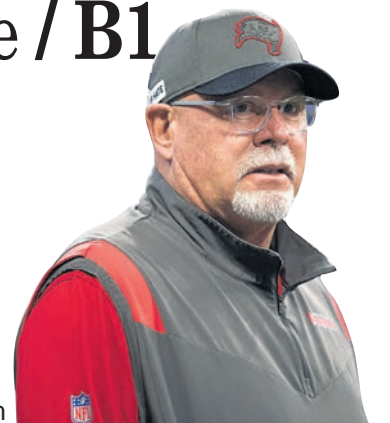


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NEWS BRIEFS

Commissioners to hold annual planning retreat

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) annual planning retreat will be held at 9 a.m. Jan. 5 at the Lecanto Government Building, room 166, 3600 W. Sovereign Path.

The public is invited to attend, though there will be no "open to the public" speaking opportunities during this event. Citizens are welcome to speak during the BOCC meeting scheduled for 1 p.m. Jan. 18 at the Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Ave. in Inverness.

This full day event provides an opportunity for commissioners to discuss, plan and prioritize programs, projects and issues facing Citrus County and the BOCC while looking to the future. For more information, call public information officer Veronica Kampschroer at 352-527-5484.

Apply for the BOCC Aviation Board

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is seeking applications for the Citrus County Aviation Advisory Board. They are seeking one alternate member position and regular member positions for Districts 1, 4 and 5.

Their mission is to advise the BOCC on all matters involving Citrus County public aviation facilities.

All members participate in discussions and debates of the board. The term is two years for regular member positions and the alternate member position is a one-year term with the option to be reappointed.

The board meets at 2 p.m. the second Thursday of every month at the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166, 3600 W. Sovereign Path.

Applications are due by Jan. 14 and can be accessed at citrusbocc.com/boardapplication. Send completed applications to Citrus County Administration, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, FL 34461.

For more information, call Quincy Wylupek, engineering project manager at 352-527-5446.

How to help a stranded manatee

With exceptionally high tides, manatees can find themselves in odd and dangerous places. Monday morning was no exception.

According to boat captain and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Committee (FWCC) volunteer Stacy Dunn, a local man spotted a stranded manatee next to Roy Thomas Road in Crystal River.

The man called the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, who called the FWCC hotline. Then, FWCC volunteers received the call and quickly rescued the manatee.

Those who live along local waterways are encouraged to look around for stranded manatees, especially while experiencing high tides due to weather systems, hurricanes or tropical storms, Stacy wrote to the Chronicle Monday.

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Culver's opens to big crowds in Inverness

Lecanto site could debut in June

By MICHAEL D. BATES
Chronicle Reporter

Figuring to beat the crowds, Glenna Smith arrived Monday at the new Inverness Culver's at 9:20 a.m., a full 40 minutes before the official opening.

Smith, who lives in the city, said she and her husband wanted to get there to beat the crowds and snag a coupon for a free pint of frozen custard for a year that went to the first 100 customers. When she arrived, there were 60 people in line, all with the same idea or just wanting to be first inside Inverness' newest restaurant.

And the crowds grew as the clock ticked.

The doors opened and the staffers, which number about 80, officially greeted residents who came from over Citrus County to find out what a Wisconsin cheese curd, butter burger and homemade custard tastes like.

Restaurant manager Keller Dingman said employees logged 200 orders in the first hour.

The Wisconsin-based chain has a loyal following in the Midwest. But for many Floridians, they had no clue what was on the menu.

"The brand recognition is not 100 percent yet," admitted owner Nate Drury, who also owns Culver's in Zephyrhills and Brooksville.

"We'll get there."

Drury will also own the new Culver's which will start being built next week at the intersection of County Roads 486 and 491, by the Lecanto Walmart. Expected to open in June, there was some concern that the second location would dilute customers from Inverness. Drury doesn't think so.

"They're two different communities, so we'll be all right, he said.

After seeing the Inverness restaurant, Sandy Lopes of Beverly Hills said she can't wait for the second one to open.

"I'll be so happy," she said. "I can sit down and have people wait on me for a change."

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Steve Jones of Inverness orders a strawberry sundae at the new Culver's.

Clinton Burns: At 100, he is the man of the century



In the McDonald's parking lot in Dunnellon, Mayor Bill White reads a proclamation after the Dec. 31 parade celebrating Clinton Burns 100th birthday.

By NANCY KENNEDY
Chronicle Reporter

When you turn 100, especially when you're Clinton Burns, you don't just have a party.

You have an extravaganza, with family and friends, and even the chief of police.

Also, you have a parade in your honor two days before your actual birthday — and then, by proclamation from the city of Dunnellon, your 100th birthday, Jan. 2, 2022, is dedicated to you as "Clinton Burns Day."

"I'm really excited," Burns said Sunday as people greeted him at his birthday party celebration at the Citrus Springs Community Center. "I can't think of another Black in Dunnellon that ever got as old as me."

Great-grandson Brennan Burns gave a reason for that: "He's immortal," he said. "He's 100 years old and he's still working, mowing lawns."

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Hernando man receives 10-year sentence for sex, child-porn charges

Also in the court: Child-manslaughter, sexual-battery cases headed to trial

By BUSTER THOMPSON
Chronicle Reporter

A Hernando man opted to spend a decade behind bars for sexually abusing a teenage girl and for having nude images of a child.

In exchange for 10 years in state prison, 40-year-old Michael James Simonds pleaded no contest Monday,



SIMONDS

Jan. 3, at the Citrus County Courthouse to charges of sexual battery on a child between 12 and 18 years old, and possessing child pornography.

Simonds must also serve five years of sex-offender probation after he's released, and has to register as a sexual predator during his lifetime.

Circuit Court Judge Richard "Ric" Howard adjudicated Simonds guilty of the offenses, convicting him. Howard also granted Simonds' request to turn himself in Jan. 10 so he can get his affairs in order.

If Simonds is either late or doesn't show to start his punishment, Howard will instead impose a 20-year sentence.

Jimmie Sparrow III, Simonds' attorney, told Howard his client has appeared to every court hearing since he's been out on bond for "extended periods of time" after his separate arrests in January 2020 and June 2021.

"It's not like you'd run away to California," the judge told Simonds. "You wouldn't make it to Tallahassee for goodness sakes."

Attorneys were scheduled to pick jurors Monday to preside over Simonds' trial later this week.

Citrus County Sheriff's Office authorities first took Simonds into custody in January 2020 for sexual battery after a then-16-year-old girl reported his abuse from a few days earlier.

According to court records, the girl also said she had been sending explicit photographs of herself to Simonds since he asked for them in December 2019, prompting investigators to obtain search a warrant for Simonds' cellphone.

Prosecutors later filed an additional charge against Simonds in June 2021 of possessing 10 or more images of child pornography, causing deputies to arrest Simonds again.

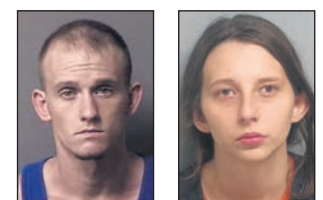
Meth-poisoning case headed to jurors

Attorneys on Monday picked a jury to preside over the trial of 53-year-old Steven Troy Gibson, one of four people accused of



GIBSON

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killing an infant and harming two minors with methamphetamine poisoning inside an Inverness home.

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BURNS

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As he told the Chronicle in 2016, if the sun's shining and it's not too cold outside, he's out mowing lawns for people, although at 100, he only has one or two names on his customer list.

Born in 1922 in Hernando, Burns moved to the Citrus County side of Dunnellon, south of the Withlacoochee River, with his family in 1926.

Except for a stint in the U.S. Army during World War II, where he survived both the Invasion of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge, Burns has lived his entire life in Dunnellon.

He attended Booker T. Washington School in Dunnellon, and after the Army he worked hauling pulpwood, then worked in the phosphate mines and then the railroad.

After that, he went to Florida Power (now Duke Energy) where he helped build the plant from the ground up. He worked there for 16 years.

Burns and his wife of 63 years, Idella, who died in 2013, raised eight children, all of whom are still living.

He has 26 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

The son of a pastor, Burns is still a long-time deacon at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Dunnellon, the church his dad built.

"My dad taught us how to treat people, even when they mistreat you," said son Linton Burns. "He taught us how to be a good person, about a work ethic. That's how we've made it so far in life and how we're successful in our careers."

"We've listened to some of the things he's done and the advice he gives us. He's an inspiration," he said.

Man of the century

On Friday, Dec. 31, the city of Dunnellon closed off one side of U.S. 41 North. People lined the street, waved and shouted their best wishes to Clinton Burns, the man of the century, as he rode in a golf cart driven by the city of Dunnellon Chief of Police, Michael McQuaig, to McDonalds where a crowd of people waited to greet him for a signing of his book, "Not Yet, the story of Clinton Burns as told to Kevin Durst."

Burns also received a letter from Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis that was read, oldest child Lois Delifus said.

He also received a proclamation



Julie Mancini / For the Chronicle
Lois Delifus, one of Clinton Burns' eight children, leans over him right before he blows the candles out on his cake to celebrate his 100th birthday, Friday, Dec. 31, 2021.

from the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners.

"My dad is an amazing man," Delifus said. "He's always so positive, always smiling, always up. That is who he is, and he keeps on going."

Chief of Police Michael McQuaig called Burns a "great American," and said Burns is his only honorary officer on the force.

"He's very honorable, and his work ethic should be an example for everyone to follow," McQuaig said. "At 100 years old, he's still mowing lawns. At 100 years old, he still smiles every day. He's the ray of sunshine that we all need when we see him."

After Friday's parade, Burns went to the Blue Gator for lunch and a continuation of basking in accolades for a life well-lived.

"He was so happy," Delifus said. "If you know my dad, you know he likes attention. One of the waitresses brought him some birthday cake, and he was waving his hat all around, and he stopped at every table to visit. He said, 'Everybody wants to talk to me.'"

At his party on Sunday, he was all smiles, even behind his face mask.

Someone asked what he was going to do next year on his 101st birthday.

"I'm going to keep on working," he said.

As Burns always says: "If I sit down, I'll go down. So, I gotta keep moving."

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CULVER'S

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And being waited on is one of the reasons people cite for loving Culver's. People call it a fast-food restaurant with a difference. They order from the indoor counter and the food is delivered to their table. This is also one of the few Culver's with a double drive-thru.

The restaurant seats over 100 people.

John Castorina of Lecanto was driving into the city Monday morning and when he saw Culver's was open, decided to make a quick pit stop. He's that big a fan and cannot wait for the one to open by him.

"I'm fired up," he said. "They can't put it close enough for me."

Steve Jones of Inverness loves Culver's custard and he wasn't disappointed Monday when he bought a strawberry sundae.

Culver's, he said, is a good fit for the city.

"Absolutely," he said. "We're growing so much we need some more things. That is good."

By the way, Glenna Smith was able to get her free coupon for a pint of frozen ice cream for a year.

"It's really exciting," she beamed.

For more about the county's newest restaurant, visit <https://www.culvers.com/>

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COURT

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Howard set aside Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for jurors to hear the case.

Gibson, Tammy Marie Allison, Kevin Christopher Courtney and Stephanie Pearl Carroll were arrested in September 2020 and later charged with aggravated child manslaughter and three counts of child neglect.

Allison, 45, and Gibson were also charged with maintaining either a nuisance dwelling or drug house.

It's alleged the group in March 2020 smoked meth near two children and a 2-month-old girl inside Allison and Gibson's home, leading to the infant's death. Courtney, of Inverness, and Carroll, of Brooksville, were the dead baby's parents.

Courtney and Carroll, both 27, are due back in court Jan. 24 for a final pretrial hearing before their respective trials the week of Jan. 31. Allison has a final court hearing Feb. 21 before her trial the week of Feb. 28.

Jurors to hear allegations of nurse sexually abusing patient

Opening statements will be heard Tuesday to start the trial of Hiram Antonio Bonilla, the Hillsborough County 56-year-old accused of sexually abusing a then-67-year-old patient while a nurse at Citrus Memorial Hospital.

Lawyers picked jurors on Monday to preside over the one-day trial and render a verdict for Bonilla's charges of sexual battery and two counts of lewd and lascivious molestation of either an elderly or disabled person.

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested Bonilla, of Valrico, in January 2021 after allegations surfaced he molested a woman and performed a sex act on her while she was being treated at the hospital in Inverness.

Contact reporter Buster Thompson at 352-564-2916, bthompson@chronicleonline.com or visit tinyurl.com/yxn2ahso to see more of his stories.

BRIEF

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"A few years ago, a tiny calf was rescued in the high grass alongside a long pier that a young girl spotted," Stacy said. "Many may remember the Hurricane Hermine Plantation rescues in the ponds on the golf course."

Due to an alert citizen, a stranded manatee was found and rescued quick-

ly Monday morning. However, with the falling temperatures, Stacy said manatees must be rescued quickly or they could get hypothermia and die.

If you encounter a stranded manatee, call 888-404-3922 and press option No. 7. Be ready to tell the officer the address or area closest to the stranded manatee. A picture and approximate size of the manatee helps tremendously.

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First Baptist of Homosassa's mobile pantry discontinued

The First Baptist Church of Homosassa has discontinued the We Care Mobile Pantry, which took place from 9 to 11 a.m. the first Thursday of every month at 10540 W. Yulee Drive in Homosassa, until further notice. There will be no mobile pantry at the church on Thursday, Jan. 6.

However, the church's Life Care Center will remain open for bread distribution from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays and Homosassa residents may receive a bag of canned and dry goods once a month. For more information, call 352-628-3858.

Those in need of food may also visit the We Care Warehouse from 7 to 9 a.m. Jan. 15 at 5259 W. Cardinal St., Building A in Homosassa. For addition distribution dates, visit www.wecarefoodpantry.org or call 352-503-2079.

Register for a boating safety course

New to boating, new to the area or a seasoned veteran needing a refresher? Whatever the reason, a good working knowledge of safe boating skills is needed to avoid a catastrophe on the water.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary of Homosassa is offering a virtual "About Boating Safely" course from 6:45 to 9:15 p.m. Jan. 18 through 21.

After successfully completing the test, you will be sent the Florida Safe Boaters card from FWC and possibly be eligible for discounts on boat insurance. Anyone born after Jan. 1, 1988, must have a Safe Boater card to legally operate a vessel with a 10 HP motor or greater.

The cost of the course is \$30 payable by cash or check prior to the course date. Discounts are applied for family members sharing a book.

Space is limited, so RSVP no later than Jan. 12. To register, contact Dee Imhoff at hal1414@tampabay.rr.com or visit tinyurl.com/2p93jdvf.

Wisconsin Social Club

The Wisconsin Social Club will gather at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 12 at the Crystal Point Clubhouse, 7820 Summertree St. in Dunnellon.

The Wisconsin Club is a social group that meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Anyone interested in joining is welcome, including any snowbirds looking for an afternoon of being with other Wisconsinites.

The club has been in existence for more than 20 years and all who attend enjoy socialization and a chance to meet new people living in the area who have moved here from up north.

For more information, call Joyce McMullen at 352-860-1292.

Enjoy a night of gospel music

The North Oak Baptist Church gospel choir will be bringing a couple of old-time favorites at their gospel music night at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 15 at the church, 9324 N. Elkcam Blvd. in Citrus Springs.

A full night of hymns, choruses, special music and testimonies will be enjoyed by all who come. The community is invited and encouraged to come and be a part of this special event. No church affiliation is required.

For more information, visit northoakbc.org.

Learn to cook a meal for one or two

The Citrus County UF/IFAS Extension Office is providing a free program on cooking for one or two at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 13 at the Lakes Region Public Library, 1511 Druid Road in Inverness.

Cooking for one or two may seem like an impossible task. Find out how to easily plan, shop for and prepare meals. There will also be a cooking demonstration to show how easy it can be.

To register online, visit cookingfor1inverness2022.eventbrite.com. For more information, call 352-527-5700.

Inverness Council to honor former councilman; prepare for elections

By **FRED HIERS**
Chronicle Reporter

Receiving the Key to the City is not a common honor the Inverness City Council bestows lightly.

In fact, most city officials cannot remember, nor are there any available records, showing the council ever giving such an honor.

Tuesday, Jan. 4, former City Councilman Ken Hinkle will be the exception and receive that recognition.

On Dec. 7, 2021, Hinkle resigned at the end of that Tuesday's regularly scheduled council meeting, citing personal issues behind his decision. He had served more than 18 years on the Inverness City Council dais.

The city's mayor and Hinkle's fellow council members spoke emotionally about their friendship and respect for the city's elected official and his future absence from the council.

During the Tuesday, Jan. 4, regularly scheduled meeting, the council is scheduled to honor Hinkle with the Key to the City, to commemorate his work and dedication.

"Ken has been part of the de-

finite projects (of Inverness) for the past 18 years," said City Manager Eric Williams. "This is an opportunity to embrace what he's brought to the city over almost two decades."

And there is no more an appropriate way to do that than to give Hinkle the Key to the City, Williams said.

"He has been a key member of our success," Williams said.

In addition, Hinkle's many years on the dais brought stability to the local government and created an environment for progress and smart growth, Williams said.

■ Also in city business, Williams is going to recommend to his council bosses that they reject Inverness' only bid to build Whispering Pines its new maintenance building.

The only bidder was D-Mar Construction of Clearwater, according to city records.

Williams said the company bid \$675,625.

"However, the unit cost breakdown in the (bid) response only totaled \$176,635. This represents a significant differential between the unit cost and the total bid amount and draws concern for proceeding with an award," Williams wrote the council.

"Additionally, the total cost proposed is over two times the amount of the design professional's proba-

ble cost estimates," he said.

"We're just not going to do that," Williams told the Chronicle.

Williams said that despite the current park maintenance building being in a poor state, he will recommend holding off.

Williams said now is not a good time because the private sector is utilizing builders and are willing to pay more than government entities, and driving up prices.

Williams said that its best to wait and see if the market changes and it materials costs decline.

The city's other option is to approach builders and ask what they would charge for a maintenance building, he said.

But that also puts the city in a position of weakness and signals that past bids for the job have not been favorable for the city and the city is looking for a builder it can afford, Williams said.

That leaves Inverness with "hat in hand" as it meets with builders, he said.

■ Also in city business, Mayor Bob Plaisted will give Inverness' State of the City presentation rather than the city manager.

Williams said it was more appropriate for the mayor to give the address and convey to area businesses that the city is a place they would want to be, providing jobs and adding to the tax base.

■ Also in city business, Williams will update the council about the city's downtown hotel currently under construction.

Williams said the city replaced aging utility infrastructure in the hotel area as construction was underway.

The new utilities will also be better able to accommodate growth in the future in the new hotel area, he said.

"We didn't want to lose that opportunity ... to prepare for the future," Williams said.

■ Also in city business, the council is slated to approve a resolution setting the Nov. 8, 2022, city elections for council seats one, three, five, and the mayor's seat.

Candidates must prequalify by August.

Seat one is currently held by David Ryan; seat three by Gene Davis; seat five by Linda Bega; and the mayor is Bob Plaisted.

The elections and early voting will be at city hall, 212 W. Main St., Inverness.

The council will also vote to change its regularly scheduled meeting location August 16 and Nov. 1 to the Valerie Theatre to accommodate early voting at city hall.

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HINKLE



WOOD

Lecanto man accused of felony domestic battery

Reportedly punched, strangled a woman

By **HANNAH SACHEWICZ**
Chronicle Reporter

After being arrested for cutting off his electronic monitoring device, a Lecanto man was arrested again later that day for allegedly punching and strangling a woman, according to a Citrus County Sheriff's Office arrest affidavit.

William Wood, 40, was arrested Dec. 23 and charged with grand theft (\$750 or more but less than \$5,000) and remove, destroy, alter, tamper with or damage operation of electronic monitoring device. Bond was

set at \$7,000.

He was arrested again and charged with felony battery – domestic – by strangulation and felony battery – commit battery with one prior conviction for battery. Due to the domestic nature of the charges, bond was set at none.

On Dec. 14, Wood was placed on the Attenti GPS program for being a habitual traffic offender. Upon issuance of the device, he acknowledged and signed the terms of electronic monitoring pre-trial release.

However, on Dec. 23, deputies received an alert from the program that Wood violated the terms. When deputies made contact with him in Homosassa, he reportedly told them he cut it off.

Wood provided a general area where he threw the GPS device, but deputies were not able to

locate it. He was placed under arrest and transported to the Citrus County Detention Facility.

On Dec. 23, deputies also responded to a past domestic call for service at a local RaceTrac. A woman alleged that for the past two days, Wood had been physical with her.

According to the woman's account, Wood threw a backpack full of electronics at her, which struck her forearm. At the time, she was attempting to leave the residence.

The woman also alleged Wood grabbed her by the throat, broke her glasses and slammed her to the ground during a verbal argument. Wood then threatened her and placed his knees on her rib cage.

According to the report, the final incident occurred when Wood became irate, grabbed

the woman by her face and squeezed it very tightly. He then reportedly threw her on the bed, placed one hand over her mouth and proceeded to punch her in the ribcage.

Deputies noted injuries to the woman's forearm, which she believed to be broken, along with bruising on her ribcage and face.

During a criminal history check, deputies discovered that Wood was convicted of misdemeanor battery on Sept. 26, 2013. Deputies then responded to the detention facility, where Wood was being held for his other charges, and placed him under arrest again.

According to the report, this was Wood's third arrest within one month.

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Family of four killed in helicopter crash near Bronson

By **CHRONICLE STAFF**

LEVY COUNTY — A Gilchrist family of four are dead following a Dec. 30 helicopter crash near Bronson.

At 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021, the Levy County Sheriff's Office 911 Center received a call from a witness reporting a possible aircraft crash. Several minutes later a second call from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) was received who reported a distress beacon in the

same general location. Deputies responded to a wooded area off NE 60th Lane near Wekiva Road west of Bronson and discovered the scene of a helicopter crash.

Investigators learned a family of four – father, mother and two children – departed a private residence southwest of Bronson in a privately owned Robinson helicopter. The family was returning to their home in Gilchrist County. The aircraft experienced an undetermined

failure causing the crash. All four passengers perished. Levy County Sheriff's Office Detectives are working with investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and the FAA as this investigation continues.

Sheriff McCallum spoke to members of the family and friends of the victims and expressed his deepest condolences. This is a tragedy that has deeply affected families in Gilchrist County, Levy County

and the LCSO family, as one of our own detectives is related to the victims.

Sheriff McCallum contacted Sheriff Schultz (Gilchrist County Sheriff) to notify him about the crash. Sheriff Schultz and local pastors of the victims contacted family in Gilchrist County to deliver this terrible news. We all grieve this loss and are praying for these families in this time of tragedy. The family has requested privacy as they grieve their loss.

BTV REPORT: JAN. 3, 2022

Here are the reported burglaries, thefts and vandalisms (criminal mischiefs) released Monday, Jan. 3, by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office:

- Theft, 11:06 a.m. Dec. 30, off of West Cedar Street, Crystal River;
- Theft, 11:11 a.m. Dec. 30, Inverness;
- Theft, 11:42 a.m. Dec. 30, off of Suncoast

Boulevard, Crystal River;

- Theft, 12:51 p.m. Dec. 30, off of Jeffery Street, Beverly Hills;
- Theft, 3:58 p.m. Dec. 30, off of U.S. 19, Crystal River;
- Criminal mischief, 4:05 p.m. Dec. 30, off of U.S. 19, Crystal River;
- Commercial burglary, 4:10 p.m. Dec. 30, off of U.S. 19, Crystal River;
- Theft, 4:30 p.m. Dec. 30, off of Columbus Street,

Beverly Hills;

- Theft, 4:37 p.m. Dec. 30, off of Lecanto Highway, Lecanto;
- Theft, 8 p.m. Dec. 30, off of Oaklawn Street, Homosassa;
- Theft, 3:37 a.m. Dec. 31, off of Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River;
- Theft, 10:15 a.m. Dec. 31, off of Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River;
- Commercial burglary,

11:11 a.m. Dec. 31, off of Skeeter Terrace, Hernando;

- Retail theft, 12:16 p.m. Dec. 31, off of Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness;
- Vehicle burglary, 3:16 p.m. Dec. 31, off of Rock Crusher Road, Crystal River;
- Commercial burglary, 3:16 p.m. Dec. 31, off of U.S. 19, Crystal River;
- Commercial burglary, 5:07 p.m. Dec. 31, off of

U.S. 19, Crystal River;

- Theft, 12:17 p.m. Jan. 1, off of U.S. 19, Crystal River.

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, 352-249-2790.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Hi-tech photo brings Rembrandt's 'Night Watch' up close

AMSTERDAM (AP) — Rembrandt van Rijn's iconic and huge painting "The Night Watch" is now also a supersized museum photo delivered right to your laptop in unsurpassed detail.

The Amsterdam Rijksmuseum on Monday put on its digital portal what it called "the most detailed photograph of any artwork" ready for assessment by scientists and art lovers alike. It is expected to draw widespread interest especially since the museum is closed because of coronavirus measures.

The 717-gigapixel photo allows viewers to zoom in on Captain Frans Banninck Cocq and see how the 17th-century master put the tiniest of white dots in his eyes to give life to the painting's main character. It also shows the minute cracks in his pupils, brought on by the passage of time.

The real canvas measures 149.4 by 178.5 inches and each pixel represents 5 micrometers or 0.005 square millimeters.

Apart from simply showing the dazzling detail, it will also help researchers restore the work and assess its aging process over time.

The Night Watch will be removed from its wooden stretcher in two weeks and placed on a new one to remove rippling that was caused when the world famous painting was housed in a temporary gallery while the Rijksmuseum underwent major renovations from 2003-13.



Peter Dejong / AP

A microscopic image enlarging a 4x6 millimeter part of the painting on Rembrandt's Night Watch, which will be restored next year in the public eye, is seen on a screen next to the painting at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2018. Rembrandt van Rijn's iconic and huge painting "The Night Watch" is now also a supersized museum photo delivered right to your laptop in unsurpassed detail. The Amsterdam Rijksmuseum on Monday, put on its digital portal what it called "the most detailed photograph of any artwork" ready for assessment by scientists and art lovers alike. It is expected to draw widespread interest especially since the museum is closed because of coronavirus measures.

The oil-on-canvas painting depicts a group of Amsterdam civil militia and shows off Rembrandt's renowned use of light and composition to create a dynamic scene filled with characters.

The painting has undergone many restorations over its existence. It was placed on its present wooden stretcher in 1975. Once the painting has been restretched, the museum will decide whether further restoration work is needed.

Although the ride doesn't officially open until the middle of next month, those with season passes will get sneak peaks weeks earlier.

SeaWorld's new roller ride debuting next month

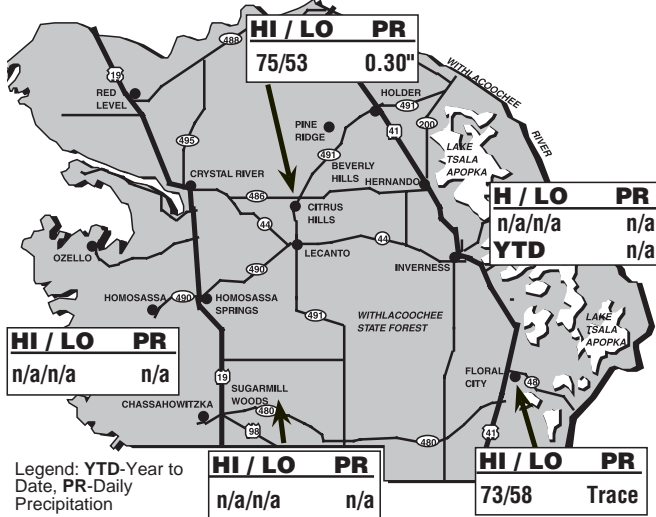
ORLANDO (AP) — A long-anticipated new roller coaster is opening at SeaWorld Orlando Feb. 18.

The theme park on Monday announced that its Ice Breaker roller coaster will make its debut on Feb. 18.

The roller coaster ride has four airtime launches, as well as a 93-foot tall spike with 100-degree angle.

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Exclusive daily forecast by: Bay Street

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 72° Low: 48°
High clouds at times, breezy and milder.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING
High: 74° Low: 50°
Partly sunny and mild.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY MORNING
High: 75° Low: 49°
Partly sunny.

ALMANAC

Data from Crystal River Airport

TEMPERATURE
Yesterday 75/48
Record* 85/26
Normal 70/42
Mean temp. 56
Departure from mean 6

PRECIPITATION
Yesterday 0.09"
Total for the month 0.11"
Total for the year 0.10"
Normal for the year 0.26"

UV INDEX: 4
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE 30.08

DEW POINT
Yesterday at 3 p.m. 43°

HUMIDITY
Yesterday at 3 p.m. 72%

POLLEN COUNT**
Predominant: Trees

AIR QUALITY
Yesterday observed Good
Pollutant PM2.5

SOLUNAR TABLES

DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
01/04	TUESDAY	7:23	2:09	5:45	2:39
01/05	WEDNESDAY	7:23	3:07	5:46	3:35

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT 5:45 pm
SUNRISE TOMORROW 7:23 am
MOONRISE TODAY 9:19 am
MOONSET TODAY 8:02 pm

BURN CONDITIONS

Today's Fire Danger Index is: MODERATE. 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-	Friday
4 - 5	Wednesday	Common Areas	

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.citrusboc.com/departments/water_resources/watering_restrictions.php

TIDES

*From mouths of rivers **At King's Bay ***At Mason's Creek

City	High	Low
Chassahowitzka**	7:03 a.m.	0.8 ft 7:28 p.m.
Crystal River**	4:53 a.m.	0.1 ft 3:22 p.m.
Withlacoochee**	1:56 a.m.	0.0 ft 11:44 p.m.
Homosassa***	5:28 a.m.	0.0 ft 11:52 p.m.

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	69	57	mc	Miami	77	69	pc
Fort Lauderdale	77	65	pc	Ocala	69	51	mc
Fort Myers	76	60	pc	Orlando	71	55	pc
Gainesville	67	50	mc	Pensacola	58	45	pc
Homestead	77	64	pc	Sarasota	76	59	pc
Jacksonville	65	52	mc	Tallahassee	61	47	pc
Key West	75	68	pc	Tampa	75	58	pc
Lakeland	72	56	pc	Vero Beach	74	59	pc
Melbourne	73	59	mc	W. Palm Bch.	74	69	pc

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Northeast winds around 15 knots diminishing to 5 to 10 knots in the afternoon. Seas 3 to 5 feet with occasional seas to 6 feet. Bay and inland waters a moderate chop.

Gulf water temperature

70°

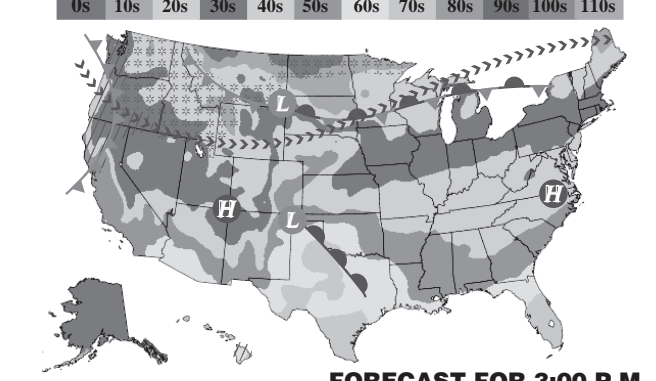
Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS

Location	MON	SUN	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	29.31	29.34	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.76	37.76	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	39.08	39.09	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	40.23	40.23	41.37

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

City	MON	TUE	City	MON	TUE
Albany	23	15	New Orleans	52	37
Albuquerque	41	15	Sacramento	54	31
Asheville	50	28	Salt Lake City	34	12
Atlanta	50	34	San Antonio	61	25
Atlantic City	38	25	San Diego	61	37
Austin	57	28	San Francisco	55	46
Baltimore	45	25	Savannah	72	50
Billings	45	25	Seattle	43	34
Birmingham	37	32	Spokane	41	30
Boise	41	7	St. Louis	32	12
Boston	34	25	St. Ste Marie	27	6
Buffalo	21	10	Syracuse	20	12
Burlington, VT	12	5	Topeka	45	8
Charleston, SC	70	46	Washington	46	28
Charleston, WV	34	28	Chicago	59	37
Charlotte	59	37	Los Angeles	60	44
Chicago	24	10	Louisville	37	25
Cincinnati	36	22	Memphis	41	28
Cleveland	29	25	Milwaukee	23	5
Columbia, SC	67	42	Minneapolis	27	1
Columbus, OH	32	25	Mobile	50	36
Concord, NH	25	18	Montgomery	42	34
Dallas	55	25	Nashville	37	28
Denver	53	26	Little Rock	43	21
Des Moines	34	0	Los Angeles	60	44
Detroit	28	12	Louisville	37	25
El Paso	50	23	Memphis	41	28
Evansville, IN	32	25	Milwaukee	23	5
Harrisburg	39	28	Minneapolis	27	1
Hartford	32	23	Mobile	50	36
Houston	54	30	Montgomery	42	34
Indianapolis	31	21	Nashville	37	28
Kansas City	43	12	Little Rock	43	21
Las Vegas	50	28	Los Angeles	60	44
Las Vegas	50	28	Louisville	37	25
Little Rock	43	21	Memphis	41	28
Los Angeles	60	44	Milwaukee	23	5
Louisville	37	25	Minneapolis	27	1
Memphis	41	28	Mobile	50	36
Milwaukee	23	5	Montgomery	42	34
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OBITUARIES

Constance 'Connie' Arnold

Feb. 19, 1939 - Jan. 2, 2022

Constance "Connie" Arnold, 82 of Homosassa, passed away Sunday Jan. 2, 2022, at the Vitas Hospice House in Lecanto.



She was born Feb. 19, 1939, in Akron, Ohio, to Robert and Margaret Steele, and has been a resident of the area for over 60 years after moving here from Hallandale. She was a retired bookkeeper and co-owner of Arnold and Son Paving here in Citrus County.

Connie enjoyed volunteering with several community organizations including Hospice and Cancer Centers of America. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Lecanto where she was lovingly known as the encourager. Connie was also a life-long animal lover.

She is survived by her

sons Gary Lee Arnold and his wife Colleen and Edwin LeRoy Arnold, Jr, her brothers Jim and Robert Steele, five grandchildren Tiffany Masalsky, Edwin LeRoy Arnold, III, Jennifer Nitz, Jeffery Arnold and Henry Fowler, three great grandchildren Joel Rogers, Henry Masalsky and Ethan Nitz.

She was preceded in death by her sister Ada JoAnne Norris and her former husband LeRoy Arnold.

The funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m., Wednesday Jan. 5 in the chapel at Strickland Funeral Home in Crystal River, with Rev Gary Bailey presiding. The family will receive friends there from 12 p.m. until service time. Burial will follow at Crystal River Memorial Cemetery.

David Charles Zareczny

April 26, 1950 - Dec. 21, 2021

David Charles Zareczny, born April 26, 1950, in Detroit, MI, resident of Beverly Hills, FL, passed on to eternal life, Dec. 21, 2021. He is preceded in death by parents Charles (father) and Rita (mother).



David was a larger than life man who touched the lives of many with his generosity and gregarious spirit.

Drafted upon graduating Theodore Roosevelt High School, Wyandotte, MI., 1968, David served onboard the USS Henderson DD-785, USS Wabash AOR-5 and was a plank owner serving onboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower CVN-69. He received the National Defense Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign medal, accolades and awards for honorable service.

Upon separation from the United States Navy, David graduated from Christopher Newport College in Virginia with a major in accounting.

He then served the Department of the Navy, Navy Supply Center, as a contracting officer of procurement for east coast naval ships, retiring in 2007.

David leaves behind many cousins in Chatham, Ontario, Canada, cousin Denise Webb of Holiday, FL, sisters Catherine Yvonne Zareczny of St. Petersburg, FL, and Diane L. Zareczny of Crestview, FL, and sister in law Jody A. Nidini, who will mourn his loss and relish his memory.

David requested to be buried at sea, arrangements will be entrusted with the United States Navy.

The family requests in lieu of flowers or cards to please donate in David's name to Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society, Attn: Amanda Shadden, 91 Radford Blvd., Bldg. 191, Pensacola, FL 32508.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.hooperfuneralhome.com.

Jan Bittner

Apr. 3, 1938 - Dec. 24, 2021

Jan Bittner, 83, of Crystal River, Florida passed away Dec. 24, 2021.



Jan was born April 3, 1938, in Confluence, Pennsylvania, to the late Robert and Margaret (Bruck) Hyatt. She had moved to this area 32 years ago from Ijamsville, Maryland. She retired as a Group Secretary at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Baltimore, Maryland. Jan was a member of the Decorative Artist Society of Florida. She loved painting. Jan was asked to display her paintings in local restaurants, her gift was from God.

She is survived by her loving husband of 64 years Jim Bittner, three children, Gene (Denise) Bittner, Michelle Bittner, and Angie Mooney, brothers, Robert Ray DeVore, Herman Rawlings, Cloyd Hyatt, and Ford Hyatt, sisters, Vivian Shroyer, Vonnie Morris, and Sheila Zerr, three grandchildren, Nicole Bittner, Jimmy Mooney, and Jason Mooney, and many nieces and nephews.

Private arrangements are under the direction of Strickland Funeral Home and Crematory, Crystal River, Florida.

Ralph 'Rick' Waldemar

Nov. 22, 1951 - Dec. 28, 2021

Ralph "Rick" Waldemar, 70, of Inverness, passed away on Dec. 28, 2021, after a difficult battle with cancer.



Rick was born on Nov. 22, 1951, to Harry and Virginia Waldemar, in the city of Ardsley, NY. After Rick graduated from SUNY Oswego, he moved to FL where he met and married Janice Schultz Waldemar in 1974.

He worked in the counseling field for over 40 years, earned a master's degree from USF, and retired after 20 years with West Central Florida Driver Improvement. Rick was passionate about his faith. He loved local theatre and was an active participant in the Christian Mo-

torcycle Association (CMA).

Rick was predeceased by his parents, Harry and Virginia and his sister Ginky. He is survived by his wife, Janice; his brother, Kenneth Waldemar of New York; his sister Elizabeth Waldemar Finger of Houston, Texas along with many nieces and nephews who loved him dearly.

Services will be held at Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home on Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 11 a.m. Calling hours will begin at 10 a.m. until the hour of service. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Samaritan's Purse or CMA, both nonprofit organizations about which Rick was passionate.

Dean Roger Johanson

Dean Roger Johanson, 86, of Beverly Hills, passed away on Dec. 30, 2021, under the care of Vitas Healthcare in Beverly Hills. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. Arrangements by McGan Cremation Service LLC, Inverness.

Juanita S. Davis

Jan. 19, 1927 - Dec. 29, 2021

Juanita S. Davis, 94, of Inverness, passed away at Citrus Memorial Hospital of Inverness on Dec. 29, 2021.



She was born to the late Mattie Radcliff on Jan. 19, 1927, in Lenox, Georgia. She made Citrus County her home over 70 years ago when she moved here from Bradenton, FL. She was a member of the Pleasant Grove Church of Christ. She retired from the Citrus County Sheriff's Department. Juanita loved to shop, go out to eat, and garden in her spare time.

Along with her parents,

she was preceded in death by her son, Ted Davis. Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Max Davis (Pat) of Inverness, FL, Leitha Gores (Mike) of Floral City, FL, and Sandra Davis of North Florida; her adored two grandchildren, Travis and Caitlin Davis; and her three cherished great-grandchildren, Emma, Ellie, and Caleb.

Juanita will be privately laid to rest at Hills of Rest Cemetery of Floral City, FL. Arrangements are under the direction of Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness.

Jane A. Courtemanche

Jane A. Courtemanche, 95, formerly of Inverness, passed away on Jan. 1, 2022, surrounded by her family.

CRIME REPORT: DEC. 30 TO JAN. 2

Bond \$2,000.

■ **Sheila Baker Mott**, 55, Crystal River, arrested Dec. 30 for battery LEO/firefighter/EMS provider/public transit employee, trespass property after warning and criminal mischief (\$1,000 or more). Bond \$8,000.

■ **Henry Neil White**, 42, Homosassa, arrested Dec. 30 for writ of bodily attachment. Bond \$1,370.

■ **David Randall Jacobek**, 22, Beverly Hills, arrested Dec. 30 for failure to appear. Bond \$4,500.

■ **Johnny Shane Meyers**, 40, Seminole, arrested Dec. 30 for failure to appear. No bond.

■ **Connor Robert Kirschner**, 29, Citrus Springs, arrested Dec. 30 for two counts violation of probation. No bond.

■ **Todd Robert Patterson**, 42, Lecanto, arrested Dec. 30 for violation of injunction for protection preventing child abuse and domestic violence. No bond.

■ **Christopher Sean Gable**, 44, Homosassa, arrested Dec. 30 for driving while license suspended or revoked (knowingly - third offense plus conviction). Bond \$5,000.

■ **Jimmy Waldron**, 55, Dunnellon, arrested Dec. 30 for felony battery. Bond \$2,000.

Arrests from Dec. 31

■ **John Albert Vires**, 51,

Inverness, arrested Dec. 31 for operating vehicle without valid drivers license and two counts possession of controlled substance. Bond \$4,500.

See CRIME, page A6

Chas. E. Davis
Funeral Home With Crematory

LUCY MANNION
Gathering: Sat. 1:00 P.M.
FRANCIS THURMAN, JR.
Service: Thurs. 12:30 P.M.
RALPH WALDEMAR
Service: Wed. 11:00 A.M.

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EDWARD TENBROECK
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Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Arrests from Dec. 30

■ **Darnell Lashaun Foster**, 18, Jacksonville, arrested Dec. 30 for battery on detention/commitment facility staff or a juvenile probation officer. Bond \$2,000.

■ **Cameron Dakota Evans**, 18, Spring Hill, arrested Dec. 30 for battery on detention/commitment facility staff or a juvenile probation officer. Bond \$2,000.

■ **Jordan Frazier Mullins**, 20, Lakeland, arrested Dec. 30 for battery on detention/commitment facility staff or a juvenile probation officer.

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CITRUS COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 9:00 AM
Lecanto Government Building
3600 West Sovereign Path, Room 166
Lecanto, Florida 34461

MICHAEL FACEMYER, CHAIR **KURT STONE**
DAVID BRAMBLETT, 1ST VICE CHAIR **STACEY WORTHINGTON**
ROBERT BASS, 2ND VICE CHAIR **WILLIAM BURDA (Alternate)**
RICHARD BARMES **CAROLE SCRAGG (Alternate)**
JAMES ROYS **CHUCK DIXON (School Board)**

A. CALL TO ORDER
B. INVOCATION
C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
D. ROLL CALL
E. CHAIRMAN TO READ THE APPEAL PROCESS AND MEETING PROCEDURES
F. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - Receive comments from the public
G. APPROVE MINUTES - Approval of available minutes
H. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS
I. EX PARTE COMMUNICATION: County Attorney
J. APPLICATIONS

1. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT
a. CPA/AA/PUD-22-01 Chuck Pigeon for Gulf to Lake Associates, LLLP
REQUEST: This request is to amend the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) of the Citrus County Comprehensive Plan from Recreational District (REC) to Medium Density Residential District (MDR) and to amend the Land Use Atlas Map (LUAM) of the Citrus County Land Development Code from Recreational District (REC), Medium Density Residential District with mobile homes allowed (MDRMH) and Low Density Residential District with mobile homes allowed (LDRMH) to Medium Density Residential District (MDR) and Low Density Residential District (LDR) with a Planned Unit Development for single-family residential uses.
LOCATION: Section 1, Township 19 South, Range 17 East, Parcel 10000 (Alternate Key 3430790); and Section 6, Township 19 South, Range 18 East, Parcels 10000, 31000 and 41000 (Alternate Key 3430790, 1504422, 1504465); and Section 31, Township 18 South, Range 18 East, Parcel 33000 (Alternate Key 1494940) in the Lecanto area. A complete legal description is on file with the Land Development Division.
STAFF CONTACT: Joanna Coutu, AICP, Director, and Joe Hochadel, Principal Planner, Land Development Division

2. LAND USE APPLICATION
a. V-22-02 Adams Homes of Northwest Florida, Inc.
REQUEST: This request is for a Variance from the Citrus County Land Development Code (LDC) for the placement of a single-family dwelling having less than the required 50-foot setback from the centerline of a right-of-way, pursuant to Section 2300, Building Setback Requirements and Height Requirements for All Land Use Districts, as specified in the LDC.
LOCATION: Section 13, Township 18 South, Range 18 West; specifically, Lot 28, Block C, of High Ridge Village (AK 3371463), which address is 3271 N. Burroughs Path, Beverly Hills, FL. A complete legal description of the property is on file with the Land Development Division.
STAFF CONTACT: Jennifer Perkins, Planner, and Amber Splitt, Planner, Land Development Division

3. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT
a. AA-22-01 John Kujan
REQUEST: This request is to amend the Land Use Atlas Map and the Master Plan of Sugarmill Woods Cypress Village from the Planned Development Residential (multi-family designation) to the Planned Development Residential (single-family designation).
LOCATION: Section 17, Township 20 South, Range 18 East; more specifically, Lot 2, Block B-M, of the Sugarmill Woods Cypress Village subdivision, Plat Book 9, Page 137; also known as Alternate Key Number 1528976, which address is known as 97 Athenia Dr., Homosassa, FL. A complete legal description is on file with the Land Development Division.
STAFF CONTACT: Joe Hochadel, Principal Planner, Land Development Division

b. CPA/AA/PUD-22-02 Clark A. Stillwell, Esq. for Camp N Water Campground Association, Inc.
REQUEST: This request is to amend the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) of the Citrus County Comprehensive Plan from Low Intensity Coastal and Lakes District (CL) to Recreational Vehicle Park/Campground District (RVP) and to amend the Land Use Atlas Map (LUAM) of the Citrus County Land Development Code from Planned Residential Development District (PDR) and Low Intensity Coastal and Lakes District (CL) to Recreational Vehicle Park/Campground District (RVP).
LOCATION: Section 31, Township 19 South, Range 17 East, Alternate Key Number 3220048, which addresses are 11465 W Priest Lane and 5680 S Sea Otter Path, Homosassa, FL. A complete legal description is on file with the Land Development Division.
STAFF CONTACT: Joanna Coutu, AICP, Director, Land Development Division

K. ADDITIONAL ITEMS
L. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS
M. ADJOURN

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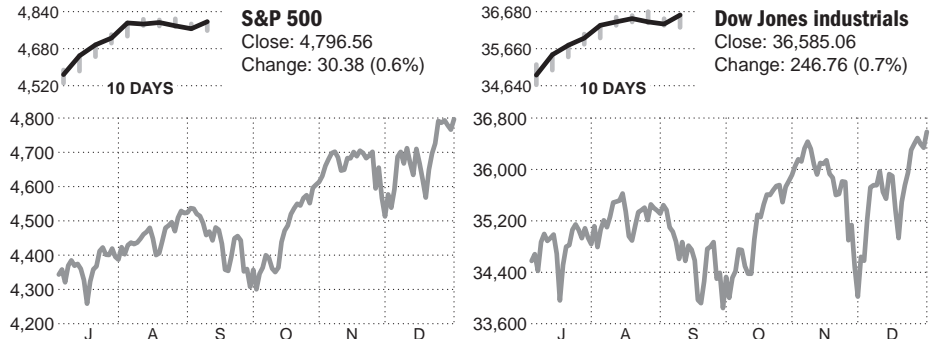
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	NYSE	NASD	DOW	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	YTD
Vol. (in mil.)	3,533	4,030	16,609.90	36,595.82	36,246.45	36,585.06	+246.76	+0.68%	+0.68%
Pvs. Volume	2,377	3,044	16,210.24	36,210.24	16,302.79	17,302.79	-175.47	-1.06%	-1.06%
Advanced	1,473	2,562	980.48	980.48	972.24	972.24	-8.54	-0.87%	-0.87%
Declined	1,014	1,011	17,230.99	17,119.99	17,226.10	17,226.10	+61.98	+0.36%	+0.36%
New Highs	81	79	15,832.80	15,644.09	15,832.80	15,832.80	+187.83	+1.20%	+1.20%
New Lows	13	66	4,796.64	4,758.17	4,796.56	4,796.56	+30.38	+0.64%	+0.64%
			2,868.21	2,830.30	2,851.05	2,851.05	+9.05	+0.32%	+0.32%
			48,789.38	48,366.61	48,789.36	48,789.36	+328.20	+0.68%	+0.68%
			2,284.14	2,246.71	2,272.56	2,272.56	+27.25	+1.21%	+1.21%

Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	LO	HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	%CHG	%RTN	P/E	DIV
AT&T Inc	T	22.02	33.88	25.43	+83	+3.4	▲	▲	▲	+3.4	-5.7	cc	2.08
Ametek Inc	AME	106.96	148.07	143.67	-3.37	-2.3	▼	▲	▼	-2.3	+22.9	36	0.80
Anheuser-Busch InBev	BUD	54.08	79.67	63.35	+2.80	+4.6	▲	▲	▲	+4.6	-13.5	22	1.10e
Bank of America	BAC	29.57	48.69	46.18	+1.69	+3.8	▲	▲	▲	+3.8	+51.1	14	0.84
Capital City Bank	CCBG	21.42	29.00	27.06	+66	+2.5	▲	▼	▼	+2.5	+10.8	13	0.64f
Citigroup	C	57.40	80.29	63.10	+2.71	+4.5	▲	▲	▲	+4.5	+2.7	6	2.04
Disney	DIS	142.04	203.02	156.76	+1.87	+1.2	▲	▲	▲	+1.2	-13.9
Duke Energy	DUK	85.56	108.38	103.49	-1.41	-1.3	▼	▲	▼	-1.3	+20.0	58	3.94f
EPR Properties	EPR	30.85	56.07	48.41	+92	+1.9	▲	▲	▲	+1.9	+52.9	...	3.00
Equity Commonwealth	EQC	25.03	29.29	26.19	+29	+1.1	▲	▲	▲	+1.1	-3.0	...	2.50e
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	41.00	66.38	63.54	+2.35	+3.8	▲	▲	▲	+3.8	+54.5	...	3.52f
Ford Motor	F	8.43	21.49	21.77	+1.00	+4.8	▲	▲	▲	+4.8	+132.2	25	0.40
Gen Electric	GE	83.20	116.17	96.24	+1.77	+1.9	▲	▲	▲	+1.9	+10.9	...	0.32
HCA Holdings Inc	HCA	156.43	263.92	254.08	-2.84	-1.1	▼	▼	▼	-1.1	+60.2	23	1.92
Home Depot	HD	246.59	420.61	408.64	-6.37	-1.5	▼	▼	▼	-1.5	+57.0	29	6.60
Intel Corp	INTC	47.87	68.49	53.21	+1.71	+3.3	▲	▲	▲	+3.3	+9.0	10	1.39
IBM	IBM	114.56	152.84	136.04	+2.38	+1.8	▲	▲	▲	+1.8	+18.3	23	6.56
LKQ Corporation	LKQ	34.11	60.23	58.61	-1.42	-2.4	▼	▲	▼	-2.4	+68.5	19	...
Lowe's Cos	LOW	150.84	263.31	255.51	-2.97	-1.1	▼	▲	▼	-1.1	+61.4	27	3.20
Lumen Technologies	LUMN	9.67	16.60	12.70	+15	+1.2	▲	▲	▲	+1.2	+41.4	...	1.00
McDonald's Corp	MCD	202.73	269.72	268.58	+51	+0.2	▲	▲	▲	+0.2	+28.8	29	5.16
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	211.94	349.67	334.75	-1.57	-0.5	▼	▲	▼	-0.5	+54.1	37	2.48f
Motorola Solutions	MSI	165.60	273.65	267.43	-4.27	-1.6	▼	▼	▼	-1.6	+64.1	47	2.84
NextEra Energy	NEE	68.33	93.73	91.66	-1.70	-1.8	▼	▲	▼	-1.8	+24.2	57	1.54
Piedmont Office RT	PDM	15.10	20.35	18.80	+42	+2.3	▲	▲	▲	+2.3	+19.4	46	0.84
Regions FncI	RF	15.72	24.89	22.67	+87	+4.0	▲	▲	▲	+4.0	+41.4	9	0.68
Smucker, JM	SJM	110.53	140.65	136.80	+98	+0.7	▲	▲	▲	+0.7	+21.3	18	3.96f
Texas Instru	TXN	160.76	202.26	190.60	+2.13	+1.1	▲	▼	▲	+1.1	+19.0	24	4.60f
UniFirst Corp	UNF	189.84	258.86	211.41	+1.01	+0.5	▲	▲	▲	+0.5	+0.4	26	1.00
Verizon Comm	VZ	49.69	59.85	52.44	+48	+0.9	▲	▲	▲	+0.9	-5.8	10	2.56f
Vodafone Group	VOD	14.53	20.36	15.44	+51	+3.4	▲	▲	▲	+3.4	-2.7	cc	1.06e
WalMart Strs	WMT	126.28	152.57	144.65	-0.4	...	▲	▲	▲	...	+0.8	41	2.20
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	39.94	57.05	53.06	+90	+1.7	▲	▲	▲	+1.7	+37.0	20	1.91

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 last 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 - Sum 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 - Current 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. cc - P/E exceeds 99. dd - Loss in last 12 months.

Interest rates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 1.63% on Monday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

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

Commodities

Oil prices rose. U.S. benchmark crude climbed 1.2%. Wholesale gasoline prices and heating oil prices rose by similar amounts. Gold and silver prices fell.



TREASURIES	LAST	PVS	NET CHG	1YR AGO
3-month T-bill	.09	.06	+0.03	.09
6-month T-bill	.22	.19	+0.03	.09
52-wk T-bill	.40	.39	+0.01	.10
2-year T-note	.78	.73	+0.05	.13
5-year T-note	1.37	1.26	+0.11	.36
7-year T-note	1.55	1.44	+0.11	.65
10-year T-note	1.63	1.51	+0.12	.89
30-year T-bond	2.02	1.91	+0.11	1.64

CONSUMER RATES	NAT'L AVG	WK	6MO	1YR
48 month new car loan	3.41	3.41	3.56	4.11
Money market account	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.08
1 year CD	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.30
\$30K Home equity loan	6.46	6.46	6.46	4.68
30 year fixed mortgage	3.30	3.24	3.18	3.07
15 year fixed mortgage	2.57	2.51	2.51	2.39

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	76.08	75.21	+1.16	+1.2
Ethanol (gal)	2.14	2.14
Heating Oil (gal)	2.36	2.33	+1.38	+1.3
Natural Gas (m m btu)	3.82	3.73	+2.28	+2.3
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.26	2.23	+1.43	+1.3

METALS	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Gold (oz)	1799.40	1827.50	-1.54	-1.5
Silver (oz)	22.79	23.33	-2.31	-2.3
Platinum (oz)	953.70	964.40	-1.11	-1.1
Copper (lb)	4.41	4.46	-0.91	-0.9
Palladium (oz)	1822.00	1908.10	-4.51	-4.5

AGRICULTURE	CLOSE	PVS	%CHG	%YTD
Cattle (lb)	1.39	1.39	-0.56	+0.0
Coffee (lb)	2.23	2.26	-1.24	-1.2
Corn (bu)	5.89	5.93	-0.67	-0.7
Cotton (lb)	1.13	1.13	+0.56	+0.6
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	1114.00	1147.80	-2.95	-2.9
Orange Juice (lb)	1.47	1.46	+0.21	+0.2
Soybeans (bu)	13.44	13.29	+1.15	+1.2
Wheat (bu)	7.58	7.71	-1.65	-1.7

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Mutual Funds

FAMILY	FUND	NAV	CHG	YTD	1YR	3YR*	5YR*
American Funds	AmrcnBalA m	33.46	-0.1	0.0	+15.7	+15.7	+11.3
	CptWldGrIncA m	63.70	+0.3	0.0	+14.8	+19.3	+13.0
	CptIncBlidA m	70.17	+0.1	0.0	+15.0	+12.1	+8.1
	FdmTInvSA m	75.98	+0.2	0.0	+22.5	+22.5	+15.5
	GrAmrcA m	75.00	+0.7	+0.9	+20.5	+29.6	+20.9
	IncAmrcA m	25.82	-0.3	-0.1	+17.2	+13.9	+9.4
	InvCAMrcA m	51.86	+0.6	+0.1	+25.2	+22.1	+14.7
	NwPrspctvA m	67.15	+7.4	+1.1	+19.0	+28.4	+20.0
	WAMTInvSA m	60.49	...	0.0	+28.5	+21.1	+15.0
Dodge & Cox	Inc	14.00	-0.6	-0.4	-1.3	+5.7	+4.3
	Slk	248.74	+3.48	+1.4	+33.6	+21.8	+14.2
Fidelity	500IdXlnsPrm	166.37	+1.05	+0.6	+29.5	+27.3	+18.4
	BCGrowth	185.96	+2.34	+1.3	+24.3	+40.6	+29.7
	Contrafund	18.81	+0.5	+0.3	+24.7	+30.2	+22.4
	GroCo	36.90	+4.3	+1.2	+24.1	+43.6	+30.2
	TIMktIdXlnsPrm	134.59	+8.1	+0.6	+26.4	+26.9	+17.9
	USBdIdXlnsPrm	11.89	-0.9	-0.7	-2.5	+4.2	+3.3
Schwab	SP500ldx	72.94	...	+28.7	+28.7	+26.0	+18.4
T. Rowe Price	BCGr	178.79	+9.7	+0.5	+18.3	+28.8	+23.4
Vanguard	500ldxAdmrl	442.63	+2.80	+2.7	+28.7	+26.0	+18.4
	DivGrInV	39.12	-1.6	+2.4	+24.8	+22.4	+17.0
	GrIdXAdmrl	166.28	+1.3	+2.7	+34.8	+24.8	+24.8
	lnTrTEAdmrl	14.70	...	0.0	+1.2	+4.3	+3.8
	IntlGrAdmrl	140.27	+9.7	-0.7	-0.7	+27.7	+21.1
	MdCpldXAdmrl	313.76	-1.70	+2.5	+24.5	+24.5	+15.9
	PmCpAdmrl	171.24	+1.79	+2.9	+21.9	+22.3	+18.4
	STInvMGrAdmrl	10.75	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	+3.5	+2.7
	SmCpldXAdmrl	109.02	+6.5	+1.7	+17.7	+21.3	+13.5
	TiBMldXAdmrl	11.10	-0.9	-1.7	-1.7	+4.8	+3.6
	TiNStldXAdmrl	34.29	+0.9	+8.6	+8.6	+13.7	+9.9
	TiNStldXlnV	20.50	+0.5	+8.6	+8.6	+13.6	+9.8
	TiSMldXAdmrl	118.25	+6.9	+25.7	+25.7	+25.8	+18.0
	TiSMldXlnV	118.22	+6.9	+25.6	+25.6	+25.6	+17.9
	WlngtAdmrl	83.65	-1.5	+19.1	+19.1	+17.4	+12.4
	WislyIncAdmrl	69.82	-3.1	+8.6	+8.6	+11.1	+8.1

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OPINION

► *“Parenting is not for sissies. You have to sacrifice and grow up.”*

Jillian Michaels, trainer and TV personality

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EDITORIAL

Parents must get back to parenting

Social media has become a large part of American life. Some would argue it has become too much a part of our life and replacing real social interactions. The latest wave of challenges on social media such as “Devious Licks” on TikTok should be a wake-up call to parents.

This latest rash of violence spread through social media outlets is not where our problems began. American family life and parenting has been changing for decades. Where family was once the center and core of where children learned behavior, it has been replaced by reality TV and social media. Parents have slowly allowed others and these social mediums to teach their children and sometimes themselves what should be important.

Families who once sat around a dinner table together and shared conversation about their day began to sit and eat in front of a TV. It seems like something so small, but it was a shift in the American family many decades ago. Now, it is hard to go out to eat and not see multiple tables of families out to enjoy a nice meal each staring into their phone – parents included.

There are parties who carry guilt in the effect social media is having on our kids. A series of congressional hearings held

THE ISSUE:
Social media and our kids.

OUR OPINION:
Parents need to step up.

last year called on the executives of Facebook, TikTok, Meta-owned Instagram and Snap the parent company of Snapchat. Some of the executives acknowledge their need to do more and said they were developing tools to help parents oversee their children’s use on their platforms. Instagram announced the “Take a Break” feature, which encourages users to spend time away from their platform.

These tools are only of use if parents are willing to take responsibility and get back to parenting. Parenting has changed and with it we must change as parents. If you aren’t sure where to start there are dozens of tech tips online and even groups on Facebook to help parents looking for support in raising kids in the digital age. If we are going to allow our children access to these social platforms, we must take the responsibility to teach our children safety with social media and monitor them. We need to take the time to ask questions, have difficult conversations, give our children rules and boundaries, and yes enforce consequences.

HOT CORNER: VACCINES

■ I am a cancer patient that is vaccinated because my doctor told me to. I do not go around bullying people in the newspaper or in my life, making everybody else get vaccinated. That is not my job. They don’t want to hear from me. I am not their doctors. If people have personal reasons or doctor reasons not to get vaccinated, leave them alone. For example, on the cover of the paper on Dec. 29, it says that in August, the school district had the largest amount of quarantines and people testing positive, but by October, we had...“zero recorded positive COVID-19 cases.” This is science, people. This is science. Variants will come, variants will go. Vaccines will help, vaccines won’t help. This is the state we are now in with COVID. It will never go away. Stop making everybody else

feel guilty because you want them to do what you want them to do.

■ Don’t be afraid to get the shot. It doesn’t even hurt. It’s not one of those shots that you’re thinking of that goes into your vein. This goes right into the muscle or fat on your arm. You don’t even feel it. So don’t be a big baby about it.

■ Let’s see, we have taken unemployment payments from people because we thought they were deadbeats that would not work. Now there’s a proposal out, I’m hearing, where we’re going to give the unemployment to people who say that they won’t get vaccinated and they lose their jobs or they quit their jobs because they won’t get vaccinated. So now we’re going to pay people to infect other people. This is a great policy. Another one of DeSantis’ great ideas.

Why is bank closed?

Could someone please tell us what’s going on with the Wells Fargo Bank in Crystal River? It is temporarily closed, so the sign says, and I need to get into the safety deposit box. I called the number on the door and no one answers. Please give us an answer (about) what’s going on up there or should we change banks?

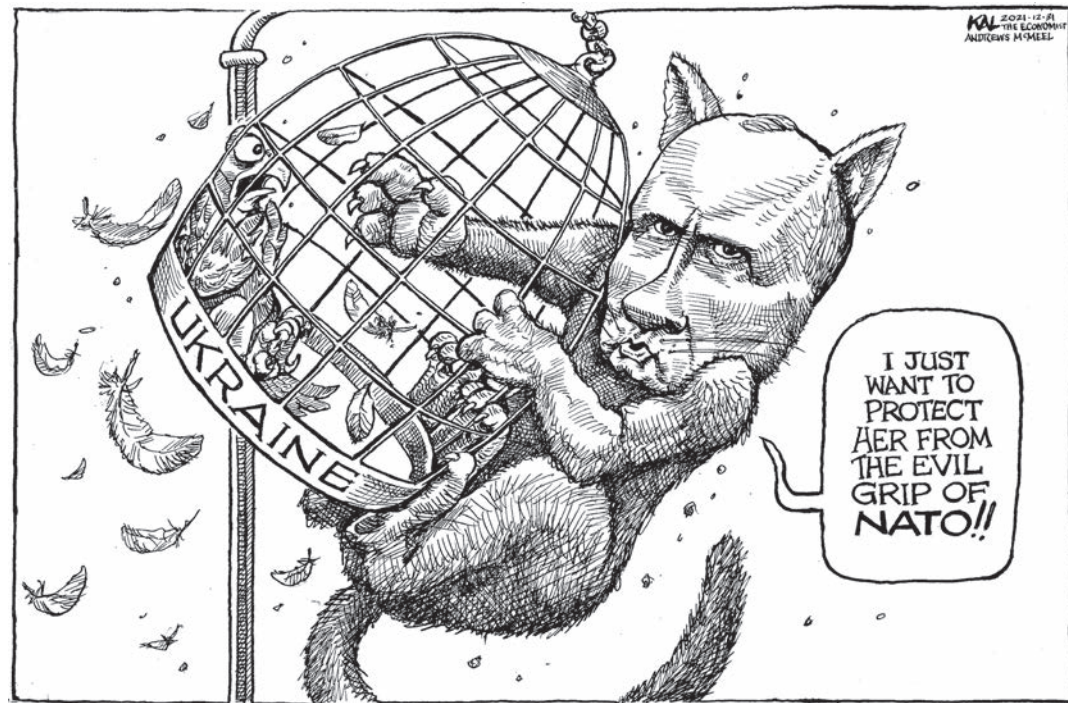
HOA violating federal laws

I’m calling about the Brentwood Farms Homeowners Association. There’s a federal law that the developer is violating. It says that Florida law requires a turnover process and provides express procedure that a developer must follow for turning

over the association operation from board of directors’ governance to the unit owners. Three years after 50 percent of the units have been sold to non-developer owners, three months after 90 percent of the units have been sold to non-developer owners, when all the units construction have been completed, some units have been sold to non-developer owners, when a court appoints a receiver for the developer and the receiver is not discharged within 30 days.

Get your children vaxxed

I called to comment on the piece that



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CMH volunteer foundation went above, beyond to help mission

The volunteers of Citrus Memorial Hospital have gone above and beyond in helping our nonprofit achieve its mission. The Citrus Memorial Hospital Volunteer Foundation recently donated \$10,000 to Music in Medicine. We want to thank them from the bottom of our hearts for their generosity.

The volunteers put in countless hours working in the hospital’s gift shop to make this donation possible.

And a huge thank you is also due to Penny Zaphel, who was the volunteer manager during the time when the gift shop was open and accruing these funds.

So thank you Penny, and all volunteers who made this possible.

Adele Jacobson
President
Music in Medicine Inc.

Citizens made a difference in lives of foster children

On behalf of the Citrus County Foster Parents Association’s Board and members, we would like to thank the community for its outpouring generosity over the holidays.

Many people in our community picked tags off our trees and bought gifts for our children, we also thank our many direct sponsors who bought for specific children filling all their wishes. We would like to thank Crystal Harley Davidson and the Lamb family for their donation of all the bicycles for every child that needed one this year and for hosting the annual Toy Run.

It warms our hearts that our community comes together every Christmas and helps provide the love and hope every child needs. There are so many more we would love to thank, please know each and every one of you made a difference.

Scott Kalvinek
President
Citrus County Foster Parents Association

Answers without questions

I spent time going over Gov. DeSantis’s requests for the 2022 legislative session. First, as an independent, I applaud his initiatives to increase pay for teachers, health care workers and law enforcement. I did not see specific requests for the environment and clean energy but will continue to hope that will be included.

However, there are three requests totaling \$19.4 million

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of taxpayer’s money that make absolutely no sense to me, and I hope to most taxpayers, regardless of which way they lean.

The first, is the Governor’s request for \$5.7 million to form a 52-person office of election crimes and security. After the 2020 presidential selection, the governor and his then mentor, Trump, stood in front of the TV cameras and proclaimed quite proudly that Florida elections were the “gold standard” for “fraud free” elections. So why now do we need to investigate and prosecute non-existent election fraud?

Secondly, why does DeSantis need his own private security army at taxpayer cost of \$5.4 million? Yes, this existed during World War II, but the only elected/self-appointed officials who now have this force are dictators or autocrats who use force to stay in power. Is he really afraid he is going to lose his election in 2024 and thinks he can use them to stay in power?

Lastly, DeSantis has requested \$8 million to expand his 2019 law targeting “sanctuary cities.” Again, there are no sanctuary cities in Florida. I agree business should be required to e-verify immigration status of new works. How about the forcing of his coffer-filing business backers to actually follow the 2020 existing law? Is he afraid of losing their support and money?

Florida is a great place to live and work but we have many

more worthwhile needs like roads and schools that need our hard earned tax dollars more than his political talking points.

Jerry Daniels
Hernando

Precious Paws donation drives a success

As the holiday season comes to an end, the Precious Paws Rescue volunteers want to send a special thank you to our community residents and businesses for supporting our holiday donation drives. The 12th annual Pet Angels’ Drive was hosted by Goin’ Postal in Homosassa. Their owners and customers help our pets year round.

The Christmas Tree Donations collected by the PetSense staff in Beverly Hills made a big difference to the many needy pets in our community. Donations from the pet lovers at Skipper’s Whiskey River Saloon in Hernando helped us care for many hungry cats and dogs.

As is our practice, Precious Paws Rescue regularly works with many of the food pantries and pet lovers caring for needy and orphaned pets in our community. All recipients expressed many thanks for the shared donations.

Precious Paws Rescue volunteers wish the Citrus County community a happy and healthy 2022 and remind those pet lovers needing some therapeutic pet therapy to stop by our adoption center at 5164 S. Florida Ave. in Inverness and relax with a purring feline.

Precious Paws
Rescue Volunteers

‘Virginia’ editorial made reader smile

In the early 1970’s, with our four boys, we lived in a very small hamlet in upstate New York called North Chatham. With only about 25 houses we knew everybody.

At Christmastime, my wife would take the boys to a neighbor’s house. This neighbor was the great grand daughter of the “Yes Virginia.” Virginia would come into the living room and read her letter to the editor to the boys and girls assembled on the floor in front of her. This letter she read was the original letter she had sent. My oldest, who is now 50, remembers this with a big smile on his face. He very faithfully tell his boys this story.

Virginia was a very lovely lady and always happy to talk to the young children in the village. I too remember sitting and hear read this letter. Today, it still makes me smile when I think of the reading by Virginia.

James Booth,
Homosassa



appeared in the Dec. 24 Chronicle, titled, “Do not forgo family gatherings amid pandemic,” by William Dixon. There are several problems with this article, but let me point out just two: Many health experts disagree with Dixon’s statement, “School-age children without debilitating medical conditions do not need to be vaccinated.” While COVID is milder in children, vaccinating children 5 years and older can help protect them from getting sick if they do get infected. DOH reports over 10,000 kids have been hospitalized so far with COVID. Another

reason to get children vaccinated is to protect them from spreading the virus to others.

Letter about Bill of Rights was ‘brilliant’

Edna Mattos wrote a brilliant editorial about our Bill of Rights last week (Thursday, Dec. 23’s letter to the editor titled, “Power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely”). We are living under the rule of men, not the rule of law...It is not justice; it is “just us.” Yes, Edna Mattos knows what’s going on and if we did have the rule of law, we would have our Bill of Rights.

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Rep. Greg Steube, R-Fla., holds photos from the Jan. 6, attack on the Capitol as he questions Attorney General Merrick Garland during a House Judiciary Committee oversight hearing of the Department of Justice on Oct. 21, 2021, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Jan. 6 committee prepares to go public as findings mount

By MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — They've interviewed more than 300 witnesses, collected tens of thousands of documents and traveled around the country to talk to election officials who were pressured by Donald Trump.

Now, after six months of intense work, the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection is preparing to go public.

In the coming months, members of the panel will start to reveal their findings against the backdrop of the former president and his allies' persistent efforts to whitewash the riots and reject suggestions that he helped instigate them. The committee also faces the burden of trying to persuade the American public that their conclusions are fact-based and credible.

But the nine lawmakers — seven Democrats and two Republicans — are united in their commitment to tell the full story of Jan. 6, and they are planning televised hearings and reports that will bring their findings out into the open.

Their goal is not only to show the severity of the riot, but also to make a clear connection between the attack and Trump's brazen pressure on the states and Congress to overturn Joe Biden's legitimate election as president.

"The full picture is coming to light, despite President Trump's ongoing efforts to hide the picture," said Wyoming Rep. Liz Cheney, the committee's

vice chairwoman and one of its two Republican members.

"I don't think there's any area of this broader history in which we aren't learning new things," she said.

While the fundamental facts of Jan. 6 are known, the committee says the extraordinary trove of material they have collected — 35,000 pages of records so far, including texts, emails and phone records from people close to Trump — is fleshing out critical details of the worst attack on the Capitol in two centuries, which played out on live television.

They hope to fill in the blanks about the preparations before the attack, the financing behind the Jan. 6 rally that preceded it and the extensive White House campaign to overturn the 2020 election. They are also investigating what Trump himself was doing as his supporters fought their way into the Capitol.

True accountability may be fleeting. Congressional investigations are not criminal cases and lawmakers cannot dole out punishments. Even as the committee works, Trump and his allies continue to push lies about election fraud while working to place similarly minded officials at all levels of state and local government.

"I think that the challenge that we face is that the attacks on our democracy are continuing — they didn't come to an end on Jan. 6," said another panel member, Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., also chairman of the House Intelligence Committee.

IN BRIEF

Trump, Ivanka, Don Jr. subpoenaed in New York AG's probe

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York attorney general's office confirmed Monday that it has subpoenaed former President Donald Trump and his two eldest children, Ivanka and Donald Trump Jr., demanding their testimony in an investigation into the family's business practices.

Attorney General Letitia James' office said in a court filing that it recently issued subpoenas seeking testimony and documents from the Trumps as part of a yearslong civil probe involving matters including "the valuation of properties owned or controlled" by Trump and his company.

Monday's filing, made public as James went to court in a bid to enforce the subpoena, was the first time that investigators publicly disclosed that they are also seeking information from Ivanka and Donald Trump Jr., both trusted allies of their father who've been executives in his family's Trump Organization.

Last month, it was reported that James' office had requested Trump sit for a deposition.

Lawyers for the Trumps filed court papers Monday evening seeking to block

the subpoenas, calling them "an unprecedented and unconstitutional maneuver" and accusing James of attempting to obtain testimony that could then be used against the Trumps in a parallel criminal investigation being overseen by Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg.

James "seeks to circumvent the entire grand jury process" and nullify the Trumps' rights by forcing them to testify without the immunity that's guaranteed under state law if they were subpoenaed to testify in front of the grand jury in the criminal probe, the Trumps' lawyers wrote.

James, a Democrat, has spent more than two years looking at whether the Trump Organization misled banks or tax officials about the value of assets — inflating them to gain favorable loan terms or minimizing them to reap tax savings.

"Despite their names, they must play by the same rules as everyone else. These delay tactics will not stop us from following the facts or the law, which is why we will be asking the court to compel Donald Trump, Donald Trump Jr., and Ivanka Trump to testify with our office under oath," James said in a statement after the Trumps' move to block the subpoenas.

School, work, travel can wait as snow blankets U.S. capital

By AAMER MADHANI
and PARKER PURIFOY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A winter storm packing heavy snow blew into the nation's capital Monday, closing government offices and schools and grounding the president's helicopter as 6 to 11 inches of snow ringed the area around Washington.

Snow spotters for the National Weather Service reported accumulations of 11.5 inches in the D.C. suburb of Capitol Heights, Maryland, and 10 inches in Rose Hill, Virginia, by the time the storm wound down Monday afternoon. At Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, 6.7 inches of snow was reported. Farther south, in Chancellorsville, Virginia, 12.1 inches was reported.

"It was balmy and foggy yesterday and then 6 inches of snow this morning, not even 12 hours later. That's not something I've seen before," said Shawn Devroude, 52, a federal worker who braved the blizzard-like conditions in the nation's capital to play with his 9-year-old border collie, MoJo, at the Naval Memorial.



Alex Brandon / AP

Derek Davison gives daughter Alyssa Davison a push to sled down the hill at the United States Marine Corps War Memorial, Monday, in Arlington, Va.

The heavy snowfall, coupled with closings caused by the surge in coronavirus cases, forced much of Washington to shut down. Four of the Smithsonian museums had already closed in late December due to a COVID-19 outbreak, and the National Zoo announced Monday that it would close for the day because of the snow.

Strong wind gusts and snow falling at a rate of 1 to 2 inches per hour made travel treacherous. In Virginia, state police responded to more than 500 traffic accidents, including a crash involving six tractor-trailers. State police said no injuries were reported in the crash.

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser declared a snow emer-

gency and advised residents to stay home.

"Stay off the roads and allow our crews to work," she said.

President Joe Biden made a slow return to Washington after spending about a week in Delaware, though he could have departed Sunday to avoid the worst of the weather.

\$29,000 for an average used car? Would-be buyers are aghast

By TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT — A couple of months ago, a woman paid a visit to Jeff Schrier's used car lot in Omaha, Nebraska. She was on a tight budget, she said, and was desperate for a vehicle to commute to work.

She was shown three cars priced at her limit, roughly \$7,500. Schrier said the woman was stunned.

"That's what I get for \$7,500?" he recalled her saying. The vehicles had far more age or mileage on them than she had expected for something to replace a car that had been totaled in a crash.

The woman eventually settled on a 2013 Toyota Scion with a whopping 160,000 miles on it. Schrier isn't sure he made any profit on the deal. "We just helped her out," he said.

As prices for used vehi-



Sue Ogrocki / AP

Used cars for sale are on display on Thursday, June 24, 2021, in Oklahoma City. Prices for used cars have soared so high, so fast, that buyers are being increasingly priced out of the market.

cles blow past any seemingly rational level, it is the kind of scenario playing out at many auto dealerships across the country. Prices have soared so high, so fast, that buyers are being increasingly priced out of the market.

Consider that the average price of a used vehi-

cle in the United States in November, according to Edmunds.com, was \$29,011 — a dizzying 39 percent more than just 12 months earlier. And for the first time that anyone can recall, more than half of America's households have less income than is considered necessary to buy the

average-priced used vehicle.

The days when just about anyone with a steady income could wander onto an auto lot and snag a reliable late-model car or buy their kid's first vehicle for a few thousand dollars have essentially vanished.

"I've never seen anything remotely close to this — it's craziness," said Schrier, who has been selling autos for 35 years. "It's quite frustrating for so many people right now."

When the government reported that consumer inflation rocketed 6.8 percent in the 12 months that ended in November — the sharpest jump in nearly 40 years — the biggest factor, apart from energy, was used vehicles. And while the rate of increase is slowing, most experts say the inflated vehicle prices aren't likely to ease for the foreseeable future.

FDA expands Pfizer boosters for more teens

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press

The U.S. is expanding COVID-19 boosters as it confronts the omicron surge, with the Food and Drug Administration allowing extra Pfizer shots for children as young as 12.

Boosters already are recommended for everyone 16 and older, and federal regulators on Monday decided they're also warranted for 12- to 15-year-olds once enough time has passed since their last dose.

But the move, coming as classes restart after the holidays, isn't the final step. A panel to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is expected to decide later this week whether to recommend boosters for the younger teens with a final decision by Dr. Rochelle Walensky, the CDC's director.

The FDA also said everyone 12 and older who's eligible for a Pfizer booster can get one as early as five months after their last dose rather than six months.

FDA vaccine chief Dr. Peter Marks said even though serious illness is uncommon in younger teens, a booster will help them

avoid that risk — while also helping reduce the spread of omicron or any other coronavirus mutant.

"Hopefully this will be not just a call for people to go get their booster shot," but for the tens of millions of unvaccinated Americans to rethink that choice, Marks said. "It's not too late to start to get vaccinated."

The FDA based its latest booster decision largely on real-world data from Israel that found no new safety concerns when 6,300 12- to 15-year-olds got a Pfizer booster five months after their second dose.

Likewise, the FDA said even more data from Israel showed no problems with giving anyone eligible for a Pfizer booster that extra dose a month sooner than the six months that until now has been U.S. policy.

The chief safety question for younger teens is a rare side effect called myocarditis, a type of heart inflammation seen mostly in younger men and teen boys who get either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines. The vast majority of cases are mild — far milder than the heart inflammation caused by COVID-19 — and they



Shafkat Anwar

Lucas Kittikamron-Mora, 13, holds a sign in support of COVID-19 vaccinations as he receives his first Pfizer vaccination at the Cook County Public Health Department, May 13, 2021 in Des Plaines, Ill.

seem to peak in older teens, the 16- and 17-year-olds.

Marks said the side effect occurs in about 1 in 10,000 men and boys ages 16 to 30 after their second shot — but that a third dose appears less risky, by about a third. That's probably because more time has passed before the booster than between the first two shots, he said.

While the FDA didn't consult its independent scientific advisers before making that decision, the CDC's own advisory panel is sure to closely weigh how much benefit this age

group is likely to get before backing the extra shot.

Vaccines still offer strong protection against serious illness from any type of COVID-19. But health authorities are urging everyone who's eligible to get a booster dose for their best chance at avoiding milder breakthrough infections from the highly contagious omicron mutant.

Children tend to suffer less serious illness from COVID-19 than adults. But child hospitalizations are rising during the omicron wave — most of them unvaccinated.

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Television, friend or foe of dementia care?

In today's world, the talking screen has become ubiquitous. It talks to us in our doctors' offices, it entertains us with sports at bars and restaurants, and it comes on to sell us something even when we pull the handle on the gas pump! It is a fact of life that we seem unable to avoid.

Debbie Selsavage



I have noticed also in both professional memory care facilities and in care partner's homes, the talking screen is ever-present. Is this good? Does it aid or detract from good dementia care?

I look at television as a tool, and like any tool it can be very helpful or extremely damaging, depending on whether we use it skillfully or haphazardly.

In determining how we use television, we must pay attention to the facts that 1) our loved ones with dementia process incoming information more slowly, if at all; and 2) they can have adverse reactions to too much visual and audio stimulation.

Too often, I visit homes or care facilities where people with dementia are sitting in a recliner, facing a big screen broadcasting 24-hour news. This, in my opinion, is the absolute worst use of television.

Cable news has an excited fast-talking head that suddenly switches to a different talking head. A moving image is dancing in the background, boxes with additional images are popping in and out of the corners of the screen, and across the bottom are scrolling banners that contain information that even the quickest-witted person cannot keep up with.

It is overstimulation on steroids, and in no way is it appropriate for a person with dementia. Not only does it over-stimulate, but our person with dementia cannot tell whether the latest bombing or shooting that the talking head is breathlessly describing is taking place in another city or right

outside, on our street.

My unequivocal advice is: Don't use cable news to baby-sit your loved one with dementia. It is the equivalent of cruel and unusual punishment!

But this doesn't mean all television is bad. There are shows that can create a calming effect, which can be both appropriate and helpful.

Certain forms of sports, such as tennis, baseball, or golf seem to sooth a person with dementia. They may have no idea who is playing, winning, or losing, but the repetitive motion of the game seems to have a calming effect.

But avoid the kind of sport shows that focus on overexcited, loud, shouting announcers. Again, avoid the talking heads.

Movie can be beneficial. Movies that are nostalgic for your person, or that contain beautiful landscapes, quiet dialogue, or soothing music can work well.

My husband dearly loved musicals. I wasn't too excited about watching "The Sound of Music" for the hundredth time, but it always calmed him, resulting in a smooth and peaceful transition to bed each evening.

There are now special television services designed specifically for seniors or families living with dementia. Uniper TV offers free interactive programming aimed at the interests of senior viewers. To learn more, go to <https://www.unipercare.com/>. And Zinnia offers a subscription service intended specifically for individuals living with dementia. Check it out at <https://www.zinniatv.com/>.

As dementia practitioners, we often advise care partners to avoid the overstimulation of television, but this does not mean it is inherently bad. Television is simply a tool that you can use for good or ill. Used wisely, it can give a care partner hours of respite, and his or her loved one hours of tranquility.

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It's not always a deviated septum

Many of you reading this article may have been told by a doctor that you have nasal blockage due to a deviated septum. The septum is a bone that separates the two sides of the nose and can be crooked due to congenital and trauma

and block the airway. But there is another important part of the nasal anatomy called the turbinates, which frequently contribute to nasal obstruction.

There are six nasal turbinates, three on each side of the nose and the lower-most set of turbinates are the ones that typically cause blockage. They block the nose because the lining surrounding the turbinate, which looks like a small fingerlike projection that tends to swell and blocks the airway.

Studies in the past suggest that 20-25 percent of the general public may suffer from this problem. There are many causes of turbinate swelling.

Allergies, sinus problems and addition to over-the-counter nasal sprays are probably the top causes. Swelling of the turbinates can affect breathing 24/7, but is particularly annoying at night when one is trying to sleep. Patients frequently seek out over-the-counter remedies including nasal strips and over-the-counter nasal sprays, which can be a problem because of their tendency to cause rebound swelling and aggravate the original problem.

For years, turbinates have been treated in the surgical setting, usually an outpatient type of procedure to remove part of the turbinate and relieve the obstruction.

Nowadays, there are simple in-office procedures that can be used, the most common which is radiofrequency energy, which reduces the volume or the size of the turbinate. Energy is delivered

with a needle inserted into the tissue and because it requires no cutting it is relatively quick to do and can be done in the office with topical medications, which will numb the turbinate so the patient is comfortable during the procedure.

In the past, other techniques have been used including freezing of the tissue, lasers, and electrocautery have also been utilized. Results have varies and sometimes patients were left with persistent bleeding, crusting, and drying of the nose.

This newer technique with radiofrequency energy to heat and induce some tissue destruction below the surface of the turbinate leaving the turbinate normal in appearance and function yet smaller in size and increasing the airway and allowing more airflow freely through the nose, making the patient more comfortable.

Radiofrequency energy has been used successfully in other surgical fields including neurosurgery and cardiology to mention a few. Usually, if the patient has the procedure done he will see the results within one month and studies suggest that the procedure can last for years and in some instances may need to be repeated. Since it is an office procedure that makes it much more tolerable, should the patient have to have a repeated procedure.

Radiofrequency treatment of turbinate enlargement will help the patient breathe better and can be done as an outpatient. It is quick and easy to do and does not require any nasal packing and doesn't seem to cause any permanent damage to the nasal cavity.

Return to work and play is almost immediately. Another side benefit is the fact that it is cost effective as compared to going to a hospital or surgery center to have a procedure done.

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Nutrition Insight reports that 77 percent of American adults consume dietary supplements, and Nutraceuticals World indicates 98 percent of adult supplement users are taking vitamins and minerals. Individuals considering supplements should always discuss them with their physicians prior to including them in their health regimens.

Making positive changes for 2022

How different vitamins affect the body

By METROCREATIVE

At the dawn of a new year, it's not uncommon for people take inventory of their personal health and strive to make positive changes. Being more conscientious of the foods they put into their bodies is a start, but some individuals may wonder if supplementation can help them go one step further.

Nutrition Insight reports that 77 percent of American adults consume dietary supplements, and Nutraceuticals World indicates 98 percent of adult supplement users are taking vitamins and minerals. Individuals considering supplements should always discuss them with their physicians prior to including them in their health regimens. Even those who haven't considered supplements can discuss them with their physicians, as Harvard Health, MedlinePlus and the U.S. National Library of Medicine note that various products can provide some significant benefits.

Vitamin A (retinoids/carotene)
Beta carotene can be converted into vitamin A as needed. It plays an important role in vision, keeps tissues and skin healthy, and also is involved with bone growth.

Vitamin B1 (thiamin)

Helps convert food into energy, and is essential for brain health and nerve function.

Vitamin B2 (riboflavin)
This works with other B vitamins by promoting growth and the production of red blood cells.

Vitamin B3 (niacin)
Helps convert food into energy. It's also essential for healthy skin, blood cells, brain, and nervous system function.

Vitamin B5 (pantothenic acid)
Helps make lipids, neurotransmitters, steroid hormones, and hemoglobin in the body.

Vitamin B6 (pyridoxine)
This vitamin may reduce the risk of heart disease by helping to lower homocysteine levels. It also helps convert tryptophan into niacin and serotonin, a mood-regulating neurotransmitter.

Vitamin B9 (folate)
Vital for new cell creation, it helps prevent brain and spine birth defects when taken early in pregnancy. It also may lower risk for colon cancer risk.

Vitamin B12 (cobalamin)
Vitamin B12 is important for metabolism and energy production. It also helps form red blood cells and maintain the central nervous system.

Biotin
Biotin helps to metabolize proteins and carbohydrates. It also

promotes healthy bones and hair.

Vitamin C (ascorbic acid)
This is an important antioxidant that promotes healthy teeth and gums. It also helps the body absorb iron and maintains healthy tissue by promoting wound healing. Vitamin C may help boost the immune system to help with illness prevention or recovery.

Vitamin D (calciferol)
Also known as the "sunshine vitamin," vitamin D is made in the body after individuals spend time in the sun. It is hard to get enough vitamin D from food sources alone. Vitamin D also helps the body absorb calcium, which is vital for healthy bones and teeth.

Vitamin E (tocopherol)
An antioxidant that helps the body form red blood cells and use vitamin K. Scientists also are studying a potential relationship between vitamin E and a lower risk for Alzheimer's disease.

Vitamin K (menadione)
Vitamin K activates proteins and calcium essential to blood clotting. It also may help prevent hip fractures.

In addition to these vitamins, the body needs various minerals, including calcium, iron, copper, iodine, magnesium and more. Speak with a doctor or nutritionist to learn more about supplementation.

Get moving in 2022

If you're like millions of other Americans, getting in shape is near the top of your New Year's resolution list. There is a good reason for it to be there. Staying physically active is one way to reduce your risk of cancer, heart disease, and diabetes, and improve your overall sense of well-being.

But far too many Americans are dragging their feet when it comes to exercise. According to a report from the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention, more than half of US adults don't get the recommended amount of physical activity. That's at least 30 minutes of moderate activity, five or more days a week.

Fitting fitness into your day can be tough when you're juggling work, family and other priorities. The key is to make getting that activity one of your priorities. Schedule it on your home or work calendar, just as you do other appointments, and commit to keeping that appointment with yourself. It's that important. Your health is worth it.

Getting out of bed early to work out increases your chances that you will actually stick with a plan. If you wait until after work or later in the day, chances are other things will creep up and get in the way of your workout time.

But you don't have to join a gym to get a good workout. Walking is one of the easiest ways to stay



Photo courtesy of MetroCreative

Finding a workout buddy can help banish boredom. Having someone to talk to while you exercise makes the time pass more quickly. Committing to meet a friend for a workout raises the odds that you really will work out.

active and healthy. If the weather puts you off exercising outside, check out our local shopping mall, it is a great place to walk when the weather turns bad. It also helps to sneak extra activity into your daily routine.

Seek out the farthest parking spot rather than the closest; carry your own groceries to the car; rake your leaves instead of using a blower; do some leg lifts or sit-ups while you watch TV.

Once you've committed to being active, you need to find ways to stay motivated, too. Seeing the progress you're making can help push you on. It is also important to find an activity you like to do so that being active doesn't feel like a chore.

Go for a walk one day, a bike ride another; dust off those roller skates the next. Boredom is a

sure-fire way to derail even your best laid plans. Finding a workout buddy can help banish boredom, too. Having someone to talk to while you exercise makes the time pass more quickly. And committing to meet a friend for a workout raises the odds that you really will work out.

Finally, get the whole family involved in physical activity. Walk together after dinner, or toss a ball in the back yard. Not only does this get you out and active as a family, it begins to instill the importance of a healthy lifestyle for your kids. And that's a New Year's resolution worth sticking to.

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Baylor, Duke remain 1-2 in AP Top 25 poll with few changes

By AARON BEARD
AP Basketball Writer

Baylor is the clear choice for No. 1 in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll. And the voters seem to agree on the group of teams behind the Bears, too.

The reigning national champions kept their firm hold on the top spot Monday, earning all 61 first-place votes for the third time in four weeks. It also marked the second straight week that there were no new teams entering the rankings, with the poll representing another reshuffling of the same group, including an unchanged top seven.

The Bears haven't done anything to shake voters' confidence, either. They entered the week as the only team ranked in top five in KenPom's adjusted efficiency rankings for offense (117.6 points scored per 100 possessions) and defense (87.5).

Baylor (13-0) has won 19 straight games going back to last year's title run in the Indianapolis bubble. That has included double-digit margins of victory against current No. 10 Michigan State in the title game of the Battle 4 Atlantis in the Bahamas and against No. 19 Villanova.

The Bears won at No. 11 Iowa State on Saturday to open Big 12 play, tenuously holding at least a two-possession lead throughout the second half with a balanced attack, with six players scoring at least nine points.

"It shows we have a great rotation," Baylor coach Scott Drew said afterward, adding: "Different people step up at different times, and you need that because not everybody has great shooting nights and great games."

Duke's recovery

The No. 2 Blue Devils (11-1) remained in place for the fourth straight week behind the Bears. They haven't played since Dec. 22 after having to postpone last week's Atlantic Coast Conference games at Clemson and Notre Dame due to COVID-19 protocols.

Duke hosts Georgia Tech on Tuesday night. Coach Mike Krzyzewski sounded optimistic Monday that the Blue Devils would play as scheduled, saying they were awaiting one test result but otherwise expected to have the entire team back together later in the day.

Krzyzewski said it "hit our program extremely hard" while impacting both players and staff, though the retiring Hall of Famer said he hasn't had the virus himself.

"It went through just about our whole team," he said. "We're not in the shape that we have been in before, so it's going to take time to ramp up."

The top tier

Purdue, Gonzaga and UCLA rounded out the top five, followed by Kansas and USC in the unchanged top seven. Arizona, Auburn and Michigan State rounded out the top 10, marking the Tigers' first trip there this season.

Rising

Nine teams moved up in the poll, with Providence making the week's biggest jump of five spots to tie Kentucky at No. 16. No. 15 Alabama jumped four spots, while No. 14 Texas and Villanova each rose three spots.

Sliding

No. 24 Seton Hall took the biggest tumble, falling nine spots after Big East losses to Providence and Villanova. No. 21 LSU fell five spots, while No. 18 Tennessee slid four and No. 11 Iowa State fell three.

Status quo

In all, 12 teams held their position from last week, including No. 12 Houston, No. 13 Ohio State, No. 20 Colorado State and No. 25 Texas Tech.

Conference watch

The Big 12 and Southeastern conferences each had five ranked teams to lead the country, followed by the Big Ten and Big East with four each.

The Pac-12 had three, then four leagues – the ACC, West Coast, American Athletic and Mountain West – each had one.



Photos by Andrew Mills / NJ Advance Media via AP

Tampa Bay Buccaneers wide receiver Antonio Brown gestures to the crowd as he leaves the field mid-game against the New York Jets during the third quarter of Sunday's game in East Rutherford, N.J. Brown left the game and did not return.

AB controversy continues

Arians: Antonio Brown didn't claim injury before walkoff

By FRED GOODALL
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Antonio Brown's latest messy departure from an NFL team, the Buccaneers, was not about an injury, coach Bruce Arians said Monday.

Yes, the Buccaneers are moving on from Brown, whose NFL career is on hold yet again after another in a series of incidents, including two women accusing him of sexual assault in 2019.

But Arians dispelled the notion that Brown stormed off the field Sunday – tossing some of his gear into the stands and waving to fans at the Jets' MetLife Stadium – after refusing to go back in because of an ankle injury that had sidelined him for several weeks.

Twice, Arians was asked about Brown claiming he was hurt. Both times, the coach answered "No," that Brown didn't tell him he was injured.

"It's pretty obvious what happened. He left the field and that was it," Arians said, declining to elaborate on an exchange the coach said he had with the receiver on the sideline.

Pressed for details on what was said and whether Brown claimed



A N.J. State Police trooper, background, watches as Tampa Bay Buccaneers wide receiver Antonio Brown throws his gloves into the stands while his team's offense is on the field against the New York Jets during the third quarter.

he was too injured to play, Arians replied: "We had a conversation and he left the field."

Asked what specifically was said that might move Brown to react the way he did, the coach added: "You have to ask him, brother. I don't have a clue."

"I just hope the best for him,"

Arians said, while shedding little light on what led to Brown taking off his jersey, shoulder pads, undershirt and gloves before walking off during the third quarter of Sunday's 28-24 Tampa Bay victory.

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Brown's mental health is no joke

By ROB MAADDI
AP Pro Football Writer

Antonio Brown tossed his jersey and shoulder pads toward the bench, threw his glove and undershirt into the stands and ran off the field bare-chested, waving a peace-out sign to fans in the end zone while Tom Brady huddled the offense for an important play.

Following his strange outburst Sunday, Brown is out as a member of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and one can only hope he finds peace.

Brown's bizarre behavior quickly blew up on social media and dominated NFL headlines around the league on a day when Brady engineered another impressive comeback and several teams clinched playoff berths. But Brown's mental health is no joke to be trivialized by a meme.

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Frustrated Jaguars fans trying to elicit GM change

By MARK LONG
AP Pro Football Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — If a 40-point drubbing at New England didn't get Jacksonville owner Shad Khan's full attention, then what's being planned for the team's season finale just might.

Frustrated fans are revolting against the Jaguars and have Khan in their crosshairs.

Hundreds, if not thousands, have changed their social media profile pics to a clown donning Khan's signature mustache. And they've started replying to every Jaguars post or live feed with countless clown emojis. Next up: They're planning to don clown costumes – red rubber noses, face paint and colorful wigs, at the very least – when the Jaguars (2-14) host Indianapolis (9-7) at TIAA Bank Field on Sunday.

The goal is to persuade Khan to fire general manager Trent Baalke, whose reputation and repeated mistakes have been under the microscope since NFL Network reported that Baalke would be retained in 2022 and would assist in the team's coaching search.

Dallas defensive coordinator Dan Quinn, Green Bay offensive coordinator Nate Hackett and Tampa Bay offensive coordinator Byron Leftwich reportedly declined to interview with the Jaguars during the final two weeks of the regular season, leaving many



KHAN

to wonder whether Baalke's presence was an issue. Baalke's resume includes three consecutive NFC championship games with San Francisco (2011-13) and reports he was a problem behind the scenes while working with ex-NFL coaches Jim Harbaugh (2011-14), Jim Tomsula (2015), Chip Kelly (2016) and, most recently, Urban Meyer (2021).

Baalke inherited a Jaguars team that had the No. 1 draft pick (quarterback Trevor Lawrence), five of the first 65 selections and about \$100 million in salary cap space. And he somehow made Jacksonville worse and arguably a bigger laughingstock than it's been during Khan's decade of dysfunction as owner.

Khan fired Meyer on Dec. 16. In the three games since, the Jaguars have been outplayed by equally woeful Houston and the New York Jets and then thoroughly embarrassed in a 50-10 loss at the Patriots on Sunday.

It was just four years ago Jacksonville and New England met in the AFC title game, with the Patriots eking out a 24-20 victory after trailing by 10 in the fourth quarter. The Jaguars are 14-50 since and have parted with nearly every starter from that team.



Steven Senne / AP

Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback Trevor Lawrence (16) hits the turf after a sack by New England Patriots outside linebacker Dont'a Hightower, top, during the first half of Sunday's game in Foxborough, Mass.

The Pats are 40-25 over the same span, with two Super Bowl appearances and are now returning to the playoffs for a third time.

"I haven't been around the NFL long so I really still don't even know how everything completely works, but I'm just trusting who is in leadership positions," Lawrence said. "At the end of the day, my job is to be a quarterback and to lead this team, and I can only do so much, and that's what I'm going to do."

"Other than that, I'm just going to put my head down, go to work, and I have faith that we are going to come out in a way better spot

next year than we are right now. I 100 percent believe that, and I'm just looking forward to doing that because a lot of these guys deserve it."

The Jaguars have lost eight consecutive games and will end the season with a 17-game slide on the road and a 16-game slide against NFC opponents. They have dropped 10 straight against AFC South foes, a streak that could reach 11 with a loss to the Colts – and with potentially thousands of clown-clad fans in the stands.

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NHL

Table with Eastern Conference (Atlantic and Metropolitan Divisions) and Western Conference (Central Division) columns. Includes team names and game statistics (GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA).

NBA

Table with Eastern Conference (Atlantic, Southeast, and Central Divisions) and Western Conference (Southwest, Northwest, and Pacific Divisions) columns. Includes team names and game statistics.

NFL

Table with American Conference (East and South) and National Conference (East) columns. Includes team names and game statistics.

FLORIDA LOTTERY

Monday's winning numbers

Cash4Life: 02-39-42-47-50, Cash Ball: 4
Pick 4 Evening: 9-0-8-5, Fireball: 1
Pick 4 Midday: 5-1-4-4, Fireball: 5
Pick 5 Evening: 4-2-6-3-8, Fireball: 1
Pick 5 Midday: 4-1-7-3-8, Fireball: 5
Powerball: 02-13-32-33-48, Powerball: 22, Power Play: 2

ON THE AIRWAVES

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6:30 p.m. (SEC): Auburn at South Carolina
7 p.m. (ACCN): NC State at Virginia Tech
7 p.m. (BTN): Michigan at Rutgers
7 p.m. (ESPN): Kentucky at LSU
7 p.m. (ESPN2): Oklahoma at Baylor
7 p.m. (ESPNU): Texas A&M at Georgia
8:30 p.m. (SEC): Vanderbilt at Arkansas
9 p.m. (ACCN): Georgia Tech at Duke
9 p.m. (ESPN2): Kansas at Oklahoma State
9 p.m. (ESPNU): Tulsa at Memphis
9 p.m. (FS1): Providence at Marquette
11 p.m. (FS1): Wyoming at Nevada

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

9 p.m. (BTN): Michigan at Nebraska
7:30 p.m. (NBA): Indiana Pacers at New York Knicks.
10:30 p.m. (NBA): Sacramento Kings at Los Angeles Lakers

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

9 p.m. (ESPN): TaxAct Texas Bowl - LSU vs Kansas State
7 p.m. (SUN): Tampa Bay Lightning at Columbus Blue Jackets

PREP CALENDAR

GIRLS SOCCER: 6:30 p.m.: Lecanto at Central
BOYS SOCCER: 6:30 p.m.: Central at Lecanto
GIRLS BASKETBALL: 6:30 p.m.: Lecanto at Central
7:30 p.m.: Crystal River at Springstead
BOYS BASKETBALL: 7:30 p.m.: Central at Lecanto
7:30 p.m.: Citrus at Nature Coast

Table with columns: W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Lists various college basketball teams and their records.

NASCAR

Cup Series Schedule-Winners

Feb. 6 — Busch Light Clash at The Coliseum, Los Angeles
Feb. 17 — x-Bluegreen Vacations Duel 1 at DAYTONA, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Feb. 17 — x-Bluegreen Vacations Duel 2 at DAYTONA, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Feb. 20 — DAYTONA 500, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Feb. 27 — Auto Club 400, Fontana, Calif.
March 6 — Pennzoil 400, Las Vegas
March 13 — Ruoff Mortgage 500k, Avondale, Ariz.
March 20 — Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500, Hampton, Ga.
March 27 — Echopark Texas Grand Prix, Austin, Texas
April 3 — Toyota Owners 400, Richmond, Va.
April 9 — Blue-Emu Maximum Pain Relief 500, Ridgeway, Va.
April 17 — Food City Dirt Race, Bristol, Tenn.
April 24 — GEICO 500, Talladega, Ala.
May 1 — Drydene 400, Dover, Del.
May 8 — Goodyear 400, Darlington, S.C.
May 15 — NASCAR Cup Series at Kansas, Kansas City, Kan.
May 22 — x-NASCAR All-Star Open, Fort Worth, Texas
May 22 — NASCAR All-Star Race, Fort Worth, Texas
May 29 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
June 5 — NASCAR Cup Series Race at Gateway, Madison, Ill.
June 12 — Toyota / Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
June 26 — Ally 400, Lebanon, Tenn.
July 3 — Kwik Trip 250, Elkhart Lake, Wis.
July 10 — Quaker State 400, Hampton, Ga.
July 17 — Foxwoods Resort Casino 301, Loudon, N.H.
July 24 — Explore the Pocono Mountains 350, Long Pond, Pa.
July 31 — Verizon 200 at the Brickyard, Speedway, Ind.
Aug. 7 — FireKeepers Casino 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 14 — Federated Auto Parts 400, Richmond, Va.
Aug. 21 — Go Bowling at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 27 — Coke Zero Sugar 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Sept. 4 — Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
Sept. 11 — Hollywood Casino 400, Kansas City, Kan.
Sept. 17 — Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race, Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 25 — Autotrader EchoPark Automotive 500, Fort Worth, Texas
Oct. 2 — YellaWood 500, Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 9 — Bank of America ROVAL 400, Concord, N.C.
Oct. 16 — South Point 400, Las Vegas
Oct. 23 — Dixie Vodka 400, Homestead, Fla.
Oct. 30 — Xfinity 500, Ridgeway, Va.
Nov. 6 — NASCAR Cup Series Championship, Avondale, Ariz.
x-non-points race

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

AP Men's Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 2, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking.

AP Women's Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 2, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Minor League Baseball Frontier League
FLORENCE Y'ALLS — Signed C Ronnie Allen Jr. to a contract extension.
JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed C Kyle Kaufman.
LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed C Karl Eilison to a contract extension.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Traded G Denzel Valentine to New York Knicks in exchange for G Rajon Rondo.
GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS — Signed G Quinngray Weatherspoon to a two-way contract.
MILWAUKEE BUCKS — Signed C Luke Kornet to a 10-day contract.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Released OL D.J. Fluker and DE Hercules Mata'afa from the practice squad.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Activated DT John Jenkins and WR Preston Williams from the reserve/COVID-19 list. Activated C Spencer Pulley and G Durval Queiroz from the practice squad reserve/COVID-19 list.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
FLORIDA PANATHERS — Placed RW Sam Reichart and LW Mason Marchmont on COVID-19 protocol.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Reassigned F Alex Barre-Boulet and G Maxime Lagace to Syracuse (AHL).

NFL finale is showdown for playoffs: Chargers at Raiders

By JOSH DUBOW and BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writers

The NFL's schedule changes for Week 18 will feature exactly what the league wanted: a Sunday night showdown for a playoff berth.

To finish off the NFL's first 17-game season, the Los Angeles Chargers at Las Vegas Raiders game was flexed from daytime to primetime.

Both AFC West rivals are 9-7 and the winner will advance to the postseason.

"Each week has a life of its own in the NFL. It's having a life of its own since the beginning, and that's the way we need to treat things around here," Chargers coach Brandon Staley said.

Also in the mix for the final wild-card slot in the AFC - New England owns one of them - are the Colts, the Steelers and the Ravens.

If Indianapolis wins next Sunday at Jacksonville, it's in. Pittsburgh (7-7-1) must win out; it plays Monday night at home against Cleveland, then visits Baltimore (8-8) and still

could fall short. Baltimore needs all sorts of help, but is mathematically alive and must break a five-game slide on Sunday against Pittsburgh.

A Chargers loss eliminates them. The league also switched two games from Sunday to Saturday.

The Chiefs (11-5) could get the No. 1 seed in the AFC with a victory but would need Tennessee (11-5) to lose at Houston.

Dallas (11-5) has won the NFC East and Philadelphia (9-7) owns an NFC wild card.

The other games in Week 18 are AFC West champion Cincinnati (10-6) at Cleveland; NFC North winner and top seed Green Bay (13-3) at Detroit; Seattle at Arizona, which owns a wild-card berth at 11-5 and

still could win the NFC West; New Orleans (8-8) and in the mix for an NFC wild card) at Atlanta; the New York Jets at AFC East leader Buffalo (10-6), who take the division with a victory; San Francisco (9-7) and also in contention for an NFC wild card) at NFC West leader Los Angeles Rams (12-4); New England (10-6), which still could win the AFC East with a victory at Miami and a Buffalo defeat; Carolina at NFC South winner Tampa Bay (12-4); Chicago at Minnesota; and Washington at the New York Giants.

There are more permutations that will make heads spin. For example:

A four-way or five-way tie at 9-8 for wild cards is possible in the AFC. If the Dolphins and/or Browns also get to that record, the Colts have the edge based on best conference record.

While the Saints have the edge on the Niners for an NFC spot at 9-8 based on a better conference record, in a three-way tie with the Eagles, Philly is in with the best conference record and then New Orleans gets the other berth over San Francisco.

Finally, there are scenarios involving ties that even some of the teams might not be sure of.

Magic fall to red-hot Bulls

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — DeMar DeRozan scored 29 points, Zach LaVine added 27 and Chicago beat Orlando for its eighth straight victory, 102-98.

Nikola Vucevic had 13 points and 17 rebounds for the Bulls. Coby White came off the bench to score 17 points.

Franz Wagner led Orlando with 22 points. Wendell Carter Jr. finished with 21 points and 10 rebounds for the Magic, who lost their sixth straight.

Orlando has three wins since Nov. 17.

LaVine and DeRozan combined for 17 points in the third quarter, helping the Bulls hold off the Magic. Chicago last lost on Dec. 11, 118-92 to Miami.

76Ers 133, Rockets 113

PHILADELPHIA — Joel Embiid had a triple-double with 31 points, 15 rebounds and 10 assists, leading Philadelphia over Houston.

Jonas Valanciunas had 25 points and nine assists, and Josh Hart added 15 points and nine assists for New Orleans, which dropped its second straight and lost for the third time in four games.

Nickel Alexander-Walker added 13 points in a reserve role. Brandon Ingram missed 15 of 18 shots and finished with 10 points in his

behavior. Both had meltdowns in a loss Saturday to Denver.

Wizards 124, Hornets 121
WASHINGTON — Kyle Kuzma had a season-high 36 points and 14 rebounds and Bradley Beal scored 35 points in Washington's win over Charlotte.

Charlotte (19-19), which lost to Phoenix by a season-high 34 points on Sunday, was led by Gordon Hayward's 27 points. Terry Rozier scored 25 points and Miles Bridges added 23 points and a season-high 14 rebounds.

Beal again started at point guard as four others were in the NBA's health and safety protocols. He had eight assists and seven rebounds.

Pistons 115, Bucks 106

MILWAUKEE — Saddiq Bey scored a career-high 34 points and Detroit ended Milwaukee's six-game winning streak.

Detroit owns the NBA's worst record (7-28) but beat the reigning NBA champions and ended its recent futility in the series.

Milwaukee had won 12 consecutive regular-season matchups with the Pistons by an average margin of 16.7 points before Monday.

Josh Jackson scored 24 points, Cade Cunningham had 19 and Trey Lyles added 11 as all three Pistons came back from health and safety protocols.

Hamidou Diallo added 11 points, nine rebounds and five assists. Giannis Antetokounmpo had 31 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists. Jrue Holiday scored 29. Bobby Portis had 12 points and 14 rebounds. Khris Middleton added 10 points.

South Carolina stays No. 1 in women's AP Top 25 despite loss

By DOUG FEINBERG
AP Basketball Writer

South Carolina remained the No. 1 team in The Associated Press women's college basketball poll on Monday despite experiencing its first loss of the season last week.

The Gamecocks (13-1, 1-1 SEC) fell to Missouri 70-69 in overtime Thursday on a last-second shot. South Carolina, which rebounded with a victory on Sunday, still received 22 of the 30 first-place votes from a national media panel to stay the top choice in the poll.

Coach Dawn Staley's squad has beat five top-10 teams this season, including the No. 2 team twice. Stanford remained in second place.

It isn't the first time that a team lost and remained No. 1 in the poll. Back when Louisiana Tech was a powerhouse in the early 1980s, the Lady Techsters saw their 54-game winning streak snapped by Old Dominion. Louisiana Tech

stayed No. 1 the next week. Louisville, which received five first-place votes this week, was third and Arizona was fourth.

The Wildcats, who haven't played since Dec. 17 because of COVID-19 issues, got the other three first-place votes. North Carolina State followed Arizona. Indiana moved up two spots to sixth after an overtime win over then-No. 6 Maryland. Tennessee, Michigan and Texas moved ahead of the Terrapins, who fell to 10th.

Baylor saw its run of 137 consecutive weeks in the top 10 end, after the Bears lost to Kansas State on Sunday. That was the longest active streak after UConn's ended a few weeks earlier. Baylor dropped to 14th in the poll. Louisville is now the active leader with 81 consecutive polls.

Missouri, bolstered by its victory over South Carolina, went from receiving no votes last week to just missing the AP Top 25. While the Tigers fell short of making the poll, Okla-

homa jumped in at No. 23. The Sooners are ranked for the first time since 2017.

COVID-19

As of Sunday, more than 260 Division I women's basketball game have been canceled or postponed because of the coronavirus since the season began. A majority of those have come after mid-December.

Streak busters

It was a week that saw a few longtime streaks come to an end. Indiana's win over Maryland was the Hoosiers' first against the Terrapins in 12 tries. Baylor's loss to Kansas State was its first in 18 years, ending a 36-game winning streak by the Bears.

Game of the week

South Carolina at LSU, Thursday. The Gamecocks are looking up in the standings at new-look LSU with coach Kim Mulkey. The 13th-ranked Tigers (14-1) are 2-0 in the SEC so far this season.

JAGUARS

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What's working

The Jaguars are closing in on the No. 1 pick for the second straight season. It was celebrated last season, with Jacksonville positioning itself to land a generational quarterback. There's not nearly the buzz this time around, with pass rushers Aidan Hutchinson (Michigan) and Kayvon Thibodeaux (Oregon) considered the top prospects.

What needs help

Lawrence's ball security has become an issue again. The rookie has eight turnovers in his last four games, looking so out of sync Sunday that interim coach Darrell Bevell considered pulling him in the



Steven Senne / AP

Jacksonville Jaguars interim head coach Darrell Bevell during the first half of Sunday's game against the New England Patriots in Foxborough, Mass.

fourth quarter.

Stock up

Laqun Treadwell has at

least four receptions in six straight games, making a case to return next season. A first-round pick by Min-

nesota in 2016, Treadwell has 30 catches for a career-high 410 yards.

Stock down

Whatever chances Jacksonville's assistants coaches had of returning next season seem to be dwindling.

Injuries

Tight end James O'Shaughnessy (hip) is expected to return for the finale.

Key number

6 – number of consecutive wins – yes, wins – the Jags have at home against Indianapolis. The Colts last won in Jacksonville in 2014.

Next steps

Finding the right coach and general manager combination who can help Jacksonville end its losing ways.

BROWN

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Arians added he has no regrets about giving the often-troubled receiver an opportunity to play with Tom Brady and revive a career derailed by on- and off-the-field issues – even though it ended in such a bizarre fashion. Tampa Bay was Brown's third team since his last full season in the NFL with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 2018.

The 33-year-old Brown also had messy departures from Oakland and New England – released before ever playing a game for the Raiders and then suiting up just once during a brief stay with the Brady-led Patriots in 2019.

"I wish him well. I hope if he needs help, get some," said Arians, who was Pittsburgh's offensive coordinator when the Steelers drafted Brown in the sixth round in 2010. "It's very hard because I do care about him."

Brown hadn't played in the NFL in more than 13 months when he signed with the Bucs in October 2020 as he neared the end of an eight-game suspension

for multiple violations of the NFL's personal conduct policy. At the time, Brown was also facing a civil lawsuit filed in September 2019 by a female personal trainer who accused him of sexually assaulting her on three occasions, including rape.

"I took a lot of time off from the game to re-evaluate myself, to look within, to get a better perspective of myself and work on myself within and without," Brown said in November 2020.

Brady welcomed Tampa Bay's decision to give Brown a chance and allowed the four-time All Pro to stay with him in a home the quarterback was renting from baseball Hall of Famer Derek Jeter.

"I won't say I'm a different person, but I'm a better person," Brown said then. "Learning a lot about myself, working on myself for a year and a half, I think I'm a better person."

Several members of Arians' staff in Tampa Bay, including offensive coordinator Byron Leftwich, also worked with Brown early in the receiver's career. Brown said he felt those

relationships would help him make the most of the opportunity.

For a while, it worked. Brown had 45 receptions for 483 yards and four TDs over the final eight games of last season. He also contributed during the playoffs and caught a TD pass in the Bucs' Super Bowl win over Kansas City.

He signed another one-year deal last May and was off to a strong start when he was sidelined with the ankle injury at Philadelphia in mid-October.

Brown returned to the lineup two weeks ago after serving a three-game suspension for misrepresenting his COVID-19 vaccination status with a fake card, and had 10 catches for 101 yards in a win over Carolina.

He had three reception for 26 yards against the Jets, finishing the season with 42 catches for 545 yards and four TDs.

An impressive streak of six consecutive seasons with at least 100 catches and 1,000 yards receiving ended when Brown's erratic behavior on and off the field led Pittsburgh to trade him to Oakland in March

2019.

A tumultuous short stay with the Raiders ended with Brown demanding and being granted his release during training camp. By that time, the Raiders had voided guaranteed money in Brown's contract after a summer with the team began with Brown, among other things, missing a number of practices because of frost-bitten feet attributed to not wearing proper footwear during a cryotherapy session.

He also tangled with the NFL and threatened to retire if forced to wear a new helmet. He later was fined by the Raiders for what the team said were unexcused absences during camp.

Brown also had an ugly departure from New England after catching four passes for 56 yards and a touchdown in his only game with the Patriots, which released him after the ex-trainer accused him of sexual assault.

Over 12 NFL seasons, Brown has 928 receptions for 12,291 yards and 83 touchdowns. He's caught a pass in his last 144 games, the longest active streak in the league.

HEALTH

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It's easy to pile on the four-time All-Pro wide receiver, especially after he was suspended three games for misrepresenting his vaccination status – and a troubled past that includes sexual assault allegations, including rape.

However, Brown clearly needs help. His on-field, in-game meltdown was the latest troubling incident in a career filled with big plays and absurd actions.

Brown wore out his welcome in Pittsburgh, was released by the Raiders before even playing a game for them in 2019 and lasted one game with the Patriots. He got another chance in the NFL with Brady and the Buccaneers last year after serving an eight-game suspension for multiple violations of the league's personal-conduct policy, and he ended up winning a Super Bowl ring. Even Brady couldn't save his buddy's roster spot after this latest incident.

"It's a difficult situation," Brady said after throwing a 33-yard touchdown pass to Cyril Grayson with 15 seconds remaining to lead Tampa (12-4) to a 28-24 win over the New York Jets (4-12). "Everybody should do what they can to help him in ways that he really needs it. We all love him. We care about him deeply. We want to see him be at his best. Unfortunately, it won't be with our team. ... I think everyone should be very compassionate and empathetic toward some very difficult things that are happening."

Buccaneers coach Bruce Arians rescinded the one-strike policy he originally gave Brown and brought him back after his most recent suspension. Brown made it easy for Arians to get rid of him this time.

"He is no longer a Buc," Arians said. "All right? That's the end of the story. Let's talk about the guys who went out there and won the game."

Brown's career in the NFL is most likely over. It's hard to imagine another team would give the 33-year-old an opportunity and risk all the drama he brings.

Still, Brown should get the benefit of various mental health services the NFL offers players and team personnel. The league and the players' union have plenty of resources available for anyone who needs it – if they ask.

While Brown deserves criticism for quitting on his team during a game – the Buccaneers were facing a third-and-7 and trailed 24-10 in the third quarter when he walked out – the mercurial seven-time Pro Bowl pick needs support from his friends and those close to him.

"I instantly sent him a text," said Le'Veon Bell, the former Steelers star who played his second game with the Buccaneers. "Obviously, he texted me back and I talked to him. He's still one of my close friends. You won't hear me talking bad about AB at all. Obviously, I understand things happen, but he's one of my closest friends, a close teammate. Overall, he's a good person. Some bad decision-making sometimes but he's human, he's not perfect, and we'll continue to move on without him and keep moving forward."

Bell and others are disappointed things went down this way.

"It's tough," he said. "Obviously, when I came over here, I was happy to be reunited with him. Unfortunately, it was only two games but at the end of the day, I wish the best for him outside of football or whatever's next for him. I'll still be hanging out with him, taking to him on a daily basis and I'll continue to try and make plays for this team."

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Is it OK to contact former girlfriends?

DEAR ANNIE: When I was a 21-year-old assistant English instructor (an "intern") at a summer program for high school seniors in New Hampshire, I developed an interest in one of the students. She was 18. The relationship was completely chaste. I'm not kidding. I never

touched her, and she never touched me. But we were clearly attracted to each other and spent time talking outside of class.

Annie Lane Dear Annie



That fall, she sent me a newsy letter in Ohio, where I was working. It included her hope that I remembered her. I must have written back, having broken up with my long-term girlfriend, because I received a second letter saying she would "give anything to have a go at a relationship." I kept both letters, along with many other letters from my former girlfriend, two male friends and four other young women.

Fifty years later, I've been very happily married for 46 years. Our children are grown, and we're preparing to downsize, which means sorting through two shoeboxes of old letters, among other things. I sent one of my male friends a packet of the letters he sent me when he was on a fellowship in Europe for a year. I'll probably do the same with the stack of letters from my college roommate.

But what about the women? The woman in New Hampshire has such a distinctive name that I know I can contact her on social media and ask if she would like to see her letters. My wife does not disapprove. She knows I'm not trying to rekindle a relationship.

I don't want to do anything that might seem creepy, but I also prefer to avoid double standards. If any of my former girlfriends offered to send me the letters I wrote them many decades ago, I would enjoy walking down nostalgia lane and then discarding my own letters.

What do you say? — Trip Down Memory Lane DEAR MEMORY LANE: It is wonderful that your wife does not disapprove and that your intentions are the same as the intentions you had with your college roommate and friend, but I would say no. Throw the letters away so you don't risk rekindling an old romance.

DEAR ANNIE: My husband always punishes me and shows no interest in our relationship. He sleeps on the sofa and storms in and argues with me. He says it's because I drink too much.

Even days when I do not drink, or periods of time when I do not drink, he still does this.

I just want a loving, caring relationship. I realize my drinking is part of the problem, but I feel we are in a cycle where he punishes me and then I don't want to change. — Unhappy Marriage DEAR UNHAPPY: The first person you have to start having a loving and caring relationship with is yourself. Once you have that, finding a loving relationship with your husband will be much easier. Take some time off drinking, and see if the clarity it brings you shifts your relationship. If your husband continues to ignore you and argues with you all the time, then it might be time to seek the help of a professional marriage counselor. Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

BRIDGE

By PHILLIP ALDER

The textbooks contain salutary snippets of advice that experts usually take to heart. But occasionally they slip up — as East did in today's deal. Then it is really embarrassing! The winner of the 2019 best-played deal award from the International Bridge Press Association was Michael Whibley from New Zealand. He came close to a repeat with this performance, when given some help by East.

How did Whibley plan the play in four spades doubled after West led the diamond two, low from an odd number? What could East have to justify his penalty double other than all five trumps? Whibley played on that assumption. He won with his diamond queen and cashed his other three minor-suit winners. After a heart to the ace, South took the diamond ace and king, discarding a club from his hand. With East marked with 5=2=4=2 distribution, declarer ruffed a heart in his hand, giving him the first eight tricks. He exited with a club, which East was forced to ruff. Then, whatever East did, South would collect two more trump tricks perforce. Note that even if East had had 5=1=4=3 distribution, Whibley

Bridge deal diagram showing North and South hands, dealer East, vulnerability North-South, and opening lead of diamond 2.

would have made his contract in identical fashion. Was East a beginner? Far from it. He was a world team champion in 2017 and is a four-time European team champion. A good declarer will usually play one trick better when warned about a bad trump break. So, East should double only if confident of down two, which he could not be here, his partner having made only a preemptive bid.

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

Sudoku grid with numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 in various positions.

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

Grid showing the previous solution for the sudoku puzzle.

HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

JUMBLE

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

Jumble puzzle interface with words FOSFC, UGDEI, TFLIEU, CIATTN and a grid for the answer.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Cartoon illustration for the word game with a girl and a boy talking about balloon animals.

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

(Answers tomorrow)

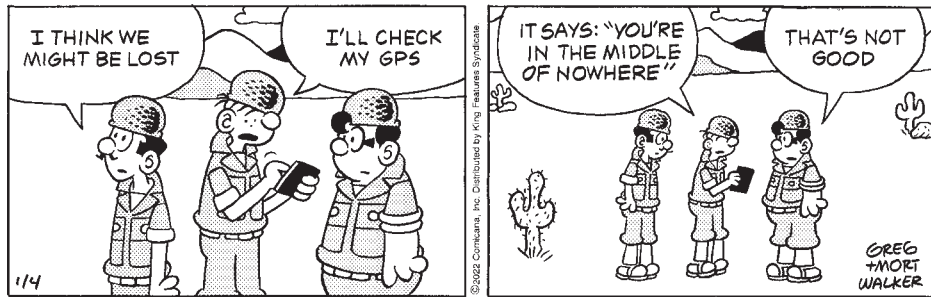
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CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

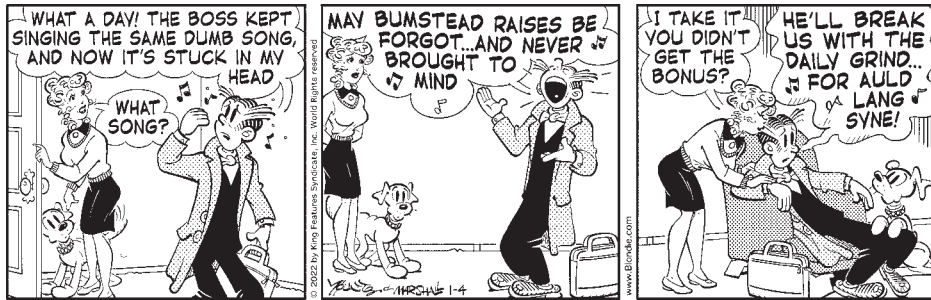
Celebrity Cipher puzzle with cryptograms and a clue: "There are three things men can do with women: love them, suffer for them or turn them into literature." — Stephen Stills

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

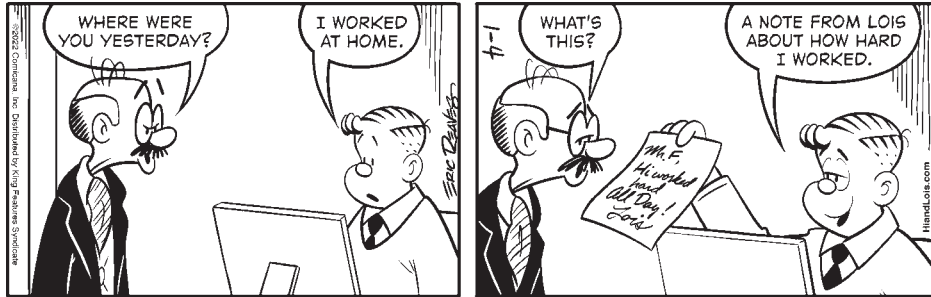
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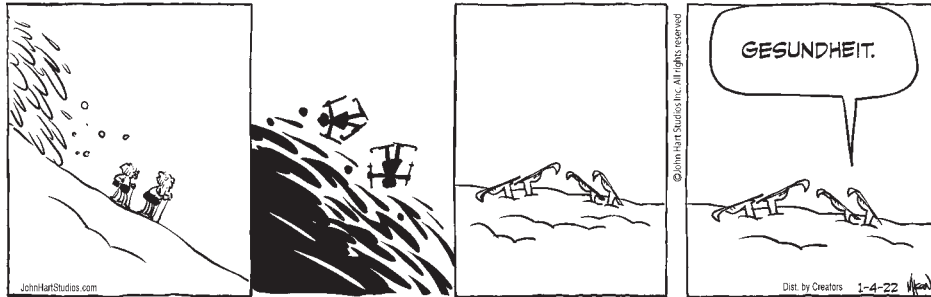
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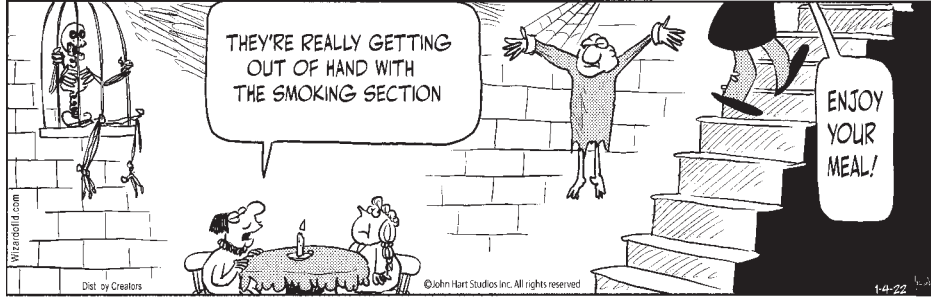
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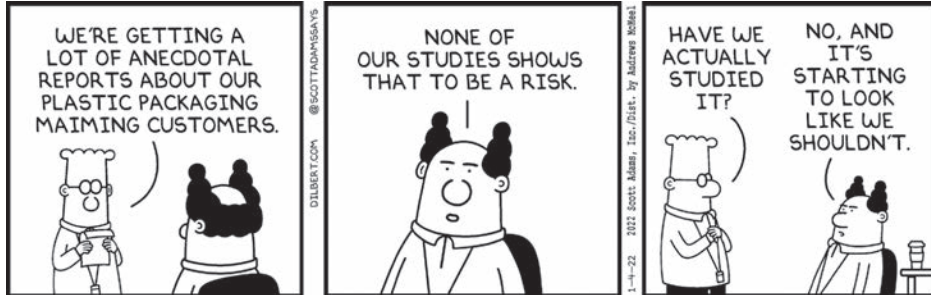
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ASTROGRAPH

By EUGENIA LAST

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

Pay attention to what's happening around you and to the people who truly matter to you. Eliminate what's no longer needed and simplify your life. It's best to embrace change rather than have it forced upon you. Check out what's trending and adapt to take advantage of what's available. Put your unique stamp on whatever you do and move forward with confidence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Question and assess your life and the changes you want to make. Focus on truth, facts and timing. Your intuition is there to guide you. Trust your gut and do what you need to do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Channel your energy into something constructive. Make changes based on needs, not on what someone is doing or wants you to pursue. Fine-tune your skills to suit what's trending.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Do your best and let others do as they please. More time spent building your brand and

less spent trying to remake someone else will lead to greater rewards and personal satisfaction.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) An intellectual attitude will win you favors. Reconnect with someone who is always helpful. Your strengths will stand out if you are enthusiastic and positive when dealing with others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) An emotional situation will cause stress and worry. Do something physical to release tension and clear your head. Being productive will build confidence. Dig in and get things done.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There will be a shift in how you think about your current direction. Distance yourself from anyone putting pressure on you. Use your intelligence and choose to do your own thing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Money, contracts, shared responsibilities and fairness will be necessary if you want to maintain stability. An unexpected change of plans will require diplomacy. Work alongside others peacefully.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll gravitate

toward reliable people, but if you take advantage of them, you will eventually damage your reputation and ability to get the support you need. Don't make promises you can't keep.

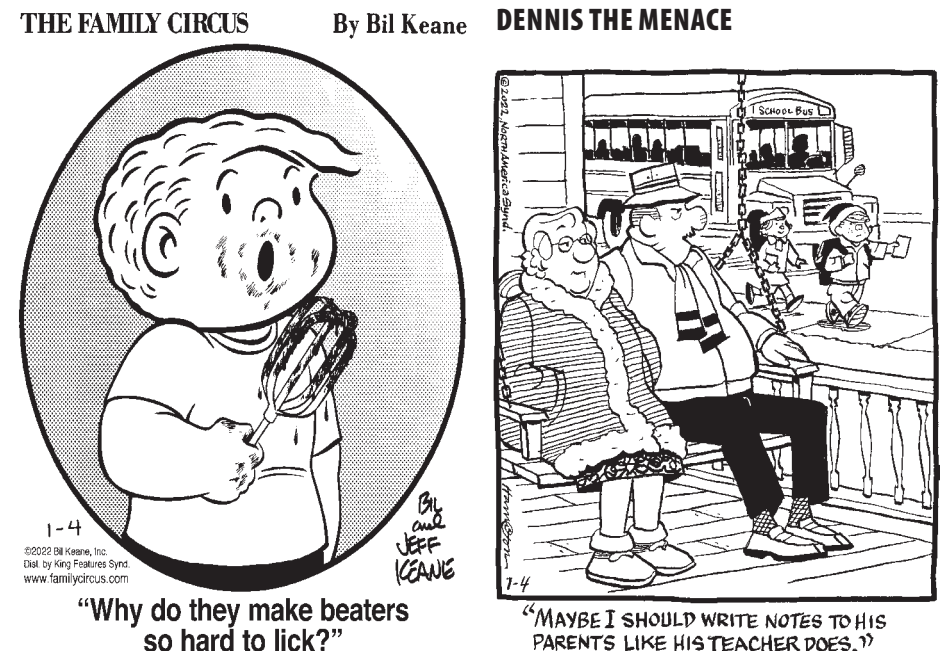
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll gain momentum if you channel your energy into what matters to you most. What you physically accomplish will make a difference. All talk and no action will make others question your ability.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Change and stress go together. Stay centered and think matters through. Don't feel pressured to rush things when attention to detail and care are required. Follow your heart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Talk less and do more. Don't waste time discussing trivial matters when productivity is what counts. Live up to your promises, meet your deadlines and be reliable in all things.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Make preparation a priority. Acting in haste will lead to mistakes. Concentrate on mastering what you are doing and producing something that you can be proud of. Savor success.

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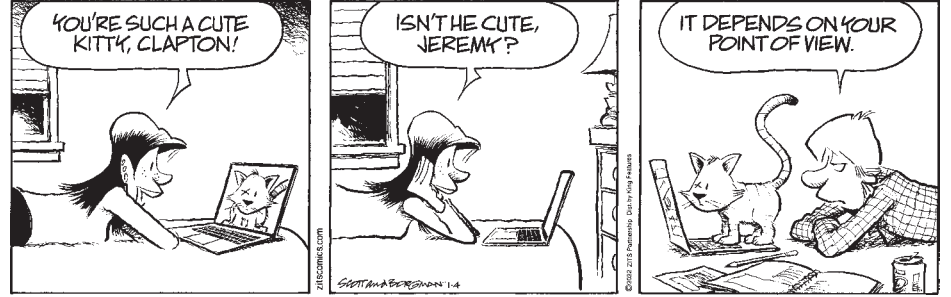
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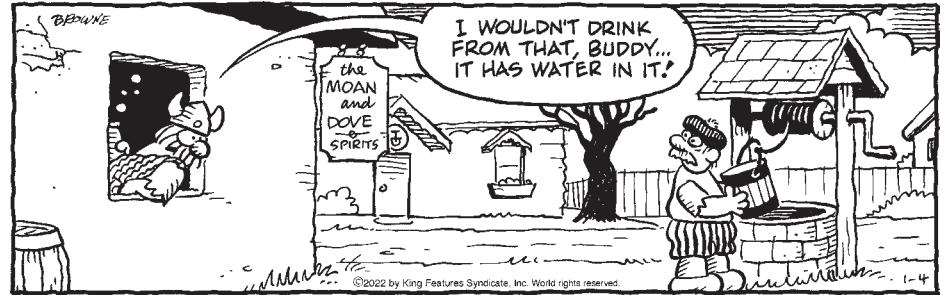
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Solution to Monday's puzzle

1/4/22

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

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

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Tuesday, January 4, 2022

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- BARRACUDAS

(BARRACUDAS: ber-uh-KOO-duh: Large, bony, predatory fishes of warm seas.)

Average mark 19 words
Time limit 35 minutes

Can you find 27 or more words in BARRACUDAS?
The list will be published tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- GOSLINGS

gloss	silos	soling	loin
going	sing	song	long
gong	sling	ling	losing
ogling	slog	lingo	loss
sign	soil	lion	

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

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ACROSS

- 1 Jerry's toon pursuer
- 4 Food thickener
- 8 Ounce fraction
- 12 "Pulp Fiction" name
- 13 Bantu language
- 14 Hire a decorator
- 15 Disraeli or Franklin
- 17 Stove part
- 18 Cancels
- 19 Six-shooter
- 21 Like it was
- 22 Nobel Prize category
- 26 Straw hat
- 30 Terrible
- 31 — Raton, Fla.
- 34 Terre Haute inst.
- 35 Philosopher — Descartes
- 36 Departure
- 37 Small cask

DOWN

- 1 Big horn
- 2 Foreshadows
- 3 Miracle food
- 4 Showy flower
- 38 Two fives for —
- 39 Pentagon VIP
- 40 Add herbs
- 42 Smuggle
- 44 Slippery — eel
- 47 Caustic solution
- 49 Nuclear
- 51 Teasdale or Paretsky
- 54 Keep in mind
- 56 Baking powder ingredient
- 57 Assert positively
- 58 "The Name of the Rose" author
- 59 Floor model
- 60 Neutral colors
- 61 Agt.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

C	O	A	T		B	U	S		J	E	S	T
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- 5 Mouth parts
- 6 "Thrilla in Manila" boxer
- 7 Pealed
- 8 Hum
- 9 Step on the gas
- 10 Juice-based drink
- 11 Sun. follower
- 16 Eager to accept (2 wds.)
- 20 Put — fight
- 23 Drive the getaway car
- 24 Walking stick
- 25 Early garden?
- 27 Reebok rival
- 28 On the briny
- 29 Steins
- 31 More than asks
- 32 Strong haulers
- 33 Movie
- 35 Rescue price, maybe
- 40 Aurora locale
- 41 John Wayne movies
- 43 San Antonio landmark
- 45 Deep yellow
- 46 Brother's daughter
- 48 Q.E.D. part
- 49 Revival shout
- 50 Farm yield
- 51 Long-faced
- 52 Yeasty brew
- 53 Mai tai ingredient
- 55 Ms. Longoria

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WORDY GURDY®

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

- 1. Family group of action star Jackie (1)

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- 2. Peachy keen beach souvenir (1)

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- 3. Squander stickum (1)

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- 4. Runner's oval between-meals nosh (1)

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- 5. Smiling-face indentation zit (2)

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- 6. Smarter canine when using its canines (2)

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- 7. Concert platform feet-over-head feat (2)

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Joe Adams
Chairman of the Board
Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at a meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the Citrus County Mosquito Control District, 968 N. Lecanto Hwy, Lecanto, FL 34461 (352) 527-7478 at least two days before the meeting.
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