindel to Las Vegas (Triple-A West). SEATTLE MARINERS — Reinstated LHP Yusei Kikuchi from the 10-day IL. Optioned 2B

Donovan Walton to Tacoma (Triple-A West).

TAMPA BAY RAYS - Sent RHP Chris Archer to the Florida Complex League on a rehab

National League ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned RHP Jordan Weems to Reno (Triple-A West). SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Optioned C Joey Bart to Sacramento (Triple-A West).

SOCCER Major League Soccer

PHILADELPHIA UNION — Signed sporting director Ernst Tanner to a multi-year contract National Women's Soccer League

SAN DIEGO - Named Molly Downtain gen-

SPORTS BRIEFS

NY pitcher becomes 1st known drafted practicing Orthodox Jew

Jacob Steinmetz's blazing fastball helped make him a baseball draft

The New York native is believed to be the first known practicing Orthodox Jewish player to be selected by a major league team, going in the third round — 77th overall — to the Arizona Diamondbacks on Monday.

The 6-foot-5, 220-pound Steinmetz, from the Long Island hamlet of Woodmere, is a 17-year-old right-hander whose repertoire features a fastball that sits in the mid- to upper-90s and a knee-buckling curveball. His draft stock rose considerably while playing for the Elev8 Baseball Academy in Delray Beach, Florida, this year after previously competing for his high school team, The Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway.

Steinmetz recently told the New York Post he keeps the Sabbath and eats only Kosher food, but plays during the Sabbath and on Jewish holidays - although he walks to games during the Sabbath rather than taking transportation. No practicing Orthodox Jewish player has made it to the big leagues.

Nigeria impresses again, tops Argentina 94-71 in tuneup game

LAS VEGAS — Nigeria followed up its win over the United States with another impressive statement.

Jahlil Okafor scored 15 points, Precious Achiuwa added 12 and Nigeria improved to 2-0 in the pre-Olympic

exhibition season by beating Argentina 94-71 on Monday.

Josh Okogie and Chimezie Metu each added 10 points for Nigeria, which topped the U.S. 90-87 on Saturday night. The Nigerians won that game without Okafor, who had just joined the team and wasn't immediately pressed into action by coach Mike Brown.

Okafor was more than ready on Monday, going 7 for 8 from the floor and grabbing seven rebounds in 14 1/2 minutes of action.

Leandro Bolmoro led Argentina with 10 points, and Luis Scola added nine.

Both teams return to action Tuesday, with Nigeria facing Australia and Argentina playing the U.S.

Sagan has surgery less than 2 weeks before Olympic road race

Three-time world champion Peter Sagan had surgery Monday to treat an infection in his right knee that occurred following a crash at the Tour de France, leaving his status for the Tokyo Olympics in question less than two weeks before they begin.

Sagan tangled with Caleb Ewan on the third stage of the race and went down hard at high speed. The knee was hit by the chainring on his bike, leaving a deep gash that his Bora-Hansgrohe team treated with antibiotic ointment through the past 10 days. But eventually the infection became too serious for Sagan to continue with the race.

The surgery was performed near his home in Monaco and Sagan said he hopes to resume training in a couple days.

- From wire reports

DERBY

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Orioles' hosted the Chicago White Sox last Friday night.

Soto thrilled the crowd of 49,048 with a 520-foot homer, the longest derby drive in the Statcast era, topping 513 feet the New York Yankees' Aaron Judge in 2017 at Miami. Before Statcast, the Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa was said to have hit one 524 feet at Milwaukee in 2002, clearing Bernie Brewer's slide.

Ohtani, the Los Angeles Angels sensation set to start on the mound and hit leadoff as designated hitter for the American League in the All-Star Game, started slowly but forced two rounds of tiebreakers with Soto be-

fore losing 31-28 in the second round. They were tied 22-all after regulation

and 28 apiece following the first tiebreaker. Soto homered on all three swings of the next tiebreak, and Ohtani grounded out on his first swing.

Mancini won the first round 24-23 over Oakland's Matt Olson, who hit a deep foul on his final swing.

"He's a good dude," Olson said. "To be able to battle the way he battled and come back and perform the way he has this year says a lot about him, his grit and his toughness.'

Story defeated Texas' Joey Gallo 20-19 when Gallo popped out on his last swing.

"It is tiring, for sure, but it was a lot of fun for the first time," Gallo said.

Mancini knocked out Story 13-12 in the second round, hitting second and advancing with a drive to center.

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"I don't understand how the brain outs and then I've got to go and score a run for myself," Freeman said. "Any time he's on the field, you're just amazed that he has the energy — the mental energy — to handle all that, because I watch the guys when they pitch, the game-planning that goes on before the games, and he's game-planning and then having to hit batting practice in the cage."

"He's got like literally a 12-hour day every day. And then when he pitches, then you have to do your arm care the next day, you got to get all the lactic acid out out of your body. And then you've still got to DH at night," he said.

Major League Baseball altered the rules for Tuesday to allow Ohtani to essentially be two players. When he is replaced on the mound, he can remain as the DH.

"I think we would all respect what he's done and meant to our game this year. This is what the fans want to see. It's personally what I wanted to see," said AL manager Kevin Cash of tional talent, is pretty special. I said of his future Orioles teammate.

begged Major League Baseball to tweak the rule."

Freeman was a two-way player in high school who threw in the mid-90 mph range, and most teams in 2007 wanted him as a pitcher, except the can flip flop from, 'I've got to get three Braves and Chicago Cubs. He remembers the difficulty even at that level. "My elbow was killing me," he said.

San Diego third baseman Manny Machado cracked a smile when asked about his two-way talent: "I got rocked when I was 18 years old, and that's the last time I ever pitched." Washington outfielder Juan Soto

became a full-time position player at age 15 when told by coaches they were impressed with his hitting.

"I threw no-hitter and everything in Little League, but I don't know if I can do it in the big leagues," he said.

Signed at a relatively bargain price of \$3 million this year and \$5.5 million next season, Ohtani will be eligible for salary arbitration after 2022. If he keeps at this pace, he raises the prospect of commanding double the usual price heading into his final season before free agency, perhaps \$30 million to \$40 million or more.

Baltimore first baseman Trey Mancini was on the mound, too once upon a time.

"Dylan Bundy hit a home run off of Tampa Bay. "And to have the opportume my senior year of high school in nity to do something that's a generamy last pitching performance," he

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"There's nights like that," Booker said. "The most important part, to me, is winning the game and we didn't do that. I'm more frustrated about that. But we have a few days off here and we're

going to get back right. Game 3 wasn't solely his fault, not even close. Ayton's foul trouble was another big issue. The biggest issue of all was how, for the second consecutive game, the twotime MVP at the other end couldn't be stopped. Antetokounmpo is just the fourth player in NBA Finals history to have multiple 40point, 10-rebound games in the same title series; the others are Shaquille O'Neal, LeBron James and Elgin Baylor. And of those, only O'Neal and Antetokounmpo have done it in consecutive games.

The Suns grumbled a bit about the free-throw discrepancy; they shot 16 as a team, Antetokounmpo shot 17 on his own. ("I'm not going to get into complaining publicly then immediately pointed out the close Game 4.

free-throw numbers.) Scott Foster was one of the referees assigned to the game; the last 11 times that Suns guard Chris Paul has played in a postseason contest that Foster was officiating, Paul's team lost. That doesn't include two games one Game 7 loss to Golden State, one win earlier in this playoffs that Paul missed for injury or virus-related reasons.

This wasn't on Foster or calls or free throws. The Bucks simply lined up, ac-

cepted the challenge and rode Antetokounmpo back into the series. "We've got to try to build a wall,

somehow, someway and try to limit the guy from scoring," Paul Milwaukee left Phoenix in big

trouble, down 0-2 and needing to

win Game 3 to salvage any realistic hopes of winning the NBA title. The Suns' situation isn't anywhere near that dire.

That said, Sunday was Milwaukee's time to step up and have a response. On Wednesday, it'll be Phoenix's turn. And if the Suns don't have answers by then, the NBA Finals will be a best-of-three about fouls," said Williams, who when the final buzzer sounds to



Milwaukee Bucks' Khris Middleton, middle, dribbles between Phoenix Suns' Frank Kaminsky, left, and Abdel Nader, right, during the second half of Game 3 of basketball's NBA Finals, Sunday, July 11, in Milwaukee.

Italian players return to heroes' welcome

KARL RITTER AND FRANCES D'EMILIO Associated Press

ROME — Thousands of fans packed Rome's sidewalks to wildly cheer Europe's new soccer champions as Italy toured the city in an open-topped bus on Monday evening, crowning a day that saw them honored at the presidential palace and premier's office and cited by the Pope.

The first Italy team to win the European Championship in 53 years knew it was in for an exhilarating day when it arrived at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport at dawn from London to be welcomed by a banner on the tarmac reading, "Grazie Azzurri."

To rousing cheers from airport workers, captain Giorgio Chiellini pumped his fist in the air, and coach Roberto Mancini hoisted the trophy high over their heads. There was even a cheer for defender Leonardo Spinazzola, as he hopped down the steps on one foot, his other in a cast from an Achilles tendon injury.

Italian President Sergio Mattarella was at Wembley Stadium on Sunday night cheering with Azzurri fans as Italy won the Euro 2020 final following a 3-2 penalty shootout win over England. Then Mattarella raced back to Rome to be at the Quirinal presidential palace to greet the

"I'm not a (soccer) commentator," the president said, "but I thought you deserved the victory well beyond whatever happened during the penalty shootout."

Coach Mancini replied, "Let me thank you for being our No. 1 fan. We saw you exult, that gave us much pleasure."

In another compliment, Mattarella said, "You displayed a harmony of team among yourselves and in play, and now this is an extraordinary value, the sense of sport."

"This," captain Chiellini said, "is the success of a group, who even in difficult moments never lost

heart. Mattarella also generously praised another of his palace guests, tennis player Matteo Berrettini, who reached the Wimbledon final before succumbing on Sunday to Novak

Djokovic. The tennis star, in thanks, gave Mattarella a racket, and later squeezed aboard the open-topped bus among the soccer players, who whooped and cheered themselves in response to the public's

adulation. As the bus inched its Venezia, and eventually to the team's hotel, the players, each wearing the vic-



Italy's players celebrate in Rome, Monday, July 12, their victory at the Euro 2020 soccer championships. Italy beat England 3-2 in a penalty shootout after a 1-1 draw.

Police investigate racist abuse of three **England players**

LONDON — British police opened investigations Monday into the racist abuse of three Black players who failed to score penalties in England's shootout loss to Italy in the European Championship final.

The Metropolitan Police condemned the "unacceptable" abuse of Marcus Rashford, Jadon Sancho and Bukayo Saka, and said they will be investigating the "offensive and racist" social media posts published soon after Italy won Sunday's shootout 3-2 following a 1-1 draw. A mural of Rashford on the wall of a cafe in south Manchester was also defaced with graffiti in the wake of the match.

The racist abuse, which was condemned as "unforgivable" by England coach Gareth Southgate, has led to calls for social media companies, such as Facebook and Twitter, to do more in hunting down the perpetrators of the

All three players targeted are part of a young England squad that has been widely praised for its diversity and social conscience. Rashford, for one, has been at the forefront of a campaign against child poverty, which convinced the British government to restore free lunches for thousands of poor children amid the coronavirus pandemic.

"We have been a beacon of light in bringing people together, in people being able to relate to the national team, and the national team stands for everybody and so that togetherness has to continue," Southgate said Monday.

The abuse was widely condemned, with Prince William, the president of the English Football Association, saying he was "sickened" by the racism aimed at the England players.

"It is totally unacceptable that players have to endure this abhorrent behaviour," he wrote on Twitter. "It must stop now and all those involved should be held accountable."

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Monday told those who directed racist abuse at some of the players that he hoped "you will crawl back under the

rock from which you emerged." But he has faced criticism for emboldening those booing the England team for taking a knee before their matches to protest against racial injustice.

Last month, Johnson's spokesman said the prime minister is "more focused on action rather than gestures." That comment led to widespread criticism that Johnson was effectively encouraging those booing to carry on. Three days later, his spokesman changed tack, saying the prime minister "respects the right of all people to peacefully protest and make their feelings known about injustices" and that

he wanted them to cheer the team and "not boo." Keir Starmer, leader of the main oppo-

sition Labour Party, accused Johnson of a failure of leadership for not calling out the booing of the England team. "The prime minister failed to call that

out and the actions and inactions of leaders have consequences, so I'm afraid the prime minister's words today ring hollow," he said.

Gary Neville, a former Manchester United player and now a TV commentator, said he wasn't surprised that the three players who failed to convert their penalties were targeted for racist abuse and also called out Johnson.

"The prime minister said it was OK for the population of this country to boo those players who are trying to promote equality and defend against racism," he said on Sky News. "It starts at the very top and so for me I wasn't surprised in the slightest that I woke up this morning to those headlines."

In recent years, soccer authorities in England have joined with the players in trying to tackle racism both within the sport — at every level — and in society as a whole.

The English FA said it will give the players affected what support it can and will press on authorities for the "toughest punishments possible" for anyone found to have been responsible for the abuse.

- From wire reports

"Sport teaches, unites," Bruni said Francis Draghi told his guests. "It's cially in

> In between the formal celebrations, some Italy players made a quick stop at a military hospital to receive a second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, state

For Italians, the championship was a new beginning for their youthful national team and a country that's been yearning to return to normality after being the first nation outside of Asia to be slammed COVID-19 the pandemic.

A cacophony of honking cars, fireworks, and singing fans filled Rome on Sunday night as thousands of people took to the streets following the final. As the sun rose on Monday, the noise had died down but not the sentiment.

"It seems to me that this victory is so good for the national spirit after all that suffering for COVID," said Daniela Righino, an Italian living in Uruguay who was back in Rome for the final. "Yesterday was an explosion of joy. I'm happy."

Many Italians saw Euro 2020 uniting the country to relaunch after spending most of the past 16 months in pandemic lockdown. Italy has recorded more than 127,000 known COVID-19 deaths, ıne highest in the 27-nation European Union.

"It's been a complicated year for everyone but especially for us who were one of the first countries hit. This is a signal of a new beginning," said Michela Solfanelli, a 30-yearold event producer based

Most virus restrictions have been lifted since the spring and those that remain were largely ignored by the mass of fans who danced overnight in the streets of the capital chanting, "We are champions of Europe."

tos of the celebrating fans and encouraged them with cheers through bullhorn. There was enough joy to

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When Premier Mario said in an update on the also cited the value of pope's convalescence in sports beyond playing tory medal they received native Argentina, which Rome following July 4 fields and scoreboards.

"In sharing the joy for spoke of "that sporting a social elevator, a dam against racism and an element of cohesion, espedifficult moments."

Djokovic aiming for historic calendar-year Grand Slam

HOWARD FENDRICH AP tennis writer

WIMBLEDON, England -Novak Djokovic is never satisfied.

When he won his first Grand Slam title, he wanted a second. When he proved his excellence on hard courts, he wanted to excel on grass and clay, too. When he narrowed the considerable gap between his number of major championships and those won by Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, Djokovic was determined to catch them.

Just look at him now, all the way up to 20 Slam trophies, the same as the other members of the Big Three, by virtue of winning Wimbledon with a 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 victory over Matteo Berrettini in Sunday's final.

So the question that's been on so many people's minds in recent times was put to Djokovic after his latest triumph: Do you consider yourself the greatest male

tennis player of the Open era? "I consider myself best, and I believe that I am the best, otherwise I wouldn't be talking confidently about winning Slams and making history. But whether I'm the greatest of all time or not, I



Serbia's Novak Djokovic shows off the winners trophy to the crowd as he walks around Centre Court after defeating Italy's Matteo Berrettini in the men's singles final on day thirteen of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Sunday, July 11.

difficult to compare the eras of tennis. We have different rackets, technology, balls, courts. It's just completely different conditions that we're playing in, so it's very hard to compare tennis, say, from 50 years ago to today.'

And then he offered a humble take on the matter, concluding: "But I am extremely honored to definitely be part of the conversation."

Yes, of course he's part of it. leave that debate to other peo- And while the best stance is to ple," the 34-year-old from Serbia appreciate all three of the neously, something he did over that earlier this year).

began. "I said before that it's very modern-day rivals, as athletes and competitors, and to cherish what all have brought to their sport, and to acknowledge the sheer greatness of all, those who want to make the case that Djokovic stands out from the trio are getting some pretty good evidence lately.

As it is, Djokovic leads the head-to-head series against both of the other guys. He is the only one of them to have won each Slam twice. He is the only one to hold all four major titles simulta- 1 in the rankings (he eclipsed

the end of 2015 and start of 2016. And he is the only to win the first three Slams in one season; indeed, no man has done that since Rod Laver went 4 for 4 in 1969.

And now Djokovic will head to New York in August for the U.S. Open on the precipice of something so, so special. The only men with calendar-year Grand Slams to their credit are Laver, twice in the 1960s, and Don Budge, in the 1930s.

Working with him is a privilege, is (an) honor, is everything, but (it's) not easy. It's a lot of pressure," said Goran Ivanisevic, the 2001 Wimbledon champion who is one of Djokovic's two coaches. "Final is not good enough. We count only wins."

Been doing a lot of counting lately.

Consider where things stood a decade ago: Entering the 2011 season, Federer owned 16 majors, Nadal nine and Djokovic one.

Heading into Wimbledon in 2018 — three years plus two weeks ago — Federer was at 20, Nadal 17 and Djokovic at 12.

That, Djokovic says now, is when he really began to take aim at increasing his Slam total and trying to surpass Federer's record for the most weeks at No.

All Djokovic has done since is

win eight of the past 12 majors. "I've always kind of believed that I could play my best tennis in Grand Slams and give myself a good chance to win any Slam, really, on any surface, because I know what I'm capable of," he said. "I know I have a very complete game that has proven to be successful on all surfaces in the

So he's up to nine championships on the hard courts of the Australian Open, six on the grass of Wimbledon, three on the hard courts of the U.S. Open and two on the red clay of the French Open.

More could be on the horizon. Djokovic won't turn 35 until next May. Federer turns 40 on Aug. 8 and is unsure of his future after a quarterfinal loss at the All England Club and two operations on his right knee last year. Nadal is already 35 and decided to sit out Wimbledon and the Tokyo Olympics to rest and recover after a semifinal loss to Djokovic at Roland Garros last month.

Who would pick against Djokovic at this point?

'It's impossible that even you can believe that you can beat him," Ivanisevic said, "because the guy is unbeatable at the moment."

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TODAY'S WORD -- INCOGNITO

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Average mark 17 words Time limit 35 minutes

Can you find 24 or more words in INCOGNITO? The list will be published tomorrow.

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 - attachment 35 Commit to
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 - amount 45 Truism
 - 46 Juicy fruit
 - 48 Hacks (off) 49 Race by,
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 - 52 Freud, to himself
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squares. The number after the definition tells you how many

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BY TRICKY RICKY KANE Every answer is a rhyming 1. Hit "hold" on a 1975 shark movie (1) pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and

"West Side Story" Sharks crooned (1)

3. "Sharknado" network web access option (2) syllables in each word.

4. Bumpy gameplay by San Jose Sharks (2)

5. Menacing loan shark words re: arrears (1)

6. "Shark Tank" Mark's sammies with sauerkraut (2) 7. Belgium capital pool shark sucker setups (2)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Hernando Storage intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the Hernando Storage, Storage Facility Act Statutes. The owner will sell at public sale on **July 29th, 2021 at 5 PM** at Hernando Storage, 1274 East Norvell Bryant Highway, Hernando, FL 34442. Website for auction is www.lockerfox.com. Property will be sold for cash only. Unit must be cleaned out within 48 hrs. of purchase

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3611-0720 TUCRN **PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, will conduct a public hearing at 2:20 p.m. on July 27, 2021, in Room 100 of the Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the adoption of a Resolution of the Board ratifying and confirming the assessment roll for the Citrus County Solid Waste Municipal Service Benefit Unit for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing. Anyone not attending the hearing but who wishes to make comments shall do so in writing and address same to the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, 110 North Apopka Ave-

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prior to 12:00 Noon on Monday, July 26, 2021. Pursuant to section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, if you decide to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to

nue, Inverness, Florida 34450. Said comments must be received

meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to

any matter considered at the hearing or at any subsequent

participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's Office, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, FL 34461 at (352) 527-5210, at least two days before the meeting If you are hearing or speech impaired, dial 7-1-1 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service. If you need a Spanish Translator, please make arrangements with the County by telephone within two days of the publication notice at 352-527-5370. Si necesita un traductor de español por favor haga arreglos con el Condado dentro de los dos días de la notificación de la publicación a 352-527-5370.

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on the agenda for discussion:

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3606-0713 TUCRN **PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the City Council of the City of Inverness, Florida, that at their meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20th, 2021, in the Council Chambers at the Inverness Government Center, 212 W. Main Street, Inverness, FL, the following is

Approval to designate the position of Director of Parks and Recreation as Senior Management Service position under the Florida Retirement System (FRS)

Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the governing

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body with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose may need to provide that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Section 286.0105 Florida Statues).

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the City of Inverness, City Clerk's Office at 212 W. Main street, Inverness, FL 34450 or call 352-726-2611, at least two days before the meeting.

City Manager

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3610-0713 TUCRN **MEETING NOTICE**

A meeting of the Investment Committee of the Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, July, 20th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lecanto Department of Health, in the downstairs administrative conference room.

A meeting of the Grant Committee of the Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation, Inc. will be held on Thursday, July 22nd, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lecanto Government Center, room 280.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation, Inc. will be held on Thursday, July 29th 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lecanto Government Center, room 166.

Meetings are open to the public and public input is welcome. Copies of the agenda for each meeting are available by emailing the Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation, Inc. Persons who require special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act should contact the Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation, Inc. at ccccf2015@aol.com. Additional information about the Foundation, Inc., and updates to meeting times, locations, or cancellations are available on the Foundation's website or by calling (352) 419-4039.

This notice informs and notifies the public that member(s) of the Citrus County Hospital Board may attend the above-listed meeting. The Citrus County Hospital Board will not vote or conduct business but may actively participate in the discussions.

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