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NEWS BRIEFS

Register to vote at the library

The Supervisor of Elections Office invites the public to an outreach event from 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 7 at the Coastal Region Library, 8619 W. Crystal St. in Crystal River. This is a convenient way to register to vote, make changes to your voter record or request a vote-by-mail ballot. Information to apply for election worker positions will also be available. To have the elections office staff at your organization or business, contact Supervisor Maureen "Mo" Baird. For more information, visit votecitrus.gov, email vote@votecitrus.gov or call 352-564-7120.

Clerk of Courts to host job fair

The Citrus County Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller will host a one-day job fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at the Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness, on the first floor of the Courthouse in the BOCC Chambers. "We are excited to host this event to fill critical positions in our mission to serve our constituents," said Angela Vick, Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller, in a news release. "We look forward to welcoming more dedicated faces to our team as we continue the great service our customers have come to expect from us."

Homosassa Republicans to meet

The Homosassa River Republican Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 21 at the Marguerita Grill, 10200 W. Halls River Road. This month's speaker is FBI supervisory senior resident agent (SSRA) for Ocala and Gainesville, Derek Kreitenstein. As SSRA, he oversees all counterterrorism and criminal matters in an eight-county area where he is responsible for sharing intelligence and collaborating with numerous agencies. Soft beverages will be provided and attendees may order lunch. A short business meeting will be held. Non-members are welcome. For more information, contact Tony Dimino, HRRC president, at 352-436-3950 or adimino62@gmail.com.
— From staff reports

CCSO issues warning

Video reaches out to drug users about dangers of fentanyl

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

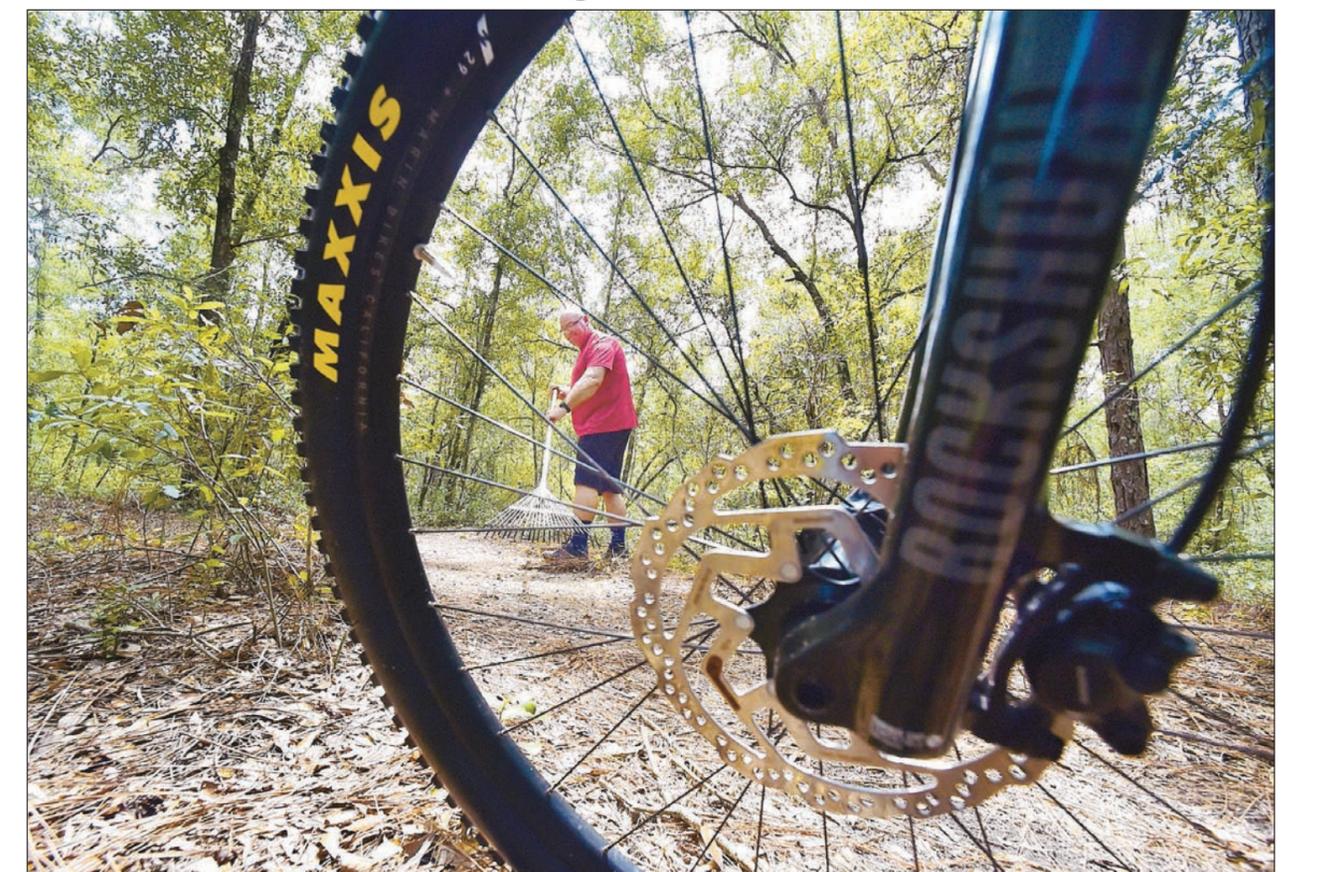
The Citrus County Sheriff's Office wants drug users to know that the products on the street may not be what you're used to buying, and your next buy could be fatal. Recently, the CCSO created and

posted a video on their Facebook page warning of the increase of fentanyl-related overdoses. To see the video, visit fb.watch/7QxeyDRpQm. Since January, they have responded to 302 overdose calls, 53 of them fatal. The message: You don't know

what you're buying anymore. "Drug dealers have found that they can buy fentanyl from China cheap and mix it with heroin or other binders and make a lot more money," said CCSO Capt. Brian Spiddle. "Unfortunately, fentanyl is so much more deadly and powerful than even heroin,

which is deadly on its own. "So, now you've got drug dealers in their shed in the backyard mixing fentanyl and carfentanyl, creating their own mixtures and then putting that out on the street. By the time it gets to Citrus County, it's already been stepped on two or three times," he said. Sgt. Rachel Montgomery with the CCSO behavioral health unit See **WARNING/Page A5**

Clearing the path



Patrick Mayers is seen through the spokes of his mountain bike Thursday, Sept. 2, as he clears the mountain bike trail at Whispering Pines Park. Since recovering from a stroke, Mayers has taken up riding and found mountain biking to his liking.

Local mountain bike group maintains Inverness trail; invites others to join

FRED HIERS
Staff writer

Patrick Mayers still ponders over how he suffered a stroke when he was only 40 years old. Eight years later, his right leg is still a little unresponsive, especially if he sits too long. He still favors his right arm, learned a lot of new things about his life because of it. One of those new things benefits many people

who use Whispering Pines Park's mountain bike trail in Inverness. But it was a long road from stroke to clearing debris on the 2 1/2-mile-long popular wooden trail that he and a few others maintain for riders to enjoy. He doesn't let the damage from the stroke hinder his efforts. "I was in the Marine Corps. I

don't know the word 'quit,'" he told the Chronicle. He also didn't know the joys of riding either until after the stroke or the joy it gives others to salvage a bike trail that went unmaintained for years. This is how Mayers salvaged some of his life with a wooded trail at Whispering Pines Park and a bicycle. He also wants

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Carol Falvey serves Citrus as administrative judge

Takes on challenges of pandemic, spacing issues

BUSTER THOMPSON
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When Carol Falvey was tasked to lead the judiciary of Citrus County, another judge

emailed her their congratulations and — jokingly — their commiserations. "I kind of got a chuckle out of that, and there's some truth to that," Falvey said. "It's a

very big responsibility that I take on as part of the service we, as judges, in our county provide as part of the public service for our citizens." Mitigating COVID-19's

impacts and expanding the local halls of justice became Falvey's priorities as soon as she was named administrative judge of the county's courthouse on July 1. "There's a lot of work going on here to try and think about See **JUDGE/Page A5**



Carol Falvey

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Patrick Mayers clears part of the 2.5-mile mountain bike trail inside Whispering Pines Park.

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others to join him, become a member of Citrus Shredders, the group of mountain bike riders he formed, and help maintain the trail that gives so many other cyclists pleasure.

He is an adamant cyclist, but still thinks about the stroke sometimes.

"I still don't know why I had it," Mayers told the Chronicle when thinking about the stroke. "I didn't even know I was having one."

He had moved back to Inverness from Illinois where he owned a small business salvaging metal for resale.

"I was in bed and when I woke up I felt weak. My wife said go to the hospital," he said. "I was having a mini stroke. I had the full-blown stroke in the hospital."

The stroke was on the left side of his brain, meaning it affected the right side of his body.

After the stroke, he said he was determined to get better. He had physical therapy and slowly improved.

But with the stroke he lost his driver's license, he said, and couldn't drive.

So he did the next best thing in trying to be mobile and a little independent.

In 2014, he borrowed his 14-year-old son's bicycle.

He jokes about how he

dragged his right leg and that his left leg did most of the work.

Mayers rode the bike five days a week, albeit not far. But 15 minutes to 30 minutes a day to start, which allowed him to leave the house and gave him a sense of freedom.

Soon he worked up his strength and endurance and regularly rode the Withlacoochee State Trail. "Then I went and bought my own bike," he said, smiling.

And in 2018 when he saw on a Whispering Pines Park website that it had its own bike trail, he went there to ride it.

"At the (trail's) entrance you could see where it was ... but it just disappeared," he told the Chronicle. "(The previous bike club that once maintained the trail) had not used it since 2011. Of course Mother Nature is going to take it back."

"The trail went in only about 100 feet ... and then there was nothing there," he recalled.

He convinced City Manager Eric Williams to give him and Citrus Shredders an opportunity to clear the 2.5-mile-long trail.

The group brought landscaping equipment and between August 2020 and November 2020 cleared it all.

Now members continue to maintain it, especially after storms that could leave fallen branches.

When limbs are too big to move and have to be cut,



Citrus Shredders members Patrick Mayers and Alicia Schafer rake debris from the mountain bike trail.

Mayers said he calls the city and they are there usually within hours to fix the problem.

Mayers said the trail at the park is a commitment that pays dividends.

"I'll go out there and work as long as I've got somewhere local to ride," he said.

He's spent about \$500 of his own money on supplies and equipment to maintain the trail. He is on a fixed income.

A year ago he got back his driver's license back.

But it hasn't slowed down his bike riding. He still rides to the trail, to his gym, and organizes holiday events such as

"Peddle Your Turkey Off" for Thanksgiving.

Woody Worley, Inverness' director of parks and recreation, is grateful for the help. Every volunteer hour is an hour a city paid employee can focus on other work or that a program remains available to the public, such as the bike trail.

"We have a very good relationship with the mountain bike group," he said. "They do the vast majority of maintaining it."

"They spent months, spent day in and day out clearing that trail," Worley said of Mayers and his cycling friends. "It's taken a lot of the burden off the

city. They're still maintaining it very strong."

"People are excited about it now," he said.

Worley said he hopes other organizations are inspired by Mayers, and invites them to volunteer with other projects.

"When you volunteer your time, you're investing in what you're doing," he said. "They see the investment they put into it."

Anyone interested in volunteering with the city can contact Worley at 352-726-3913.

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Around the
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New GriefShare group to meet

A new GriefShare group will begin at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at North Oak Church, 9324 N. Elkcarn Blvd. in Citrus Springs.

The loss of a loved one can be very difficult to work through. This nationwide program is known for helping many in this process.

GriefShare is a support group led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You'll gain access to valuable resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life.

The group is non-denominational and is open to anyone who seeks help. Call 352-489-1688 for more information.

Register for Royal Run 5K

Registration is now open for the fifth annual Royal Run 5K/One-Mile Walk and Kids Fun Run will be from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18.

To register for this year's Royal Run, go online at www.royalrun5K.com.

Register for Youth Triathlon

The YMCA Youth Triathlon is back and the community's children can swim, bike and run their way to a healthier future. The triathlon will take place at various race times depending on age range on Oct. 17 at the YMCA, 4127 W. Norvell Bryant Highway in Lecanto.

Check-in will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. Oct. 16. Parent course walking clinics will take place at 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Oct. 16.

Athletes are required to bring a swimsuit, running shoes, a bicycle and helmet to participate. All participants will receive an event T-shirt, swim cap, goodie bag and participation medal.

A valid USAT membership is required for race participation. Athletes who do not have a membership will have one purchased for them at no additional charge. Financial assistance is available.

The entry fee is non-refundable and non-transferable. To register by Oct. 1, visit drcsports.com. For more information, contact Garrett Adkins at 352-500-9622 or gadkins@suncoastymca.com.

Senior Friends for Life to meet

Senior Friends for Life will meet at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 8 at Los Magueyes Mexican Restaurant, 3887 N. Lecanto Highway in Beverly Hills.

This month's program will be "Priscilla Alden," by Dee Collier. Collier is a former elementary school teacher who loves drama and history.

Visitors are always welcome. Call Sybil at 352-344-8356 or Alma at 352-249-7266 to attend.

Inverness Garden Club to meet

The Inverness Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Sept. 9 at the Lakes Region Library community room, 1511 Druid Road in Inverness. Hospitality will begin at 12:30 p.m. to greet members and guests.

This month, master gardener Sandy Hume will be presenting propagation techniques.

All are welcome to attend. The club will practice social distancing and request that attendees wear masks.

Visit the Inverness Garden Club on Facebook.

— From staff reports

Board to finalize millage rates, budget

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Members of the Citrus County School Board will vote to adopt the millage rates and final budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year at their regular meeting at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, at the Citrus County School District administrative office, 1007 W. Main St. in Inverness. A public hearing is also scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

The total proposed millage rate for the district is 5.817 mills, which includes 3.569 required by

the state, 1.5 for capital improvement and 0.748 in discretionary millage.

According to the proposed budget summary, the operating budget expenditures are 10.7% more than last year's. The district's final budget totals approximately \$283.6 million.

The district will receive an estimated \$30.7 million from federal sources, \$72.2 million from state sources and \$92.7 million from local sources. In addition, \$13.3 million will be transferred in and the district has \$74.7 million in

funds, reserves and net assets.

The district's proposed expenditures for the 2021-22 fiscal year total \$203.4 million. Notable expenditures include but are not limited to:

- Instruction: \$95 million.
- Instructional staff training services: \$1.9 million.
- Instructional related technology: \$2.8 million.
- School administration: \$10.8 million.
- Facilities acquisition and construction: \$9.6 million.
- Food services: \$9.6 million.

Central services: \$19.1 million.

Pupil transportation services: \$11.8 million.

Final copies of the millage rates and final budget will be distributed at the school board meeting. It will be submitted no later than the third business day following the day of adoption by the board. Additional information will follow.

To view the full Sept. 7 agenda, visit tinyurl.com/t6phzraj. To watch a live video stream of the meeting, visit youtube.com/user/CitrusSchools.

Citrus County faces stark COVID reality

Law enforcement mourns death of Hernando County detective, Citrus resident

JEFF BRYAN
Staff writer

For the third time in the span of a month, the first responder community with ties to Citrus County is in mourning.

Hernando County Sheriff Al Nienhuis on Sunday, Sept. 5, announced the line of duty death of Detective Tommy Breedlove.

The 54-year-old Citrus County resident had recently hospitalized after contracting COVID-19. He succumbed to the illness Saturday, Sept. 4, according to the agency's Facebook page.

Nature Coast EMS EMT Justin Berleth died Aug. 9 after contracting COVID, while Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Sean C. Hryc died Aug. 28 after battling the coronavirus. Hryc, who lived in Citrus County, worked in Ocala for Troop B of the Florida Highway Patrol.

Breedlove worked in Major Case Investigations and was in charge of the agency's Sexual Offender/Sexual Predator Monitoring Program (SPOT) since its implementation in 2006, according to the sheriff's message. Breedlove began working for the agency in 1998.

"Throughout this time, Detective Breedlove worked tirelessly tracking and monitoring every sexual offender and predator who moved into and out of



MICHAEL TERRY/Hernando County Sheriff's Office

Hernando and Citrus County sheriff's office deputies escort the body of Detective Tommy Breedlove, on Sunday, Sept. 5, to Chas E. Davis Funeral Home in Inverness.

Hernando County," Nienhuis said. "He was relentless as it pertained to protecting children and punishing those who dared to harm them."

Breedlove began his law enforcement career in 1988 at the Monroe County Sheriff's Office in the Florida Keys. During his 33-year law enforcement career, Breedlove received 18 employee awards at the



Det. Tommy Breedlove

Hernando County Sheriff's Office and 33 commendations from the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

Breedlove's love for law enforcement led him to yet another area where his legacy will live on, Nienhuis said.

"He helped mold the next generation of law enforcement professionals by being a longtime and

well-respected instructor at a local law enforcement academy," Nienhuis explained.

Breedlove and his wife, Breena, have seven children, ranging in age from 12 to 22. The family are active members of the Eden Baptist Church in Lake Lindsey, where he was the head of security and a Sunday school teacher for adults.

"Please keep his wife and children, as well as his church family, in your

thoughts and prayers as they grieve this loss," Nienhuis said.

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office is in the process of planning a Line of Duty Death funeral service, with full law enforcement honors. Funeral information will be provided as soon as possible, the agency stated.

"May he sleep now beneath the wings of St. Michael," Nienhuis said. "Blessed are the peacekeepers."

Citrus residents can help to heal the hurt

Supplies being collected for Hurricane Ida-devastated Louisiana this week, next

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

Just as the community pulled together to collect much-needed supplies for earthquake-ravaged Haiti, the call is going out for similar help for the people of Louisiana who were hit hard by Hurricane Ida.

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 7, through Friday, Sept. 17, donated supplies (see list below) can be brought to four locations:

- The New Church Without Walls at 300 N. Kensington Ave., Lecanto, next to the Holiday Inn Express, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Patriot Sporting Goods at 760 W. Hampshire Blvd., Citrus Springs, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone: 352-527-1205.
- Patriot Automotive at 982 Hartshorn Lane, Holder, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone: 352-897-4981.
- Nature Coast Church, 5113 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone: 352-628-6222.

The United Way of Citrus County is collecting monetary donations.

To donate, go to their website at www.citrusunitedway.org or their Facebook page United Way of Citrus County.

You can also text a donation: Text CCHelpNOrleans to 41444.

Here's a list of supplies needed:

- Air mattresses.
- Baby food/formula/diapers.
- Batteries/flashlights.
- Bleach.
- Bug spray.



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Mailboxes line a flooded street in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida, Wednesday, Sept. 1, in Lafitte, La. Following Hurricane Ida, mutual aid networks sprang into action to supplement the more established relief services from federal and local governments, and charities.

- Candles.
- Cups/plates.
- Garbage bags.
- Generators.
- Hand sanitizer.
- Medical supplies.
- Mosquito nets.
- Non-perishable food.
- Paper plates/towels.
- Personal hygiene.
- Pumps.
- Sunscreen.
- Tarps and tents.
- Toiletries.
- Towels.
- Trash bags.
- Wipes.
- Water.

Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthdays: An open mind will lead to new adventures. Embrace life, learning and new experiences. Look at the possibilities, and be the one to make your dreams come true. Live life your way.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Turn your dream into a reality by ensuring that everything goes according to plan. Share your enthusiasm with someone who offers insight and support.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Stay on top of due dates and pending problems waiting for an inopportune moment to make you take notice.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): Let the past dissipate and fall by the wayside, and embrace life at the moment and see where it takes you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): Look inward, and you'll know without a doubt what you can do to make your life better and your future brighter.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are the master of your domain. Head in a meaningful direction; a healthy attitude will encourage you to excel.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): Putting more time and effort into attitude, appearance and independence will bring you closer to your goal.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20): Put your energy into relationships, causes and actions that make a difference to you and the way you feel about your life and future.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Follow the path to victory, and eliminate challenges rather than create them. Once you do the best you can, take time to nurture a meaningful relationship.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Leave nothing to chance, and put your energy where it counts. How you approach your responsibilities will matter.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Choose facts over hearsay and peace over discord. Maintaining balance and integrity will be your best option. Aim to ease stress, not make matters worse.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Consider your options carefully and the consequences that can develop if you make a mistake. Time is on your side, and working quietly on something you enjoy will lead to clarity.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Read, educate yourself and say no to anything that feels risky. Focus on relationships and keeping the peace. Take care of responsibilities that will ease stress.

ENTERTAINMENT

Actor Michael K. Williams dead at 54

NEW YORK — Actor Michael K. Williams, who as the rogue robber of drug dealers Omar Little on "The Wire" created one of the most popular characters in television in recent decades, died Monday.

Williams was found dead Monday afternoon by family members in his Brooklyn penthouse apartment, New York City police said. He was 54.

His death was being investigated as a possible drug overdose, the NYPD said. The medical examiner was investigating the cause of death.

Little, a "stick-up boy" based on real figures from Baltimore, was probably the most beloved character among the devoted fans of "The Wire," the HBO show that ran from 2002 to 2008 and is rewatched constantly in streaming.

The Brooklyn-born Williams was also a ubiquitous character actor in other shows and films for more than two decades, including roles on the HBO series "Boardwalk Empire" and "Lovecraft Country," and in the films "12 Years a Slave" and "Assassin's Creed."

As Little, he played a criminal with a strict moral code, known for taking advantage of a reputation for brutality that wasn't always real. Williams, who had worked in tiny TV roles and as a backup dancer for hip-hop acts before landing the role, had said that reputation started to stick to him in real life.

"The character of Omar thrust me into the limelight," he told Stephen Colbert on "The Late Show" in 2016. "I had very low self esteem growing up, a high need to be accepted, a corny kid from the projects. So



Associated Press

In this July 30, 2016, file photo, Michael Kenneth Williams poses for a portrait during the 2016 Television Critics Association Summer Press Tour at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, Calif. Williams, who played the beloved character Omar Little on "The Wire," has died.

all of a sudden, I'm like, Omar, yo, I'm getting respect from people who probably would have took my lunch money as a kid."

A cigarette in his mouth, the character would whistle "The Farmer in the Dell" to ominously announce his arrival.

And he spoke many of the show's most memorable lines, including, "a man gotta have a code" and "all in the game yo, all in the game."

The character also broke TV ground as an openly gay man whose sexuality wasn't central to his role.

Williams appeared in all five seasons of "The Wire" from 2002 to 2008, his character growing in prominence with each season.

Instantly recognizable with a distinctive scar that ran the length of his face, Williams said most people who saw him on the street called him "Omar," but he never really resembled the character.

"I could never be Omar," he told Colbert with a laugh. "I didn't have the balls that dude had."

His "Wire" co-stars were quick to pay tribute to him Monday afternoon.

"The depth of my love for this brother, can only be matched by the depth of my pain learning of his loss," Wendell Pierce, who played Detective William "Bunk" Moreland and had many memorable scenes with Williams, said on Twitter. "An immensely talented man with the ability to give voice to the human condition portraying the lives of those whose humanity is seldom elevated until he sings their truth."

Isiah Whitlock Jr., who played crooked politician Clay Davis on "The Wire," tweeted that Williams was "One of the nicest brothers on the planet with the biggest heart. An amazing actor and soul."

—From wire reports

Today in HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 7, the 250th day of 2021. There are 115 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight: On Sept. 7, 1977, the Panama Canal treaties, calling for the U.S. to eventually turn over control of the waterway to Panama, were signed in Washington by President Jimmy Carter and Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos.

On this date: In 1812, the Battle of Borodino took place as French troops clashed with Russian forces outside Moscow. (The battle, ultimately won by Russia, was commemorated by composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky with his "1812 Overture.")

In 1940, Nazi Germany began its eight-month blitz of Britain during World War II with the first air attack on London.

In 1996, rapper Tupac Shakur was shot and mortally wounded on the Las Vegas Strip; he died six days later.

In 2007, Osama bin Laden appeared in a video for the first time in three years, telling Americans they should convert to Islam if they wanted the war in Iraq to end.

In 2017, one of the most powerful earthquakes ever recorded in Mexico struck off the country's southern coast, toppling hundreds of buildings and killing at least 90 people.

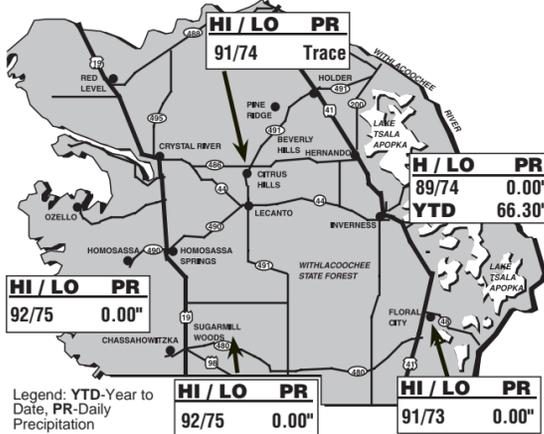
Ten years ago: A private Russian jet carrying a top ice hockey team slammed into a riverbank moments after takeoff from the airport near the western city of Yaroslavl, killing 44 people.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama, during a visit to Laos, pledged to help to clear away the 80 million unexploded bombs the U.S. dropped on the Southeast Asian country decades earlier.

One year ago: About 80% of the small eastern Washington farming town of Malden was leveled by flames from a fast-moving wildfire.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-comedian Leslie Jones is 54. Actor Evan Rachel Wood is 34.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 89° **Low:** 72°
 Partly cloudy with scattered showers and storms

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING
High: 88° **Low:** 72°
 Mostly cloudy with showers and storms

THURSDAY & FRIDAY MORNING
High: 88° **Low:** 72°
 Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and storms

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TEMPERATURE	Yesterday 90/72	DEW POINT	Yesterday at 3 p.m. 72°
Record*	100/53	HUMIDITY	Yesterday at 3 p.m. 57%
Normal	91/70	POLLEN COUNT**	Today's active pollen: Ragweed, grasses, chenopods
Mean temp.	81	Today's count: 2.7/12	
Departure from mean	1	Wednesday's count: 5	
PRECIPITATION	Yesterday 0.52"	Thursday's count: 6	
Total for the month	1.76"	AIR QUALITY	Yesterday observed Good
Total for the year	27.95"		Pollutant PM2.5
Normal for the year	40.19"		
*Official record values from Tampa International			
UV INDEX:	9		
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high			
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	29.95		

SOLAR TABLES

DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
09/07	TUESDAY	7:10	1:44	7:43	2:09
09/08	WEDNESDAY	7:10	2:33	7:42	2:57

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT	7:43 pm
SUNRISE TOMORROW	7:10 am
MOONRISE TODAY	7:39 am
MOONSET TODAY	8:31 pm

BURN CONDITIONS

Today's Fire Danger Index is: NONE. There is no burn ban.

For more information call Florida Division of Forestry at (352) 797-4140. 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

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

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TIDES

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

City	High	Low
Chassahowitzka**	6:58 a.m. 0.3 ft	7:38 p.m. 0.6 ft
Crystal River**	5:38 a.m. 1.8 ft	5:43 p.m. 2.4 ft
Withlacoochee*	3:14 a.m. 3.3 ft	2:57 p.m. 4.0 ft
Homosassa***	6:58 a.m. 0.8 ft	6:46 p.m. 1.3 ft

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	90	74	t	Miami	88	79	t
Fort Lauderdale	89	77	t	Ocala	91	73	t
Fort Myers	90	76	t	Orlando	92	75	t
Gainesville	90	73	sh	Pensacola	88	75	t
Homestead	90	75	t	Sarasota	89	76	t
Jacksonville	92	74	sh	Tallahassee	89	73	t
Key West	88	82	t	Tampa	90	76	sh
Lakeland	91	74	sh	Vero Beach	89	74	t
Melbourne	89	75	sh	W. Palm Bch.	86	80	t

MARINE OUTLOOK

Today: Southwest winds around 5 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Bay and inland waters smooth. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.

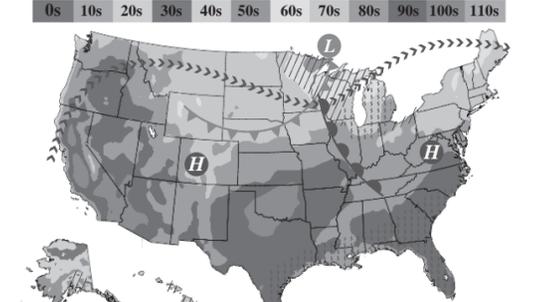
Gulf water temperature
87°
 Taken at Crystal River

LAKE LEVELS

Location	MON	SUN	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	33.57	33.58	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	38.11	38.13	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	39.42	39.45	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	40.87	40.91	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	76 55 0.11	76 60 s	New Orleans	88 74 0.00	87 77 t
Albuquerque	90 64 0.00	96 61 s	New York City	81 70 Trace	80 68 s
Asheville	82 66 Trace	81 61 pc	Norfolk	83 72 0.00	87 70 s
Atlanta	84 72 Trace	84 69 t	Oklahoma City	92 62 0.00	96 69 s
Atlanta City	84 69 0.08	79 71 s	Omaha	91 64 0.00	82 56 pc
Austin	100 77 Trace	98 73 pc	Palm Springs	10484 0.00	10986 s
Baltimore	85 69 0.02	86 69 s	Philadelphia	84 70 0.06	83 68 s
Billings	91 57 0.00	84 54 s	Phoenix	10582 0.00	10583 s
Birmingham	84 73 0.08	87 70 t	Pittsburgh	76 59 0.00	82 64 s
Boise	91 56 0.00	95 57 sm	Portland, ME	78 63 0.36	74 59 s
Boston	84 69 0.04	79 62 s	Portland, OR	84 62 0.00	90 62 pc
Buffalo	75 62 0.39	77 67 s	Providence, RI	83 69 0.02	79 62 s
Burlington, VT	72 60 0.74	74 62 pc	Raleigh	84 66 0.00	89 70 pc
Charleston, SC	91 73 0.00	89 75 t	Rapid City	97 59 0.00	80 54 s
Charleston, WV	81 64 Trace	88 66 s	Reno	95 53 0.00	95 60 hz
Charlotte	86 68 0.01	87 69 pc	Rochester, NY	73 57 0.06	80 66 s
Chicago	82 62 0.00	87 61 pc	Sacramento	10358 0.00	10267 s
Cincinnati	84 54 0.00	88 65 s	Salt Lake City	93 62 0.00	92 61 sm
Cleveland	75 64 Trace	85 65 s	San Antonio	10375 Trace	96 74 pc
Columbia, SC	91 64 0.00	88 70 sh	San Diego	77 70 0.00	79 68 pc
Columbus, OH	82 56 0.00	85 65 s	San Francisco	81 54 0.00	74 59 s
Concord, NH	81 63 0.13	75 52 s	Savannah	93 70 0.00	90 75 s
Dallas	94 75 Trace	96 72 s	Seattle	74 61 Trace	76 59 pc
Denver	92 56 0.00	87 56 s	Spokane	84 61 0.00	88 56 hz
Des Moines	88 63 0.05	83 55 s	St. Louis	85 57 0.00	91 63 s
Detroit	79 62 0.01	86 62 s	St. Ste Marie	68 53 0.17	67 57 sh
El Paso	93 66 0.00	95 71 s	Syracuse	75 60 Trace	78 66 mc
Evansville, IN	88 57 0.00	88 64 s	Topeka	90 59 0.00	90 57 s
Harrisburg	84 64 Trace	81 65 s	Washington	88 71 0.01	86 68 s
Hartford	84 63 Trace	79 62 s			
Houston	93 72 1.79	94 73 pc			
Indianapolis	84 57 0.00	86 63 s			
Kansas City	88 64 0.00	90 59 s			
Las Vegas	108 84 0.00	109 83 s			
Little Rock	90 63 0.00	92 67 s			
Los Angeles	86 68 0.00	86 65 pc			
Louisville	86 60 0.00	86 65 s			
Memphis	88 64 0.00	89 67 t			
Minneapolis	79 57 0.01	84 58 t			
Mobile	81 55 0.00	76 56 s			
Montgomery	90 73 0.05	88 74 sh			
Nashville	88 70 0.58	88 72 sh			
	85 64 0.00	87 65 s			

KEY TO CONDITIONS: c-cloudy; fg-fog; hz-haze; mc-mostly cloudy; pc-partly cloudy; ra-rain; rs-rain; sm-sunny; sh-showers; snow-snow; sn-snow; ss-snow showers; t-thunderstorms

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Heroes Walk/Bike for Life Oct. 16

Join fundraiser to support Pregnancy and Family Life Center

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

The Pregnancy and Family Life Center (PFLC) is looking for walkers and bike riders to take part in the center's inaugural "2021 Heroes Walk/Bike for Life" fundraiser, Saturday, Oct. 16, at Liberty Park in Inverness.

The walk route is a little less than two miles around the park and on the Withlacoochee State Trail and begins with registration, light breakfast foods and coffee from 8:30 to 9 a.m.

Walkers and/or bike riders are encouraged to come dressed in your favorite hero costume.

"This is a fun, family-friendly morning where many churches and pro-life supporters come together with one vision: to transform our community into one where every baby is wanted and families are supported," said Stephanie Bell, RN, PFLC executive director. "Our hope this year is that those who support this pro-life ministry will be bold, stepping out from behind the fear of

rejection from our culture and 'be a hero' in their community and 'walk for life.'"

Since 1982, the center, founded by Bell's parents, Marianne and the late John Vincelli, has supported women and families in their decision to choose life for their unborn babies, whether to keep or put them up for adoption.

Bell said with the recent U.S. Supreme Court's upholding of the Texas "heart-beat bill" banning abortions after about six weeks of pregnancy, or around the time an unborn baby's heartbeat can be detected by ultrasound, this is the time for pregnancy centers and pro-life supporters to be bold and let women and families know about the many free services they provide to their clients, from baby clothes to mental health counseling, pregnancy tests, wellness services and ultrasounds to parenting classes.

"Texas is paving the way for other



Stephanie Bell
PFLC executive director.

states, and that's awesome," she said. "Last year, the center assisted over 1,200 families in Citrus County," Bell said. "We have a food pantry and provide all the items they need for their children and infants. Also, we were privileged to provide ultrasounds for women who were making decisions about their pregnancies, resulting in about 10 babies saved from abortion."

Bell, a registered nurse, said she and other nurses are currently in a program to be certified as a sexual assault nurse examiner. "All of that is going to improve our knowledge base and information that we can give to the community," she said.

For more information or to sign up for the Heroes Walk/Bike for Life, go online at www.pflcenter.org or email pflcenterorg@gmail.com.

WARNING

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said fentanyl isn't just in heroin, but in marijuana and even pills.

"They're crushing pills too, roxies and dilaudid, and mixing it with fentanyl and then pressing it into pills. A pill that they've been taking for years, they're now overdosing on," she said.

Montgomery is one of the officers who follow up on overdose calls.

"We've been running into situations where someone thought they bought dilaudid or something else and they woke up in the hospital not knowing what happened, and then their toxicology comes back with fentanyl in their system," she said.

Montgomery said the video they made is directed to users to educate them that they may be buying drugs that increase their chances of a fatal overdose exponentially.

As of Friday afternoon, the video on Facebook has been viewed 9,200 times with more than 371 reactions, comments, and shares, according to CCSO spokeswoman Brittney Carman.

Montgomery said she hopes to put it on TikTok and Snapchat as well.

Spiddle said fentanyl-related overdose fatalities are increasing at an alarming rate. On Sept. 2, two people lost their lives.

"We had no deaths the week before that and only four overdoses. But the week before that, we had 12 or 14 overdoses and a couple of deaths," he said.

Spiddle added that it's going to take the full resources of community partners to solve the problem of substance use and addiction.

At the end of the video, there is a list of community partners for people who want help can call:

- LifeStream — 866-355-9394 or 352-228-4470.
- Florida Department of Health in Citrus County — 352-527-0068.
- Zero Hour Recovery — 352-765-4943.
- SMA Healthcare — 352-291-5555 or 352-244-9294.
- Groups Recover Together — 407-392-0849.
- Anti-Drug Coalition — 352-601-6620.

Around the COUNTY

Golf tourney to benefit Pace

Registration is open for the 27th annual Realtors Association of Citrus County (RACC) charity golf tournament until Sept. 24. This year, it will benefit the Citrus Pace Center for Girls.

Registration opens at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 4 at Southern Woods Golf Club, 1501 Corkwood Blvd. in Homosassa. It will conclude with an award ceremony at 4 p.m.

Pace provides girls, ages 11 to 17, an opportunity for a

better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy.

Tournament fees are \$70 per person or \$250 per foursome. Individual golfers and twosomes will be paired into foursomes.

Golfers will have a chance

to win a trip for two to the Super Bowl or Pebble Beach, enter the long drive contest and participate in a 50k shootout.

To purchase a ticket or become a sponsor, visit bit.ly/RACCGolf.

— From staff reports

JUDGE

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some other project to work on right now," she said. "I've got plenty on my plate."

As administrative judge, Falvey is responsible for overseeing her fellow judges and their staff.

"While each of us serve as individually elected constitutional officers, we need a boss ... we need someone we can answer to," she said, "and my hope is to be more of a colleague and work collaboratively with the judges, rather than issue edicts I expect them all to follow."

Courthouse clerks — the record-keepers of cases — are managed by the county's clerk of courts, Angela Vick.

Falvey, who's been a circuit court judge in the county since her November 2005 appointment, said she's ready to help lead an experienced and "collegiate" group of judges.

"I'm really looking forward to working with them to effectively provide the service we're obligated to provide to our citizens," she said. "All of them work hard with their dockets."

Falvey succeeded Circuit Court Judge Richard "Ric" Howard as

administrative judge. Howard held the position since January 2019.

"Judge Howard decided he wanted to devote himself to other opportunities, some educational opportunities," Falvey said. "... teaching newer and experienced judges; he wanted to take advantage of that."

"Two major challenges" faced Falvey when she became administrative judge: COVID-19 and finding more court space for judges and hearings.

Falvey said the virus has been dealing blows to her rosters of judges and courtroom staff.

"It's a daily changing landscape," she said, "keeping a pulse on the community numbers and trends, managing outbreaks within judicial ranks, as well as courthouse staff."

If a judge becomes sick, it's Falvey's job to get a substitute or senior judge to cover their docket, especially for essential hearings.

However, Falvey is allotted a limited number of senior judge days a year.

"I have to be somewhat thrifty, if you will," she said.

There are three circuit court judges and soon to be three county court judges under Falvey's supervision.

Circuit Court Judge

Stacy Youmans will be leaving her local bench for Marion County, creating a judicial vacancy in Citrus County for Gov. Ron DeSantis to fill with an appointment.

Members of the Judicial Nominating Commission have yet to announce when candidates can apply and interview for the judgeship.

"We're going to miss her greatly," Falvey said about Youmans.

A third county judge — paid for by state lawmakers this past legislative session — is also expected to be announced in October.

Falvey has been involved in strategizing the layout of the future courthouse annex, which will help ease space issues for the up to 12 full-time and part-time judges who may need room for hearings, starting in the coming months.

Citrus County commissioners in June approved \$2 million to remodel the old Coca-Cola bottling plant at 112 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness, next door to the courthouse.

For decades, the Coke building used to house the supervisor of elections before commissions moved the elections office to Meadowcrest in 2019.

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Carol Falvey

administrative judge of the Citrus County Courthouse.

County Administrator Randy Oliver told the

Chronicle Friday, Sept. 3, the interior demolition began in mid-August with the removal of flooring.

An architect was also retained, Oliver said, and construction is expected to break ground in August 2022 and finish by March 2023.

Falvey said she's planning to have County Judge Bruce Carney and the new county judge work out of the courthouse annex, handling both county civil and criminal misdemeanor cases from there.

In addition to providing regular courthouse security, the annex has to be equipped with cells to hold defendants who are in custody.

"We don't want to be moving inmates outside, between the two

buildings," Falvey said. Falvey said she's been working with the Citrus County Sheriff's Office and other stakeholders to create the most cost-effective and functional security plans.

Falvey would also like to have a direct bridge or walkway between the courthouse

and its annex, but something within budget. "The weighty part, from administrative judges's perspective," she said, "is making sure that you're

making good use of public funds and designing a facility to last a while."

Along with COVID-19 and creating a miniature courthouse, Falvey also has to keep her judiciary's dockets balanced with a fair caseload. Falvey said many cases, especially civil ones involving multi-day trials, have been backlogged by the pandemic.

"One thing I'm thankful for," she said, "is that we have a great group of judges and support staff."

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Coping 'the New Orleans way'

Hurricane-hardened residents show how to share

KEVIN MCGILL
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Shrimp and grits served for breakfast on the sidewalk at El Pavo Real. "Super Secret" seasoned pork and braised greens handed out at the door of the Live Oak Café. Spicy jambalaya dished out under a canopy erected on the empty sun-scorched streetcar tracks by a couple who just wanted to help.

The hearty fare is being served up from neighbor to neighbor, free for the asking and badly needed in a city where the lunchtime conversation topic is often the dinner menu and where camaraderie flourishes over Monday plates of rice and beans.

In New Orleans, food is just one of the many ways that residents help each other during hard times. And it's been no different in the days after Hurricane Ida, which flooded or destroyed homes, tore up trees and knocked out the entire city's power grid.

While chefs and amateur cooks alike piled plates high with comfort food, residents with generators charged their neighbors' cell-phones and reved up chain saws to clear downed trees, while volunteers at a local church handed out bags of cleaning supplies and boxes of diapers.

"In times of crisis ... we all join together," said City Council member Jay Banks, one of several people at the Israelites Baptist Church who distributed donated goods in the low-income neighborhood of Central City on Thursday.

New Orleans' problems echo those of much of urban America: dismaying bursts of violent crime, ingrained poverty, a dearth of affordable housing for the poor. Throw in a decrepit drainage system in one of America's rainiest cities, and a dispiriting vulnerability to hurricanes as climate change contributes to more severe and frequent storms — and one could forgive anyone here who wants to give up and get out.

Some do. The population here has shrunk over the years. But many stay, and not just those who lack the means to relocate. They do so to nurture beloved neighborhood traditions: second-line parades, jazz funerals, century-old "social aid and pleasure clubs" — and good food.

In Tremé, a cradle of Black culture and New Orleans brass band music, Backatown Coffee Parlor owners Jessica and Alonzo Knox couldn't cook in their all-electric kitchen but gave away salad makings, pastries and rapidly thawing bags of frozen, precooked crawfish tails.

El Pavo Real restaurant owner Lindsey McLellan used food preserved "with ice and prayer" to whip up a free steak taco meal Wednesday afternoon, using herbs



Joyce and Dave Thomas offer free jambalaya, cooked up by one of their neighbors, along the Carrollton streetcar tracks in New Orleans on Thursday, Sept. 2. Much of the city was without power and many restaurants and individuals were trying to help the community with free food.

and peppers salvaged from a hurricane-mangled community garden by neighbor Jelagat Cheruiyot, a Tulane University ecology professor.

The garden is a project of the venerable Broadmoor Improvement Association, which rose to prominence advocating for the preservation of the working-class Broadmoor neighborhood after levee failures during Hurricane Katrina inundated homes there in 2005.

Refreshment-related relief efforts weren't limited to those with culinary skills.

"Take all you want. Leave what you can," read the hand-scrawled sign taped to a box of potato chip and snack mix bags on a little folding table in front of a "shotgun" cottage near the Mississippi River. Also available: bottled water, Pop-Tarts and granola bars.

Jessica Knox, a Mississippi native and 18-year resident of New Orleans, said she and her husband were in Washington during the 9/11 terrorist attacks and she knows from that experience that disaster brings people together, no matter where they are.

Still, New Orleans residents have had to display a certain resiliency many others haven't, she said. "You'd think we'd be weary at this point," she said. And yet, she senses a spirit of hope and resolve when she sits outside her powerless house and chats with folks who pass by. "I guess we're over the complaining part," she said.

El Pavo Real owner Lindsey McLellan is an area native and Katrina veteran who remembers dishing up free food after that killer storm when she was a restaurant employee. She's lived in New York and Washington and said she's seen examples of post-trauma camaraderie there, too, but — with a native's pride — she questions



Jelagat Cheruiyot, a Tulane University professor and New Orleans resident, salvages produce from a Broadmoor Improvement Association community garden on Wednesday, Sept. 1, days after Hurricane Ida hit the city. Some of the food went to a nearby restaurant where it became part of free meals distributed to members of the community who were without electricity for days.

whether it's as baked into the culture elsewhere as it is in New Orleans.

"I mean, you definitely can find it," she said. "But it's just, sort of, the New Orleans way."

Hank Fanberg knew he was facing days without power as he gathered tree limbs and trash in the yard of his home in the Carrollton area Monday, the day after Ida hit. But he took comfort knowing that neighbors on either side of him had generators and were happy to help.

Friends of Bette Matheny helped her remove sodden carpets and other water-damaged debris from her recently renovated ranch house in Lakeview, an area

devastated during the levee failures of Katrina and hit by flash flooding on Sunday.

"Every single person we know has offered us anything they can," Matheny said.

Matheny, who was 13 when she evacuated during Katrina 16 years ago, noted that people often remark on the storms that strike with such frequency in New Orleans and ask, "Why would you stay there? Does this make you want to move?"

She responded with emotion, her voice breaking.

"No. Why would I want to move? People are so amazing. You don't find this anywhere else, you know?"

Obituary

David Michael 'Mike' Young, 73

CRYSTAL RIVER

David Michael "Mike" Young, age 73, of Crystal River, FL passed away August 25, 2021 at Bayfront Health Seven Rivers Hospital in Crystal River, FL.

David was born on April 21, 1948 in Mifflin, PA to Rev. David and Peggylou (Laughead) Young. David was a retired Ticket Agent for AMTRAK and he moved to Crystal River 19 years ago from Youngstown, PA.

Survived by his Companion, Glenda Ann Harrison; one son, Adam and his wife Kimberly Young; one brother Brian and his wife Margie Young; five grandchildren, Alexis McAndrew, Katherine Young, Dylan Young, Samantha Young and Ella Young; one nephew, Daniel Young.

Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto, FL.

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Worth NOTING

Chronicle to offer Home and Outdoor Living Show

Attend the Citrus County Chronicle's Fall Home and Outdoor Living Show at 9 a.m. Sept. 25 at the U.S. Army National Guard Armory, 8551 W. Venable St. in Crystal River.

For more information, call 352-563-6363.

American Legion to have blood and membership drives

The Arnold V. Allen American Legion Post 166 will host blood and membership drives in honor of American Legion day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 16 at the post, 4520 S. Suncoast Blvd. in Homosassa.

The Life South Bloodmobile will be on site from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Blood, plasma, and platelets are in great need in the community.

The membership drive will be held inside the post from noon to 5 p.m. All are invited to attend and learn about the American Legion's programs.

CF Foundation executive committee to meet

The CF Foundation will have an executive committee meeting at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 8

at the CF Ewers Center, building 40, room 107, at 3001 SW College Road in Ocala.

The meeting agenda includes general business of the CF Foundation executive committee.

Mended Hearts of Citrus to meet via Zoom

Mended Hearts of Citrus County will meet from 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 10 via Zoom.

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Inverness city council to meet

Considers utility agreement with county; state COVID funding

FRED HIERS
Staff writer

The Inverness city council will decide whether to approve a new interlocal agreement Tuesday with the Citrus County Commission over water and sewer services the city provides outside its borders.

The previous agreement, first established in 1989 and expired in 2018, defined the current and future geographic utility service areas to be served by the city. The new proposed service area is mostly the same as the previous service area.

During a series of unrelated disagreements between the city and county, the service agreement was allowed to expire.

City Manager Eric Williams said the new agreement, however, includes elements of future interconnections, better defined geographic service areas, and now includes the Airport Service Park.

The agreement also represents a renewed effort between the city and county for better cooperation and trust, Williams told the Chronicle.

It also represents an effort by the city to operate its \$20 million

wastewater treatment plant built in 2008 and now operating at only 40% capacity.

"The idea is to have that run more like 80%," he said.

"This needs to happen," he said of the proposed agreement.

It also helps lay the groundwork for the county and city to better plan and address area fresh water needs and coordinate future and current wells.

In addition, Florida water regulators also call upon local governments to cooperate and coordinate utility services and resources, Williams said, and this interlocal agreement addresses that requirement.

The city has about 4,500 utility connections, with 80%-85% being inside the city limits, Williams said.

In other business, the council will:

- Vote whether to renew its lease with the Citrus County Sheriff's Office for its Whispering Pines Park administrative offices.

The new, proposed lease for the coming year is for a total of \$26,534.84. That's an increase of \$6,534 annually. In a letter to the council members, Williams

explained the increase is to cover the cost of a storage shed that the CCSO is requesting.

Williams said the lease for the office is beneficial to both sides because it provides office space for the CCSO but also a law enforcement presence at the park for the city.

- Will also review an agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management in order for the city to receive its share of the state's American Rescue Plan Act money. The act created the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, which allows funds to be disbursed to local governments such as Inverness.

The act allocated \$7.1 billion to local governments. The city's share would be \$3.7 million. The money is to be used to cover expenses incurred and will be incurred due to COVID-19, the cost of essential workers due to the pandemic, cover the loss of government revenues due to the virus, and other public safety issues.

- City staff and consultants will also give presentations about a shade structure for Liberty Park's playground, the park's train station, proposed park beach, and public art.

The public meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 212 W. Main St., Inverness.



Eric Williams
Inverness city manager.

Ex-Marine held without bond in shooting

TERRY SPENCER, FREIDA FRISARO
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE — A former Marine sharpshooter who told authorities he was high on methamphetamines when he invaded a home in Florida and fatally shot a mother, her 3-month-old baby and two others was ordered held without bond during his first court appearance on Monday.

Bryan Riley, 33, also asked for his own lawyer and will be appointed his own lawyer until he can get one, a judge said.

Riley surrendered on Sunday morning after a furious gun battle with authorities who brought in at least one armored vehicle during their standoff. An officer then rushed into the home and rescued an 11-year-old girl, who was still conscious despite being shot seven times. She was in critical but stable condition on Monday, the sheriff's office said.

Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd said Riley, who served in both Iraq and Afghanistan, appeared to be suffering from mental health issues. He said Riley's girlfriend told investigators he had post-traumatic stress syndrome and had been unraveling for weeks, repeatedly telling her he could communicate directly with God.

The slain family first encountered Riley on Saturday evening when he randomly stopped by their home in Lakeland, about 30 miles from Tampa, where he lives, Judd said.

Justice Gleason, 40, was mowing his lawn when Riley pulled onto their property and said God had sent him there to prevent a suicide by someone named "Amber." Gleason and another person Judd described as one of the victims said there was no one there by that name, and told him to leave. They called law enforcement and authorities responded, but Riley was gone.

Hours later, Riley returned and shot the family. He told interrogators that

"they begged for their lives and I killed them anyway," Judd said.

Around 4:30 a.m. Sunday, Riley put out glowsticks in the early morning darkness to create a path leading to the house in an attempt to draw officers "into an ambush," the sheriff told reporters.

A lieutenant working a good distance away heard popping noises and immediately put the agency on active-shooter mode, bringing all state and local law enforcement in the area to the scene. They followed the sounds of gunfire to the home and found Riley's white truck ablaze and an unarmed Riley outside, dressed in camouflage.

He ran back into the house, where authorities heard another round of gunfire, "a woman scream and a baby whimper," Judd said.

Officers tried to enter the front of the house, but it was barricaded. Judd said when they circled to the back, they encountered Riley, who appeared to have put on full body armor including head and knee coverings and a bulletproof vest.

Authorities exchanged heavy gunfire, with dozens "if not hundreds of rounds" fired, before Riley retreated back into the home, Judd said.

Everything fell silent, until a helicopter unit alerted authorities on the ground that Riley was coming out, the sheriff said. He had been shot once and was ready to surrender.

Officers heard cries for help inside the home, but were unsure whether there were additional shooters and feared the home was booby-trapped. Judd said a brave sergeant rushed in and grabbed the injured girl, who told deputies there were three dead people inside as she was rushed into surgery.

Deputies then sent robots into the home to check for explosives and other traps. When it was clear, they found the bodies of Gleason; the 33-year-old mother; the baby; and the baby's 62-year-old grandmother, who was in a separate home nearby.

Authorities released only Gleason's name, and did not say if or how he was

related to the other victims, but a woman's Facebook page shows many photos of Gleason with the woman, a baby boy and his big sister. One photo posted Saturday, showing Gleason smiling as he held the baby, was captioned "Tall like Daddy."

Pansy Mincey Smith told The Ledger that she had gone to school with Gleason's father, Joe, who died several years ago. She had last seen him at the hospital in May, shortly after his boy was born.

"RIP Justice Gleason. The last time I saw you, you were getting on the elevator at the hospital," Smith wrote on Facebook. "You were smiling from ear to ear about your new little baby boy, you had that big teddy bear for him. This is so heartbreaking, son."

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Around the STATE

Sheriff: Rooftop shooter injures self while fleeing

DUNEDIN — A Florida man shot at several people before a six-hour, rooftop standoff with sheriff's deputies, officials said.

The incident began around 8 p.m. Sunday when deputies were alerted to three "suspicious" men in an area of Dunedin, which is a suburb of St. Petersburg, according to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

As the deputies pulled up, one man ran from them and shot at several people as he fled. No one was injured in the shooting, except for the gunman himself, deputies told news outlets.

Myles Abbott, 18, managed to shoot himself in the thigh during the incident, officials said.

He climbed onto a nearby roof and pointed a gun at deputies who were trying to arrest him. The deputies tried to talk to him, but he would not surrender. A

SWAT team and negotiator arrived at the scene, and, eventually, Abbott's sister was brought in to help reach out to him. That didn't work either, deputies said.

Some six hours later, deputies used "specialized equipment" and bean bag rounds to force him off the roof.

Abbot was arrested on multiple charges including loitering, prowling, aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer and resisting arrest without violence, records show. He was taken to a hospital for treatment of his leg wound.

The sheriff's office said Abbott had an outstanding warrant for vehicular homicide.

Deputies also arrested two other people during the incident. Ki'moni Anderson, 18, was charged with grand theft of a firearm, carrying a concealed firearm and felon in possession of a firearm. A 16-year-old was also arrested on similar charges.

— From wire reports

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Due to a production error, the Sudoku puzzles used last week did not match our regular puzzles.

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Tuesday, Sept. 21, tours at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & noon. KAYAK TOURS. Paddle quiet canals to Three Sisters Springs and back. Launch from sponsor A Crystal River Kayak Company, 1422 Bldg. B, SE US 19, Crystal River. To register, call (352) 795-2255, Option 1. Capacity: 10 per tour. COST: \$10 deposit refunded at end of tour.

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Thursday, Sept. 23, 5:30 p.m. LOCAL MIDDLE SCHOOLS ENVIRONMENTAL JEOPARDY COMPETITION. Local middle schools compete in testing their environmental knowledge. Public invited. Conference Center, College of Central Florida, Citrus Campus, 3800 S. Lecanto Hwy, Lecanto. For information, call (352) 613-6850. FREE.

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Friday, Sept. 24, 8:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m. ARCHEO-ECO KAYAK TOUR. Come paddle and discuss the natural history of the Crystal River with the Florida Public Archaeology Network, St. Martins Marsh Aquatic Preserve, and Florida Park Service staffs. Depart from Crystal River Preserve State Park Visitor Center kayak launch, 3266 N. Sailboat Ave., Crystal River. For information, email Nigel Rudolph at snrudolph@usf.edu. Pre-registration required. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/9yerhwn> beginning August 24. Participants have an option to rent or bring their own kayak. Capacity 20. COST: \$25 with rental kayak; \$20 with own kayak.

Saturday, Sept. 25, 2:00 p.m. ONE-HOUR SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF CRYSTAL RIVER
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Saturday, September 25, 2:00 p.m. SACRED WATERS: EXPLORING THE PROTECTION OF FLORIDA'S FLUID LANDSCAPES. Presentation by PhD candidate Victoria Machado on the efforts to restore Florida's waterways. Ms. Machado will speak to the motivations of environmentalists who love and advocate for Florida and its water bodies. Focusing on issues related to springs and the Everglades, we hope to have conversations that arise when Floridians view water as essential to their quality of life. Sponsored by The Old Courthouse Heritage Museum, 1 Courthouse Square, Inverness, and funded in part by the Florida Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities. To register, call (352) 341-6428 or visit <https://cccourthouse.org/shop/>. FREE.

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Hot Corner: EMS

■ In reference to the shortage of our EMTs and paramedics in Citrus County (in Thursday, Sept. 2's front-page story, "EMS staffing 'beyond critical,'" "Firm reportedly losing employees at swift pace because of pay disparities"): No. 1, the pay is ridiculous. They're risking their lives to save Citrus County residents. We're supposed to be sitting back, calling 911 and getting an administrative person to come out and evaluate us and save our life? This is a little bit ridiculous. They can go to Walgreens or Walmart and make \$15 an hour. Where is Citrus County? What are they thinking about? Their brains are just not functioning.

■ Obviously, there's something I don't understand about EMS. Why don't they raise their wages and raise the prices that they charge? Also, I understand recently they bought some vehicles which turned out to be total junk.

■ I am sad our commissioners won't give money to Nature Coast EMS and they will give money for tourist attractions. Nature Coast EMS is our savior and we are in the middle of a pandemic. What is wrong with our county?

■ Will our county commissioners make the right decision — a dog park, Pirate's Cove or assist and provide quality EMS service to the tax-paying citizens of Citrus County? Seems the right decision should be easy to make.

■ Nature Coast EMS is not in an insurance company's network. A friend recently fell and broke their hip and had to be transported by Nature Coast EMS to the hospital. When she received a bill from the Nature Coast (EMS), her insurance company, Florida Blue, stated that Nature Coast EMS is not in their network. After arguing that this is the only ambulance service in our county, they still refused to cover the cost. Why would Nature Coast EMS not be in an insurance company's network?

■ I'm calling about the article about Nature Coast EMS (Thursday, Sept. 2's front-page story, "EMS staffing 'beyond critical'"). Two years ago, my neighbor and I were involved in an accident in Beverly Hills and we both shared an ambulance ride to Seven Rivers Hospital. They charged us both \$900 apiece for that little ride. You mean to tell me with all that money they rake in, they can't pay their employees better? I'm surprised the county isn't planning on giving us another ad-valorem tax where we've all got to pay \$50 apiece for the ambulance.

■ I'm calling in reference to a letter in Friday, Sept. 3 (Page A10). Carol Holtsclaw wrote in, "EMS should be more of a priority." I have to say I agree with pretty much everything she's saying here about the feeding tourism with parks, festivals, new beaches, etc. They may be good, but it really is not a super necessity like EMS...Also, EMS does need to get its financial house in order. You just can't throw money at them if they're not doing what they need to do.

■ The ambulance workers get such low pay. Our county commissioners get high pay for part-time work. Perhaps we should pay them by the hour — \$9 an hour — only when they are working on official business.

LETTERS to the Editor

Writer should check his research

In response to the letter written by Bud Martin ("Masks don't make much difference," Sept. 1, Page A9): Your example of why masks don't work seems reasonable on the surface. In reality, you may be confused: Masks reduce the spread of respiratory droplets (www.CDC.gov). Masks block 50-70% of fine droplets that carry the virus and slow particles that were not captured (Web.MD.com). Facts can also be found at mayoclinic.org or yalemedicine.org.

Before you call anyone ignorant ... check your research. Is that wise enough for you?

Alex Sosnicki
Floral City

Senator spreads misinformation

Sen. Marco Rubio is wasting his time and our state dollars by co-sponsoring two bills that address supposed problems with teaching Critical Race Theory (CRT).

The senator knows that CRT is not taught in Florida K-12 schools ... or anywhere else in America, to K-12 kids. It never has been and never will be.

Even in colleges and universities, CRT is only taught in some schools to small groups in specific disciplines. The Chronicle gives the Encyclopedia Britannica's definition where they note CRT is "an intellectual movement and loosely organized framework of legal analysis ..."

If you ask any college student you know, I bet you will be hard-pressed

to find any that has CRT defined as a degree requirement. Many will not even be able to define it.

Similarly, the provision to ban teaching CRT in the military is silly. Ask yourself, when was the last time Congress proposed legislating what our service members are taught? They don't ... and I'm not even sure they legally could if they wanted to.

So the senator and his co-sponsors are simply spreading misinformation to pander to their base. Scares of "Marxist propaganda" are just baloney. It seems our senator is trying to earn the moniker our ex-president bestowed on him.

Sen. Rubio should not be called "Little Marco" because of his stature ... but it seems fitting to apply it considering his small ideas and disregard for the truth.

David Burns

Hot Corner: COVID

A NOTE ABOUT HOT CORNERS

- Hot Corners are compiled from anonymous Sound Off calls received during a short period of time.
- Sound Off is meant for readers to voice their opinions on local issues. If you would like to comment on state or national issues, please submit a letter to the editor.
- See the guidelines for letters, Page A9.

■ Thank you, Citrus County Chronicle, for the superb leadership role you have assumed in providing the education necessary to keep our citizens informed as to how the deadly COVID-19 virus is affecting Citrus County. Today's article on the subject, written by Fred Hiers, was excellent (the Tuesday, Aug. 31, front-page story, "Local COVID vaccinations rise, but so do infections").

■ (Re the Tuesday, Aug. 31, front-page News Brief, "Citrus schools to keep optional masking rules"): I am so disappointed in the decision of our school board not to make a mask mandate, with all the cases in Citrus County right now and our schools with whole classes being sent home because children are testing positive. Well, when the first child in Citrus County passes away, it's going to be on you, school board, for not doing everything you can to protect our children.

■ (Re the Tuesday, Aug. 31, Page A8 "Hot Corner: COVID"): Seems like the Chronicle just keeps running Sound Offs calling people names that don't

get vaccinated. All these armchair quarterbacks want to tell everybody else what to do and that we're all going to die. Well, the fact is, many people in this population — over half — haven't been vaccinated and don't wear masks. They go out in public, they dance, they hug and they have a normal life. They're not sick, they're not getting sick and they're not dying. Oh, and you want to deprive me a hospital bed, should I need one (call No. 17). Well, that's just great Americanism. That's the way to treat your fellow man, isn't it? Just because you're afraid and you're a sheep, you stay home and then you've got no problem.

■ I have lived in Citrus County my entire life and I have never been so disappointed in our leaders at a time when the pandemic is

raging through our state. All the events that are going to be happening that are listed in the paper, our school board being negligent in mask wearing for our children — it just blows my mind. This is not my town anymore. I cannot believe that people are operating with blind eyes. People are dying right now. We need to get it together and we need to protect ourselves and each other. This is a disgrace.

■ A person says students should mask up because the delta variant is more contagious. If it's more contagious, how come we don't test for the delta variant and we're still just testing for the COVID-19 and not the delta variant? Why can't I read in the paper how many people test positive for the delta variant as opposed to COVID? It

doesn't show that.

■ This is in response of watching the news about Gov. DeSantis. I think it is wrong that the people can't ask the question about the kids being vaccinated in schools. They have to have all their shots to go back to school. What's the difference of them asking if the kid had the shot? Now that is wrong. They ask them about all the other shots and they answer, but they're not allowed to ask them if they got the vaccine or not? This is wrong. This is the safety of our kids. If they get home and they give it to their healthy parents, then here we go, it's going to climb higher and higher. Think about this.

■ All these people are complaining about wearing a mask, getting a vaccination or not getting a vaccination. You all need to get a life and let people live their life. If you want to wear a mask, wear one. If you don't, don't wear one. If you want to get a vaccine, get one. If you don't, don't get one. People need to just mind their own business and find something better to do than complain.

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BE MINDFUL

Doctors fear flu will spread earlier than usual

We believe in the effectiveness of vaccination, which regular readers already know. Vaccines are one of the greatest success stories in public health, removing the threat of some diseases and protecting individuals from the devastating consequences of others.

Recently, the spotlight has been on the COVID vaccine, which we recommend for all who can take it. However, there’s a new threat on the horizon now that we’re heading into flu season. September is earlier than usual for flu, but doctors already are seeing it — particularly among kids (and kids do a really good job at sharing viruses with adults as well as each other).

It’s definitely time to think about getting your flu shot, which can be done at local pharmacies and some physician offices. The CDC recommends that everyone 6 months and older, with rare exceptions, should get an annual flu vaccination. It’s particularly important for those at higher risk of developing serious flu complications. Ideally, everyone should be vaccinated against the flu by the end of October.

Some physicians were concerned about a flu outbreak last fall, on top of the COVID pandemic, but thanks to

masking, social distancing and quarantining, it didn’t happen. However, with kids back in school, adults at work and looser social precautions, there’s growing concern about a flu outbreak and even a possible “twin-demic” this year.

Experts are urging people to get the flu shot to protect themselves against potentially serious complications, but also to avoid straining the healthcare system even more than it already is with the COVID surge.

Flu shots are needed every year because flu viruses are constantly changing. This year, the flu vaccine is designed to protect against the four viruses that research indicates will be most common in circulation.

Although the CDC initially did not favor getting the COVID and flu shots together, it now has evidence that supports getting both at the same time. Just a single visit can put check-marks in both boxes for busy people and those who have difficulty getting to vaccination sites.

If you have questions about getting the flu vaccine, talk to your physician. For extensive FAQ information, see this CDC website: www.cdc.gov/flu/season/faq-flu-season-2021-2022.

THE ISSUE:

Flu season begins soon.

OUR OPINION:

More important than ever to get your flu shot this year.

Infection rate isn’t slowing

It’s hard to believe the (front-page) headline in today’s paper, Aug. 24, “Local vaccinations rise, infections slow, for now.” I mean, I guess the part about the vaccines is probably right, but if you look at the school dashboard and see that there’s more than 400 COVID-positive cases in our schools right now when school only just started a couple of weeks ago, it really is hard to believe the infection rate is slowing down. Something doesn’t add up.

Why can’t farmers use nitrate-filled water?

Today, Tuesday, Aug. 24, I’m reading my Chronicle (editorial, Page A9), “Clean water amendment.” Here’s a question from just a layman that doesn’t really know a heck of a lot: You know all the water that’s down in Tampa Bay in that retention pond that has nitrates in it? Instead of allowing farmers inland — like the strawberry farmers, where they have to keep pumping water on the strawberries and things like that — instead of

allowing them to use groundwater, ... why can’t that water that already contains the fertilizer be used and then allow it to percolate through the system and let nature do its own job to clean it up? ... I’m just a common person and I have no scientific background, but it’s just an honest question.

High school grammar graduates?

I agree with the caller about the crazy grammar in Sound Off (Tuesday, Aug. 24, Page A9). The way some of these people talk, they sound like they never graduated from grammar school, let alone high school. Get it?

Mind your business

I’m responding to Sound off (about Tuesday, Aug. 24’s Page A9 guest column by Bob Madeiros, titled) “Citrus DEC calls for mask mandates in schools.” Mind your own business. It’s up to the parents. If you don’t like it, tough cookies. It’s up to the parents. They decide what the children wear or don’t wear or get or what they receive. That’s the bottom line. Mind your own business.

LETTERS to the Editor



Letter was full of misinformation

Just like Facebook, the Chronicle has a responsibility to limit, or at least label misinformation on its platform. An Aug. 28 letter was nothing but misinformation. The writer attempted to use the CDC, OSHA, the FDA, and the New England Journal of Medicine to prove mask-wearing was not only ineffective, but actually harmful.

His CDC statistics appear to be for influenza, not COVID-19. Here is the CDC COVID-19 guidance for schools: On CDC.gov, select Coronavirus Disease 2109, select Guidance, select Parents and Caregivers, select Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools — “Due to the circulating and highly contagious Delta variant, CDC recommends universal indoor masking by all students (age 2 and older), staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.”

His OSHA statistics appear to be for the use of industrial respirators, not medical masks. Under OSHA.gov/coronavirus/faqs: “Medical masks, including surgical masks, are routinely worn by healthcare workers throughout the day as part of their personal protective equipment (PPE) ensembles and do not compromise their oxygen levels or cause carbon dioxide buildup.”

The New England Journal of Medicine citation is an opinion piece from early in the pandemic (May 2020) questioning universal masking. The doctor notes in that same paragraph that passing interactions in public spaces don’t meet the proximity and duration of face-to-face contact assumed in public health recommendations. But school interactions certainly do, especially in crowded hallways and cafeterias. And their guidance evolves with additional data.

An October 2020 NEJM article stated: “Ultimately, combating the pandemic will involve driving down both transmission rates and severity of disease. Increasing evidence suggests that population-wide facial masking might benefit both components of the response.”

Finally, the letter writer states the FDA said, “even a properly fitted N95 mask does not prevent illness and death.”

I could not find this statement on the FDA website. I did find it on other (less prestigious) sites that attributed it to the FDA. What I did find on the FDA website was to the recommendation to wear masks, per the CDC guidance.

Stephen Chapin
Crystal River

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schools is to recommend universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.”

The latter part of Mr. Davis’ article parrots other anti-maskers and has little or no basis in fact. For example, the CDC says: “Research supports that mask-wearing has no significant adverse health effects for wearers. Studies of healthy hospital workers, older adults and adults with COPD reported no change in oxygen or carbon dioxide levels while wearing a cloth or surgical mask either during rest or physical activity.”

There is an abundance of scientific evidence supporting mask use. Each agency Mr. Davis quoted — the CDC, FDA, OSHA, NEJM — all recommend mask use. Mask prevents infections. Letters like Mr. Davis perpetuate the myths that masks don’t work.

Thomas Mitchell
Inverness

Individuals are best equipped to make decisions

How about we all take this attitude?

If you want to take the shot that does not guarantee you will not catch COVID, that is your business. And we support your decision.

If you choose not to take the shot and face the consequences of your decision, we support you.

If you believe you have the right as an American citizen to choose what is put into your body, we should all support that.

If you are terrified of COVID, you can self-quarantine and be safe and we support you.

If you want to go out into large gatherings and do not worry about getting sick, we support you too.

There is evidence to back the support of one side and the skepticisms of the other, as some would suggest not all of this is based on political opinion. Some have been warned by doctors to not take the shot that throws up red flags. Our media has put so many stories out there it is hard to separate fact from fiction — even the lead voice Dr. Fauci has made claims and reversed himself on many occasions.

Base your decisions on what you feel is right for you and we will support you.

Mike Dragoun
Lecanto



Unemployment benefits expire

Leaving roughly 8.9 million Americans with few options

KEN SWEET
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Millions of jobless Americans lost their unemployment benefits on Monday, leaving only a handful of economic support programs for those who are still being hit financially by the year-and-a-half-old coronavirus pandemic.

Two critical programs expired on Monday. One provided jobless aid to self-employed and gig workers and another provided benefits to those who have been unemployed more than six months. Further, the Biden administration's \$300 weekly supplemental unemployment benefit also ran out on Monday.

It's estimated that roughly 8.9 million Americans will lose

all or some of these benefits.

While the White House has encouraged states to keep paying the \$300 weekly benefit by using money from the stimulus bills, no states have opted to do so. Many states even opted out of the federal program early after some businesses complained that they couldn't find enough people to hire. The data have shown minimal economic benefits from cutting off aid early in those states.

Economists Peter McCrory and Daniel Silver of JPMorgan found "zero correlation" between job growth and state decisions to drop the federal unemployment aid, at least so far. An economist at Columbia University, Kyle Coombs, found only minimal benefits.

The amount of money injected by the federal government into jobless benefits since the pandemic began is nothing short of astronomical. The roughly \$650 billion, according to the nonpartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, kept millions of Americans who lost their jobs through no fault of their own in their apartments, paying for food and gasoline, and keeping up with their bills. The banking industry has largely attributed the few defaults on loans this past 18 months to the government relief efforts.

"The end of the pandemic unemployment benefits will be an abrupt jolt to millions of Americans who won't find a job in time for this arbitrary end to

assistance," Andrew Stettner with the Century Foundation said in a report.

The ending of these programs comes as the U.S. economy has recovered from the pandemic, but with substantial gaps in the recovery. The Labor Department says there are still 5.7 million fewer jobs than before the pandemic.

These benefits are also ending sooner than during the previous crisis, the Great Recession. In that downturn, jobless benefits in various forms were extended from the start of the recession in 2008-2009 all the way until 2013. When those benefits finally ended, just 1.3 million people were still receiving aid.

Americans still financially struggling in the pandemic will find a smaller patchwork of social support programs, both at

the state level and through the federal government.

The White House approved last month a 25% increase in food stamp assistance, also known as SNAP benefits. That increase will continue indefinitely for those 42.7 million Americans who receive those payments.

While the federal eviction moratorium has expired, roughly a dozen states — all controlled by Democrats — have extended their moratoriums, including California, New York, Washington, Illinois and Minnesota. New York's eviction moratorium was extended until Jan. 15.

The Biden administration also pushed the restart of federal student loan repayments until January. Those were supposed to have restarted this month.

Ida's sweltering aftermath



Associated Press

In this aerial photo, the remains of destroyed homes are seen in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida, Monday, Sept. 6, 2021, in Lafitte, La.

Seniors left in dark, hot facilities

KEVIN MCGILL AND JEFF MARTIN
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Officials in New Orleans will thoroughly inspect senior living apartments in the city in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida after finding people living in buildings without working generators, which left residents trapped in wheelchairs on dark, sweltering upper floors, Mayor LaToya Cantrell said Monday.

Hundreds were evacuated Saturday and the city later said five people had died in the privately run buildings in the days after the storm. The coroner's office is investigating whether the deaths will be

attributed to the hurricane, which struck land nine days before.

The managers of some of the homes for seniors evacuated out of state without making sure the residents would be safe after the storm, New Orleans City Council member Kristin Palmer said at a news conference.

"They're hiding under the loophole of 'independent living,'" Palmer said. "It's not independent living if there's no power and you're in a wheelchair on the fourth floor."

The city is creating teams of workers from the health, safety and permits, code enforcement and other departments. Their first focus is to make sure the senior homes are safe

and evacuate people if necessary, Cantrell said.

But after that, management will be held accountable, and the city will likely add requirements that include facilities having emergency agreements in place with contractors who will make sure generator power is available at the sites, the mayor said.

Crews in Louisiana have restored power to nearly 70% of greater New Orleans and nearly all of Baton Rouge after Hurricane Ida, but outside those large cities, getting lights back on is a complex challenge that will last almost all of September, utility executives said Monday.

It's going to involve air boats to get into the swamps and marshes to string lines and repair the most remote of about 22,000 power poles that Ida

blew down when it came ashore on Aug. 29 as one of the most powerful hurricanes to hit the U.S. mainland, Entergy Louisiana President and CEO Phillip May said.

More than 530,000 customers still don't have power in Louisiana, just under half of the peak when Ida struck eight days ago. In five parishes west and south of New Orleans, at least 98% of homes and businesses don't have power, according to the state Public Service Commission.

"It's going to be a rebuild, not a repair," May said.

Ida killed at least 13 people in Louisiana, many of them in the storm's aftermath. Its remnants also brought historic flooding, record rains and tornados from Virginia to Massachusetts, killing at least 50 more people.

World BRIEFS

Taliban say they took Panjshir, last holdout province

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban said Monday they seized the last province not in their control after their blitz through Afghanistan last month, overrunning forces who had opposed their takeover.

Thousands of Taliban fighters charged into eight districts of Panjshir province overnight, according to witnesses from the area who spoke on condition of anonymity because they feared for their safety. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid confirmed that the province, which is north of the capital, was now held by their fighters.

"We tried our best to solve the problem through negotiations, and they rejected talks and then we had to send our forces to fight," Mujahid told a news conference in Kabul later Monday.

Twin panda cubs are born at the Madrid Zoo

MADRID — Madrid's panda family grew Monday with the birth of twin cubs, a boost to the popular species that is considered China's national treasure.

The twins were born to their mother, Hua Zuiba, and father, Bing Xing, a pair of giant pandas on loan from China, the Madrid Zoo announced in a statement.

The births took place with a four-hour difference on Monday morning, the zoo said. Veterinarians were waiting to determine the pair's sex, weight and vital signs. But the zoo statement said the birth had been "calmer" due to the mother's experience.

Madrid's adult pandas have had four other cubs earlier, including another pair of twins in 2010.

They were all sent back to China after a few years in the Madrid Zoo.

— From wire reports

Residents return to Lake Tahoe area as wildfire stalls

SAM METZ
Associated Press

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. — Thousands of people who fled South Lake Tahoe under threat of a wildfire were allowed to return as crews stalled the flames from advancing, but many shops remained dark Monday and the resort town's normally bustling streets remained quiet.

A week ago, the scenic tourist town on the California-Nevada state line emptied out when authorities issued an evacuation order as the fire approached from south. Now, traffic is trickling back but nothing like the crowds that typically pour in over the summer to enjoy Lake Tahoe's crystalline waters, which are covered by a smoky haze.

Lake Tahoe Community College student Dakota Jones returned Monday to South Lake

Tahoe after being evacuated to Carson City, Nevada. He said he worried he'd find buildings damaged or covered in ash and was pleasantly surprised to find the city of 22,000 people largely untouched when he and his roommates, who were in the process of moving when the fire approached, drove a U-Haul full of their belongings back to their old apartment.

"I was honestly convinced this place was gonna go down," Jones said. "It was nice to see that I was wrong."

Evacuation orders for South Lake Tahoe and other lakeside areas were downgraded to warnings Sunday afternoon and California Highway Patrol officers began removing roadblocks along State Highway 50 from Nevada to the city limits. Authorities warned that residents of the scenic forest area weren't

out of the woods yet, with risks ranging from smoky, foul air to belligerent bears.

The threat from the Caldor Fire hasn't entirely vanished but downgrading to a warning meant those who wish could return to their homes in what had been a smoke-choked ghost town instead of a thriving Labor Day getaway location. South Lake Tahoe Fire Chief Clive Savacool said officials hoped to have the hospital emergency room open within 24 hours but people with health problems might want to consider staying away due to the air quality.

Authorities also warned that in the absence of humans, bears had gone to town, spreading trash everywhere that must be picked up.

"The delicate balance between humans and bears has been upset," and anyone who



Associated Press

A sign outside a South Lake Tahoe Fire Station welcomes residents back to town after the lifting of the evacuation order Monday.

thinks a bear may have entered their home should call law enforcement, El Dorado County sheriff's Sgt. Simon Brown said. Mandatory evacuation orders

remained in place for parts of unincorporated El Dorado County south of South Lake Tahoe, including Meyers and Christmas Valley.

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Adele Jacobsen
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I've discussed how music helps anxiety, depression, heart stabilization, Parkinson's disease, end of life and pain. Not to mention how much it helps people who are living with dementia. But overriding all of these specific applications of therapeutic music is the general healing power of music on the soul.

Literature is littered with testimonials of how music has lifted the soul, lifted the mood, helped people open up to new horizons. No one says it better than Ludwig van Beethoven: "Music is a higher revelation all wisdom and philosophy."

During my music sessions playing for patients, often a family member or friend is in the room. The reactions I get from these incidental listeners reinforce my faith in the power of music to everyone.

One time, playing for a lady who was confused and disoriented, I was playing a gentle country western song because her daughter said she was fond of this genre. The song I chose was "Have I



Ludwig van Beethoven once said: "Music is a higher revelation all wisdom and philosophy."

Special to the Chronicle

Told You Lately That I Love You?" The daughter broke into tears. She sobbed as she said this was one that she and her mother used to sing together.

Another time, I played for a man who was waiting to go in for tests. He wasn't in distress, so playing whatever he wanted to hear was appropriate. He was from Jamaica. I played a calypso-metered song, "Jamaica Farewell." He was delighted, as was he wife. She even wrote a glowing report to the hospital about the musical encounter.

We have touched a chord with our music with the people of Citrus County. So many have told me how much the music has helped them. And their thanks percolate up in the form of donations to our nonprofit.

Kings Bay Rotary donated \$1,000 to us in memory of John Crowder. John was the son of Alana and Curtis Rich. John was quite a musician. The music flowed from his heart into his guitar. He could be found throughout

the county, playing in parks, on sidewalks, inside, wherever he happened to be when the mood struck him to play.

John attended the Art Academy at Lecanto High School, which nurtured his love of music. A trip to NYC with a visit to Music City cemented his love of the art. He also was an accomplished photographer, as is his mother, Alana.

Woodview Coffee House donated \$1,000 to us in memory of Debbie Jamieson. Debbie and her partner Michael Roberts managed the Woodview for several years, where they were instrumental in recruiting talented musicians from Florida and beyond to entertain Citrus County music lovers.

Debbie was very involved in creating opportunities for young women to develop their talents. Mike said that Music in Medicine's program is very much within Debbie's arc of concern. Debbie developed ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) and moved to Port Charlotte where she passed away in 2018.

An anonymous donor

matched the Woodview Coffee House donation. We can't thank this person personally, but appreciate the kind heart.

Florida Cancer Special-interest donated \$2,000: a traditional medical provider that does research into new methods for treating cancer.

Then there are the many, many individuals who have given what they could, anywhere from \$10 to \$550 each. We are truly gratified and humbled by the open arms with which we have been received in Citrus County.

And I would be remiss if I didn't mention the invaluable support we have gotten from Alzheimer's

Foundation of America. They have given us two grants, totaling \$11,000. They know how valuable music is in optimizing the quality of life for people living with dementia.

And all these donations are reaping benefits. The donations and grants have been paid for the scholarships and training of five local musicians who will soon be playing therapeutic music throughout the County.

Thank you, thank you to our generous and caring donors. Our county has so many caring people.

Adele Jacobsen heads the nonprofit organization Music in Medicine. For more information about the group and its mission, email musicbedside@gmail.com. The website is musicinmedicinecitrus.org.

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Can a plant-based diet fight cancer?

Cancer is the second-leading cause of death in the U.S. But estimates suggest that as many as a third of cases could be prevented with diet and nutrition alone.

If this is true, what is the secret? Many experts recommend filling your plate with foods that grow from the ground. Decades of research suggests that the best diet for cancer prevention is all about plants. That means lots of fruits, vegetables and legumes, and little to no meat or other animal products.



Dr. C. Joseph Bennett
NAVIGATING CANCER

development.

Another way plant-based foods may prevent cancer is by boosting fiber consumption. Studies have shown that young women who ate the most fiber-rich diets were 25% less likely to get breast cancer later in life.

Other research finds that each 10 grams of daily fiber could lower the risk of colorectal cancer by 10%.

In reality, this is simple, when people eat a more plant-based diet, they naturally consume fewer calories, which helps to maintain a healthy weight. Vegetarians are less likely to be

overweight, a known risk factor for some types of cancers.

So what if I want my steak and eat it too? Maybe add a salad to that meal, and eat smaller portions of meat. In one study, each additional 3.5 ounces of red meat a day raised the risk of colorectal polyps by 2%.

Just half as much daily processed meat, such as deli meats or hot dogs, raised the risk by 29%.

So what's the problem with meat? Eating more of it has been shown to increase the risk of dying from all causes, and the reason is that chemical compounds created when red meat is cooked are thought to be cancer causing. Compounds in processed meat also seem to contribute. The less red and processed meat you eat, the better your health.

If you don't want to go cold turkey, a good guideline is to eat no more than 12 to 18 ounces of red meat or processed meat a week. Three to four ounces is about the size of a credit card.

And don't just stop your current eating habits and change to something different, slowly shift to a more plant-based diet that you'll want to stick with.

Set a goal of trying one new meat-free recipe a week. Decrease the overall amount of meat in some recipes by increasing the amount of beans, lentils or vegetables.

Finally, instead of using meat as a main dish, use just a little bit for flavor. Eating a plant-based diet doesn't have to be all or nothing, and any increase in the amount of plant based materials will have an impact.

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Here's how a plant-based diet can help fight cancer, and a brief look at what one looks like. For many Americans, meals center around the meat. After all, the Department of Agriculture reports that 222 pounds of meat are sold per person per year in the U.S.

But when researchers asked nearly 70,000 volunteers about their diets, then tracked them over time, they found lower cancer rates among people who didn't eat meat at all. In fact, vegans, those who don't eat any animal products including fish, dairy or eggs, appeared to have the lowest rates of cancer of any diet. Next in line were vegetarians, who avoid meat but may eat fish or foods that come from animals, such as milk or eggs.

Now for you carnivores, don't get mad at me just yet. It is important to note that eating meat or not wasn't the only difference between people who did or didn't get cancer.

People diagnosed with cancer also had a higher body mass index, meaning they were overweight, and they were less active, and more likely to have smoked.

So, what is the answer to this burning question, are vegetarians more resistant to cancer because they don't eat meat, or is it because of what they eat instead, a plant based diet?

We know that plant-based foods, such as fruits, vegetables, legumes, nuts and whole grains, are packed with nutrition. And research has also shown that eating lots of them is linked with lower cancer rates.

The reason why is thought to be related to the fact that plants produce many phytochemicals (plant chemicals) that may protect cells from damage. Phytochemicals have many beneficial effects, including that they are anti-inflammatory, and inflammation is felt to potentially be part of cancer



Groups can help us deal with grief

Friends of Citrus offer several virtual, in-person sessions

Chronicle

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, more people find themselves isolated and in need of support.

Coming to terms with grief can be difficult in the best of times. The current environment can compound feelings of loss and sadness.

Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast offers several opportunities to meet with others — both in person and via Zoom — to have a chance to talk, share and heal.

Here are some of the groups available:

Qigong at Wings Grief Center

Weekly Qigong Practice with Gina meets from 10-11 a.m. every Friday at the Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane (gold building on right) in Homosassa Springs.

Qigong, an ancient Chinese art form of meditative and expressive movements for relaxation, improved balance, health and energy, is just one of the wellness programs offered by Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast.

For more information or to join this program that follows CDC guidelines, call 352-249-1470.

Reiki Share wellness program

Reiki Share, a non-invasive, energy-based approach to relaxation and healing, is a new wellness offering debuting at Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast. Sessions designed to help the body heal itself physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually while improving balance, health and well-being will be from 10 to 11 a.m. the second Saturday monthly at the Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane in Homosassa Springs, in the gold building on the right.

Reiki Share sessions will start at approximately 10, 10:20 and 10:40 a.m. All sessions will observe CDC guidelines for safety and gatherings. Participants may register for one session or multiple sessions. Space is limited. To reserve a spot, call 352-249-1470.

Zoom-based grief support

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

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

To preregister, call 352-249-1470.

Weekly Grief Study Group

Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast offers a Grief Study Group from 2:30 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane in Homosassa.

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

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

Socialize with others at Café Break!

Among the wellness programs offered by Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast at its Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane (gold building on right) in Homosassa Springs is Café Break!

At Café Break! Anyone grieving or lonely can find a safe place to socialize with others, work puzzles, play games or chat over a cup of coffee and snacks for 2-1/2 hours starting at 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays and at 9 a.m. Thursdays.

For more information or to join this program that follows CDC guidelines, call 352-249-1470.

Chair Yoga for Grief at Wings

Chair Yoga for Grief, a gentle form of yoga using a chair and breathing techniques to relax body and mind, manage stress and improve physical and mental health, is just one of the wellness programs offered by Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast at its Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane (gold building on right) in Homosassa Springs.

Sessions meet for one hour starting at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday and at 5:30 p.m. every Thursday. For more information, call 352-249-1470.

Grief Toolbox support group

Welcoming new and continuing attendees, the Grief Toolbox support group will start a new session of meetings from 2 to 3 p.m. every Wednesday at the Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane in Homosassa.

Sponsored by Brown Funeral Home and Crematory, the group helps participants acquire the essential tools they need to deal with their grief.

Pre-registration is required. For more information or to preregister, call 352-249-1470. Support groups observe CDC guidelines and space may be limited.

Child loss grief group

The Compassionate Friends will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays monthly at the Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane in Homosassa.

The Compassionate Friends is an international self-help organization. The Nature Coast chapter, sponsored by Hooper Funeral Home and Crematory, brings together individuals and families supporting one another in many ways. For more information, call 352-249-1470.

'Understanding Grief' support group

"Understanding Grief" support groups for the newly bereaved are offered at no cost by Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast. The groups meet every Tuesday afternoon at the First Christian Church of Inverness, 2018 Colonade St.; and early evenings every Tuesday at Wings Grief Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane in Homosassa.

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

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

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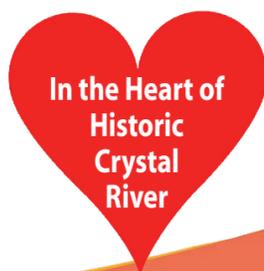
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Strikeouts in eight innings of work for Max Scherzer in the Dodgers' 5-1 victory over St. Louis on Monday.



Max Scherzer

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Djokovic beats last American at US Open



Emma Raducanu celebrates Monday after breaking the serve of Shelby Rogers during the fourth round of the US Open in New York.

Keeps calendar-year Grand Slam bid alive

HOWARD FENDRICH
AP tennis writer

NEW YORK — For half an hour and a full set at the start, then one particularly compelling and competitive game later, Novak Djokovic's opponent in the U.S. Open's fourth round, Jenson Brooksby, gave him fits and created a raucous atmosphere under the lights at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

That let Djokovic, above all, and everyone else, too, know that Brooksby — a 20-year-old wild-card entry from California who is ranked 99th and never before had been on this sort of stage — belonged. And then, not surprisingly, Djokovic showed why he is who he is and how he's managed to move within three victories of the first calendar-year Grand Slam in men's

tennis in 52 years.

Settling in and sending messages, to the fans with roars and to Brooksby with some stare-downs, No. 1 Djokovic improved to 25-0 in majors this year by winning 1-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 on Monday night. He extended his pursuit of a true Slam and a record-breaking 21st major championship while also eliminating the last American singles player in the tournament.

It is the first time in the history of an event that dates to the 1880s that no man or woman from the host country reached the quarterfinals.

One key to the turnaround by Djokovic, as good a returner as there is: He broke in Brooksby's initial service game in each of the last three sets.

Perhaps affected by the physical nature of the extended exchanges, Brooksby was visited by a trainer after the second set and again after the third. Still, for someone who never had set foot on Ashe's blue court until about

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Rays find another way



Tampa Bay's Nelson Cruz slides safely home during the 10th inning Monday against the Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park in Boston. The Rays won 11-10.

Meadows, Tampa Bay rally from 6 runs down, beat Red Sox 11-10 in 10 innings

KYLE HIGHTOWER
AP sports writer

BOSTON — Down by six runs, facing Red Sox ace Chris Sale and playing at Fenway Park, the Tampa Bay Rays were just getting warmed up.

Add another remarkable win in a charmed season for these resilient Rays.

Austin Meadows hit a tying, inside-the-park homer in the ninth inning, Nelson Cruz had a go-ahead single in the 10th and Tampa Bay rallied past Boston 11-10 on Monday.

"That's the biggest win of the year, for sure," Meadows said. "All year we just find a way."

The team with the best record in the American League — and the highest-scoring club in the majors — posted its MLB-leading 43rd come-from-behind win. The Rays had been 0-69 all-time when trailing by six or more runs against Boston.

The AL East leaders took advantage of four errors, the biggest when center fielder Alex Verdugo appeared to lose Cruz's high fly in the sun with bases loaded and two outs in the fourth.

The ball glanced off Verdugo's glove and Cruz

wound up circling the bases on the play, scoring on second baseman Taylor Motter's wild throw that let Tampa Bay close to 7-5 against Sale.

Cruz also homered and had a pair of RBI singles as the Rays increased their AL East lead to 8 1/2 games over New York. The Red Sox missed a chance to move ahead of the Yankees for the top AL wild-card spot.

"You can't give a big league team more than 27 outs and we did," Red Sox manager Alex Cora said. "The whole day today they made us pay."

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Europe retains Solheim Cup with win on US soil

WILL GRAVES
AP sports writer

TOLEDO, Ohio — Europe retained the Solheim Cup on Monday, clinching just its second victory on U.S. soil when Matilda Castren closed out Lizette Salas 1 up to give the visitors the decisive point in a 15-13 victory.

Castren calmly curled in a 10-foot par putt on the 18th to edge Salas and give Europe back-to-back Cup victories for just the second time in the 31-year history of the biennial showdown between the two rivals.

"It's just crazy, crazy," said the 26-year-old who became eligible to make the team only after winning an event in her native Finland in July. "I can't believe I made that putt. I knew it was important. I knew it was going to break a little bit left. Me and (my caddie) read the putt perfectly and it went in. It's just such an amazing feeling, and so proud to be part of this team."

Two years after needing a dramatic 7-foot putt by Suzann Pettersen to slip by the Americans at Gleneagles, the final putt this time around was

more of an exclamation point on three days of steady and occasionally spectacular play by the visitors.

When Emily Pedersen rolled in a birdie putt on the 18th to close out Danielle Kang, the Europeans poured onto the green in celebration, hoisting captain Catriona Matthew on their shoulders while shouting the chorus to "Sweet Caroline."

Good times have never seemed so good for Europe, which has now captured four of its last six meetings with the U.S.

The Europeans built a 9-7 lead over the weekend and quickly put on the pressure Monday, snuffing out any legitimate hopes of a comeback by the hosts.

Leona Maguire, the first Irishwoman to appear in the Solheim Cup, capped off a brilliant 4-0-1 debut by making three birdies and an eagle on the front nine to top Jennifer Kupcho 5-and-4 in the third match out and give Europe the first of the five points it needed.



Europe's Leona Maguire celebrates with her sister Lisa after defeating the United States' Jennifer Kupcho on the 15th hole during the singles matches Monday at the Solheim Cup in Toledo, Ohio.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Tampa Bay	87	51	.630	—	—	7-3	W-1	45-26	42-25	
New York	78	59	.569	8½	—	3-7	L-3	40-28	38-31	
Boston	79	61	.564	9	—	5-5	L-2	43-28	36-33	
Toronto	74	62	.544	12	3	8-2	W-5	39-30	35-32	
Baltimore	43	93	.316	43	34	3-7	L-1	19-45	24-48	

Central Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Chicago	79	58	.577	—	—	6-4	L-1	46-24	33-34	
Cleveland	68	67	.504	10	8½	5-5	L-1	35-31	33-36	
Detroit	65	74	.468	15	13½	3-7	L-1	35-35	30-39	
Kansas City	62	75	.453	17	15½	5-5	W-2	34-35	28-40	
Minnesota	60	77	.438	19	17½	5-5	W-2	32-36	28-41	

West Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Houston	80	57	.584	—	—	5-5	W-1	42-25	38-32	
Seattle	75	63	.543	5½	3	6-4	L-1	40-29	35-34	
Oakland	74	63	.540	6	3½	4-6	L-3	37-31	37-32	
Los Angeles	68	69	.496	12	9½	5-5	L-1	37-33	31-36	
Texas	48	88	.353	31½	29	4-6	W-1	31-37	17-51	

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Atlanta	72	64	.529	—	—	4-6	W-1	33-32	39-32	
Philadelphia	71	66	.518	1½	2	8-2	W-2	39-28	32-38	
New York	69	69	.500	4	4½	8-2	L-1	41-27	28-42	
Miami	57	80	.416	15½	16	5-5	L-1	36-33	21-47	
Washington	57	80	.416	15½	16	2-8	W-1	33-39	24-41	

Central Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Milwaukee	84	55	.604	—	—	6-4	L-1	38-31	46-24	
Cincinnati	73	66	.525	11	1	3-7	L-2	38-33	35-33	
St. Louis	69	67	.507	13½	3½	5-5	L-3	35-31	34-36	
Chicago	64	75	.460	20	10	8-2	W-7	38-32	26-43	
Pittsburgh	49	89	.355	34½	24½	2-8	W-1	29-38	20-51	

West Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
San Francisco	88	50	.638	—	—	5-5	W-2	45-23	43-27	
Los Angeles	87	51	.630	1	—	6-4	W-1	46-23	41-28	
San Diego	73	64	.533	14½	—	5-5	W-2	43-30	30-34	
Colorado	63	75	.457	25	10½	4-6	L-2	45-25	18-50	
Arizona	45	93	.326	43	28½	2-8	L-3	28-41	17-52	

ROUNDUP/MATCHUPS

Blue Jays 8, Yankees 0: Vladimir Guerrero Jr. hit his 40th homer, Marcus Semien went deep twice. Hyun Jin Ryu (13-8) pitched six effective innings.

Royals 3, Orioles 2: Andrew Benintendi hit a go-ahead single in the eighth inning, then reached above the left field wall to take away a potential tying home run in the ninth.

Pirates 6, Tigers 3: Ke'Bryan Hayes and Yoshi Tsutsugo each hit a two-run single during Pittsburgh's four-run seventh inning.

Nationals 4, Mets 3: Carter Kieboom and Andrew Stevenson hit RBI singles in the ninth inning off Edwin Díaz.

Cubs 4, Reds 3: Frank Schwindel hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the eighth inning, and the Cubs earned their season-high seventh straight win.

Phillies 12, Brewers 0: Bryce Harper hit an early home run, Brad Miller connected twice and Jean Segura added a grand slam.

Dodgers 5, Cardinals 1: Max Scherzer struck out 13 in his hometown and Chris Taylor hit a two-run homer.

Giants 10, Rockies 5: Thairo Estrada hit two of San Francisco's four home runs, Kevin Gausman pitched seven solid innings.

Twins 5, Indians 2: Jorge Polanco hit a solo homer and doubled three times.

Astros 11, Mariners 2: Astros rookie Jake Meyers homered and drove in four runs.

LATE
Texas at L.A. Angels
TODAY'S GAMES
Minnesota (Gant 4-9) at Cleveland (Civale 10-2), 6:10 p.m.
Detroit (Peralta 3-3) at Pittsburgh (TBD), 6:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Carrasco 0-2) at Miami (Cabrera 0-1), 6:40 p.m.

Kansas City (Kowar 0-2) at Baltimore (Harvey 6-14), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Matz 10-7) at N.Y. Yankees (Cole 14-6), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rasmussen 1-1) at Boston (Rodríguez 11-7), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Espino 4-4) at Atlanta (Fried 11-7), 7:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Miley 11-5) at Chicago Cubs (Sampson 0-1), 7:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (Nola 7-7) at Milwaukee (Lauer 4-5), 7:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (TBD) at St. Louis (Happ 8-7), 7:45 p.m.
Seattle (Gilbert 5-5) at Houston (Dorizzi 6-7), 8:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Webb 8-3) at Colorado (González 3-6), 8:40 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Lambert 0-1) at Oakland (Kaprielian 1-4), 9:40 p.m.
Texas (Howard 0-3) at Arizona (Gallen 2-8), 9:40 p.m.
L.A. Angels (TBD) at San Diego (Snell 7-5), 10:10 p.m.

BOX SCORES

Tampa Bay 11, Boston 10

Tampa Bay		Boston					
ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi
Arozarena rf	2	2	1	Motter 2b	5	22	1
Franco ss	6	3	4	Iglesias ss	1	0	1
Cruz dh	6	3	3	Schwarber dh	4	21	0
Diaz 3b-1b	5	0	3	Renfroe rf	5	13	2
Lowe ph-1b	1	0	1	Martinez lf	5	11	1
Luplow 1b	3	0	2	Devers 3b	4	12	1
Wendle 3b	1	0	0	Dalbec 1b	3	0	1
Margot cf-1f	6	0	1	Shaw ph	1	0	0
Meadows lf	5	1	1	Cordero pr	0	0	0
Kiermaier cf	1	0	0	Plawecki ph	1	0	0
Mejia c	3	0	0	Verdugo cf	3	0	0
Zunino ph-c	2	1	1	Vázquez c	5	11	0
Walls 2b	5	1	1	Araúz ss-2b	5	21	1
Totals	50	11	7	Totals	42	10	10
Tampa Bay	100	401	111	2—11			
Boston	160	001	100	1—10			

E—Wendle (11), Verdugo (2), Motter (2) (2), Renfroe (9). DP—Tampa Bay 2, Boston 0. LOB—Tampa Bay 12, Boston 12. 2B—Motter (1), Renfroe (28), Dalbec (18), Shaw (3). 3B—Franco (4), Motter (1), HR—Cruz (28), Meadows (24), Araúz (3). SF—Verdugo (4).

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay	2	8	7	2	1
Yarborough	2	1	0	0	2
Armstrong	1	0	0	0	2
Conley	1	0	0	0	2
Chargois	1	2	1	2	0
Feyereisen	1	1	1	0	1
Robertson	1	0	0	1	3
McHugh W,6-1	2	2	1	0	2

Boston
Sale 3/23 10 5 1 1 6
Richards 2/13 3 1 1 0 3
Taylor H,15 2/3 1 1 0 0 0
Ottavino H,20 2/3 2 1 1 0 1
Davis H,1 2/3 0 0 0 0 0
Whitlock L,7-3 BS1 1/3 3 3 2 0 2
Gonslaves 2/3 0 0 0 1 0
HBP—Yarborough (Schwarber).
T—4:54. A—26,512 (37,755).

Pittsburgh 6, Detroit 3

Detroit		Pittsburgh					
ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi
Baddoo lf	4	0	1	Hayes 3b	4	23	2
Schoop 1b	4	0	1	Newman ss	4	11	2
Grossman rf	4	2	0	Reynolds cf	4	0	0
Holland p	0	0	0	Tsutsugo 1b	4	0	2
Candelario 3b	1	0	0	Stallings c	4	0	2
Haase c	4	1	1	Alford lf	4	0	0
Goodrum ss	0	1	2	Gamel rf	3	11	0
W.Castro 2b	0	0	0	Tucker 2b	3	12	0
Carlton p	0	0	0	Wilson p	2	0	0
Funkhouser p	0	0	0	Moran ph	0	10	0
Reyes rf	1	0	0	Stratton p	0	0	0
Hill cf	4	0	1	Difo ph	1	0	0
H.Castro 2b	3	0	1				
Totals	32	3	8	Totals	33	61	6
Detroit	000	003	000	—3			
Pittsburgh	200	000	40x	—6			

DP—Detroit 1, Pittsburgh 1. LOB—Detroit 6, Pittsburgh 6. 2B—Grossman (20), Goodrum (7), Schoop (26), Stallings (18), HR—Newman (5). SF—Cabrera (8). S—Skubal (1).

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit	3	4	2	2	4
Skubal	3	4	2	2	4
Carlton	2	3	0	0	1
Funkhouser L,6-3 BS 2/33	4	4	2	1	
Holland	1/3	1	0	0	2

Pittsburgh
Wilson 6 6 3 3 2 4
Shreve W,3-1 1 2 0 0 0 0
Stratton H,7 1 0 0 0 0 1
Bednar S,3-5 1 0 0 0 0 3
T—2:46. A—11,141 (38,747).

Toronto 8, N.Y. Yankees 0

Toronto		New York					
ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi
Springer dh	3	0	0	LeMahieu 2b	4	0	1
Lamb ph-dh	0	1	0	Gallo lf	4	0	0
Semien 2b	5	2	2	Judge rf	4	0	0
Guerrero Jr. 1b	3	1	3	Stanton dh	3	0	0
Bichette ss	5	0	0	Rizzo 1b	3	0	2
Hernández rf	2	1	1	Sánchez c	3	0	0
Dickerson cf	3	0	0	Torres ss	3	0	0
Grichuk cf-rf	1	0	0	Gardner cf	2	0	1
Gurriel Jr. lf	3	1	1	Voit ph	1	0	0
Jansen c	4	0	0	Urshela 3b	3	0	1
Smith 3b	4	0	0				
Totals	35	8	7	Totals	30	0	5
Toronto	200	000	105	—8			
New York	000	000	000	—0			

E—Torres (15), Urshela 2 (10). DP—Toronto 2, New York 1. LOB—Toronto 5, New York 3. HR—Semien 2 (37), Guerrero Jr. (40), Hernández (25). SB—Hernández (10).

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto	7	3	3	2	5
Ryu W,13-8	6	3	0	0	6
Richards H,3	1	1	0	0	2
Mayza H,15	1	0	0	0	1
Cimber	1	1	0	0	1

New York
Taillon L,8-6 7 3 3 3 2 5
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Kriske 1 3 5 5 3 1
T—2:45. A—31,196 (47,309).

Kansas City 3, Baltimore 2

Kansas City		Baltimore					
ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi
Merrifield 2b	5	1	1	Mullins dh	4	12	1
Lopez ss	4	0	1	Mountcastle 1b	0	1	0
Perez c	4	1	1	Hayes lf	4	0	1
Olivares rf	3	0	0	Santander rf	4	0	0
O'Hearn ph	1	0	0	Mateo ss	4	0	0
Rivera 3b	0	0	0	McKenna cf	3	0	0
C.Santana 1b	0	1	0	Stewart ph	1	0	1
Benintendi lf	3	0	2	Jones 2b	4	0	0
Taylor cf	4	0	1	Gutierrez 3b	3	0	0
Alberto 3b	4	1	1	Wynns c	3	11	0
Dozier dh	1	0	0				
Totals	33	8	3	Totals	33	27	2
Kansas City	000	010	020	—3			
Baltimore	001	010	000	—2			

Merrifield pitched to 5 batters in the 7th. Boxberger pitched to 5 batters in the 8th.
T—3:21. A—30,192 (41,900).

DP—Kansas City 0, Baltimore 1. LOB—Kansas City 8, Baltimore 5. 2B—Benintendi (20), Merrifield (31), Mullins (33), HR—Alberto (2), Mullins (26). SB—Mondesi 2 (7). S—Lopez (11).

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kansas City	5	13	6	2	2
Bubic	5	13	6	2	2
Tapia W,2-0	12	0	0	0	0
Brentz H,14	1	0	0	0	0
Barlow S,11-17	1	1	0	0	0

Baltimore
Lowther 6 3 1 1 2 2
López H,2 1/3 0 0 0 0 0
Greene H,1 2/3 1 0 0 0 0
Sulser L,4-4 BS 1 4 2 2 0 1
Burdí 1 0 0 0 1 1
HBP—Lowther (Dozier).
T—3:02. A—11,973 (45,971).

Washington 4, N.Y. Mets 3

GOLF

Solheim Cup

At Inverness Club
Toledo, Ohio
Yardage: 6,903; Par: 72
EUROPE 15, UNITED STATES 13
Monday
Singles
Europe 6, United States 6
Anna Nordqvist, Europe, halved with Lexi Thompson, United States.
Madelene Sagstrom, Europe, def. Ally Ewing, United States, 3 and 2.
Leona Maguire, Europe, def. Jennifer Kupcho, United States, 5 and 4.
Nelly Korda, United States, vs. Georgia Hall, Europe, 1 up.
Celine Boutier, Europe, def. Mina Harigae, United States, 5 and 4.
Nanna Koertz Madsen, Europe, halved with Austin Ernst, United States.
Matilda Castren, Europe, def. Lizette Salas, United States, 1 up.
Brittany Altomare, United States, def. Carlota Ciganda, Europe, 2 and 1.
Megan Khang, United States, def. Sophia Popov, Europe, 3 and 2.
Yealimi Noh, United States, def. Mel Reid, Europe, 1 up.
Jessica Korda, United States, def. Charley Hull, Europe, 3 and 1.
Emily Pedersen, Europe, vs. Danielle Kang, United States, 1 up.

TENNIS

US Open

At USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, New York
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor
NEW YORK — Results Monday from US Open at USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (seedings in parentheses):
Men's Singles
Fourth Round
Alexander Zverev (4), Germany, def. Jannik Sinner (13), Italy, 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (7).
Lloyd Harris, South Africa, def. Reilly Opelka (22), United States, 6-7 (6), 6-4, 6-1, 6-3.
Matteo Berrettini (6), Italy, def. Oscar Otte, Germany, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Jensen Brooksby, United States, 1-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.
Women's Singles
Fourth Round
Belinda Bencic (11), Switzerland, def. Iga Swiatek (7), Poland, 7-6 (12), 6-3.
Emma Raducanu, Britain, def. Shelby Rogers, United States, 6-2, 6-1.
Karolina Pliskova (4), Czech Republic, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (14), Russia, 7-5, 6-4.
Men's Doubles
Third Round
Bruno Soares, Brazil, and Jamie Murray (7), Britain, def. Dominik Koepfer, Germany, and Emil Ruusuvuori, Finland, 7-6 (6), 6-7 (4), 6-1.
Rajeev Ram, United States, and Joe Salisbury (4), Britain, def. Rohan Bopanna, India, and Ivan Dodig (13), Croatia, 6-7 (3), 6-4, 7-6 (3).
Marcel Granollers, Spain, and Horacio Zeballos (2), Argentina, def. Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan, and Jonny O'Mara, Britain, 7-5, 7-5.
Nicolas Mahut and Pierre-Hugues Herbert (3), France, def. Andrey Golubev, Kazakhstan, and Andreas Mies (15), Germany, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.
Filip Polasek, Slovakia, and John Peers (8), Australia, def. Jean-Julien Rojer and Wesley Koolhof (10), Netherlands, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Women's Doubles
Third Round
Sam Stosur, Australia, and Zhang Shuai (14), China, def. Shuko Aoyama and Ena Shibahara (3), Japan, 7-5, 7-5.
Monica Niculescu and Elena-Gabriela Ruse, Romania, def. Erin Routliffe, New Zealand, and Leylah Annie Fernandez, Canada, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2.
Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Elise Mertens (1), Belgium, def. Alison van Uytvanck and Greet Minnen, Belgium, 6-0, 6-2.
Cathy McNally and Coco Gauff (11), United States, def. Andreja Klepac, Slovenia, and Darija Jurak (8), Croatia, 6-4, 6-4.
Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada, and Luisa Stefani (5), Brazil, def. Dayana Yastremska and Marta Kostyuk, Ukraine, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-2.
Alexa Guarachi Mathison, Chile, and Desirae Krawczyk (7), United States, def. Raaluca-Ioana Olaru, Romania, and Nadia Kichenok (12), Ukraine, 6-3, 6-2.
Lucie Hradecka and Marie Bouzkova (15), Czech Republic, def. Anastasia Rodionova and Arina Rodionova, Australia, 6-2, 7-5.
Mixed Doubles
Quarterfinals
Max Purcell, Australia, and Dayana Yastremska, Ukraine, def. Fabrice Martin, France, and Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, 6-2, 6-3.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Agreed to terms with INF Jose Iglesias to a major league contract and added him to active roster. Reinstated LHP Josh Taylor from the COVID-19 list. Selected the contract of RHP Michael Feliz from Worcester (Triple-A East) and agreed to terms on a major league contract. Returned RHP Kutter Crawford and INF Jack Lopez to Worcester. Optioned RHP John Schreiber to Worcester.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Selected the contract of RHP David Hess from Durham (Triple-A East) and agreed to terms on a major league contract. Optioned LHP Dietrich Enns to Durham.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to a one-year contract with RHP Charlie Morton for 2022.
CHICAGO CUBS — Reinstated INF David Bote from the 10-day IL. Designated INF Andrew Romaine for assignment.
MIAMI MARLINS — Claimed RHP Taylor Williams off waivers from San Diego.
NEW YORK METS — Reinstated INF/OF Dominic Smith from the bereavement list. Optioned C Chance Sisco to Syracuse (Triple-A

Florida LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected Monday in the Florida Lottery:

PICK 2 (early) 9 - 9	PICK 5 (late) 9 - 5 - 3 - 7 - 9
PICK 2 (late) 4 - 3	FANTASY 5 9 - 13 - 15 - 20 - 35
PICK 3 (early) 7 - 8 - 3	CASH 4 LIFE 11 - 31 - 39 - 42 - 46
PICK 3 (late) 6 - 3 - 1	CASH BALL 3
PICK 4 (early) 8 - 2 - 6 - 4	POWERBALL 11 - 20 - 22 - 33 - 54
PICK 4 (late) 8 - 9 - 4 - 8	POWER BALL 24
PICK 5 (early) 8 - 4 - 8 - 0 - 3	

Sunday's winning numbers and payouts:

Fantasy 5: 1 - 4 - 7 - 8 - 9	5-of-5 CB No winner
5-of-5 8 winners \$21,528.41	5-of-5 No winner
4-of-5 603 \$46	
3-of-5 10,925 \$7	
Cash 4 Life: 6 - 22 - 33 - 36 - 56	
Cash Ball: 1	

Players should verify winning numbers by calling 850-487-7777 or at www.flalottery.com.

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS

MLB

6:30 p.m. (BSFL, FS1) New York Mets at Miami Marlins
7 p.m. (SUN) Tampa Bay Rays at Boston Red Sox
9:30 p.m. (MLB) Chicago White Sox at Oakland Athletics or Los Angeles Angels at San Diego Padres

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

11 a.m. (SEC) Eastern Illinois at South Carolina (Taped)
12 p.m. (ESPNU) Western Michigan at Michigan (Taped)
3 p.m. (ESPNU) West Virginia at Maryland (Taped)
9 p.m. (ESPNU) Florida Atlantic at Florida (Taped)
12 a.m. (ACCN) Notre Dame at Florida State (Taped)

SOCCER

2:30 p.m. (ESPN2) FIFA World Cup 2022 Qualifying: France vs Finland
7 p.m. (ESPN2) USL Championship Soccer: Louisville City FC at Hartford Athletic
7:30 p.m. (ACCN) College: Kentucky at Louisville

TENNIS

12 p.m. (ESPN) 2021 U.S. Open Men's and Women's Quarterfinals
7 p.m. (ESPN) Primetime at the U.S. Open
12 a.m. (TENNIS) 2021 U.S. Open Men's & Women's Quarterfinals (Taped)

Prep CALENDAR

TODAY'S PREP SPORTS

GOLF

4 p.m. OCA at Seven Rivers at World Woods
BOYS GOLF
3:30 p.m. Hernando and South Sumter at Crystal River
4 p.m. Dunnellon at Lecanto at Southern Woods

GIRLS GOLF

3:30 p.m. Springstead at Citrus

VOLLEYBALL

6:30 p.m. Citrus at Weeki Wachee

7 p.m. HCA at Seven Rivers

7:30 p.m. Springstead at Lecanto

7:30 p.m. Crystal River at Central

SWIMMING

6 p.m. Hernando, Central at Crystal River

East). Reinstated RHP Stephen Nogosek from the 10-day IL and optioned to Syracuse.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Signed LB Josh Byrnes to the practice squad. Signed TE Mark Andrews to a four-year contract extension.

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Placed G John Miller on the reserve/COVID-19 list. Signed K Dominik Eberle and G Mike Horton to the practice squad.

CHICAGO BEARS — Signed WR Breshad Perriman. Waived with an injury settlement DB Tre Roberson. Waived LB Josh Woods.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed DT Mike Daniels to the practice squad. Released CB Winston Rose from the practice squad.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed DE Iteadi Odenigbo to the practice squad.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed P Bryan Anger. Signed T Aviante Collins to the practice squad.

DENVER BRONCOS — Signed WR De'Mornay Piersay-Eli to the practice squad.

DETROIT LIONS — Waived with an injury settlement T Dan Skipper.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Placed OL Charlie Heck on the reserve/COVID-19 list.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Activated LT Eric Fisher from the reserve/COVID-19 list. Released DT Antwaun Woods. Waived with an injury settlement TE Jordan Thomas.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Activated G A.J. Cann from the reserve/COVID-19 list. Waived DE/OL Aaron Patrick.

LAS VEGAS RAIDERS — Signed LB K.J. Wright and RB Peyton Barber. Waived LB Tanner Muse. LOS ANGELES CHARGERS — Signed CB Kiondre Thomas to the practice squad. Placed CB Ryan Smith on injured reserve. Promoted DB Kemon Hall to the active roster.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Placed T Austin

Jackson and TE Adam Shaheen on the reserve/COVID-19 list. Activated CB Jamal Perry as a COVID-19 replacement. Signed WR Isaiah Ford, FB Carl Tucker and DT Benito Jones to the practice squad. Released CB Tino Ellis from the practice squad.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Waived with an injury settlement DB Luther Kirk.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Signed DL Montravius Adams, WR Chris Hogan and QB Trevor Siemian. Placed OL Will Clapp, K Will Lutz and TE Nick Vannett on injured reserve. Signed DBs Ka'Dar Hollman, Dylan Mabin, Jordan Miller, DE Jalyn Holmes, DT Jaleel Johnson, G Derrick Kelly and K Aldrick Rosas to the practice squad. Released LB Wynton Mcanus from the practice squad.

NEW YORK JETS — Signed S Sheldrick Redwine and RB Josh Adams. Signed Ss Jarrod Wilson and Adrian Colbert to the practice squad.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed G Malcolm Pridgen and Daniel Archibong to the practice squad.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed CB Josh Norman. Released CB Dontae Johnson.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Promoted TE Tyler Mabry to active roster from the practice squad. Signed G Jordan Simmons to the practice squad.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Activated DL Ndamukong Suh from the reserve/COVID-19 list. Waived K Jose Borregales. Placed G Earl Watford on injured reserve.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Activated TE Geoff Swain and LB Justin March-Lillard from the reserve/COVID-19 list. Waived LB Justin March-Lillard, DB Chris Jones and OL Corey Levin.

WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM — Signed RB Jonathan Williams to the practice squad. Waived DB Jimmy Moreland on injured reserve with an injury settlement.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Alabama OLB Allen 'most likely out for the year'

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama outside linebacker Chris Allen has a fractured foot and could be out for the rest of the season, coach Nick Saban said Monday.

Allen was hurt on a sack of Miami quarterback D'Eriq King early in the second quarter of the top-ranked Crimson Tide's 44-13 opening victory on Saturday, forcing a fumble on the play. Saban said the injury will require surgery.

"He's most likely out for the year," Saban said.

Drew Sanders, a five-star recruit in the 2020 class, replaced him and had six tackles. Sanders, who is expected to start in Allen's place, had nine tackles in 11 games last season.

Michigan WR Bell out for season with knee injury

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh says senior receiver Ronnie Bell is out for the year with a knee injury.

Harbaugh gave the update Monday, two days after Bell was injured in a 47-14 win over Western Michigan.

Bell had a 76-yard touchdown reception and returned a punt 31 yards before injuring his right knee in the opener.

After further review, Edsall out now at UConn

STORRS, Conn. — UConn football coach Randy Edsall has left the program a day after announcing he would retire at the end of the season.

Edsall, whose teams have gone just 6-32 since he returned to the Huskies for a second stint as coach in 2017, will be replaced on an interim basis by defensive coordinator Lou Spanos, the school announced Monday.

Edsall, 63, was originally the Huskies coach from 1999 through the 2010 season, leading UConn into what is now the bowl subdivision, taking the Huskies to five bowl games and winning Big East titles in 2007 and 2010.

He was rehired by UConn in 2017, despite going 22-34 at Maryland, where he was fired six games into his fifth season.

UConn went 3-9 during Edsall's first season back, then went 1-11 and 2-10 before sitting out last season amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Huskies, in their first season as an independent after leaving the American Athletic Conference, are 0-2 this season, losing their opener 45-0 at Fresno State before falling last Saturday at home, 38-28, to Holy Cross from the FCS.

Pelé says apparent colon tumor removed

SAO PAULO — Pelé has had an apparent tumor on the right side of his colon removed in an operation.

The operation was a "great victory," the 80-year-old soccer great said in his social media channels on Monday.

Pelé went to Albert Einstein Hospital in Sao Paulo for routine exams last week when the tumor was found.

"I thank God for feeling very well and for allowing Dr. Fábio and Dr. Miguel to take care of my health," Pelé said. "Last Saturday I underwent surgery to remove a suspicious lesion in the right colon. The tumor was identified during the tests I mentioned last week.

"Fortunately, I'm used to celebrating great victories alongside you. I will face this match with a smile on my face, a lot of optimism and joy for living surrounded by the love of my family and friends."

Pelé won the 1958, 1962 and 1970 World Cups, and remains Brazil's all-time leading scorer with 77.

— From wire reports

RAYS

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The Red Sox led 9-8 when Meadows opened the ninth by hitting a full-count fastball from Garrett Whitlock (7-3) off the center field wall at Fenway Park, just out of reach of a leaping Verdugo. Boston fumbled the relay, allowing Meadows to beat the throw home.

Cruz singled home the tiebreaking run with one out in the 10th, then scored on a single by Brandon Lowe that right fielder Hunter Renfroe threw away for an error. In all, the Rays scored six unearned runs.

Trailing 11-9 in the 10th, Boston got within a run when Jose Iglesias hit an RBI single off Collin McHugh (6-1). With one out and runners at first and second, J.D. Martinez lined out to right.

Rafael Devers drew a walk to load the bases, but pinch-hitter Kevin Plawewski grounded out to end the game.

Wander Franco had four hits for the Rays. The 20-year-old rookie reached in his 36th straight game, tying Mickey Mantle's AL record set in 1951-52 for the most consecutive times by a player under 21; Frank Robinson set the major league mark of 43 in 1956.

Sale allowed five runs, only one of them earned, and 10 hits in 3 2/3 innings. It marked his shortest outing since returning from Tommy John surgery last month.

Sale retired the first two batters in the fourth with a 7-1 lead before the Rays rallied in the inning, capped by Verdugo's misplay.

Rays starter Ryan Yarbrough also had a short day, yielding seven runs off eight hits, with two walks and a strikeout in two innings of work. It was his quickest exit since returning from the

COVID-19 injured list last month.

Richards gave up an RBI single to Jordan Luplow in the sixth to allow the Rays to trim the lead 7-6.

Boston got the run back its half of the inning on an RBI single by Renfroe. But after Richards was replaced by Adam Ottavino in the seventh, the Rays pulled within 8-7 on Randy Arozarena's single.

The Red Sox responded again in the bottom half when Jonathan Araúz drove J.P. Feyereisen's slider into the bullpen in center for his third home run of the season.

The Rays cut it to 9-8 in the eighth when Cruz connected on Ottavino's slider and sent it high into the center field bleachers for his 28th homer.

RAYS REMEMBER

Longtime Rays scout Paul Kirsch died Sunday at 65 from Lou Gehrig's disease. A minor league player and manager, he was a longtime area supervisor for the team. Kirsch scouted the Pacific Northwest through this year's draft.

"PK was an original member of our scouting staff who I had the pleasure to work with for the last 26 years," Rays executive R.J. Harrison said.

Said Cash: "Anybody that came across him, just what an impact he had on them."

UP NEXT

Rays: RHP Drew Rasmussen (1-1, 3.38 ERA) will be making his second straight start against Boston after getting a no-decision last week. He is 0-0 with a 2.53 ERA in four appearances against the Red Sox.

Red Sox: LHP Eduardo Rodriguez (11-7, 4.88) tossed six scoreless innings in a win last week at Tampa Bay. He is 4-1 with a 2.73 ERA in six starts since the start of August.

OPEN

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two hours before the match, when he got a chance to practice there, Brooksby never seemed overwhelmed by the setting or the circumstances.

His 6-foot-4 strides and reach, his anticipation, his variety including a well-disguised two-handed backhand slice, his think-steps-ahead point construction, his commitment to patterns drawn up by his coach at home in Sacramento since age 7, Joe Gilbert — all left Djokovic a tad discombobulated early.

In the first set, Brooksby made one unforced error, Djokovic 11. And Brooksby won 14 of the points that lasted five strokes or more, Djokovic four.

When Djokovic netted an overhead to move Brooksby two points from the set, most of the spectators in the 23,000-plus-capacity arena — excited to be back after last year's ban on audiences amid the pandemic — rose, clapping and screaming.

When Djokovic missed a return to cede that set to his foe, Brooksby waved both arms and heard more loud support.

But Djokovic quickly heard his own cheers. He broke to go up 2-0 in the second set and punched the air and shouted. At 3-1 arrived an epic game: six break points, nice deuces, 24 points in all, spread out over nearly 20 minutes. Djokovic pushed the ball

into the net to end that game and make it 3-2, prompting Brooksby to hop and jump and windmill his arm and cry, "Let's go!"

And then, quick as can be, Djokovic regrouped. With Brooksby gasping for air, Djokovic broke right back and, soon enough, the outcome was clear.

Djokovic, a 34-year-old from Serbia, next meets No. 6 Matteo Berrettini of Italy in a rematch of the Wimbledon final.

The other quarterfinals on the men's side: No. 4 Alexander Zverev of Germany vs. Lloyd Harris of South Africa, No. 12 Felix Auger-Aliassime of Canada vs. 18-year-old Carlos Alcaraz of Spain, and No. 2 Daniil Medvedev of Russia vs. qualifier Botic van de Zandschulp of the Netherlands.

And the women's round-of-eight matchups: No. 2 Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus vs. No. 8 Barbora Krejčíková of the Czech Republic, No. 5 Elina Svitolina of Ukraine vs. 19-year-old Leylah Fernandez of Canada, No. 11 Belinda Bencic of Switzerland vs. 18-year-old Emma Raducanu of Britain, and No. 4 Karolina Pliskova of the Czech Republic against 2019 champion Bianca Andreescu of Canada or No. 17 Maria Sakkari of Greece.

Brooksby's exit — certainly no shame in losing to Djokovic, of course — followed the fourth-round departures earlier Monday by No. 22 seed Reilly Opelka from the men's draw with a 6-7 (6), 6-4, 6-1, 6-3 loss to Harris, and by unseeded Shelby Rogers from the women's draw with a 6-2, 6-1 loss to Raducanu.

SOLHEIM

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Madelene Sagstrom followed with a 3-and-2 victory over Ally Ewing and Celine Boutier dropped U.S. rookie Mina Harigae 5-and-4 to push Europe's total to 12. Anna Nordqvist and Lexi Thompson — who have combined for 12 Solheim appearances between them — finished all square in a taut match in which neither led by more than one at any point.

The Americans briefly made a push, turning the scoreboard into a sea of red late in the afternoon, but the big shots the U.S. needed to put pressure on the leaders never materialized. Most of the fist pumps by the Americans and roars from the crowd were reserved for lengthy par putts that halved holes instead of winning them.

Austin Ernst saw her a downhill 8-foot birdie putt that would have won her match against Nanna Koerstz Madsen slide left, letting Europe escape with a half-point to bring its team total to 13. Salas had a chance to even her match with Castren on the 17th, only to shove her 6-foot birdie putt

past the hole.

When Salas couldn't convert a 20-foot uphill birdie putt on the 18th and Castren recovered from a plugged approach shot in the bunker to pour her par putt into the heart of the cup, Europe had its fourth Solheim Cup win in its last six meetings with the Americans.

Europe led from start to finish, seizing a 3-point advantage after the opening alternate-shot session on Saturday morning and never letting go.

Not even a highly partisan crowd that included a rapping two-time Masters champion Bubba Watson (yes, really) could give the U.S. the energy it needed to close the gap.

Still, U.S. captain Pat Hurst remained confident heading into singles, saying her "stacked" team had enough talent and experience to overcome the deficit.

It had happened before. Eight times before Monday, Europe found itself in front heading into singles. Only four times had the Europeans held on to win.

While blowouts were rare — 21 out of the 28 matches reached at least the 17th green and 16 of 28 went the full 18 holes — when things got tight, the Europeans rarely faltered.

Uncertainty abounds in AFC South

Titans attempt to repeat in division

MARK LONG
AP pro football writer

JACKSONVILLE — There's more uncertainty than usual surrounding the AFC South, and it extends beyond Houston quarterback Deshaun Watson.

The NFL's lone division with two play-off teams in each of the last four years is dealing with significant changes heading into the 2021 season. Two new head coaches, three new offensive coordinators, three new quarterbacks and several prominent cleats to fill could put the South's postseason streak in jeopardy.

Throw in a few key preseason injuries and it's hard to predict how the division will shake out.

This much is clear: Derrick Henry and the Tennessee Titans are favored to repeat, according to FanDuel Sportsbook, despite replacing OC Arthur Smith, who took the head job in Atlanta, and revamping a defense that was one of the worst in franchise history.

"To win this division, you go to Nashville and you see what the Titans have," Jaguars defensive coordinator Joe Cullen said.

Tennessee's offseason was relatively uneventful compared to what transpired in Indianapolis, Houston and Jacksonville.

Colts quarterback Philip Rivers retired after a one-year stint that ended on wild-card weekend. Offensive coordinator Nick Sirianni then left to take over in Philadelphia, which later traded off-injured quarterback Carson Wentz to Indy.

The deal reunited Wentz and Colts head coach Frank Reich, who worked closely together during Wentz's breakout 2017 season in Philly.

But the move looked questionable a few months later when Reich revealed Wentz needed surgery to remove a bone fragment from his left foot. And that was just one of many injury woes for the Colts, who have linebacker Darius Leonard (ankle), guard Quenton Nelson (foot), left tackle Eric Fisher (Achilles) and defensive lineman Dayo Odeyingbo (Achilles) recovering from surgery. They also are dealing with COVID-19 issues.

Houston and Jacksonville, meanwhile, dealt with coaching turnovers that could lead to more roster upheaval.

The Texans fired Bill O'Brien in



Tennessee Titans running back Derrick Henry runs a drill during training camp Aug. 16, in Nashville, Tenn.

midseason 2020 and replaced him with first-time head coach David Culley. They said goodbye to superstar defensive lineman J.J. Watt.

The Jaguars hired three-time college national champion Urban Meyer to follow Doug Marrone and had the No. 1 overall draft pick for the first time.

Both teams are in rebuilding mode, with all eyes on a pair of former Clemson quarterbacks. Houston is waiting to see what happens with Watson, who is facing nearly two dozen lawsuits alleging sexual assault and harassment. And the Jaguars are counting on Trevor Lawrence to

end a decades-long search for a franchise quarterback.

Here are some other things to know about the division as it enters another season that likely will be affected by COVID-19:

WATSON WATCH

Watson's future with the Texans remains unclear. He reported to the training camp in late July to avoid being fined. Watson signed a four-year, \$160 million contract extension with the team in 2020 and led the NFL in passing yards last season. But before the lawsuits were

filed, he had asked to be traded.

It's unlikely any team would touch him right now. In the meantime, the Texans are going with journeyman Tyrod Taylor. Taylor is with his fifth team in eight years, having been replaced by Josh Allen in Buffalo, Baker Mayfield in Cleveland and Justin Herbert in Los Angeles.

DEFENSIVE REBUILD

The Titans brought in former Philadelphia defensive coordinator and Detroit head coach Jim Schwartz as a senior defensive assistant, and officially gave the coordinator title to Shane Bowen, who unofficially held the job in 2020.

But that was just the beginning of the team's defensive makeover. The Titans let Jadeveon Clowney walk after he failed to produce a sack in eight games and ended up on injured reserve. They replaced him by signing Pittsburgh's Bud Dupree and Indy's Denico Autry in free agency. Tennessee also signed veteran Janoris Jenkins and drafted fellow cornerbacks Caleb Farley and Elijah Molden to shore up the back end.

The Titans are counting on those additions paying immediate dividends for a unit that gave up 439 points last season, the fourth most in franchise history. If it happens, Tennessee might have a shot at reaching the AFC title game for the second time in three years or possibly doing more.

"That's the expectation: To go to the Super Bowl and win it," safety Kevin Byard said.

GROUND GAINS

The AFC South had three 1,000-yard rushers in 2020, including two rookies. NFL Offensive Player of the Year Henry led the NFL with 2,027 yards and 16 touchdowns. Indy's Jonathan Taylor was third in league with 1,169 yards rushing, two spots higher than Jacksonville's James Robinson (1,070).

All three running backs had little help and even less competition for carries. Taylor and Robinson, though, aren't likely to be one-man shows again. Colts veteran Marlon Mack returns after tearing an Achilles tendon in last year's season opener, and the Jaguars added Carlos Hyde to share some of Robinson's workload.

"Watch out for him," Taylor said of Mack. "That's all I'm going to tell you."

PREDICTED FINISH

Titans, Colts, Jaguars, Texans

Healthy Dak gives Cowboys best chance in NFC East

ROB MAADDI
AP pro football writer

The NFC East nearly crowned a 6-10 champion last year. With Dak Prescott back from injury in Dallas, there's hope at least one team will have a winning record.

The Cowboys lead the division in offensive firepower with Prescott, Ezekiel Elliott, Amari Cooper, CeeDee Lamb, Michael Gallup and the return of three top linemen. But reigning division champion Washington has the toughest defense in the East.

Washington secured the division with a victory at Philadelphia in Week 17 after the Eagles pulled Jalen Hurts and played for draft positioning. Otherwise, a Philly victory would have meant the New York Giants clinching it with six wins.

The Giants finished strong under rookie coach Joe Judge after an 0-5 start and losing seven of the first eight. They'll open the season dealing with injuries, including Saquon Barkley's recovery from knee surgery.

The Philadelphia Eagles turned to Nick Sirianni, firing Doug Pederson just three years after he led the team to the franchise's only Super Bowl title. Carson Wentz was traded to Indianapolis, paving the way for Hurts to get a shot at proving he can be the team's starting quarterback.

Prescott's return gets most of the attention in Dallas, which has only four playoff wins since capturing its fifth Super Bowl title in 1996. He's the most accomplished quarterback in the division but the Cowboys were 2-3 with him last season because of an awful defense.

Prescott points to the trio up front of linemen Tyron Smith, Zack Martin, and La'el Collins as the key to the offense's success. His first action since suffering that gruesome ankle injury will come in the season opener at Tampa Bay because he missed much of the preseason with a shoulder injury.

"They're the most important if you ask me. From the time that I got drafted until now, this offense is built off of those guys," he said. "They're the three most veteran guys on this team and that's for a reason. Those guys are walk-in Pro Bowl guys when they're healthy. Future Hall of Famers. Just to have those three guys lead the five guys up front, everything starts with them."



Dallas quarterback Dak Prescott works out Aug. 21 before a preseason game against the Houston Texans in Arlington, Texas.

NO "D" IN DALLAS

The Cowboys were on pace to allow the most points in league history a month into last season before improving slightly. They still allowed a franchise-record 473 points. Second-year coach Mike McCarthy, who could be on the hot seat if the team struggles, hired former Falcons coach Dan Quinn as defensive coordinator. Quinn got a talented and versatile addition in rookie linebacker Micah Parsons, the 12th overall draft pick. Parsons will play an integral role along with Leighton Vander Esch and former Falcons safety/linebacker Keanu Neal. Veteran ends DeMarcus Lawrence and Randy Gregory will anchor the line. If Quinn can turn the defense around and Prescott stays healthy, the Cowboys should end up on top.

CALL THEM CHAMPS

Washington remains nameless but the franchise was a division winner despite a 2020 losing record. Ron Rivera's team has higher expectations this season. Journeyman Ryan Fitzpatrick takes over at quarterback and has weapons in top receiver Terry McLaurin and second-year back Antonio Gibson. But Washington's strength is its ferocious defense led by reigning Defensive Rookie of the Year Chase Young and interior linemen Jonathan Allen and Daron Payne.

Washington faces a first-place schedule, so it'll rely heavily on its defense.

MAKE OR BREAK

Third-year quarterback Daniel Jones' future with the Giants may depend greatly on his success this season. The Giants gave Jones more help, signing wide receiver Kenny Golladay and tight end Kyle Rudolph in free agency and drafting speedy wideout Kadarius Toney in the first round. But all three didn't play in the preseason because of injuries and Barkley still hasn't practiced at 100% as he continues his comeback from ACL surgery.

QUARTERBACK FACTORY

General manager Howie Roseman regrets saying the Eagles are a "quarterback factory" after drafting Hurts in the second round in 2020. Hurts' arrival led to Wentz's precipitous decline and departure. Though Philadelphia considered other QBs and is consistently linked to trade rumors regarding Deshaun Watson, Hurts is the guy for now. If not, the factory signed Joe Flacco, Super Bowl MVP when the Ravens won the 2012 title, and acquired Gardner Minshew from Jacksonville last week.

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

Dallas, Washington, New York, Philadelphia

Rodgers' return has Packers aiming high

DAVE CAMPBELL
AP pro football writer

The goal of a division title for Green Bay's competitors felt in closer reach during the offseason, the rift between Packers leaders and Aaron Rodgers creating legitimate curiosity about whether the three-time league MVP would return to the only franchise he's ever played for.

Well, he's back in green and gold — never left, really — with a last-chance vibe surrounding his chase for a second Super Bowl ring after losing in each of the past two NFC championship games.

"I don't want a farewell tour," the 37-year-old Rodgers said. "I don't know what's going to happen after the season, but I'm going to enjoy it with the right perspective, for sure."

NFL teams are normally absorbed in developing their own players, hesitant to publicly comment on another club's issues for fear of what could be coming around their own corner.

There's no doubt, though, that Chicago, Detroit and Minnesota were paying attention while Rodgers skipped spring practices and spoke openly about his frustration with the approach of the front office.

Vikings coach Mike Zimmer?

"I might've kept track," he said wryly.

The Packers are loaded for another run at a title after 13-3 records in their first two years with coach Matt LaFleur, still riding the enviable wave of having a Hall of Fame-caliber quarterback in place since Brett Favre took over in 1992.

PROTECTION PLAN

One potential concern for the Packers is the offensive line, where draft picks Josh Myers (second round) and Royce Newman (fourth round) are in line for starting spots.

REVAMPED DEFENSE

There's even more pressure on the Vikings, with Zimmer starting his eighth season and only two wins in the playoffs during his tenure. They showed their urgency — or perhaps desperation — by adding 10 veterans to a defense that deteriorated badly last year.

FIELDS REPORT

The Bears traded up in the first round to take Justin Fields with the 11th overall pick, eager to make the former Ohio State star the kind of fixture at quarterback that Rodgers has been for their biggest rival.

Impatient Bears fans have been grumbling about the decision to start veteran Andy Dalton for at least the first few games. Dalton is a three-time Pro Bowl pick entering his 11th year in the NFL.

TALK SOUP

The one other team in the division that could always match the stability at quarterback of the Packers with Rodgers — if not quite in stature — was the Lions.

Not now, with Matthew Stafford in Los Angeles and Jared Goff making his Detroit debut following a headliner of an offseason trade.

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

Packers, Vikings, Bears, Lions

TUESDAY EVENING SEPTEMBER 7, 2021															
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2	(WESH) NBC	19	19	News	NBC News	Ent. Tonight	Hollywood	America's Got Talent 'Semi-Finals 2' (N) 'PG' Ⓜ				College Bowl (N) 'PG'		News	J. Fallon
3	(WEDU) PBS	3	3	World News America	BBC News	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo) Ⓜ		Native America 'Cities of the Sky' 'PG' Ⓜ		Frontline 'America After 9/11' (Season Premiere) How 9/11 ushered in an era of division. (N) Ⓜ				The War The war with Japan. '14' (DVS)	
5	(WUFT) PBS	5	5	DW News	BBC News	PBS NewsHour (N) Ⓜ		Native America 'PG'		Frontline How 9/11 ushered in an era of division.				BBC News	Old House
8	(WFLA) NBC	8	8	News	NBC Nightly News - Hof	8		America's Got Talent 'Semi-Finals 2' Eleven performers compete live. (N) (In Stereo Live) 'PG' Ⓜ				College Bowl USC versus Columbia. (N) 'PG' Ⓜ		NewsChannel 8	Tonight Show
9	(WFTV) ABC	20	7	20	News at 6pm	ABC World News	Jeopardy! 'G' Ⓜ	Wheel of Fortune 'G'		Bachelor in Paradise (N) (In Stereo) '14' (DVS)		The Ultimate Surfer Nighttime surf session. (N) 'PG'		Eyewitness News 11PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!
10	(WTSP) CBS	10	10	10	10 Tampa Bay	CBS Evening News	Wheel of Fortune 'G'	Jeopardy! 'G' Ⓜ		FBI 'Leverage' A reporter is kidnapped. '14' Ⓜ		FBI: Most Wanted Sarah meets Jess' sister. '14'		10 Tampa Bay	Late Show-Colbert
13	(WTVT) FOX	13	13		FOX13 6:00 News (N)	FOX13 6:30 News (N)	Access Hollywood 'PG'	TMZ (N) 'PG' Ⓜ		LEGO Masters Building a gravity-defying castle. 'PG'		Fantasy Island 'Twice in a Lifetime' (N) '14' Ⓜ		FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo) Ⓜ	FOX13 11:00 News (N) (In Stereo) Ⓜ
20	(WCJB) ABC		11		TV20 News	World News	Ent. Tonight	Inside Ed.		Bachelor in Paradise (N) '14' Ⓜ (DVS)		The Ultimate Surfer 'PG'		News at 11	J. Kimmel
22	(WCLF) IND	2	2	2	Christian	Joyce M.	Praise	Great Awakening with Word		Contending	Andrew	Perry Stone	Watch	Purpose	The Great A
24	(WYKE) FAM	16	16	16	Vegas Unveiled		Daily Flash	Citrus		Business Brew		Al Bernstein	This Corner	Al Bernstein	Citrus Court
28	(WFTS) ABC	11	11		News	World News	Inside Ed.	The List (N)		Bachelor in Paradise (N) '14' Ⓜ (DVS)		The Ultimate Surfer 'PG'		News	J. Kimmel
32	(WMOB) IND	12	12		Goldbergs	Goldbergs	Big Bang	Big Bang		Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Last Man	Creek	Creek	Big Bang
33	(WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	Extra 'PG'	Ent. Tonight	Family Feud	Family Feud		NewsChannel 8		Noticias	Seinfeld	Chicago P.D. '14' Ⓜ	Chicago P.D. '14' Ⓜ
40	(WACX) TBN	21	21		Vic Show	The 700 Club		Babers		SkyWatch	Perry Stone	Action/Life	Paid Prog.	Ang. Courte	Jewish Voi
44	(WTOG) CW	4	4	4	Mike & Molly '14'	Mike & Molly '14'	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men		DC's Stargirl (N) (In Stereo)		Supergirl Supergirl recruits Orlando. (N) 'PG'		CW44 News (N) Ⓜ	CW44 News (N) Ⓜ
50	(WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	Noticias	Noticiero	¿Qué le pasa a			Diseñando tu amor 'PG'		Si nos dejan (N) '14'		La desalmada (N)	Noticias
51	(WOGX) FOX		13		Fox 51 at 6	Fox 51	Big Bang	Big Bang		LEGO Masters (N) 'PG'		Fantasy Island (N) '14'		FOX 51 News	Dateline '14' Ⓜ
65	(WXPX) ION		17		Chicago Fire '14' Ⓜ	Chicago Fire '14' Ⓜ	Chicago Fire '14' Ⓜ	Chicago Fire '14' Ⓜ		Chicago Fire '14' Ⓜ		Chicago Fire '14' Ⓜ		Chicago Fire '14' Ⓜ	Chicago Fire '14' Ⓜ
(A&E)	54	48	54		*** "Fast Five" (2011) Vin Diesel. 'PG-13' Ⓜ					*** "Fast & Furious" (2009) Vin Diesel. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' Ⓜ				*** "Fast Five" (2011) Vin Diesel.	
(ACCN)	99				College Football	Three Day	College Soccer	Kentucky at Louisville. (N) (Live)		In Play		In Play		In Play	In Play
(AMC)	55	64	55		*** "Back to the Future" (1985) 'PG' Ⓜ					*** "Goodfellas" (1990, Crime Drama) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta. 'R' Ⓜ				*** "Gladiator" Ⓜ	
(ANI)	52	35	52		The Zoo (In Stereo) 'PG'		The Zoo (In Stereo) 'PG'			North Woods Law: Wildside (N) (In Stereo) '14'				North Woods Law 'PG'	North Woods Law '14'
(BET)	96	71	96		** "What Men Want" (2019, Romance-Comedy) Taraji P. Henson. 'R' Ⓜ					Tyler Perry's The Oval (N)				"Twice Bitten" (2021) Miah Blake. 'NR' Ⓜ	
(BIGTEN)	742	809			Football	B1G Show	Campus	B1G Story		The B1G Story (N) Ⓜ		B1G Show	B1G Football in 60	B1G Show	Campus
(BRAVO)	254	51	254		Below Deck					Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Vanderpump Rules '14'	"The Wedding Planner" Ⓜ
(BSFL)	35	39	35		Pregame	MLB Baseball	New York Mets at Miami Marlins. From loanDepot Park in Miami.				Postgame	Marlins	Life	World Poker	
(CC)	27	61	27		To Be Announced					The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office
(CMT)	98	45	98		Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man		Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'	Mom '14'
(CNN)	40	29	40		Situation Room With Wolf		Erin Burnett OutFront			Anderson Cooper 360 (N)				Don Lemon Tonight (N)	Don Lemon Tonight (N)
(ESPN)	33	27	33		SportsCenter (N) Ⓜ		PrimeTime at the U.S. Open			From Flushing, N.Y. (N) (Live)				SportsCenter (N) Ⓜ	
(ESPN2)	37	28	34		Daily Wager (N) (Live)		USL Championship Soccer					NFL's Greatest Games		NFL's Greatest Games	Boxing
(FBN)	106	149	106		The Evening Edit (N)		Kudlow			Kennedy (N) Ⓜ		Fox Business Tonight		The Evening Edit	Kudlow
(FLIX)		118	170		*** "Ruby in Paradise" (1993) Ashley Judd. 'R'					** "A Walk on the Moon" (1999) Diane Lane. 'R'				*** "Kate & Leopold" (2001) Meg Ryan. 'PG-13'	
(FNC)	44	37	44		Special Report		FOX News Primetime (N)			Tucker Carlson Tonight				The Ingraham Angle (N)	Gutfeld! (N) Ⓜ
(FOOD)	26	56	26		Chopped 'G' Ⓜ		Chopped 'G' Ⓜ			Chopped 'G' Ⓜ				Money Hungry 'G' Ⓜ	Chopped 'G' Ⓜ
(FREEFORM)	29	52	29		** "The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement" Ⓜ					*** "Beauty and the Beast" (2017, Children's) Emma Watson. 'PG' Ⓜ				The 700 Club	
(FS1)	732	112	732		Pregame	MLB Baseball	New York Mets at Miami Marlins. From loanDepot Park in Miami.				MLB on FS1 Postgame			MLB's Best	Undisputed
(FX)	30	60	30		*** "Baby Driver" (2017) 'R'					*** "Guardians of the Galaxy" (2014) Chris Pratt. 'PG-13' Ⓜ				Impeachment: American Crime Story	Impeach
(GOLF)	727	67	727		Golf Central	Golf Central	College Ctr.			2021 TOUR Championship Final Round. Ⓜ					
(HALL)	59	68	39		"A Taste of Summer" (2019) Eric Winter. 'NR'					"My One & Only" (2019) Pascale Hutton. 'NR'				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
(HBO)	302	201	302		NYC Epicenters 9/11 Through 2021					*** "Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf. 'PG-13' Ⓜ				Hard Knocks: Dallas	Laëtitia 'MA'
(HBO2)	303	202	303		*** "28 Days Later" (2002) Cillian Murphy. 'R'					Laëtitia 'MA'				** "Magic Mike XXL" (2015) 'R'	** "All My Life" (2020) 'PG-13'
(HGTV)	23	57	23		Good Bones 'G' Ⓜ		Good Bones 'G' Ⓜ			Good Bones (N) 'G' Ⓜ				Hunters Int'l	Hunters Int'l
(HIST)	51	54	51		History's Greatest Mysteries (In Stereo) 'PG' Ⓜ					History's Greatest Mysteries (In Stereo) 'PG' Ⓜ				Cities of the Underworld	Cities of the Underworld
(LIFE)	24	38	24		Rizzoli & Isles '14' Ⓜ		Rizzoli & Isles '14' Ⓜ			Rizzoli & Isles '14' Ⓜ				Rizzoli & Isles '14' Ⓜ	Rizzoli & Isles '14' Ⓜ
(LMN)	119	50	119		"Galentine's Day Nightmare" (2021) Camille Stopps.					"The Wrong Fiance" (2021) Jessica Morris. 'NR' Ⓜ				"The Wrong Valentine" (2021) Vivica A. Fox. 'NR'	
(MSNBC)	42	41	42		The Beat With Ari Melber		The ReidOut (N) Ⓜ			All In With Chris Hayes				Rachel Maddow Show	The 11th Hour
(NBCSN)	448	26	730		American Ninja Warrior		Mecum Auto Auctions			Caffeine	Caffeine	Carcass 'G'	Carcass 'G'	Monster Jam	Caffeine
(NGEO)	109	65	109		Next Gen	Life Below Zero '14' Ⓜ				Life Below Zero 'Breaking Trail' (N) '14' Ⓜ				Life Below Zero '14' Ⓜ	Life Below
(NICK)	28	36	28		Casagran	Loud House	SpongeBob	Patrick Star		SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends 'PG'	Friends 'PG'	Friends 'PG'	Friends 'PG'
(NWSNTN)	18	18	18		NewsNation: Rush Hour		The Donlon Report (N)			On Balance		NewsNation Prime (N)		Barfield (N) Ⓜ	The Donlon Report
(OWN)	125	24	103		Queen Sugar '14'		Queen Sugar '14'			Queen Sugar '14'				Queen Sugar '14'	Queen Sugar '14'
(OXY)	123	44	123		Dateline: Secrets		Dateline: Secrets			Dateline: Secrets				Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets
(PARMT)	37	43	37		Two Men	Two Men				*** "The Magnificent Seven" (2016) Denzel Washington. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' Ⓜ				*** "The Departed" (2006) 'R'	
(SEC)	745	72			The Paul Finebaum Show		SEC Now			SEC Inside	SEC Inside	SEC Now		SEC Now	SEC in 60
(SHOW)	340	241	340		** "Boomerang" (1992)		Billions 'MA' Ⓜ			Bitchin': The Sound and Fury of Rick James 'MA'				The L Word	Work. Pro.
(SUN)	36	31	36		Rays	Pregame	MLB Baseball	Tampa Bay Rays at Boston Red Sox. (N) (Live)				Postgame	Under	Florida	Rays
(SYFY)	31	59	31		Child's Play		*** "Godzilla" (2014) Aaron Taylor-Johnson. 'PG-13' Ⓜ			*** "I, Robot" (2004) Will Smith. 'PG-13' Ⓜ (DVS)					Futurama
(TBS)	49	23	49		Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Miracle
(TCM)	169	53	169		*** "The Arrangement" (1969) Kirk Douglas. 'R'					*** "Annie" (1982) Aileen Quinn. 'PG' Ⓜ				*** "Curly Top" (1935) 'G' Ⓜ	*** "Oliver" 'G'
(TDC)	53	34	53		Deadliest Catch 'PG'		Deadliest Catch: On Deck			Deadliest Catch (N) '14'				Deadliest Catch 'PG'	Hunting Atlantis 'PG'
(TLC)	50	46	50		Welcome to Plathville		Welcome to Plathville			My Big Fat Fabulous Life				Welcome to Plathville (N)	I Love a Mama's Boy '14'
(TMC)	350	261	350		*** "20th Century Women" (2016) 'R' Ⓜ					"Dreamland" (2019) Margot Robbie. 'R'				*** "Winter's Bone" (2010, Drama) 'R' Ⓜ	"Silver Lng" Ⓜ
(TNT)	48	33	48		** "Life of the Party" (2018) Melissa McCarthy.					*** "Crazy Rich Asians" (2018) Constance Wu. 'PG-13'				** "I Feel Pretty" (2018) 'PG-13' Ⓜ	
(TOON)	38	58	38		Star Wars: Total DramaRama 'Y7' Ⓜ (DVS)					Burgers		Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	Rick, Morty
(TRAV)	9	106	9		The Dead Files 'PG'		The Dead Files 'PG'			The Dead Files "Looking for Prey" (N) 'PG' Ⓜ				Haunted Hospitals 'PG'	Haunted Hospitals 'PG'
(truTV)	25	55	25		Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes		Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers
(TVL)	32	49	32		Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King
(USA)	47	32	47		*** "Enemy of the State" (1998) Will Smith. 'R'					WWE NXT (N) (In Stereo) 'PG' Ⓜ				*** "Enemy of the State" (1998) Will Smith. 'R'	
(WE)	117	69	117		Law & Order 'PG' Ⓜ		Law & Order '14' Ⓜ			Law & Order '14' Ⓜ				Law & Order 'PG' Ⓜ	Law & Order 'PG' Ⓜ

Annie offers advice

Dear Annie: My wife "Monica" has been having a mostly texting affair with "Mike" for almost two years. There are emails where they address each other with, "Hey, babe." It is disgusting. I accidentally discovered this years ago, and again recently after I thought they had not talked for years.

Upon this discovery, I texted Mike angrily — he is not someone I actually know, but I took his number from my wife's phone — and my wife claims that it's "over."



DEAR ANNIE

I've heard this before. My wife asked me not to contact Mike's wife because "they would probably divorce if she found out." Why would I care about that? My wife thinks Mike is "a friend" and wouldn't want to see him hurt. I am sure he's not "a friend" and obviously wants something more.

Why should I honor my wife's wishes here? Doesn't Mike's wife deserve to know that he's in love with another woman? (His words, expressed in an email.)

Why do I have to be the only person who knows about this situation? I feel like someone else knowing — Mike's wife, or maybe my wife's mom — might shock either of these two people into realizing that they are risking too much by carrying on this way. We have kids, as do Mike and his wife.

Why shouldn't I tell Mike's wife? Doesn't she have a right to know about her husband's infidelity? — **Let the Truth Out**

Dear Let the Truth Out: Yes, Mike's wife has a right to know about her husband's infidelity — if, in fact, he has been unfaithful to her. Mike has to be the one to tell her about his feelings for your wife instead of you. Rather than focusing on someone else's relationship, continue to focus on your own.

Seek marriage counseling with your wife. Try to understand why she needs an emotional connection with another man via texting instead of you. Maybe you will learn something. I know you are hurting about the texts you found — and I am sorry for that — but hurting Mike's wife will not make it better. Instead, focus on repairing your relationship. Let Mike figure out his own stuff. When we lie to the ones we love, we only hurt ourselves, so my guess is that Mike is already suffering. Best of luck to you and your wife.

Dear Annie: Your answer to the parent of the 4-year-old who is not interested in books and can't sit still left out a possibility.

Mom needs to talk to her pediatrician about the possibility that her son has attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD.

The description would make me, a retired pediatrician, very suspicious. If the pediatrician agrees that the boy has ADHD, the pediatrician can help for now with some behavioral management suggestions, but if the child starts having behavioral issues in school — often in first grade — medication may be very helpful and save the kid's educational progress. — **Retired Pediatrician**

Dear Pediatrician: Thank you for your letter and insights. I always love to hear from professionals in their area of expertise. That is a wonderful possibility that I missed, and I thank you for pointing it out. Hopefully, it will help others who are struggling with similar situations.

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Bridge

PHILLIP ALDER
Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

Last month I finished a good book called "Wedding Station" by David Downing. Fair enough, but now suppose I mention that the setting is pre-World War II Berlin. Then you realize that the first word of the title is pronounced "vedding."

It can be similar in bridge. How would you normally play K-J-9 opposite A-5-2 for three tricks?

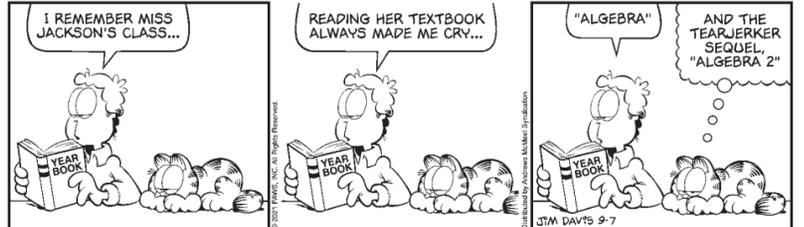
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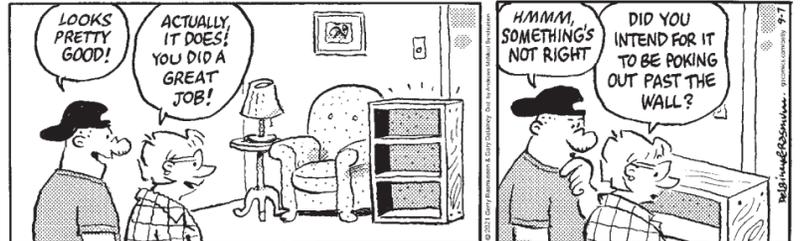
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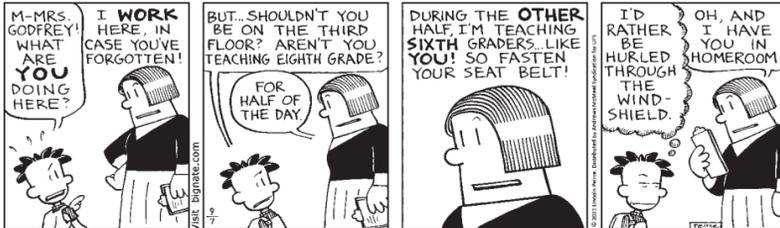
Doonesbury Flashbacks



Betty



Big Nate



Frank & Ernest



Arlo and Janis



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"Shang-Chi and The Legend of The Ten Rings" (2021) PG-13 — 11:20 a.m., 12:20, 1:20, 2:40, 3:30 (3-D), 4:40, 6, 7, 7:45, 9:15, 10:05 (3-D), 10:45 p.m.

"Candyman" (2021) R — 12:05, 3:45, 6:45, 9:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, Sept. 7

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by Luis Campos

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

Today's clue: A equals Y

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Previous Solution: "We often miss opportunity because it's dressed in overalls and looks like work." — Thomas A. Edison

No. 9 Notre Dame escapes in OT at FSU

Milton makes unlikely return at quarterback

BOB FERRANTE
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Notre Dame survived Florida State backup quarterback McKenzie Milton's unlikely comeback on an emotional night when the Seminoles honored Bobby Bowden.

Jonathan Doerer made a 41-yard field goal in overtime and No. 9 Notre Dame escaped with a 41-38 victory after Florida State overcame an 18-point deficit Sunday.

Florida State kicker Ryan Fitzgerald's 37-yard attempt sailed wide left on the first overtime possession, allowing Notre Dame to run a few plays and set up Doerer's kick.

"What's most important is going on the road, winning the opener against a team that presented a lot of challenges," Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly said. "We know we got work to do, but I like this team. We'll get better and we'll make a lot of improvement in week 2."

Bowden, the coaching great who won two national titles with the Seminoles, died at 91 of pancreatic cancer Aug. 8.

A logo of Bowden's trademark hat and the script "Bobby" was on the 25-yard line, and Florida State coaches also wore logos on their polo shirts. Florida State's Marching Chiefs spelled out "Bobby" on the field at halftime and played "Amazing Grace."

Milton, the UCF grad transfer quarterback who hadn't played in a game since suffering a gruesome leg injury in November 2018, fired a 22-yard strike to Ja'Khi Douglas on his first pass.

Treshaun Ward completed that drive by scoring on a 2-yard run, and Fitzgerald tied it with a 43-yard field goal with 40 seconds left. Milton was 5 of 7 for



Florida State quarterback McKenzie Milton (10) waits for the snap in overtime of a game against Notre Dame Sunday in Tallahassee. Notre Dame won 41-38.

48 yards with three rushes for 6 yards.

"It was time to roll," Milton said. "I didn't have time to process any emotions. A job had to be done. God is real. That's the one thing I can say. Nobody's ever come back from an injury like this. Thousands of people praying for me from the moment I got hurt. Coaches believing in me. I'm not here without all the support, all the prayers."

Florida State started the comeback with Jordan Travis connecting with Andrew Parchment on an 8-yard touchdown strike. Milton entered the game when Travis' helmet popped off, and he then found Douglas to keep things going. Jack Coan completed 26 of 35

passes for 366 yards and four touchdowns in his Notre Dame debut. Coan threw touchdown passes to Michael Mayer, Kyren Williams, Kevin Austin and Joe Wilkins. Notre Dame led 38-20 with 4:37 to go in the third quarter.

Florida State has lost five straight season openers and, while the Seminoles rallied, they can also point to three turnovers as well as nine penalties.

Travis threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score. But he also threw three interceptions — two to Notre Dame star safety Kyle Hamilton. The Fighting Irish capitalized all three times by scoring touchdowns. Jashaun Corbin had an

89-yard touchdown run for Florida State. Corbin finished with 15 carries for 144 yards, pacing the Seminoles' 264 yards on the ground.

Notre Dame was largely ineffective on the ground, rushing for just 65 yards a year after they accumulated 353 rushing yards in a 42-26 win over Florida State.

"We got to run the ball better," Kelly said. "Clearly that will be an emphasis here this week. We're not here to throw the ball all over the yard and not have a solid running game."

TAKEAWAYS

Notre Dame was stunningly one dimensional on offense, rushing 35 times for 65 yards through four quarters. The

Fighting Irish instead leaned on an opportunistic defense as well as Coan's efficiency.

Florida State suffered from three costly turnovers but Milton's timely passes and running sparked a comeback to tie the game. The Seminoles ran for 264 yards and averaged 5.5 yards per carry.

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Solution to Monday's puzzle 9/7/21

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

SO YOU KNOW

■ Due to a production error, the Sudoku puzzles used last week did not match our regular puzzles.
 ■ See the solution to the Saturday, Sept. 4, Sudoku puzzle on Page A7 today.

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Tuesday, September 7, 2021

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- ESTHETIC

(ESTHETIC: es-THET-ik: Of or pertaining to the appreciation of beauty or good taste.)

Average mark 16 words
 Time limit 30 minutes

Can you find 22 or more words in ESTHETIC?
 The list will be published tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- LAZULITE

late	alit	tail	tile
laze	zeal	tale	till
lieu	zeta	tall	tulle
lilt	zill	teal	etui
lute	ileal	tell	

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 Say in fun
- 5 IRS employee
- 8 Attention getter
- 12 Earthenware jar
- 13 Wheel part
- 14 Tooth problem
- 15 Rare mineral
- 17 Layer
- 18 Time of the mammals
- 20 Spanish gold
- 21 Whale's diet
- 24 Colorado tree
- 26 Keep greedily
- 27 Leave the ship
- 31 The Bard's river
- 33 Linoleum protector
- 34 Rochester's Jane
- 38 Despot who fiddled
- 39 House addition

DOWN

- 1 Run for fitness
- 2 Bullfight cheer
- 3 SAS competitor
- 4 Three-legged stand
- 5 Gator kin
- 6 Fir cousin
- 7 Word of assent
- 8 Snow boot
- 9 Reporter's coup
- 10 Stock holding
- 11 Wyoming range
- 16 Snatched
- 19 Auditory organ
- 21 Mongol ruler
- 22 Wander
- 23 Russian epic hero
- 25 Misrepresent
- 28 Jug
- 29 Exotic island
- 30 Shaft
- 32 Head gestures
- 35 Somber evergreens
- 36 Complain bitterly
- 37 Fish-eating flyer
- 42 Unwitty comebacks
- 43 Glass ingredient
- 45 Undersized
- 46 Embankment
- 47 Pink-slipping
- 49 Ice dwelling
- 52 Branch
- 53 Costa —
- 54 Classes
- 56 — Paulo
- 58 Common oath (2 wds.)
- 59 City in Morocco
- 60 Flight dir.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

V	E	T	S		H	U	G				T	O	E	
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WORDY GURDY®

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1. Embrace a criminal goon (1)

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

2. Broad-based Michelin publication (1)

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

3. Is unable to slope (1)

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4. "[Snap!] A basily pasta sauce!" (2)

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5. Vocally expresses one's selections (2)

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6. Tight grasper of Cinderella's glass shoe (2)

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7. Alaska capital's priggish person (2)

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

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ANSWERS: 1. HUG THUG 2. WIDE GUIDE 3. CANT SLANT 4. PESTO PESTO 5. VOICES CHOICES 6. SLIPPER GRIPPER 7. JUNEAU BLUESOE

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NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING IMPOSING AND COLLECTING A NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FROM SPECIFIED HOSPITAL PROPERTIES

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, will conduct a public hearing pursuant to Ordinance No. 21-18 to consider the approval of the imposition and collection of a non-ad valorem special assessment against each private for-profit and not-for-profit hospital that provides inpatient hospital services and that holds a right of possession and right of use to real property in Citrus County (each, an "Assessed Property"). The list of affected hospitals are identified below.

The assessment is intended to finance intergovernmental transfers provided consistent with federal guidelines, that fund a portion of the non-federal share of certain Medicaid and/or Medicaid managed care payments. As a result, the assessment directly and specially benefits Assessed Properties and supports the provision of health care services to Medicaid, indigent, and uninsured members of the County's community.

The public hearing will be held at the Board of County Commissioners chambers at the Citrus County Courthouse 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Room 100 Inverness, FL., on **September 28, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard. At that time, the Board will receive public comment on the proposed special assessment.

The Citrus County Attorney's Office has prepared the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll being considered for approval. The roll contains the names of the Assessed Properties, the assessment rate, and the amount of the special assessment to be imposed against each Assessed Property. The Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll is available for inspection at the Citrus County Administrator at 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite #267 Lecanto, FL. 34461. during regular business hours from September 14, 2021 through September 28, 2021. The assessment rate set forth in the Non-Ad Valorem As-

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 sessment Roll to be levied against the net patient revenue of each Assessed Property is 3.52%.

At the date and time set forth in this notice, the Board of County Commissioners may: (1) approve the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll, with such amendments as it deems just and right; and (2) adopt a resolution (the "Assessment Resolution") that describes (a) the Medicaid payments proposed for funding from proceeds of the assessment, (b) the benefits to the Assessed Properties, (c) the methodology for computing the assessed amounts, and (d) the method of collection, including how and when the assessment is to be paid.

All interested persons have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the Board prior to the resolution vote. All objections to the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll being considered for approval must be made in writing, and filed with the County, September 13, 2021. Written objections should be sent to the attention of the Citrus County Administrator at 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite #267 Lecanto, FL. 34461.

The amount of the assessment is to be collected pursuant an additional and alternative method, as specified in § 197.3631, Fla. Stat., for the assessment and collection of the non-ad valorem special assessment. Details will be included in the Assessment Resolution.

If you are a person with disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the County Administrator's office, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, Florida 34461, (352) 527-5210 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the public hearing if you need special accommodations. If you are hearing or speech impaired, dial 7-1-1, 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service.

Pursuant to § 286.0105, Florida Statutes, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at such public hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

List of Affected Properties:
 The special assessment is to be levied against each private for-profit and not-for-profit hospital operating under a Florida hospital license affiliated with the following providers of inpatient hospital services that holds a right of possession and right of use to real property in

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Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center
 6201 N Suncoast Blvd
 Crystal River, FL 34428

Citrus Memorial Hospital
 502 W Highland Blvd
 Inverness, FL 32652

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners will meet in **Regular Session on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 1:00 P.M.**, in the Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida, for the purpose of conducting the regular business of Citrus County.

Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the County Administrator's Office, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 267, Lecanto, FL. 34461, (352) 527-5210, at least two days before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, dial 7-1-1, 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service.

If you need a Spanish Translator please make arrangements with the County by telephone within two days of the publication notice at 352-527-5370

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